South Plainfield crowns two champions at USA Wrestling NJ Kids State Tournament, see page 9.



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This Weekend...

14th Annual Easter Flower Sale Friday and Saturday



The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold their annual Easter Flower Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10 between 8

a.m. and 6 p.m. at the squad building on Plainfield Ave.

Hanging baskets, mums, tulips, Easter lilies and other seasonal flowers will be available with prices ranging from \$8 to \$20.

Proceeds benefit the Rescue Squad. Public support is greatly appreciated for the squad's largest fundraising event of the year!



Public Invited to Sunrise Services

South Plainfield's 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.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Rescheduled

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at the PAL is Saturday, April 10, 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.

Boyles Named Citizens of Year Elks Honor Couple for Longtime Volunteerism



Bob Boyle accepts the Elks' Citizen of the Year on behalf of himself and his wife, Debbie, from Dan Uken.

Story/photo by Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield residents Bob and Debbie Boyle were recently named Elks Citizens of the Year by Lodge #2298. The Boyles, along with winners from seven other area Elks lodges, were honored in a ceremony which took place at the Edison Elks. The awards were presented by South Plainfield Elks member Pete Smith. Bob was raised in South Plainfield

and attended Sacred Heart School and St. Pius High School. His parents, James and Doris Boyle, were life-long residents of town. He graduated from Kean College with a BA in business and is vice president at Roma Food, located on St. Nicholas Ave. Debbie attended school in Colts Neck and graduated from Brookdale College with a degree in computer/engineering. The Boyles lived in Howell before moving back to South Plainfield six years ago.

The Boyles are well known for their support of many local youth organizations, generously donating both their time and money. Debbie chairs numerous committees at the Ponytail Parents Association and at Riley School. Bob coaches at the Jr. Baseball Complex and they both volunteer with the Pop Warner Football, Jr. Baseball and South Plainfield High School Boosters Clubs.

Five years ago they formed the Boyle Memorial Foundation to honor Bob's parents, who were involved in many youth activities. Through the foundation they have made donations to Riley School to purchase books for their library, donated a batting cage to the Jr. Baseball Club and donated the first electric score board and sound system to the Ponytail Parents Association at the Pitt Street complex.

Every year the Boyles donate \$10,000 in scholarships to South Plainfield High School and Sacred Heart Elementary School. They also purchased signs in the name of the Boyle Memorial and Roma Food which can be found at the Jr. Baseball complex, Ponytail fields and the Kenneth Ave. football and soccer complex.

Their names are consistently found in add booklets for youth organizations throughout town. Bob has also donated food to help many organization fundraisers. For example, just recently he made a food donation towards the Boy Scout Troop 207 Chili Fest. Debbie has chaired the Ponytail Association Art Auction for the past two years and will chair the upcoming art auction for the Jr. Baseball Club. Each year Bob sponsors a golf outing to help raise funds for the Boyle Foundation.

Debbie said, "We were honored and privileged to receive the Citizens of the Year Award from a prestigious organization like the Elks. We are proud to be able to volunteer and donate to worthy causes to benefit the people of South Plainfield."



Junior Baseball Kicks Off Season With Parade

Ball players, coaches and town officials all joined in the annual festivities. Each team marching displayed a banner with their team names. The teams all designed their own and some used a lot of imagination. After the parade all the banners were on display and visitors got to vote for their favorite. The parade was led by the fire department's new rescue truck, followed by Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Dennis Cerami, Ray Petronko, Charles Butrico, Bob Cusick and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas. Also present were Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Police Chief Bob Merkler, Fire Chief Larry DelNegro, Sacred Heart Chuch Pastor, Father John Alvarado, and Pastor Richard J. Kiesling from St. Stephens,

Miss Junior Baseball 2003, Rachel Scrudato (center), rides in the parade with two of this year's contestants, Zoe Strong (left) Jessica DiCindio (right).

as well as many other special guests. This year's honorary grand marshal was Past Commissioner Phil Aiello, who also threw out the first pitch. Aiello was commissioner from 1987 to 1991 and 1993 through 1995. Be-

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Past Junior Baseball Commissioner Phil Aiello throws out the first pitch at Saturday's opening day ceremonies.

Sam's Grille Opens at Golden **Acres Shopping Center**



Karole Yballe and Ramon Reyes of Sam's Grille, which recently opened in the Golden Acres Shopping Center.

Sam's Grille, a new restaurant with Philippine cuisine, has opened last week in the Golden Acres Shopping Center in the space once occupied by Good Will Store.

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Sam's Grille brings a different concept to Oriental dining. Customers have their choice of "sit-down-menu ordering" or picking out what they would like, cafeteria style. There is an extensive list of items on the menu. Choose from chicken, beef, pork, or seafood of many kinds. They have a charcoal fired grill for cooking barbecued beef, chicken, fish and ribs.

Many dishes have a base of noodles, others rice and some vegetables. They also have many varieties of soup. With such a large and varied menu it may take a little extra time to choose your favorite.

Sam's Grille is located at 3600 A Park Ave. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Credit cards are accepted, but no checks.

Party trays and delivery service is available. Call (908) 756-9191 or fax (908) 756-7929.

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Dear Editor,

I had the pleasure of going to see "South Pacific," performed by the SPHS-Drama Club, on Saturday night. The play was excellent and the cast memorable. I was dismayed however, along with several other parents, when recognition was given at the end. Thanks and congratulations were given to the cast, crew, set design, etc., etc., but there was no mention of the orchestra.

The students who played in the Pit Band under the direction of Mark Tweed did an excellent job. They put in long hours of practice on school nights to make "South Pacific" the performance that it was. After all, a musical is nothing without the orchestra that plays for it. In lieu of the lack of recognition they received (they weren't even asked to stand and take a bow), I give KUDOS to the Pit Band! Way to go!!!

SINCERELY, NANCY PAULS

Dear Editor:

We were greatly disappointed when the Middlesex Water Company announced last week at a public hearing that it had petitioned the state Board of Public Utilities for permission to raise its water rates by 17 percent for residential consumers. Even more disturbing, it asked for a 31 percent increase on municipalities.

