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St. Stephen the Protomartyr Antiochian Orthodox Church held groundbreaking ceremonies for their new expansion project recently. (See story on page 3.)

Skaters Sent Home Vandalism forces park closure, possible relocation

By Jane Dornick

During their monthly meeting held on March 14, members of the South Plainfield Recreation Commission unanimously voted to dismantle the skate park located behind Borough Hall. This decision was reached because of numerous acts of vandalism and misconduct which occurred since the park was installed in 2002.

In a letter sent to registered skate park users in June of 2005, then Recreation Director Mike English discussed the numerous problems at the park and urged all users to abide by the rules or the skate park might be closed. He explained that benches, garbage cans and the main sign had

been torn apart and destroyed. Bottles and garbage were thrown about and several attempts were made to set fire to the apparatus. In addition, every piece of equipment has been defaced and the fence had been cut in many places. English also noted that those using the park were not wearing the proper equipment and skate park supervisors were being confronted by people using abrasive language when asked to follow the rules.

According to Acting Recreation Director Kevin Hughes, the situation has not changed since the letter was sent out and a decision had to be made regarding its future.

On March 21 the park equipment

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The dismantled skatepark equipment sits behind the borough garage until its fate is decided.

Budget Cuts Bring Out SAC Defenders

By Libby Barsky

In fashioning a budget at cap for the coming 2006/2007 school year, eight positions were cut. They include one in central administration (assistant superintendent of schools and curriculum director were merged into one position), a secretary, two world language teachers, two computer teachers and two SAC's (student assistance counselors).

At this time it is not known who the teachers are who will be affected. If the teacher has tenure, the policy is to cut the position of the person last hired, said Board member Jeff Seider.

During the public session at last week's Board of Education regular meeting, Student Assistance Counselor Margaret Mosley explained the services provided by the six student assistance counselors (SACs). "They deal with behavioral and academic issues, adjustment and social issues, eating disorders, major depression, suicide and child abuse cases. Our

work includes providing quality intervention and clinical treatment to students and their families to overcome these situations so they can better function in the classroom and at home. Each of us has a caseload of from 40 to 65 cases, not including the crisis cases we address, DYFS reports, all the students in our peer mediation leadership programs and the anti-bullying, anti-drugs and character development programs we coordinate," said Mosley.

Counselor Kristin Soos noted that it was in response to the Columbine tragedy that the district became proactive by putting a full time counselor in every building. "We give support to children who are at crisis, suicidal, experiencing a trauma, suffering a loss due to death, divorce and abandonment or incarceration of a family member. Also, children exposed to domestic violence, sexual or emotional abuse, living with mentally ill adults and children who have physi-

cal or learning disabilities, victims of bullying and battling disorders like depression anxiety. I am working to help children overcome these obstacles and develop coping skills so they are available to learn and succeed," explained Soos.

Parent Tara Catalina described how Dr. Kaplan-Sherman helped her two sons at Franklin School and asked the Board to consider reinstating the two SAC positions. "Dr. Sherman has worked with our two special needs children. She helped Drew deal with his brother Alex, who was diagnosed with autism at three and his own diagnosis of Asberger's three years later," said Catalina.

Fifth grader Drew Catalina de-

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Students Help Kids One Pencil at a Time

In January, Middle School teacher Susan Schocklin began organizing an event to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Peer-to-Peer mentors Ms. Schocklin, Mr. Scalzo and Ms. Schwartz supervised

the fundraiser held in February. The two middle school groups involved in the event were Peer-to-Peer and Student Alliance. Both groups consist of students who are considered to be 'peer leaders' at the middle school and

who volunteer their time to make the school a better place. They meet once a week and are constantly in search of ways to improve the middle school and help the community.

