



Kathy Krawiec and Mike Boyle rehearse for Middle School's "Holder Posey."

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Holiday Inn Evacuated; Chemical Fire Snarls Traffic

Two Fires Test Borough Resources

The South Plainfield Fire and Police departments were kept busy Tuesday, with two major fires to contend with, and six other fire calls, all answered by our all volunteer fire department.

The day began at 9:30 a.m. when police received an automatic fire alarm from Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. The alarm was followed shortly by a 911 call saying that there was smoke in the building.

When the South Plainfield Police Dept. arrived, they found smoke emanating from the second floor mechanical room. More than 50 guests were immediately evacuated. The South Plainfield Fire Dept., along with the Plainfield Fire Dept., arrived and extinguished the fire. The fire was confined to the mechanical room which sustained smoke damage. No other smoke damage was reported in the rest of the hotel and no injuries were reported. However, firemen did break out the windows for ventilation on the four floors near the fire.

Guests remained outside for nearly

an hour and a half and were allowed to return after the building was cleared of smoke and the alarms were reset. The cause of the fire is under investigation, but doesn't appear suspicious.

Assisting South Plainfield at the Holiday Inn were Piscataway police, who helped with security at the scene. Also firetrucks from Colonia and Piscataway stood by at the South Plainfield Fire Department.

The second major fire occurred at about 2:30 when a company at 333 Hamilton Blvd. reported a chemical reaction fire. Apparently an employee was mixing two chemicals incorrectly when they caught on fire. Heavy smoke could be seen coming out of the unit. An investigation is still ongoing to find out what the exact chemicals were and what hazard they may have caused. The fire was put out in about an hour, but the building and surrounding area had to be vented. Traffic in the area was disrupted until 5 p.m.

Traffic was jammed in the area as the schools were dismissing the

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Windows were knocked out at the Holiday Inn fire on Stelton Rd. (above) and firemen extinguish a chemical fire at 333 Hamilton Blvd. (below).



Marine Corps Honors Two

By Patricia Abbott

The J.J. Gardner Detachment of the Marine Corps League recognized two of its members for their exemplary service to Marines, the Marines Corps League and veterans on April 25 at a ceremony at Flanagan's. South Plainfield resident Mike Santoro received a Life Time Achievement Award for his years

Lyons, he has visited local schools to speak with students about his combat experiences during World War II. Santoro is a past recipient of the Marine of the Year Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Marine as a member of the Marine Corps League.

Also honored were Jack Billerman of Warren Township, who received the 2004 Marine of the Year Award.



L-R Dick Frank, Commandant; Jack Billerman of Warren, Marine of the Year; Mike Dalton, Past Commandant; Mike Santoro, Lifetime Achievement award.

of volunteer work at the Lyons VA Hospital. Santoro, 84, represents the Marine Corps League and the First Marine Division's VA support program as he volunteers two to three days a week. The hours he spends talking to the veterans is not a chore, but a labor of love.

As VA Affairs representative, Santoro provides monthly reports at meetings that remind his fellow veterans how fortunate they are to be healthy and able bodied. In addition to his many volunteer hours at

The award is presented to a Marine who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, initiative, resourcefulness and personal sacrifice in performance of duties above and beyond the obligations required as a member of the Marine Corps League.

Any local Marine interested in becoming involved with the league, contact Commandant Dick Frank at (908) 756-7549, or attend a meeting on the fourth Monday of each month, 8 p.m., at the American Legion Post #243 located on Oak Tree Ave.

Gang Resistance Introduced to Students

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Police Dept. recently introduced the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program to Middle School seventh graders this past semester. The goal of the program is to prevent youth crime, violence and gang involvement, while developing a positive relationship among law enforcement, families and young people to create safer communities.

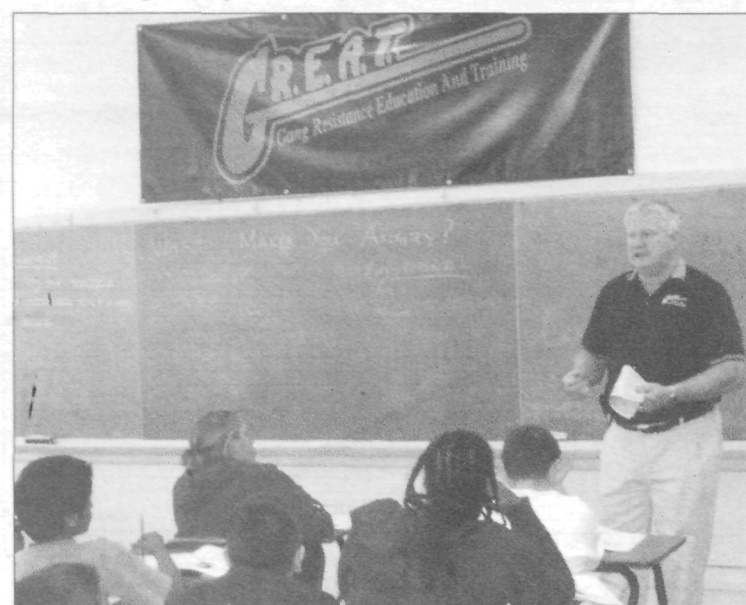
The 13-week program is taught by South Plainfield Police Det. Gene Bataille, a 14-year veteran of the department, who has undergone special training to conduct the classes. The curriculum consists of a lot of "interactive participation" according to Bataille. Students act out scenes that could lead to gang involvement or potential violence and are taught how to react to them. Some of the subjects included in the program are effective communication, active listening, influences and peer pressure and anger management tips, as well as facts and fiction about gangs

and violence.

In 1991, the GREAT program was developed through a combined effort of the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Phoenix Police Dept. It began as an eight

lesson middle school curriculum. In early 1992 the first GREAT Officer Training was held and in 1993 it was expanded nationwide. In 1995 an evaluation of the program was con-

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South Plainfield Det. Gene Bataille asks his G.R.E.A.T. students, "What makes you angry?"

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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 17	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
June 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
June 21	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
July 12	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

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. 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.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-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.

recreation commission

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

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

environmental commission

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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/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.

Students Enjoy Once-in-a-Lifetime Costa Rica Trip

By Michael Duquette

Every now and then, members of South Plainfield High School's student body get the chance to experience something that enriches their education in ways never dreamed of before. For seven lucky students and one enthusiastic teacher, this dream became a reality. From April 7 to April 16, seven SPHS upperclassmen flew from New York to Costa Rica for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The group leader, Spanish instructor Anthony Encinas, expressed the enthusiasm characteristic of visiting this beautiful country. "[Students] would enjoy the natural beauty and rich culture of a welcoming and vibrant country. These international explorers seized the opportunity to experience life and adventure in a completely unfamiliar setting," Encinas remarked. He added that the trip helped students to "now carry a sense of confidence and accomplishment that will color their memories for a long time to come."

The seven students were encouraged to share their thoughts on the trip once they got back to America. Justin Shelton said, "The most rewarding experience...in Costa Rica was the canopy tour." Students traveled by zip-line across the treetops of the forest, acquiring a whole new



South Plainfield High School students enjoy the scenery while on their class trip to Costa Rica.

view of their surroundings. Angelique Rualo enjoyed kayaking saying it was, "definitely one of the most fun things I've ever done," and commented that despite the difficulty, "it was so worth it because the scenery was beautiful." Marisa Proietto summed up the purpose of the entire trip, calling it "an awesome experience. I learned that life offers you certain opportunities and you should never back away from them... You never know what some-

thing is like until you try and have confidence."

All in all, the explorers learned a lot about themselves and the world around them. Encinas proudly described the "seven students and their chaperone return[ing] to the SPHS parking lot with a newfound, wide-eyed appreciation of South Plainfield and a now-wider world." It is then safe to assume that this trip will not be one that is soon forgotten.

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

On behalf of the students and faculty of Sacred Heart School, we wish to extend our thanks to the South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board for the grant recently provided to our school. This grant helped to fund Jack Branagan's presentation of "Our Home Planet Earth" to our students in preparation for Earth Day. The presentation included interesting and important facts about our planet and our environment and also helped to underscore the importance of today's youth taking care of our Earth in the years ahead. The presentation of this program would not have been possible without the financial assistance of the Clean Communities Advisory Board and for that we are sincerely grateful.

