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## Defeated Budget Faces Scrutiny

*After voters defeat budget, council looks for cuts*

The recent defeat of the 2004-05 BOE school budget has many wondering what happens next. Tuesday night's council meeting was attended by more than two dozen teachers and employees of the Board of Education, asking just that.

When a school budget faces defeat, there is a specific process, dictated by the state, that must be followed.

Meetings have already taken place between members of the Board of Education and members of the Borough Council. Council members Kathy Thomas, Charles Butrico and Raymond Peronko have been reviewing and analyzing the budget, and asked the Board of Education for more detailed information on several items. They are looking not just to cut, but to justify the costs as budgeted. Councilman Charlie Butrico commented that the meetings with board members are not at all adversarial.

According to Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, the council will not make any decisions that will affect the education of school children and that no programs or positions will be cut.

The Municipal Governing Body must certify a tax levy to the County Board of Taxation by Wednesday, May 19. They can leave the budget as is, or propose a decrease in the tax levy. If they propose a decrease, they must provide specific written explanation and documentation for each line-item reduction.

## Fire Damages SBJBC Snack Stand



The Junior Baseball Complex snack stand sign sustained major damage as the result of a fire on Monday.

A fire at the Junior Baseball Complex snack stand caused enough damage to close the stand indefinitely.

At 12:36 a.m. on Monday morning, Officer John Petriello responded to a burglar alarm at the complex. When he arrived at the scene he found that the snack stand was on fire. If the burglar alarm had not

gone off, the stand may have burned to the ground.

Due to the quick action of Officer Petriello and speedy response of the volunteer fire department, the damage was contained and the building was saved. However, more than half of the interior of the snack stand was affected and is uninhabitable, and will probably remain so for the season.

An investigation has revealed that an outlet by the wall telephone was the accidental cause of the fire that resulted in considerable damage to the grill section of the snack stand. Fortunately, there was no structural damage, but most wall board needs replacing, as well as the counter across from the grill. Also in need of replacement is the ceiling and light fixtures, the ceiling fan and floor tile. The wiring will need to be straightened out and the structure requires extensive cleanup from smoke damage. Anthony Celentano, Rick Walton, Chris Hansen, Bill Lake and Lee Flanagan were at the fire scene until 3:45 a.m.

The snack stand is the main source of revenue during the season for the club. Profits are used to purchase uniforms and equipment, the materials and equipment to maintain the ball fields, pay umpire fees, award scholarships, and pay entry fees for the traveling All-Star tournaments as well as all insurance costs.

A major fundraising campaign has begun to help in the repairs of the stands. Tony and Guy Moretti

and the staff at Moretti Realty have generously offered to help set up a relief fund to assist in collecting donations. Send your contributions

to: Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. For more information, call Charlie Decker at (908) 755-5300, ext. 340 or email: [deckerc@MorettiRealty.com](mailto:deckerc@MorettiRealty.com)

Officers from both the Jr. Baseball Club and Woman's Auxiliary have been very busy trying to get the snack stand operational in some form. A recovery cleaning crew from DRS has been at the stand, cleaning the damage caused by the fire and smoke. The insurance company was scheduled to inspect the damage as we go to press, but some estimates say the cost to repair the damage could reach \$50,000.

Individuals and businesses from all over South Plainfield are once again stepping up to help out. The Recreation Dept. will lend two huge stainless steel grills, which the club will use outside the stand. The Red Cross is going to donate one of their canteen trucks. According to Stacy Lake, the stand will be open and selling food by Friday night. They plan to utilize the area under the awning for cooking and selling food. The snack stand at the Pony field is still open, and some of the volunteers scheduled to work the snack stand will be asked to go down to that field on occasion.

If anyone has any questions about snack stand duty they should contact Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531 or at the complex (908) 754-2090.

### Baseball Commissioner Extends His Thanks

On behalf of The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, I would like to thank the South Plainfield Police Department and The South Plainfield Fire Department for their swift actions on May 3. Officer John Petriello was answering a burglar alarm call at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club at 12:36 a.m. when he saw smoke coming from the Baseball Club snack stand. He immediately called for the Volunteer Fire Department. When I arrived to

Lee Flanagan, SPJBC Commissioner

the scene, I was amazed to see the number of volunteer firemen fighting an electrical fire at the SPJBC. These gentlemen have everyday jobs and this was early in the morning on a weekday. Due to the quick responses of both departments, the SPJBC clubhouse was saved. Again, I would like to thank you gentlemen for a job well done; many times your services are taken for granted. Consider yourself unique and valuable to our community.

### Park Restoration Complete

The restoration of Veterans Park has been completed and the park is now open to the public.

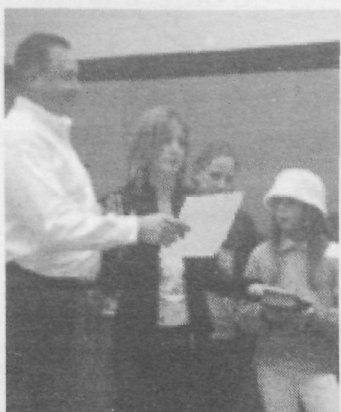
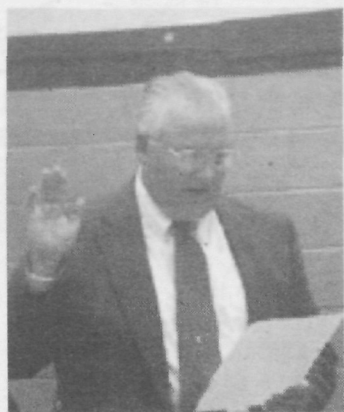
Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri said that all that remains to be done is the planting of new grass and shrubs around the park, which should be completed sometime this week.

Veterans Park was closed for more than a year and a half, after an oily tar began to surface in several portions of the park.

After a study by the DEP, which

also found asbestos in the park, the cost of the cleanup was estimated to be \$1.3M. A total of five bids were received and Clean Earth Environmental Services was awarded the contract with a bid of \$969,000. A \$250,000 Livable Communities Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection also helped in the cost of the cleanup.

T-Ball began playing on the field last Saturday, and the adult softball league will be using the park in the near future.



### Incumbents Sworn in at BOE Meeting

Board of Education members take the oath of office after their re-election. Pictured above left is BOE President Pio Pennisi. Above right is Terry Alexa with husband Don and their children. Pictured left is Steven Bohn, board vice president, with wife Dorothea and their children.





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### council meetings

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

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
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 (N.J.S.A. 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  
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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## IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

In spite of my own experiences with  
South Plainfield school administra-  
tors, I still found Eileen Debiase's let-  
ter from last week to be almost unbel-  
ievable. In case you missed it, she told  
the story of how her son is being sus-  
pended from school for seven days (a  
compromise, after an initial suspen-  
sion of 10 days), because he possessed  
and fired a "toy soft air pellet gun"  
adjacent to school property. She de-  
scribed the gun as "clear plastic with  
an orange tip and either red or blue  
hand grips"—clearly something that  
could not be mistaken for a real gun.  
But because of the "zero tolerance"  
law, the school administration feels  
compelled to suspend this boy.

Zero tolerance? What does that  
mean? As far as I can tell it is just an-  
other snappy catchphrase that politi-  
cians and bureaucrats like to use to  
create the impression that they are  
"tough on crime." What it really de-  
notes is a policy that is unbending re-  
gardless of circumstance and doesn't  
require people in positions of author-  
ity to think or take any responsibility  
for their actions.

Ms. Debiase claims that she and her  
son were unaware of this law, and  
while ignorance of the law is not an  
excuse, let's not forget that we are talk-  
ing about a child here. Unless Ms.  
Debiase is misrepresenting what ac-  
tually occurred, the punishment in this  
case is completely disproportionate to  
the "crime." I understand and agree  
with the cause of keeping guns (real  
ones and toys) off of school property,  
but isn't there some less extreme alter-  
native punishment? How about using  
some simple common sense? What  
ever happened to detention? How  
about assigning the boy to write a pa-  
per on the law and the reasoning be-  
hind it. He could read it to his class  
(or the entire school) and they could  
actually learn something. But that  
would require the school administra-  
tors to be creative and perhaps (gasp!)  
engage in critical and/or rational  
thought.

At this point the most valuable les-  
son that Ms. Debiase's son can draw  
from this experience is one that I  
learned from the principal at South  
Plainfield High School almost 25 years  
ago: as you go through life you will  
find that quite often people in posi-  
tions of authority are petty little men  
(or women) who are much more in-  
terested in holding on to their jobs  
than in actually doing them.

