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"Youth of Today, Our Leaders of Tomorrow" Theme for Parade

The Borough of South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee is proud to announce the 47th annual Labor Day Parade to be held Monday Sept. 6, at 10 a.m.

This year's theme is "Youth of Today, Our Leaders of Tomorrow."

Novelty, comedy, musical, civic and patriotic entries by area individuals and organizations are welcome.

The committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. To nominate an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send a letter stating why this person should be considered, along with the name, address, telephone number and accomplishments to: The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino-chair, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

To apply for a place in the parade, entries must be submitted by Aug. 15. Later entries will be placed at the end of the parade.

Applications can be picked up at South Plainfield Borough Hall, visit www.southplainfieldnj.com or call Kim Gallagher at 908-755-9874.

Eight Receive Governor's Teacher Award



The 2004 Governor's Teacher Recognition Award winners prior to their limousine ride to a luncheon in their honor.

The South Plainfield Education Association honored local educators with Governor's Teacher Recognition Awards at a luncheon in their honor at the Ramada Inn in North Brunswick.

Teachers are nominated for the award by panels from their respective schools based on the following criteria: use of effective instructional techniques and methods; establish-

ment of productive classroom climate and repore with students; and development of feelings of self worth and love of learning in students.

The teachers nominated then move on to the assistant superintendent level where a committee of parents, teachers, administrators and other citizens confirm the winners.

The following eight teachers received the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award: Richard D'Urso (High School), Terry M. Allen (Middle School), Joanne Haus (Grant), Patricia Ratti (Franklin), Ann Witkowski (John F. Kennedy), Lydia Svoboda (John E. Riley), Joy Czaplinski (Roosevelt) and Patricia Santillo (Roosevelt Administration). Together they have accumulated a total of 168 years of dedicated service to the children of South Plainfield.

Terry M. Allen, a seventh grade teacher at the Middle School, has spent his entire career as an educator in the South Plainfield School District, teaching fifth grade for 10 years at Kennedy, followed by 25 years in sixth and seventh grades. Allen received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Elementary Education and Administration and Supervision from Kean University. At the Middle School, he was the boys' basketball coach for the 25 years and also supervised intramurals at Kennedy for nine years. Allen served as president and vice president of the South Plainfield Education Association (SPEA) and was awarded the "Pride Award" by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) in 1998. He was also elected to the NJEA Delegate Assembly and was a member of the Middlesex County Education Association Executive Board.

Joy Czaplinski teaches kindergarten at Roosevelt School. She has been an educator in South Plainfield for 15 years, having also taught third grade. She graduated from the University of Tampa 22 years ago with a degree in Elementary Education and has earned graduate credits in Student Personal Services from Kean University. Czaplinski is a member of SPEA, NJEA, NEA and the Athletic Booster Club. She also serves as PTA faculty advisor.

Richard D'Urso has been an educator for 26 years, devoting his

entire career to the students of South Plainfield High School. He is currently teaching 9-12 grade graphic arts, although he has also taught metal and wood. He graduated from Trenton State College (The College of New Jersey) with a degree in Industrial Arts Education K-12. At school he is the advisor for the Graphic Arts Club, where he also served as tech coordinator for Middle States and S.A.E.T.E. Club, as well as a past member of Vision 2001. D'Urso is also a member of the Italian American Progressive League and Panasonic Kidwitness News.

D'Urso has devoted countless hours to serving the community and the high school, working along with the Graphic Arts Club and other students to create and donate numerous signs, banners and printed products for South Plainfield. Along with students, he participated in and filmed the annual Historical Society Conference. He also filmed and created video footage for guest speaker Sgt. McDonald, who captured Lee Harvey Oswald. He participated in and helped design the logo for the Tiger 24 Run and designed and created the scale model for the Fire Department Memorial. In addition, D'Urso raised and donated over \$5,000 to Desert Storm and \$10,000 to World Trade Center victims.

Joanne Haus teaches sixth grade math at Grant School. She has taught in South Plainfield for 27 years and has a wide variety of experience at various grade levels. At the elementary level, she has taught all academic subjects in grades four and five at Riley School and math and science in grade six at Grant. At the Middle School she taught seventh and eighth grade reading. Haus received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from The College of New Jersey (Trenton State College) and a Master's Degree in Reading Specialization from Kean University. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), SPEA, MCEA, NJEA and PTA.

Haus has provided many hours of service to the South Plainfield community. She was co-president of South Plainfield High School's Project Graduation Committee. She is a member of the South Plainfield Junior Woman's Club (Sixth District) and the Alumni Club, as well as the South Plainfield Field Hockey Association and the Athletic Booster Club.

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Trustees Seek Input on New Library

The South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees will hold two public forums for the purpose of obtaining input from our patrons on the proposed new public library. This is an opportunity for residents of South Plainfield to make sugges-

tions and recommendations concerning the new Library.

The forums, which will be held at the library, will be conducted on Tuesday, July 6, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

All residents are urged to attend.



Middle School students assemble for their promotion to ninth grade at the June 16 graduation ceremony held at Jost Field. See pages 6 and 7.

Front St. Railroad Crossing Closure Next Week

Residents are advised that on or about July 6 the Front St. railroad crossing will be closed to all vehicular traffic for reconstruction. The crossing will remain closed through July 8.

The railroad crossing on the Clin-

ton Ave. Extension is also slated for reconstruction on or about July 12. This crossing will be closed through July 14.

Detour routes will be posted, however motorists should avoid these areas if at all possible.

To make next week's edition...

The Observer will be closed Monday, July 5.
Copy and advertising must be received by Tuesday,
July 6 at 9 a.m. to be included in the Friday, July 9 edition.

Mark Your Calendars

Log on to
southplainfieldnj.com
for the latest meeting agenda

councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, July 12	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, August 9	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
July 6 and 20, Aug. 10 and 24,
Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28

zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
July 8 & 22, Aug. 12 and 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28,
Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—July 20, Aug. 17, 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.—July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, (Monday) Oct. 18, Nov.
16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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

siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21

recreationcommission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8
January 12, 2005

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

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

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference
room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.
July 19, August 16, September 13, (No meeting in October), November 15, December 13,
January 31, 2005, (No meeting February) and March 21

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ject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Observer.
All letters must be submitted with name and phone number, for verification.

Flag Day Ceremonies at Riley School



Cub Scouts of Wolf Den 5 at John E. Riley
School learn proper flag handling during
Flag Day ceremonies.

-Submitted by Marie Markey

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

I found Dr. Rosado's assessment
of rising test scores and his quick
credit to the teachers quite interest-
ing. I have no doubt that credit should
go to the staff; however, wouldn't one
think that some of the credit for im-
provement should go to the students
themselves? Shame on you, Dr.
Rosado, for not mentioning that.

As a parent, I have always expected
my children to work hard in order to
do their very best. I expect more from
them than the South Plainfield school
system ever will, because I know how
capable they are. By the same token,
I never pressure them about standard-
ized testing and I question the tre-
mendous merit placed on these
scores. There are simply too many
variables as to any given student's per-
formance on any given day. With that
attitude, my children manage to score
nicely and I'm sure they will continue
to do so.

