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Voters OK Budget

Morgan, Bryne, Seider Win BOE Seats

On Tuesday voters approved the 2005/2006 school budget by 203 votes, which will increase property taxes by \$375 or 32 points, per year on a home assessed at \$117,300. The final vote tally for the budget was 1,671 yes and 1,468 against.

Only one school board incumbent, Tim Morgan was re-elected. Also winning were Carol Bryne and Jeff Seider, both former school board members. The final vote count for school board candidates was: Carol Bryne-1,486; Jeff Seider-1,431; Tim Morgan-1,356; John Markham-1,310; Dan Smith-1,285 and Ken LaFreniere-1,221.

The budget approval was due in part to the massive campaign led by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, who with the rest of the board, spent the past month attending every possible meeting they could to explain this year's budget, the reason for the increases and what could happen if it did not pass. Also endorsing the budget were students in the high school and teachers throughout the district. Children were encouraged to

get their parents to the voting booth and to vote yes. Contests were held to see what classes could get the most parents to vote.

The result was a voter turnout higher than any in recent years. Last year a little over 1,000 (8.58%) voted; this year 3,185 (24.24%) voted. While this is still not a majority of residents, it is almost three times as many as last year.

The race for the three seats on the board was also hot and heavy. Accusations were thrown back and forth on whom to blame for the budget crisis by both the incumbents and those running for seats. In the end only incumbent Tim Morgan was reelected, while the other two incumbents Dan Smith and Ken LaFreniere were defeated and will be replaced by Carol Bryne and Jeff Seider. John Markham was a close fourth in the voting.

A reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Roosevelt Administration Building. At that time the newly elected board members will be sworn in.



The cast of SPHS's *My Fair Lady* rehearses for this week's performances.

"My Fair Lady" Debuts at SPHS

By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield High School's production of Allan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe's hit Broadway musical *My Fair Lady* commences this week, with performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 21 through 23 at 7 p.m. at the Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium.

Audiences will see the story of Henry Higgins, played by SPHS senior Peter Assad. Higgins is a renowned linguist who makes a bet with his friend Colonel Pickering (senior Eric Rhode) that he can transform the destitute flower-girl Eliza Doolittle (senior Katie Mott) into a sophisticated lady. We see her emerging into a high-class woman

and romancing a young suitor named Freddy Eynsford-Hill (sophomore Darren Kaczowski).

The play, directed by teacher Gloria A. Naso, is based upon George Bernard Shaw's classic play, *Pygmalion*. It includes the classic Broadway standards, "I Could've Danced All Night," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," and "On the Street Where You Live." Fans of the original play, starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews, or the 1964 film adaptation starring Harrison and Audrey Hepburn (in an Oscar-nominated performance), shall thoroughly enjoy the production.

Audiences will love the latest SPHS spring musical. The cast and crew have been working endless hours to give audiences another superb show. Do not miss the chance to see *My Fair Lady* this week!

Tickets, available at the door, are \$8 for adults, and \$5 for students and seniors.

Mayor Proclaims Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week, Apr. 23-30

Mayor Daniel Gallagher has proclaimed the week of April 23-30 as "South Plainfield Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week." He is asking all sectors of the Borough to participate. The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board sponsors this annual spring cleanup, which draws between 150 and 200 participants annually.

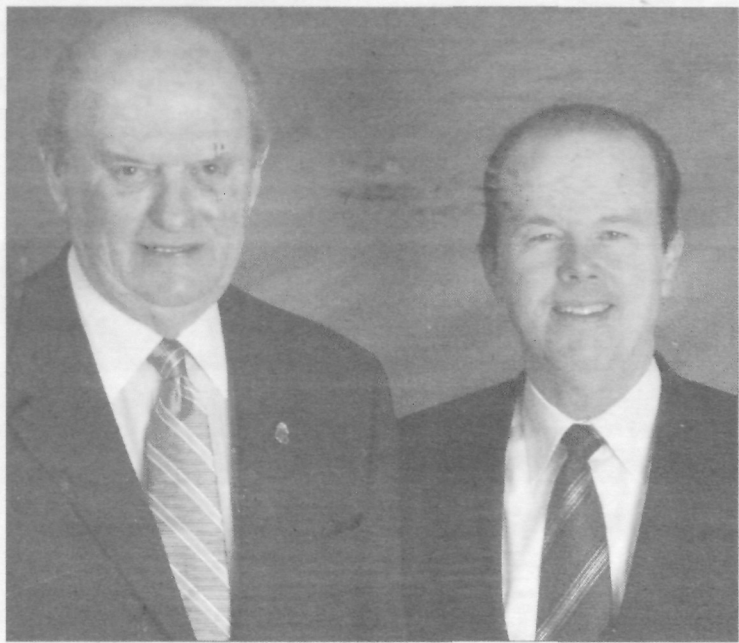
Volunteers are still needed to help pick up litter in the parks, along roadsides and from streams. Both boy and girl scout troops, cub scout packs, church groups and members of the South Plainfield Clean Business Association have already signed up to work at various locations. Individual residents have also volunteered to organize their neighborhoods and join in the big cleanup day on Saturday, April 23.

Participants are invited back to Borough Hall after the cleanup (noon) for the pickup picnic: free pizza from Domino's, a six-foot sub from Hometown Heros, soda from Krauszer's and the A&P and door prizes from the Environmental Commission.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Borough Hall at 9 a.m. to collect gloves, bags and rakes before dispersing to their assigned cleanup locations, in-

cluding Putnam Park, Walnut St. Park, Willow Avenue Park, South Clinton Ave., New Market Ave., Hadley Rd., Highland Woods Nature Reserve and several schools. Additional locations are being cleaned on other dates; more will be cleaned if enough volunteers show up.

Rain date is Saturday, April 30.



Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan

Barnes, Diegnan Unanimously Endorsed For Reelection

Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan have been unanimously endorsed for reelection by the Middlesex County Democratic Committee. Barnes, who is completing his fifth term in the legislature, is a resident of Edison Township. Diegnan, who will be seeking his third term, resides in South Plainfield.

Upon accepting the nomination, Assemblyman Barnes, a retired FBI agent and chair of the Law and Public Safety committee said, "It is an honor to serve the residents of the 18th legislative district. I am proud of what Patrick and I have been able to accomplish. We work every day to see that the towns that we represent get their

fair share from the state. You have our commitment that we will continue to be advocates for our taxpayers."

Assemblyman Diegnan, who serves as vice chairman of the Judiciary and Education committees, commented, "Working in the Assembly with Pete on behalf of our residents has been tremendously rewarding. Over \$50 million dollars in state aid has come to the residents of the 18th district over the last four years. That's more than double what was received in any prior four-year period. With Barnes and Diegnan in Trenton, you can be certain that our residents will never be short-changed."



Visitors to the All District Music and Art Festival take the time to enjoy some of the artwork created by students. For story and additional photos, turn to page 8.

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councilmeetings

Borough Hall Council Chambers

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
May 3	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
May 17	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
June 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 (NJS 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

April 26, May 10, May 24, June 14, June 28, July 5*, July 19*, Aug. 16*, Aug. 30*,
Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 29*, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23,
July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*,
Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Reorganization meeting Monday/ April 25 8 p.m.

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

recreationcommission

Meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

April 26, May 24, June 28, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 7 and Dec. 13.

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

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 (No Meeting in August)

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.

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To the Editor:

I wish to thank the 1,486 South Plainfield citizens who chose me to represent them in the school board election. You have given me the task of working to ensure that our schools are run properly, with a diligent eye to the finances of our district. I pledge to you that I will always do what is best for our children and our citizens. It is an awesome responsibility.