RANDALL MCCANN

Dear Editor,

On Monday, April 26, my daugh-  
ter and I were invited to attend an  
awards ceremony at Roosevelt School.  
This ceremony is held every year by  
the Board of Education to recognize  
students from the middle and high  
schools for outstanding performances

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in sports, music, art, dance, etc. My  
daughter was to receive awards for  
music, along with some of her friends.

Upon receiving the agenda, I no-  
ticed there was also a swearing-in cer-  
emony for the board members. This  
was the first order of business for the  
evening. Instead of the board going  
directly to awarding the certificates to  
the students, they decided to go over  
some agenda items.

At this point in time, I think every  
adult in the room knew that the bud-  
get had been defeated, but Mr. Smith  
and Mrs. Alexa decided to voice their  
own personal thoughts on the subject.  
Both of them were very upset that the  
budget did not pass. In fact, they  
aimed their anger at the parents in the  
room.

They said that the budget was de-  
feated because of the indiscretions  
among the board and former board  
members. Personally, I don't think the  
people who did vote the budget down  
did so because of the problems the  
board members were having.

From what I heard, a lot of people  
voted it down because they are tired  
of our taxes being raised every year.  
Whether it's the town taxes or the  
school taxes or both.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Alexa had no  
right to have a forum about the bud-  
get on this particular night. Were their  
comments made because there were a  
lot of parents there and they could  
convey a message to them? They prac-  
tically blamed us sitting there for the

budget failing!

How dare they steal the THUN-  
DER from all those wonderful young  
ladies and gentlemen! That was their  
night! How dare they throw up to  
those students that programs are now  
going to be cut because the parents  
voted the budget down.

A special meeting should have been  
called inviting the public to attend and  
to discuss the problems that will now  
surface since the budget was defeated.  
Let the public know what the conse-  
quences are. Let the public, if they  
wish, get up and voice their opinions.  
The last meeting (before the budget  
was put up to vote) was changed at  
the last minute and I'm sure that was  
why more people didn't attend.

Those students were at this meet-  
ing (along with their parents and  
friends) to be recognized for their out-  
standing accomplishments. So the  
public and the Board of Education  
could put a face on the names they  
have all heard and read about. They  
weren't there to listen to their parents  
get read the riot act!

In my opinion, this was done in  
poor taste. I was equally surprised that  
neither Dr. Rosado or Mr. Massaro  
saw fit to put a stop to the comments.  
Their comments could have been read  
at the public portion, which was con-  
tinued after the awards ceremony was  
over.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Alexa made  
quite an impression on those young  
people. Not only did I notice the con-  
fusion and disbelief on the students  
faces, the parents were not too happy  
about what was going on. After the  
ceremony, I listened to quite a few of  
the kids wondering what the heck was  
that all about and what did it have to  
do with the awards ceremony.

From now on, why don't we just  
leave the awards ceremony just that.  
Let the students have their special  
moments and enjoy their accomplish-  
ments that they worked so hard for.  
This should be a happy occasion, not  
an upsetting one.

GWENN KURILEW

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## Sacred Heart Family Fun Carnival Runs May 20-23

The official beginning of Sacred Heart's 100th Anniversary will be May 18, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

But to kick off the year-long celebration off with a bang, Sacred Heart will be holding a four day carnival, beginning on Thursday, May 20 and concluding Sunday, May 23. The hours are Thursday and Friday 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday 2 to 11 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 6 p.m. The winning 50/50 raffle ticket will be drawn on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The Sacred Family Carnival promises to have plenty of food, rides, games and a craft show. Advance ride tickets are now on sale. A sheet of 20 tickets is only \$10 and can be purchased after all Masses or at the Parish Center. By purchasing your tickets ahead of time, you are actually getting them at half price. Wrist band night will be Thursday, May 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 22 from 2 to 5 p.m.



Parishioners are reminded to return their raffle ticket books, sold or unsold to the parish center. If you who would like to purchase raffle tickets, stop by the parish center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. As of presstime, the raffle was over \$10,000 and still growing.

This year the Sacred Heart Family Carnival will have a variety of food to select from, supplied by area vendors. Of course there will be plenty of games and rides for all ages. It will be also a great opportunity for everyone to meet and great other parishioners and even get reacquainted some old friends.

The year-long celebration has been in the planning stages for months and many special activities planned for the celebration are about to start. Watch the *Observer* for the latest information and a calendar of events.



Anthony Simone, pictured with parents Ann and Sal, was recognized at the last Board of Education meeting for the exceptional SAT scores he received: 530 verbal and 660 mathematics for a total score of 1190. Anthony is an eighth grader at the South Plainfield Middle School.

## Girl Scouts Learn About Domestic Violence

During the month of April, twenty-five Girl Scouts, grades four through eight, participated in a Domestic Violence Workshop conducted by South Plainfield Police Department's Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Team. Senior Girl Scout Troop 117 worked with the team in planning and facilitating the workshops. The workshops and their badge requirements were developed four years ago through a joint effort of Joanne Otlowski, of South Plainfield Girl Scouts, and Gail Dougherty, LCSW, Team Coordinator of the Educational Outreach Team. Girl Scouts designed the badges.

Two workshops were held, one for girls grades four, five and six, and the other for girls in seventh and eighth grades. Topics covered for the younger girls included bullying, body language and self-esteem, with emphasis on social and interpersonal relations. Topics for the seventh and eighth grade girls included body language, communication skills and self-esteem, with emphasis on healthy dating and dealing with domestic violence. There were opportunities in both workshops for open discussions, as well as for asking questions.

To meet all the badge requirements, the girls had to complete a service project, which involved designing a domestic violence poster and/or deco-

rating a flyer that lists items needed at the women's shelter. During the month of May there will be a display at the South Plainfield Library of the posters and flyers made by the girls and of important information about domestic violence. Throughout the month, South Plainfield Girl Scouts will be collecting items needed by the women and children at the shelter who are victims of domestic violence. There will be a drop box by the display case in the library for anyone interested in donating new and unused items which include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and brushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. For children, needed items include children's toothpaste, child's toothbrush, child's comb and brush, coloring books and crayons.

Both workshops stressed that any form of domestic violence is not okay and help is just a telephone call away.

## Knights to Hold Annual "All American Day"

The Third Annual South Plainfield Knights of Columbus "All American Day" will be on Saturday, June 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. The Knights will be honoring the flag and the United States of America.

Events include raising the Colors and representatives from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm will be attending. Also, there will be ceremonies to dispose non-usable American Flags. Hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and desserts will be served for a price of \$3 a person and \$5 a family.

Please call (908) 755-6203 for more details.

## Bird Watching, So. Plainfield Style

Come join the Friends of the Woods bird watching caravan as it winds through the best birding spots in the Borough! The spring migrants are in town. This is the time to spot the warblers as they move north to breed. The Baltimore Orioles are back, you can hear the red-winged blackbirds buzzing, and a zillion cardinals have shown up. A spectacular broad-winged hawk has been circling around the Harris Steel area.

The caravan will meet in Putnam Park off Oak Tree Avenue at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8. Binoculars will be aimed at the trees here, and then across Park Avenue in the Oak Tree Open Space parcel behind the A&P. From there, the group will explore the Tompkins Avenue Open Space, Spring Lake Park, Highland Woods and the fringes of the Dismal Swamp.

Rain date is Sunday, May 9 at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Lisa Roseo at (908) 561-8280.

## Riley School Kindergarten Orientation

John E. Riley School P.T.S.O. will be holding a "Kindergarten Orientation" program for children entering John E. Riley School kindergarten in September 2004. The children will meet the Riley School teachers and staff, take a tour of the building, enjoy arts and crafts, snack time and go on a safety bus ride.

The program runs Wednesdays, May 19, 26 and June 2 from 9-11 a.m. or 12-2 p.m.

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

For more information, call (908) 757-5212.

### \*REMINDER\*

Property tax payments were due May 1. Payments received after May 11 may be subject to interest.

Residents may go directly to the Tax Collector office at Borough Hall. The hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Payments made also be made in the drop box outside Borough Hall.

## Clerk's Office Open Late for Voter 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.

## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Nicole Sottiriou Places Third in Gymnastics Competition

Nicole Sottiriou, age six, placed third in the all-around division of the NJ State Level Four gymnastics competition held on Sunday, April 25. There were 15 competitors, all had to score a 32.0 in a sectional meet in order to qualify for the states.