Perhaps our staff is simply becom-
ing experienced at "teaching to the
test" as opposed to "teaching to the
students." Now teachers, please don't
misinterpret my message; I whole-
heartedly support the teaching pro-
fession. It's not as easy as some seem
to think. I just thought some recog-
nition for the students who actually
sat to take the tests would have been
nice... Way to go kids!

JANICE GRAY

To the Editor,

On behalf of the first Marine Divi-
sion Association, New Jersey Chap-
ter, I wish to extend to MacDonald
Corporation manager, Patricia Davis,

Submit Letters to the Editor:

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the same subject.

"job well done." Ms. Davis replaced
weather-battered American flags af-
ter the situation was brought to her
attention.

A few weeks ago, I stopped by
McDonald's on Oak Tree Rd. and
brought her attention to the condi-
tion of our country's flags. She was
most professional and courteous and
is truly a credit to your organization.
I went shopping at the A&P store

in the same area and returned to
McDonald's one half hour later. All
the flags had been taken down and
were neatly folded in a plastic bag. I
have delivered these flags to VFW
Post 6723 to have them disposed of
in accordance with Federal Flag
Regulations.

I must compliment, not only Ms.
Davis, but also her assistant for the
courtesy shown to this "old Marine."
In a day when we are all in peril after
9/11, I am proud to say that our or-
ganization still carries on the tradi-
tion of protecting our flag.

Again, we Marines salute your or-
ganization for having personnel such
as Ms. Davis and her staff.

On June 11, I was pleased to see
that new, bright American flags are
flying over your Oak Tree Rd. loca-
tion. I am certain that many citizens
share this same pride.

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Terra Nova Club Receives Awards from Garden Club

The Terra Nova Garden Club of Edison and South Plainfield won several awards at the Garden Club of New Jersey Annual meeting held recently at the Bridgewater Marriott.

Pictured above is Joan Lippi, president of the Terra Nova Garden Club, receives the Toms River Trophy for maintaining a mini garden education

center at the North Edison Public Library from Garden Club of New Jersey President Wini Applegate.

The Terra Nova Club also received a certificate of merit with Gold Seal for its Publicity Pressbook and a fourth grader and a fifth grader from Edison won the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster contest.

Panzarella Contracting Joins Adopt-a-Spot Program

Paul Panzarella, owner of Panzarella Contracting on New Market Ave., has adopted the new Monument Park on Lakeview Ave. for general litter cleanup and plantings maintenance. Volunteers and donations are developing this new borough park, which is devoted to recognizing the contributions of those who have served their country and community. Panzarella Contracting has just provided free planting of the shrubs that were donated by Barton Nursery.

Panzarella signed the Adopt-A-Spot

agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association in May. Four to five employees will work at the site on Mondays, removing litter and trimming the lawn and shrubs. If a large cleanup is needed, for instance after the Labor Day Parade, they will ask Public Works to pick up the bagged trash. Otherwise, they will handle disposal themselves.

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

Program Sets Out to Educate Children About Dangers of Hazardous Materials

Members of the Middlesex County Public Health Department's HAZMAT have been visiting elementary schools, teaching children about the dangers of hazardous materials and how to identify them. The first session took place with the fourth grade Roosevelt students and was taught by John Dowd from the Middlesex County Health Department.

"Children come into contact with hazardous materials every day at home, at school and in their neighborhoods," said Freeholder John Pulomena, chairman of the county's Public Health and Education Department. "It's critical to teach them what the containers look like, how the labels read and how to stay safe."

The program is tailored to different grade levels. Each one will help children identify the three forms of materials — liquid, solid and gas — as well as the different shapes and sizes of containers, including cleaning products, car maintenance products and other common household items.



A representative of the Middlesex County Public Health Department shows Roosevelt School fourth graders the HAZMAT truck.

The Roosevelt fourth graders were able to climb through the HAZMAT response vehicles, try on specialized clothing and see first-hand how the equipment will be used in their com-

munities every day.

To schedule this free program, call Dennis Bond of the Middlesex County Hazardous Materials Unit at (732) 727-6626, ext. 7161.

Riley Students Raise over \$11,000 during School Year

The students of John E. Riley School had a very successful school year, raising almost \$12,000 for a wide variety of charitable causes.

The largest amount raised was \$6,981.47 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Ninety-nine children participated in a math-a-thon, coordinated by Basic Skills Instructor Eileen Stellakis.

Eugene Clapsis, Physical Education instructor, conducted "Jump Rope for Heart" for the American Heart Association. He was assisted by Mrs. Timmermann, a Riley parent. More than 70 children participated in this event, which raised \$3,500, the highest amount in five years. Sal Esposito, a third grader, was the top fundraiser, followed by Brittany Coupe, a fourth grade student.

The Riley School Student Council, under the direction of co-advisors Kendall Shellhamer, the computer instructor and Angela Raimondo, third grade teacher, also ran several charitable events and fundraisers throughout the school year. They helped sponsor a "crazy hat and sunglasses" day to raise funds for the Avon Breast Cancer Walk in which one of Riley's teachers, Christine Dispenziere, will be participating. The Riley children raised \$504 for this very worthy cause.

Earlier in the year, the student council sponsored a school pajama day to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of New Jersey. Together, the students and teachers raised \$329 for this charity.

As an organization, the children felt it was also important to take part in community projects. Each year, the Student Council conducts school campus cleanups while stressing the importance of recycling appropriate litter. In the spring the student council members also helped plant flowers and weed and mulch the school grounds to maintain its beauty. They also sponsored a food drive this past winter that was extremely successful in collecting 500 pounds of food and necessities for the Middlesex County Food Organization

and Outreach Distribution Services.

The school also held a read-a-thon for Special Olympics which netted \$434.58, and \$40.81 was collected for Unicef at Halloween.

The Riley School faculty and staff encourage the children to reach out to others as a way of reinforcing the Character Education Program which is a pivotal part of the school curriculum. The children are involved in learning and having fun while helping others in need.

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SDW Presents Pirates of Penzance

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" at South Plainfield High School on July 29, 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. Call (908) 561-5255 for additional information.



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Events Around Town

Summer Scrapbooking Workshop at Wesley

July 9 & 10

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Dayel Giammarino, an experienced Creative Memories scrapbooking consultant will be teaching three sessions at Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave. on Friday, July 9 from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Each session costs \$5. Pre-registration is required. Children may attend if registered with an adult.

Call Dayel at (908) 754-4255 or email her at The8Gs@aol.com.

Class of 2005 Holding Car Wash

July 10

The Class of 2005 will hold a car wash on Saturday, July 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Middle School parking lot.

Cars are \$5 and trucks are \$7. Please come out and help support our class!

Office of Aging Public Hearing

July 12

The Middlesex County Office of Aging will hold a public hearing at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Monday, July 12 at 10 a.m. All concerned residents are encouraged to attend this meeting. It is an excellent opportunity to learn about programs and activities, to voice your ideas and concerns and pose questions on any senior citizen issue. The County Office on Aging wants to hear from you, so plan to attend this important meeting.