CAROL M. BYRNE

Dear Editor:

Six years after the mass murder of the Columbine students we are faced with yet another school shooting committed by a troubled 16 year old boy from Minnesota. In the wake of Columbine, school shootings by teens have occurred in nearly 14 states. Violence is part of a culture that can include drugs, guns, gangs and anti-social behavior. We need to start paying more attention to our young people and redouble our efforts to promote safe schools.

While our state has not experienced such a tragedy, we must not become complacent, believing it can't happen here. According to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, gangs have ties all over the county and are recruiting children. Some children who are as young as eight years of age have been arrested. In October of last year a Sayreville football game was postponed because of potential gang violence. It may be difficult to accept that gangs have infiltrated our communities and are attempting to recruit children from within our schools.

In a nationwide survey cited by the Centers for Disease Control, 17% of students reported carrying a gun or knife. The State Department of Education released a report which found that the number of incidents involving guns and knives in New Jersey's public schools have increased. These statistics clearly show that we need to take a proactive approach in protecting children from physical violence.

I applaud acting Governor Codey for spearheading a plan to improve and enhance school security. The Governor's worthy plan includes developing a standardized security checklist which will provide specific guidelines to ensure safety, training for security guards and school staff. It also envisions convening a school security summit at Rutgers University this spring where top experts in this field will meet to share their insights.

Some schools have already developed their own security programs with the installation of metal detectors, cameras and identification cards. These are important measures, but not enough to deter an individual who is determined to commit a violent act. The Minnesota teen who killed 10 people with a .22 caliber gun entered the school through a doorway with a metal detector and shot a security guard to death before proceeding into the school. Unless we begin to address the root causes that drive individuals to commit brutal acts, no amount of metal detectors, security guards or cameras will discourage such homicidal behavior.

Working alongside the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies I have proposed legislation, "The Safe Schools and Communities Violence Prevention and Response Plan." This bill is unique in that it embodies a preventive and proactive, rather than a crisis-oriented and reactive, approach to keeping our children safe.

Under this plan each county superintendent of schools would employ a violence prevention specialist, whose job would be to develop a safe schools and violence prevention response plan. This plan would be developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, guidance counselors and child-study teams, community-mental

IN YOUR OPINION



Dear Editor,

During the week of April 4-8, the John F. Kennedy Elementary School students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Sponsored by pledges from parents and friends, the students raised \$1,600 in this year's event for the American Heart Association. The funds from Jump Rope for Heart help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. one and No. three killers.

This year's event was a huge success and we should all be proud of the effort put forth by the jumpers in helping to make it successful, besides having lots of fun too.

I want to personally thank the parents and sponsors for their support and encouragement during these active days.

Jump Rope for Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and Subway.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation.

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AL HOOK

health providers and most importantly, parents and students.

This proposal would also include the formation of an early intervention task force team comprised of three to four mental health specialists charged with training and assisting schools with the implementation of the violence prevention program.

The pervasiveness of school violence has undoubtedly left many feeling it is beyond the realm of our school's responsibility to address the underlying emotional issues which can result in tragedy. I believe the consequences are far too horrific to accept that as a foregone conclusion. Training and assisting schools to recognize the warning signs of at-risk children make it possible for them to offer outreach assistance and support before they act out in violence.

Creating safe schools requires a

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team effort. By enhancing and expanding integrated preventive mental health services that are accessible to students and their families, we are establishing a vital link to our children in need and preventing a crisis from erupting in the process.

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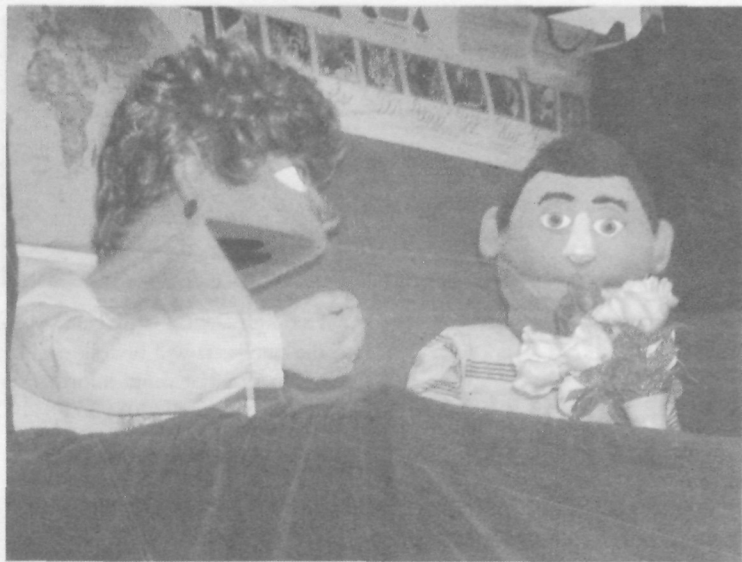
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Roosevelt Students Treated to Sadecky's Puppet Show

By Jane Dornick

Sadecky's Puppets brought two entertaining shows to students at Roosevelt School on Friday, April 8.

The first show for Kindergarten through second grade was called *Being George Washington*, the story of a young boy who doesn't think learning about history is important. However, one day he wakes up to find that he has turned into George Washington and is living in the 1700's. He is faced with important decision making and must apply what he has learned

in order to do what is right for the country before he can go back home.

The third and fourth grades saw an original adaptation of the Hans Christian Anderson classic, *The Little Mermaid*. Oceana is the youngest mermaid in her family who wants to leave her home in the sea and explore life on land. A twist of fate allows her to pursue her dream, but she is faced with many consequences.

Sadecky's Puppets is a non-profit organization which can be reached at (800) 962-0654.

Metuchen Resident Seriously Injured in Dirt Bike Accident

Last Saturday Robert A. Stuhldreher, 38, of Metuchen was seriously injured when a Yamaha dirt bike that he was operating crashed. Stuhldreher was operating the dirt bike on a Norfolk Southern Railroad right away, approximately 2,000 feet west of Metuchen Road when the crash occurred. As a result of the crash, Stuhldreher suffered a serious head injury and was

transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

Stuhldreher was charged with numerous motor vehicle offenses, including operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded, along with paramedics from Mercy 7.

Officers Brian Iarrapino and Vincent Campagna investigated the crash. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Officer Campagna of South Plainfield Police.

Police Non-Emergency Contact Number

To contact the police department for a non-emergency, call (908) 755-0700 and follow the instructions.

Annual Police Bicycle Rodeo Announced

The South Plainfield Police Department will be hosting their Annual Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, May 14. This event will be held in Spring Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

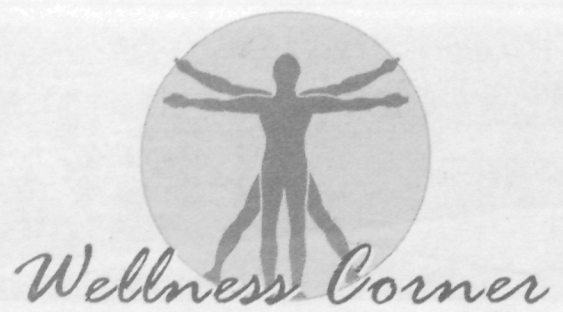
Featured will be an obstacle course presented and conducted by volunteer employees of State Farm Insurance. Proper riding techniques and rules of the road will be emphasized during this phase of the program and an "On Bike Skills Development" course will be conducted. Helmet-wearing cyclists will negotiate a moderately challenging course of cones to improve their riding abilities.

For cyclists 14 years of age and younger who do not have bicycle helmets, a limited supply of helmets, donated by the South Plainfield Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, will be provided to them. Those participants wearing their own helmet to the rodeo who register their bicycles with the South Plainfield Police Department will be entered into a drawing to win a new bicycle. Ron Sward, the director of Physical Therapy Center of South Plainfield, has donated a bicycle for this event.