Nicole also placed second on floor exercise, fifth on the uneven bars and sixth on the vault and beam. Her all-around score was 34.525 out of 40.0. This is Nicole's first year competing. She trains at Henderson's Gymnastics Academy in Edison.



Nicole Sottiriou

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## 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.

## SPHS Athletic Boosters Meeting

May 11

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club's next meeting is Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. This is a very important meeting so please plan on attending. Agenda includes voting for officers for next year, discussing upcoming BIG track meets, Senior Letter Winner Dinner on June 15, Spring Sports Awards on June 10, summer meetings, requests from the coaches and any topics concerning our student-athletes.

Help is needed to work the snack stands for the major track meets on Saturday, May 15, Friday and Saturday, May 21, 22 and Wednesday, June 2. Anyone can help, even for just a few hours. No experience needed!!!! Members and non-members can help. Call Connie Besser at (908) 755-2409 if interested in helping for any one of these dates. It's all for the students!

## Troop 207 Car Wash

May 15

Boy Scout Troop 207 will be holding a car wash on Saturday, May 15 at the Middle School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will help sponsor an anticipated upcoming event in the summer and helps provide the scouts with needed supplies. Please come out and support the Boy Scouts. The cost will be \$5 per vehicle and if in the event of rain the car wash will be held on Sunday, May 16. Hope to see you there.

## AARP #4144

### Driving Course

May 15 & 22

On Saturdays, May 15 and 22, a defensive driving course will be held at Muhlenberg Hospital, which will allow a three-year discount on automobile insurance. You must attend both sessions! Any licensed driver can take this \$10 course, which will also remove two points, if you have them.

Call Mary for information at (732) 752-3764.

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<b>EVENTS</b> May 23: Dedication & Reception honoring Sue Mischka, Agnes & Gene Fidorilli May 26: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Everyone Loves Opal" June 10: Le Miserables at NJ PAC				
Adult Crafts 9:30am 10 Yoga 10:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 11 Ladies Social Grp 10am Lunch Available Computer Class 12-2pm Watercolorist Ludlow Thorston 1pm Men's Forum 1:30pm	Exercise 8:45-9:45 12 Line Dancing 10-11:30am Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am&1pm Atlantic City Trip 9am	Weekly Shopping 6 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Pinochle Club 1pm	Meditation Group 9am 7 Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available Bridge Club 12:30 pm
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## Sacred Heart Family Carnival

May 20-23

Ride tickets are now on sale for the Sacred Heart Family Carnival which runs May 20 through May 23. Purchasing ride tickets ahead saves you half the price. Tickets may be purchased after all masses at Sacred Heart and at the Parish Center. There will be rides, a variety of food and games. The carnival will take place on the Sacred Heart school grounds off South Plainfield Ave.

## Grant School presents "Once On This Island"

May 19 & 20

The Grant Elementary "5th/6th" School Drama Club will be performing the play "Once On This Island" on Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grant School Auditorium. Cost of the tickets are \$3 and can be purchased during lunch hours at Grant School on May 13, 14, 17 and 18 or by calling Grant School at (908) 754-4620. Tickets will be available at the door.

## 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.

## Night at the Races to Benefit Frank Foundation

May 22

A Night at the Races/Monte Carlo Benefit will be held to raise money for the Jonathan Frank Foundation on Saturday, May 22 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Post 243 located on Oak Tree Ave. Frank has been battling lymphoma for the past few years.

The evening includes Vegas style games, black jack, roulette, craps, 10 horse races and a Chinese Auction. Ticket price of \$25 includes beer, soda, hot and cold hor d'oeuvres, food, music and door prizes. Cash bar is available.

For tickets and information call Dick or Dianne or (908) 756-7549.

## Chad Cook Memorial Basketball Fundraiser

May 22

A basketball game to raise funds for a scholarship in memory of Chad Cook will be held at the South Plainfield High School gym on Saturday, May 22 beginning at 7 p.m. Chad Cook, a graduate of SPHS, was killed in an auto accident at the age of 20.

For tickets, t-shirts and information, call James Cook at (732) 309-7329 or Patrick Draper at (732) 407-3233.

## — Out of Town —

## Poetry-Slam 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.

## May Friend Day

May 7

Friday, May 7, is May Friend Day. 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

May 8

You 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. For information call (908) 232-5678.

## 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. Cost

is \$30. Proceeds benefit NJCAPSA. Space is limited. For more information, call (908) 325-0333.

## Grace Episcopal Mother's Day Concert

May 9

The Men's Guild and "Women of Grace" will present a Mother's Day Concert at Grace Episcopal Church, 600 Cleveland Ave. in Plainfield on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9 at 5 p.m.

Admission is \$10. Proceeds will aid the Building Restoration Fund.

## Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra to Perform

May 9

The Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra will hold 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.

## Parenting Lecture

May 10

The New Jersey Mental Health Counselors Association is sponsoring a parenting lecture on Monday, May 10 at the Highland Park Library, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

## Middlesex WOWs Meeting

May 11

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers meet on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center.

## Woodbridge WOWs Meeting

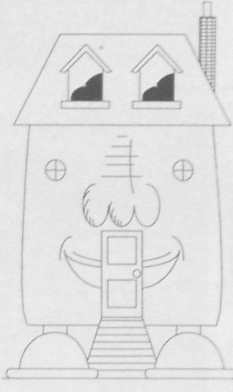
May 12

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will have a business meeting and social on Wednesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the main public library in Woodbridge.

## SEND YOUR EVENTSTO:

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Ladies Auxiliary President Tracy Smizaski presents a winning basket.

## Basket Bingo at Rescue Squad

by Patricia Abbott

While basket bingo might sound a little different, it was a major function sponsored by the South Plainfield



Joan Cantamessa marks her bingo card.

Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary and it was a big hit. The second annual fundraising event saw much local support, as well as many out of town guests. The Auxiliary sold 100 tickets and raised over \$3,400 for the squad. Over 40 local businesses donated to

the game. The diverse prizes may have been a factor in luring in the number of guests. There were 24 games, seven raffle baskets, a "Guess the Number of Jelly Beans" game with a prize basket, 50/50 and many door prizes.

Ladies Auxiliary President Tracy Smizaski created the eye-catching prize baskets and the games were called by Auxiliary Vice President Denise Neto of Piscataway.

Some of the winners and prizes included Greg Rowlands, who won a cervical pillow from DeCosta Chiropractic, along with a one month membership from Curves. Six-year-old Matthew Fizur of Piscataway, the youngest Bingo player, won a \$50 dinner gift certificate donated by Bella Grotto Cafe. Amelia Andrade and her son, Edmond, both of South Plainfield, won the "Chocolate Lovers" basket sponsored by Miller Energy, and Becky Culbertson of Bridgewater won the "Cut and Style" basket donated by South Side Salon.

The Ladies Auxiliary supports the volunteer squad by working to raise funds for life saving equipment, training and more.

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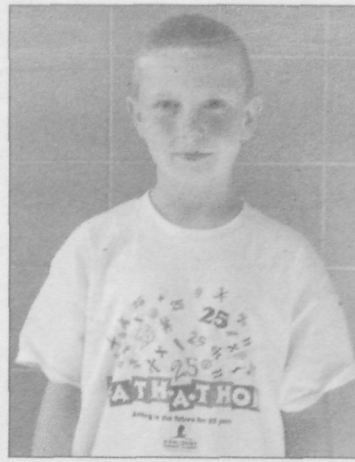
In last week's Milestones, we incorrectly identified Linda Towne's father. He is the late Louis Lunetta of Las Vegas, NV. We apologize for the error.

## Math-A-Thon Raises Funds For Children's Hospital

Franklin School held a Math-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The event, which began on Feb. 17 and ran to March 5, was coordinated by Janet Donnelly, fourth grade teacher.

The Math-A-Thon had 120 participants from Franklin School and raised \$5,886.

"The Math-A-Thon helps the children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and sickle cell diseases. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a world leader in the fight against these diseases and they have made great progress, but only because of the help of people like the citizens of South Plainfield,"



Michael Connolly, Franklin School fourth grader

said Mrs. Donnelly. "We asked that all citizens and businesses of South Plainfield support our students as they participated in the program and they did. We thank you greatly."

The prizes were as follows for students who participated in the Math-A-Thon: up to \$35—certificate; \$35-\$75—certificate, Math-A-Thon T-shirt, free ticket to Six Flags; \$75 and over—certificate, Math-A-Thon T-shirt, free ticket to Six Flags, sports bag and the top fundraiser from the school won all the above prizes and a CD boom box.

Michael Connolly, fourth grader was the top fundraiser, collecting \$274.25.