Trip to Foxwoods And Mohegan Sun

July 14-15

The Senior Center is sponsoring an overnight trip to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun on July 14 and 15. The cost is \$109 per person based on double occupancy and includes transportation, accommodations at the Hilltop Inn, a five-hour visit to Foxwoods with a buffet dinner, a five-hour visit

What's happening in JULY

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

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	We are looking for volunteers to help our Labor Day Parade Committee Sign Up at the Center Trip to AC Taj Mahal - July 7 & Aug. 5 Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to See "Heat Wave" - July 29			1 Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Computer Class 11&1pm
	5 Center Closed Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Men's Forum 1:30pm	6 Exercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am & 1pm Atlantic City Trip 9am	8 Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10am Computer Class 11&1pm	2 Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available Meditation Club 9:30am 9 Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available Mediation Class 9:30am
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

to Mohegan Sun including a buffet with a \$10 meal credit, breakfast at the hotel and a visit to Olyde Mystic Village, baggage handling and taxes. This trip is open to the public. You do not need to be a member of the Senior Center. Only six seats are left, so call (908) 754-1047 to reserve a seat.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

July 21

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Wednesday, July 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to eight years. There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten and summer camp programs. Everyone who registers will receive a free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service.

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

Charity Softball Tournament

July 24

A charity softball tournament will be held on Saturday, July 24 at 8 a.m.

to benefit Gary Muccigrossi, a South Plainfield police officer in need of a lung transplant. The tournament will take place at the South Plainfield High School ball fields.

The tournament will consist of three divisions: a men's division—men's slow pitch, double elimination, \$250 entry fee, \$500 prize (first place) and \$250 prize (second place); a women's division—women's slow pitch, double elimination, \$200 entry fee, \$200 prize (first place) and a charitable—co-ed slow pitch, single elimination, limited homeruns, \$200 entry fee. Deadline for registration is July 10.

Teams can register by contacting Det. Gary Cassio at (908) 226-7663 or Det. Chris Colucci at (908) 226-7662. You may also call the South Plainfield PAL at (908) 226-7714.

All other donations will be greatly appreciated to help defer all costs of the lab fees and medical costs for Muccigrossi. The rain date is July 25.

Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

July 29

A trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is scheduled for Thursday, July 29 to see the summer musical revue "Heat Wave." The great songs, music and dances of popular music will be brought to life in a fresh theatrical format you can't find anywhere else. The cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation, a luncheon and show. This trip is open to the public. You do not need to be a member of the Senior Center. For a reservation, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

SP Golf Association Golf Tournament

August 4

The South Plainfield Golf Association Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. The tournament benefits the South Plainfield High School Golf Team.

The entry fee of \$84 includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner and awards from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the tournament.

Registration and payment is due by July 19. Players can register on-line at www.spga.org, or they can print out and mail their entry forms.

For information, contact Dick DeAndrea (908) 755-1700, coach Mike Kavka (908) 753-6578, or visit the association's web site.

Senior Center EVENTS

— Out of Town —

Pro Beach Volleyball Tournament

July 3-4

JSVBA and Miller Lite present the second annual "Greetings from Asbury Park" Pro Beach Invitational Volleyball Tournament on July 3-4 on the 2nd Ave. Beach in Asbury Park.

Spectator admission is free! Beach access fees apply as required.

For more information, contact the JSVBA at (732) 714-9963, email to jsvba@aol.com or check out our web site at jsvba.com.

Willow Grove Bible Study

July 7-8

Come to Willow Grove this summer for an exciting new "Work in the Word" Bible Study to be held in Alexander Hall on Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, 10 to 11:45 a.m.

If interested, phone (908) 232-5678, e-mail wilgrv@netzero.com or check their website at www.scotchplains.com/wgpc. The church is located at 1961 Raritan Rd. across the street from the Scotch Plains Southside Firehouse.

Student Art Exhibit

July 10-31

A multi-media showcase of works by 19 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of

Art will be on exhibit, July 10 through 31, at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, a 135-year-old family business in Plainfield featuring fine art at 703 Watchung Ave. For more details, call (908) 756-1707.

Ronald McDonald House Benefit

July 14

Loews Cineplex in New Brunswick will present the film "Peter Pan" on Wednesday, July 14 to benefit the newest Ronald McDonald House. Making a special appearance will be Ronald McDonald to meet and greet all the children. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the movie starts at 10 a.m. Admission is a \$5 donation per person.

The new location in New Brunswick will open its doors to families by late summer. It will be located across from Bristol Meyers-Squibb Children's Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the Cancer Institute. There are currently 235 Ronald Houses worldwide; this will be the newest.

For information about Ronald McDonald House or the presentation of "Peter Pan," call (732) 222-8755.

Middlesex County Fair

August 2-8

The Middlesex County Fair Association is looking for non-food vendors. The fair will be held Aug. 2-8 at the fairgrounds on Cranbury Rd. in East Brunswick.

For information, contact Mary Lou Conover at (732) 416-1929.

USS Isle Royale Reunion

August 5

The USS Isle Royale AD is having its first reunion on Aug. 5-8, at the President's Casino in Biloxi, MS. Contact the reunion coordinator through the web page at: www.ussisleroyale.com, or mail to: George Lowell, Box 307, Hatfield, AR 71945.

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The 2004 Sacred Heart Precious Heartbeat Pre-K graduating class.

Sacred Heart School Pre-K Holds Graduation Exercise

The Sacred Heart Pre-K held their graduation on June 3. Students led family and friends in prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Father John Paul Alvarado and Sister Cornelia Ramirez awarded diplomas to the graduates. The children dedicated a farewell song to Sister Cornelia in her native language of Tagalog.

Then it was on with a beach-themed musical program which ended with rousing renditions of Beyond the Sea

and Surfin' USA.

Precious Heartbeats Class of 2004: Alexandria Barrios, Gina Bengivenga, Mryna Brignol, Country Cagle, Kaitlyn Cagle, Catherine Ann Cendana, Katherine Cole, Ethan Dodge, Alycia Locke, Melissa Mirasol, Steven Nguyen, Grace Ochoa, Zeli-Anne Policarpio, Rebecca Rhein, Margaret Robustelli, Kevin Rollins and Johnathan Titus. Their teacher is Miss Stacey Thomas and her aide, Mrs. Alice Bach.

Diegnan Bill to Expand Access to Pre-School For Low-Income Kids

Legislation Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan sponsored to expand access to high-quality pre-school programs to 4,000 low-income children in non-Abbott districts was released by the Assembly Budget Committee recently.

The pre-school program, the Early Launch to Learning Initiative (ELLI), is a key education component in the state budget for the 2005 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

"All children should have access to quality pre-school so they can begin their formal educational training squarely on the right foot," said Diegnan (D-Middlesex).

The bill (A-3124) would establish ELLI as a competitive grants program in the Department of Education; the state budget would provide \$15 million to the program. ELLI funds would cover the costs for non-Abbott, low-income children who live in districts that are not in the state's Abbott school funding program. School districts receiving grants would be encouraged to contract with Department of Human Services-licensed child care providers and Head Start programs and would use the grants to implement pre-school programs for four-year-olds.

