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## BOE Reorganizes, Swears in New Members

### Carol Byrne Asks Board to Consider Citizens Advisory Board

Monday night the Board of Education held their annual reorganization meeting, and swore in the three winners in last week's election and conducted the annual business of naming the official banks, auditors, consultants, architects, board attor-

ney, engineer and all of those who will serve the board during the 2005/2006 year. Newly installed member Carol Byrne suggested that the board form a citizens advisory board seemed to be coolly received by board members.

The first order of business was for

the three winners in last week's election to be officially announced and take the oath of office. The new members are incumbent Tim Morgan and former board members Carol Byrne and Jeff Seider.

The members of the board then

elected Mike English as president and Steve Bohn as vice president. Both were elected unanimously and were unopposed.

Most of the appointments remained the same as last year. Re-appointed were board attorney Nicholas Celso III, architects Cornerstone Architectural Group, engineer Schoor Depalma and auditors Hodulik and Morrison. Before voting on the auditor, newly seated board member Jeff Seider asked that the auditor vote be tabled so he could obtain more information on them, but he was voted down. He voted 'no' and Carol Byrne abstained.

The dates of the Committee of the Whole and Public Meetings were also approved and are listed on page 2.

Members of the board who spoke all thanked the voters for approving the budget. Also discussed were the boxes at the polls, which were removed by Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri. (See related story, page 3.)

In her first statement, Carol Byrne asked the board to tape record all meetings to more accurately keep records. The board has not been recording meetings for some time. She added she hoped this could be done by the next public meeting.

She also asked that the board consider reverting to their former practice of giving their statements before the public portion so that the public has

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VFW Post #6763 Junior Vice Commander Rudy Poczak (left) recently donated a new flag to South Plainfield High School and presented it to Assistant Principal Steve Novak and Principal Dr. Ken May. The flag will replace the tattered one displayed in the gymnasium. Mr. Poczak retrieved the old flag and will properly dispose of it.



## Annual Tiger 24 Set For Saturday

The second annual Tiger 24 will begin on Friday, April 29, 4 p.m. at the track at Jost Field, and will end on Saturday, April 30 at 4 p.m.

The event is being organized by members of the South Plainfield High School Leadership Group, the South Plainfield Board of Education and Sodexo School Services, who have made a tremendous effort over the last two months to put the event together.

The event, which last year raised \$12,000, is being held to raise money for local children's charities.

The marathon will feature a wide array of activities during the 24-hour period, including a 5,000 meter race, a backward 400, three-legged races, baton races, team relays and many other events. The Tiger 24 will also hold a Battle of the Classes competition for the high school, as well as the middle school.

The Tiger 24 was created to provide a healthy outlet in a fun venue with a positive outcome for special needs infants and toddlers.

Saturday morning specials include face painting, an ice cream truck, a fire truck and much more for families.

The Leadership Group has received strong support in this endeavor from local businesses such as AKA Inc., the Bagel Pantry, Sportworld and the Home Depot, as well as Councilman Ray Petronko and the South Plainfield Fire Department.

Award categories include: most valuable volunteer, most pledge dollars raised, predict a time, most laps walked, most laps run, largest team and most team laps.

Don't forget--grab a pair of sneakers and come walk or run with your friends and family for 24 hours of nonstop fun!

Donations are always gratefully accepted. Questions can be answered by calling (908) 754-4620, ext. 362.

## Candidates Named for November Council Election

### GOP Taps Anesh, Bengivenga for Council

Lifelong residents Matthew Anesh and Robert Bengivenga, Jr. are the choice of South Plainfield Republicans to be the party's candidates for Borough

Council this fall. The two were chosen after a two-month-long candidate search using an open screening process that permitted any interested resident to apply.

Both Anesh and Bengivenga received the unanimous endorsement of the party's screening committee.

GOP Chair Bob Jones could not be more pleased with the choice: "Matthew and Robert are two top-notch candidates who will bring responsible government back to our town. They are a dynamic team, one with a combination of business experience, new ideas and a strong desire to get our town back on track. I'm excited to have them representing us."

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### Kubala, Thomas Earn Democratic Endorsement

Councilpersons Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas have been unanimously endorsed for reelection by the South

Plainfield Democratic Organization. Committee chairman Patrick Diegnan summed up the sentiments of the committee members: "Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas represent the best South Plainfield has to offer. They are honest, intelligent and hard working. Both Ed and Kathy have been tremendous members of the borough council. They have earned the respect of our residents

and I am confident they will be overwhelmingly reelected this November."

In accepting his party's nomination, Councilperson Kubala

reflected on the accomplishments of his tenure saying, "When Jim Vokral and I first ran for council 12 years ago, our slogan was

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Robert Bengivenga, Jr. and Matthew Anesh



Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas



# IN YOUR OPINION

## Citizens of South Plainfield:

I would like to thank all who supported me in my effort, posted signs on your lawns and offered me encouragement during my campaign to seek re-election to the South Plainfield Board of Education. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board for the past three years and I look forward to the next three with great enthusiasm.

I promise to always do my best when deciding the many issues that will come before us, always keeping in mind what is best for all of the students in our community. Thank you for the opportunity to again represent you and I look forward to meeting and talking with you during my term.

**SINCERELY,  
TIMOTHY I. MORGAN**

Dear Editor,

Our family would like to thank Carly Ashnault for all her creativity in

helping us celebrate our daughter Nicole's First Holy Communion. Carly arranged crafts, games and dancing for the children at our party and made it a big success! She is such a lovely, talented and caring individual—we appreciate all her hard work! Wow! We couldn't have done it without you! You're the greatest! Thank you!

**LOVE,  
NICOLE, DANIELLE, MARYANN  
AND BRIAN BYTHELL**

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Dr. Robert Rosado, Superintendent of the South Plainfield School System, for opening the Business Administrative Building during Spring Break 2005, April 12, to discuss the proposed budget and for being upfront and open about what possibilities would be created if the proposed budget was defeated. Dr.

Rosado discussed and answered everyone's questions for a two-and-a-half hour period and because of all his diligent work on all his budget presentations, the budget passed and our educational and the out-of-the-classroom programs have a brighter horizon. I would like to extend a big thank you to all those people who came out on Spring Break to ask all your pressing questions. It was greatly appreciated and to all the voters—I see, once again, you did prove it's all about the kids!

I would also like to commend all the PTSO's, PTA's and PTO's for your great ideas on creating "I Voted" cards to be placed in small boxes that only stated that you voted. These cards were incentives to get the vote out. The class in each school that received the most vote cards would receive a pizza party sponsored by their PTSO, PTA or PTO. Unfortunately, the Middlesex County Board of Election workers felt it was their responsibility to destroy these boxes and cards. So, once again, who suffered the consequences of their actions? The kids! Shame on you, MCBE, for your rude, arrogant attitude.

Thanks again to all those who did come out to vote—it's your right, duty and your VOICE!

**DEBBIE BOYLE**

Dear Editor,

As always, your paper has done a fine job offering to our town the philosophies by which the candidates for the Board of Education prescribe. However I am not writing to espouse my position in respect to which candidates I deem most qualified to make business decisions on behalf of my child. It seems that there are, in addition to this town's large financial issues to contend with, also some serious issues of morality and integrity.

On Monday, April 18, my eight-year-old arrived home from school with a flyer and a little card in his backpack, amongst his completed assignments and homework. As we rifled through his papers, he pulled the flyer and card from his folder and told me, with excitement, that I needed to vote 'for the budget' the following day, so he could have a pizza party.