The company claimed that rate hikes were necessary to cover its recent capital investment project and other expenses. We think otherwise. Raising water rates this high merely shifts the financial losses of their company onto our already weary citizens. To make them bear the burden of the water company's new \$10 million facility is both unreasonable and unfair.

The Ratepayer Advocate, a state agency mandated to represent ratepayers in cases where a utility seeks to change their rates or services, was also concerned about the requested increase. Debra Robinson, assistant deputy ratepayer advocate, expressed serious concern whether the data supporting this proposed rate increase is complete, consistent and accurate. In other words, is it necessary to raise the rates this much? The answer is a resounding "no".

Sadly, the water company's plan will inflict financial harm on nearly 59,000 residents from Metuchen, Woodbridge, Carteret and parts of Edison, South Plainfield and Clark.

Consumers are not the only ones that will struggle if this proposed increase is adopted. Municipalities, already struggling to offer property tax relief, will be forced to find additional revenue to pay for the increased water costs that will be accrued by its hard working fire departments. In turn, they will have only one recourse to cover these costs - the taxpayers. If the Middlesex Water Company is worried about its rising costs, then it should start by making the appropriate cuts to its own budget, not gouging Middlesex county residents with unnecessary costs.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am sorry for any trouble which has arisen from my original article about the show South Pacific. There was no plagiarizing of any kind in my story. There was a serious lack of communication between myself and others. However, my motivation was well intended and was in the best interest of the Observer. I am quite upset over what has transpired and never intended to upset or anger anyone. Again, I am truly SOLLY

SINCERELY, PATRICIA ABBOTT

To the Editor,

Mayor Gallagher's complaints to the New York Times stating that "our old Victorians on large lots are being torn down and replaced by six large new homes" and "traffic is increasing" prompted me to write this letter and give Mayor Gallagher an opportunity to prevent exactly that from happening again.

I have a copy of a letter from Eastern States Environmental Associates, Inc., written on behalf of their client, Northeast Developers, Inc., 727 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ 08817 (many of you know the officers/owners of this corporation) and mailed to all homeowners within 150 feet of the property at 419 and 501 Sampton Avenue. This contractor (Northeast Developers) hired the environmental company to submit an "application for a permit of approval to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for the purpose of establishing the boundary of freshwater wetlands" on the above mentioned properties. This contractor is anticipating approval to build 16 new homes on this land that is currently occupied by only TWO homes. For the purpose of the readers' point of reference, 491 and 501 Sampton Avenue are set back a considerable distance from the road and located between Fred Allen Drive and Martin Drive. This property goes all the way back to Green Acres land near the railroad tracks and runs along the backvards of homes on Schillaci Lane, which is the "left half of the Fred Allen Drive circle.'

If this site is developed as planned, our community will have to tolerate an increase of traffic by at least 32 more vehicles and in all probability, a minimum of 16 more students in our schools. Calculated using the national average of 2.5 children per family, the student population will increase by 40. That will mean two more classrooms.

My neighbors on Schillaci Lane enjoy wooded privacy and the pleasure of watching deer, rabbits, chip monks and a variety of birds go about their

daily activities. Some neighbors also enjoy feeding these animals, all of which will have to find somewhere to go if bulldozers destroy their natural environment. Included in this menagerie are "not so cute rodents" that will be looking for new places to reside too. Also, Schillaci Lane and Fred Allen Drive are designated flood zones; can environmental engineers accurately predict the result of disturbing the underground water tables?

A copy of the application made by Eastern States Environmental for Northeast Developers is on file at our municipal clerk's office for anyone who would like to inspect it. I'm hoping that Northeast Developers won't get the approval they're looking for, but as a precaution this letter is to serve notice to our community that more construction is in the early planning stages. I'm also asking and expecting Mayor Gallagher and our "single party governing body" to do whatever it takes to prevent more traffic on our roads, more students entering our schools and the destruction of what little wooded land and natural habitat we have left in this town.

MAUREEN TERHUNE

Dear Editor,

On Saturday night, April 3, my wife and I were riding on our way home from Philadelphia in the fast lane of the turnpike.

In the blink of an eye, a car in the southbound side cut across three lanes of traffic and was headed right for us. The car hit the barrier, flipped three times and landed up on the wall. All the windows were blown out and the roof flattened down. We pulled over onto the shoulder and stopped to see if there was anyone injured. When we got out of the car, a man about 18years-old was standing on our side of the road, talking on his cell phone. When asked if there was anyone else in the car, the boy said no, he was the only one. Much to our surprise he was the driver and DID NOT have a scratch. He was wearing his seat belt and his air bag saved him from hitting the windshield. Seat belts do save lives! WILLIAM TUTHILL

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SINDOOR Products May Contain Lead

Information has been received from The New Jersey Poison Information & Education System (NJPIES) that a 13 month old child from Woodbridge, was diagnosed with lead poisoning. It was determined that a product called "SINDOOR" was being added to their food as a food coloring. Analysis of this product revealed that it was nearly pure lead.

Based on these findings, Freeholder John Pulomena, Chairman of the Public Health and Education Committee of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with NJPIES, and the Woodbridge Health

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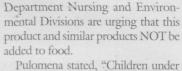
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the age of six, especially infants are most affected by lead poisoning. If you think or know that you or someone in your family has used SINDOOR in food please contact your doctor."

Contact the Middlesex County Public Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (732) 745-3117 or Woodbridge Health Department at (732) 855-0600 X5011 if you have questions.

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Last Chance for Community **Pool's Early Bird Discount**

Resident On or before 4/16 After 4/16

Individual \$140 & 10 Passes \$170 Single Parent Family \$220 & 10 Passes \$250

Senior Citizen \$50 & 10 Passes \$60

If you are interested in joining the South Plainfield Community Pool this year, the last day to take advantage of the Early Bird Discount and save up to \$30 is Friday, April 16.

This year the pool will have a stateof-the art liner installed. According to Councilman Raymond Petronko, with the new liner in place, the pool water will be much warmer. As the

The rates for the Community Pool are as follows:

pool has aged, a few leaks have been formed, making it necessary to frequently add water. The water comes from a well and is very cold.

The installation of the new liner should alleviate these problems, and the pool will be warmer. Additional shade will be provided in the sunny area of the pool through the use of umbrellas.