Other costs would be funded through a combination of existing dis-

trict funds, collaboration with Head Start and similar child care programs. The bill also permits districts to charge tuition for parents who enroll their children in the pre-school programs.

"Too many families living outside of our Abbott districts do not have the means to enroll their children in pre-school," said Diegnan. "This will level the playing field by allowing less-fortunate families to give their kids the same jump start that we provide to children in Abbott communities."

A recent study by the National Institute for Early Educational Research showed the New Jersey leads all states in providing pre-school with high standards to low income children. Research on the pre-school program in the Abbott districts indicated that children are entering kindergarten with significantly better oral language and reading readiness skills.

It is expected the ELLI program will increase the percentage of four-year-olds enrolled in pre-school to over 70 percent of the low-income population and 52 percent of the total population during FY 2005. The program's goal is to provide universal pre-school by 2010.

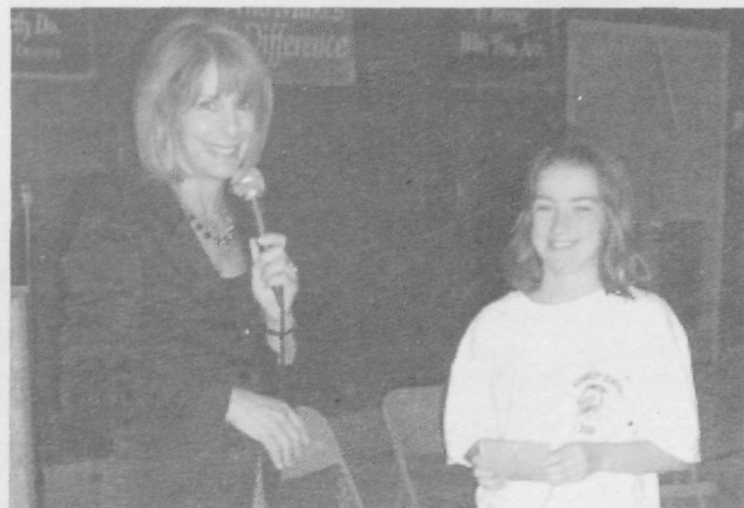
The bill is now poised for a vote by the full Assembly this week.

Diane Romano Named to National Honor Society

Diane Romano, a junior at Bishop George Ahr High School, has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The society invites only those students who have superior academic achievement and are among the top scholars in the nation.

Diane was also selected to be featured in the 38th edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Diane is on the Bishop Ahr cross country and spring track teams and is a junior volunteer at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.



Senator Barbara Buono presents \$100 gift certificate to Katie O'Brien, winner of the essay contest.

Kennedy Student Wins Essay Contest

Senator Barbara Buono (D, 18th Dist.), recently held an essay contest open to all fourth grade students in the county.

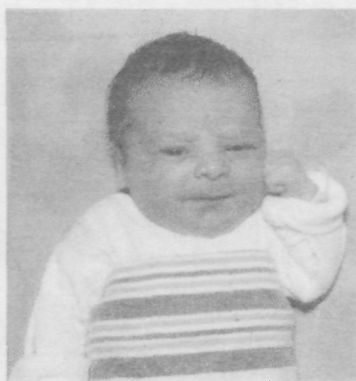
Students were asked to write an essay, 300 words or less, entitled "What my State Means to Me!"

One winner from every school district was chosen by a panel of judges including Asst. Superintendent of Schools Anthony Massaro, Curricu-

lum Director Mrs. Crown, Staff Developer Mrs. Martko and Grant School Principal Mrs. Burchell.

During an awards assembly held on June 18, Senator Buono personally presented Kennedy School winner, Katie O'Brien, with a \$100 gift certificate to Menlo Park Mall.

All of the fourth grade students also received citations and handshake from Senator Buono for their entries.



Brady Patrick Farrell

Farrells Welcome Birth of Son

Eric and Chris Farrell have announced the birth of their second son, Brady Patrick Farrell, who was born Friday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick.

Brady weighed in at eight pounds, one ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins an older brother, Colin, who will be two years in July.

New Position For Local Entrepreneur

Wayne W. Whitsitt of South Plainfield has been promoted to the position of Regional Sales Director with AmeriPlan Corporation.

AmeriPlan USA is the nation's leading provider of discounted health benefits. Its Independent Business Owners, numbering more than 60,000 across the United States, provide dental, vision, prescription and chiropractic discounts to more than a million nationwide. The company was founded in 1992 and is based in Plano, Texas.

AmeriPlan founders Dennis and Daniel Bloom, identical twins, created AmeriPlan with the dream of providing affordable health benefits. In the process, they also created a unique opportunity for its Independent Business Owners to build a retirement-like, residual income.

Recycling Center Day Holiday Schedule

The Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, July 6, due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend. It will be open instead 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7.

The Yard Waste Site, at the end of Kenneth Ave., will also be closed on Tuesday, July 6 and open instead on July 7.

Both facilities will be open as usual on Saturday, July 3.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.

Donnelly Commissioned Second Lt.

On May 29, 2004, Brian Donnelly was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, Brian, a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School, had attended Cornell on a Naval ROTC scholarship. On May 30, 2004, he graduated from Cornell University with



Lt. Brian Donnelly

Bachelor of Arts Degrees in both American Studies and Economics.

While at Cornell, he was the Battalion Commander of the NROTC

Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, where he is attending The Basic School, a six-month training course for newly commissioned Marine officers.

unit, president of his fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa, a member of Quill and Dagger, the senior honor society, and was recognized by the student newspaper in December of 2003 as one of the 25 most influential undergraduates on campus.