**MANY THANKS,
SHS HOME SCHOOL ASSPC.**

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

I am taking my time and yours to ask you to reconsider the move for the South Plainfield Library. As a patron

of the library for the last few years, I have a great appreciation for the wonderful staff you employ and I know that the library needs to expand. However, with funding tight and education costs rising, it seems that you are doing a makeshift job, which shows no foresight into the future needs of the community. The sight you seem bent on using will force elderly and those with small children hardships because of lack of parking and accessibility. The amount of money being allocated is not sufficient to meet the growing needs of an expanding community and tailoring down the new library to meet the budget rather than waiting seems a poor choice. The benefits over the old facility will be nominal, whereas if more time could be spent on fundraisers, an outstanding facility could be made, which would provide for future generations. I believe a library is the life and blood of a community and the South Plainfield Library has a lot of heart. It would be a shame to provide it with a place that barely would meet its current needs, let alone the needs in the future.

**SINCERELY,
JUDY ENGLAND-MCCARTHY**

To the Editor,

On behalf of the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club, I would like to thank the following

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people for all their hard work helping to make the 2005 Art Auction a success for the booster club, raising \$1,049: Connie Besser, Chet Czaplinski, co-chairpersons for the Athletic Booster Club and Athletic Director Michael Buggy. Also Kathy Keller, Patty Martin, Maureen Noll, Norm Loesner, Teri Pileggi, Connie Besser and Mikey Wrubleuski for all your help with the invitations and posters; Kevin Schweers, Maureen Noll, Carol Ullom, Patty Martin, Pat Fabino, Connie Besser, Chet Czaplinski, June Russo and Teri Pileggi for all your help during set up at the auction also and taking down. A big thank you to Dr. May, coaches Rizk, Hamilton and Schulte and all the students who helped to unload and set up the auction area. Thanks so much to Bob Boyle-Roma Foods for all those super desserts.

Also, thank you to Brian Murtagh, Ashley Martin, Michael and Patrick Boyle, Samantha Barthel and Jenny Dish for helping as art runners during the auction and to all those in attendance. Also, to Patricia Vargo, who self-designed the township website ad for the auction, to Comcast for your cable advertisement and to Nancy Grennier, and Patti and Chris Abbott for their article and newspaper coverage.

**SINCERELY,
DEBBIE BOYLE, TRUSTEE AND
EVENT CHAIRPERSON**

BOE Meeting Notice Change

Please be advised that the Regular Public Meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education on May 10, originally scheduled for 8 p.m. has been changed to 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Roosevelt Administration Building gymnasium at 125 Jackson Ave.

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Franklin School Cub Scout Pack 207 had its annual Blue and Gold Dinner on April 1 at the American Legion. Cubmaster Joe Zipp presented the Cub Scouts with various badges that they had earned this year based on their accomplishments. The Cub Scouts and their families enjoyed a delicious meal and also participated in a raffle drawing in which many prizes were awarded. A fun time was had by all! -Submitted by Denise Spinella

Updates on

IMPROVING THE BOROUGH

Status of Upcoming Borough Projects

By Councilman Ray Petronko

The Borough is about to embark on a number of projects in the next few months. In coming weeks, I will provide details regarding these projects, their scope and targeted completion dates. The improvements will greatly improve the infrastructure and aesthetics of our borough. As construction begins there will be temporary changes to usage and availability, of these assets and roads.

A great deal of planning has gone into each project. Most of the design has been completed. Many of the projects are very costly and could not have been done without considerable grant funding. Over the past 2½ years the Borough has received in excess of \$4.5 million in grants to help fund these projects.

Over the next few weeks please look to this column to keep informed on the progress of the projects listed below:

- The total reconstruction of Hamilton Blvd., including new side-

walks, curbing, drainage and decorative street lighting.

- Phase II Improvements of Putnam Park, including the construction of a comfort station, exercise stations along the walking/jogging trail and resurfacing of both the basketball court and handball court.

- Construction of new curbs and sidewalks along Maple Ave., including the repaving of the entire roadway.

- Storm sewer improvements along various roadways including Woodland Ave., Oxford Ave. and East Crescent Parkway.

- Construction of new curbs and sidewalks along Church Street, as well as the repairing of the culvert.

- Durham Ave. road widening and intersection improvement.

- New Brunswick Road widening.

- Monument Park footbridge.

If you have any questions regarding any of these projects, contact Borough Administrator, Vinnie Buttiglieri at (908) 226-7606 or via e-mail at vbuttiglieri@southplainfieldnj.com.

BOROUGH NOTES

Council News

- The Council approved block parties from Diane Zekas for July 9 (rain date of July 10) on Grant Ave. between Franklin and Melrose avenues. Melrose Ave. will not be blocked off and from Gary Bodyl for May 22 (rain date of May 29) on Spicer Ave. between Green St. and the dead end.

- The Council authorized the process of the 2006 NJDOT Grant for curb and sidewalk improvements to Walter St., Cedarbrook Ave., Morris Ave. and Chambers St. and also the 2006 NJDOT Grant for curb and sidewalk improvements to South Plainfield Ave.

- The Council approved Ch. 159 Budget Amendment to include a \$500 Grant from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety and a \$18,274.67 Grant from the State of New Jersey, Clean Communities Program.

- The Council voted to reject all bids for improvements to the South Plainfield Community Pool due to excessive bid prices. These improvements will be re-bid at a later date.

- The Council authorized to advertise for bids to purchase six treadmills for the Recreation Complex.

- The Council authorized a Capital Budget Amendment in the amount of \$215,213 to be utilized for the Helen St. Scoping Project.

- Navka Construction will construct a classroom at the Highland Ave. Nature Preserve and construct a deck at the Ponytail Softball Complex in the amount of \$289,000.

- Kevin Hughes has been hired as assistant director of parks and recreation, effective June 1.

- Mary Ellen "Meg" Hunsicker has been hired as a clerk transcriber in the police department, effective April 25.



Volunteers helped serve food at the Elks spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

Elks Dinner Benefits Students

By Patricia Abbott

The Elks recently hosted a spaghetti dinner to benefit local students who were chosen as U.S. youth ambassadors by People to People International. In July two South Plainfield youths will travel to Europe with other students from across the country.

The event's menu featured spaghetti, meatballs, salad, chicken, sausage, mussels, garlic bread, beverages and assorted desserts. Although the dinner was scheduled to run until 9 p.m. most of the food was gone before 8 p.m. attesting to the success

of the evening. The event also held a raffle for several gift baskets.

According to their website People to People International's goal "is to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures." The organization was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956.

The meal was cooked by the Elks. Volunteers from *Almost Famous Players* served the food, helped wash dishes and bus tables.

Art Muglia Golf Tournament June 24

The Second Annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 24 at Spooky Brook Golf Course in Franklin Township.

Art Muglia was a dedicated South Plainfielder and loved his hometown. Friends and family gather annually to share camaraderie, laughs and food

and participate in one of Art's favorite hobbies, golf.

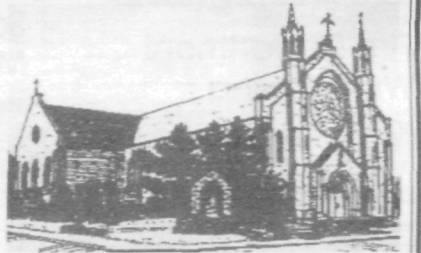
Golfers tee-off at 8:30 and afterwards will meet at Sherban's diner. Cost is \$100 for golf, cart, continental breakfast, prizes and food.

For information, call Jim Muglia at (973) 667-2466 or email him at Artsmemorialgolf@yahoo.com

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Rev. John Paul
Alvarado, Pastor



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. and by appointment

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Weekdays Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 am; Mon. and Thurs. 7 p.m.

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ENROLLMENT BEGINS NOW!

SDW Auditions For Pajama Game May 23, 24, 25

Auditions for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop play "The Pajama Game" will be held May 23, 24 and 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Middle School. Auditions are open to anyone completing sixth grade through their first year of college and residing in South Plainfield.

For more information, please call (908) 561-5255.

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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.

South Plainfield Funeral Home Open House

May 14

All are invited to attend the open house event at the South Plainfield Funeral Home on Plainfield Ave. on Saturday, May 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. Sacred Heart Pastor John Alvarado and Mayor Gallagher will speak at 4 p.m. Light refreshments and tours of the newly renovated facility will be given. Open house will be held rain or shine under the tent! For information call Paul or Tami at (908) 756-2900.