Safety-oriented literature supplied by various sources will be provided to all participants. Halls Fast Motor Freight and Warehouse, Häagen-Dazs Ice Cream, Canada Dry, Roma Foods, McCrisky's Home for Funerals, Rita's Italian Ice, and Freihofer's Baking Company all have donated refreshments.

In conjunction with our bicycle safety program, a unique bicycle registration/theft prevention program will be available to the public. The Baron Von Pedaloff® program, designed by South Plainfield Police Officer William Frink (retired), is specifically designed to reduce bicycle thefts. By encouraging bicycle owners to register their bicycles and by taking anti-theft precautions, we can reduce the amount of bicycle thefts that occur in South Plainfield. Baron Von Pedaloff® literature will be provided in an effort to remind all those in attendance not to give anyone the opportunity to "pedal off" with their bicycle.

Don't forget: May 14, bring your bicycle, your helmet and be ready for a fun-filled day. Any questions? contact the South Plainfield Police at (908) 226-7678.



Put a Little Spring into Your Springtime

Springtime is upon us once again. With that comes the chirping of the birds along with the blooming of the flowers and trees. This is a great time for us to get outside and enjoy some of the beautiful weather spring has to offer. Did we get a chance to do some yard work yet? Clean up some of those branches that may have fallen due to recent rainfalls? Has that garage been cleaned out yet? Did we start a new outdoor exercise regimen or pick up a spring sport to participate in? Regardless of which activity brings you outdoors, you'll need to make sure you're ready for the activity.

So, as you get ready to commence those springtime activities, take a moment to make sure you're up to the task. Along with having the proper footwear, clothing and equipment for those tasks, it's also important to make sure our bodies are up to the task. Which brings us to the point of this article. Stretching.

The benefits of stretching include improving flexibility, posture, increasing circulation, enhancing coordination and preventing injury. Stretching can also be a means of alleviating or reducing stress. While one typically thinks of stretching in terms of getting ready for an exercise regimen or athletic event, it's also important when starting those outdoor gardening or cleaning activities.



Dr. Patrick Aiello, DC

When exercising, it's best to stretch twice. Once after a brief five to ten minute warm up and the second time when the exercise is complete.

You'll want to be careful with stretching before an exercise regimen. When the muscle is 'cold' or not warmed-up properly, jumping in too quickly with stretching or the exercise regimen can lead to injury.

Below are some tips when stretching.

- Don't stretch cold muscles—this could lead to injury.
- Don't bounce. Bouncing can cause small muscle tears, which turn into scar tissue and eventually cause increased muscle tightness and pain.
- Don't push past the resistance point. If it hurts, you've stretched too far. Ease off until you don't feel any pain and then hold the stretch.
- Do hold each stretch for at least 15 seconds. If you hold for 30 seconds or more, you'll only have to do it once for each muscle.
- Do breathe deeply. When you breathe, you allow oxygen to flow to your muscles and increase the effectiveness of the stretch.

For more information on stretching, you'll want to check out a book by Bob Anderson entitled "Stretching." It's been around over 20 years and has some great illustrations in it.

Riley School Kindergarten to Hold Orientation

Riley School Kindergarten Orientation signup is on Friday, May 6, from 2-3:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. in the school lobby. The cost is \$3 for snacks and crafts.

Children entering John E. Riley School Kindergarten in September 2005 are welcome to explore the

school and meet the teachers and staff.

The program runs for three consecutive dates as follows: May 17, 24 and 31. The morning session runs from 9-11 a.m. and the afternoon session runs from noon-2 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Jen Curtis at (908) 755-8445.

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April 23

Are you a scrapbooker? Would you like to learn how to scrapbook? Come to a 12-hour workshop on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church on Plainfield Ave. Enjoy 12 hours of uninterrupted cropping time, light snacks and drinks, use of cropping tools, project demos, mini workshops and chances to win door prizes, raffles and a grand prize raffle. Come and go, or stay a few hours. Seating is limited to 25. To reserve a seat, call Dayel at (908) 754-4255 or The8Gs@aol.com. Fee is \$25.

Spring Fest 2005 at First Baptist Church

April 23

A Celebration of Arts and Crafts will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 at First Baptist Church, located at 201 Hamilton Blvd. There will be a sale of arts and crafts by local artists in Henderson Hall, including one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces, artistic basketry, silk flower arrangements, art sketches, Chinese brush paintings, hand-painted glassware, clocks, crochet and needlework, inspirational clothing and original chocolate edibles.

Jerry Smith will be present to sign copies of his recently published book *Captive Angel*. In addition, a light lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from our kitchen and assorted homemade delights will be available at our baked goods table. Please join us for a delightful way to celebrate spring. All are invited to attend.

The event is sponsored by the Women's Evening circle. For information, call Linda at (908) 754-2386.

IHOP Fundraiser

April 25

The SPHS Music Boosters is running a fundraiser at the IHOP in Piscataway on Centennial Ave. on Monday, April 25, from 5-8:30 p.m. Proceeds from all patrons that night will be donated to the Music Booster to use for equipment, scholarships and more. Please come out, enjoy a great meal and help support our kids!

Elks to Hold Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

April 23

On April 23 the South Plainfield ELKS will hold a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. The event is a fundraiser supporting

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

Middle School student Rocco Severini's summer trip to Europe as a United States Youth Ambassador. Rocco was nominated for his "outstanding ability in school and other activities."

Pack 324 Car Wash

April 30

Cub Scout Pack 324 will be holding a car wash on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. Cars are \$5, vans and SUV's are \$7. Please come out and support the Cub Scouts!

Tricky Tray Raffle

April 30

Sacred Heart Home School Association is sponsoring a Tricky Tray Raffle on Saturday, April 30 in the school cafeteria featuring baskets, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, bikes, 27" TV, a Dyson vacuum and more. Doors open at 6 p.m. and drawing starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes five raffle tickets. For information or for tickets, call (908) 755-0891. Must be 18 years or older.

Spaghetti Dinner at First Baptist Church

April 30

A spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children if purchased ahead, at the door: \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Proceeds benefit the organ fund. For tickets, please call (908) 753-8224.

VFW Breakfast

May 1

The VFW Post 6763, located at 155 Front St., will hold a breakfast on Sunday, May 1, from 8-11 a.m. at the Post. All proceeds will benefit the VA Hospital in Lyons. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (908) 668-9751.

— Out of Town —

What the Butler Saw at Circle Players

April 22-May 8

What the Butler Saw, a comedy by Joe Orton opens at Circle Players, the community theater in Piscataway on Friday, April 22.

Performances are Friday, April 22, 28 and May 6 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 23, 30 and May 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees, May 1 and 8 at 3 p.m. Tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$15. Matinees are \$12. Seniors and students receive \$1 off with ID.

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

Food Bank to Hold Rummage Sale

April 23-29

The NORWESCAP Food Bank will be holding a huge spring rummage sale Saturday, April 23 through Friday, April 29 at the NORWESCAP Food Bank Annex, 213 North Broad St., Phillipsburg.

For information, call the Food Bank at (908) 454-4322.

Westfield History Society Meeting

April 27

The Planning Committee for the Spring Assembly of the Westfield history society has announced that the group's annual meeting will be held on April 27 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Elm St. Introductory music will start about 7:45 p.m.

The feature presentation will be followed by refreshments and the public is invited at no charge.

Send your AROUND TOWN events to: *South Plainfield Observer*, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or fax (908) 668-8819 or email: spobserver@comcast.net.

Depression and Bipolar Support Meeting

April 27

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, featuring Catherine Bianchi, Ph.D. a clinical psychologist in practice in Morristown. Her talk will be "How did 'Freudian' get to be a dirty word?" In addition, she will answer any questions of interest to the audience.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

Westfield Historical Society Meeting

April 27

The Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies will feature William J. "Captain Bill" McKelvey, Jr., author, publisher, canal explorer and past vice president of the American Canal Society. The assembly will meet at the First Baptist Church on Elm St. on April 27 at 8 p.m. in Westfield. Introductory music will begin at 7:45 p.m.