(No free passes)

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Sacred Heart School students who were finalists in the parish logo contest were recognized last week by Father John Alvarado, 100th Anniversary Committee members Grace Bertucci and Anthony Cotoia. The students received the first t-shirts printed with the new 100th Anniversary logo. Allison Whitefleet, whose logo was the winner, received a t-shirt and \$50 for her entry which appears on the t-shirt. Runners-up who also received t-shirts are K-3 Megan Amirault, Erick Colonnello and Linnea Kallner; grades 4-6, Brenda Eke, Kaitlynn Moctezuma and Jaclyn Thomas and grades 7-8, Allison Whitefleet, Jonathon Abel and Brittany Jeffers.

High School Recognized for Yearbook Excellence

The South Plainfield High School Yearbook staff has been recognized by Taylor Publishing Company with an Award of Excellence honoring its accomplishments in yearbook design and coverage. The South Plainfield High School yearbook is featured in the 2004 Yearbook Yearbook. Judges selected the South Plainfield High School yearbook as among the best. The advisor of the book is Nina Kelty. The 2004 REGIT staff includes Marcellus Abrams, David Acevedo, Danielle Aronowitz, Bruce Blackford, Victoria Boley, Kelly Butrico, Selina Giuliano, Nicholas Grego, Brittany Hartman, Margaret Lay and Katie Scialabba.

'Taylor Publishing's Yearbook Yearbook is the premier yearbook-specific design annual," said Clif Palmberg, Yearbook Yearbook editor. "Across the country, thousands of yearbook advisors, editors and designers use this publication for design ideas. The schools featured are some of the trendsetters of the industry."

Yearbooks published by Taylor for 2002-2003 school year were evaluated for excellence in one of more of the following areas: cover design, theme development and page design. Taylor Publishing recognizes only the top five percent of yearbooks staffs for outstanding yearbook achievement.

"The Award of Excellence is given each year to a small percentage of yearbook staffs nationwide that demonstrate excellence in yearbook creation," said Mike Taylor, marketing manager at Taylor Publishing. "We applaud these staffs for their outstanding work and support their efforts in scholastic

journalism."

Taylor Publishing, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, also operates facilities in San Angelo, Texas, El Paso, Texas and Malvern, Pa. Taylor is a major publisher of yearbooks nationwide and the industry's technology leader in digital renovation. Taylor provides training, technical support and printing services to elementary school, middle school, high school and college yearbook staffs



On Park Ave. last Friday morning, a Toyota Camry was pushed into the rear of a tractor trailer waiting at a stop sign after it was struck in the rear by a GMC Sierra, which did not stop in time. The Sierra then struck a curb and ended up on a nearby lawn. The driver of the Toyota was transported to Muhlenberg Hospital.



...... \$470 & 10 Passes \$470 Family Individual \$240 & 10 Passes \$240 Senior Citizen \$100 & 10 Passes \$100 As has been the policy in the past, photo identification cards must be presented at the desk when entering the pool. Fees are not refundable. Guest pass books contain 10 daily passes and may be purchased by mem-

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Correction

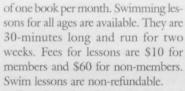
bers for a fee of \$50. There is a limit

In the April 2 issue, a letter written by Ray Rusnak failed to reflect a correction received prior to publication. The amount of surplus which was used in the regular budget, reported as \$365,00, should have been \$330,000. We apologize for the error

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on trucking!



From June 5 until June 20 the pool will be open on Saturdays from 10 am. to 8 p.m., Sundays noon to 8 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Beginning on June 21 the pool will be open Monday through Friday noon to 8:30 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 8 p.m. The pool will close on Sept. 6.

To join the pool, stop by the PAL building Monday through Friday until 4 p.m. For more information, call Recreation at (908) 226-7713.

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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, halfday pre-school and summer camp programs. Everyone who registers will receive 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 <u>www.rainbowacademy.com.</u>

AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting April 19

South Plainfield AARP Chapter #4144 will meet at the Senior Center on Monday, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. the speaker will be Sy Larson, who will discuss the new prescription plan as laid out by the Bush administration.

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Ctr. Open House April 24

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, Inc., located at 3121 Park Ave. will hold an Open House on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Learning Center, a state certified school with over 30 years of experience in child care, offers a variety of programs for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years old. Programs include both Full and Part Time classes and Summer Camp.

If you are unable to attend the Open House, you are invited to visit the Learning Center during its operating hours (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For further information, please call (908) 756-4879.

Historical Society Reunion Sunday April 25

South Plainfielders! Renew old friendships and reminisce of times gone by at "Reunion Sunday" on April 25 from 1-4 p.m. The "Reunion Sunday" is sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society. It will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Light refreshments will be available and there is no admission fee. All are welcome. Don't worry- there's ample parking!



AARP Chapter 4144 Trips Announced April 28-29

There are still a few tickets left for the overnight trip to the Delaware Racetrack, Three Little Bakers and Atlantic City is planned for April 28 and 29. Cost is \$160 for double occupancy, which covers all expenses, including transportation from South Plainfield. Call Lee at (732) 968-6613 for details and reservations.

Fire Department Plans Bingo Fundraiser April 30

The South Plainfield Fire Department will be holding a fundraiser on Friday, April 30 starting at 7:30 p.m. The event takes place at Sacred Heart School.

The bingo will help to support the new Firefighters Memorial, honoring all of its members. The memorial is going to be constructed on Plainfield Ave. next to the Senior Center.

For information, call (908) 756-4761.

Sock Hop at the Senior Center May 1

Wake Up Little Susie and come do The Tivist all night long At The Hop! The Senior Center is inviting you to a Sock Hop! The Senior Dance 2004 will be held on May 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Senior Center Recreation Room. The price is \$10 per person.

Girls, grab your poodle skirts and saddle shoes! Guys, grease your hair and roll up the bottom of your blue jeans! Or simply come as you are!

Come and show your moves on the dance floor or enjoy some food and converse with your friends!