Brian recently reported for active duty at the

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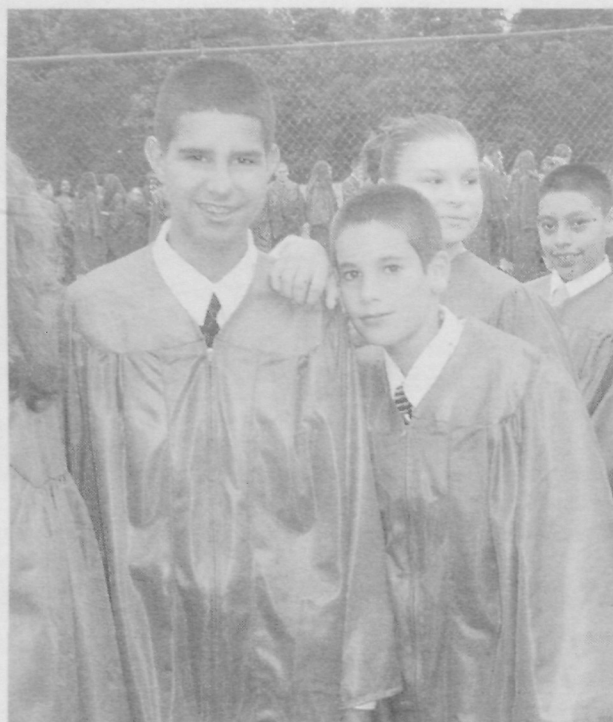
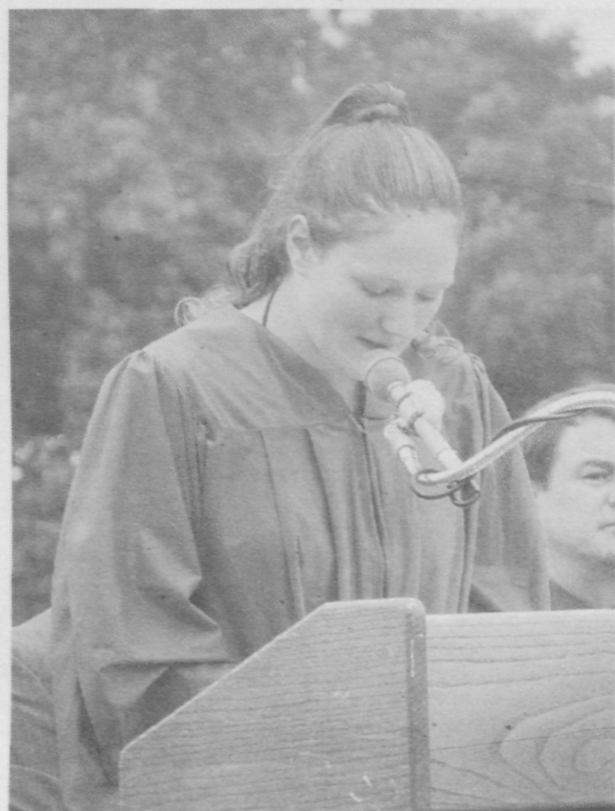
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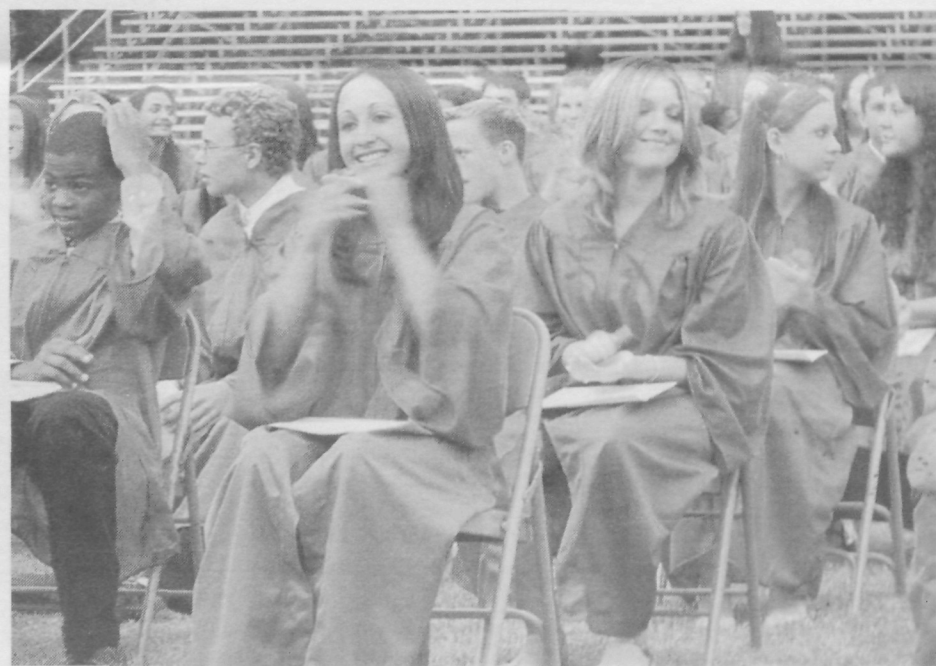
South Plainfield Middle School



The forty-first annual Middle School Promotion Exercise on June 16 at SPHS Jost Field was the culmination of nine years of elementary education. The eighth grade graduates were all smiles as they marched onto the field. After greetings and introductions by Middle School Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage, the students, along with families and friends, were addressed by Ashley Sacks, Student Council President; Jamie Okoszko, Team Lightning; Jessica Gray, Team Thunder; and Rachel Senz, Team Tsunami. Announcement of awards was presented by Phyllis Savage. Presentation of the class was by School Principal Frederik Oberkehr and acceptance of the class was by Dr. Robert J. Rosado. Board of Education President Pio Pennisi also spoke to the graduates. Members of the Board of Education awarded certificates. The SPMS Class of 2004 are now officially the SPHS Class of 2008.

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Elizabeth Ashley Blackford
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**Recipients of Gold Presidential Award

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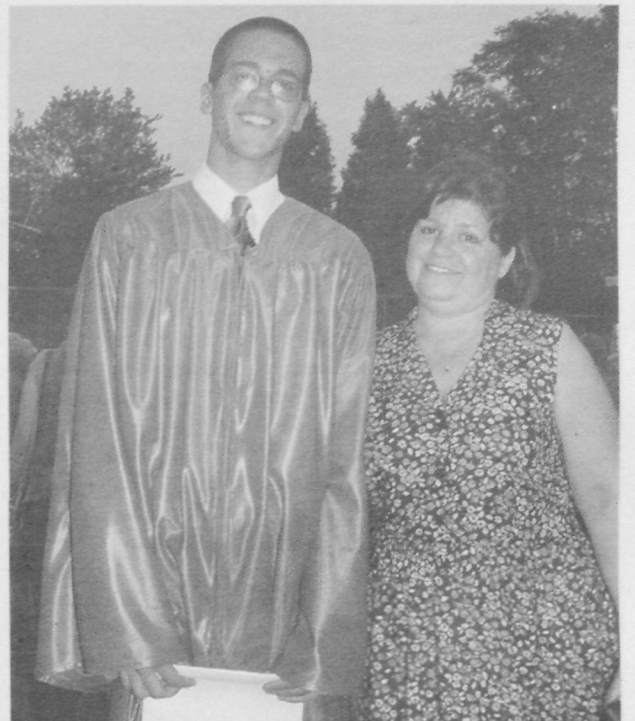
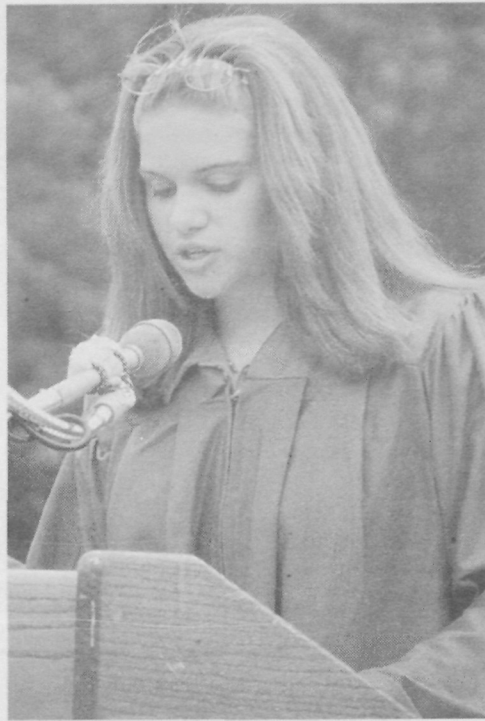
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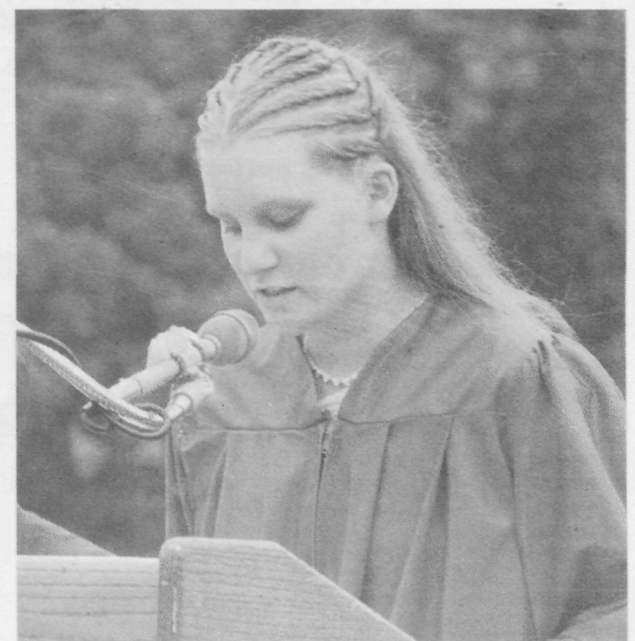
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Sports