The presentation is free and open to the public. It will be followed by refreshments. For more information or for directions call (908) 233-8110.

24th Anniversary Dinner Dance

April 29

Everyone is invited to attend a 24th Anniversary Dinner Dance sponsored by Middlesex East Widows or Widowers, which will be held on Friday, April 29 at the St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. For information and tickets, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

Moonrakers Spring Dance 2005

April 30

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc. will present "Spring Dance 2005" on Saturday, April 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Sheraton Parsippany Tara Hotel, located on Smith Rd. in Parsippany. A cash bar will be available and semi-formal/formal attire is suggested.

A full package ticket (buffet dinner and dancing) is \$60 per person and the dance only (from 8:30 p.m.-midnight) is \$25 per person. For information, please call (201) 218-8992 or go onto our website at www.njfall.org.

NJ Folk Festival Planned at Rutgers

April 30

Fans of all ages can enjoy traditional folk dancing, music, storytelling and much more at the 31st Annual New Jersey Folk Festival on Saturday, April 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free for this all-day family event held on the grounds of the Eagleton Institute, George St. and Ryders Lane, on the Douglass campus of Rutgers in New Brunswick.

For details and directions, log on to <http://njfolkfest.rutgers.edu>, or call (732) 932-5775, or Campus Info Services at (732) 932-INFO.

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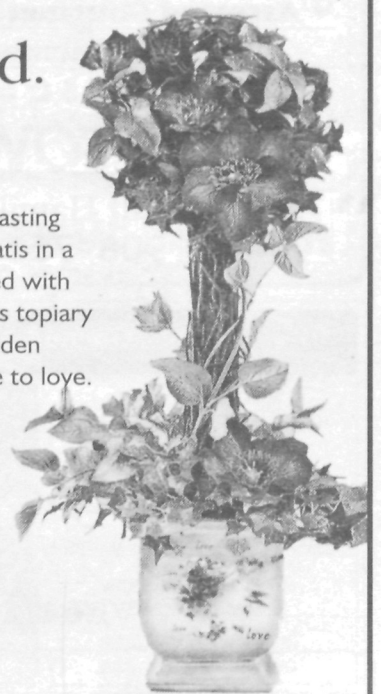
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Make Your College Search Count

SPHS Presentation on College Search on April 27

SPHS has scheduled the highly anticipated "Making Your College Search Count" presentation for the junior class on Wednesday, April 27 at 1 p.m. The one hour presentation is free to students and parents and will be held in the auditorium.

"Making Your College Search Count" provides students with crucial information on how to conduct an effective college search and selection. It is designed to help students begin thinking about what colleges would be right for them and how they will get there.

The program will be presented to more than 500,000 high school juniors nationwide during the 2005

spring semester. The slate of Monster's Making It Count Programs, which also includes presentations for freshmen and seniors, has reached over 10 million students since 1999. Guidance counselors on average rated the value of the ideas presented a 9.5 on a 10 point scale.

Related information for the program can be found online at www.makingitcount.com. The website offers a wide variety of tools and resources for current and future high school students. Schools interested in hosting any of the presentation programs may contact Making It Count at (513) 772-1188 for more information.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

If we can pry you away from the nice weather, here's some news from the South Plainfield Library:

First, our Notary Public has been away this week standing in line for "Star Wars" collectibles and won't be available until this coming Tuesday. Please call ahead to confirm his exact schedule for the day.

Next, there's our newly expanded schedule of weekly children's programs. Our Storytime programs for children ages three and over are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. There's also the "Books-N-Babies" program for children up to ages three on Friday mornings at 10:30. And there's "Time for 2's and 3's," our program for kids ages 2-3, on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. You don't need to pre-register for these programs. For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Linda or Danya.

Sunday will be the last day of availability for April's Circuit Video group. Titles this month include *Johnson Family Vacation*, *The Lion King 1 1/2*, *Insomnia*, *Ali*, *The Scorpion King* and on DVD, *Hellboy*. Get'em while they're gottable. Also, we're between groups on the Audiobook Circuit. New titles will be available as soon as possible.

There's still time to register for our fabric painting program on Monday, May 2. "Practical Crafting" instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead two programs at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. Participants should bring one washed, ironed, white T-shirt to class. There's a \$1 materials charge, payable upon registration. To sign up, please stop by the Circulation Desk.

There's also another program coming up in May. Kirtley Thornton, Ph.D. of the Center for Health Psychology in South Plainfield, will present a program on the use of biofeedback in the treatment of conditions like ADD and ADHD. The program will be held on

Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. No pre-registration is required. Call for information, or visit the center's website at chp-neurotherapy.com.

We've got some more advisories for you. First of all, we have reciprocal agreements with most of the other libraries in Middlesex and Union counties. For example, if one of their books is returned here, we'll send it to them, and vice versa. However, no such agreement exists between us and Hollywood Video or Blockbuster Video. Please make certain that you don't return rental videos and DVDs to us by mistake. If that happens, *you*, not us, are responsible for correcting the situation, including the payment of late charges.

Next, we realize that sometimes it can be tough to find a parking space here at the Municipal Complex, especially on Wednesdays, when court is held. Still, we must ask that you not park in the spaces clearly marked "Library Staff Only;" we work here and we're entitled to those spaces. We'd appreciate your cooperation on this. And, if that's not enough, be advised that you may be ticketed and fined for illegal parking if you're there without authorization. Get the picture?

Next, we must ask that you take care when you bring items like bags, coats, umbrellas and such to the Library. We don't have a coat rack or storage closet for them, so it's your responsibility to keep track of them. The library staff cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items, nor can we be expected to keep an eye on your stuff. If you're unable to keep your things with you, it'd be best if you left them home or in the car.

Finally, though the Ides of April has passed, those who still have yet to file state or Federal taxes can still obtain forms and information from our Reference staff. What we don't have on hand can be printed out from the respective IRS and NJ Division of Taxation websites. Just ask a librarian for assistance.

That's about all for today. We'll have more next week. Now go back and enjoy the spring weather.

Almost Famous Seeks Garage Sale Items

South Plainfield's *Almost Famous Players* is seeking donations for a garage sale. The last sale was a huge success, mostly due to the generosity of residents. Tentative date for the sale is April 30-May 1. Please call (908) 346-2290 for a pick up or drop off items at 2 Page Ct. or 715 Sampton Ave. Call before a drop off is preferred in case of inclement weather.

They are also asking for donations of used ink jet and laser cartridges as well as old cell phones. Drop off locations are the *Observer* on Hamilton

Blvd., Port Africa, Hadley Center Mall, Carousel, Oak Tree Rd. and 2 Page Ct. If you donate five or more phones/cartridges you will receive a free ticket to the Halloween Show. Place items in bag with your name, address and phone number.

Almost Famous Players brings South Plainfield the popular Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour each Halloween. The 2005 tour script is currently under production. Interested in participating? Eemail almstfamousplyrs@aol.com or call (908) 346-2290.



Rainbow Academy's Green Frogs class.

Rainbow Academy Celebrates Read America

During the week of Feb. 28, the Rainbow Academy Parent's Association sponsored a Read-a-Thon for their students in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The Rainbow Academy in Edison is a child care center located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd. Children in all classes, ages ranging from two months to five years old, were encouraged to read, or be read to, and participate in the activities held throughout the week. The activities included building their very own hat from the *Cat in the Hat*, coloring in characters from Dr. Seuss's books and dying eggs green to enjoy a meal of green eggs and ham! In order to encourage participation

in the read-a-thon, the parent's association presented a challenge to the classes. Whichever class averaged the most books read per student would receive a book for each child. The results were staggering! Over 1,800 books were read! After the numbers were tallied, the numbers were so close, each child in the top three classes, Green Frogs, Blue Horses and Goldfish all received books. Special

mention to our top five readers: Madison Schmelzer (Goldfish class), Ashwin Konkimalla (Brown Bear class), Sophia Mirrione (Blue Horse class), Evan Kaplan (Yellow Duck class) and Lea DeMarinise (Yellow Duck class).