Recreation To see Momma Mia May 2

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to see Broadway's *Momma Mia* on Sunday, May 2 for a 2 p.m. matinee. The bus leaves the PAL at 10:30 a.m. There are 45 orchestra seats available. The fee is \$95 a person and tickets can be purchased at the PAL. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AARP # 4144 Driving Course May 15-22

On Saturdays, May 15 and 22, a Defensive Driving course will be held at Muhlenberg Hospital, which will allow a three-year discount on Automobile Insurance. You must attend both sessions! Any licensed driver can take this \$10 course, which will also remove two points, if you have them. Call Mary for trip or course information at (732) 752-3764 or Lee for the trip alone at (732) 968-6613.

- Out of Town -

Middlesex WOWs April 13

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Tuesday, April 13 of each month 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 April 13

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., a social and community service organization serving people of "taller-than-average" stature in the New Jersey/New York 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, New Jersey 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 further information about the club, or for a schedule of our social events, call our 24-hour hotline service at (973) 267-3648 or visit our website at http://www.njtall.org or

email at newjersey@tall.org.

Woodbridge WOWs April 14

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will have a business meeting and social on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the main Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call (732) 297-1775.

Spring Poetry Fling at Edison Arts April 15

Taxes got you down? After you get that return postmarked, relax and support the Edison Arts Society at our Spring Poetry Fling. Reading from their works: 7 p.m. are winners of the EAS High School and Middle School poetry competition and 8 p.m.- poets John Larkin, Jessica G. de Koninck and Tony Gruenewald. The Poetry Fling will be held on April 15 at Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Menlo Park Mall.

Fifteen percent of all book, music and DVD purchases made with voucher from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. that night will be donated to the Edison Arts Society. For more information, call EAS at (908) 753-ARTS.

Circle Players Present Dramedy April 16

The Cripple of Inishmaan, a dramedy by Martin McDonagh, opens at Circle Players, the community theater of Piscataway, on Friday, April 16, directed by Gordon Wiener.

Performances are Fridays, April 16, 23 and 30; Saturdays, April 17, 24 and May 1 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are April 18, and 25 at 3 p.m.

Circle Players is located at 416 Victoria Ave. in Piscataway. For tickets, call (732) 968-7555.

American Classic on Touchstone's Stage

Touchstone Theater will conclude its 2003-2004 season with its original interpretation of Tennessee Williams' American masterpiece *The Glass Menagerie*.

The production opens on Thursday, April 15 and runs Thursday through Saturday nights at 8 p.m until May 1. The theatre is located at 321 East Fourth St. in South Bethlehem. Free parking is available. For tickets and information, call Touchstone at (610) 867-1689.

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Columbiettes Annual Fashion Show

The Columbiettes will hold their annual charity spring fashion show on Sunday, April 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

Fashions will be by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman, both in South Plainfield. The luncheon will be provided by Catering By Carole in Edison. Cost is \$20.

Reservations can be made by calling Geri at (908) 753-2032. Deadline is April 22.

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Art and Photography Exhibition

April 16, 17 and 18

The Edison Arts Society is pleased to present its third year of "The Gardens of the Garden State," a unique collaboration between gardeners and artists. This juried exhibition will be held at the Center Court of Menlo Park Mall on Friday, April 16 from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 18 from noon to 4 p.m. A reception and awards ceremony will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m.

For more information, please call Nina Hand, Executive Director at the Edison Arts Society at (908) 753-ARTS.



Park Avenue Beauty Supply Owner Martin Little is officially welcomed to South Plainfield after the ribbon cutting ceremonies by Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Ray Petronko.

Park Avenue Beauty Supply Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By Jane Dornick

Park Avenue Beauty Supply, located at 1019 Park Ave. next to Captain Wonkas, held their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Saturday, April 3.

Owner Martin Little's family has owned their own beauty supply business in East Orange for years and he has decided to open up his own shop here in South Plainfield.

The shop is jam packed with professional hair care products and accessories, as well as make-up and nail supplies. Whether you are a beautician or novice there is something here for you.

For more information call (908) 222-1616 for store hours. Licensed beauticians and barbers receive a 10% discount.

American Legion Celebrates St. Patrick's



By Patricia Abbott

The luck of the Irish carried on past the official holiday and into the weekend as American Legion Chaumont Post #243 celebrated the wearin o' the Green with their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance. The lively crowd was worthy of any Irish pub. DJ Sounds of Today and Yesterday kept the crowd dancing offering numerous prizes throughout the evening.

The event held on Saturday, March 20 and featured a traditional St. Paddy's day meal of corned beef

Walk for Animals Planned

People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization, is sponsoring its annual Walk for Animals on Sunday, May 16 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. All proceeds from the Walk will benefit homeless cats and dogs awaiting adoption.

All are welcome to join the walk with or without a dog. The walk is approximately two miles and participants may walk a shorter distance. To register, call (908) 688-1073 and select menu option five. A sponsorship sheet will be mailed or faxed to you. Participants are asked to sign up as many sponsors as possible to pledge funds for the walk. Each participant who turns in \$75 or more of donations on the day of the walk will receive a free People for Animals tee shirt.

Every dog that participates will receive a bag of doggie goodies. There will be refreshments for all, plus contests with prizes for the dogs. Christine Nagy of Z100 Radio is the honorary chairperson. Come early to meet Christine and to receive an autographed picture.

Business Association Golf Outing

The South Plainfield Business Association is sponsoring their 7th Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, May 4 at the Cranbury Gold Club in West Windsor.

Fee includes the 18-hole event; use of locker room, green fees and cart; continental breakfast; complimentary beverage cart; hot dog, chips, "at the turn," open bar (beer, wine and soda) and a BBQ luncheon. Casual attire.

Prizes will be awarded for hole-inone prize, the longest drive, closest to the pin (two holes), low gross, low net and the most honest golfer.

RSVP by April 18. For more information, call Bob Longo at (908) 753-7004 or Ed Koznowicz at (908) 754-8900.





Stepping Stones Holds Open House

Stepping Stones Learning Center Director Laurie Gondola, owner Kathy Salamon, along with Junior Assistants Erin Fitzgerald and Julie Salamon hosted an open house last Saturday at the newly opened daycare center located at 4001 Hadley Rd. The learning center will accommodate children ages two up to kindergarten. For information on enrollment, call (908) 755-9669.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Kimberly Singleton Graduates from School of Massage Therapy

Kimberly Singleton, a one-year resident of South Plainfield, has been awarded a diploma in Therapeutic Massage at the Piscataway Campus of the Somerset School of Massage Therapy.