Fire Department Wine Tasting

May 14

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their annual Wine Tasting, sponsored by Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors on Saturday, May 14 from 6-11 p.m at Embassy Suites in Piscataway. Tickets are \$40 and include the wine tasting reception and a cash bar, DJ and dancing. Special rate hotel rooms are available. For tickets, call Mike Gallagher, (908) 755-9874; John Celentano, (908) 757-5691 or Buy-Rite Liquor, (908) 561-0051.

What's happening in MAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am 9
Yoga 10:30-11:30am
Drawing Class 11:30am
Senior Advisory 4:30pm

Daily Events

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

May 7—Country Western Hoe Down, 6-10 pm
May 19—Cactus Flower at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, \$50 Bus leaves at 9 a.m.

Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am 10

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

Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm 5
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Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 6
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Biofeedback 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, which is 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.

Sacred Heart Choral Music Concert

May 15

As part of their parish centennial celebration, the Sacred Heart Adult Choir will hold a free concert featuring the choral music of John Rutter on Sunday, May 15 at 3 p.m. in the church. The choir is under the direction of Dan Mahoney. They will be accompanied by Jack Bender.

Remember Tsunami Victims Presentation

May 15

A presentation of first hand information of the damage and rehabilitation in India will be held on May 15 at noon at Westley Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

VFW Dinner

May 20

The VFW Post 6763, located on Front St., will hold a dinner on Friday, May 20, from 5-8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (908) 668-9751.

VFW Flea Market

May 21

VFW Post 6763, located on Front St., will hold a Flea Market on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. rain or shine. Vendors are wanted. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (908) 668-9751.

Sacred Heart Flea Market/Craft Fair

May 21

Sacred Heart Centennial Committee is sponsoring a Flea Market/Craft

Fair on Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (In the event of rain, it will be held in the cafeteria.) It will be held in the church parking lot on South Plainfield Ave. Spaces are \$20. Bring your own table. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Come and join us and sell your wares or purchase new ones! To reserve a space, call Helen at (908) 756-0633 ext. 10 or Elaine at (908) 756-9654. See you there!

AARP Meeting

May 23

The South Plainfield Chapter of AARP will hold its meeting on May 23 at 12:30 p.m. at the senior citizen center. Election of officers will be held.

AARP Trip to The Villa

May 24

The South Plainfield Chapter of AARP will be going to The Villa by bus on Tuesday, May 24. Price is \$65 and includes transportation, gratuities, buffet lunch and the show at The Villa, *Broadway in Concert*, featuring live songs. Bus leaves the PAL at 10:15 a.m. For information or for reservations, call Lee at (732) 968-6613.

— Out of Town —

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 (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. No cover charge. For additional performing dates go to: blackroserocks.com.

Kim Adlerman at Metuchen Art Works

May 7

Artist Kim Adlerman will hold an opening reception on Saturday, May 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. For information, contact Madeline Tolins-Schlitt: (732) 662-7403

Moonrakers Meeting

May 10

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc. will hold its monthly meet and greet social at the Saddle Brook Marriott hotel in Saddle Brook on Tuesday, May 10 at 8 p.m. For information, call (973) 267-3648 or visit www.njtall.org.

Older Adult Bus Trip

May 11

A bus trip to the Three Little Baker Dinner Theater in Wilmington is being planned by the Metuchen YMCA on Wednesday, May 11. Cost is \$70. Call (732) 548-2044, ext. 217.

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Milestones



Jenna Calderone, Nicole Bythell and Hannah Abrego, members of Brownie Troop #774 at Riley Elementary School, are pictured here making their First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church last Sunday. The Reverend Timothy Lambert celebrated Mass.

Levine Named Winner in U.S. National History and Government Award

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Elizabeth Levine from South Plainfield has been named a United States National Award Winner in History and Government.

Elizabeth Levine, who attends Wardlaw-Hartridge was nominated for this national award by William Michalski, a teacher, at the school.

Levine will appear in the academy's official yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counse-

lors and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Allen and Marilyn of South Plainfield. The grandparents are Ann and Jules Levine of Woodbridge and Agnes Matlaga of Roselle.

Sandra Sachs, Personnel Manager

Gina D'Urso Recognized in Contest

South Plainfield's Gina D'Urso recently competed successfully in the Fall 2004 Technology Contest sponsored by SBC, the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges and the Ohio Association of Private Colleges Teacher Education.

D'Urso, who received a letter of recognition for her efforts, competed against groups of students from across the state to produce a project that would improve the use of technology in the classroom.

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L-R Randy McCann, So. Pfld, Carole Mancini, Forest Grove, Pa. David J. Cruse, Middletown, rehearse a scene from *A Skull in Connemara*.

Local Resident Featured in Franklin Villagers Production

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield resident Randall McCann will be featured in the Franklin Villagers production of *A Skull in Connemara* by Martin McDonagh. Randy portrays heavy-drinking widower Mick Dowd, who has been hired to disinter bones in a local cemetery to make room for new arrivals. Among the bones that must be moved are those of his late wife. The serio-comic mystery takes place in modern day Ireland.

Randy grew up in South Plainfield and graduated from South Plainfield High School. His theatrical roots date back to the early years of the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop. Randy said, "I was eleven years old and I decided I wanted to be an actor so I auditioned for *Oliver!* I still remember those auditions, they were held in the cafeteria of what is now the Middle School and I was scared out of my mind. I sang *The Star Spangled Banner*, a cappella. I started out in the wrong key, so that by the time I was halfway through, the notes were much too high, even for my 11-year-old soprano voice. I was awful, but they had mercy on me and cast me anyway. After that, I was hooked."

Randy graduated from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University with a B.F.A. in Theatre Production. Randy has worked as a director, set designer and lighting de-

signer throughout the New Jersey/New York area for many years. Over the past three years he has directed *The Real Inspector Hound*, *The Duck Variations* and *Our Town* at the Brook Theatre; *Tina Tells Everything There is to Know About Herself* at Circle Players in Piscataway and *The Heiress* at Playhouse 22 in East Brunswick. This past October he performed for the first time in about 16 years in *The Boys Next Door* at Playhouse 22.

Randy shared his excitement about *A Skull in Connemara*, saying, "This is just a great role. I love going to rehearsals and I can't wait to get it out in front of an audience. I saw this play in New York two years ago. I thought it was one of the funniest things I had ever seen. Yet, at the same time, it's kind of sad and tragic. It really is a wonderful play."

Rounding out the cast are David J. Cruse of Middletown, Pat Carpenter of Somerset and Carole Mancini of Forest Grove, Pa. The show is directed by Douglas Brautigam of East Brunswick and lighting designer is Mike Rapelye of South Plainfield. The show opens on May 13 and runs through May 28 with performances Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and one Sunday matinee May 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12. For more information and/or directions visit www.villagerstheatre.com or call (732) 873-2710.

Anne Holtz Named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year

Anne Holtz, teacher at Grant School and South Plainfield Middle School, was recognized by Wal-Mart as Teacher of the Year on Wednesday, April 27 at the Grant School Information Center.

Mrs. Holtz was nominated by one of her students who wrote an essay for Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year

competition. The essay about Mrs. Holtz was selected and she earned this prestigious recognition. She also received a check for \$1,000 to purchase items for her classroom, a Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year vest, a personal Wal-Mart spending card and a framed certificate.

at Wal-Mart in Piscataway and Donna Perillo, VPC Support Manager presented the award to Mrs. Holtz. She was congratulated at a surprise "meeting" by Grant School Principal Janis Burchell and the school staff. Her husband, children and parents also surprised her by attending the presentation.

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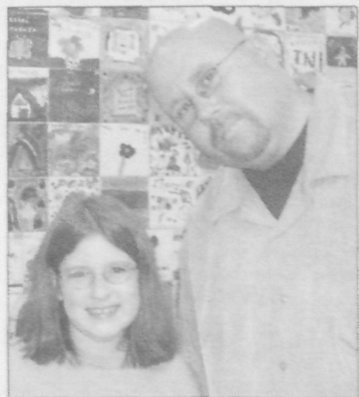
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Junior Journalist Corner



Joanna Marston, Roosevelt School Third Grader, is Named "Junior Journalist"



Joanna Marston with her teacher Michael Bertram.

Joanna Marston, Roosevelt School third grader, is this week's winner in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "My Mother," has won dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Monday is the last opportunity to submit written works. Contest ends May 13.