I am sure that the Riley School PTSO had some sort of good intentions in sending this note home, but, quite honestly, I am at a loss to understand why they would do such a thing. I'm sure they did not intend to violate the election process through this irresponsible act, but did these people feel that it was OK to encourage voting through bribery? Did they deem pizza the healthy medium by which to teach patriotism and pride in one's community? Since our school system is suffering such financial woes, wouldn't purchasing academic materials have been a better potential spend? Do they not understand that this fundamental concept is illegal? Ralph Nader cannot give my son \$1,000 if I vote in the next presidential election.

I hope that in the future, notions such as this are better thought out; better yet, they should not be considered. I expect my sons to be taught positive, moral values, in addition to academic excellence.

**RACHEL HENDERSON**

To the Editor,

Voting Tactics an Outrage!  
Taxpayers were the losers in the re-

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## I'm Looking for a Blonde Driving a Minivan!

Are you a blonde driver (or do you know one?) of a white minivan or SUV ???

On Thursday, April 21 at about 8:07 a.m. I hit the passenger side window of your car. I did this while I was trying to squeeze through, past your car. You were making a left onto a side street from the seventh grade side of the South Plainfield Middle School.

I didn't stop right then, because there were a long line of cars. I looked in my rear view mirror and you had turned, but I wasn't sure if you stopped. So, I proceeded down the street to drop off my other two teenage sons who were screaming at me, "how stupid that was....."

I quickly turned around and tried to find you. Unfortunately, I didn't get any pertinent information except in the blink of an eye, that you had straight blonde hair and a white vehicle??? I'm not a very good witness!

I followed "you" all the way to Stelton Rd. and New Brunswick, got out of my car at the light (in full pajama gear, believe me—it was not pretty) and knocked on "your" window to tell you, "I was sorry," *but it wasn't you!*

I don't think there was any damage to your car. However, I really wanted to get in contact with you to let you know I am normally not a jerk, just a harried mom trying to get the kids to school on time, or in just the nick of time. It is not an excuse and yet I felt the need to clarify that (the part about not being a jerk.)

Most of the time, I "do" the right thing, but every now and then I get caught up in the little things. Please forgive me as I hope the incident didn't set the tone for your entire day. Please call me so I can apologize personally and make sure there was no damage.

My name is Debbie Pryor (908) 403-2475.

cent school budget because they are the ones to realize the increase in their property taxes. The students, who we believe would have lost nothing either way, were the pawns who were positioned by those officials who had no business in setting them up. How was it done? Very easily.

The students were directed by their teachers to take home notices to parents, encouraging them to vote for the budget. There was a box set up for these same notices to be collected at the polls. The majority of the notices were the determining factor for a pizza party for the winners if the budget were approved. Teachers were adjacent to the booths at least at one school to encourage parents by their proximity alone.

Besides being ethically adverse, the box set up as mentioned above was contrary to polling rules and after the polling administrator was advised, he had the boxes removed as directed by the Attorney General. Having teach-

ers standing by was also highly irregular. (We were very surprised that the *Observer* neglected to point out these misdeeds in last week's issue!)

The Senior Men's Forum was opposed to the budget for valid reasons as reported in previous letters published in the *Observer*. Although two new Board members were elected, we believe that Mr. Markham would have been an effective voice and valuable addition if he had been elected as well.

We believe that had more than 26 percent of the vote been recorded with a greater turnout, the teacher "bloc" would have been overcome and the budget turned down. Thus, we remind readers how important it is for residents to be fully informed and dedicated to the best interests of all South Plainfield residents. Otherwise, we will reflect public apathy again and again.

**WALTER J. PASACRITA,  
CHAIRMAN, SENIOR MEN'S  
FORUM OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

## Mark Your Calendars

### council meetings

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 (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

### planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.

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

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.

### zoning board of adjustment

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.

### board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. May 3, June 7, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m. May 10, June 14, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 4.

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Joe Diegnan, member of the Clean Communities Commission, was busy last Saturday cleaning up Belmont Rd. near the railroad tracks.

## Cleanup Day Brings Out 100 Despite Threatening Weather

Saturday's weather forecast was for heavy rain and volunteers for the annual cleanup were not sure if they could get the job done before the heavy rains began to fall. In the end more than 100 people came out for clean up day and the rest planned to work during the week and weekend cleaning up the Borough.

For the next few week's, South Plainfields roads and streets will look attractive, with the curbs cleaned and all of the junk and trash picked-up along the roads throughout the town.

Spots cleaned on Saturday were Metuchen Rd., Kentile Rd., Belmont Ave; Cedar Brook behind the Rescue Squad and Willow Ave. Park, Grant School, Riley School, Nature Reserve, Putnam Park, Walnut St. Park and Tyler Place. During this week, cleanup will take place along the Clinton Ave.

Extension; Kenneth and Spicer Ave., New Brunswick Ave., New Market Ave. near Carmine Ave., South Clinton Ave. and the future site of the public library.

The pizza party was moved into the Council Chambers and it went very smoothly. Prizes were awarded and there was plenty of food for everyone.

In the next few weeks Alice Tempel will be totaling up the exact amount of trash the volunteers picked-up and we will be reporting the tonnage in the *Observer*. We have also agreed to list the names of everyone who helped in this enormous project.

In the meantime, why not try to keep the roadways clean and clear of trash for a while. All it takes is residents taking the time to pick up their trash and if they see some on the roads, pick that up too!

## Voting Boxes Cause a Controversy

The reason for the boxes placed at the voting places was probably a good one, but it all fell apart when the boxes were removed in the middle of the afternoon by Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri.

The idea was to get more parents out to vote for this years school board election. A special box was placed at each of the voting sites and parents were asked to put in a slip in the box to show they voted. Some children were promised a pizza party or ice cream as a prize. Each school devised their own contest and type of slip for parents to deposit their voted.

According to Board President Pio Pennisi, the attorney general's office was called before placing the boxes at the polls and they were told it was perfectly legal. When Pennisi learned of the potential problems, the Board's attorney was called and he also concurred it was legal.

However, Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri got a different viewpoint from the Middlesex County Voting Authority. They said that the boxes had to be at least 100 feet from the polling place, which would have placed them outside of the buildings. He was ordered to remove them and did so.

Pennisi explained that other districts use this method, noting that a front page story in a daily newspaper showed a pizza party in Bridgewater using a similar method of getting out the vote.

Monday night Board President Mike English said he thought the voting box idea was wrong and would not have supported it.

In the end, almost 25 percent of the eligible voters did vote, almost three times as many as last year. No one would say if this type of voting contest will be tried again. But if it is, there will be more research and planning needed to be done ahead of time to reduce the confusion and disappointment many students felt after learning they would get no pizza party, no ice cream, nor any of the incentives promised to the class whose had the highest amount of parents who voted.

## Kennedy Get Acquainted Program

John E Kennedy School PTSO will be holding our "Kindergarten Get Acquainted Program" for all students who will be attending Kindergarten at JFK in September. The purpose of the class is to familiarize the students with the school and staff. Hopefully, any anxieties the children may have about coming to a new school will be alleviated. Some of the activities during the program are visits to the school nurse, the principal and taking a minibus ride.

