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CERT Grads Ready for Trouble

In January, the *Observer* ran an article asking for volunteers to join the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The program came about after the events of Sept. 11 and is part of the Homeland Security Program.

South Plainfield residents responded as they always do, and volunteered to join the first class, which was run by the South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management. The first class of 19 residents has just completed the nine-week course. Another class is about to begin in a few weeks and there is already a waiting list for the next class.

Volunteers learned many aspects they will need to know during an emergency response. In case of an emergency, these volunteers will be expected to assist various agencies and trained personnel where needed.

Class instructors included Larry DelNegro from the fire department, Ed LaFerrera from the rescue squad, Charles Siedenburgh from the police department, Mike and Linda Zushma from Emergency Management and Gail Dougherty from Social Services.

The final class took the volunteers to the Middlesex Fire Academy, where they participated in several drills, including cribbing, triage and they also learned the correct procedures for using a fire extinguisher and put out a fire using one.

Graduating from the first class were Marge Ackerman, Harry Chiovarou, Jr., Gail Dougherty, Kathy Fredericks, Mark W. Fredericks, Wayne Grennier, William Hartmann, Diane Hinton, Dawn DiNardo-Lippi, Jon



South Plainfield graduated its first CERT class last week. A total of 19 volunteers completed the nine week course.

Lippi, Paul Lorange, Larry Makoski, Joanne Missimer, Joe Scrudato, Sandra Marie Severini, Sal Severini Jr., Andrew Yon Sr., Julie Yon and Linda Zushma.

At graduation, the volunteers received CERT ID cards and a duffel bag containing a vest, helmet, first aid kit and other emergency items. The ID cards are to be worn on their vests so they can be identified by other emergency personnel.

The graduation took place at the last weeks Borough Council meeting. On hand to congratulate the

volunteers was John Ferguson, who is a member of the South Plainfield Fire Department and is also assistant coordinator at the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management. Also on hand were EMC Coordinator Mike Zushma, Police Chief Bob Merkler and Fire Chief Larry DelNegro. Ferguson said that South Plainfield was the fifth class to graduate. Edison has graduated 33, Piscataway 24, Middlesex 12 and Rutgers Livingston Campus 9.

CERT members are trained to respond to emergency situations in

the workplace and their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects to help improve the safety of the workplace and community.

If you would like more information or are interested in the CERT program, call (908) 226-7718 or email mzushma@southplainfieldnj.com.

For related photos, see page 10.

"Pride in South Plainfield" at SPHS this week

Dr. Kenneth May, principal of South Plainfield High School, has announced that the week of April 29-May 7 is officially "Pride in South Plainfield" week.

Everyone is invited to join one or all of the scheduled events. The highlight of the week will be guest speaker Sergeant Nick McDonald (retired) of the Dallas Police Department. McDonald is one of the men who arrested John F. Kennedy's murderer, Lee Harvey Oswald. He will meet with the students on Tuesday, May 4 from 12:45 to 2:20 p.m. for a discussion. Wednesday evening he will give a presentation at the auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. immediately following an "All You Can Eat Spaghetti" dinner.

The week will officially kick off with a spring pep rally held in the gymnasium at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. Spring teams and the band will be featured.

Friday, April 30 has been declared 'Green and White Day' at the SPHS. The tennis team will face Sayreville and our baseball team will play Colonia. Games are at 3:45 p.m. Later that day, the Tiger 24 will take over the track at the Frank Jost Field from 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning. The Tiger 24 is a marathon/walkathon, with all proceeds benefiting the less fortunate infants and toddlers in town.

On Saturday, May 1, the baseball team will play J.F. Kennedy at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 1. The Vision 2001 Art Auction in the cafeteria begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Sock Hop at the Senior Center begins at the same time.

The festivities resume on Monday, May 3 with the golf team challenging North Brunswick.

On Wednesday, May 5 the tennis team plays North Brunswick and the baseball team plays Perth Amboy, both games are 3:45 p.m. Later that day the high school is hosting a spaghetti dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Sgt. McDonald's presentation starts at 7 p.m. Come out and meet the man who captured Lee Harvey Oswald.

On Thursday, the Lady Tigers play Westfield for their first home game at 3:45 p.m. and the baseball team will be playing Union.

The week wraps up with the Co-op Business Breakfast from 8-8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 7, and the Junior Prom finishes off the week.

Tickets for the spaghetti dinner may be purchased at the police department, high school or at the PAL. The price is \$5 for seniors and students, \$8 for residents and \$10 for all others.

Art Auction

AN INVITATION
TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

The residents of South Plainfield are cordially invited to attend the South Plainfield Education Foundation Annual Art Auction, on Saturday, May 1 at South Plainfield High School, starting at 7:30 p.m.

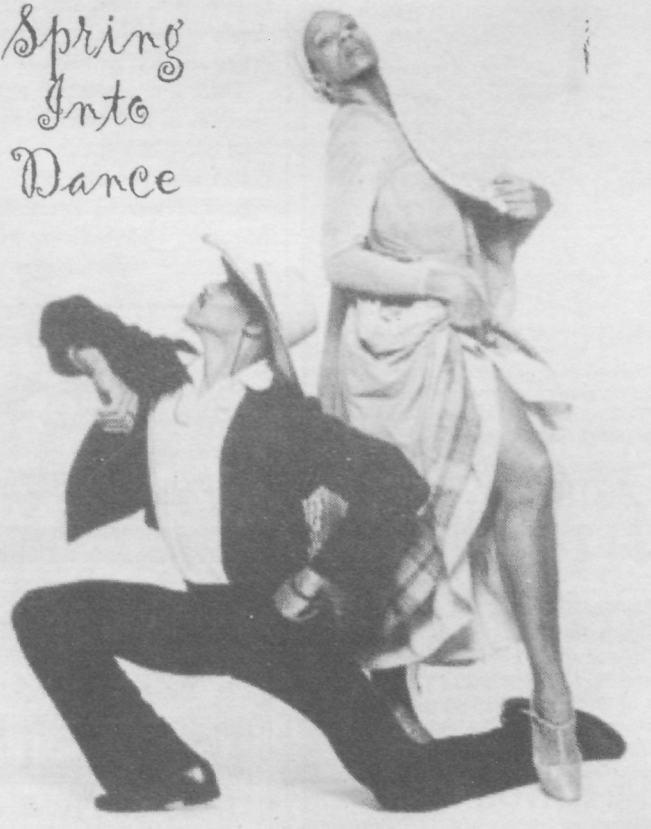
Guests can preview the works from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Works from many renowned artists will be available for purchase including Graciela Boulanger, Norman Rockwell, Ansel Adams, Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso and Thomas Kinkade.

In addition celebrity signed baseballs, record albums and a guitar signed by Eric Clapton will be auctioned off. The cost of admission is only \$5 and tickets can be purchased at the door. Refreshments will be served. Even if you don't decide to purchase a painting, it will be an educational and enjoyable night out. Most important of all, you will be helping to support the South Plainfield Education Foundation scholarship fund. Please join us.

PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.
2004 HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Spring Into Dance



The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present "Spring Into Dance 2004" this Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m. Admission is free. See page 4 for more information.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.

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

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
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.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

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.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

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

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.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. —May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11 2005, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5.

Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, (Monday) Oct. 18, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-committee

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

May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17,

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

recreation commission

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

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

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

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

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To the Residents
of South Plainfield,

I would like to thank all the people of South Plainfield who voted for me in the School Board Election last Tuesday. As a parent with two children in the South Plainfield Schools, my focus will continue to be on the well being of our students, that they succeed academically and that their lives will continue to be enriched by programs that are offered.

A few years ago, there was hostility on the board that was brought on by certain board members, which no longer exists. I find it a privilege to be one of nine board members who now work together as a "team."

Unfortunately, the budget was defeated and it worries me that with further cuts in an already lean budget, the students will suffer, as staff and programs for the students will first be affected. The board considered both the students and residents of South Plainfield when considering this budget.

I would also like to congratulate Pio Pennisi and Steven Bohn on their victories. As the newest board member, I look forward to working with them as I serve my term for the next three years.

SINCERELY,
TERRY ALEXA

To the Editor,

Two days after Tuesday's Board of Education election Newark's *Star Ledger* printed the article entitled: "A voting minority passes majority of school tabs."

The above-mentioned article quotes disappointed New Jersey Education Commissioner, Dr. William Libera. The source of the commissioner's disappointment is the very low voters turn out at the Board of Education elections, held April 20. "It's somewhat baffling that such an important election continues to attract such a low level of participation. School budgets have a dramatic impact on the programs and services offered to children and they require significant expenditures of state and local tax dollars. Such important matters demand greater attention by the voting public."

Mr. Libera, you have been commissioner for three years now and according to the New Jersey Department of Education website, you are a career Educator with over 30 years in the system. And now, after 30 years, it dawns on you that the voters' turnout is low and you are baffled?

There is a simple and well-known solution to low voter participation: hold Board of Education elections together with general elections in November. This will increase voter participation while reducing the cost of voting.

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The question raised by naïve people without a degree in education is: Mr. Commissioner, if you are so concerned with low voter turnout, what are you doing about it?

The answer is an emphatic nothing, null, zero, nada!

Why?

The paragraph below contained in

Star Ledger article explains why.

Steven Baker, spokesman for the New Jersey Education Association, said, "The voter turnout has been traditionally low and Tuesday's numbers were average for New Jersey. But we're very pleased they [voters] passed nearly 70 percent of the budgets. It sends a strong message that voters in New Jersey care about public schools and are not taking the high property taxes out on public schools. Voters get it—they are not pleased with property taxes, but they want their schools to stay strong."

As is clear from the above, the New Jersey Education Association—this bulwark of American Democracy—is not only not concerned but pleased with a status quo.

In South Plainfield, only about 1,000 voters took part in the last election. There are about 400 members of the Teachers' Union living in South Plainfield. Together with spouses and other family that constitutes about 800 voters materially interested in the com-

position of the Education Board.

Because of the low turn-out, this year—as in previous years, only candidates supported by the Union were elected to the Board. This is why the Union is pleased and this is why it vehemently opposes any change of the election date.