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

Thanks to all who entered the contest this year! Next week we will announce the last winner of the year.

My Mother By Joanna Marston

By cats and dogs she goes ACHOO!

A Brooklyn born Superstar,

Allergic to nuts (although she is nuts)

At times she can

ROAR!

like a lion or

SNAP!

like a croc

but always shine like a star.

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Me, only Me.

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Move out of the way!

My mama bear,

My teddy bear,

Come To Me!

New Imaging Technology Available at DeCosta Chiropractic Office

Chiropractor Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, located on 129 South Plainfield Ave., has been using a new innovative state-of-the-art diagnostic tool known as Computerized Paraspinal Thermal Imaging (CPTI). Presently Dr. DeCosta is the only one in the area who is using this new technology in his office.

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Dr. DeCosta uses the new computerized paraspinal thermal imaging to examine the spine of 2 1/2-year-old Max Strasburger.

function.

CPTI has been found to detect the cause of many conditions which have eluded other diagnostic tests. Unlike many other tests, this device is unique in that it displays how the nervous system is functioning. Since the

health of the nervous system can determine the health of the body, this examination provides critical information which is vital to health care.

For more information on this new imaging device, you can call Dr. DeCosta at (908) 755-1117.

Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Minutes

The Traffic Safety Advisory Commission meeting was held on March 23. Present were: Sgt. Kevin Murtagh of the Traffic Safety Bureau, Councilman Dennis Cerami, Kevin Broderick, Kathy Feeney, Kathy DiMeglio and Tim Morgan, liaison from Board of Education.

Traffic problems at the circle in front of South Plainfield High School were discussed further. Tim Morgan discussed erecting an electric gate at Lake St./Central Ave. to be controlled by buses to keep traffic out of the circle. Staff would be allowed out, no one allowed in. Currently, 14-16 faculty cars including the school principal, park in the circle for their convenience and as a result of past criminal mischief incidents. Kevin Broderick asked about one-way roads. Morgan said the use of a faculty parking lot should be enforced since 1/3 of the high school lot is unused. Councilman Cerami suggested police enforcement, utilizing other district cars for help. Sgt. Murtagh agreed the traffic problem has increased, but DOT states the SPPD should not enforce situations due to private property issues and lack of manpower. He suggested a change in bus times for Middle School/SPHS/Grant to alleviate the problem. Morgan said he would check if this would be a violation of their contract. Kathy DiMeglio stated buses are not used by parents/students due to early bus times. He will speak to the chief to get the department more involved. Councilman Cerami will put together a game plan for a meeting between his office and SPHS Staff.

Kathy DiMeglio reported that an enforcement stop sign was missing behind A&P going out to Park Ave. She stated her concerns for an accident waiting to happen.

Kevin Broderick discussed eliminating the one hour parking sign in front of Esposito's Barber Shop on Hamilton Blvd. during the renovations. He noted there is no speed limit sign between Maple and South Plainfield on Front St. Also discussed was a safety issue of no center line on Front St.

Kathy Feeney brought up the illegal parking at Franklin School, where cars park right up to the stop sign.

Councilman Cerami stated the striping machine bought in 1998 is not working properly as per Joe Glowacki. In lieu of contracting out Lombardi, we could possibly work out an agreement with Piscataway or Edison to borrow their striping machine.

The sign situation was addressed regarding parking restrictions. The Road Department has the signs in storage because Glowacki said he wasn't notified where to place them. Murtagh said

he was given a new revised manual which clearly gives the specs. Signs must be installed immediately due to the up and coming baseball season. They must be breakaway.

Councilman Cerami stated he is receiving e-mails from Jeffrey Montero of Montrose Ave. regarding the truck traffic in the area. A sign on South Clinton Ave. prohibiting truck traffic with local deliveries only, is faded and unreadable. Sgt. Murtagh stated there is an ordinance in place which prohibits trucks, though some trucks get lost and use it anyway, specifically Swift trucks. They are seeking an ordinance restricting trucks on Lexington, Lafayette, Bell and Strong Place.

Plans for the Crossroads Cavalry Chapel, New Era Dr. were reviewed. A question of how many participants would be attending was asked due to a parking concern. There is prohibited parking on New Era Dr.

The town wants to widen the Durham Ave./Helen St. intersection.

The next meeting is May 25.

-Mary Wrotny, Recording Secretary

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The event has Polish and Italian homemade foods—meatball, sausage sandwiches, homemade perogies, kielbasa sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, pizza frite, clams, Italian pastries, zeppoli and calzones, shish kabob, roast beef sandwiches and more. There will also be 13 games to play and win. In addition, there will be all kinds of rides available for young and older children. We are inviting everyone to come and have a great time at the Feast of St. Anthony.

We will be open from 5 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-11 p.m. on Saturday, June 11.

For more information, call Mary at (908) 757-4490.

Junior Journalist WINNER

Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros present dinner to Junior Journalist winner Ryan Hohner, pictured here with mother Mary and dad Ray.

Congratulations Ryan!

Feed your soul...write!



About 20 members of the South Plainfield Business Association were treated to a complimentary luncheon at Nanking restaurant in Hadley Center last week. Nanking features Indian, Chinese and Thai cooking. Those attending enjoyed every dish served.

Grant School Holds "Knowledge Is Power" Academic Bowl

On April 20 Grant School held their third annual Academic Bowl sponsored by the Grant School PTO. The theme for this year's bowl was "Knowledge is Power."

Competing for the first place trophy were the following teams: *Buddha Power*-Mike Dispenziere, Eddie Sullivan, Christina Ferrer, Jena Cianfrocca and Richard Rotella; *Chemical Bond*-Ryan Billich, Jordan Katowich, Sarah Hagemann, Ryan Lind, and Jake Salerno; *Oracles of Knowledge*-Willie Hartmann, Dana Hunt, Joseph Ifrach, Tara O'Day and Charles Huber and *Power Pi's*-Adam Buck, Danny Hunt, Tiffany McRae, Ellen Zinsky and Mike Krusinowski.

The competition was very close, but after three rounds of intense competition, it all came down to two teams facing off for the first place trophy, *Oracles of Knowledge* and the *Power Pi's*. The final round of the competition consisted of the two remaining teams going up against each other

for one final question that would be randomly chosen. Each team had only ten seconds to decide how many points they would be willing to risk. If the team got the answer right, the points they risked would be added to their score, but if they got the answer wrong, they would lose the points. This could determine who won the Academic Bowl.

After intense deliberation the *Power Pi's* decided to wager all of the team's points, while the *Oracles of Knowledge* decided to wager all but one point. By the end of the fourth round, the *Oracles of Knowledge* won, having gotten the question right, and doubling their score. It was a great competition and all of the competitors should be proud of themselves.

The sponsor of the Academic Bowl was Rebecca Gross, sixth grade social studies teacher. Supporting Gross were Dana Bender, Linda Rodino and Joanne Haus.

Sen. Buono Receives "Advocate" Award From Women Business Owners

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) recently honored Senator Barbara Buono for her advocacy and contributions in advancing business ownership by women. In honor of Senator Buono's support the NJ Association of Women Business Owners created "The Advocate" award to acknowledge those who support and advocate for women business owners.

"I am deeply flattered and humbled by this recognition," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex. "I commend NJAWBO for being in the forefront supporting and encouraging business ownership by women. NJAWBO is providing an invaluable service by offering women the tools they need

to succeed professionally in today's highly competitive business world."

The Salute to Women Leaders Luncheon has been NJAWBO's way of recognizing the support it receives from its friends by honoring deserving women leaders who have gone above and beyond in their support of women business ownership. NJAWBO is the largest statewide association of women business owners in the US - over 1,000 members strong statewide. For 26 years, NJAWBO has helped women achieve their business visions by providing them with the tools to develop and grow their enterprises and addresses the needs of the 282,000 women business owners in New Jersey.

police report

- On April 26 a Piscataway resident reported that the passenger side of their vehicle had been scratched with an unknown object while parked at Spring Lake Park.

- On April 27 Alexandro Burgos, 25, and Gilmer Lopez, 20, both of Plainfield were arrested for receiving stolen property and hindering apprehension. Burgos was also charged with failure to stop or yield, having no registration, no insurance and fictitious plates at a motor vehicle stop.

- A Piscataway resident reported the theft of a gold and a silver chain and gold and a silver ring from his room at Best Western.