## Free Workshop Reveals Ways To Slash College Costs

A free workshop presented by Mark J. Mauro, CPA, is being held for the parents of college-bound high school students at Raritan Valley Community College on May 11. The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make or how good a student you have.

The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or state school for less than the cost of a junior college and the single biggest mistake that nine out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

The workshop date is Tuesday, May 11 at Raritan Valley Commu-

nity College. This workshop class is from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The workshop is being taught by Mark Mauro, New Jersey's leading expert on paying for college and the author of *Hot to Give your Child a 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke*. Seating is free, but limited.

To reserve a seat, call toll free: 1-877-656-2727.

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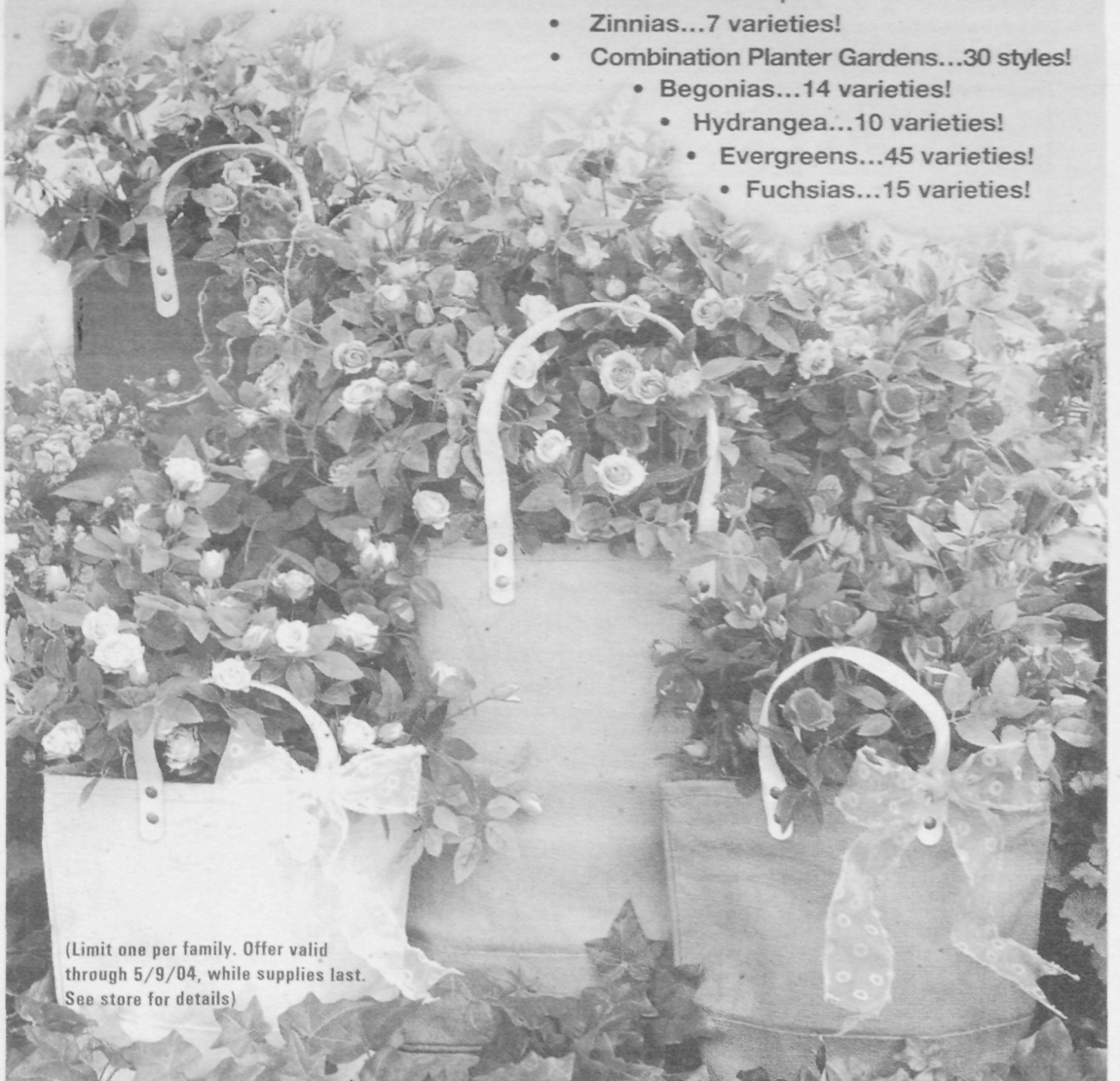
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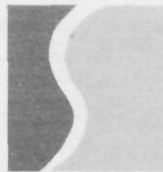
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## NOTES FROM The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

### Older Americans Month — May 2004...

### "Aging Well, Living Well!"

Each year in May, we honor and recognize older Americans for their important sacrifices and contributions to our society by proclaiming May "Older Americans Month." Older Americans Month originated with a presidential proclamation by John F. Kennedy in May 1963. It has been proclaimed by the president every year since then.

This year's national theme for Older Americans Month is "Aging Well, Living Well." The theme was selected to celebrate and recognize older Americans who are living longer, healthier and more productive lives. Older persons are not only adding years to their lives, they are also improving the qual-

ity of their lives.

In addition to achieving a healthier lifestyle, older persons must also take steps to prepare for later life. These steps include understanding housing and long-term care options; gaining financial literacy and knowledge of retirement pension and benefits and seeking opportunities for community participation and social engagement, including access to employment, volunteer, educational and leisure activities.

As we celebrate the lives of older Americans, we also renew our dedication to their well being. By maintaining and improving programs that assist older Americans, we help these im-

portant citizens enjoy longer, healthier and more productive lives. During this month, we can promote and pay tribute to the achievements and contributions of our greatest generation and reaffirm our commitment to their well being.

Senior citizens are our parents and grandparents, our sisters and brothers, our neighbors and friends. They are the "Keeper of Keys," our teachers and our inspiration. If you are a senior, make it a point to do something extra special for yourself this month.

If you know and love a senior in your life...show them how much they mean to you.



## Kennedy Kids Rock the House For Grandparents Day

By Jane Dornick

Kennedy Elementary School annual Grandparents Day was a blast from the past as the third grade classes hosted an "At the Hop" breakfast for their special loved ones. The school gym was transformed into a 1950's diner where everyone was treated to breakfast with bagels, breads and pastries. Students helped the adults with Bingo and a trivia question and answer game testing their knowledge of the fabulous 1950's. Winners won baskets donated by each class.

For the finale, music teacher Barbara Habeeb, led the youngsters through a round of Elvis Presley tunes. Then Elvis himself appeared (played by Anthony Quadrel) in his signature jeans, white t-shirt and leather jacket with guitar in hand. He shook the house with *Jail House Rock*. Everyone left with a souvenir photo of the fond memories of time spent together.



## Medicare Approved Drug Discount Cards Available

The Medicare Modernization Act was signed into law on Dec. 8, 2003. One provision in the law will provide a prescription benefit beginning Jan. 1, 2006. Until then, Medicare has authorized private companies to offer interim, voluntary discount cards.

If you have Medicare Part A and/or Part B and you don't have drug coverage through Medicaid, you can get a Medicare approved drug discount card beginning in May. You can begin using the card in June. The discount cards are good until Dec. 31, 2005 when Medicare's new prescription benefit begin on Jan. 1, 2006.

There are a number of important things you should know about this program. First, this is NOT insurance. It is a discount like you get when you buy something on sale. If you already have insurance coverage for drugs, DO NOT drop your coverage. It is too early to tell how much savings you will realize. These cards may save money on your totally outpatient prescription drug costs. Savings will vary and you might not save on every medicine you need.

You can only get one Medicare approved drug discount card at a time. You may already have a non Medicare

approved card. You can keep it and use it. And, if you do enroll in the Medicare approved drug discount program, you are the only person who can use it. You can compare drug discount cards at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling 1-800-633-4227.

If you spend part of the year in NJ and part of the year elsewhere, you consider a discount card that is offered in all states you spend time in.

Many Medicare approved drug discount card companies will have a list of drugs they will discount. You will only get a discount on the drugs that are on the company's discount drug list. It is expected that the discounts will run between 10% and 15%, with some drugs at 25%.

If you choose to get a Medicare approved discount card, you may also qualify for up to \$600 credit each calendar (2004 and 2005) to help pay for prescriptions. You must have no other health insurance with any outpatient prescription drug coverage (except a Medicare+ Choice plan or Medigap policy). Your annual income must be no more than \$12,569 if single and \$16,862 if married.