And this is why Mr. Libera—with his 30 years on the public dole—will continue to be deceitfully baffled and not do a thing to change the election date.

BOGDAN FRYSZCZYN

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Dale Salisbury and Ellyn Schwartz, "Players" directors of the middle school's play "Who Dun It...And To Whom?" The show was excellent and the directors, student actors and crew worked many long hours to perfect their performance, which took place on April 22 and 23. The show should have been sold out, but, unfortunately, it was not. It is nice that residents can take their children to college and programs, on and off Broadway shows and exhibits, but there is so much talent right in South Plainfield's own backyards. The courts, fields, stages, auditorium, alleys and concerts should be filled with school and resident supporters, but all too often, they are not. The young people of South Plainfield need the support of everyone.

SINCERELY,
DEBBIE BOYLE

Dear Editor,

PARENTS BEWARE

I am writing this letter to tell my story about an incident that happened to my son. I want to warn parents of something that neither my son nor I were aware of.

Last week my son came home from school and went out to play with his

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Ladies Workout Express Holds Ribbon Cutting

Ladies Workout Express on Oak Tree Rd. held a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 17 to celebrate their grand opening. Pictured are owners Pat and Kim Smith and Shawn and Amy Paterno with friends Aimee Balunie, Laurie Grube and member Deloris Stigger. Mayor Dan Gallagher cut the ribbon accompanied by council members Dennis Cerami, Kathy Thomas, Charlie Butrico and Bob Cusick. Congratulations on achieving your first 100 members!

policereport

- On April 20 Lawrence J. Shallo, 42, and Lawrence E. Shallo, 67, both of Piscataway were arrested for receiving stolen property at a motor vehicle stop. Their van contained copper and wire tubing taken from Piscataway.
- A Redding Ave. resident reported that his home had been broken into for the second time in two weeks. Suspects entered through a back door and apparently spent some there, going through drawers and cabinets in the kitchen and spreading trash all over the house. They damaged several items in the home and ransacked the bedrooms. A hatchet and screw driver were embedded in the front door and a kitchen chair was placed in front of the door to block entry. The only item that appeared missing at presstime was a man's watch valued at \$1,200.
- An employee of the South Plainfield Dental Group reported that the antenna on her car had been removed and gum was stuck underneath the door handle of her vehicle.

- On April 21 Mario Lopez Arrieta, 23, of Summit was arrested at the DMV for possession of a fraudulent document in order to obtain a drivers license.
- CVS on Oak Tree Rd. reported that a woman had tried to obtain a prescription with a forged prescription form.
- On April 22 Walter Muinz, 32, of South Plainfield was arrested on Hamilton Blvd. for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.
- Carlos E. Mora-Vega, 33, of Manville was arrested at the DMV for possession of a fraudulent document in order to obtain a drivers license.
- Prosoco Corp. on Snyder Rd. reported that a picnic table had been lifted from its cement base and moved.
- Radio Shack on Oak Tree Rd. reported that two men had entered the store and one had gone into the rear office, obtained a key, took an unknown number of phones and fled out

the back door.

- On April 23 Tiar Yashia Williams, 18, of North Plainfield was arrested at the A & P for shoplifting a tube of Abreva cold sore treatment and resisting arrest.
- On April 24 a Piscataway resident reported that the windshield of his vehicle had been broken along with both tail lights and passenger side mirror while parked at the Middlesex Mall.
- On April 25 Jasmine M. Levers was arrested on Stelton Rd. for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to a breathalyzer test, careless driving and driving on a suspended license at a motor vehicle stop.
- Ken's Links on Hamilton Blvd. reported that window pane on the front door had been broken, the door unlocked and \$875 worth of various paint ball accessories and \$40 in cash had been removed.
- A Leonard Ave. resident reported that two rings a locket, necklace and wedding ring all valued at \$5,329 was missing from a bedroom drawer. There was no forced entry.
- On April 26 the owner of Carmen's Trattoria reported that three vehicles in the rear parking lot had punctured tires.
- A South Plainfield resident reported that while at a party on Oak Tree Ave. her cell phone was taken from her purse.
- A Middlesex resident reported that left her Kohl's charge card at the store and received several fraudulent charges on her bill.

Suspect Sought in Two More Armed Robberies

Last week two additional businesses, located near the vicinity of the armed robbery at K-Foods on Park Ave. on April 20, were also robbed at gunpoint — all by a similar individual.

On the same evening of the K-Food hold-up, at about 9:45 p.m., a 20 year-old female employee at Munchies Texas Weiners on Park Ave. was confronted by a white male, 5'8", medium build in his early 20's who pulled out a silver handgun and demanded money. The suspect left the store with an unknown amount of cash and fled on foot south on Park Ave. The employee was unharmed.

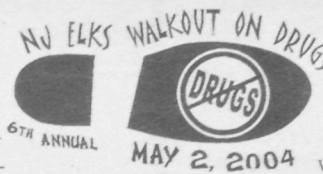
Thursday evening a white male en-

tered Footlocker on Oak Tree Ave. He brought several items to the counter and, while the employee was ringing up the merchandise, pulled out a small chrome handgun and pointed it at the two male employees. The suspect took money from the cash register and forced the employees into the rear storeroom and left with the cash and merchandise. He did not appear to be driving a vehicle and it was unknown in which direction he fled.

The South Plainfield Police Department announced that they have a strong suspect in the case, but were not able to give more information at this time.

Elks Plan Sixth Annual 'Walk Out On Drugs'

Come celebrate May during Elks National Youth Week, May 2-8 with the New Jersey Elks Association when the NJ Elks Drug



children of New Jersey about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. One hundred percent of the profits from this event will be used towards the Drug Education program.

Awareness Committee of the Central District holds its sixth annual "Walk Out On Drugs." The 2.1 mile walk will be held in Johnson Park in New Brunswick on May 2. Registration will be at 12 noon and the walk will begin at 1 p.m. Banners, balloons and red ribbons will be on display to mark the route.

The committee is looking to raise money to use in the education of the

Please come out on May 2 to join local Elk members, families and friends, local Girl and Boy Scout troops and students from high schools to that the Elks can assure the people of New Jersey that our future leaders will be healthy, sober leaders. Applications are available through your local Elks lodges or visit our website at www.njelks.org.

Grant School Walks for Diabetes

By Kyle Pompilio and Nick Heilmann

This year is the third annual School Walk for Diabetes sponsored by the Grant School Student Council. The is a walk to raise money for diabetes. The walk will take place around Spring Lake Park two times on May 5. Rain date is May 6.

We will start walking at 12:50 and end about 2:05 p.m. Students can win cool prizes and the school will get a certificate for sports equipment. Last year, \$10,030 was raised. If you're interested in making a donation, it can be sent to either Kelly Panuzzo or Kara Giorgio, the student council advisors

at Grant School. Please make checks payable to the American Diabetes Association.

We hope to double to amount raised last year to at least \$20,000 this year. If you would like to help us with this worth cause, you can be a part of it and walk with us to support the people with diabetes.

If you have any questions, you can call Kelly Panuzzo or Kara Giorgio at (909) 754-4620 ext. 587. Do a good thing and support our school, especially if you know someone with diabetes. Grant School is counting on you to help us do a good job and make this fundraiser as beneficial as possible!

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Events

Fire Department Plans Bingo Fundraiser

April 30

The South Plainfield Fire Department will be holding a fundraiser bingo 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 will to be constructed on Plainfield Ave. next to the Senior Center.

For information, call (908) 756-4761.

Education Foundation Annual Art Auction

May 1

The South Plainfield Education Foundation will hold their annual art auction on May 1 at SPHS. Preview is 6:30-7:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5. Tickets are available at the door. There will be refreshments served.

The auction will be presented by Ross Galleries from New York. They also have celebrity signed items that will be brought by special request—signed baseballs, record albums and guitars. For special requests, call Marge Reedy, (908) 561-3951.

This year's honorary chairperson is Patrick Diegnan, Legislator from the 18th District. Come out and join us for a fun evening!

Sock Hop at the Senior Center

May 1

Wake Up Little Susie and come do The Twist 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!

Bake and Book Sale at Library

May 1

The Annual Bake and Book Sale by the Friends of the South Plainfield Library will be held on Saturday, May 1 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Contributions of both hard and soft books, children's books, CD's, DVD's and cassettes should be brought to the library. No records, magazines, text books, or encyclopedias will be accepted.

We are asking anyone who would like to donate cookies or cupcakes for our bake sale to sign up at the library. Baked goods can be brought in on Friday or early Saturday morning.

Recreation Trip to Italy

March 2005

The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a nine day classic Italy tour from March 6-14, 2005. Sightseeing tours to the Vatican, Ancient Rome, the Trevi Fountain and more. Per person is \$1,699 including airfare. A valid US passport is required. For more information, call Recreation at (908) 226-7713.

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9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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May 1: Second Annual Dinner Dance May 23: Dedication & Reception honoring Sue Mischka, Agnes & Gene Ficorilli May 26: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Everyone Loves Opal" June 10: Le Miserables at NJ PAC				
EVENTS Adult Crafts 9:30 Yoga 10:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Grp 10am Lunch Available Computer Class 12-2pm Watercolorist Ludlow Thorston 1pm Men's Forum 1:30pm	Exercise 8:45-9:45 Line Dancing 10-11:30am Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am&1pm Atlantic City Trip 9am	Weekly Shopping 29 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Pinochle Club 1pm	Meditation Group 9am 30 Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available Bridge Club 12:30 pm
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

VFW Country Breakfast

May 2

The VFW Memorial Post 6763 is hosting a Country Breakfast on Sunday, May 2 from 8 to 11 a.m. The donation is \$5 and children 12 years and under are \$2. For more information, call (908) 668-1971 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 Noon on weekends.

Cultural Arts Plans Spring Into Dance

May 2

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will be presenting 'Spring Into Dance 2004' on Sunday May 2, at 3 p.m. at the SPHS auditorium. Staring will be The Okra Dance Company. Also featured are Jo-Ann's Dance, Spotlight on Dance and Plainfield Performing Arts.