- On April 28 an employee of Hong Kong Supermarket on Park Ave. reported the theft of her wallet from her desk in an unlocked office.

- A South Central Ave. resident reported that the word "lame" had been spray painted on the side of her shed.

- Carena Paving and Fencing on South Clinton Ave. reported the theft of a Bobcat hydraulic piston from a tractor which is stored there.

- On April 29 Alvaro J. Tamayo, 26, of North Plainfield was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

- An Elizabeth resident reported

the theft of a bank envelope containing \$1,400 which was left on the counter at Dunkin Donuts on Maple Ave.

- The high school reported the theft of candy and \$3.40 from a vending machine. A lever inside the machine was also broken due to shaking.

- On April 30 Joya R. Robinson, 27, of Piscataway was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

- Krishnan Balakrishnan, 40, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving after being found laying on the ground next to his parked vehicle on Oak Tree Rd.

- A Bound Brook resident reported the theft of her purse from her shopping cart at K-Mart.

- A Plainfield resident reported that all four tires of his vehicle had been slashed while parked in the lot at Bravo Supermarket.

- Raceway Gas on W. 7th St. reported that a driver had only paid \$10 for \$20 worth of gas and fled.

- On May 1 a Somerset resident reported that there were two long deep scratches on both sides of their vehicle that was parked in lot at K-Mart.

- A Piscataway resident reported that a rock had been thrown through

the rear driver side window of their vehicle while parked in the lot near Macy's.

- The vehicles of four guests parked in the lot at Best Western had their windows smashed in. An 8" DVD headrest monitor, a Jansport book bag, college books, computer disks a nylon Nike carry-on bag and t-shirts were taken. One vehicle had only been rummage through.

- On May 2 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of a 1994 Mazda 626 from the park lot at the A&P. The keys had been left in the vehicle.

Investigation on BOE Finances Revealed

Next Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Education, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt School Auditorium, will include the reading of a letter from the state revealing the results of the investigation on the handling of money during the past years.

The board asked the state to investigate any possible illegalities dealing with the money woes that were discovered during the last year. An audit by the state earlier this year suggested that the board pursue their investigation with the state Attorney General's Office.

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Sports

C' League Game Summaries (4/24 through 5/1)

Cardinals vs Yankees

Cardinals—Jose Torres crushed a big bases loaded double while his teammates Joey Hart and Bryan Gillen each threw two strong scoreless innings.

Mets vs Orioles

Mets—Marc Stasio smacked a bases loaded triple.

Orioles—Shawn Bangaroo showed off his glove with a few nice plays at third base. Brian Schillaci, Charlie Butrico, and Robert Eggert led the offense with multiple hits and RBIs.

Dodgers vs Angels

Angels—Mark Butrico had a good day at the plate making solid contact belting a single. Joe Spinella was quick as a cat behind the plate playing a strong two innings as catcher, and Paul Cano was in a groove all day, crushing a hot shot to centerfield.

Red Sox vs Yankees

Yankees—A strong pitching performance was turned in by Jimmy

Duhamel while teammate Ray Jazikoff provided a bases clearing double.

Dodgers vs Yankees

Yankees—Adian McDermott showed how to use the wood and the leather today, not only did he strike out four batters over his two innings of pitching he also crushed an inside the park home run.

Astros vs Orioles

Astros—Chris Diaz had an excellent inning catching behind the plate, Vincent Pellegrino ripped a big single and JJ Boettcher showed off his speeds by scoring.

Orioles—Dan Pacheco smacked a sharp line drive single, LJ Scarpitto stroked two singles and pitched two scoreless innings. Matt Gruver and Jeremy Smith also contributed with base hits of their own.

Angels vs Cardinals

Angels—Joe Spinella had a great day

at the plate crushing a double into the left field alley and then drawing three walks. Daniel Vargas pitched two strong innings and then Matthew Vargas pitched a scoreless inning of his own, while Brett Temple was patient at the plate earning three walks and then showing off his speed with a stolen base.

Cardinals — What a day for Ryan Walsh, he ripped three singles and then turned in a tremendous play at first base, while Bryan Gillen smacked three singles and scored three times. Teammate Nathan Persad flashed a brilliant glove in the outfield with a few sparkling defensive plays.

Games played Two weeks ago.

Astros vs Red Sox

Astros—Mike Polizzano turned in two strong innings from the mound. He then slapped on the gear, went behind the plate and turned in another outstanding effort behind teammate Joey Valentino who had a big day at the plate belting two big doubles.

Astros vs Yankees

Astros — Jason Lowery swung a good bat making solid contact each time at the plate. Vincent Pellegrino threw two strong innings from the mound.

Yankees—Aidian McDermott smoked a double that reached the fence and teammate James Duhamel provided two strong innings of pitching as well as making a number of defensive gems.

Yankees vs Mets

Yankees—The Yankee offense was led with some timely hitting by Kyle Dickerson, Sean Erhardt and Dominic Gruver.

South Plainfield Spirit Misguides Middlesex Rockets

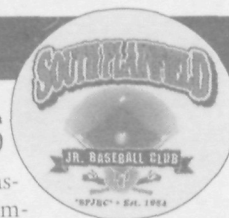
Last weekend, Spirit traveled the short distance to Middlesex to play against a team new to the flight. Strong play early in the game resulted in three goals by our team before the first half was over. Matias Palma was responsible for one and the other two were courtesy of Agu Ufodu. The play of the game occurred when a penalty kick off the foot of Edwin Molina rolled directly to Agu, who scored with an amazing bicycle kick towards the net. Tending goal was Nicholas Tuyup. The second half proved just as exciting with goals by Matias and Edwin.

The defensive line throughout the game consisted of Ryan Billich, Marc Paez, Joseph Krawiec, Nicholas Tuyup

and Brandon Staynings. They did a great job of keeping the ball away from the goal zone and helping keeper, Joseph Krawiec. Up front in offensive and mid positions were Matias Palma, Daniel Zwatschka, Agu Ufodu, Andrew Sanchez, Jesse Allen, Ryan Lind and Edwin Molina. Their combined aggressive playing brought the final score of the game to 5-2. A special thank you to Cathy Krawiec who entertained us all as a volunteer sideline ref. Our next game is scheduled at home on Friday night under the lights. Come out and join us for what hopes to be another exciting game!

Submitted by Michele Billich

By Lee Flanagan



JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

We are announcing tryouts for the eight-year-old Traveling All-Star Team.

Tryouts will be held on Thursday, May 5 from 5 to 6 p.m.; Friday, May 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. All tryouts will be at Field #6. If you have any questions, call Mike Pellegrino at (908) 561-4958.

Tryouts for the 11-year-old Traveling All-Star Team will be held on Monday, May 9 from 5 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, May 10 from 5 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, May 11 from 5 to 6 p.m. All tryouts will be at Field #3; if you have any questions call Jeff Marcoux at (908) 757-2196.

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, who 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 totally responsible for the actions of himself and the coaches in the dugout.

We have positions on the Executive Board up for election in the month of 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 up for election are: com-

missioner, 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.

High School Wood Bat Summer League

The 2005 High School Wood Bat league will be starting up May 28 for all Varsity Teams. The league offers teams with an opportunity to see new competition and a chance to be seen by college recruiters. Coaches will be able to keep their varsity team together and play a flexible schedule for the summer. In addition to playing up to 30 games tournaments host many out of state talented teams, showcase teams and even pro scout teams. It does not interfere with American Legion or high school baseball.

For more information about the league or to ask us how you can get free wood bats for your team email: john.gsb1@gmail.com or call (732) 382-4610.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Chat Phan requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an 12' x 12' oversized wood shed. Proposed shed lacks 5' required side setback, 3' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 189 Hudson Street on Block 140, Lot 9 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.

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

\$35.00

May 6, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1700

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

Ordinance #1700 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$384,032.69 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE MAPLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 6, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1700

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$384,032.69 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:

Maple Avenue Phase I	\$200,000.00
Storm Sewer Improvements (Woodland Avenue, E. Hendricks Blvd & Oxford Avenue)	\$184,032.69
TOTAL	\$384,032.69

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 \$384,032.69.
- That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$200,000.00 grant from the NJ Transportation Trust Fund, \$170,000.00 from the Statewide Livable Communities Capital Grant and \$14,032.69 from the Capital Improvement Fund.
- The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) 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 \$14,032.69.