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

By Lee Flanagan

Our 2004 season was completed this past week, when the Yankees in Pony A defeated the Phillies two games straight to win the crown. Trophies will be awarded in all leagues at our Annual Picnic Day on September 11.

Equipment will be collected from all teams through July 24. Please do not hold onto your equipment bag, it must be turned in immediately. There will be someone at the fields every night and weekend mornings so turn your equipment bag in now. Please put your team name on a piece of paper and put it inside the bag. Failure to turn the equipment in a timely manner may result in the manager and/or assistant manager from that team being denied the right to receive a team in the following season.

Our monthly meeting in July will be July 19 at 8:30 p.m., with no mid-month meeting scheduled. We will be looking for volunteers to assist the club in committee assignments for the 2005 season. So come on out and get involved for the kids of South Plainfield. Just sitting back and talking about is not the answer. GET INVOLVED!

A decision has been made not to have Fall Baseball at the SPJBC. This decision was based on the fact that our

complex needs to be worked on with projects like painting, field maintenance, and new lighting being installed on Fields #1 and #4.

Finally, our Summer Invitational Tournament started this past week at the SPJBC. We have 68 teams in seven age categories. Come on out and support our teams in All-Star play. I wish the entire South Plainfield Community a great summer, enjoy, relax and spend time with your loved ones.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By James Bishop

South Plainfield Sweep!

Last weekend our U14's, U12's and U10's all-star ponytail softball teams all won to complete the sweep in our South Plainfield softball tournament.

The Under 10's went 4-0-1 and defeated the Chatham Sparks in the finals. The Under 12's went 6-0-0 and defeated the Colonia Cyclones in their finals. And to complete the sweep our under 14's also went 6-0-0 and de-

feated the Clifton Chaos in their finals. Congratulations girls!

The South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association (SPPPA) would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this tournament a success! The snack stands at both locations ran smoothly, and the fields were prepared and kept in great shape.

Thanks for making this such an enjoyable tournament for the girls!

SPHS Varsity Boys' Tennis Review

By Tim Morgan

At the beginning of the South Plainfield High School Varsity Boys' Tennis team's season, many predicted that they would repeat as White Division champions. When the Tigers failed to recapture the title, there were people that could not help but view the season as a disappointment. Third year Head Coach Natalie Zeno takes a different stance though.

"Even though we did not have as good a year as expected, I still told them [my players] to hold their heads up high. Overall, I still think we had a pretty good year," Zeno said. "As long as they give their best efforts, I'm proud of them."

Last year, the Tigers went 15-1, one of the best records in South Plainfield history. However, expectations for a repeat of that were more unrealistic than might have originally appeared. The team graduated five seniors from its



Tim Morgan, Jr.

posted an 11-4 record, bringing their three year total to 38-7.

Zeno made it clear in her interview that she was quite satisfied with the results of this past season and that it was successful in many respects despite not meeting higher expectations. "For a relatively inexperienced level of Varsity, they did excellent," she said. "I (also) think the competition this year was greater than in past years."

Of the team's four losses, two were to Bishop Ahr and the other two were to North Brunswick, both of whom were surprisingly strong this past season.

There is also the factor that the lineup was moved around a lot. In high school tennis, by state requirement, the strongest players must be put in a certain order, and this is ensured by "challenge matches" within the team that must be documented, so with the new Varsity players came a lack of consistency.

"Once they settled into their roles on the team, things started falling into place and kids started doing their best," Zeno said.

Then of course, the uncontrollable weather had something to say about the progression of the season as well.

Varsity lineup and had no starting seniors who had played the sport for all four years. Despite these two factors, the Tigers

At the beginning of the spring season, the players could be seen shoveling snow off of the courts so they could practice.

In light of the obstacles they faced, the Tigers came in third in the White Division. They also qualified for the state tournament and won all their preliminary matches in the GMC Tournament.

Rookie of the Year senior Jonathon Hammond, whom Zeno called "a tremendous asset to the team," was the first single. MVP sophomore Gabe Avalos was second single, and Zeno said, "He's going to be the (team) leader next year." Rounding out the singles set was third single senior Adam Toth. Seniors Dave Allara and Earl Marcelo formed the first doubles team and senior Nick Doell and junior Huan Nguyen formed the second doubles team. Also, freshman Steve Breslau shows promise for the next few teams he will be on.

Freshmen Cindy Carlson and Leslie Quichua were the team statisticians.

This year's team had one of the highest turnouts ever with 30 athletes, 15 of whom were freshmen, creating a wealth of talent to be tapped into. Zeno admitted that the next few seasons would be building years but said she is looking forward to coaching them because of the amount of kids she has "waiting in the wing" who can step up to fill the roles of competitive Varsity players.

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ORDINANCE No. 1672

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2004, 2005 AND 2006.

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

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

POSITION	2004	2005	2006
PBA 100 SUPERIOR OFFICERS	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%
SERGEANT	82,075	85,276	88,602
LIEUTENANT	91,924	95,509	99,234
CAPTAIN	102,955	106,970	111,142
CHIEF	119,999	124,672	129,542

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$80.50
July 2, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1671

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

Ordinance 1671 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 19 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "LICENSE FEES" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 2, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1671

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 19 OF THE SANITARY CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "LICENSE FEES"

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

the following fees, as established by the South Plainfield Board of Health (prior to being replaced by the Health Advisory Board) be and are hereby amended as follows:

Description of Activity Under Permit	Fee	Expiration Date
Vital Statistics		
Marriage License	\$28.00	
Domestic Partnership Certificate	28.00	
Burial Permit	5.00	
Certified Copy	7.00	
Reinspection Fee		
For food establishment: (for each inspection)	\$50.00 (1st Inspection)	March 1
and other licensed establishments that results in a rating other than satisfactory	75.00 (2nd Inspection) 100.00 (3rd Inspection)	

All other fees and provisions of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.
This amendment becomes effective after final adoption and advertisement in accordance with the law.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$89.60
July 2, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1669

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

Ordinance 1669 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 524, LOTS 11 AND 12 TO LACKLAND ASSOCIATES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,000 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 2, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1669

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 524, LOTS 11 AND 12 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO LACKLAND ASSOCIATES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 524, Lots 11 and 12, said property being situated on the rear of Durham Avenue and Route 287, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, Lackland Associates, LLC, is the owner of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 524 Lots 11 and 12 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;

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 June 12, 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;

1. 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.