Together with more than 70 winter graduates from both Wall Township and Piscataway locations, Singleton successfully completed a Professional Track program of academic courses, technique instruction and clinical practice in all facets of contemporary Western massage therapy, exceeding New Jersey State certification requirements. In addition, core curriculum courses at the school are recommended for 13 college credits by the American Council on Education college credit recommendation service.

As a graduate, she is eligible for listing in the prestigious American Massage Therapy Association's registry of approved massage therapy schools and practitioners.

Singleton, also a graduate of Kean University, will continue her Massage Therapy education with Shiatsu, Reiki and hydrocolon therapy certification. She looks forward to opening a wellness center in the South Plainfield area.



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and cabbage with all the trimmings. There was a basket of cheer raffle, 50/ 50 and plenty of refreshments. Pro-

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cause of the recent inclement weather, the opening œremonies were held in the parking lot at the compex and all games scheduled for Saturday were cancelled.

Andy Pinto, owner of Pinto Brothers and a maor project coordinator received the Lifetime Member Award'. Pinto has volunteered many hours in helping with the construction of the fields and is always on hand to help get and keep them in shape so the kids can play ball in a safe environment.

The 2004 Commissioner's Award is presented to individuals or companies who have given support to the club over long periods of time in a manner greater than normally expected. This year's recipients were Stacy Lake and Nancy Grennier.

Lake is the current

Women's Auxiliary president and snack stand director. The Women's Auxiliary has been a consistent sup-

porter for the Jr. Baseball Club, rais-

ing money, helping to run the snack stand and

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donating the proceeds which are used to make improvements to the complex.

You Gotta Believe

Grennier is the publisher of the South Plainfield Observer. She was recognized for her coverage of the club, before, during and after the baseball season, as well as publicizing all of their fundraising events.

The Middle School Brass Band, under the direction of Andy Veiss, both opened and closed the official ceremonies. The master of ceremonies was Jack Brady. Players and spectators will notice this year that both fields one and four have new lighting.

2004 SPJBC officers are Commissioner Lee Flanagan, Assist. Com.-Administration Jeff Marcoux, Assist. Com.-Finance John Polizzano and Assist. Com.-Communications Chris Hansen. Trustees are Anthony Celentano, Chris Hubner, Tom Pryer and Rich Walton.

Miss Junior Baseball Crowned

Sam Pattison was announced as this year's 2004 Little Miss Baseball contest winner during last Saturday's Opening Day Baseball ceremonies.

SPJBC Women's Auxiliary President Stacy Lake made the official announcement while the four contestants, Jessica DiCindio, Taylor Fergusen, Sam Pattison and Zoe Strong waited eagerly for the results. The girls rode in the parade in a convertible, along with last year's Miss Junior Baseball Rachael Scrudato. Voting for contestants took place all winter. Each girl received flowers donated by Mohn's Flowers. Lake also announced that the winner of the candy contest was Ryan Bythel, who received \$50.

SPJBC Women's Auxiliary officers are: President Stacy Lake, Vice President Nancy Jakubik, Treasurer Betsy Spayder and Secretary Kris Wagner.

The auxiliary's next fundraiser will be a Casino Night, planned for June 25 from 7 to 12 p.m. at the Italian American Club. Tickets are limited to 100. Purchase your tickets early.

If you are interested in joining or volunteering to help the organization, call Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531.



(Left to right) 2004 Miss Junior Baseball Sam Pattison, Zoe Strong, 2003 Miss Junior Baseball Rachel Scrudato and Jessica DiCindio. Not pictured is Taylor Ferguson.



Junior Journalists Robert and Nicole Benwell, Roosevelt School third graders who are also twin siblings, accept dinner from Debbie and Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heros, along with their parents, Robert and Colleen. unior ournalist

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James Butrico Named "Junior Journalist"

Franklin School fourth graderJames Butrico is this week's winner in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. His poem has won him dinner for his 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.

I have a special little place, that's behind the chair and near the vase. There I go when I am sad, happy, unhappy, or just plain glad. There I feel free as a bird in flight, in my little place where I'm bathed in sunlight. In my place I have hundreds of friends, all up on a shelf between two bookends. Excuse me as I go there again, new places await me, once I put down this pen.

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James Butrico with teacher Cristy Coyle.

By James Butrico



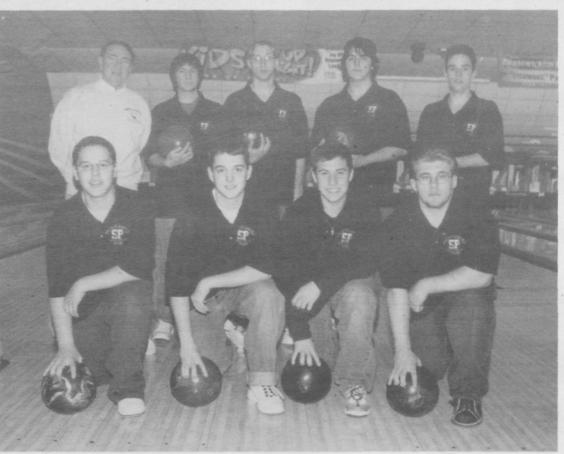
Candy Bar Bingo-Kennedy School recently held a Candy Bar Bingo PTSO fundraiser night. There was a large family turnout as the prizes for scoring a Bingo were candy. The funds raised will go towards the end of the year carnival, picnic and class trips.

Sports

SPHS Bowling

BY RALPH FECH

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Kneeling left to right: John Roesch, Nick Grego, George Kleinknecht, and Capt. Matt Boley. Standing left to right: Coach Ralph Fech, Vin Genova, Jon Jeglinski, Rob Parillo and Shawn Ferguson.