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

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$108.50

May 6, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1697

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

Ordinance #1697 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS INTO AND OUT OF THE DURHAM PLAZA MALL ON DURHAM AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 6, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1697

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that no person shall be permitted to make a left hand turn at the following location listed:

- No Left Turns from Durham Avenue into the new Durham Plaza Mall.
- No Left Turns from the Mall onto north-bound Durham Avenue.

Penalty for violation of said ordinance shall be provided by New Jersey Statute.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$45.50

May 6, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1696

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

Ord. 1696 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$215,213.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE HELEN STREET SCOPING PROJECT was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.50

May 6, 2005

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Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Thompson, Pastor
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Matthew Anesh (left) and Robert Bengivenga, Jr. (right) did some heavy lifting when they pitched in with three other volunteers this year to clean-up Tyler Place. Volunteers on Tyler filled more than a dozen bags, plus collected large items, including a 12x12 rug and a sink/vanity. After filling 17 bags last year, the volunteers on Tyler think it's definitely South Plainfield's dirtiest street.

Republicans Clean-up Tyler Place

For the second year members of the South Plainfield Republicans helped clean-up Tyler Place. Last year they filled 17 to 18 bags of trash. They felt the large amount of trash was because it had not been done in two years.

Despite being there last year, they filled 12 bags this year and could have filled more. They found a full sink/

vanity, a 12x12 rug and a similar-sized piece of linoleum. In addition to lots and lots of liquor bottles, there must have been at least 150 to 200 Dunkin' Donuts coffee cups. It's amazing what people throw out the car window!

Three people from the GOP and two others assigned by Alice Tempel did the clean-up. It was non-stop pick-up — no hunting for garbage.

New Library Design in Early Stages

Robert Almodovar, senior associate at Nadasky Kopelson Architects, presented several preliminary drawings of the proposed new library to be built on Plainfield Ave. between the South Plainfield Funeral Home and Unity Bank at last months Council meeting. Also attending were Library Board President Eric Aronowitz, members of the board and Sundra Fenn, director of the library.

Almodovar stressed that the plans were still in the early stages of concept and design. He has been working with Sundra Fenn and members of the Library Board who have been going back and forth with suggestions of what they would like to see in a new library. Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and members of the Library Board have also visited other area libraries gathering ideas they would like incorporated in South Plainfield's new library.

There were actually several building designs being considered as well as where the building and parking lot will be located. A portion of the property is in a flood zone which limits where the building can be placed. One thing that is in every design is a drive up window.

Plans call for the building to run approximately 16,000 sq. ft., which is almost 2½ times the present library. The children's room will be greatly

expanded with an arts and crafts section. The preliminary plans did not include a room for the Friends of the Library, but there was space for the Historical Society. Friends of the Library who were at the meeting were not pleased that they weren't included.

Parking was addressed, but did not seem to be a great concern. Mayor Dan Gallagher explained that he has spoken to people at both Unity Bank

and the South Plainfield Funeral Home and asked if they could use their parking space when available. He also said it was possible to make a path from the municipal parking lot if need be.

The newly proposed 16,000 sq. ft. building is estimated to cost about \$3.5M, but Almodovar stressed the library plans are still in the early stages and changes most probably will be made before a final structure is approved.

Kennedy Kindergarten Plans Get Acquainted Program

John F. Kennedy School PTSO will hold a "Kindergarten Get Acquainted Program" for students who will enter Kindergarten 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 planned activities are visits to the nurse, the principal and a mini-bus 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) 754-4620.

Franklin School Kindergarten Orientation

Franklin School will welcome all incoming kindergarten students and their parents for orientation on Thursday, May 19 at 3 p.m. in Room 5.

A tour of the building, meetings with teachers and staff, the opportunity to make a special craft and great snacks will all be included in the program!

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE No. 1699

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

Ordinance #1699 entitled: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF PLAINFIELD, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 6, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE #1699
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF PLAINFIELD, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE

The Borough hereby grants to Comcast of Plainfield, LLC renewal of its non-exclusive Municipal Consent to place in, upon, across, above, over and under highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, easements, public ways and public places in the Borough, poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes and other television conductors, fixtures, apparatus and equipment as may be necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance in the Borough of a cable television and communications system.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. Such meaning or definition of terms is supplemental to those definitions of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules and regulations, 47 C.F.R. Subsection 76.1 et seq., and the Cable Communications Policy Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 521 et seq., as amended, and the Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., and shall in no way be construed to broaden, alter or conflict with the federal and state definitions:

- "Municipality" or "Borough" is the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey.
- "Company" is the grantee of rights under this Ordinance and is known as Comcast of Plainfield, LLC.
- "Act" or "Cable Television Act" is Chapter 186 of the General Laws of New Jersey, and subsequent amendments thereto, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1, et seq.
- "FCC" is the Federal Communications Commission.
- "Board" or "BPU" is the Board of Public Utilities, State of New Jersey.
- "Office" or "OCTV" is the Office of Cable Television of the Board.
- "Basic Cable Service" means any service tier, which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals as defined by the FCC.

SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

Public hearings conducted by the Borough, concerning the renewal of Municipal Consent herein granted to the Company were held after proper public notice pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act and the regulations of the Board adopted pursuant thereto. Said hearings, having been fully open to the public, and the Borough, having received at said public hearings all comments regarding the qualifications of the Company to receive this renewal of Municipal Consent, the Borough hereby finds

that the Company possesses the necessary legal, technical, character, financial and other qualifications and that the Company's operating and construction arrangements are adequate and feasible.

SECTION 4. DURATION OF FRANCHISE

The non-exclusive Municipal Consent granted herein shall expire fifteen (15) years from the date of expiration of the previous Certificate of Approval issued by the Board, with a 10-year automatic renewal as provided by N.J.S.A. 48:5A-19 and 25, and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6.

In the event that the Municipality shall find that the Company has not substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of this Ordinance, the Municipality shall have the right to petition the OCTV, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-47, for appropriate action, including modification and/or termination of the Certificate of Approval; provided however, that the Municipality shall first have given the Company written notice of all alleged instances of non-compliance and an opportunity to cure same within ninety (90) days of that notification.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE FEE

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act, the Company shall, during each year of operation under the consent granted herein, pay to the Borough two percent (2%) of the gross revenues from all recurring charges in the nature of subscription fees paid by subscribers for cable television reception service in the Borough or any higher amount permitted by the Act or otherwise allowable by law, whichever is greater.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE TERRITORY

The consent granted under this Ordinance to the renewal of the franchise shall apply to the entirety of the Borough and any property subsequently annexed hereto.

SECTION 7. EXTENSION OF SERVICE

The Company shall be required to proffer service along any public right-of-way to any person's residence or business located in all areas of the franchise territory as described herein, at tariffed rates for standard and non-standard installations.

SECTION 8. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Restoration: In the event that the Company or its agents shall disturb any pavement, street surfaces, sidewalks, driveways, or other surface in the nature topography, the Company shall, at its sole expense, restore and replace such places or things so disturbed in as good a condition as existed prior to the commencement of said work.

Relocation: If at any time during the period of this consent, the Municipality shall alter or change the grade of any street, alley or other way or place the Company, upon reasonable notice by the Municipality, shall remove, re-lay or relocate its equipment, at the expense of the Company.

Temporary Removal of Cables: The Company shall, upon request of the Municipality at the Company's expense, temporarily raise, lower, or remove its lines in order to facilitate the moving of buildings or machinery or in other like circumstances. Whenever the request is made by, for, or on behalf of private parties, the cost will be borne by those same parties.

Removal or Trimming of Trees: During the exercise of its rights and privileges under this franchise, the Company shall have the authority to trim trees upon and overhanging streets, alleys, sidewalks or other public places of the municipality so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires and cable of the Company. Such trimming shall be only to the extent necessary to maintain proper clearance of the Company's wire and cables.

SECTION 9. CUSTOMER SERVICE

In providing services to its customers, the Company shall comply with N.J.A.C. 14:18-1, et seq. and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. The Company shall strive to meet or exceed all voluntary company and industry standards in the delivery of customer service and shall be prepared to report on it to

the community upon written request of the Borough Administrator or Clerk.