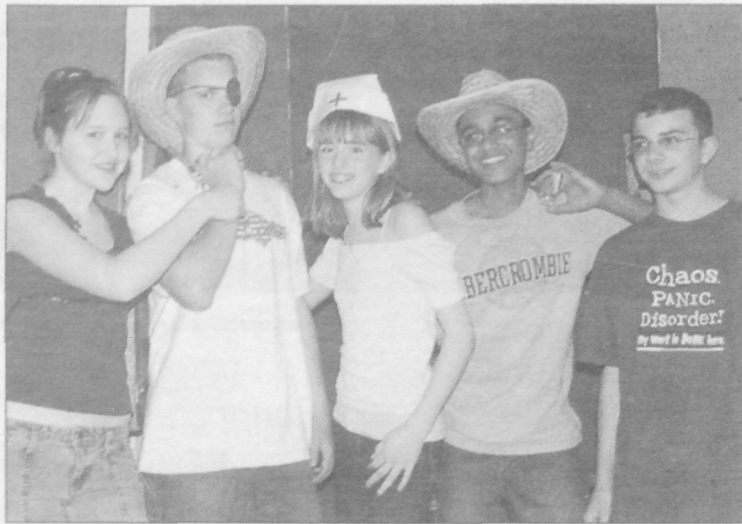
The sessions for the program are on Tuesdays, May 10-24, from 9-10:30 a.m. and from 1-2:30 p.m.

Parents may register during the month of April and May in the Kennedy School main office between 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration much be completed by May 9.

If you need any further information about the program, please call the main office at (908) 756-4620.

## To Contact Police in a Non-Emergency

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



Kelly Kline, Joe Grennier, Christine Snoggans, Cornelius Mootoo and Tim Ratti are busy rehearsing for next week's play.

## Middle School Players to Present Old Fashion Western Comedy

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield Middle School Players are currently in rehearsal with an old fashioned western comedy. The show, Holder Posey, The Felonious Photographer or Step Into My Dark-room and We'll See What Develops has all the elements needed for an evening of laughs; melodrama, damsels in distress, heroes, villains, heroines and an outrageous assortment of citizens. The action takes place in "Holeinroad, a little town Way Out West."

The outrageous characters that inhabit this town have equally outrageous names.

Mike Boyle plays sketch artist and hero Drew Deline, Rocco Severini is photographer and villain Holder Posey, Emily Orlandini is villain Candide Cameron, Cathy Krawiec/Sheryl Lipuma plays the heroine Ida Claire Yawl, Nicole Soisson/Carla

Scala play pony express riders Winnie Gallop, Allyson and Kathryn Pate-reck play town gossips Gilda Lillie and Echo Chambers. Other characters include Cornelious Mootoo as Freddy Katt, Joe Grennier as Deputy Deadeye, CJ Seesselberg as Mayor Gullible, Tim Ratti as Dr. Bill, Kelly Kline/Christine Snogans as Nurse Cutter. Saloon staff and other cast members are: Nora Stacio, Megan Kerper, Elle McDede, Sandy Pleeter, Viktoryia Glushko, Matt Brazza and Martha Mejia.

Director is Dale Salisbury and Ellyn Schwartz is assistant director. They said, "Enjoy an evening of hilarious comedy, and over acting!"

The show, a Pioneer Drama Production, will be presented at the Middle School Auditorium on May 5 and 6 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Middle School. Adult-\$8; senior citizens and students, \$2; children under five are free.

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Thurs.-Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10am

Weekend Schedule: Saturday evenings 5:30pm  
Sunday mornings 8am and 11am

## Junior Journalist WINNER

Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros present dinner to Junior Journalist winner Troy Heilmann, pictured here with mother Pam, sister Danielle, brothers Joseph and Nicholas and friend Anthony Gray.

Congratulations Troy!

**Feed your soul...write!**



# Around Town

## Basket Bingo at Grant Elementary

April 29

On Friday, April 29, a Basket Bingo will be held at Grant Elementary. Tickets are still available at \$20 for 10 games for baskets and other raffles. For tickets, call (908) 757-9432.

## 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.

## Property Tax Relief Programs Forum

May 4

Two New Jersey Property Tax Relief forums will be held for seniors at the Senior Center on Wednesday, May 4. First is 10 a.m. to noon, and second is 1 to 3 p.m.

## What's happening in MAY

Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
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## Senior Center EVENTS

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
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> <b>May 7—Country Western Hoe Down, 6-10 pm</b> <b>May 19—Cactus Flower at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, \$50 Bus leaves at 9 a.m.</b>				
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	2 Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am	3 Exercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 10 am 11:30 am, 1 pm Tax Relief Program 10am to noon & 1 to 3pm	4 Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Hoe Down 6-10pm \$10	5 Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
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				6 Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available

TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

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

Discussions include: property tax reimbursement and applications and Homestead Rebate. Also program updates, eligibility filing requirements and question and answer period.

## SPHS Booster Meeting

May 4

There will be a meeting of the Music Boosters on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. Elections for officers are to be held. All are invited to attend.

## Family Fun Trip to Yanks/Mets Games

May 7 & July 1

The Club at Ricochet is sponsoring two trips to a ball game. The first is Saturday, May 7, Yankees vs. Oakland A's at Yankee Stadium. Bus leaves at 10 a.m. Everyone receives a Yankee cap. Second game is July 1, Mets vs. Florida Marlins with fireworks at midnight. Bus will leave at 4 p.m. Tickets for games are \$49 each and may be obtained by calling (908) 753-2300.

## Mother's Day Breakfast

May 8

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., are hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8, from 8 a.m. until

noon. The breakfast is sponsored by the PER Association.

Adults are \$6 and children ages five-12 are \$4. Children under five are free.

## Biofeed Back Treatments Lecture

May 15

A lecture on biofeedback treatments will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. at the library.

Kirtley Thornton, Ph.D. of the South Plainfield-based Center for Health Psychology will present the lecture. He'll speak about the use of biofeedback in the treatment of various problems, including ADD, learning disabilities and traumatic brain injuries. This lecture is being presented free; no pre-registration is required.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). Also visit the Center for Health Psychology's website at [chp-neurotherapy.com](http://chp-neurotherapy.com).

## — Out of Town —

## WOW's Dinner Dance

April 29

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

## Moonrakers Dance

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 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 dance only is \$25 per person. For information, call (201) 218-8992 or go onto our website at [www.njfall.org](http://www.njfall.org).

## NJ Folk Festival Planned at Rutgers

April 30

The 31st Annual New Jersey Folk Festival will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free. Event is held on the grounds of the Eagleton Institute on the Douglass campus 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.

## Boutique Sale

April 30

On April 30, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a Children's Boutique Consignment Sale sponsored by the Tewksbury Twp. PTA at the Old Turnpike School-Route 517. Great bargains on top-of-the-line name brand clothing, baby equipment, toys, books and more. For information, call Cathy at (908) 832-2343.

## First Unitarian May Fair

May 1

The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, located at 724 Park Ave., is holding a May Fair on Sunday, May 1, from noon to 4 p.m. at the church. The suggested donation is \$3 per in-

dividual and \$10 per family.

## Poet/Spoken Word Artist Returns

May 1

Plainfield High School graduate returns to feature her work at the Antique Castle. Xennia (Joyce Gittos-Singh) will perform her unique blend of performance and spoken word poetry at the antique Castle in Plainfield, New Jersey. The public is invited.

## YMCA Beginner Knitting

May 2-23

The Metuchen YMCA, on High St. in Metuchen, is holding a Beginner 101 Knitting Course on Mondays beginning on May 2 through May 23.

The class teaches the basic knitting techniques. Supplies are provided. Price is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. For information, call (732) 548-2044 or visit [www.metuchen-edisonymca.org](http://www.metuchen-edisonymca.org).

## Free Career Workshop

May 3

A free career workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 3, from 7-9 p.m. at the Edison Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Edison. Please call (866) 4-U-NJ-911 to RSVP.