At the fundraiser, the Peer Leaders sold school supplies and other small items to raise money for St. Jude's. Some of these items included feather pens, pen bracelets, animal pencil cases, twisty erasers and bendable pencils. Since this event was held during parent-teacher conferences, even parents were able to buy supplies. The Peer Leaders volunteered their time between the hours of 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

At the end of the night, there were still supplies leftover, so the fundraiser continued into the following week during lunch periods. By the end of that week, the students had raised over \$350 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. The money has already been sent to St. Jude's and each student who participated will receive a certificate from the hospital. The Peer Leaders should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Carcinogenic Concrete Removed From Former Tingley Rubber Site

Just days after the South Plainfield Planning Board rejected a proposal by Edgewood Properties Inc. to build a 484 unit age restricted condo complex on the former Tingley Rubber site, news circulated of PCB laden concrete that had already been dumped at the site by the developer. The concrete was purchased by Edgewood from the demolished Ford Plant in Edison. Additional tainted material was also deposited at other sites in New Jersey owned by Edgewood, as well as other developer owned properties.

PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, are one of the most toxic man-made substances in the environment.

They have been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals and are called "probable carcinogens" by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Mayor Daniel Gallagher explained that Ford is responsible for the clean-up. The town recently received a plan for the Tingley Rubber site clean-up. Ford, along with Edgewood, have properly identified the tainted material and 90 percent of it has already been removed. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been on the scene and continues to test the area. At this point the levels of PCB's are low and when removal is

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Middle School Peer-to-Peer and Student Alliance students organized a school supply sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Photo by Christopher Abbott



Members of the John Roesch Orchestra practice prior to the SPHS Music Boosters Dinner Dance.

Music Boosters Dinner Dance to Feature John Roesch Orchestra

The SPHS Music Boosters dinner dance to be held at the Polish Home on April 1 is a fundraiser to benefit the Music Boosters Scholarship Fund. The event will feature the John Roesch Orchestra. John started the band in January and they have been playing for about three months. Future plans include possibly playing for the Sunday concerts in Spring Lake Park over the summer.

Band members are saxes-John

Roesch, Leader/Alto Sax, Scott Rann-Alto Sax, Ike Ejiochi-Tenor Sax, Brian Schulte- Tenor Sax, Mark Tweed- Baritone Sax, Trombones-Albert Pater-son, Charlie Decker, Nick Figler, Justin Pauls, Rupert Nath. Trumpets-Flugelhorns-Joe Mosello, Ron Mich- aels, Taylor Mandel, Corey Mosello, Keyboards-Steve Ambielli, Adam Toth. Drums/Percussion-Danny Lammi Bob Rann. Guitar-Josh Jack-son.

Hall of Fame Seeks Nominees

The South Plainfield Hall of Fame Committee is again holding their search for candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established at South Plainfield High School to recognize outstanding graduates as leaders in their fields who could serve as role models for current and future students.

To be eligible, all Hall of Fame candidates must have graduated from South Plainfield High School at least 15 years prior to nomination, and they must have achieved a prominent position in their careers or made a significant contribution to the world/

community.

Those candidates selected will be honored at a luncheon and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the high school's annual Academic Awards Program on June 6. The nominees will also have their photographs and biographies displayed on a "wall of fame" at the high school.

Community members interested in obtaining a Hall of Fame nomination form should call Dr. Kenneth May at (908) 754-4620, Ext. 248 or 249.

Application deadline is April 7, 2006.

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To the SPHS Athletic Booster Club:

I want to thank your organization for its generosity and support. On Sunday, March 19, I attended the Annual Bill Denny Central Jersey Chapter of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner at the Chateau in East Brunswick. I was chosen as the Football Scholar Athlete to represent SPHS and it was such an honor. Your club took an ad out in the program booklet congratulating me. It was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, not just for me, but to all SPHS athletes. This club has always been there for all the athletes, donating their time and money, and I just wanted to say thank you for the past four years of your support.

THANKS AGAIN,
KEVIN CRILLEY

To the Editor:

In April you will have the opportunity to vote for candidates to the South Plainfield Board of Education. It is important that you exercise your right to vote. I am supporting three candidates: John Markham-line 2; Donna Rann-line 3 and Ernie "Jim" Giannakis-line 4. These candidates deserve your support as well.