- The Company shall continue to comply fully with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations regarding credits for outages, the reporting of same to regulatory agencies and notification of same to customers.
- The Company shall continue to fully comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations regarding the availability of devices for the hearing impaired and the notification of same to customers.
- The Company shall use every effort to meet or exceed voluntary standards for telephone accessibility developed by the National Cable Television Association (NCTA). Those standards shall include, but not be limited to, the goal of answering ninety (90%) percent of incoming telephone calls within thirty (30) seconds.
- Nothing herein shall impair the right of any subscriber or the Municipality to express any comment with respect to telephone accessibility to the Complaint Officer, or impair the right of the Complaint Officer to take any action that is appropriate under law.
- The Company is permitted, but is not required to, charge a late fee consistent with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

SECTION 10. MUNICIPAL COMPLAINT OFFICER

The Office of Cable Television is hereby designated as the Complaint Officer for the Municipality pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-26(b). All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.5. The Municipality shall have the right to request copies of records and reports pertaining to complaints by Borough customers from the OCTV.

SECTION 11. LOCAL OFFICE

During the term of this franchise, and any renewal thereof, the Company shall maintain a local business office or agent for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving all complaints regarding the quality of service, equipment malfunctions and similar matters. Such local business office shall be open during normal business hours and in no event less than 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone response for such purposes as mentioned herein will be provided by the Company's employees, representatives or agents twenty-four (24) hours per day.

The telephone number and address of the local office shall be listed in applicable telephone directories and in correspondence from the Company to the customer. The telephone number for the local office shall utilize an exchange that is a non-toll call for Borough residents.

SECTION 12. PERFORMANCE BONDS

During the life of the franchise the Company shall give to the municipality a bond in the amount of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars. Such bond shall be to insure the faithful performance of all undertakings of the Company as represented in its application for municipal consent incorporated herein.

SECTION 13. SUBSCRIBER RATES

The rates of the Company shall be subject to regulation as permitted by federal and state law.

SECTION 14. PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS

- The Company shall continue to provide residents with a system-wide public access channel (currently channel 74) maintained by the Company. Qualified individuals and organizations may utilize public access for the purpose of cablecasting non-commercial access programming in conformance with the Company's published public access rules.
- The Company shall continue to provide a system-wide leased access channel (currently channel 73) maintained by the Company for the purpose of cablecasting commercial access programming in conform-

ance with the Company's guideline and applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

- The Company shall take any steps that are necessary to ensure that the signals originated on the access channels are carried without material degradation, and with a signal whose quality is equal to that of the other standard channels that the Company transmits.

SECTION 15. COMMITMENTS BY THE COMPANY

- The Company shall provide or continue to provide free basic television service on one (1) outlet at each of the following municipal facilities and locations: Borough Hall, police department and municipal court; fire department, rescue squad, Emergency Management Office, department of public works building, public library and senior center, provided each facility is located within 200' of active cable distribution plant.
- The Company shall provide or continue to provide free basic television service on one (1) outlet in each public and private elementary and secondary school; and provide a high level tap to provide adequate signal for multiple outlets at South Plainfield High School and South Plainfield Middle School, provided all facilities are located within 200' of active cable plant.
- The Company shall provide free high-speed Internet service to one (1) non-networked computer at all public and private secondary and elementary schools in the district. Computers must be available to student use and not restricted to administrative use. All facilities must be located within 200' of active cable plant.
- The Company shall provide free high-speed Internet service at one (1) non-networked computer in the public library. An additional high-speed Internet outlet shall be installed at proposed new library when constructed and at written request of municipal council. All computers so installed must be available to library patrons and not restricted to administrative use. All facilities must be located within 200' of active cable plant.
- The Company shall also provide free installation of Internet connection via high speed cable modem to one (1) non-networked computer at each of following facilities and locations: Borough Hall, police department and municipal court; fire department, rescue squad, Emergency Management Office, and department of public works building. All facilities must be located with 200' of active cable plant.
- Within twelve (12) month of the issuance of a renewal Certificate of Approval (COA) by the BPU, the Company shall provide to the borough a one-time grant for access related needs in the amount of \$72,500.
- The Company shall provide an annual grant of \$5,000 for 15 years from date of COA issuance in support of a community program of the Borough's choosing to be paid by mid-August of each year.
- Provide video-taping of Borough's annual Labor Day Parade and fireworks display.
- Allow programming schedule on system access channel to provide 3 evening hours 2 days a week, and 3 hours per week during daytime hours for municipal programming. Additional access channel programming shall be provided when current schedule is programmed with non-duplicative video programming for 6 consecutive months.

SECTION 16. TWO WAY SERVICES AND INTERCONNECTION

In the event that the Borough determines that it is necessary and feasible for it to contract with the Company for the purpose of providing two-way or interconnection services, the Company shall be required to apply to the BPU for approval to enter into and establish the terms and conditions of such contract. All costs for such application to the BPU shall be borne by the Borough.

SECTION 17. EMERGENCY USES

The Company shall be required to fully comply with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations rules and regulations governing the implementation, operation and testing of the Emergency Alert System (EAS)

The Company shall in no way be held liable for any injury suffered by the municipality or any other person, during an emergency, if for any reason the municipality is unable to make full use of the cable television system as contemplated herein.

SECTION 18. LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Company shall at all times maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy with a single limit amount of \$1,000,000 covering liability for any death, personal injury, property damages or other liability arising out of its construction and operation of the cable television system, and an excess liability (or "umbrella") policy in the amount of \$3,000,000.

SECTION 19. INCORPORATION OF THE APPLICATION

All of the commitments and statements contained in the application and any amendment thereto submitted in writing to the Municipality by the Company, except as modified herein, are binding upon the Company as terms and conditions of this Municipal Consent. The application and any other relevant writings submitted by the Company shall be considered a part of this Ordinance and made a part hereof by reference as long as it does not conflict with state or federal law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or other agreements between the Borough and the Company that are in conflict with the provisions of this agreement are hereby declared invalid and superseded.

SECTION 20. COMPETITIVE EQUITY

Should the Borough grant a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system to any other person, corporation or entity on terms materially less burdensome or more favorable than the terms contained herein, the Company may substitute such language that is more favorable or less burdensome for the comparable provision of this Ordinance subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.7.

SECTION 21. SEPARABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or federal or state agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and its validity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 22. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing in this Franchise or in any prior agreement is or was intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any member of the public to enforce the terms of such agreements or Franchise.

SECTION 23. RENEGOTIATIONS

Terms of the automatic-renewal of this agreement may be renegotiated by mutual consent of both parties (the Borough and the Company), provided that the request for renegotiations be made in writing to the other party no sooner than nine (9) months and no later than six (6) months before the expiration of the initial 15-year term granted in the COA; and that the second party agrees to such negotiations in writing within 30 days of receipt of notification of the renegotiation request. If written agreement by both parties to renegotiate does not occur within thirty days (30) of the request, the additional ten-year term shall automatically take effect upon the expiration of the initial fifteen-year term, as provided by N.J.S.A. 48:5A-19 and 25, and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6).

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVE DATE

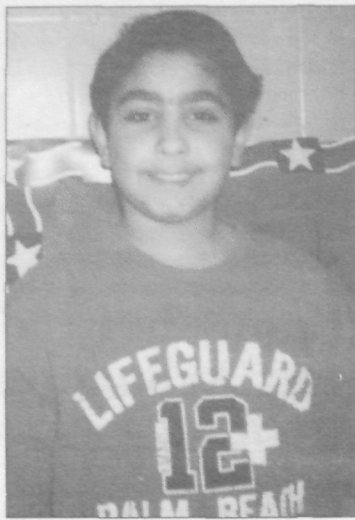
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon issuance of a Renewal Certificate of Approval by the BPU.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

Franklin School Students Help Tsunami Victims

The students in Franklin School know how to help others. After the Dec. 26 Tsunami disaster, they joined the Penny Wars being held at the other town schools. The spirit of competition between grade levels kept students bringing in pennies to contribute to their own grade's jar, while at the same time, dumping other coins into the jars of competing grades to lower their final penny count. In the long run, the victims of the disaster were the big winners, because the students collected over \$3,000!