All are invited. Admission is free.

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.

Special Guest to Speak at SPHS Spaghetti Dinner

May 5

As a part of the "Pride in South Plainfield" celebration special guest Sgt. Nick McDonald (retired) will speak on Wednesday, May 5, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the SPHS Mondoro Auditorium. Come and meet Sgt. McDonald of the Dallas Police Department, who is one of the men who captured Lee Harvey Oswald.

Limited seating is still available for an "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. The presentation by Sgt. McDonald and other activities follows at 7 p.m.

Advanced ticket sales are available. Prices are as follows: senior citizens and students, \$5; South Plainfield residents, \$8 and all others, \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the police department, South Plainfield High School or at the PAL.

Elks Mother's Day Breakfast

May 9

The South Plainfield Elks are hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 9 from 8 a.m. till noon. Adults are \$6, children ages 5-12 are \$4 and children under five are free. There will be pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, eggs to order, coffee, tea, milk and juice. There will also be carnations for the ladies.

AARP #4144 Driving Course

May 15 and 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 information at (732) 752-3764.

First Baptist Spaghetti Dinner

May 22

The First Baptist Church, located on Hamilton Blvd. at Church St., will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner will include meatballs, sausage, salad and dessert.

Proceeds benefit the purchase of a new piano and organ repairs.

Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and children 12 and under, \$3. Tickets at the door are \$7 and \$5.

For tickets and information, call Dennis at (908) 753-8224.

Baseball Club Chinese Auction

June 25

A Casino Royale and Chinese Auction is being sponsored by the SPJBC on Saturday, June 25 at the Italian American Club from 7 p.m. until midnight.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes an open bar and buffet. Each guest will receive \$500 in play money. Money must be redeemed for Chinese auction tickets. These tickets can be used as chances to win one or more of the prizes.

For information and tickets contact Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531. Tickets are limited to the first 100 people.

Senior Center EVENTS

Poetry-Slam and Open Mic

May 7

A Poetry-Slam and Open Mic, featuring poet Big Mike will be held at Port Africa in Hadley Center on May 7. Doors open at 8 p.m., poetry begins at 8:30 p.m. Cover Charge is \$10. Refreshments will be served.

May Friend Day Announced

May 7

Friday, May 7, is May Friend Day, an ecumenical celebration which embellishes the basic "faith" message of the World Day of Prayer. This year's service theme is "In Faith, Women Shape the Future through Friendship."

Local services are sponsored by Church Women United in the Plainfield Area on Friday, May 7 at 12 noon at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Grove and Mercer St. in North Plainfield. For information, call (908) 755-0615.

Bible vs. Passion Movie Discussion

May 8

People of all ages are invited to a discussion comparing the Bible to Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, on Saturday, May 8 at 8 a.m. Free egg-sausage-cheese casserole breakfast will be served. Babysitting will be available.

Following breakfast, the Reverend George Betz, interim pastor and August Ruggiero, church Christian Education Elder, will lead a presentation examining a series of questions and facilitate an open dialogue.

For information or reservations, call (908) 232-5678. Leave a message for a return call. You may also e-mail your reservation at wilgrv@netzero.com.

Canine Behavior Workshop

May 8

N.J. Consumers Against Pet Shop Abuse (NJCAPSA) will present a Canine Behavior Workshop on Saturday, May 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Kindred Souls Canine Center in Howell. Canine behavioral problems exhibited by puppy mill/pet shop dogs will be discussed.

Cost is \$30. All proceeds to benefit NJCAPSA. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve your spot call NJCAPSA at (908) 325-0333 or email infor@njcapsa.org.

Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra to Perform

May 9

The Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra will continue its 34th season with a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 9 at the Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools Theatre in Bridgewater.

Tickets are \$15, general admission; \$7.50 for students and may be ordered by phone at (908) 534-6183. Visa and Master Card accepted.

SEND YOUR EVENTS TO:

South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or fax (908) 668-8819; email ggnan@aol.com.

Just a Day in School

By Veronica Doyle

"Ring!" The alarm clock sounded. I slowly opened my eyes, then closed them. I smacked the alarm clock.

"I...want...sleep!" I mumbled, although it sounded as if I said, "I...want...sleep!"

About a half an hour later my mom came in.

"Clair!" She gasped with an unfamiliar look on her face, a look she gets when she's really angry.

"Yez?" I asked in slang.

"You're going to be late for school Clair! Get out of bed and get dressed!" Mom replied.

"School!" I exclaimed, serious now. "I thought it was Saturday!" I quickly jumped out of bed, stared into the vast wide room and rushed over to the dresser and looked for the outfit I picked out the night before. The shirt that reads "Your lips are moving but all I hear is blah, blah, blah." I mean I have to look good for the second day of Marblatown Middle School! I finally found it, put it on, grabbed my backpack and ran!

Pretty soon I found myself on my bike, panting for breath as I rode to school. As soon as I got there I rushed over to my locker. I fussed through my pocket and eventually pulled out my combination code.

I fiddled with the locker until it opened. I browsed the shelves for all my books and what caught my eye was my folder.

"Ahhh!" I screamed frantically. "What am I going to do?" I asked myself out loud. I quickly grabbed my homework folder and tried to complete my homework, when to my surprise, the principal walked by!

"Good morning Miss Clair," He announced. "What are you still doing at your locker, the bell's about to ring!" Still I had my back facing him.

"Umm, well, just putting my name on my homework," I stammered.

"Oh really?" He replied. "Since when is your name 6,285?"

"It's not, my name is Clair," I answered.

"Well, Miss Clair, I'll be seeing you during lunch detention, yes?" He replied slyly.

"Yes Mr. Pembroke," I answered, rolling my eyes. "Ring ring!" the bell sounded. A loud bang roared down the hall, it was the sound of my head rapidly ramming into the locker door. I couldn't believe I got caught!

I just got out of math class when my best friend, Kat, was at her locker right next to mine, of course.

"Hey," she said in her deep, clear voice.

"Hey," I replied. "Whatcha up to?" I said in slang. I don't know why, but I always talk in slang, it's just so me. Kat brushed her long brown hair back.

"Nothing, you?" She asked.

"Same here," I replied as I shoved two homework alerts in my folder. Kat stared at me and raised her eyebrows at me. "Nothing, huh?" she said sarcastically.

"Okay, okay, I need help. I totally forgot my folders yesterday and mom's going to kill me!" I admitted.

"Well, you can finish the rest at recess, can't you?" She suggested.

"No," I answered. "I have detention."

"Why?" She asked.

"Because," I started, "Pembroke caught me trying to finish my math homework." I told her the story and by the time I was done, Mr. Pembroke was

waiting for me.

"Catch ya," I said as I waved to her. All I did in detention was watch Mr. Pembroke fiddle with his fingers and I caught myself doing it too. It was really boring. I peered over to the wall and saw someone's blue pen. For some odd reason, I managed a small chuckle.

What seemed like an hour of detention was really only 15 minutes! I returned to my locker after all my classes. Again, I shoved a few more homework alerts into my folder, slammed the door and charged out.

I hopped on my bike and rode home, again panting. As soon as I got home I could feel my heart beating like it was a bomb just waiting to explode! As I approached the door I felt like screaming. I started to sweat. I gripped the knob and opened the door to see mom talking to someone on the phone. Who was it? What was wrong?" When mom heard the door opening she froze.

"I'll call you back," mom said as she hung up the phone. "Clair, you got detention?" mom said, as if surprised. I knew who was on the phone now.

"Mom, I can explain," I started. "No need Clair, no need," Mom interrupted. "Just give me the papers." I went through my folders and handed her the homework alerts.

"You know what this means Clair, don't you?" she asked.

"No mom," I said in sorrow.

"It means you'll be going to boot camp if you don't do well on your report card," mom answered.

"What?" I cried. "Boot camp!"

The next hour I found myself in my room, staring at the walls, soon I fell asleep.

The next morning I rode to school with Kat. She gave me a necklace with my name on it.

"It's a symbol of our friendship, see!" Kat said, pointing to hers.

"Kat, mom's sending me to boot camp," I began. "Well, if I do bad, think you can help me out?"

"You mean, like a tutor?" she asked.

"Yeah, yeah," I stammered.

"Well I could put up flyers at my sister's high school," Kat suggested.

"Great!" I exclaimed.

We both parked our bikes and walked straight to the computer lab. We started making all sorts of flyers and printed 200 of them!

"We'll meet after school and hang these up, ok?" I asked.

"Ok," Kat agreed.

After school that day I was at Marblatown High School waiting for Kat. When she finally came, we started to hang up the flyers.

After several weeks without response Kat said, "I give up."

"This isn't working," I complained.

Kat picked up a paper and imitated someone offering to do it.

"Kat," I said.

"What?" she asked.

"You're a genius!" I exclaimed.

"Yeah, so what's new?" she questioned. I pretended I didn't hear her.

"You could tutor me!"

"Well, all right, I'll try," Kat said. "But you have to pay me, psyche."

"Yay!" I hollered in joy.

"You better do good Kat, the exam's next week," I said nervously.

"Don't worry," she said. A smile of relief spread across my face.

After six days of being tutored, I was

actually excited!

"Well Kat, tomorrow's the exam," I said anxiously.

Before I knew it, the exam was in front of me. I picked up the pencil and could barely hold it. It was sliding out of my hand from the sweat. I finished quickly.

"Well, hope you did well Miss Welsh, this grade counts for 75% of your grade," Mr. Miller said. I didn't reply, I just walked away.

A few days later I got my exam back. "Well done, Miss Welsh," Mr. Miller said.

"Thank you," I said. I peered down to my paper to see, in the blue pen, 100-A written at the top of my paper.

"Ahhh!" I screamed in joy. When my mom saw it she did the same.

"Dear Journal,

For the next few weeks, instead of a million homework alerts, I get a million A's. I got my report card back and made the honor roll. I still didn't show it to mom, but I will in the morning, I wrote in my journal.