2. Easements, both of record and not of record.

3. Restrictions of record.

4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.

5. 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.

6. 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 Plainfield as liquidated damages.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$155.75
July 2, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1670

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

Ordinance 1670 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 2, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1670

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: PEACE AND GOOD ORDER

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

Amend Chapter 143-19 Violations and Penalties as follows:

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. In default of any fine imposed hereunder, any person convicted of violation of any provisions of this Article may, in the discretion of the court, be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days.

All other provisions of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment becomes effective after final adoption and advertisement in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$52.50
July 2, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1668

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

Ordinance 1668 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE ON BELMONT 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 Monday, June 21, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$22.75
July 2, 2004

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Obituaries

Jeanette "Jen" Abbruzzese, 81

Jeanette "Jen" Abbruzzese died on Monday, June 21 at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in South Plainfield, she was a lifelong resident of the borough. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine (Marrinachio) Salvatore.

She had been a secretary for the former Cornell-Dublier Co. of South Plainfield and stopped working in 1956 to begin raising her family. Ever since, she had been a homemaker who loved to cook.

Jen was a member of the Sacred Heart RC Church, the National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees and the 313th FA Battalion 80th Division of WWII Veterans.

Her sister, Carmella Abbruzzese, and two brothers, Louis and Rocco Salvatore, all predeceased her.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Dominick Abbruzzese and twin sons and their wives, Joseph A. and Donna Abbruzzese of South Plainfield and John B. and Darlene Abbruzzese of North Plainfield. Jen also had a special love for her two granddaughters, Staciann and Gina Abbruzzese.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265 would be appreciated.

Margaretta (Tyrer) Mohn, 87

Margaretta (Tyrer) Mohn died on Tuesday, June 22 at the Sea Crest Nursing Home in Little Egg Harbor.

Born in Jersey City, she resided in Plainfield and South Plainfield before moving to Little Egg Harbor in 1989.

She was employed as a fifth grade math teacher for Sacred Heart School for 22 years before retiring in 1981. A graduate of St. Elizabeth's College in Convent Station, Margaretta received her bachelor's degree in math and a teaching certificate from Kean University in Union.

She was a parishioner of St. Theresa's RC Church in Tuckerton and a former member of Sacred Heart Church. Most recently she had volunteered at the Sea Crest Nursing Home in Little Egg Harbor.

She is predeceased by a son, William Mohn, who died in 1961.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Mohn of 62 years; two daughters, Marilyn and her husband, Robert Callahan of Piscataway and Janet and her husband, Ronald Siecinski of Milford; two sons, Richard Mohn of Thornton, CO and Charles and his wife, Karleen of Menden, Mass.; a sister, Jean Tyrer of Lakeworth, FL; two grandchildren, William and Lisa and her great grandson, Gabriel.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Walter N. Kohut, 78

Walter N. Kohut died on Thursday, June 24 at his home.

Born and raised in New York City, he settled in Edison in the early 1950s.

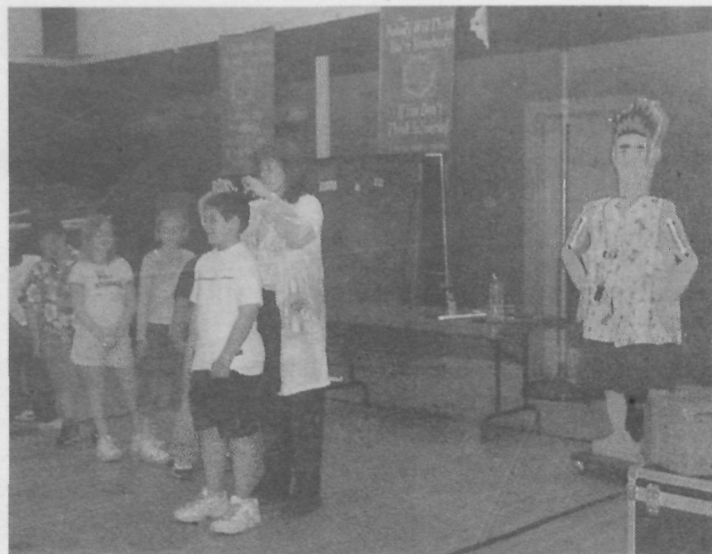
A machinist by trade, Walter was employed by Phelps Dodge in Elizabeth and was the local union president of the IUE AFL-CIO District #3 Local 441 of Elizabeth for many years before his retirement. Walter had also attended Rutgers night school, earning a Bachelors of Arts degree in labor management in 1981.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy (Kulpa) Kohut; three daughters, Debbie and Tom Wempa, Lisa and Walter Thompson and Lori and Anthony Parise; three sons, Gary and Susan Kohut, Ronald Kohut and A.J. and Angela Kohut and a sister, Jean Wilson.

Walter was also blessed and enjoyed 11 grandchildren. Also surviving are his beloved canines, Bo and Tucker.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

The family would also like to acknowledge the angels of Hospice who guided the family through Walter's illness. May God bless them and keep them safe in their efforts.



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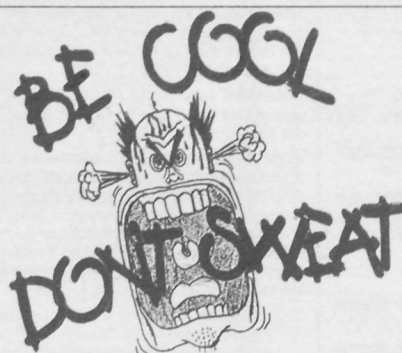
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Patrick Riccardi requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 166 square foot family room addition. Proposed addition lacks 8' required side setback, 4.81' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 319 Clinton Pl. on Block 219, Lot 11 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, July 22, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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- An Oak Tree Ave. resident reported the theft of a 2003 Kawasaki quad that was for sale on the front lawn.
- A W. Crescent Pkwy. resident reported that their rear sliding glass door had attempted to be pried open.
- On June 24 Ronaldo Visai Gonzalez Enriquez, 20, of Plainfield was arrested on E. Crescent Pkwy. for being an unlicensed driver, having an unregistered vehicle, no insurance and fictitious inspection sticker during a motor vehicle stop.
- A Kissam Ct. resident reported

- that his car had been keyed in the parking lot.
- A Piscataway resident reported the theft of a 1993 Kenworth tractor trailer from a lot at 2000 Roosevelt Ave.
- Columbia Bank reported receiving three bad checks that were deposited and cashed by a new customer.
- On June 25 Leticia S. Brotto, 48, of Somerset was arrested at Burlington Coat Factory for shoplifting \$47.44 worth of assorted items.
- Rajal K. Patel, 25, of Metuchen was arrested on Hadley Rd. for driving while intoxicated, failure to stop prior to right on red and failure to maintain a lane at a motor vehicle stop.
- Paul R. Ekstowicz, 24, of Somerset was arrested on Hamilton Blvd. for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to stop at a motor vehicle accident.