Less than six weeks later, the annual mathathon began, which had students solve math problems in a workbook suitable to their grade level and collect money from sponsors for the number of problems completed. The monies collected from the mathathon benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The students once again came through, showing their generosity and willingness to help others. They collected \$6,200. This total far exceeded the school's expectations, since the students had only recently had the Penny War. Ramsey Abdeljaber, a fourth grader, was the student this year who collected the most: \$425. For that he will receive a super slim CD player, along with the prizes all other students collecting \$75 or more receive—a certificate of participation, a sports bag, a t-shirt and an entrance ticket to Six Flags Great Adventure. All students who collected at least \$35 received a certificate of participation, a t-shirt and an entrance ticket to Great Adventure. Everyone who participates gets at least a certi-



Franklin School fourth grader Ramsey Abdeljaber was the top fundraiser in benefit mathathon.

cate. Franklin School has donated over \$40,000 to St. Jude's in the years it has been involved with the mathathon!

In May, the students will get out the jump-ropes and raise money for the American Heart Association in the annual Jump-Rope for Heart. You can be sure they will once again come through to help others.

Planning Board Amends Zoning

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burden, up 74% from an earlier 50%. With the change in zoning, Gallagher expects tax revenues to increase up to \$4 million yearly if the land is used for housing units compared to the yearly tax of \$185,000 that Tingley pays. "The amendment was not an exclusionary zoning," said Gallagher. "It would provide housing for seniors and would be used to provide for our ongoing Mt. Laurel obligation."

Board member Jay Karagener noted that the borough would have to provide additional services which could raise taxes. Gallagher pointed out that as these were age restricted units for those where one spouse is aged 55 and

no child younger than 19, there would not be the need for additional schools.

Gallagher acknowledged that an additional fire truck that had the capacity to fight a fire in a four story building would be needed. But the greatest need for those who lived in these units would be for ambulances and that expense would be billed to the individual, he said.

To objections about increased traffic on the site Gallagher noted that traffic on McKinley would be limited to one way. Gallagher pointed out that seniors wouldn't affect the traffic at peak times, noting that seniors at the Morris Ave. location hadn't affected Riley school traffic.

Gang Resistance Program Introduced to Students

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ducted which showed positive results for students who had completed the training. There were lower levels of victimization, more negative views about gangs, more favorable attitudes about police, reduction in risk-seeking behaviors and increased association with peers involved in pro social activities.

During 1999-2000, the program underwent an extensive program and curriculum review which enhanced the program to 13 lessons and placed more emphasis on active learning and

increased teacher involvement. In 2004 Congress directed that the program administration be transferred to the Office of Justice Program, Bureau of Justice Assistance. Over the past 14 years over 7,000 law enforcement officers have been certified as GREAT instructors and nearly four million students have graduated from the GREAT program.

GREAT is a federally funded program and South Plainfield is one of the first in the county to bring it to the classroom. "The program is going well," said Bataille "and I couldn't

Two Fires

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children. The overpass was closed and traffic was re-routed around the area. Gridlock occurred on Hamilton Blvd., New Market Ave., Lakeview Ave. and Belmont Ave. Every road close to the overpass was affected.

Assisting at the Hamilton Blvd. site were fire departments from Plainfield, Colonia, Metuchen and Piscataway. Also on the scene were South Plainfield Emergency Management and the Middlesex County Hazardous Materials Unit.

be happier with the cooperation from Superintendent Dr. Rosado and Middle School Principal Al Czech for allowing me to start the program as quickly as I did." The police department is also seeking funding for a GREAT families training program and also incorporate it in the summer recreation Junior Police Academy program. The 130 graduating students will be working on year end projects that will be displayed on graduation day in the Middle School gymnasium on May 31.

Sacred Heart School Honor Roll

Third Marking Period Principal's List and Honor Roll Students

Principal's List

Grade 5—Amanda Joe, Andrea Muglia, Carla Palma and Cecilia Uche.

Grade 7—Alfonse Muglia, Aaron Pinkard and Zachary Sikanowicz.

Grade 8—Ashley Forbes and Ryan Hohner.

Honor Roll

Grade 5—Anthony Cardoso, Kevaugh Charles and Rhel Lapitan.

Grade 6—Siobhan Barrington, Christopher Gbogi, Joseph Landry, Allyson Ricarte and Caresse Simmonds.

Grade 7—Alexandria Fee, Victoria Gaydos, Kaitlyn Muglia, Gerianna Pinto, Crystal Williams, Alexandria Livingston, Patrick Ruiz and Jaclyn Thomas.

Grade 8—Aedan Bayona Khaliyah Douglas, Alexandra Grant, Michael Muglia, Warren Roberts and Kaitlyn Salvatore

Most Improved

6A—Juan Edney; 7A—Melissa Valdivia; 7B—Brenda Eke; 8A—Aedan Bayona and 8B—Michael Muglia and Kenneth Williams.

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Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Anthony Grasso for public improvements at 333 Smith Street in South Plainfield, Block 347, Lot 8.03. 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 Bond posted by Anthony Grasso for public improvements at 333 Smith Street in South Plainfield known as Lot 8.03, Block 347 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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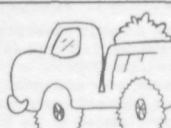
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Obituaries

Agnes T. (Thompson) Zerby, 85

Agnes T. (Thompson) Zerby died on Thursday, April 28 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Zerby lived in Elizabeth and North Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1954.

She worked at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield for more than 20 years and she was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

An avid reader, Agnes enjoyed knitting and traveling.

She is predeceased by her husband, Albert L., who died in 1988.

Surviving are three children, Vance W. Adams and his wife Juana of Dunellen, Craig R. Adams and his wife Jill of South Plainfield and Wayne T. Adams and his wife Sharon of Pa.; a sister, Eunice Samer and a brother, Robert A. Thompson, both of Colorado. Also surviving are three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Agnes' name to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607-1460.

Josephine (Carlucci) Nigro

Josephine (Carlucci) Nigro died on Thursday, April 21 in JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born in Salerno, Italy and had resided in Kendall Park for 55 years before moving to South Plainfield in 2002.

She was a member of St. Augustine RC Church in Kendall Park.

Surviving are a brother, Vincent Carlucci of Niagara Falls, Canada; a sister, Felomena Carlucci of Italy and a nephew, Michael Carlucci of New York State. Also surviving are a great niece and nephew, Shannon and Sean Carlucci.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

David Wallis, 55

David Wallis died Tuesday, April 26 at Roosevelt Care Center in Edison.

Born in Perth Amboy, he had lived in South Plainfield for the past 29 years.

David retired as a clerk in 1998 from the Middlesex County Parks Department after 25 years of service.

He was an avid bowler and a true

Yankee and Nascar fan. He was a member of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church. He was also a committee man of the Democratic Party.

David was the son of the late Dorothy and Everett Wallis.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Dawn (Mazzella) Wallis. He was the loving father of Daniel David Wallis of South Plainfield. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dave also leaves behind some very special friends.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Paul R. Piano, 82

Paul R. Piano died on Saturday, April 30 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Paul had resided in South Plainfield for the past 59 years.

He was employed with Ford Motor Company in Edison for 44 years, retiring in 1991.

An Army Veteran of WWII, Mr. Piano was stationed in the Philippines and Japan prior to his discharge in 1946.

A member of the South Plainfield Auxiliary Police, Paul served as a range officer. He also served as a range officer for the NRA and was also a member of the Greenbrook Valley Pistol League.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary (Billy), who died in 1990; five sisters, Eleanor, Angie, Edna, Florence and Margaret and five brothers, Mike, Joe, Vincent, Francis and Louie.

Surviving are two daughters, Lori Praul and her husband, Jeff of South Plainfield and Susan Schaeffer and her husband, James of Pa.; three sons, John Piano of South Plainfield, Robert Piano and his wife, Kathy of Bridgewater and Mark Piano of South Plainfield and a sister, Rosie Frattaroulo of Florida. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Paul and Robert Piano and Matthew, Jeffrey and Meagan Praul.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1698

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

Ordinance #1698 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 6, LOT 8.01 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO MR. & MRS. EUGENE SIKANOWICZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 6, 2005 and that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 6, Lot 8.01, said property being situated on corner of Foster Place, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sikanowicz, is the owner of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 6, Lot 8.01 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owner on May 17, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

1. That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, and questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.
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4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
5. In the event that the purchaser is unable to

close title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.

6. In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in the event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.
7. At the time of second reading of this Ordinance, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of advertising, legal fees and associated costs incurred by the Borough. The purchaser shall be credited the cost of any appraisal previously paid by the purchaser as required by the Land Management Committee.
8. The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser.
9. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.
10. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition of the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.
11. The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser and shall not be subdivided at any future date.
12. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.
13. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

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ATTEST:
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