SPHS Boys' Varsity Bowling Team Wrap Up 2004 Individual Team Summary

Junior Capt. Matt Boley	All Area Home News 2nd Team All	ll Red DivisionAll GMC Conference Central Jersey Star-Ledger 2 nd TeamSPHS MV age 211.7 (Old record—Matt Boley 199.83, 2002
Sophomore—Vin Genova	High Game 229 High Set 584	Average 175.5/85 Games Rookie of the Year
Junior-Shawn Ferguson	High Game 256 High Set 643	Average 174.5/86 Games
Junior George Kleinknecht	High Game 256 High Set 636	Average 170.0/97 Games
Junior Nick Grego	High Game 231 High Set 631	Average 168.9/90 Games
Junior John Roesch	High Game 214 High Set 550	Average 169.7/16 Games
Junior Jon Jeglinkski	High Game 220 High Set 602	Average 165.3/90 Games
Junior Dave Eichler	High Game 205 High Set 57u5	Average 163.4/27 Games
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Wrestling News

By Bob Hunter

Hunter And Ashnault Win State Titles



Patrick Hunter (left) Intermediate (90) won his second consecutive state title along with Anthony Ashnault Bantam (55).

great showing at the recent USA Wrestling New Jersey Kids State Tournament held in Union and Lakewood. South Plainfield crowned two champions and had three second place finishes. Patrick Hunter Intermediate (90) won his second consecutive state title along with Anthony Ashnault Bantam (55). Ashnault won last year at Bantam (50) while Hunter was the Junior (80) pound champion. South Plainfield had twenty two wrestlers qualify overall.

Ashnault who had an outstanding season finished his recreation season undefeated and won the Central Jersey League tournament as well as his qualifier. He did not have a point scored on him in the state tournament. As the number one seed going into the tournament, Ashnault defeated Connor Deem of Hampton by tech fall 15-0 in the pre-quarterfinal round. In the quarterfinal round Ashnault defeated Stephen Caserta of Roxbury by major decision 10-0. In the semifinal round Ashnault dominated with a tech fall over Jesse Thorsen of Belvidere 16-0. In his toughest match of the day Ashnault faced Joey McKenna of Pascack Hills and went on to win by a 4-0 decision to claim his second consecutive state championship.

Hunter also had a great season finishing the year with an 80-2 overall record and won a New Jersey Grade School League title where he was named the tournament outstanding wrestler. Hunter won his qualifier and came into the state tournament as the number one seed. In the pre-quarterfinal round Hunter defeated Michael Tierman of Hackensack by tech-fall at 3:19. In the quarterfinal round Hunter then defeated Craig Montgomery of Roselle Park and won by

South Plainfield wrestlers had a tech-fall at 3:30. In the semifinal round Hunter faced South Jersey state champion Rich Bushby of Collingswood and won by decision 4-0. In the finals Hunter went on to win his second consecutive state title with a 6-0 decision over Joey Lagel of Shore Thing.

In the junior division Nick Heilmann (75) had a great tournament. In his opening round match Heilmann defeated Dante Scotten of Willingsboro by major decision 12-1. In the quarterfinal round Heilmann defeated B.J.Young of Jackson by major decision 12-1. In the semifinal round Heilmann knocked off state place winner of a year ago Zach Cohen of Monroe Township (South Jersey) 6-4 to advance to the finals. In the finals Heilmann faced state champion Frank Cagnina of Pascack Hills and lost a close 4-1 decision for second place.

Jonathan Conroy (140) also had an outstanding day wrestling in his first state tournament. In his first match he defeated Anthony Leniti of Union 9-4. In the quarterfinal round he defeated Billy Mulligan of Montvale by fall. In the semifinal round he faced Zach Greenwald of Voorhees (South Jersey) and won by tech-fall 18-2. In the finals he faced Kevin Watsen of Brick and lost by decision 8-2 for second place.

In the Intermediate division Mark Wagner (133) also had a great tournament winning his pre-quarterfinal round with a 6-0 decision over Bobby Heany of Pascack Hills. In the quarterfinal round Wagner scored a takedown in the third period to win 2-0

faced three time state champion Scott Winston of Edison and dropped a hard fought 4-0 decision for second place.

Tyler Hunt Midget (65) had the toughest job of placing at this tournament. He won his pre-preliminary match 9-1 over K.J. O'Sullivan of Bridgewater. In the preliminary round he defeated Jimmy Pagano of CJA by major decision 12-2. He then had to face three time state champion Mark Gray of Pascack Hills in the quarter final round and lost by fall. But Hunt was not done yet he came back to defeat Mike Polizzi of Montvillle 9-5. He then faced Jorge Lopez of Drillmasters and won a 4-2 decision. In the consolation semifinals Hunt defeated Trevor Albrecht of Mawah 5-4. In the consolation final Hunt dropped an 8-2 decision to Chad Walsh of Wrecking Crew for fourth place. Rocco Petriello intermediate heavyweight finished in sixth place with a fall over Christian Mackey of Somerville 1:49.

Also qualifying but not placing in the Bantam division were Ryan Walsh (50), Kyle Brady (60) and Stephen Petriello (85). Qualifying in the Midget division were Scott Whalen (65), Chris Sloan (65), Ryan Billich (90) and Eric Niemever (95). In the Junior division we had Ryan Sacco (75), John Wylam (85), Mike Wagner (105) and Nick Vallone (112). Intermediate qualifiers were Nick Vetuschi (95), Nick Pauls (85) and Danny Pompillio (112). High School Cadet was Robert Gentile (94)

Congratulations to all the wrestlers.

So. Plainfield Fire Keeps the Heat on the Readington Raptors

The South Plainfield Fire took on fense and score the second the Readington Raptors in a very exciting March 28 game. Right from the beginning both the teams were eagerly battling for possession of the ball. The Fires steadfast defenders, Scot Bishop and Mat Santos, started an attack by moving the ball up the right side of the field to be received by the Fires eager forwards, Douglas Porzio and Briant Villamarin, who continues constant pressure to move the ball forward.

The play ended with the Fires center forward Gregory Herbster making a beautiful corner kick, which seemed to hang in the air right in front of the net, only to be met with great accuracy off of Vallamarin's head and right into the goal, giving the Fire their first goal of the game. The Raptors seemed to be stunned by the early goal and started applying unbelievable pressure to try and even the score. The Fire just stepped up their aggressiveness level, and with the sheer determination of midfielders Filipe Rodriques, John Steven Duran and Logan Green, attacked any effort made by the Raptors to penetrate into the Fire's half of the field.