"Ring, ring, ring!" the alarm clock sounded. I slowly opened my eyes, then closed them. I smacked the alarm clock.

"It's Saturday, time to show mom the report card!"

Junior Journalist Corner



Veronica Doyle Named "Junior Journalist"

John E. Riley School fourth grader Veronica Doyle is this week's winner

in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. Her essay, "Just a Day in School," has won her 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 and their parents receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be invited to a banquet on June 2.

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



John E. Riley School Principal Bill Beegle, Veronica Doyle and teacher Christine Dispenziere.

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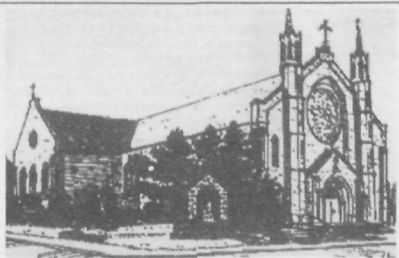
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Audience Takes a Trip to the Tropics in "South Pacific"

by Patricia Abbott

The SPHS Players production of the Rogers and Hammerstein's Broadway classic "South Pacific" can chalk up yet another major success. The storyline takes the audience to the South Pacific islands during World War II.

While there were many hysterical moments to keep the audience in stitches, there was also the matter of racial bias as lamented in the song "You've got to be Carefully Taught."

The cast handled the delicate balance between humor and sad reality of human nature with sensitivity.

The death of a character before he could resolve his conflicting feelings for a lovely island girl became the driving force for another at risk romance.

Casting showed off each young performers skills to perfection. The sets, costumes and props were colorful, appealing and fit the show well. The backdrop was amazing, giving off an aura of being in the tropics.



South PlainfieldScouting

Girl Scouts Offered "Your Best Defense" Workshop

The Girl Scouts of South Plainfield Community Cadette Troop #431 coordinated the combined efforts of experts in the field of Law Enforcement and Martial Arts to offer girls ages 10 through 18-years-old a workshop on how to avoid potentially dangerous situations. The workshop was held at the PAL in March. Officer David Franchak of the South Plainfield Police Department offered advice on what to do and look out for if approached by a perpetrator. Also discussed were the laws regarding a police officer. Officer Franchak currently teaches D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program to the youth in our schools. Sensei Ed Westling of Westling's Martial Arts Academy, who teaches karate classes at the P.A.L., along with Sensei Beth Carpenter, offered a mini self-defense course. The girls got a hands-on demonstration on how to extricate yourself from unwanted situations using self-defense moves. Sensei Carpenter, along with her partner, Claire Giblin, offers different seminars and classes for women on self-defense. Call (908)



Girl Scout Troop 431 receives martial arts training.

281-6424 for more information. Many thanks to Police Chief Robert Merkler for allowing our law enforcement expert Officer Franchak to participate, Michael English for providing the P.A.L. as a location and our self defense experts Sensei Ed

Westling, Sensei Beth Carpenter, Jodi Carpenter and Morgan Neas for their contributions. When these lessons are combined with common sense as a guideline, the girls who attended now know how to be their own "best defense."

Borough Gets Clean Communities Funding

Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblymen Peter J. Barnes, Jr. and Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., along with the Department of Environmental Protection announced that the 18th District will receive \$179,994.36 in Clean Communities Program funding. The money will be used to finance litter abatement and education programs, adopt-a-highway campaigns and graffiti cleanups. All municipalities in the district received funding. Locally, South Plainfield will receive \$19,095.63.

"These funds will allow municipalities to sustain a more beautiful and healthy environment for all residents of the 18th District," said Senator Barbara Buono.

"Living in a clean and vibrant environment is important to all the families in Middlesex County," said Barnes. "This grant ensures them that we are committed to making our communities as pollution-free as possible."

"The Clean Communities Bill is just another example of how the Governor and legislature positively impacted the environment of towns throughout our state. I am proud to be a part of the team that has brought funds to our district to address litter in our neighborhoods," said Assemblyman Diegnan.



Janice Leporino with daughter Debbie Ann and grandson Andrew Ohriska, daughter Patricia Ozbalikand grandchildren Brandon, Christopher and Matthew.

Emil Leporino Honored By Education Foundation

The South Plainfield Education Foundation unveiled a plaque honoring Emil Leporino last week.

Leporino, a 33-year resident of South Plainfield, was an active member of our community. He was a founding member of the Education Foundation, formally known as Vision 2001, served two years on the Board of Education, helped create the South Plainfield Hall of Fame, was a member of the Clean Communities Glitter Award Committee as well as the South Plainfield Business Association. Emil's dedication to the youth of

our community was unending. The South Plainfield Education Association plaque hangs at the entrance to the high school as a tribute to his memory.

Emil's wife of 42 years, Janice, as well as his son, Paul, daughters Debbie Ann and Patricia, grandchildren Brandon, Christopher, Matthew and Andrew attended the ceremonies.

The Education Foundation sponsors a yearly golf tournament named after Leporino and uses the proceeds to award scholarships to high school students in his honor.

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Standing are American Legion Post Commander Joe McConville (third from left) with members of the Scholarship Committee, Rick Magri and John Blanchard, and SPS Principal Dr. Ken May (standing right), CE teacher Deirdre Falato and scholarship winners Christine Helbo and Ashley Mazellan.

Cooperative Education Students Receive American Legion Scholarship

An intense competition among 80 Cooperative Education (CE) seniors at South Plainfield High School was held by the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on March 25. Two seniors were chosen to receive \$1,000 each towards their college expenses. One winner is Christine Helbo, daughter of Genevieve Helbo of Rahway Avenue. She will be attending Richard Stockton College and majoring in Bio-Chemistry and Forensic Science. The other senior being honored is Ashley Mazellan, daughter of Donald and Cheryl Mazellan of Beatrice Pl. Ashley will be attending Somerset County Technology Institute and Raritan Valley College.

Post Commander and the members of the American Legion Scholarship Committee Joe McConville, Rick Magri and John Blanchard are very proud of these two young women.

The American Legion initiated this

scholarship competition 13 years ago to honor CE students excelling in both academics and work skills such as resume writing, essay writing, interviewing skills, employer and school recommendations plus acceptance to post-secondary schools. "It is excellent training for these seniors to compete in the American Legion Competition," said Joe McConville.

Principal Dr. Kenneth May appreciates the years of support and ongoing partnership between our highly successful Cooperative Education Program and the members of the American Legion. He said "when an important community organization such as our American Legion seriously supports a popular high school program, it is a formula for success."

Timber Creek Landscaping Renews Adopt-a-Spot Contract

Just in time for Earth Day, Brian Mazellan of Timber Creek Landscaping renewed his Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association. The adopted spot is the stretch of the Clinton Ave. extension from Sampton Ave. to across the railroad tracks. Mazellan and his brother Don pick up litter and keep the grass and weeds trimmed.

Timber Creek has been maintaining this stream crossing for the past

11 years. It used to be a major illegal dumpsite, but now only accumulates the usual roadside litter between Timber Creek's cleanups. This supports the Clean Communities Program's claim that people tend to dump more when a place is already dirty than when it is clean.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

David Guoth and Linda Towne Engaged

Edith Lunetta of Las Vegas, Nevada has announced the engagement of her daughter, Linda Towne, to David Guoth, son of James Guoth and the late Constance Guoth of South Plainfield. Linda is the daughter of the late Louis Towne.

Linda is a 1976 graduate of the Villa Victoria Academy in Trenton. She currently works for the South Plainfield School District at the high school. Dave graduated from the Piscataway Vo-Tech in 1984 and works for Able Medical Transport.

The wedding date is July 3, 2004 at the First Baptist Church.



Linda Towne and David Guoth

Matthew Peloquin named to Kappa Mu Epsilon at Marietta College

Marietta College sophomore Matthew J. Peloquin of South Plainfield was inducted by the College's chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honorary society, at a special ceremony held recently.

Peloquin, the son of Linda and Thomas Peloquin of South Plainfield, is majoring in petroleum engineering at MC. He is a graduate of South Plainfield High School.

The qualifications for membership in Kappa Mu Epsilon are: completion of a mathematics course numbered 225 or above; completion of or current registration in a second mathematics course numbered 225 or above; a 3.0 grade average in mathematics and an overall 3.0 grade average.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy

begun in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835. Today Marietta College serves a body of 1,150 full-time students. The College offers 39 majors and has been listed among Barron's Best Buys in College Education and Peterson's Competitive Colleges, and has been recognized as one of the top regional comprehensive colleges.

Correction

In the April 16 issue some names were omitted or spelled incorrectly in the Middle School Battle of the Books "Dropout" story. The first place team of "6 Math Class Dropouts" was headed by Mrs. Cocco. Zane Lesky's name was omitted from Mrs. Hepburn's "The Rapid Readers" team and Nicole Soisson was incorrectly identified as Michele. We apologize for the errors.

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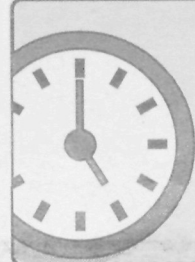
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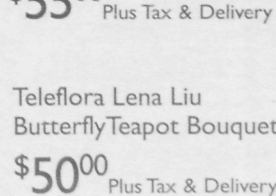
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Pony Softball Holds Ope

Ponytail Softball kicked off the 2004 season on Saturday, April 17 with a parade at the Pitt Street Field, with representatives from the Borough Council and Recreation Department on hand. Each team carried a banner with their team name and after the parade the banners were placed on the fence surrounding the batting cage. The banners from each team were judged by monetary donations. Banner winners were: A League-Lady Lions, B League-Lady Cardinals and C League-Lady Pearls.

The ceremonies began at 11:30 a.m. with introductions of the Executive Board members of The Parents' Ponytail Association. Officers for the South Plainfield Ponytail League are President-Mark Sutherland, Vice President-Steve Senz, Secretary-Rosa Szeliga, Treasurer-Pat DeSantis and Public Relations Officer-James Bishop. Trustees are Tom Hardy, Rich Szeliga and James Bishop.