For information on programs offered at Rainbow Academy, call (908) 769-3224 or visit their website at rainbowacademy.com.

Red Cross Offers Aquatics Training

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be hosting the following courses:

Water Safety Instructor Course—Starting April 25 and will run Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. This course helps develop skills needed to instruct swimming lessons. You must be at least 16 years of age to complete this course.

Lifeguard Instructor Course—Starting May 10 and will run Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. The purpose of this course is to train instructor candidates to teach courses in the Lifeguarding program. You must be at least 17 years of age to complete this course.

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

Property Tax Relief Forum at Senior Center

A New Jersey Property Tax Relief forum on what programs are available for seniors will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center. There will be two forums on May 4, the first is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Presenters are Matt Suto from the NJ Division of Taxation, Taxpayer Service Rep. in Trenton and Thomas Kuc from the NJ Division of Taxation, Taxpayer Service Rep. in Somerville Office.

Discussion items include: property tax reimbursement and applications (PTR1 & PTR2) and Homestead/Fair Rebate. Also program updates, program eligibility filing requirements and a question and answer period.

The South Plainfield Summer Drama workshop is seeking donations of old/broken sewing machines for their upcoming production of *The Pajama Game*. Instead of junking an old machine during clean up week, donate it to this youth theater group. Call (908) 756-8011 for a pick up.

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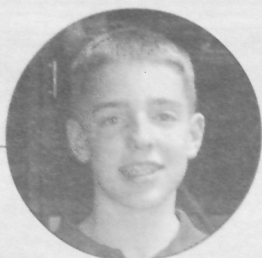
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Junior Journalist Corner



Ryan Hohner, Sacred Heart School Eighth Grader, Named "Junior Journalist"



Winner Ryan Hohner, 8th grader at Sacred Heart School, is pictured with Principal Sister Mary Nadine Boyle (left) and teacher Michele Geene.

Ryan Hohner, Sacred Heart School eighth grader, is this week's winner in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. His essay, "Restore America's Pastime to Its Prime," has won dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students are encouraged to submit their original poetry, articles, opinion pieces or essays to their teacher,

school principal, Hometown Heros located on Hamilton Blvd. or the *Observer* office.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year end banquet on May 25.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

Restore America's Pastime to Its Prime

By Ryan Hohner

There should be much stronger consequences and policies concerning professional baseball players who use steroids. These players should be suspended for a large portion of the MLB season, be fined, and have additional terms added to their contracts. Furthermore, all athletes should be actively and randomly tested.

Any player found guilty of steroid use is unworthy to play the game called "America's Pastime." Therefore, suspensions should be imposed ranging from half of the season (81 games) to a full season (162 games). If a worker is cheating at his job to get a promotion and is discovered, he is fired. The same should apply to a player taking illegal substances; the repercussions for his actions should be as severe. In addition, every player in the league should be

fined a minimum of ten thousand dollars if he is found guilty of disloyalty to the game. Also, there should be additions to contracts stating consequences and possible salary cuts for anyone not playing fair. Finally, all athletes, no matter what their names, should be actively and randomly tested three to five times a year to ensure fairness and to bring baseball back to its true, respected standards.

I think the only way to restore baseball to its prime is to open up the locked doors and expose the players who have disgraced themselves and the game. I want the sport to prosper and to start over in a whole new age of entertainment and justice so that MLB fans will put this issue aside and want to say only one thing: "Let's play ball."

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Still Time to Sign up for Business Assoc. Golf Outing

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Entry fee includes the 18-hole event, use of locker room, green fees and cart, continental breakfast, complimentary beverage cart, hot dog and chips "at the turn," open bar (beer, wine and soda) and a BBQ luncheon. Casual attire. No metal spikes may be worn on the greens.

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

The day starts with registration and

a continental breakfast from 8 until 8:45 a.m. The shotgun start will begin at 9 p.m. and the open bar begins at 2 p.m. The BBQ luncheon starts at 2:30 p.m. and the day comes to a close with the 3:30 award ceremony.

The entry fees are: Corporate-Eagle (includes foursome/flag/tee) \$1,000, Birdie (includes twosome/tee) \$500; Corporate Underwriter: Breakfast Sponsor \$250, Beverage Cart Sponsor \$250, Flag 1st and 18th Green \$175, Flag 2nd-17th Green \$125 and Tee Sign \$100.

If you have not registered yet, please consider doing so. This is the Business Association's only fundraiser of

the year and our only non-dues income.

If you're not a golfer, join us for lunch and drinks for \$50; tee sign sponsorships are \$100; flag sponsorships are \$125. Additional information can be found on our web site www.SPBA.biz.

We're also looking for donations for door prizes. Any products, services or gift cards/certificates are welcome. If you would like to donate, call (908) 753-7004, ext. 106.

RSVP by April 22. For information, call Bob Longo at (908) 753-7004 or Ed Koznowicz at (908) 754-8900.

News from the Suburban Woman's Club

Two members of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club, Marge Reidy, president and Mary Ann Iannitto, vice president and program chairperson, will join approximately 600 other women's club members May 1 through 3 for the 111th Annual Conference of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The convention will be held at the Atlantic City Hilton and the theme will be "Walking in the footsteps of those who came before us."

State President Dean Meloro of Park Ridge will preside over the annual meeting of the organization which will include discussion of proposed amendments to the bylaws and

proposed resolutions, as well as reports of the board members.

Attendees will have a chance to attend workshops on membership, report writing, fundraising and the skills needed to be a club treasurer.

A public relations expert will provide basic information to clubs wishing to get more recognition for the work being done by their members. There will be statewide judging of crafts, plants, pressbooks, history books and scrapbooks that had previously won in a local competition. Awards will be given for the Best Re-

ported Work in many areas.

Past state presidents will speak on memories of their administrations. The "Trance Lady" aka Joanna Cameron will provide an evening of fun.

Convention Chairperson Mary Schneider of Turnersville and her committee have been working for a year to provide members with useful information and a good time.

For more information about the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, go to njstwc.org or call the membership chairperson at (908) 234-2522.



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Walk for Animals On May 15

People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization, is sponsoring its annual Walk for Animals on Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Participants are asked to begin collecting pledges now. Proceeds benefit homeless cats and dogs awaiting adoption.

All are welcome, with or without a dog. The walk is approximately two miles, but participants may walk a shorter distance. To register, call (908) 964-6887, ext. 311. Those who bring in donations of \$75 or more will receive a free t-shirt.

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Sports



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Tom Gratta



Last Saturday was opening day for Ponytail Softball. The combination of great weather, great people, great fields and even greater kids made it the best opening day ever.

The day started with a few words from the president of Parent's Ponytail Association Mark Sutherland.

Mark then turned the microphone over to Mayor Daniel Gallagher, who with the support of members of the Borough Council standing by his side, encouraged great sportsmanship and most of all fun.

Next up was Councilman Ray Petronko with a few words followed up by Recreation Commission member Calvin Gross. Mark then gave special thanks to Recreation Department Superintendent Michael English, who Mark pointed out is the best he has ever seen. I think any one involved with Mike knows he is the best thing to happen to the youth of South Plainfield. Mark then made a special presentation to Steve Senz and Rich Szeliga. They were both honored for their years of hard work and dedication to the Ponytail Association. Steve and Rich both threw out the first pitch. Mark ended the ceremonies by thanking all the people and businesses who help support the Parent's Ponytail Association.