## Job Seekers' Seminar

May 5

Nova Employer Spotlight invites all job seekers to a FREE workshop at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 5 at Jewish Family & Vocational Service, 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201, Edison. Come learn about job opportunities. Bring your resume! To register, call (732) 777-1940.

## May Friendship Day

May 6

A May Friendship Day service and lunch will be held on Friday, May 6 at noon at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains. Lunch cost is \$7.

For information, call Peggy Stewart at (908) 755-0615.

## Rare Plant Auction

May 6

Morven's Gardens will hold a rare plant auction on Friday, May 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Princeton. Tickets are required. For information, (609) 924-8144, ext. 101.

## Blackrose, The Band Performing at Kerwins

May 7

Blackrose, the band will be performing at Kerwins Pub on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on May 7 at 9:30 p.m. Blackrose performs classical rock & roll music and today's hits. There is no cover charge.

For additional performing dates go to: [blackroserocks.com](http://blackroserocks.com).



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# Milestones



SPHS senior Nicole Aguilar, pictured with English teacher Alissa Pecora, recently won the Rutgers University High School Poetry Contest. Her poetry was entered in the contest as a part of her creative writing class. The Rutgers contest is one of the most competitive in the state and Nicole was invited to read some of her award winning poetry at Rutgers on Tuesday.

## Sacred Heart School Honors Father John

Fr. John Paul Alvarado, pastor of Sacred Heart School, was honored by the school community on April 15 at the 9 a.m. Mass. The National Catholic Education Association sets aside one day each year to honor those pastors who oversee the Catholic school within his parish.

Students wrote Father Alvarado notes of appreciation and presented him with a special gift designed by NCEA. Members of the Home School Association joined the students and staff in honoring Fr. Alvarado for his support and dedicated to the school and parish.

### Send Your Milestones

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## Moretti Realty Garners Top Honors For Quality Service And Productivity

The Century 21 Central Jersey Brokers Council honored the franchise's finest stars at an "Evening at The Academy Awards," March 31 in East Brunswick. Century 21 Moretti Realty received three top corporate awards, with almost 50 percent of their sales team receiving top sales awards.

According to broker/owner Guy Moretti of Century 21 Moretti, the firm received the *Double Centurion Award* for sales closed in 2004, the *Quality Service Pinnacle Award*, and

was the only office in the Central Jersey Broker Council to qualify for the *President's Award*, honoring both quality service and productivity achievements. In addition to these corporate awards, the company ranked fifth in the state in closed award units.

The *Double Centurion Award* is presented to Century 21 System offices that achieve sales production between 800 and 1,199 closed units in a given year. Prior to this year's achievement of *Double Centurion*, Century 21 Moretti qualified for the *Centurion* award for six consecutive years.

The *Quality Service Pinnacle Award*, an integral part of the franchise's commitment to excellence, is based on results from a corporate survey e-mailed to consumers immediately after the purchase or sale of a home through a Century 21 System office. To earn this award, an office must receive completed customer surveys for at least 25% of their transactions with an average survey score of at least 95% for two consecutive years.

The prestigious *President's Award* is bestowed upon those Century 21 offices that earn both the *Centurion* and the *Quality Service Pinnacle Award* in the same award year. For 2004, only Century 21 Moretti qualified for this honor.

These annual awards symbolize the hallmark of the Century 21 franchise. "We are thrilled to recognize the work of Century 21 Moretti for this significant achievement," said Thomas R. Kunz, president and chief executive officer, Century 21 Real Estate Corporation. "The men and women of Century 21 Moretti Realty truly understand that dedication, professionalism, excellence, and service are what drive the real estate industry. The individual efforts of each member are what these awards truly recognize."

In accepting the awards for his office, Moretti noted that Century 21 Moretti not only provides clients with knowledge and advice related to their real estate transaction, it also offers them peace of mind and confidence during what may be the most significant purchase of their lifetime.

Century 21 Moretti Realty ranks among the top 10 Century 21 offices in the State of NJ. In business over 25 years, the company has been affiliated with the Century 21 system for the past nine years. Located on Maple Ave., Century 21 Moretti Realty is a full service, multi-lingual brokerage firm with 60+ active agents providing real estate services throughout central New Jersey.



Pictured (l to r) new owners son Bret, with dad Larry, mom Helene, employee Dawn Falligan, trainer LuAnn Annacker and employee Stacy LaMonda along with Mayor Dan Gallagher cut the ribbon at the grand re-opening.

## Ladies Workout Express Celebrates Grand Re-Opening

By Jane Dornick

The new owners of Ladies Workout Express, Larry and Helene Osher, held a grand re-opening celebration on Sunday, April 17 with plenty of food and door prizes for their members and guests.

Larry and Helene have worked hard updating the gym, adding two new treadmills, an exercise bike, weighted hula hoops, complimentary towels and a plasma TV which broadcasts Pilates, kickboxing and yoga for their clients to workout along with.

The couple have always been interested in exercise and nutrition. They

spent a week at the Ladies Workout Express University in Florida to become certified personal trainers.

In the near future, they are plan on introducing classes in nutrition, yoga, kickboxing and more. They have also expanded their hours of operation and are now open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and starting in May, they will be open on Sundays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Workout Express is located at 902 Oak Tree Rd. near BuyRite Liquors and across from McDonalds. For more information on their gym, call (908) 756-9911.

## Sen. Corzine to be Keynote Speaker at Stockton

The Honorable Jon S. Corzine, United States Senator and Dr. Harold Shapiro, President Emeritus and Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Princeton University, will be the keynote speakers at the Spring Commencement Ceremonies of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on Monday, May 9.

Senator Corzine will be the keynote speaker for the morning commencement at 10:30 a.m. for degree candidates in the Arts and Human-

ities and Professional Studies divisions of the College.

At 2 p.m., the afternoon commencement will take place for degree candidates in general studies, natural sciences and mathematics and social and behavioral sciences. Dr. Shapiro will deliver the keynote address for these ceremonies.

There will also be a special hooding ceremony for masters degree candidates at 8:30 a.m. in the Stockton Performing Arts Center.

## Meo's Welcome New Arrival

Sal and Christine Meo of McDonough St. welcomed their new arrival, Vincent Edward Meo, who arrived on April 6 at 2:45 a.m. at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick. Vincent weighed in at nine pounds, nine ounces.

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# Junior Journalist Corner



## Samantha Hunterton, Kennedy School Fourth Grader, Named "Junior Journalist"



Winner Samantha Hunterton, Kennedy School 4th grader, with teacher Cynthia Severino.

Samantha Hunterton, Kennedy School fourth grader, is this week's

winner in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "My Brother Cody," 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.

### My Brother Cody

By Samantha Hunterton

My little brother Cody,  
He's a plain big phony.  
It's always the same,  
He thinks everything's a game.  
Like hiding car keys, or squishing peas,  
But most of all, annoying me.  
He's funny, adorable, and he'll never change.  
Cody, Cody, Cody!  
My little brother.

## Still Time to Sign up for Business Assoc. Golf Outing

The SPBA is sponsoring the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on May 3 at Cranbury Gold Club in West Windsor.

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.

Additional info can be found on our web site [www.SPBA.biz](http://www.SPBA.biz).

For more information, call (908) 753-7004 or (908) 754-8900.

## SPHS' Lady Production Transcends Fair

By Michael Duquette

After months of preparation and weeks of hype, South Plainfield High School's production of *My Fair Lady* premiered in the Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium last Thursday night and continued through Saturday. The musical adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, famously made into an Oscar-winning film in 1964, may have led many theatergoers to have high expectations this past weekend. But as anyone who saw this great production can tell you, SPHS' talented kids continued to please.