- Michael R. Sacks, 33, of Cranford was arrested on Shevchenko Ave. for exhibiting a fraudulent insurance card at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Leeds Dr. resident reported that the trunk of her flowering pear tree had been split.
- On June 27 Matthew Laspata, 23, of NYC was arrested on So. Clinton Ave. for eluding a police officer.
- Manuel Jesus Melendez, 23, of Kenwood Ave. was arrested for aggravated assault after an incident with his stepfather.
- Brian Temple, 37, of Colonia was arrested at Twin City Pharmacy for forging a prescription form.
- Kohl's reported that a man had attempted to shoplift \$212 worth of clothing. When confronted he dropped the items and fled.
- Jersey Oil on Park Ave. reported receiving a counterfeit ten dollar bill for gas.
- A Scalera St. resident reported that their mailbox had been kicked off it's stand.
- On June 28 Theodore Carl Dehnert, 22, of Piscataway was arrested on Hamilton Blvd. for possession of a controlled substance during a motor vehicle stop.
- Sacred Heart Church reported that a window had been broken on the southside of the building.
- Seagrave Sales & Service on Durham Ave. reported the theft of a cash box from a locked desk drawer.

Pirates to Serenade Patriots

A band of pirates will visit Commerce Bank Ballpark on July 20 to sing the National Anthem before the Somerset Patriots take on the Camden Riversharks at 12:05 for an afternoon game.

The pirates will be cast members from the 2004 South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance." The show will run for four performances—July 29, 30 and 31 at

7 p.m. and Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. For more information on the show, call (908) 561-5255 or visit their website at www.spsdw.com.

This year, two performances will be interpreted in sign language for the hearing impaired. Those performances are on July 30 and Aug. 1.

Tickets for the Somerset Patriots game are available through the group. Call (908) 756-0539 for tickets or more information.

Eight Receive Governor's Teacher Award

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At Grant School she is the advisor to the Math and Field Hockey clubs. She also volunteers as a high school field hockey coach. She is a past recipient of the Caring Award, as well as the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award when she taught at the Middle School.

Patricia Ratti graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in Elementary and Special Education and received her graduate degree in Special Education from Rutgers University. She has spent her 18-year teaching career at Franklin School. She currently teaches first grade, but has also taught special education. At Franklin she serves on the Social Committee and is an SPEA representative. She is also a member of the NEA, NJEA, the Franklin PTA/PTSO and SEPA (Special Education Parents Association). Ratti also volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader.

Patricia Santillo, an educator for 10 years, began her career in South

Plainfield as a student teacher at the Middle School, then substituted in the district for several years before teaching a three-year-old class and the 4+ program at Future Stars Preschool. She has been teaching the kindergarten enrichment program for five years. She has also taught English at the Adult School for nine years. A graduate of West Virginia University, Santillo received a degree in Business Administration, followed by a teaching certificate and graduate degree in English from Kean University.

Lydia Svoboda is a Resource Room teacher at John E. Riley School. In addition to her current assignment, she has spent the last 19 years teaching the Inclusion Class, the Transitional First Grade and Special Education classes at Grant, Kennedy and the high school, as well as Riley. In all she has spent 25 years as an educator. Svoboda earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Dortmund, Germany. She also attended Kean College, where she received a graduate degree in Special

Education and certification in NJ as a Learning Disability Teacher Consultant. She is a member of the Dyslexia Society and the coordinator of the Interfaith Homeless Program at her church. She is also a member of the Riley School PAC team.

Ann Witkowski is a Resource Room teacher at John E. Kennedy School and has served South Plainfield students for 18 years. In 26 years as an educator in Jersey City and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as South Plainfield, she has also taught preschool handicapped, trainable mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed classes. Witkowski received her Bachelor's degree from Jersey City State College and did graduate work in early childhood education at both Jersey City State College and the College of the Virgin Islands. She is a member of NJEA and an officer in her condominium association. She also teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and is an advisor for the Literature Club at Kennedy School.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Marcia Lubansky

Summer Reading Club is Here!—Discover New Frontiers at the Library! Kids of all ages are invited to participate in our annual summer reading club. This program runs for six weeks and encourages children to set aside time each week to read. (Parents are also encouraged to read to their children regardless of how old they are!) All children receive a booklet to record the titles of the books/magazines/books on tape that they read/listen to. Please note that library materials must be used. Each week, each child will be awarded a small participation prize and will have the chance to earn more prizes based on the amount of reading completed. Registration began on June 28 and continues through August. Kick off the program with special guest, Magician Joe Fischer, on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m.

New Kids Catalog—Our new Kids Catalog makes its debut with bright, colorful, easy-to-use screens designed just for kids. Try searching subject categories such as animals, crafts, holidays, presidents, sports, comics and jokes. Kids are also directed to online resources such as the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *KidsClick*, *Dictionary.com* and *Kids InfoBits*. Try it from home too: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Click on "Library Catalog" then on the tab, "Kids."

JerseyClicks—New to our home page, is the addition of "JerseyClicks," a state-initiated effort which allows you to quickly search all of the state-funded online databases in one search. This service is also available from home. With your South Plainfield Library card, you can search full-text magazines, journals and encyclopedias in one search. Just think of it as the express line at your favorite store!

New Magazines—We have added many new titles to our magazine collection. All issues circulate for two weeks, except the current issue. Try

something new for vacation reading or simply relaxing at home: *In Style*, *Yankee*, *Vegetarian Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Real Simple*, *Sunset*, *More*, *Sewing Savvy*, *Threads*, *Disney Adventures*, *PSM*, *Official X-Box Magazine*, *Nintendo Power*, *Michaels Create* and *Everyday Food*. We have over 200 magazine titles covering a wide variety of interests. We guarantee something for everyone.

Free from the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped—This is one of the best library services available in the state, although many people don't know it! NJLBH serves any New Jersey resident who for any reason is unable to read regular printed books with ease. For example, individuals who have low vision, are blind, dyslexic, or who may have had an accident and are temporarily unable to read in the conventional manner are all eligible for the NJLBH free services. Among the services offered are: a Deaf and Hard of Hearing service, a Spanish Language service, services for adults and children as well as Newspapers on the Air—a special information service where local, national and international newspapers and special interest programs are broadcast over closed circuit radio 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To be eligible for these free services, an individual must simply complete NJLBH's application form and provide a statement from a librarian, doctor, nurse, or teacher certifying eligibility. Let's make this the "worst kept secret" in New Jersey libraries!



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