Companies offering the Medicare approved discount card are permitted to charge up to \$30 per year for the card. If you change cards, you will need to pay a new fee. Do your homework before you select a discount card company. Compare the drugs you take with the drugs on the company's list of drugs. You can compare drug discount cards at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling 1-800-633-4227.



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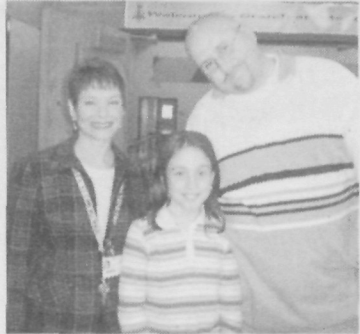


# Junior Journalist Corner



## Meghan Collins Named "Junior Journalist"

Roosevelt School third grader Meghan Collins is this week's winner



Roosevelt School Principal Jacqueline Keogh, Meghan Collins and teacher Michael Bertram

in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "Summer," affectionately written for a favorite pet, 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.

### Summer

By Meghan A. Collins

Summer was the best hamster a girl could ask for. She was more than just a hamster, she was my best friend. Whenever I had a problem she was there to talk to. Whenever I needed some cheering up, Summer was there. Summer did something very important when I came home from vacation. She was there to say goodbye, I love you, you were a great owner. The next morning she was gone, we gave her a funeral. She's been dead for 18 days. Not a day goes by I don't think about her and the way she used to wiggle her nose and the way she used to climb into her food dish. She was absolutely the best hamster.

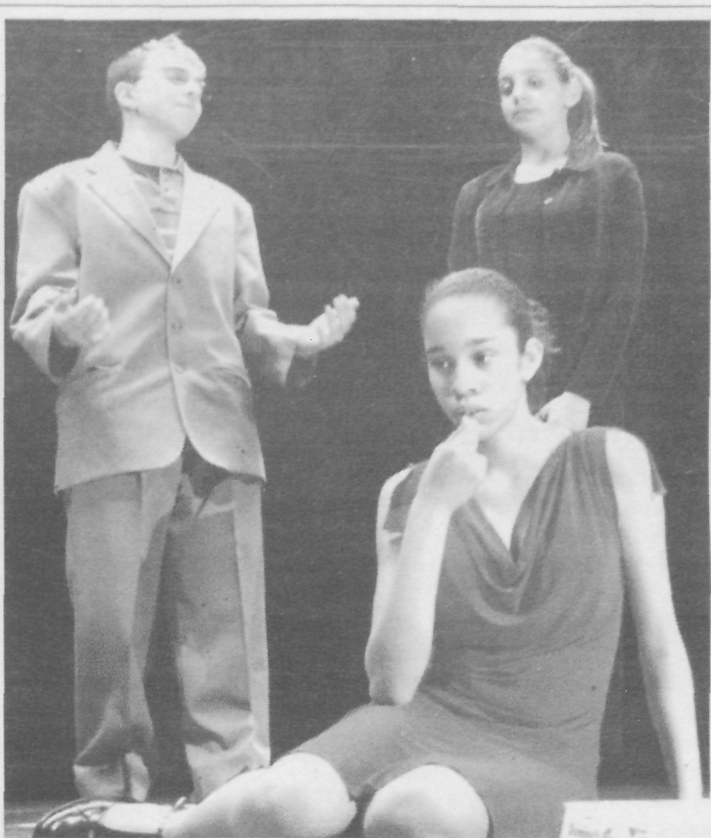


Photo by Patricia Abbott

## Middle School Play Gets Rave Reviews

It's no mystery that the Middle School Players recent production of *Whodunit and to Whom?* was a resounding success. The show was directed by Dale Salisbury, with Elyn Schwartz as Assistant Director. John Limyansky handled sound and lighting. On hand to offer general help was SPHS freshman Marissa Kline. The hysterical show, by children's playwright Robert Frankel, had more twists than spaghetti on a fork. In the final moments, just as the audience had figured it out, two new characters were introduced, throwing all previous ideas out the window.

## Women's Club Conducting Diaper Drive

Metuchen Edison Women's Club is conducting a diaper drive May 10 to 24 to benefit Amandla's Crossing, a transitional housing program for single-parent families.

Club members have recruited two local merchants who will act as drop-off locations for the diapers. They are What's the Scoop, located at 410 Main St. in Metuchen and Donna's Hometown Deli, located at 1018 Amboy Avenue in Edison. "These merchants have readily agreed to help us help others. We hope that everyone will stop to drop off some diapers and enjoy some great ice cream or a wonderful pastrami sandwich," said Julia Misurella, Diaper Drive Chairwoman.

Amandla's Crossing helps families get back on their feet by providing housing, counseling, day care and many other support services. They are in particular need of diapers size two and up, as well as diaper wipes.

## Oak Tree Farms Under New Ownership Holding Grand Opening Buffet

Oak Tree Farms on South Plainfield Ave. will hold a grand reopening on Saturday, May 8 to celebrate new ownership.

Mayor Gallagher will be in attendance for ribbon cutting ceremonies. The public is welcome to attend and enjoy a buffet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

#### ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield for the "BELMONT AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS-PHASE II AND SPICER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS" and publicly opened and read aloud at the Borough of South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 10 a.m. prevailing local time.

The project generally consists of the resurfacing and minor reconstruction of Belmont Avenue from Arlington Avenue to Hamilton Boulevard and Spicer Avenue within the Borough of South Plainfield, including bituminous concrete milling, hot mix asphalt base course pavement installation, two inch average compacted thickness of hot mix asphalt surface overlay, including sweeping, tack coating and other pavement preparation and related work, minor concrete repairs on Spicer Avenue and all other associated work as contained in the Contract Documents or as ordered by the Engineer.

Contract documents and plans for the proposed work prepared by David J. Samuel, PE., Borough Engineer, CME Associates, may be examined at the office of said engineer at 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, New Jersey and at the office of the Borough Clerk, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, during business hours and may be obtained at the Borough Engineer's office until 48 hours prior to the time set for the opening of bids upon payment of \$100 per set. No refunds will be made. Proposals and the Contract Documents must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder and the name of the work on the outside addresses to Mayor and Borough Council, Borough of South Plainfield and must be accompanied by a Statement of Consent of Surety from a surety

company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the owner. All bids submitted prior to the bid opening shall be mailed or delivered to the Borough Clerk at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or cash in the amount of no less than 10 percent of the bid payable without any conditional endorsement as a guarantee that in case the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will within 10 days thereafter execute such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond. Upon failure to do so he shall forfeit the deposits as liquidated damages and the acceptance of the bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement by the bidder. No interest shall be allowed upon any such certified check or cash. A bid bond in the amount of 10 percent of the bid may be substituted for certified check or cash.

Each bid must also be accompanied by a certificate from a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey guaranteeing that if the proposal of the bidder be accepted they will furnish the bond set forth in paragraph one of the General Conditions of the contract and the acceptance of the bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement.

The Borough reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications. The Borough reserves the right to award this contract based on funds available.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the laws of 1983, effective January 1, 1984.

During the performance of this contract the Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1976, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), all requirements of the State of New Jersey Worker Health and Safety Act (N.J.A.C.

12:110 et seq.) as amended and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) (29 CFR 1910), as amended with regard to worker and jobsite safety.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof. The successful bidder will be required to furnish surety company bond in the full amount of contract price indemnifying the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey for all proceedings, suits or actions of any kind of description and conditional for the faithful performance of the work.

All bid security will be returned to all Bidders except the three apparent lowest bidders with 10 working days after the opening of bids and to the three apparent lowest Bidders within three working days after the successful Bidder has executed the Contract and his Contract security has been approved by the Borough.

The award shall be subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Bidders are advised that the capital improvements are partially funded by the State of New Jersey, 1894 Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act and the successful bidder will be required to fully comply with the applicable current New Jersey Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction if and as amended or supplemented by the NJDOT Local Aid District Office.

The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its opinion it is in the best interest to do so and to award the contract for any and/or all items.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$129.50

May 7, 2004

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

FILE NO. 04 TPR 8

COUNTY OF DURHAM

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

MAKAEL DOVE

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF UNKNOWN PARENT(S)

TO: Stanley Ralphford/Unknown Parent of a Male Child born on or about 3/9/92 in County, Mobile, Alabama, and placed in the custody of the Durham County Department of Social Services on January 19, 2001.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition has been filed by the Durham County Department of Social Services (petitioner) requesting the Court to terminate any parental rights you may have to the above named child. You are required to answer the petition within forty (40) days from the date of the first publication of this notice (written below) and if you fail to do so, your parental rights to the child will be terminated.