The young actors and actresses were nothing short of superb. Talented senior Katie Mott did another great job as Eliza Doolittle. She managed to convey Eliza as both a cockney guttersnipe and a sophisticated lady with ease. Fellow senior Eric Rhode was also impressive as Colonel Pickering. As with many of the actors, Rhode pulled off the difficult task of talking with a British accent. Senior John Roesch earned a lot of great laughs as Alfred P. Doolittle, Eliza's jolly but manipulative father.

Two of the greatest performances, however, came from relative newcomers. Senior Peter Assad, who won the role of Henry Higgins in just his first SPHS play, broke the traditional convention of past Higgins (notably Rex Harrison in the stage and film ver-

sions) by utilizing the notes written by Frederick Loewe and Allan Jay Lerner rather than rhythmically talking his way through each song. Then there was sophomore Darren Kaczowski as Freddy Eynsford-Hill. Darren has proven to be a stellar performer in his high school career, shining in last year's production of Rogers' and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* as well as the various choral concerts throughout the year. Audiences will certainly be looking forward to more great performances from Darren in the future.

Technically, the show was impeccable, given the circumstances. The usual problems that befall SPHS plays and concerts—notably the shoddy acoustic quality of the auditorium and

sound system gaffes—were apparent but did not detract from the overall enjoyment of the show. The school's reputation for musical theatre has been enhanced for years by the dedication of the music department. *My Fair Lady* was no exception—Tracy Glenn Murray's vocal direction combined with Mark Tweed's expert conducting of the orchestra helped make the show a musical triumph.

The people of South Plainfield who were lucky enough to see *My Fair Lady* this past weekend will tell you what a spectacle it was; those of you who may have missed it would do well to keep an eye out in the future for upcoming vocal and instrumental concerts and future theatrical works. You will be guaranteed to enjoy them.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

The crack of the bat, the swoosh of the fastball, the dust of the runner sliding into first base all mean that the baseball season is here. And while baseball is an outdoor sport there are some ways that the South Plainfield Public Library can help your game. We have the *Official Rules of Major League Baseball*, *A Parent's Guide to Coaching Baseball*, *Coaching Pitchers*, *Rules for Umps*, *Play Baseball the Ripken Way*, and others. After mastering your play you can also read team histories of the Mets, Yankees, Trenton Thunder and many more teams. There are also books devoted to the World Series. And now we have the entire ten part series by Ken Burns, *Baseball*, on DVD. Now you can see many of the greatest players of all time in clear, crisp, action.

Please also remember that we are having **Fabric Painting** on Monday, May 2 at the library. There will be two sessions, one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 7 p.m. Practical Crafting instructor Ronda Wisniewski will teach you how to make a hand-painted tee shirt. All you need to do is bring \$1 and a clean, ironed, white tee shirt and yourself to this fun event.

And as always we have our children's storytimes/craft on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. We also have a Books-n-Babies program on Friday at 10:30 a.m. and Miss Danya has a program on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for two and three year olds.

So come and visit us at the South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave. Our phone number is (908) 754-7885 or visit us at our website: [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## SHS Students Are Recognized

Students of Sacred Heart School continued in their Character Education Program by honoring those students who excel in positive attitude after mass held on April 15.

Students selected by their respective teachers were: eighth graders, Melissa Santiago and Marika Simons; seventh graders, Richard Ortegon and Zachary Sikanowicz; sixth grader Christopher Gbogi; fifth grader Kaitlyn Moctezuma; fourth grader Stephanie Kearny; third graders, Catherine Gbogi and Jessica Thomas; second grader Elizah Rodriguez; first grader Lauren Yanick; kindergartener Alexander Hawkins, and pre-kindergartener Zyasia Nash.

## JFS Offers Services to Families of 911 Victims

Additional services are being offered to those individuals and families directly affected by the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> attacks on the World Trade Center.

The Jewish Family & Vocational Service (JFVS) of Middlesex County is able to offer additional services by a Sept. 11 recovery grant from the

American Red Cross Liberty Disaster Relief Fund. Services include support groups, fun family activities, vocational counseling and job placement.

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Parker Gardens on Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains showcased pieces of their unique and extraordinary collection at the Spring Fling festival on April 17. —Photo by Danny Chin

## police report

- On April 19 Jose A. Hernandez, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for failure to stop at a posted sign and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Bergen St. resident reported the theft of a mountain bike from their fenced in back yard.
- A High School student reported the theft of a Kenwood AM/FM CD MP3 player from their unlocked vehicle in the parking lot.
- On April 20 Halcott L. Hector, 43, Piscataway was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle, failure to exhibit and driving on a suspended license at a motor vehicle stop.
- Radio Shack on Hadley Rd. reported the their glass front door was shattered and \$300 in cash along with two scanners worth \$200 were taken.
- On April 21 Francisco Jesus Diaz-Barrantes, 18, of Bridgewater was arrested at the DMV for exhibiting fraudulent documents to obtain a drivers license.
- Carlos Lopez-Serrano, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for criminal simulation by showing a fictitious international driving document and other violations during a motor vehicle stop.
- An Arlington Ave. resident reported that the left rear window and left tail light of his vehicle had been broken.
- A 1993 Honda Accord which was stolen out of Edison was recovered on W. Elmwood Dr.
- A Melrose Ave. resident reported that their Circuit City credit card number had been used fraudulently to purchase items from their website.
- Pizzeria Uno reported that eight males left the restaurant without paying their \$54.47 bill.
- On April 22 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of his 1998 Honda Accord from the parking lot behind D & D Auto Parts on Park Ave. Inside

the vehicle were 30 Coby portable 5" TV's and four AM/FM portable kids radios.

- A Florence Pl. resident reported that someone had fraudulently used their Macy's credit card and made \$418.47 worth of purchases.

- A Maple Ave. resident reported that their ornamental lawn deer had been knocked over and damaged.

- A customer at the China Buffet on Park Ave. reported the theft of a pair of Rayban sunglasses, a Seiko watch, a radar detector, two CDs and a cell phone cord from his unlocked vehicle in the parking lot.

- On April 23 Pulaski St. resident reported that their garbage cans had been knocked over and the mailbox was lying on the front lawn.

- Jacob Ryan Collins, 18, of Piscataway was arrested for driving without headlights and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

- On April 24 Raymond J. Meehan, 39, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, maintenance of lamps, careless driving and driving on a suspended license at a motor vehicle stop.

- Norman Bardales, 42, of Hillsborough was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and having an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle at a motor vehicle accident.

- Quinnie C. Husser, 54, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

- A Tompkins Ave. resident reported that the drivers side door to her vehicle was open while parked in her garage. The glove compartment was open and the contents were on the floor. A 12 pack of Bud Light beer was taken from the foyer, but nothing else was missing from the car or house.

- An Arlington Ave. resident reported the theft of a Schwinn bicycle from their front lawn.

## Sign up for Riley Kindergarten Orientation

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

Children entering Riley School kindergarten in September 2005 are welcome to join us to explore the school and meet the teachers and staff. The program runs May 17, 24 and 31. The morning and afternoon sessions run from 9-11 a.m. from Noon-2 p.m.

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



Quiznos, located on Oak Tree Ave. in the Golden Acres Shopping Center, has reopened under new management. Hui, the new owner, is pictured here with his crew, David, Rodney, Kevin and Lena.

## News from Suburban Woman's Club

The guest speaker at the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club's May meeting will be Iola Hitt. The program entitled "Aging Gracefully, but Fighting All the Way," will be held Thursday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Ave.

Hitt is a registered dietician and is a nutritional consultant to the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services.