Just as it looked like the momentum of the game was shifting to the Raptors advantage, the Fire counteracted with a strong attack led by Chris Zwatachka winning the ball and quickly feeding it to the Fire's Luis Valladres. With great skill he moved the ball up the left side of the field only to pass it directly to the feet of Vallamarin who proceeded to speed away from the Raptors' strong degoal of the game.

The Raptors were determined to win this game, even if they were down by two and started a solid attack, moving the ball down the field heading right for the goal, when Fire's defender Anthony Baldasarre sprinted across the field to make an awesome slide tackle right in front of the goal. Unfortunately, the referee saw this as a penalty and awarded the Raptors a penalty shot. With all pressure now mounting on Fire goalie Stephen Coppi, he made a great save. However, the ball was loose again only to be met with the alert and quickness of Fire defender Kyle Pompilio, who kicked the ball away from the Raptors. Still not claimed solidly by either team, the ball was the subject of a feeding frenzy right in front of the goal. Then with swiftness, Stephen Coppi claimed the ball as he pulled it into his arms.

The Fire was feeling good and it showed. Baldasarre moved the ball up and sent a direct pass to John Steven Duran in midfield, who with no hesitation sent it to Luis Valladres, who continued the forward motion crossing it over the field only to meet with Douglas Porzios perfect position in front of the goal. He finished the job for goal number three!

The Raptors will be back to play another day and the Fire will be ready. The game was truly a exciting experience with all of the Fire team playing at their best. Congratulations on the 3-0 shut out boys, you earned it!

-Submitted by Jenifer Baldasarre

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over Brendan Ward of Chatham. In the semifinal round Wagner defeated Billy Bancroft of Flemington the number two seed by decision 8-2 to reach the finals. In the finals Wagner



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THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1658 entitled: AN ORDINANCE

APPROPRIATING \$180,000 FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO DURHAM AVENUE IN THE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 9, 2004 and that a public hearing be held

on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

ORDINANCE NO. 1658

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$180,000.00

FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO DURHAM AVENUE, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAIN-

FIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant

to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex,

Improvements to Durham Avenue

Section 2. That the improvements described in Sec

ment fund for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for

B. That the cost of said projects shall be

the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof,

financed from a Department of Transpor-tation Grant (\$170,000.00) and from the Capital Fund Balance (\$10,000.00), of

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ment is hereby determined to be ten (10)

April 9, 2004

C. The estimated useful life of said improv

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00

Section 5. This law shall take effect after final passage

and publication in accordance with the law

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

ATTEST:

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this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JER-SEY, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Borough may be party to certain s of litigation, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Wolf Samson, Attorneys At Law, to represent the Borough in these proceedings at a fee not to exceed

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

WHEREAS, funds for said contract have been certifi by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the Legal O & E Budget, account # 4-01-20-155-000-221

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a Professional Services" contract with Wolf Samson Attorneys At Law, to represent the Borough in the above mentioned proceedings at a fee not to exceed \$5,000.00

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk \$30.00 April 9, 2004

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ORDINANCE NO. 1652

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

Ordinance #1652 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #367 PROHIBITING PARKING TEMPORARILY ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR SNOW PLOWING, SNOW EMERGENCIES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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\$22.00 April 9, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1653

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

Ordinance #1653 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE ON A after a public he ig was held the oy the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2004 in the Municipal Building. South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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Ordinance #1655 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thered by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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ORDINANCE NO. 1656

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

Ordinance #1656 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PORTION OF RANDOLPH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopt on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 9, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

ORDINANCE NO. 1656

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PORTION OF RANDOLPH AVE. IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MID-DLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY,

Section 1. Whenever any words or phrases are used in this ordinance, the meaning respectively described to them in Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey shall be deemed to apply to such words

Section 2. No person shall park, stop or stand any motor vehicle at the following location in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New

- a) Randolph Avenue from exit driv of Sacred Heart School to 150 feet east, along the southerly curb line.
- b) Randolph Avenue from the northwest corner of Randolph Avenue and Lincoln Avenue to 168 feet west, along the northerly curb line.

Section 3. Any person or persons who violate any provision of this ordinance shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are repealed to extend to such consistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk \$56.50 April 9, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1657

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF

Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex

- is \$195,000.00.
- Capital Fund Balance (\$45,000.00), of which said funds are available for said
- C. The estimated useful life of said improve

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1659

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

Ordinance #1659 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FOR THE IMPROVE-MENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 9, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

ORDINANCE NO. 1659

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW

JERSEY as follows: Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Improvements to the Municipal Building

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

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

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof. is \$20,000.00.
- B. That the cost of said projects shall be financed from the Capital Improvement Fund, of which said funds are available for said purposes.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvement is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$1,000.00

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

ATTEST Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$58.00 April 9, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1660

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

Ordinance #1660 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OFFICE ON AGING IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 9, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jorean (200). Jersey 07080

ORDINANCE NO. 1660

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,000.00 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AS LISTED BELOW, AT THE OFFICE ON AGING BUILDING, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following capital improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Purchase of Doors, Signage and Furniture for the Office On Aging

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

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

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof. is \$6,000,00
- B. That the cost of said projects shall be financed from the Capital Improvement Fund, of which said funds are available for said purposes.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvement is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$500.00

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

ATTEST Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$61.00

April 9, 2004



A FD MEETING DATE

Please be advised of the following meetings of the South Plainfield Board of Education. These meetings will be held in the gymnasium at the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Avenue.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 6 has been changed to Thursday, April 8 at 6 p.m.