NCGS 7B-1105 authorizes you to have a Court appointed lawyer to represent you in the termination action if you cannot afford to hire a lawyer. You may call the Deputy Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Durham County at (919)564-7028 for further information.

This the 7th day of May, 2004.

THOMAS W. JORDAN, JR.  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY  
CATHY L. MOORE  
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
P.O. Box 3508  
Durham, NC 27702  
(919) 560-0717

\$156.75

April 30, May 7 & 14, 2004

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE


An appeal has been filed by Marjorie Mingione requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a new porch roof. Proposed porch roof lacks the required 30' front setback, 27' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 3005 Norwood Avenue on Block 8, Lot 215 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

May 7, 2004



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# South Plainfield Postmaster Asks Residents To Help "Stamp Out Hunger"

Postmaster Michael Deignan announced that South Plainfield letter carriers will be collecting non-perishable food along their routes on Saturday, May 8 as part of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Stamp Out

Hunger!" food drive. "Stamp Out Hunger!" is a nationwide effort to help provide food to local food banks and pantries that help feed the hungry on a daily basis. "Simply leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, like canned

soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal, next to your mailbox before the time of regular mail delivery and our carriers will do the rest," said Postmaster Deignan.

The NALC's annual food drive has collected more than 585 million pounds of food over the past 11 years, including over 60 million pounds last year alone, making it the largest single-day food drive in the nation.

"I'm really proud of our employees for participating in the NALC's *Stamp Out Hunger!* food drive," emphasized the South Plainfield Postmaster. "Collecting food for the needy really demonstrates that postal employees do more than just deliver mail," Mr. Deignan concluded.

According to American's Second Harvest, the nation's largest hunger relief organization, 23 million people, including nine million children, live in households that experience hunger or the risk of hunger. This represents one in 10 households in the United States.

In addition to the U.S. Postal Service and America's Second Harvest, supporters of the NALC's *Stamp Out Hunger!* nationwide food drive includes Campbell Soup Company, Valpack Direct Marketing Systems, local United Ways throughout America and the AFL-CIO Community Services network.

To find out more about *Stamp Out Hunger!*, ask your letter carrier or visit [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org).



Members of Keystone Community were the guests of the South Plainfield Lions Club. Club members prepared and served a gourmet lunch to the residents there.



## Feast of St. Anthony Coming to OLC



Linda Pasco prepares for the Feast of St. Anthony at OLC by touching up the statue of St. Anthony, with the expert advice of Deane from the Painting Station. Each year the statue is placed on display during the feast and visitors put money on the ribbons attached to the statue. No one knows just how old the statue is, but it has been a fixture at the Feast for as long as anyone can remember.

The Annual Feast of St. Anthony will begin on Tuesday, June 8 and continue until Saturday, July 12 on the ground of Our Lady of Czestochowa church on Hamilton Blvd.

The feast is well-known for the delicious traditional home-cooked Polish/Italian food served during the week, as well as the variety of other entrees, including hot dogs, french fries, pizza frite, calzone, shish-kabob, roast beef, clams, shrimp, barbecue and desserts.

Folks can be entertained by live Polish music while they enjoy the food and a beer.

Advance tickets can be purchased after all masses and at the church hall on Tuesday nights, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30, June 5 and Monday, June 7 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Tickets are also available at The Corner Deli on Hamilton Blvd., Davis Stationary on Sampton Ave. and Sal's Spirit Shoppe on Park Ave.

## LEGAL NOTICES

<p><b>BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD</b> <b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY</b></p> <p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> <b>ORDINANCE 1663</b></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:</p> <p>Ord. 1663 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 347, LOT 8.08 (HARVARD AVENUE) TO HARRY POPIK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 7, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.</p> <p><b>ORDINANCE NO. 1663</b></p> <p>AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 347, LOT 8.08 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO HARRY POPIK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00.</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 347, Lot 8.08, said property being situated on Harvard Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Harry Popik, is the owner of a contiguous parcel, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 347 Lot 8.08 is not needed for public purpose or use, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owners on May 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, and questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.</li><li>Easements, both of record and not of record.</li><li>Restrictions of record.</li><li>Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.</li><li>In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.</li><li>In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in the event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South</li></ol>	<p>Plainfield as liquidated damages.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>At the time of second reading of this Ordinance, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of advertising, legal fees and associated costs incurred by the Borough. The purchaser shall be credited the cost of any appraisal previously paid by the purchaser as required by the Land Management Committee.</li><li>The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser.</li><li>It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.</li><li>Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition of the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.</li><li>The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser and shall not be subdivided at any future date.</li><li>Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.</li><li>Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.</li></ol> <p>This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.</p> <p>ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk</p> <p>\$149.00 May 7, 2004</p> <p><b>BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD</b> <b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY</b></p> <p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> <b>ORDINANCE NO. 1661</b></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:</p> <p>Ord. No. 1661 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LEFT HAND TURN PROHIBITIONS ON CERTAIN SECTIONS OF DURHAM AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.</p> <p>ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk</p> <p>\$22.50 May 7, 2004</p>	<p><b>BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD</b> <b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY</b></p> <p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> <b>ORDINANCE NO. 1662</b></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:</p> <p>Ord. No. 1662 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE LEASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 7, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.</p> <p><b>BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD</b> <b>COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b> <b>NOTICE OF PENDING LEASE</b> <b>ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY</b></p> <p>The lease ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on May 4, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at Borough Hall, South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, on May 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such lease ordinance follows:</p> <p><b>Title:</b> AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.</p> <p><b>Purpose(s):</b> Lease certain capital equipment from and approve the entering into of a Lease agreement with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority</p> <p><b>Appropriation:</b> Amount sufficient to amortize the lease payment obligations Bonds/Notes</p> <p><b>Authorized:</b> None</p> <p><b>Grants (if any) Appropriated:</b> None</p> <p><b>Section 20 Costs:</b> Costs of issuance to be allocated pro rata</p> <p><b>Useful Life:</b> In accordance with the equipment being purchased</p> <p><b>SCHEDULE B</b></p> <table><tr><th>Description</th><th>Estimated Cost</th></tr><tr><td>Bucket Truck - DPW</td><td>\$135,000</td></tr><tr><td>Ambulance - Rescue Squad</td><td>\$150,000</td></tr></table> <p>ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk</p> <p>\$87.50 May 7, 2004</p>	Description	Estimated Cost	Bucket Truck - DPW	\$135,000	Ambulance - Rescue Squad	\$150,000	<p><b>BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD</b> <b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY</b></p> <p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> <b>ORDINANCE 1664</b></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:</p> <p>Ord. 1664 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 347, LOT 8.08 (HARVARD AVENUE) TO HARRY POPIK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 7, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.</p> <p><b>ORDINANCE NO. 1664</b></p> <p>AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 347, LOT 8.09 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO HARRY POPIK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00.</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 347, Lot 8.09, said property being situated on Harvard Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Harry Popik, is the owner of a contiguous parcel, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 347 Lot 8.09 is not needed for public purpose or use, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owners on May 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. 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Ambulance - Rescue Squad	\$150,000									

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# Sports



Matthew and Victoria Boley were recognized at last week's Board of Education meeting for their outstanding athletic performances. Victoria was Central Jersey Sectional Bowling Champion, placed eighth at the NJSIAA Bowling Tournament. Matthew set a new school bowling record for highest season average of 211.7.

## South Plainfield Soccer Association Tryouts for Fall 2004 & Spring 2005

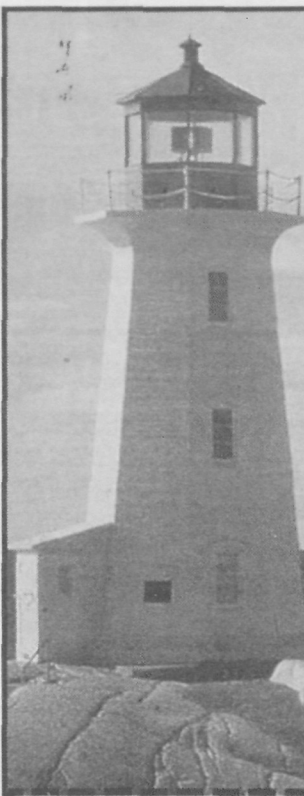
Boys and Girls Teams Ages 8 - 14

**Tryout location, dates and times:**  
The location will be at the Kenneth Ave. Soccer Complex. It is highly recommended that your child attend both tryout dates. Tryouts begin at 6 p.m. and attendees must wear shin-guards. The teams will be announced sometime in June. For registration form and more info, please go to our website [www.soplfdsoccerclub.com](http://www.soplfdsoccerclub.com).