The Parent's Ponytail Association would like to encourage you to use the businesses that help support our Association. Please take note of the signs hanging on the fields and try to use those businesses when ever possible. We would also like to give a very special thanks to the Boyle family and Roma foods for all there years of support.

By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

We encourage our youth of today to come out and support their friends and cheer them on at the SPJBC complex, but we have numerous 13 to 15 year olds "just hanging out," swearing and creating havoc in front of our eight to 12 year old kids and their younger siblings who are watching the games with their parents around the complex. The SPJBC has a zero tolerance policy for any type of code of conduct not suitable for a baseball atmosphere. If you are a young adult you should be an example to the younger kids around the complex. If you are enrolled in our program and you are involved in mischief around the complex, you will face gross misconduct charges according to the SPJBC By-laws. The South Plainfield Police will deal with other kids that just want to "hang out" and create an unhealthy atmosphere at the SPJBC. Parents, we need your support in this matter. Please do not allow your children to be unsupervised on the club grounds.

Our traveling All-Star managers were selected for the summer of 2005. These gentlemen were selected by a committee consisting of Lee Flanagan, Bob Bors, Bill Butrico, Tom Walsh, Rick Walton and Dennis Moskal. The managers are: 8-year-old, Mike Pellegrino; 9-year-old, Jim Olano; 10-year-old, Bill Ashnault; 11-year-old, Jeff Marcoux; 12-year-old, Chris Hubner; 13-year-old, Larry Hughes; 14 years and under, Rick Walton and 15 years and under, John Polizzano. A player may not tryout for more than one age group. Teams must be selected by June 6.

This serves as a friendly reminder for all parents. If you would like to help out with your son's team at the SPJBC, you must have a club membership card and your Rutgers Certifi-

cation Card. You cannot be in the dugout without these two credentials. The only exception is the scorekeeper, but they must also have a club membership card. This will be strictly enforced. Membership cards are \$10. See the officer on duty to obtain a card if you do not have one. The manager of the team is totally responsible for the his actions and the coaches in the dugout.

Our next monthly meeting is May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. All mid-monthly meetings will also be at 7:30 p.m. this year.

We have positions on the Executive Board up for election in June. If you're interested in running for a board position see the committee consisting of Jack Brady, Bob Bors, Mike Salici and Rick Walton. These board members have another year on their terms. Executive Board positions that are up for election are commissioner, assistant commissioner of administration, assistant commissioner of finance, assistant commissioner of communications, trustee position (fundraising), trustee position (player agent), trustee position (uniforms and equipment) and trustee position (safety officer).

Tickets are on sale for a new Mercedes Benz. First Class Travel is sponsoring the second prize which is a trip for \$2,000 to any destination. Tickets are available from Nancy Salici, any Executive Board member or call the SPJBC.

14u & 16u Travel Baseball Team Wanted

14u and 16u teams wanted to compete in competitive travel wood bat league. The league will start up at the end of May and all new teams that register before April 15 will receive

Cardinals vs. Angels

Cardinals—Samuel Persad pitched two scoreless innings, while teammate Sean Cullen led the offense with a double and triple.

Angels—Joe DeMico had a good all around day, drawing a walk at the plate and catching a fly ball. Sean Hutchinson took the pitcher deep into the count at the plate and drew a few walks.

Mets vs. Dodgers

Mets—Glen Hollaway and Jack Falato each helped lead the offensive attack with base hits.

Dodgers—Danny Ruiz pitched two fine innings and had two base hits. Brandon Quadrel also smacked out a big single.

Red Sox vs. Astros

Red Sox—Ryan Harris got on base three times with a single and two walks and scored once. Dominick Scalera worked out three walks and also scored once.

Angels vs. Orioles

Angels—John Chillemi made solid contact with his bat all day and he turned in a strong inning from the mound, while Matthew Vargas showed off his excellent defensive skills behind the plate.

Orioles—Chris Graves shut down the Angels with two scoreless innings from the mound and teammate Charlie Butrico cracked two base hits.

Cardinals vs. Mets

Cardinals—Bryan Gillen and Mike Olano both played well with each

reaching the bases safely all four times up with a combination of base hits and walks.

Mets—John Malinowski crushed a game-tying base hit in the last inning.

Orioles vs. Dodgers

Orioles—Vincent Vetuschi turned in a strong inning from the mound and his teammate Chris Graves pitched two scoreless innings.

Dodgers—Greg Sutton had an excellent afternoon, throwing two scoreless innings.

Angels vs. Red Sox

Angels—Mitchell Dean pitched two strong innings and with his bat he crushed a double over the center-fielder's head. Brett Temple reached base twice, drawing two key walks.

Red Sox—Justin Marks turned in an outstanding evening with six

strikeouts from the mound, then picking up his bat, he proceeded to smack two singles and a triple. Mark Cisson sparked at first base with an unassisted put out and then punched out a single of his own.

Cardinals vs. Red Sox

Cardinals—Joey Hart led the charge with a single and double and driving in three runs. Ryan Walsh kept the Red Sox off balance, throwing two scoreless innings.

Red Sox—Justin Marks crushed a home run to left center and teammate David Vargas had a good game, making some key throws from left field.

Mets vs. Yankees

Mets—The offensive attack was led by JT Colapietro with a sharp single and Marc Stassio had three big smoking base hits.

Boys U-12 Traveling Soccer Renewed Spirit

After a late spring start due to rainy weather, the Boy's U-12 Spirit traveling soccer team is off to an exciting season. Sunny skies prevailed over the first home game on April 10 against the Montgomery Sharks. Excellent goal tending by Nicholas Tuyp and Troy McNair, along with goals scored by Matias Palma and Agu Ufodu, ultimately gave Spirit a 4-0 win. Great playing by Cory Limone, Brandon Staynings, Jason Pattison, Joseph Krawiec and the entire Spirit team!

Sunshine and warm weather were with them again last Sunday as they traveled to Watchung Hills for their next game. Although the entire game was played with only eleven boys and no subs, Spirit never gave up. Halfway through the game, the team

was down 5-1. In the second half, an exhausted team Spirit managed to score three more goals. The game ended with an impressive 6-4 score. Goals were made by Agu Ufodu, Daniel Zwatschka, Matias Palma and the final with a penalty kick by Troy McNair. Goal keeping duties were shared by Troy McNair and Agu Ufodu. Defense positions were held by Marc Paez and the "three Ryans"—Billich, Hutchison and Lind. Mid and offense was played aggressively by Miguel Mejia, Troy McNair, Edwin Molina, Matias Palma, Andrew Sanchez, Agu Ufodu and Daniel Zwatschka. The coaching staff is extremely proud of how this team has progressed in its second season together.

GO SPIRIT!



Over 600 Perform in Music Festival and Art Exhibition

By Patricia Abbott

On April 7 South Plainfield schools celebrated the arts with their 36th annual All District Music Festival and Art Exhibition. The event featured students district wide: Grant 5th/6th grade elementary chorus, band and strings ensembles, Middle School Concert Choir, Gems, Orchestra and Concert band. High school performers included the chorus, Emeralds, Jazz and Band and Orchestra. There were also special performances by the SPSHS Winter Guard. Eye-catching art work from students of all grade levels lined the hallway.

The festival was founded in 1969 by High School Choral Director Peter Franks and Band Director Davin Haining. It featured a combined junior and senior high youths. In 1970

students were chosen from each grade school to form a chorus and band. The event was moved from the current middle school to the new high school in 1975. The art exhibition was added to in 1991 making it a true celebration of the arts. Over 600 students performed in this year's festival.



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS the owner of Block 192, Lot 4.01 has requested that the Borough vacate a portion of Cedar Avenue along the property's western property line; and

WHEREAS the Borough has received a proposal from CME Associates to perform the metes and bounds descriptions for said vacation at a cost not to exceed \$1,150.00; and

WHEREAS this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and will be made available in the FY 2005 Engineering Budget, account # 5-01-20-165-000-235.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a professional services contract with CME Associates to perform metes and bounds descriptions for said street vacation as requested by the owner of Block 192, Lot 4.01 at a cost not to exceed \$1,150.00.