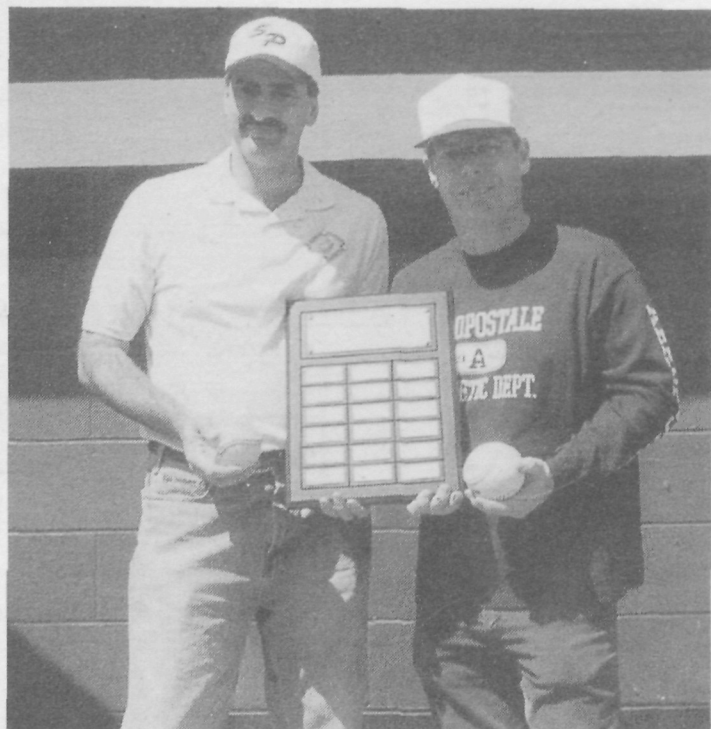
which will be placed on the scoreboard to thank them for their generous donations, which paid for the scoreboard.

Sutherland also thanked Home Depot for donating the materials used to build the new dugouts, as well as thanking O'Brien Construction and his crew, along with all of the parents who helped in the actual construction of the dugouts.

He also thanked the Recreation Department for all their hard work in securing the funds that will be used for upgrades at Pitt Street Park,



Rachel Senz, Stephanie Szeliga, Mike DiMeglio and Scot Bishop. Scot and Mike threw out the first pitches to start the Ponytail season.



Michael DiMeglio (left) Scot Bishop (right) and Kevin Schweers (not pictured), the first recipients of the first Bob Keck Memorial Coaches Award. This award is given to coaches who have given above and beyond.



The Lady Blue Jays march in the Opening Day Parade.



Opening Day Ceremonies

the first of which will be to bring lights to the A League field sometime in June.

Vice President Steve Senz honored the memory of the late Bob Keck by recognizing the first recipients of The Bob Keck Memorial Coach Award. The first recipients of the award were Scot Bishop, Mike DiMeglio and Kevin Schweers. Scot Bishop and Mike DiMeglio had the honor of throwing out the first pitch, which signified the official opening of the softball season.

Thanks to all the families and friends who attended the opening day festivities and to the parents who volunteered their time to help make this day a great one for all our girls.

Special thanks to Beth Sutherland for taking pictures throughout the day and for maintaining our website. Check out the pictures from opening day, as well as any upcoming events online at <http://www.spponytail.com>.

-Submitted by James Bishop



Three Inducted Into Bob Keck Hall of Fame

As part of opening ceremonies, South Plainfield Ponytail Parents Association christened its Bob Keck Memorial Coaches Hall of Fame. This award, to be given periodically, is meant to recognize those coaches who, through their dedication to the girls involved in Ponytail softball, have had a significant impact on the league and its players.

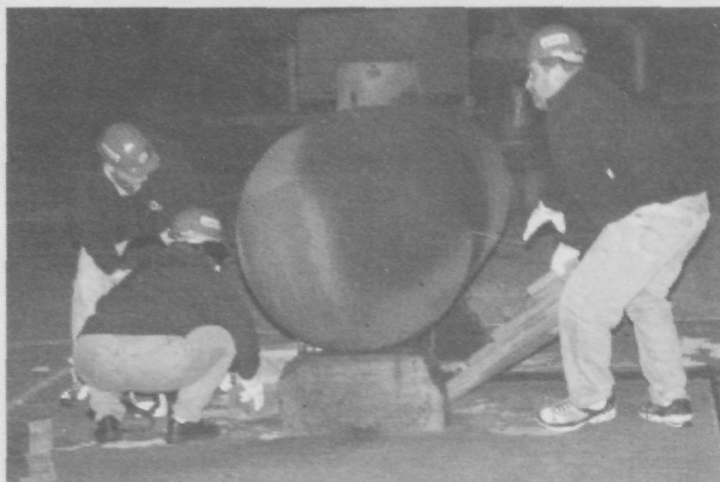
The award is named for Bob Keck, long time member of the Ponytail softball family who passed away suddenly last fall at the age of 48. Bob exhibited all of the attributes that make a great coach and role model for the players. Long after Bob's daughter had no longer been involved with Ponytail softball, he continued to volunteer his time in coaching. In fact, over the past seven years, a majority of the players who participated in this very successful program went on to the high school softball program and had been coached by Bob at one time or another, including most of the current high school Varsity players. It is through his love of the game, patience and above all, respect for his players, that Bob has left a legacy of success that future coaches should strive for.



Bob and Debbie Boyle are pictured with the plaque that they received for their donation toward the scoreboard. Also contributing was the VFW.



CERT Volunteers Undergo Extensive 8-Week Training



Volunteers undergo extensive emergency preparedness training in order to become Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. Training included instruction from fire and police departments, rescue squad personnel, as well as Emergency Management. After completion of the course, CERT members are certified to assist borough fire, police and rescue personnel in the event of emergency. See story on page 1.

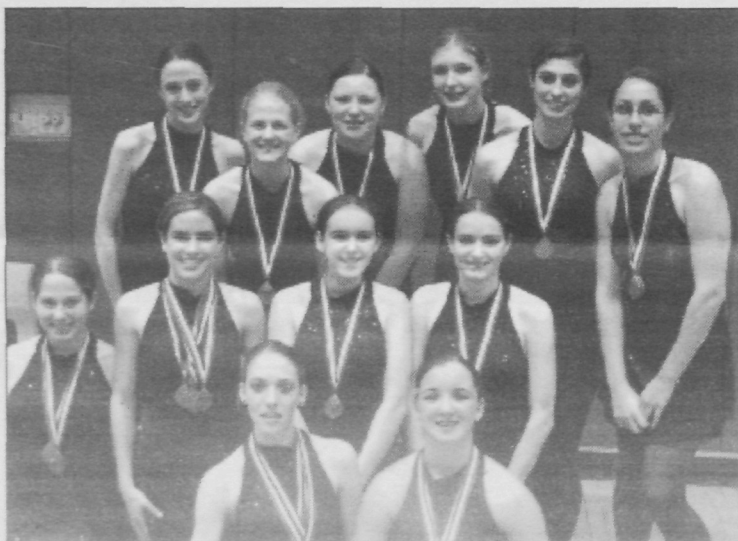


PBA Local 100 Raises \$12K at Golden Gloves

SPHS was the venue for the annual NJ State Golden Gloves boxing competition final bouts for PBA Local 100 on the evening of April 16.

The event showcased the best amateur boxers throughout the state, and raised nearly \$12,000 for local PBA charities.

The PBA would like to thank all of the businesses and organizations that helped sponsor the event. Special thanks go to the South Plainfield High School Booster Club, Dr. Cunecilla, the Polish Home and the Somerset County Police Pipe and Drum Corp.



Silver Dreams Winter Guard display their Gold Medals. Back row: Tara O' Keefe, Gina Butrico, Brianne Howarth, Nadine Yon, Nichole Aiello, Stephanie Troia; middle row: Kristen Gualano, Alyssa Maiorino, Alyssa Woodel, Katie Eder; front row: Amy Wagner and Sam Gentile.

Silver Dreams Strikes Gold!

The South Plainfield High School Silver Dreams Winter Guard captured their third straight first place finish at Sunday's Chapter X Championship held at Wayne Valley High School.

The guard made a few changes to their routine and added a few substitutions and scored an 88.4 to beat out Mincola High School for the championship.

Special thanks to Gaelle Amazon and Ashlen Udell for all of their support.

The Winter Guard will now travel to Wildwood this weekend to compete in the "Weekend at Wildwood"

competition against guards from the Atlantic Coast.

Congratulations to all guard members on their excellent performance on Sunday and good luck this weekend as you compete for the Atlantic Coast Championship!

Riley School Kindergarten Orientation Next Month

John E. Riley School PTO will hold a "Kindergarten Orientation" program for children entering John E.

Middlesex Co. Public Health Department Releases Emergency Guide Booklets

During a recent Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting John Pulomena, chairman of the Public Health and Education Committee, announced that, "The Middlesex County Public Health Department has developed two emergency guide booklets pertaining to general health and safety guidance for a variety of emergency situations as well as emergency contact information within each of our twenty five municipalities."

Pulomena continues, "The first booklet, *Emergency Preparedness Guide*, was created out of concern for the safety of Middlesex County residents and will assist them on how to prepare and how to protect themselves and their families." The guide book contains important information on preparedness for family members and pets and also has phone numbers and contact information to be added to Family Emergency Preparedness Plans. Copies of the 19 page guide will be available in each Municipal Clerk's office, library and local board of health

within the County and will be available to residents upon request. For requests please contact your local board of health.

The second booklet, *Emergency Guidelines for Retail Food Establishments*, was created for retail food establishment owners/operators to provide them with guidelines to use in the event of a fire, flood, power outage or similar occurrence. The information contained in the booklet will assist owners/operators to better prepare themselves to handle situations which may occur at their establishment in order to prevent contamination of food items. The booklet, which will

be distributed to all retail food establishments within twenty municipalities by the Middlesex County Public Health Department Registered Environmental Health Specialist staff, also contains a section where establishment owners/operators can write in important emergency contact information.