U- Age	Born Between	Day On	Day Two
U-8	8/1/96 - 7/31/97	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-9	8/1/95 - 7/31/96	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-10	8/1/94 - 7/31/95	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-11	8/1/93 - 7/31/94	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-12	8/1/92 - 7/31/93	Tuesday, May 25	Thursday, May 27
U-13	8/1/91 - 7/31/92	Tuesday, May 25	Thursday, May 27
U-14	8/1/90 - 7/31/91	Tuesday, May 25	Thursday, May 27

You must tryout according to your birthday. Players must wear shine guards. Soccer cleats are optional.





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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.

At last Monday nights SPJBC meeting, this years scholarship winners were announced. They are Daniel Sierzega, who will attend Drexel University and Kyle Kazimir, who will attend The College of New Jersey. Each received a two-thousand dollar scholarship from the club. Congratulations go out to these two fine men.

Also, the proposal to expand the Executive Board and the proposal to add four assistant commissioners for a two-year term passed. There will now be four positions, plus four trustee positions up for election in June.

Positions up for election are:

**Assistant Commissioner/Baseball Operations** (new position)—elected for a two-year term (elected on even number years). Presides in absence of commissioner and administrative commissioner. Oversees all baseball operations. Oversees league directors and their meetings, also conducts league orientations. Ensures that all managers and coaches are club card members and are Rutgers Certified. When the SPJBC proceeds forward with fingerprinting and background checks, he is to make sure everyone is okay to manage and/or coach in the SPJBC. Coordinates officer on duty assignments. Oversees all special project fundraising. Oversees our booster fundraising program. This individual does have officer on duty assignments also.

**Assistant Commissioner of Buildings and Grounds** (new position)—elected for a two-year term (elected on even number years). Supervises maintenance of SPJBC buildings and grounds on the complex property and maintains machinery. Orders maintenance supplies and equipment, keeps records of all financial transactions that deal with buildings and grounds. Liaison to Public Works Department; schedules work details and ensures teams meet their parent requirements of work details. Oversees all field captains. This individual does have officer on duty assignments also.

**Assistant Commissioner/Head of Concessions** (new position)—elected for a two-year term (elected on even number years).

Oversees all functions of concessions including ordering, preparing and pricing of food. Maintains concessions in accordance with local requirements for safe food handling, preparing and storing practices. Oversees snack stand director and committee of concession captains. Oversees finances/budget and maintains financial records of concessions. Maintains records with regards to food receipts and inventories, as well as other records necessary for concessions. This individual does have officer on duty assignments also.

**Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations** (new position)—elected for a two-year term (elected on even number years). Works in gathering and submitting information for publication and dissemination like our Parents Handbook. Coordinates the Calendar of Events for the baseball club. Orders promotional sales items. Acts as liaison to the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken organization. Promotes the SPJBC when opportunities arise. Coordinates the Opening Day Program and the publication of the program. This individual does have officer on duty assignments.

**Trustee (player agent)**—(Elected every year.) Keeps records of all player registrations. Receives and reviews eligibility for all players. Prepares player rating lists for each league. Coordinates and conducts tryouts, player drafts and all other play placements; prepares team rosters for submission to league directors, managers and uniform and equipment person; notifies league directors of player replacements/changes. It might be in the best interest of the SPJBC that this individual is not a manager or coach. This individual does have officer on duty assignments.

**Trustee (safety officer)**—(Elected every year.) Provides safe environment for all participants. Creates awareness of safety, ensures Rutgers certification cards are held by all managers and coaches; ensures safety of all equipment and fields; coordinates any first aid training; reports all accidents and insurance claims to the SPJBC treasurer. Monitors and addresses all security concerns at the complex, including (but not limited to) clubhouse key disbursement and control, alarm activation, monitoring of clubhouse/snack stand access and monitoring and prevention of vandalism. This individual does have officer on duty assignments.

**Trustee (ads/signs/sponsors)**—(Elected every year.) Responsible for solicitation and renewal of team sponsors, ads and signs. Coordinates our annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Seeks corporate donations. Researches and submits grant proposals for money that may be available. Collects money for all ads, signs and team sponsors. Works with Assistant Commissioner of Public Relations on opening day program. This individual does have officer on duty assignments.

**Trustee (equipment manager)**—(Elected every year.) Obtains quotes and places orders for equipment in concert with the league needs. Keeps uniform inventory year by year. Orders all team uniforms for the SPJBC. Maintains equipment inventory records; distributes and collects equipment to and from team managers, as well as keeping records of equipment. Works with safety officer in maintaining equipment in safe working order; organizes equipment room. Oversees financial and budget information for equipment. This individual does have officer on duty assignments.

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.

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that kids often have an interest in. While 4-H is a youth development program, this club will welcome the full participation of parents' in meetings and activities, in order to provide an opportunity for parents and children to work together. The club meets at different locations throughout Middlesex County. Volunteers are taught how to provide a safe environment for youth so they can experiment and grow.

To become a volunteer in the Middlesex County 4-H program, con-

tact (732) 745-3446 or email [bovitz@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:bovitz@aesop.rutgers.edu). For more information on this or any 4-H Club in Middlesex County visit [www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices/4hclubs.asp](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices/4hclubs.asp) or contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 745-3446.

4-H offers educational programs to all youth, grades K through 13 on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.



Girls Scout Troop 431 and Webelo Den 2, Pack 224 cleaned up the Highland Woods during South Plainfield Clean-Up Day.

## Obituaries

### Austin Taylor Cortese

Austin Taylor Cortese, baby boy of Melissa Banghart and Jesse Cortese, who was born on Thursday, April 22 died shortly after birth at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandparents, John and Kathleen Cortese of South Plainfield; his maternal grandmother, Kathleen Henry and her husband, David of Lake Mary, Florida; his great-grandparents, Anthony and Helen Cortese of Piscataway and Robert and Lynn Ash III of New York. Also surviving are many aunts, uncles, extended relatives and friends.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the McCrisky Home For Funerals.

### Theodore G. DeWys, 46

Theodore G. DeWys, a long time soccer referee from Piscataway passed away last Wednesday, April 28 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield, after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. DeWys was born in Oosterbeek in the Netherlands in 1957 and emigrated to the United States in 1969, settling in South Plainfield. He lived in South Plainfield and in Jersey City before moving to Piscataway 15 years ago. After graduation from South Plainfield High, he went on to attend Rutgers College and The Rutgers Graduate School of Management. He earned a BA degree in Economics and a MBA degree in International Finance. After attaining his degrees, he worked at several local companies in the supply management and purchasing positions, including Triangle PWC, Airwick Industries, BASE, Philips Consumer Communications and LifeCel. He received several certi-

fications in his field, including the C.P.M. from the Institute of Supply Management and the CPIM from the American Production and Inventory Control Society. His last position was as manager of the Hardware and Software Procurement at the BCO Group in Murray Hill.

Mr. DeWys was also very active in his local community as a soccer official. After obtaining his USSF license in 1991, he went on to earn licenses as an Instructor, Assessor and Assessor, reaching the grade of State Emeritus Referee. He was also certified to officiate in high school and college matches, having officiated over 1,200 matches in all levels of soccer, including youth, amateur, division three professional games, the Greater Middlesex County Conference—high school and New Jersey colleges. Even when he was not officiating, Mr. DeWys could be found on the soccer fields of the Piscataway Soccer Club every Sunday afternoon, where he assigned and mentored a group of young soccer referees, many of whom became successful and confident.

Mr. DeWys is survived by his wife, Mary (Gordon) DeWys; three daughters, Amanda, Cassandra and Samantha DeWys, all of Piscataway; his parents, Henry and Susan (Mensink) DeWys of Locust Grove, Va.; a brother, Gerald of Union Beach, NJ and a sister, Miriam DeWys of Locust Grove, Va. Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, all of the Netherlands.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to The V Foundation for Cancer Research, 100 Towerview Ct., Cary, North Carolina, 27513; or at [www.jimmy.org](http://www.jimmy.org) or the North Stelton Volunteer Fire Rescue Company, 70 Haines Ave., Piscataway NJ 08854.

### Joan T. Bronish, 69

Joan T. Bronish died on Monday, April 26 at her home.