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Municipal Clerk

\$40.00

April 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To: Greystone Paving & Contracting Co., Inc. for public improvements at South Plainfield, NJ Postal Facility, Lot 47, 48, 49, Block 254.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bonds by Greystone Paving & Contracting Co., Inc. for public improvements at South Plainfield Post Office known as Lot 47, 48, 49 Block 254 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held May 3, 2005 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

\$35.00

April 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

April 15, 2005—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 14, 2005.

A. Case #18-05—Elizabeth Austin, Block 182; Lot 7, 400 Lane Avenue. The applicant's request for a lot coverage variance in order to erect a wood deck to the rear of her existing single-family home was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #12-05—Gino Leonardis, Block 2222; Lot 58; 3281 Evergreen Lane. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance and a lot coverage variance in order to construct a shed on his property was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Hunterton
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

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Obituaries

Helen Marie (Strahl) Vokral, 88

Helen Marie (Strahl) Vokral died on Saturday, April 16 at home.

Helen was born in Perth Amboy and had resided in Staten Island, NY for 65 years and in Piscataway for seven years before moving to South Plainfield in 1996.

Mrs. Vokral retired in 1970 after working as a secretary for 11 years. Before her retirement, she worked in the pathology department of Richmond Memorial Hospital of Staten Island as a medical transcriber secretary and previously as a secretary for the J. Nelson Engineering Co. of Staten Island. Her career initially began with various insurance companies in Manhattan.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley Vokral, who died in 1996; two sisters, Frances Hala and Emily Skon and two brothers, Fred and John Strahl.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Carole Vokral of Staten Island, Jim and Debbie Vokral of South Plainfield and Fred and Sue Vokral of Piscataway; four grandchildren, Jenny, Eric and James Vokral, Jr. and Christine Riggio and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Sacred Heart Church or Haven Hospice of JFK Hospital.

Robert "Bob" Emrich, 73

Robert Emrich died on Wednesday, April 13 at the New Jersey Firemen's Home in Boonton.

Born in Newark, he grew up in Union where he had graduated from Union High School. He has lived in South Plainfield for over 45 years.

He was a Korean War Army Veteran and had been awarded the Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Merit Unit Commendation.

During his career of over 35 years, which began with Bell Labs in Murray Hill, he held various positions. He was later transferred to Piscataway when the company became Bellcore. At the time of his retirement eight years ago, Bob was a health and safety officer with Telecordia in Piscataway.

He was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Bob's real passion in life was health and safety. He was a member of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department for over 25 years and a life

member of both the South Plainfield and the NJ State Exempt Firemen's Associations and a Life Member of the NJ Firemen's Association. During his time with the fire department, Bob had served for over 20 years as a part time fire inspector for South Plainfield. To further his knowledge of fire science and arson investigation, he had taken numerous courses on the subject in Middlesex County and Somerset County Colleges.

In the past, his service to South Plainfield also included serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Mayor's Citizens Advisory Committee.

In his personal time, Bob attended Pilgrim Covenant Church. He always enjoyed reading his Bible and working his garden. He was an avid freshwater fisherman and even had evidence of the "big one" that did not get away.

His son, Bruce R. Emrich, died in 1997.

Surviving are his wife of almost 50 years, Ruth (Staiger) Emrich; a daughter, Donna R. Sopko and his grandson, Michael R. Sopko, both of South Plainfield; a sister, Loretta Taylor of Hazlet; three brothers, his twin brother Reinhold Emrich and his wife Helen of Cedar Grove; Rev. George Emrich and his wife Darlene and Ernst Hahn in Germany. Bob also leaves several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the South Plainfield Firemen's Memorial Fund would be appreciated.

Victoria "Vicky" (LaCosta) Delayo, 97

Victoria (LaCosta) Delayo died on Wednesday, April 13 at Kensington Manor Care Center in Toms River.

Born in Brooklyn, she resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield, where she had resided for most of her life. In 2003, she settled in Lavallette.

She and her late husband Charles Delayo, Sr., owned and operated the former Delayo's Market located on Plainfield Ave. in South Plainfield from 1947 to 1964.

A communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church and a member of the Altar Rosary Society, she was also an active member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens and South Plainfield Senior Citizens. She was also a member of the Plainfield-area Chapter of Deborah and a former member of the South Plainfield B.O.P.E. Elks Lodge #2298 Ladies' Auxiliary.

In addition to her husband Charles, who died in 1989, she is also predeceased by her sister, Anna Silvestri and four brothers, Nicholas, Joseph, Charles and Carl LaCosta.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Jr.

and his wife Ruth (Shaw) Delayo of Lavallette and William and his wife Nancy (Johnston) Delayo of Martinsville and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the Plainfield-area chapter of Deborah.

Frank J. Cox, 68

Frank J. Cox died on Tuesday, April 12 in South Plainfield.

Born in Dover, Frank was raised in Irvington before moving to South Plainfield more than 45 years ago.

He worked as a truck driver for Consolidated Freight in South Plainfield for more than 20 years. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Cox served during peacetime. Frank was an active speaker and assisted at AA meetings in Piscataway. A friend to all, he took pleasure in helping others. He especially liked to make people laugh and smile and most of all he loved to watch his grandchildren play baseball.

As a family tradition started about 20 years ago, Mr. Cox was one of the "six amigos" amongst his family and friends at their gatherings which were mainly held at the Monmouth Park Racetrack.

He was also a Notre Dame football fan and enjoyed trips to Atlantic City.

He is predeceased by two brothers, Kenneth and Harold.

Surviving are a daughter, Sherry Marcoux and her husband Jeff of South Plainfield; his longtime companion, Carol Veith of Dunellen; his lifelong friend Carolyn Boyle of Florida and two grandchildren, Johnathan and Ryan. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Barbara (Hall) Arnold, 84

Barbara (Hall) Arnold died on Tuesday, April 12 at the Haven Hospice in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Arnold was born in Newark and had resided in Millburn and in Orange before moving to South Plainfield in 1950.

She had been employed for 16 years as a sales associate with the former Bradlees in South Plainfield before her retirement in 1985.

A member of the AFL-CIO Retail Clerks Union Local 262 of Little Fall, she was also a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Dunellen.

Barbara enjoyed her knitting and needlework as well as baking.

Her husband, Charles Arnold, died in 2001. She was also predeceased by a brother, Nelson Hall.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law Linda and Mark Rutledge of Piscataway; three grandsons and their wives, Sean and Jennifer Lant, Courtney and Allison Lant and Wesley and Cynthia Lant and four grand-grandchildren, Bayleigh, Victoria, Kira and

Charlie Lant.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Memorial donations to the Northern NJ Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

Rosemary A. Holzapfel, 79

Rosemary A. Holzapfel died on Sunday, April 17 at the Crossings in Lake Worth, Fla.

Born in Manhattan, Mrs. Holzapfel had resided in Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield in 1959. She had resided there for 44 years before she settled in Florida in 2004.

She was employed at the former Tepper's Department Store in Plainfield and later worked for the former Martindale-Hubbell in Summit as a proof reader before retiring in 1991.

Mrs. Holzapfel was predeceased by her husband, Arthur G. Holzapfel, who passed away in June of 1965.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia and her husband Leonard Impagiatelli, Caroline and her husband Alfred Payne; a son, Arthur G. Holzapfel, all of Florida; two grandsons, Alfred Payne III of Ringoes and Paul Payne of Hopewell. Also surviving are three great granddaughters, Kaitlyn, Brenna and Halley.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. Northern NJ Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Den-ville, NJ 07834 or the National Parkinson's Foundation, 1501 North

West 9th Ave., Miami, Florida 33136.