Pulomena concluded, "These educational booklets will assist county residents and establishment owner/operators to be better prepared to respond to an emergency event. Educational materials are an important source of information to the general public to assist in developing general preparedness."

Literacy Volunteers to Sponsor Two Workshops

Literacy Volunteers of America-Plainfield is sponsoring two workshops at the Plainfield Public Library.

The first workshop, Neighborhood Safety/Youth Gang Awareness, will be presented by LVA-Plainfield, the Union County Prosecutor's Office, alone with the Plainfield Police Department. This workshop will be held on Thursday, May 13 from 7-8:30 p.m.

The second workshop, Obtaining Your Driver's License, will be presented by Carol Bicket, a LVA Tutor

and the Pepi's Driving School. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 18 from 7-8:30 p.m.

LVA-Plainfield provides free services to local resident in both Basic Reading and English as a Second Language (ESL). For more information about the workshops or to inquire about tutor training being offered this summer, please call the LVA office at (908) 755-7998 or email us at stillman@lmxac.org.

The workshops are open to the public.

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Registration will take place on May 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee.

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Sports

American Martial Arts Competes in 2004 NJ Invitational and NJ State Championships

American Martial Arts, located at 902 Oak Tree Rd., is taking on all of the elite tournaments as it prepares for the upcoming 2004 Junior Olympics

this July. This April, a handful of American Martial Arts students, took on the 2004 New Jersey Invitational and the 2004 New Jersey State Cham-

pionships. Both were victories for American Martial Arts students.

NJ Invitational Championship Results:

Bringing home gold medals were Robby O'Connell (sparring, forms), Sommer Bovell (sparring, forms), Kalani Mackson (sparring), Isaiah Mackson (sparring) and Lamar Mackson (breaking).

Silver medalists were Matthew Manning (sparring), Craig Gorbunoff (sparring), Juan Arrubla (sparring), Lamar Mackson (sparring) and Juan Arrubla (sparring, forms).

Matthew Manning also took home a bronze medal in forms.

2004 NJ State Championship Results:

Gold Medalists in sparring were Denzel Mensah, Richard Kazandzhidi, Isaiah Mackson, and Kalani Mackson.

Silver Medalists in sparring were Sommer Bovell, Raymond Perez and Juan Arrubla.

Christopher Marrero took third place in sparring.

This May American Martial Arts will compete at the 2004 Big East Championship aspiring to hold its title as "The Best School" on the East Coast. American Martial Arts has held this title for three consecutive years already. Good luck and congratulations for keeping American Martial Arts at the top!

James Cook Honored at NJ Scholastic Hall of Fame Luncheon

On Sunday, April 4, the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association in cooperation with the N.J.S.I.A.A. held the annual Coaches Hall of Fame Luncheon at the Pine Manor in Edison. One of the honorees was South Plainfield resident James E. Cook, who received an award for being the top New Jersey Girls' Track and Field Official of the Year. Cook, a longtime sports official in the state, belongs to the North Jersey Football Officials Association, Board #33 IAABO Basketball referees, Union County ASA Softball Umpires, and

is currently serving as the first Vice President and Cadet supervisor for the Central Jersey Track and Field Officials Association.

Cook has been a Social Studies teacher for the past thirty years at Malcolm X Shabazz High School in Newark. This year he was selected for inclusion in the eighth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004*. Cook has been a resident of South Plainfield since 1995. He is the father of the late Chad M. Cook, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, Class of 2000.

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross in collaboration with the Plainfield YMCA are offering a series of Lifeguard Training Courses in the next few months. Individuals who are 15 years of age or older can register for the course. The course teaches individuals the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies and provides them with a Lifeguard Certificate upon successful completion. It also includes certification in CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid. The courses will be held at Plainfield YMCA located on Watchung Ave. in Plainfield.

There is a great need for lifeguards in different pools this summer and

throughout the year. Don't miss the opportunity to be trained as a lifeguard!

Session will be held June 4-June 11 and will be held on weeknights and one Saturday.

Please call (908) 756-6414 ext. 27 to register or for more information.

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By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Let us all see that this season is one of fun, learning and enjoyment for all.

The success of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is the result of our unpaid volunteers who have worked throughout the year. All of these volunteers have donated their time during the season and even in the off season. They deserve the credit and our thanks for a job well done. Individuals have worked hard making the SPJBC a better place for our kids. A lot of work has been accomplished at the SPJBC due to tremendous volunteer efforts. Thank you to all that have made a commitment. Recognize yourself as unique and valuable.

Our big Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was Saturday, April 17 at the Roosevelt School. This was a great night for everyone. The dinner com-



mittee made quite a bit of money for the SPJBC.

Anthony Celen-tano was in charge of this fabulous event.

A friendly reminder to all coaches, please make sure that you all have

membership cards when helping on the field. Most important is the Rutgers Certification that is needed. I am looking into another class that might be available soon. If you need this certification contact Lee Flanagan as soon as possible, do not be left out.

Our monthly meeting is coming up this Monday, May 3 at 8:30 pm. There are proposals up for vote to expand the Executive Board. The reason for these proposals is to bring a better service to the youth of the SPJBC. Come on out and see what is going on at the SPJBC and the "A new beginning."

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Barbara Bythell requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a front porch. Proposed porch lacks 30' required setback, 21.76 being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 104 Smith St. on Block 391, Lot 8 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, May 27, 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 Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 April 30, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Bonnie Robertson requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the installation of an above-ground pool. Proposed pool lacks 30' secondary front setback from Spicer Ave., 15' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 910 Belmont Ave. on Block 363, Lot 1 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, May 27, 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 Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 April 30, 2004

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

April 23, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 22, 2004.

A. Case #03-04—Angelo D'Albis. Block 129; Lot 7; 309 Libourel Rd. The applicant's request for a wood porch measuring 9 feet 2 inches by 28 feet 8 inches and with a 22.50 foot front yard setback was hereby GRANTED with (1) condition.

B. Case #14-04—Eric Wordel. Block 234; Lot 22; 117 Nassau Ave. West. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance for the proposed cantilever, with a 28.2 foot front yard setback; a proposed covered porch without walls, measuring 6 feet by 28 feet with a 24.2 foot front yard setback and a garage addition with a 6.2 foot westerly side yard setback variance was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

C. Case #15-04—Eleanor Stoner. Block 219; Lot 6; 328 Norwood Avenue. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance to construct an open porch with roof and no walls and depth of between 4 and 8 feet and a width of 16 feet and a 20.7 foot front yard setback was hereby GRANTED with (1) voluntary condition.

D. Case #17-04—Enrico Pigna. Block 38; Lot 10; 32 Fifth Street. The applicant's request for a second story addition with a 5.5 easterly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

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

\$40.25 April 30, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

April 21, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on April 20, 2004.

A. Case #03-01—Kilmainham Builders, LLC. Block 21; Lots 1 and 2; Block 22; Lots 1 and 8. Bellevue Place, Baker, O'Donohue and Tompkins Avenues. The applicant's request for final major subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$20.00 April 30, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield for use variance approval to create four (4) residential building lots in the M-3 zone to permit the construction of two (2) single-family dwellings and two (2) two-family dwellings at the premises described below, and any additional variances or relief deemed necessary by the Board.

The property in question is located at:

Block: 331 Lot(s) Portion of Lot 1
Street Address: 312 New Market Avenue,
South Plainfield, New Jersey

A hearing will be held on this application by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield, at the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, on May 13, 2004 at 8 p.m. All interested parties will be heard for the purposes of stating objections, protests or arguments against or in favor of the application.

The file, plans and maps relating to this application may be inspected in the Zoning Office of the South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey during regular business hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Dated: April 21, 2004
Applicant's Name: Ameriland, Inc. and Robert Tucceri
John J. Sullivan, Jr., Esq.
Attorney for Applicant
495 Union Avenue, P.O. Box 7
Middlesex, New Jersey 08846

\$43.75 April 30, 2004

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on May 12, 2004 at 10 a.m. prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

BUCKET TRUCK

Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works N.J.A.C. 10:2 EOE, ADA

Vincent Buttiglieri, Administrator/Clerk

\$33.25 April 30, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on May 18, 2004 at 10 a.m. prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent

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Vincent Buttiglieri, Administrator/Clerk

\$35.00 April 30, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Sleep On Call, Inc. on June 7, 2004.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded.

The Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality and safety of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Office of Quality Monitoring
Joint Commission on Accreditation of
Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook, Terrace, IL 60181
Or faxed to 630/792-5636

Or e-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org

The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An account representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey indicating the location, data and a time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirement.

\$70.15 April 30, 2004

PKD Kidney Foundation Meetings

The New Jersey Chapter of the PKD Foundation for Research in Polycystic Kidney Disease will meet on Saturday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Board Room of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. Taryn Egelanian of the PKD Foundation's east coast office will be there to answer questions about the foundation. The meeting is free and open to the public. Kidney-friendly refreshments will be served. If you have any questions or need directions, please call (732) 274-0850, (201) 823-4498 or (856) 935-5120 or email NJPKD@aol.com.

A support group for Polycystic Kidney Disease patients, their family members and friends in the southern part of New Jersey meets on the second Thursday of every month in the second floor Conference Room of The Memorial Hospital of Salem County, 310 Woodlawn Road/Route 45, 6-8 p.m. For information, call (856) 935-5120 or (856) 468-1727.

A support group for Polycystic Kidney Disease patients, their family members and friends in the central part of New Jersey meets on the last Tuesday of every month at St. John Vianney School, 120 Inman Avenue, Colonia from 7-9 p.m. For information, call (908) 925-3604 or (732) 396-8476.

Suburban Woman's Club Meeting

"Women's Health Issues" will be presented as the May program for the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club. The May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Ave.

Visitors and new members are always welcomed. For further information concerning membership or attending a program, please call (908) 754-7410.



Groundbreaking for Our Lady of Czestochowa's modular office took place on Tuesday. The new facility will contain four offices, a conference room and a handicapped restroom and ramp. On hand were (left to right) OLC Pastor Father Maciej Melnium, Stanley Werchinski of Stilo Excavating, Robert Longo from Cornerstone Architectural Group LLC, Bob Stilo of Stilo Excavating and Councilman Ed Kubala. The facility will be in place within the next two weeks.