She also is a counselor on nutrition and exercise for Therapeutic Life Continuum, an instructor at Fairleigh Dickinson University and at Morris County Vocational Technical School. Her philosophy is to eat right and exercise properly and have a good attitude.

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# Sports

## SPHS Athletes Recognized in *The Home News Tribune* for their Stellar Performances

By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield High School's excellent record in winter sports has earned several distinctions in a recent issue of *The Home News Tribune*. On March 26 South Plainfield's teams—and its star players and coaches—were recognized for their successful efforts to help make the town a breeding ground for athletic success.

On the boys basketball front, South Plainfield scored top honors through the efforts of seniors Marquis Jones and Darren Smith, both of whom were named to the *Tribune's* 2004-05 All-Area Boys Basketball Team. Jones led the way with 1,436 career points over four years, an overall team record of 76-24, and two victories in the White Division of the Greater Middlesex Conference—including this year's, where he sank the winning shot with seconds left. Smith did equally well with 1,113 career points over just three years. Addition-

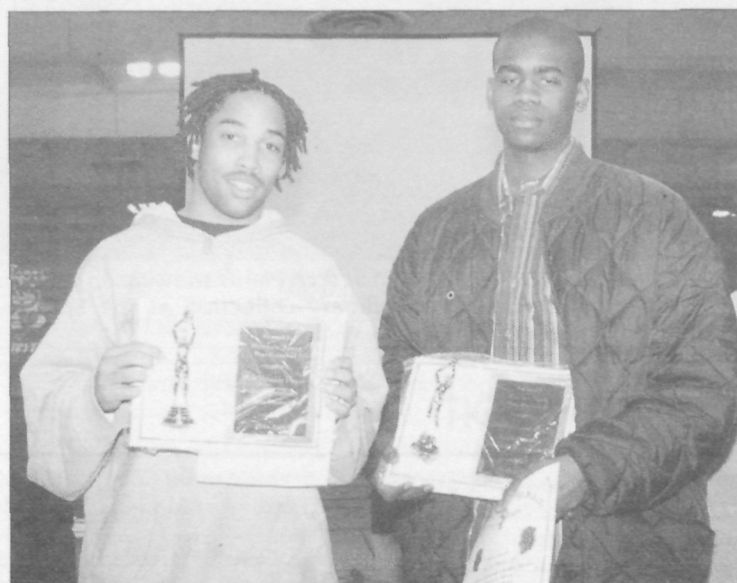
ally, senior Matt Baszika was named as an honorable mention to the team—a very impressive feat for a player in his first year.

The wrestling team did an extraordinary job this year, closing out with a perfect 18-0 record and a title in the White Division of the GMC. Eight wrestlers were named to the *Tribune's* All-State Wrestling Team: juniors Jimmy Conroy, last year's defending state champ who boosted his overall record to 71-2; Eddie McCray, a transfer from Rahway with a cumulative record of 63-8 and Kevin Crilley made the first team, as did senior Rob Maistickie, who was third place in the Division 3 matches this year. Senior Paul Ritchey, sophomore Billy Ashnault, and freshman Patrick Hunter made the second team, and senior Pete DeAndrea made the third team. Honorable Mentions for the team went to Mark Wagner, Nick Dorey, Viet Vo, Sam Martin and Mike Jakubik.

Additionally, wrestling scored a victory when the *Tribune's* Coach of the Year Award was given to South Plainfield Coach Kevin McCann, who led the team to their huge successes with fellow coaches Bill Hamilton and Shane Kagan. McCann helped South Plainfield win virtually everything this year: a perfect record, a GMC title, their 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive district title and the Group III State Title.

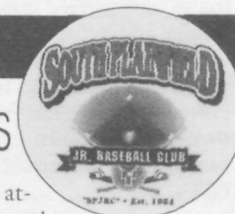
Finally, girls basketball earned honors in the pages of the *Tribune*, with senior Danielle Arndt named to the All-Area Girls Basketball Third Team. The team was ranked seventh overall with a total of 18 wins and seven losses. The girls were one of the few to beat second-place Perth Amboy and finished second in the GMC White Division.

Clearly, South Plainfield has worked hard to garner much acclaim and honor from everyone. Congratulations to all winter athletes for a stellar season, and here's to more victories for teams at SPHS for the remainder of the year!



Congratulations to SPHS basketball players Darren Smith and Marquis Jones (above). They were awarded the MPV Award by the Athletic Boosters Club. Rookie of the Year was Matt Baszika. Letter winners were seniors Matt Baszika and Daryl Stevenson; juniors Brian Cole and Kevin Graham; sophomores Danny Hubner, Otheo Muse, Shamai Santiago, Chris Stallone and Mike Stallone; and manager Cyndy Carlson. Receiving pins were senior captains Marquis Jones and Darren Smith, junior Kevin Seidenburg and managers Denise Scavone, Ashley Britton, Krystal Williams and Karen Estonactoc. Coaches are Jeff Lubreski, Sebastian deVoogd and Bob Conway.

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 olds and their younger siblings who are watching 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.

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 Certification Card. You cannot be in the dugout without these two credentials. The only exception is the scorekeeper, but they must 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 it. The manager of the team is responsible for the actions of himself 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 this year will also be at 7:30 p.m.

We have positions on the Executive Board up for election in June. If you are 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 for Administration, Assistant Commissioner for Finance, Assistant Commissioner for Communications, Trustee position (fundraising), Trustee position (player agent), Trustee position (uniforms and equipment) and Trustee position (safety officer).

We have tickets on sale for a new Mercedes Benz. First Class Travel is sponsoring the second prize which is a trip for \$2,000 to any place you would like to travel to. Tickets are available from Nancy Salici or any Executive Board member. Call the SPJBC for tickets also.

## 'C' League Game Summaries (4/19 through 4/24)

### Red Sox vs Orioles

*Red Sox*—Austin Daly smacked a strong base hit plus he made some fine

defensive plays at second base. Rian Lukacs pitched two scoreless innings while recording five strikeouts, Matt Resende scored a big run to lead the *Red Sox*. *Orioles*—Matt Gruver stroked a single and turn in a strong performance from the mound while teammate Robert Eggert also contributed with a sharp single.

### Dodgers vs Cardinals

*Dodgers*—Wesley Bowe and Tommy Heim each sparkled at the plate with big base hits and teammate William Walsh showed off his quick glove at first with some fine defensive plays.

*Cardinals*—Mike Schroeder reached base safely twice and scoring once to help support Mike Olano's strong two inning of scoreless pitching.

### Yankees vs Orioles

*Yankees*—Ray Jazikoff had two hits

and one solid inning of pitching and teammate Kyle Dickerson had a single and also turned in two strong innings from the mound.

*Orioles*—Jeremy Smith belted two big singles and Enzo Butrico turned in some fine plays at second base with his quick glove.

### Dodgers vs Astros

*Dodgers*—Dakota Uhl crushed a big double and teammate Jeremy Garcia reached base safely twice.

### Red Sox vs Dodgers

*Red Sox*—Justin Marks had the hot bat with three hits of which one was a triple. Matt Resende also sizzled at the plate with two base hits and 2 RBIs.

*Dodgers*—Brandon Quadrel turned in an all around consistent game with his glove and bat. Danny Ruiz reached base safely all three times at bat.

## Memorial Weekend Tournament

The GSBL will be hosting the hottest tournament on the east coast on Memorial Day weekend. The tournament runs May 28 and 29 and offers teams up to four action packed games.

Many times pro scouts and college recruiters have been in attendance. The following divisions are offered: 14u, 16u, 17-19 and College Unlimited.