The Regular Public Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 6 has been changed to Thursday, April 8 at 8 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Glenn Della Sala requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an addition, deck and porch. 1. Proposed to permit an addition, deck and portin 1. Froposed second floor addition over existing house lacks 8' required side setback, 5.9 being proposed; 2. Proposed 92'x 126' one story addition lacks 8' side setback, 5.9 being proposed; 3. Proposed 93'x 126' deck lacks 8' side setback, 5.9 being proposed; 4. Proposed 5'x 7'6' new porch with roof over lacks 30' front setback, 26.8 being proposed; and other front setback, 26.8 being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said properly being located at 130 North Madison Drive on Block 126, Lot 1 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or proagainst the granting of said appeal, the South Plain-field 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 The haps and occurrently pertaining to this appear are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00

\$35.00 April 9, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Jerry Croce requesting a An appeal has been hied by Jerry Croce requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an open front porch. Proposed 4' x 11.58' porch lacks 30' front setback, 25.93 being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 269 Ada Place on Block 201, Lot 43 on the Cearth Directifield Tex Man. South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or pro For the purposes of rearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plain-field Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 13, 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 Buildir Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Ha Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00

FREE ESTIMATES

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April 9, 2004

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ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTE SERVICE Case No. 03-251063-DM JUDGE WEISS

STATE OF MICHIGAN, in the Genesee County Court house, 900 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan 48502 JEANEAN SMITH

Plaintiff,

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. Date: March 10, 2004

> ROBERT E. WEISS District Court Judge * * *

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the People of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are begin sued.

- 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving the summons to file an answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state)
- If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Jeffrey L. Birrell (P-40075)

1203 Beach St. Flint, MI 48502 March 19, April 2 and 9 2004

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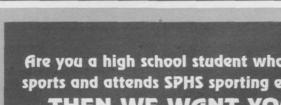
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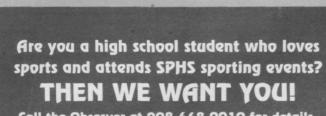
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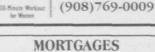
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Chili Fest Fires Up Sweet Success

Boy Scout Troop 207's Fifth Annual "All You Can Eat" Chili Fest was a complete success. This fundraising event, held on March 21 in the SPHS cafeteria received generous support from local merchants, making it possible for the troop to purchase equipment for scouting functions and to allow scouts to continue to attend functions sometimes are out of reach.

For the past five years, they have had the pleasure of sponsoring this event and with every year passing it has become more successful. The First Chili Fest held in 2000 was initiated by former Scout Master Randy Gemenden. The original recipe was obtained from a troop in Montana who have held this event for nearly 20 years. The troop decided to try this unusual fundraiser and now it has become their tradition. The community seems to look forward to this event. Residents of Keystone were special guests and have attended since its onset.

The scouts served guests at their tables and made sure the guests' needs were attended to. Salad, bread, ice cream and drinks accompanied the chili.

With the help of their Scoutmaster Jim Donelson and all the parents, the scouts sensed the support received from the community. Troop 207's gratitude extends to each and every individual that contributed their time, their products and hard work to make this event again another success, and hope to see everyone next year as this tradition continues on.



Scouts from Troop 207 serve up chili at annual "all you can eat dinner."

policereport

 On March 30 a Canada Dry employee reported he was assaulted by a driver who was short funds on his route.

• On April 1 an employee of 4475 So. Clinton Ave. reported that her purse had been stolen from underneath her desk.

• A Worth Dr. resident reported their vehicle had been spray painted down the entire driver's side while parked in front of the residence.

 On April 3 Pam A. Casey, 50, and Dominick J. Raiti, 46, both of South Plainfield were arrested on Robert Pl. for possession of drug paraphernalia.
 A Fred Allen Dr. resident reported that spoiler had been ripped off his vehicle while parked in the street.

• On April 4 Jonathan R. Mackenzie, 22, of South Plainfield was arrested on Lake St. for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported that a cell phone account had been opened under his social security number with a different name.

• On April 5 Jagroop Raghunandan, 34, of Piscataway was arrested on Jersey St. for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and speeding.

• A Rustay Ct. resident reported that her vehicle had been keyed down the entire driver side.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmapks

By Sunnie Randolph

The Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 9 for Good Friday. The library will be open on Saturday, April 10, but will be closed on Easter Sunday.

Children's story times will be on the normal schedule next week, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. There is also a Books-N-Babies program on Friday at 10:30 a.m. for toddlers up to three years old.

The Friends of the South Plainfield Public Library are getting ready for their annual Book & Bake Sale on May 1. If you have any books you would like to donate to the book sale, please drop them off at the library when the library is open. Occasionally someone leaves books outside the library door when the library is closed. If it rains before the library opens, the books may be damaged and unusable.

The library is conducting a written survey about current and future library services. We would like those who use the library and those who don't to fill out the survey. It will help us with planning for a new library and for current and future library services. Surveys are available at the Senior Center, PAL, Borough Hall and the library.

Are you a history mystery fan? Do you like to read about ancient Egypt

and or ancient Rome? The library has a number of mysteries on both. For mysteries about ancient Egypt try reading books by P. C. Doherty, Lauren Haney, Christian Jacq, and Lynda Robinson. For mysteries about Ancient Rome, try reading Lindsey Davis and Steven Saylor. If you like mysteries with nuns as the main character, try reading books by Veronica Black or Carol Anne O'Marie. If you have a computer, you can log on to the library's web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj, click on Online Databases, scroll down the page to Novelist, which is an online reader's advisory service. If you like one author, Novelist will suggest other similar authors you may also like to read. Also available on the website is a link to an online book club. Sign up and receive chapters of books in your email. If you think you would like the book, you can come to the library and request the book. If the library doesn't own the book, we can request it from another library through interlibrary loan.

Spring may be a little late this year but the library has many new gardening books-both vegetable and flower gardening. The library also has books on building a deck, a patio, a wall, a gazebo, a pergola and other outdoor projects. Stop by and get started on the project so you can sit back and enjoy it when the weather finally gets nice.



The Bratt House Features Handcrafted Works

By Jane Dornick

The name may sound a little misleading, but The Bratt House, located at 175 Front St. near Vail Hardware, is the new home of many hidden handcrafted treasures.

Co-owners and South Plainfield residents Susan Case and Jamie Fyfe have turned their love of birds and birdhouses into a money making venture. Jamie designs and does the want everyone to know that the unusual name chosen for the store came from the bird that Susan first painted on a birdhouse. She thought it looked like a "bratt," thus the name The Bratt House was born.

Susan and Jamie have expanded their crafting to other handmade country crafts like dried wreath and floral arrangements, painted wooden mailboxes, candles, plaques and seasonal items. They also take custom



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woodworking for the birdhouses and Susan decoratively paints them. They orders and can be reached at (908) 754-3373 for their store hours.