Homeowner Wants Puddle Fixed

Two summers ago, resident Tom DeStefano was delighted to see that his street was on the list for repaving. Since then, he has been frustrated that his attempts to get someone to come back and fix the problem the repaving job caused in front of his Morton Ave. house has been futile.

A section in front of his home developed a huge puddle after the paving was completed.

When DeStefano complained, someone from the Borough came out and said that the trench may have been caused by PSE&G digging. It took a while to research, but in the end it the company decided they were not responsible for causing the problem.

Meanwhile, the puddle remains, turning into a small lake after a rain, and in the winter months freezing and causing a hazard.

DeStefano went to a council meeting to ask for help. The mayor asked Rob Russo from CME to take a look at the problem and come back with a



solution. He reported that the street sloped towards the lawn at that spot and needed to be leveled.

During the winter months, the Borough contracted with Stilo Paving to fix the problem, but cold and wet weather has made that impossible.

Spring is here, and DeStefano is still waiting.

According to Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri, after Stilo Paving finishes a job on Park Ave., they will correct the problem on Morton Ave. and the puddle will be no more.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

Kenneth Morgan

Well, we'll know pretty soon if those April showers will indeed bring May flowers (and late-arriving Pilgrims, no doubt). So, as we prepare to move from one month to another, let's take a moment for news from South Plainfield Library:

The Friends of the Library's big Book and Bake Sale is scheduled for tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have a pretty wide variety of books, A/V items and baked goods available at reasonably bargain prices. Please stop by and see what's available. And, if you decide to actually buy something, that's good, too.

We're between groups on the Video Circuit today. The latest group should be available early next week.

We'll follow our normal Storytime schedule next week. The programs are for children age three and older; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. There will also be a Books 'n' Babies program today and next Friday morning at 10:30. That program is for children under age three. For more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

Here are a couple of reminders for patrons: First, please keep track of your possessions. Unfortunately, there may be people in the library who don't respect private property, and it's very easy for your stuff to get lifted. We recommend that you refrain from bringing highly valuable items to the library. If you need to leave the building or the main reading area, please take your things with you. As always, thanks very much for your assistance with this.

Second, here's a word regarding computer printouts. Remember that you'll be charged the standard rate (10

cents per black and white page, 50 cents per color page) for all of the pages you print. Therefore, we advise you to use the "Print Preview" option on the computer before you begin printing. This will help you determine exactly how many pages your document will run, and allow you to select exactly which pages you want printed. It's a big help if all you want is the first page of a document that runs longer than "War & Peace." Ask at the desk if you need help using it.

Here's a more serious advisory: Lately, there have been difficulties regarding the conduct of some teenagers in the library. We are aware of the problems that their unruly behaviors are causing. Following a decision by our Board of Trustees, such disruptive behavior will not be tolerated by library staff. Uncooperative minors will be asked to calm down, or they will be told to leave the premises. If necessary, we are prepared to request assistance from the South Plainfield Police in extreme cases. Parents should be aware that, while young people are welcome at the library, it is not a hang-out or a playground. Please strongly urge your children to behave themselves here.

Finally, the deadline for collection of our library surveys was this past Monday. Now begins the Herculean task (even with Excel) of tabulating the results. We'd like to thank everyone who participated in the survey; we appreciate your help and value your comments. Be advised, though, that while the survey is over, we haven't stopped listening to you. If you have comments, opinions or questions to pass along, feel free to leave us a note in our suggestion box, send us a letter, or give us a call. (At present, we're not equipped to receive email.) We'll keep your views in mind.

That's about all for now. We'll see you next Friday.

Free Child Safety Seat Inspection

The South Plainfield Police Dept. will be holding a free child safety seat inspection on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in front of Burlington Coat Factory at the Middlesex Mall on Hadley Rd. For more information call the Traffic Safety Dept. at (908) 226-7693.

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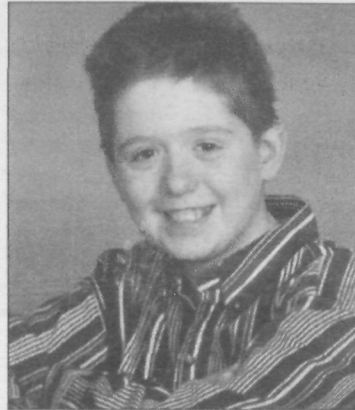
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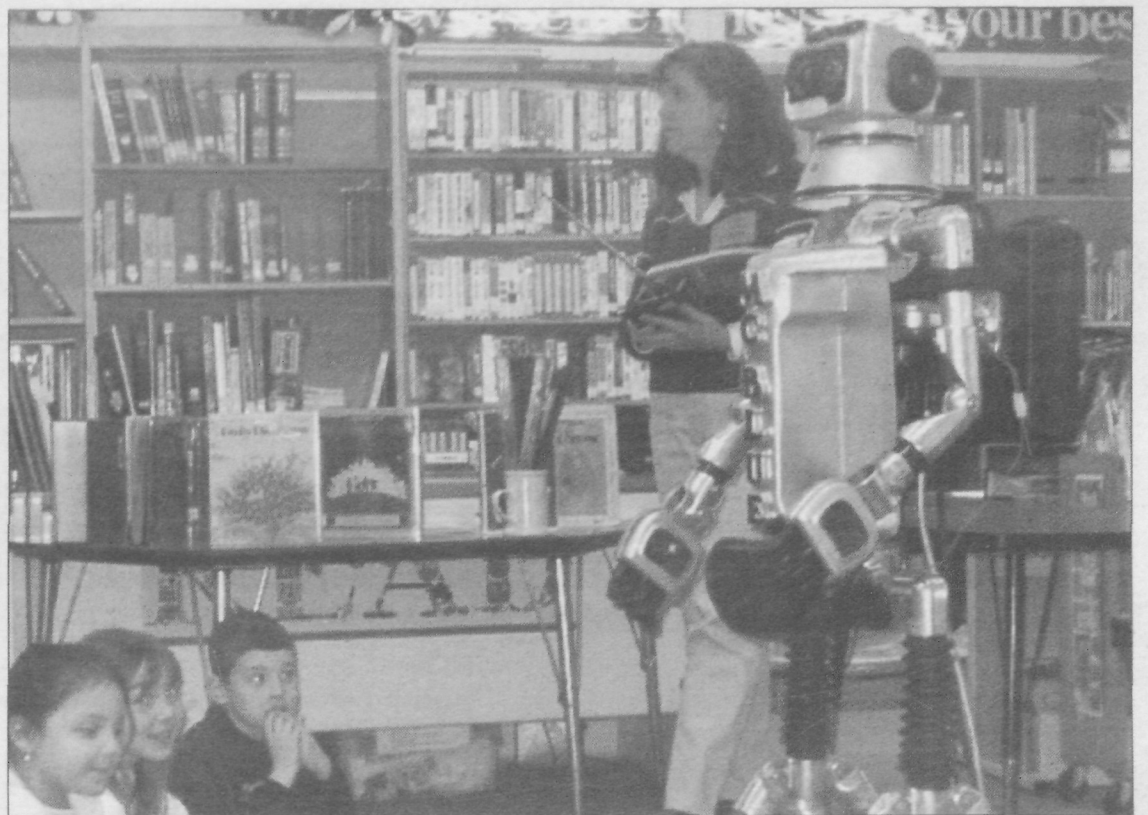


Ryan Lind

Ryan Lind and Erin O'Connor, both of South Plainfield, have been selected to represent the United States as student ambassadors for People to People. Erin and Ryan will be traveling to Australia for two weeks this summer with approximately 40 other delegates from New Jersey.

People to People is an organization started by Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 as a way to promote peace and understanding by bringing adults and children of different cultures together to learn about one another. Every year students are selected to travel to different countries around the world representing the U.S. In addition to learning about other cultures, these children learn how to function as a team, become more independent and be responsible.

Ryan and Erin are both fifth graders at Grant 5/6 Elementary School. Ryan is active in the music program and drama club. He is also a member of the Rutgers children's choir and swims for the Middlesex Blue Dolphins. Erin participates in the chorus, drama club and the yoga club at Grant School and plays recreation softball.



Franklin School students get a lesson on recycling from M.C. Blue.

Robot Teaches Franklin School Kids to Clean Up

Photo and story by Patricia Abbott

M.C. Blue, the nation's first fully recyclable recycling robot, paid a recent visit to Franklin School. The robot simplified the sometimes confusing process of recycling with a program called, "Recycle It or Not." The Middlesex County Improvement Authority sponsored program is "dedicated to protecting the environment and to promote good recycling practices in Middlesex County." Rosemary, a representative from the MCIA, ac-

companied M.C. Blue. Together they reviewed the materials that are recycled in Middlesex County. With the help of a video from the legendary Mr. Rogers, the students learned about the recycling process, and then were posed questions by an amazingly smart and alert M.C. Blue about what they had learned.

The presentation took recycling a step further, exposing the students to items made from recycled materials, including t-shirts made from plastic, doormats made from old tires, and

Frisbee-type toys made from old plastic. Each child received a pencil made from recycled money—the highlight of the day for many students.

Clerk's Office Open Late for Registration

Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri has announced that the clerk's office will be open late for late night voter registration. Residents can register on the evening of Monday, May 10 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Sacred Heart Seeks Craft Vendors

The Sacred Heart Home School Association is seeking craft vendors for the Sacred Heart Church Family Carnival being held on May 20 through May 24. Table space is \$25

each day for Thursday and Friday and \$50 each day for Saturday and Sunday. Please call Kathy Thomas at (908) 755-0891 by May 3 for information or reservations.

Obituaries

Alma E. Slattery (Borack), 84

Alma E. (Borack) Slattery died on Sunday, April 25 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Alma had lived in North Arlington, Kearny, Bricktown, Edison and Toms River before settling in Naples, Fla. 15 years ago.