Find out more about the tournament and past teams by visiting their web site [www.gardenstatebaseball.com](http://www.gardenstatebaseball.com). You can also call (732) 382-4610 or by email at [john.gsbl@gmail.com](mailto:john.gsbl@gmail.com).

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SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2004 REPORT OF AUDIT OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7		
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND		
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2004	JUNE 30, 2003
Fund Balance Utilized	2,550,000.00	2,175,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other		
Than Local Property Tax Levies	7,990,810.60	8,046,925.47
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and		
Tax Title Liens	9,093.97	27,119.63
Collection of Current Tax Levy	53,623,884.61	51,808,457.64
Total Income	64,173,789.18	62,057,502.74
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	20,493,470.79	19,925,700.29
County Taxes	9,283,318.93	9,131,512.65
Local School Taxes	31,839,972.00	30,042,550.00
Other Expenditures	3,301.98	222,164.91
Total Expenditures	61,620,063.70	59,321,927.85
Adjustments to income before Surplus:	2,553,725.48	2,735,574.89
Expenditures included above which are by Statute		
Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year		55,000.00
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	2,553,725.48	2,790,574.89
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,997,749.48	2,382,174.59
	5,551,474.96	5,172,749.48
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	2,550,000.00	2,175,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	3,001,474.96	2,997,749.48
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SEWER UTILITY FUND		
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2004	JUNE 30, 2003
Fund Balance Utilized	\$365,000.00	\$363,548.00
Collection of Sewer Service Charges	4,119,063.73	3,795,741.31
Miscellaneous - From Other than		
Sewer Service Charges	208,890.91	645,684.68
Total Income	4,692,954.64	4,804,973.99
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	3,395,801.00	2,943,458.00
Debt Service	694,662.44	718,000.00
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	31,559.00	64,590.00
Capital Improvements		
Other		
Total Expenditures	4,122,022.44	3,726,048.00
Excess in Revenue	570,932.20	1,078,925.99
Statutory Excess in Revenue	570,932.20	1,078,925.99
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,151,482.77	666,104.78
	1,722,414.97	1,745,030.77
Less:		
Anticipated Current Fund Revenue	330,000.00	230,000.00
Util. as Anticipated Revenue	365,000.00	363,548.00
Fund Balance - Ending	1,027,414.97	1,151,482.77
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SWIM POOL UTILITY FUND		
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2004	JUNE 30, 2003
Fund Balance Utilized	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00
Deficit General Budget	34,424.68	23,312.92
Membership Income	158,080.00	149,659.89
Miscellaneous - From Other		
Than Rental Income	42,621.95	60,458.17
Total Income	237,626.63	233,430.98
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	181,500.00	241,295.00
Debt Service	48,201.63	
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	14,425.00	
Total Expenditures	244,126.63	241,295.00
Excess (Deficit ) in Revenue	(6,500.00)	
Adj. to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Amounts to Be Raised in		
Budget of Succeeding Year		
Operating Deficit to be Raised in		
Budget of Succeeding Year	6,500.00	
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		
Fund Balance - Beginning	11,948.59	21,948.59
	11,948.59	21,948.59
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	2,500.00	10,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	9,448.59	\$11,948.59
RECOMMENDATIONS		
It is Recommended:		
That all Borough funds collected by Outside Offices /Departments be deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.		
That the Borough comply with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6 "Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets" issued by the Division of Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.		
*****		
The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey for the fiscal year 2004. The financial data included in the summary or synopsis is presented in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Readers are cautioned that the summary or synopsis was prepared solely for the purpose of compliance with the public disclosure provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-76, and accordingly, the summary or synopsis should not be relied upon for any other purpose. The Report of Audit, submitted by Andrew G. Hodulik, Registered Municipal Accountant, is on file at the Borough Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.		
A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the County of Middlesex will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with the Federal and State requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders within 45 days of this notice.		
 Vincent Buttigiegri Borough Clerk/Administrator		

Sally A. (Capoblanco) Zampello, 77

Sally A. (Capoblanco) Zampello died on Wednesday, April 20 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. Born in Bronx, NY, she had moved to Plainfield at the age of eight and had been a resident ever since. Sally was employed by the former Howell Electric on North Ave. in Plainfield for 20 years as a core winder before retiring over 20 years ago. She is predeceased by several brothers and sisters. Her husband of 57 years, Dominick W. Zampello, described Sally as a good wife, mother and grandmother. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Donna Peel of South Plainfield; a son and his wife, Anthony and Lorena Zampello of Harrisville, RI; a sister, Yolanda Fedele and four grandsons, David and Ben Zampello and Christopher and Daniel Peel. Also surviving are many extended family members, including nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Michael Joseph Jackson, 32

Michael Joseph Jackson, born May 22, 1972, in Falmouth, Mass., passed away unexpectedly on April 3 at his home in Henderson, NY. In his 32 years he brought joy and love to his family and friends. He spent his early years enjoying the neighborhood friends and family in South Plainfield. He moved with his family to El Cajon, Calif. in 1986. Michael graduated from Grossmont High School in 1990, breaking records in football and shotput. He continued his education at Humbolt State University, graduating with a degree in history and a minor in education in 1995. While at Humbolt, he excelled greatly in the rugby program. He returned to San Diego and started a career in dental sales. He was consistently responsible and respected. His job took him and his family to Sacramento and Redlands, Calif. His new position as regional general manager at Sullivan Schein Dental took him to Henderson, Nev. Wherever he went, he connected with people and added them to his life. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and family times. He is survived by two sons, Trevor, 8, Timothy, 5 and their mother, Julie; his parents, Mike and Carol of El Cajon; two brothers, Russell of Denver, Col. and David of El Cajon and a grandmother, Nancy Jackson of Bradenton, Fla. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral services were held in El Cajon, Calif. Mike's greatest love were his sons, Trevor and Timmy. A trust fund has been established in Mike's memory for his sons. Donations to Trevor and Timmy Jackson, Wells Fargo, P.O. Box 2710, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. 92067 would be greatly appreciated.

Henry Ayala Lopez, 24

Henry Ayala Lopez died on Saturday, April 23, after injuries sustained from an automobile accident in Plainfield.

Obituaries

Born in El Salvador, Mr. Lopez grew up in Plainfield and had attended the Plainfield schools before settling in South Plainfield two years ago. He had been employed as a technician with Huntington Life Science in East Millstone. He is survived by his mother, Consuelo Lopez; his father, Jose Ayala Cruz; two sisters, Esmeralda and Illiana and two nieces and a nephew. Also surviving are many extended family members, including Luis Lopez. Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Catherine (Jarosz) Turay, 92

Catherine (Jarosz) Turay passed away at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield on Sunday, April 24. Born in Zyznow, Poland, Mrs. Turay immigrated to the United States in 1929 via the SS Leviathan out of Cherbourg, France. She resided in Elizabeth before settling in Plainfield. Mrs. Turay was a communicant as well as a founding member of Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church in South Plainfield, where she was member of the Altar Society. She was also active as part of the kitchen staff at many early church functions and aided in preparing ethnic delicacies. Mrs. Turner was a member of the Polish National Home in South Plainfield. She is predeceased by her husband, Adolph Turay, Sr., who died in 1984 and a daughter, Dorothy (Turay) Lubach and a son-in-law, Ted Lubach. Surviving are a son, Adolph Turay, Jr. and a daughter-in-law, Catherine Turay of Barnegat; five grandchildren, Ted, Tom and Dan Lubach and Bill and Karen Turay. Also surviving are four great grandchildren, Emily, Erin, Kayla and Matt. Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home. Donations in her memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield, Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Robert M. Belmonte Sr, 78

Robert M. Belmonte, Sr. died on Saturday, April 23 at Pottsville Hospital in Pottsville, Pa. Born in Union City, he resided in Houston, Texas before moving to Bethlehem, Pa. and then Orwigsburg. Mr. Belmonte was a procurement manager with Brown & Root Oil Drilling Co. in Houston, retiring in 1983. He was a member of North Jersey SERRA and the Houston, Texas UNICO organizations. Robert is predeceased by his loving wife of 25 years, Barbara (Kane) Belmonte, who passed away in 1982. Surviving are three children, Paul Belmonte and his wife, Paula of Linden, Jean Belmonte of Seattle and Robert Belmonte, Jr. of Atlanta and two grandsons, Robert Belmonte III and Gabriel Belmonte, both of Atlanta. Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.