Armenia Santos Resende, 65

Armenia Santos Resende died on Tuesday, April 5 in Ovar, Portugal.

Born in Seixal, Portugal, she immigrated to the United States in 1960, settling in Brooklyn. She later moved to South Plainfield in 1973, where she lived until 1986. She then split her time between her family in Portugal and the United States.

Armenia was a former member of Sacred Heart RC Church and the Alter Rosary Society in South Plainfield. She enjoyed needlepointing, knitting, crocheting, ceramics and spending time with her family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anselmo Resende, in 1983.

Surviving are her mother, Luzette Santos of Portugal; three children, Diane McGahey and her husband Scott of Middlesex, Christine Ciempola and her husband Ed of Neshanic Station and Mark Resende and his wife MaryLou of South Plainfield; seven grandchildren, Sarah and Rachel McGahey, Matthew and Mason Resende and Christopher, Joseph and Timothy Ciempola; a sister, Margie Reis of Staten Island, NY; a brother, Joseph Santos of Albany, NY and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held in Ovar, Portugal on April 7.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to: American Parkinson's Disease Assoc. NJ Chapter, P.O. Box 214, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

In Memoriam ~ April 8, 2005

I can't believe a year has passed already since you left us. A day has not gone by that I don't think of you and wish we could talk one more time; I could see you smile that special smile only you had or hear your words of wisdom speak to my heart but, dear Nathaniel Seabrook (Nat, as I call you), I will never forget you or those special times we did share. You will always have a place in my heart and I thank God that I was able to know someone like you. You are part of the wonderful memories I will always have of Roosevelt School. Never goodbye, only I will see you again someday.
—Love, Pat Hajduk

April 4, 2004

You walked away, Turned smiled. A smile I'll never forget.
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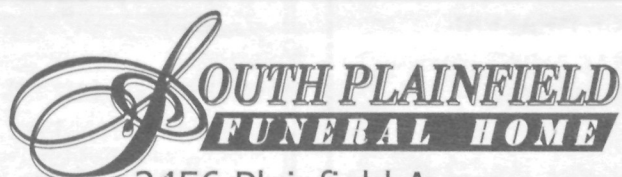
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Wilfredo Rodriguez requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a deck. Proposed deck (1) lacks 8' required side yard setbacks, 5' being proposed and (2) exceeds lot coverage by 333 sq. ft. or 6.7%, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 727 Wadsworth Avenue on Block 24, Lot 29 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 12, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 April 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Wendy's (The Rawson Group) requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 12 roof flags advertising. Wendy's exceeds number of signs per Wendy's site plan approval, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 750 Oak Tree Rd. on Block 254, Lots 1 and 2.02 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 12, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

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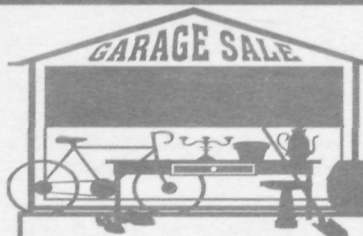


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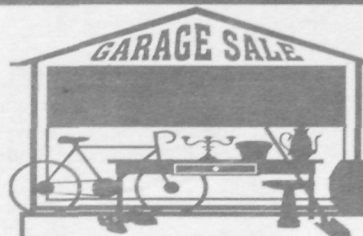


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Cultural Heritage Day Held at SPHS

By Patricia Abbott

On April 7 South Plainfield High School held their annual Cultural Heritage Day. The day was created to acknowledge and celebrate the school's diverse cultures. The day long event held in the library was organized by the Jerseyan Club and the International Club. Visitors enjoyed a mini trip around the world in under an hour.

National flags hung from the ceiling. Students and teachers wore a wide variety of national costumes. Part of the room was devoted to displays of items representing various countries. On the opposite side there was row upon row of ethnic foods to be sampled.

Students applauded the efforts of all the classmates who entertained them with performances featuring Hip Hop, Hispanic, Filipino, Indian, West Indian, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Latin American and Irish. This year there were nearly 20 performing groups who offered songs and dances of their culture.



police report

• On April 7 Andrew L. Bashe, 22, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license and failure to comply with officers directions at a motor vehicle stop.

• A high school student reported the theft of a cell phone from her purse which she left unattended in a classroom.

• A Keystone resident reported the theft of his bike that was chained to a rail in front of the building.

• On April 8 Oscar M. Gavidia, 27, of South Plainfield was arrested at a motor vehicle stop for driving while intoxicated, consumption of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle and having an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

• Jersey Oil on Park Ave. reported that a customer left without paying for \$10 worth of gas.

• The owner of Kritsak Trucking

reported the theft of his locked truck that was parked in the parking lot at 1911 New Brunswick Ave. The truck was later found in Newark.

• On April 9 Ryszard Ludynia, 55, of Raritan was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• Ricardo J. Drakes, 18, of Piscataway was arrested for having a brake light out and an outstanding warrant during a motor vehicle stop.

• A Park St. resident reported the rear window of his 2002 Infiniti had been smashed.

• China Buffet on Park Ave. reported that four females had left without paying a \$54.30 bill.

• On April 10 Diane E. Deschaine, 41, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• Jose H. Orellana, 32, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated,

refusal to take a breathalyzer test, reckless driving and failure to keep right at a motor vehicle stop.

• On April 12 Christian A. Medina-Espinoza, 31, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On April 13 a Zwolak Ct. resident reported that a green paintball had been shot at his front windows.

• On April 15 a Highland Park resident reported the theft of her cosmetic bag from the counter at K-Mart. The bag contained a passport, \$90, a credit card and drivers license.

• On April 16 Erick A. Davile, 24, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and speeding at a motor vehicle stop.

• Juan Sebastian Franco-Salazar, 19, of Piscataway was arrested for resisting arrest, obstruction of justice and disorderly conduct after being asked to get out of the middle of the road on New Brunswick Ave.

• Jose A. Zamudio, 65, of No. Plainfield was arrested for driving an uninsured and unregistered vehicle with fictitious plates at a motor vehicle stop.

• Robert Arthur Stuhldreher, 38, of Metuchen was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license, operating and unregistered and uninsured vehicle and failure to wear a helmet after a motorcycle accident.

• James Monroe Tate, 32, of High Point, NC was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at Best Western.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of his license plates while parked at JS Used Appliances on Hamilton Blvd.

• On April 17 Holiday Inn resident reported that the driver side mirror on his rental car had been taken.

• On April 18 Selena A. Brown, 33, of Rahway was arrested for driving on a suspended license and outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Babes Dr. resident reported that the drivers side mirror had been knocked off his car.

• A Second Pl. resident reported the theft of a change purse containing \$2 and a set of keys from her unlocked vehicle parked in front of Quick Check of Sampton Ave.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1686A

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

Ordinance #1686A entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1686 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND ESTABLISHING SALARY FOR SAID POSITION FOR 2005" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 18, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$26.25 April 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1693

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

Ordinance #1693 entitled: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS "STOP INTERSECTIONS" AND PROVIDING STOP SIGNS AT SAID LOCATIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 18, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.50 April 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1696

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

Ordinance #1696 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$215,213 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE HELEN STREET SCOPING was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 22, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1696

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$215,213 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AS LISTED BELOW FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

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

Helen Street Scoping	\$215,213.00
TOTAL	\$215,213.00

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

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

- That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$215,213.00.
- That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$215,213.00 grant from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA)
- The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$215,213.00.

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

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Municipal Clerk

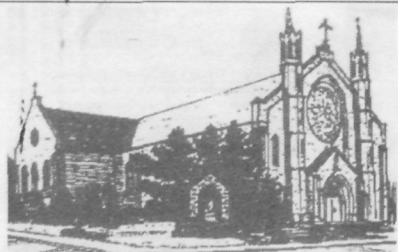
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