She graduated from Dickinson High School in Jersey City in 1938 and a couple of years after, during WWII, Alma had met her first husband, John Murray, while working as a secretary in the Kearny Ship Yards. Later, she took time off from work

to raise her family and in 1960 Alma went back to working as a secretary, retiring in 1980. While retired and after the death of her husband John, she met and married Thomas Slattery while living in Bricktown. After the death of Tom, she moved to Naples, Fla. to live with her twin sister, Anna.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Murray and his wife, Nancy of South Plainfield, John Murray and his wife, Judy of Belvidere and Frank Murray and his wife, Susan of Columbia, Md. and a sister, Anna T. Benard of Naples, Fla. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

Phyllis A. Stewart, 72

Phyllis A. Stewart died on Tuesday, April 20 at her home, following a long illness.

Born on October 31, 1931 in Story City, Iowa, she was the daughter of Nels A. Johnson and Hazel B. (Soma) Johnson. After her birth, the family moved to Minnesota and she graduated from the East Chain Minn. High school in 1949.

While living in Dolliver, Iowa, she attended the Esterville Jr. College in

Esterville, Iowa, where she had earned an Associates Degree in Elementary Education. She then taught first and second grades in Ringsted, Iowa. On July 16, 1954, Phyllis was married to Donald D. Stewart in Esterville, Iowa and moved to Mankato, MN while her husband completed his education at Minnesota State University.

In June of 1957, she moved to NJ, living in Millburn, North Plainfield and in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield, where she had raised her family and had resided for the past 33 years.

In 1970 she worked for the former Standard Plastics division of the Mattel Toy Co. in South Plainfield, retiring in 1985.

Phyllis was a member of the Re-

deemer Lutheran Church of Westfield and also was a member of the New Independent Leather, Novelty and Plastic Workers Union of New York.

She was predeceased by a son, Dennis Stewart, who died in 1991.

In addition to her husband of almost 50 years, Donald D. Stewart, she is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Phyllis Stewart of Dunellen, Terry and Linda Stewart of Metuchen, Timothy and Evelyn Stewart of Shepherdsville, KY and Donald and Stefanie Stewart of Phillipsburg; a sister, Ferre Roesler of Waseca, MC and by her 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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IN YOUR OPINION

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 friends as he does everyday. He rode his bicycle to a friend's house on the block. While there, they were playing with TOY soft air pellet guns, which just about every young boy on the block and around town from what I have seen has. These guns are clear plastic with an orange tip (to denote that it is a toy) and either red or blue hand grips. After playing for awhile, the boys decided to take a ride on their bicycles, passing Grant School around 3:15 p.m. As he passed the school he saw another one of his friends who was waiting for a ride. This friend saw the TOY gun and asked how it worked. My son, innocently showed him by shooting at the sidewalk while sitting on his bicycle at the curb. The friend said he didn't see it and asked my son to do it again, which he did. The boys then rode off and returned home. Unknown to me at the time, another student ran into the school stating that someone was shooting a BB gun at the school, and identified my son as the SHOOTER. The principal immediately called the police and then the Superintendent, as required by law. A police officer pulled up in front of my home, finding both my son and me outside. I didn't know anything was wrong and he asked my son if he was by the school with a gun. Innocently my son answered "yes" and told the officer exactly what he did. The officer then informed me of the zero tolerance law that the principal will insist on enforcing. My son has been suspended from school for 10 days and was told more than once that he could possibly be expelled. After several meetings and conversations with school administrators, the best they would do was reduce the suspension to seven days.

After much emotional stress to my son and many unclear rumors racing all over town, I just wanted to set the story straight. My son has been beating himself up about breaking the law. I told him, you had no intentions of hurting anyone or damaging anything, so let's just chalk this up to one of life's many lessons. I also wanted to make parents and children aware of the seriousness of possessing a weapon whether it be a TOY or not, on school, or adjacent property, during or after school hours. In the school handbook this is listed as a level four offense along with cigarettes!!!!!!

SINCERELY,
 EILEEN DEBIASE

To the Editor,

In the aftermath of last week's defeated school budget I feel it necessary to set the record straight on a few critical issues:

The budget that was approved by the board and presented to the public for its approval was an honest (no far

budget. It was a budget \$142,000 under cap and represented one of the lowest percent and dollar per household increases in Middlesex County. It was lean by design out of this board's consideration for the taxpayers of our community. The unfortunate thing was that in a year when seats on the board were not going to be contested, turnout was even lower than usual. I realize that there are those that will come out to defeat a budget-good, bad or indifferent for any number of reasons and for those people that simply cannot afford a tax increase I respect their right to do so. But in a year when turn out was low to have a handful of individuals, at best, affect the outcome, based on the logic; there's not enough in it, so let's defeat it and then have it possibly reduced farther, when their real agenda was to punish current board members for political differences is unconscionable and it sickens me.

The lack of participation on the part of the parents is saddening and some of that I attribute to an unfamiliarity

with how the process works. I had one parent that said to me, "Well now you can go back and add more to the budget, bring it back before the voters and get it passed." It doesn't work that way. Once defeated, a district's annual budget is subject to review by the mayor and Council and faces potential further reduction. So be clear on this folks: some of those that opposed this budget wanted higher tax increases! On that subject and to those that felt more needed to be dedicated to capital funding, I would use the example of owning a house to make my point; there comes a time when after you've added your addition, you've done your renovations and you've painted all your rooms, you don't keep doing improvements just to spend money, especially in our case when those are taxpayer dollars that we're spending. I believe the normal routine maintenance of our facilities could have been covered by funds in the budget. Remember those that disagree with that want to raise your taxes more!

I have spoken with another mem-

ber of the community, in this particular case a business person that said, "Why didn't you just pad certain areas just in case it did get defeated?" I responded "Is that right, is that what you want? You want us to lie to you?" Amazing! As to the issue of salaries and benefits—last year's contract settlement with the teachers, to repeat it one more time, was below county average and included a future cost contain aspect whereas all new teachers would be restricted to an HMO, show me another district where that has been done? I say that with all due respect to the membership of the association as I believe they understand that considering the relative wealth of our community we cannot afford what perhaps the East Brunswicks, Metuchens and some of the other more affluent districts can. However at the end of the day we also need to remain competitive in order to continue to attract high quality candidates to teach in our schools. I know I speak for all the members of the board when I say that not one of us takes increasing anyone's

tax burden lightly. Yet we must still contend with the ongoing challenge of unfunded federal and state mandates and ever increasing special education costs.

On a personal note; I work hard for a living and with my wife and I having made the decision to have my wife for now be a stay at home mom any increased expense is felt in our household, in our family, in a real dollars way. But if the increase is fair and goes to support our schools and allows us to continue to work to improve them, we can justify it. In the event the budget does end up being slashed—in the event programs and personnel have to be eliminated and we're not talking paper clips and tissues, I only hope that the people who, based upon their mean spirited agendas, driven by strictly political differences, that contributed to the defeat of the budget, feel good looking into the faces of those kids whose lives they have affected. I know that I won't.

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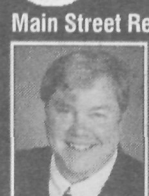


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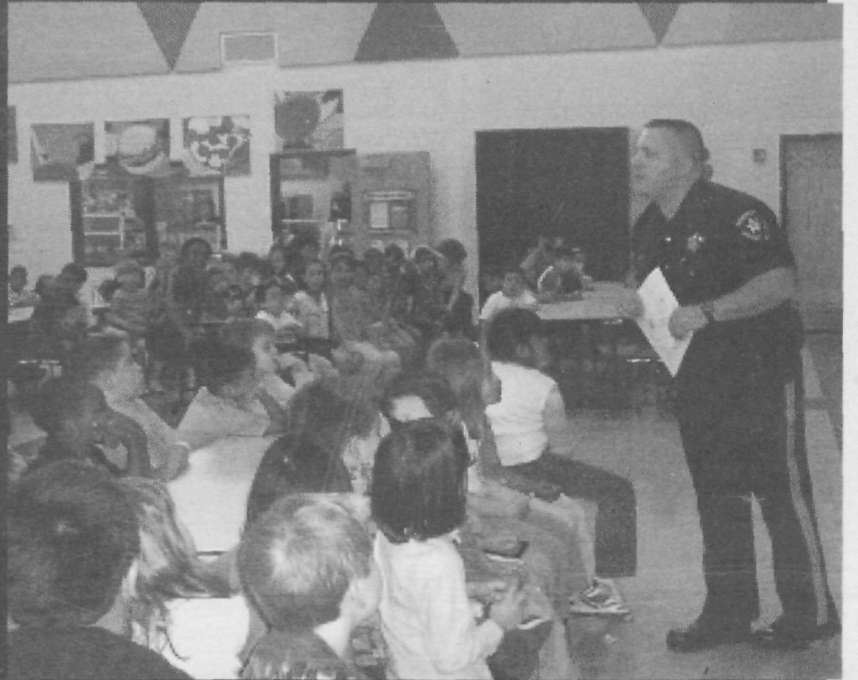


Franklin School Welcomes Chinese Dancers

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Sheriffs Talk Safety to Roosevelt Students

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Women's Career Panel Visits Franklin School



Franklin School held a Women's Career Panel presentation for fourth grade students on April 20. Mom's and school faculty participated in a question and answer session with students. All of the women discussed their past and present careers, their education and their homelife. The diverse panel consisted of a psychiatrist, realtor, beautician, accountant and other areas of employment. Pictured are (l to r) Ms. Podlovits, Ms. Crowne, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Lind, Ms. Farmer, Ms. Wilson and Dr. Kaplan-Sherman.



Franklin School Celebrates Earth Day



In honor of Earth Day on April 22, students at Franklin School decorated the hallways with rain forest displays. Art teacher Mary Ellen Kopf had each class choose a different animal and make paper cutouts. Several classes made shadow boxes depicting jungle scenes. The entrance to the school had a paper waterfall, a fog machine and a cassette tape playing sounds from the jungle. Parents were invited to visit the school to enjoy the displays.

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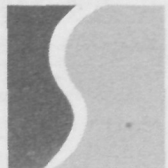
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