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## Grandparents Spend a Day at The Movies

It was lights, camera, action as Kennedy School third graders held their annual Grandparents Day breakfast on April 22. This years theme was "A Day at the Movies." The gym was decorated with movie posters and even a theater popcorn machine.

The morning began with a continental breakfast donated by the PTSO. Then it was time to play a few games of bingo and raffle off gift baskets which were created and donated by each class. Grandparents also got to spend time in each child's classroom and meet their teachers.

For the finale students hit their mark singing timeless movie tunes from *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Sound of Music* and *Grease*. They also sang a tearful rendition of the Elvis Presley hit *Love Me Tender*. Students were conducted by music teacher Barbara Habeeb, who accompanied them on piano.

Each grandparent left with a souvenir photo of themselves with their grandchild as a reminder of their special day together.



## BOE Reorganizes

(Continued from page 1)  
an opportunity to comment on them. Presently the public portion takes place before the board member comments, which are the final portion of the evening. This allows the public no opportunity to question or comment on what board members talk about.

Byrne said, "On a personal note, I have looked over the makeup of our present board of education and don't see a great amount of financial expertise." She went on to say that considering the board's current situation and what has occurred over the past years, the board should consider creating a citizens advisory committee, similar to the Borough Council, to assist both the Finance Committee and the full board in their management and op-

eration of the budgetary process throughout the year. She suggested it should consist of no more than five South Plainfield residents who are experienced in world finance and/or accounting and that a mission statement be devised for this committee so that their role is well defined.

Board President Mike English said his first impression of Byrne's statement was surprise and anger. He reminded Byrne that he presently runs the borough's Recreation department and has served as mayor of South Plainfield, creating budgets for both. He added that he felt he had plenty of financial expertise and added that her suggestions would be discussed by the entire board at their next Committee of the Whole meeting.

## National Prayer Day to be Observed

The churches of South Plainfield Ecumenical Fellowship are sponsoring an observance of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5.

Three churches will be open for people to stop in to prayer throughout the day and a noon prayer service at the Rescue House of Prayer will be devoted to observance of the day. A brief devotional will be held at each of the three churches open for prayer mid-

way through the available time.  
Participating churches are: Pilgrim Covenant, 3121 Park Ave.-open for prayer 9-11 a.m., brief devotional 10 a.m.; Rescue House of Prayer, 1921 Roosevelt Ave.-prayer service noon, Wesley United Methodist, 1500 Plainfield Ave., open for prayer 2-4 p.m., brief devotional 3 p.m., First Baptist, 201 Hamilton Blvd.-open for prayer 6-8 p.m., brief devotional 7 p.m.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 12, 2005 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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### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Dang Thieu requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a mother/daughter use which is not permitted; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1528 Dumont Avenue on Block 147, Lot 9.01 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 12, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 12, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by David DeLair requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 12' x 15' two story addition and raised roof over existing rear of house. Proposed addition lacks 8' required side yard, 6.2' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 517 E. Crescent Parkway on Block 79, Lot 14 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 26, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

April 20, 2005  
Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on March 22, 2005.

Case #688/S/V—South Plainfield Properties, L.P., the owner of the property located at Shelton Road, Corporate Court and Corporate Boulevard, also known as Lots 46.27 (formerly Lots 46.66 and 47.07), on Block 529 and with the consent of HSP Center, L.P., the owner of property located at Corporate Court, also known as Lot 47.09, Block 528, on the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Map, requests preliminary and final major subdivision and preliminary and final plan approval, with bulk variances, in order to amend a previously approved lot consolidation, to construct one additional 5,000 sq. ft. retail building and to reconfigure the parking layout on previously approved site the application was approved on March 22, 2005 and was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn Hunterton  
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

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Councilperson Thomas echoed her running mates thoughts "I am honored to run as a Democrat and in particular with a person of impeccable character, Ed Kubala. Ed and Jim Vokral literally took South Plainfield back from the arrogance of the prior Republican administration. The results have been outstanding. As the expression goes 'you ain't seen nothing yet.' In a matter of weeks the total reconstruction of Hamilton Blvd. will begin with new traffic signals and decorative lights and pavers. New curbs and sidewalks will be installed along the entire length of Maple Ave. after which the road will be repaved. An additional lane will be added to Durham Ave. from Rt. 287 to Hamilton Blvd. with a dedicated turning lane at Helen St. An improved jogging trail, landscaping and rest room facilities will be installed at Putnam Park. The courtyard area at the PAL will be enclosed for new lockers and amenities. The new library on Plainfield Ave. is now being designed by an architect after which public input will be sought before engineering is commenced. I am honored that Mayor Gallagher and the members of the council have asked me to serve as

the liaison for the new library. Ed Kubala and I will always work to make South Plainfield the best town in New Jersey. We look forward to continuing to serve our residents."

Mayor Gallagher summed up the Democrats support for the team of Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas, "I have been honored to serve with outstanding council members. None were better than Ed and Kathy. Apart from their tremendous record of accomplishments on the council, they are individuals of honor and character. We are fortunate to have them working for us. They deserve reelection."



## GOP Taps Anesh, Bengivenga

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"Matthew and Robert come from diverse backgrounds that complement one another perfectly," added GOP Vice Chair Dawn Jefferys. "Robert is a self-employed business and property manager who's been active in groups like the South Plainfield Historical Society, Habitat for Humanity, and the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission. He's also a member of Unico National and co-chairs that group's annual Columbus Day celebration in town."

"By contrast, Matthew, an executive with Merrill Lynch in Hopewell, offers a background in business and finance—something sorely needed on the Borough Council. He also serves as a member of the Public Celebra-

tions Committee," Jefferys added.

Anesh is eager to start campaigning on the issues. "We need to start dealing with the overlooked problems in town," he said. "I'm anxious to meet people face-to-face so we can exchange views and discuss how best to deal with quality-of-life issues like traffic and overdevelopment. The current administration has no plan to address these things—we do."

"We also need to bring back two-party government," Bengivenga added. "Open, ethical government is vital and having both parties represented on the Council will help bring people back into the decision making. Right now, with one party having absolute power, there is no discussion. Two or three people make all the decisions. Matthew and I want to be a voice for

the rest of the town."

Anesh and his wife Kimberly (who also grew up in town) are parents of twin three-year-old sons Joseph and Harrison. He has a degree in economics from Trenton State College. Bengivenga graduated from University of Scranton with a marketing degree. His latest project is helping to revive the Edison Valley Playhouse, a community theatre on the Edison-South Plainfield border.

"We could not be more proud of these two candidates," said Jones. "Matthew and Robert will be out door-to-door campaigning soon and I'm sure the voters will be as impressed as I am. South Plainfield would be fortunate to have Matthew Anesh and Robert Bengivenga, Jr. on the Borough Council."



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