Born in Orange, Joan resided in South Plainfield for 26 years before moving to Chadwick Beach in 1995.

She was employed as a Director of Finance for AT&T of East Brunswick for 22 years before retiring in 1987.

She was a former member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of The Penn State Alumni Association.

Her husband, John T., Sr., died in 1986 and a son, John T., Jr. died in 1981.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia Price of Manchester, Joanne Christiansen of Beachwood and Peggy Nicholls of Alpharetta, Ga. and a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Nicole Bronish of Martinsville. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Yvonne, Sarah, Valerie, Nicole, Brian, Connor and Giana.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home For Funerals.

The family has requested that memorial contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

### Florence M. (Jaskulski) Zamber, 84

Florence M. (Jaskulski) Zamber of South Plainfield died on Thursday, April 29 at her home.

Florence was born in Erie, Pa. and was a former resident of the New Market section of Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield 55 years ago.

Florence was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield. She was a member of the South Plainfield Polish National Home and AARP.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Joseph Zamber, who died in 1987.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Keene of Greensboro, NC and Theresa Ann and her husband, Ed Kwalek of Hillsborough; her mother, Mary J. Jaskulski of South Plainfield; two brothers, John Jaskulski of Spokane, Wash. and Anthony Jaskulski of Huntington, Md.; three sisters, Mary Zajak, Irene Butrico and Theresa Bieleski, all of South Plainfield; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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

### Edward R. Colucci, 83

Edward R. Colucci died on Wednesday, April 28 at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in South Plainfield, Mr. Colucci was a life long resident of the borough.

A veteran of the United States Navy, he served in the Pacific's Solomon Islands during World War II as a machinist. He entered the service in December of 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1946.

A machinist by trade, he had

worked for many years for Man Roland in Middlesex before his retirement in March of 1985.

He was an avid golfer and could often be found at the Plainfield Country Club's West Nine Gold Course in Edison, where he worked as a starter and a ranger. He also enjoyed time bowling. Edward had participated with the bowling leagues of Somerset Recreation, Strike & Spare and the Blue Star Bowling Alley. In addition, Ed is also a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

His first wife, Concetta, died in 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Helen

(Rechowicz); two daughters, Barbara and her husband, Daniel Long of Md. and Marilyn and her husband, Robert Pruss of Fl.; a son, Edward J and his wife, Kathleen Colucci of South Plainfield; two sisters, Minnie Viotto and Pia Muzyka and a brother, Frank Colucci, all of Ca.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, 65 James Street, Edison, NJ 08818.

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## police report

On April 27 Xiomara E. Amador-Ruiz, 22, of Plainfield was arrested on Clinton Ave. for driving on a suspended license and for two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

On April 28 Scott Gas on Hamilton Blvd. reported that an air driven impact gun and a torque wrench were missing from the building.

A Calderone St. resident reported that someone tried to pry the screen off of a front bedroom window.

On April 29 Ruben Torres, 52, of Plainfield was arrested at Home Depot for shoplifting marble tile, sheet rock and wall anchors valued at \$868.

Holiday Inn reported the theft of a postage stamp vending machine.

On May 1 Daniel Demond Smith, 23, of Piscataway was arrested on Rt. 287 for driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license, rear left light out and headlight out at a motor vehicle stop.

A Day St. resident reported the theft of a garbage can from the front of the residence. Grass had been

dumped on the lawn, and the can was missing.

An employee of Penske Truck Leasing on Clinton Ave. reported that the rear driver's side door and quarter panel of his car had been keyed while parked in the lot.

On May 2 Eric W. Fernandez, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested at Liquid Assets for hindering apprehension and possession of a fraudulent document.

On May 3 the manager of the Woodlands complex reported that the basement door of a building had been kicked in. Nothing was taken.

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## Chad Cook Memorial Basketball Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 22, a memorial basketball game will be held at SPHS for a scholarship named after the late Chad M. Cook, who graduated from the school in 2000 and was killed at age 20 in a car accident.

Chad attended Bishop Ahr School before transferring to SPHS, where he was a member of the Varsity football team. He was active on the Plainfield Soccer Team and a member of the Franklin Track Club, as well as a youth usher at St. John's Methodist Church, until his untimely death. His parents are James Cook and Brenda Cook of South Plainfield.

Chad's dad, James, has coordinated the efforts to run the basketball game in honor of his son. The proceeds go to a memorial scholarship in Chad's name. All are invited to attend the game. Souvenir t-shirts may be ordered in advance. The game will start at 7 p.m. and the doors open at 6 p.m.

For tickets, t-shirts and other information, contact James E. Cook at (732) 309-7329 or Patrick Draper at (732) 407-3233.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

During the month of May the South Plainfield Girl Scouts will be collecting donations for a local women's shelter to help victims of domestic violence. A drop box will be in the library to collect the following items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Because children are often affected by domestic violence, the following items are also requested: children's toothpaste and tooth brush, children's combs and brushes, coloring books and crayons. Please limit your donations to 'new and unused' items only!

The library will be hosting an adult craft program on Monday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m.. *Practical Crafting* Instructor Rhonda Wisniewski will lead the class "Introduction to Fabric Painting," in which participants will learn techniques to make an original hand decorated Tee shirt. There is a materials fee of \$1 and students are asked to bring a washed and ironed white T-shirt. Class size is limited and registration is required, so stop by the library to sign up today!

The library will also hold an adult computer class, "E-Mail for Begin-

ners" on Wednesday, May 12 and 19 at 7:15 p.m. Librarian Allan Kleiman will be teaching students how to set up a personal email account, and how to send and receive emails. Students are requested to have basic mouse/computer knowledge before attending this class. Registration is required and class size is limited. If you have any questions or would like to register please call us at (908) 754-7885.

Please note that all Children's programs will be canceled the week of May 10. Regular storytimes for ages three and up are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. We also have a weekly program especially for babies and their caregivers. "Books and Babies" is held Friday mornings at 10:30. No registration is required!

As many of you may already know, we are busy planning for a new library building. The library will be holding a booksale on Saturday, June 5 to help defray some of the costs of this project. If you are interested in donating books, CDs, videos etc. please let us know!

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*Principal's List*—Alexandra Fee, Nicole McDonough, Patrick Ruiz, Aaron Pinkard, Jaclyn Thomas, Zachary Sikanowicz, Gerianna Pinto, Kaitlin Muglia, Alfonse Muglia and Adrienne Novak.

*Honor Roll*—Katelyn Christie, Jilleanne Gulotta, Nicholas Montuori, Jessica Napolitano, Richard Orteri, Lily Altamirano, Edward Ami-

rault, Brenda Eke, Alexandria Santos, Ashley Venino and Victoria Gaydos.

### Grade 7

*Principal's List*—Ashley Forbes and Ryan Hohner.

*Honor Roll*—Douglas Avery, Alexandra Grant, Aedan Bayona, Amaral Joseph-Dullon, Walter Rodriguez and Kaitlyn Salvatore.

### Grade 8

*Principal's List*—Danielle Johnson, Kadeem Gilbert and Elix Colon.

*Honor Roll*—Davonna Approvato, Rita Landry, Siebidi Mills, Jennifer Napolitano, Carmile Romano, Jonathan Abel, Megan McHugh and Allison Whitefleet.

## Silver Dreams Winterguard Take Third

The South Plainfield High School Winterguard captured the bronze medal this past weekend at the Atlantic Coast Championship held in Wildwood. The guard competed in the quarter finals on Thursday along with 30 other guards from several states. The guard advanced to the semi-finals with 14 other guards, which were held on Friday. By Friday night the news

was out...South Plainfield has made it to the finals to compete with nine other guards for the championship.

The Silver Dreams placed sixth in last year's competition and was eager to top that sixth place finish. For Senior guard members Amy Magner and Samantha Gentile, it would be a happy ending to their four years of colorguard/winterguard perfor-

mances. After the Saturday afternoon break, the guard got dressed in their uniforms, put on their makeup, did their hair and headed to the Wildwood Convention Center to perform in the final round of competition. The guard advisors and many guard parents who traveled the two and a half hours sat anxiously as other guards performed. When the Silver Dreams entered the arena, the crowd roared. The guard set up their flags and rifles and waited for the judges to announce, "South Plainfield, you may now take the floor in championship competition." The music from the hit musical *Fosse* began and the guard performed one of their best shows ever. In the end, the scores were announced and the Silver Dreams winterguard from South Plainfield High School had scored a 91.1, earning them the bronze medal in the Scholastic Novice Division.

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