John has previous board experience. Jim is a successful businessperson and Donna is a parent who is very active within our community and volunteers for school programs that benefit our students. They are committed and dedicated to the community and the students of South Plainfield. They will serve the board and you and they will provide the time and expertise necessary to serve. They have no special interest obligations of any kind other than dedication to our students and the community.

On April 18, vote lines 2, 3 and 4 for John Markham, Ernie "Jim" Giannakis and Donna Rann.

SINCERELY,
FRANK A. MIKORSKI

To the Editor:

My son James and his friends have been affected as a result of some undesirables and their negative behavior at the skate park. It is a shame that a few undesirable teens have ruined things for kids like my son and his friends, who really enjoy, but do not abuse their privileges at the skate park. Please attend the April 11, 7 p.m. meeting at the PAL, and pass the information on to others.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ANN MARIE FERRANTE-SEYFFART

To the Editor:

Please share with your fellow skateboarders that the skate park has been closed. However, there is a meeting to discuss the issue on Tuesday, April 11

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at 7 p.m. at the PAL. Please ask your parents to attend this meeting if you wish to have the park reopened. Some of the issues being discussed will be the location, having an attendant as well as the use of helmets. We need to show the town that this can and should be a place for our boys and girls to skateboard in a safe, protected environment. Having it located near the police department is an excellent place to help deter those who have demonstrated inappropriate behavior.

Please share this information with your friends. We need your support to get the skate park reopened.

THANK YOU,
ARLENE SANTOS

To the Editor:

Jim Giannakis would be a wonderful asset for the South Plainfield Board of Education. I have known Jim for many years and have been involved in coaching baseball and doing business at his wonderful restaurant in Mount-ainside. As a concerned parent, I know Jim would do an outstanding job and make those very tough decisions to benefit all the children of South Plainfield.

On April 18, vote for Jim Giannakis, line 4.

DOMINIC PAPA

To the Editor:

My name is Randi Gregorio and I am a candidate running for the South Plainfield Board of Education.

I have been a resident of South Plainfield for 30 years and work for a local doctor's office as business manager. My husband Ronald and I have a daughter in the middle school and I myself have also attended the South Plainfield School systems.

I have been involved with many

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school functions in the past years, including fundraisers for Stokes, chairman of the yearbook committee and classroom mom, among other things.

My reasons for running are very simple. I want to give all our children the opportunity to do the best they can with the best educational system we can provide. I also feel sports are an important tool to teach our children sportsmanship, respect and pride. I hope this can be accomplished while trying to get taxes down.

I am running for election for our children and the taxpayers of our town, not for any self-serving purposes.
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His Grace, the Right Reverend Bishop Antoun, Bishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, attended the groundbreaking ceremonies at St. Stephen.

St. Stephen Church Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

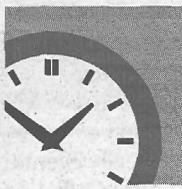
St. Stephen the Protomartyr Orthodox Church, located at 609 Lane Ave. has celebrated its long awaited groundbreaking ceremony for their new expansion project. The new church hall, which is the second major expansion for the 27-year-old parish, will house eight church school classes, a full kitchen and double the church's worship space. While this expansion represents a significant commitment, St. Stephen's pastor, Fr. Stephen Tewfik, has assured the parish family that "things that appear impossible to us are possible with God" (St. Luke 18:27). The church is the center of Orthodox worship and fellowship with one another. "We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parishioners who are committed to this project," says Fr. Stephen.

To mark the special event, His Grace, the Right Reverend Bishop Antoun, Bishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, celebrated a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy along with Fr. George Kevorkian, Hierarchical Assistant and Fr. Stephen Tewfik. In attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony were approximately 150 parishioners and friends, the church's architect Joseph B. DeAndrea, Jr. of South Plainfield and Richard Abbate, vice president and manager of business development for Columbia Bank, which is providing financing for the project. This expansion project is contracted by Olcott Construction of Dayton. Preparation of the site is underway by Stilo Excavation of South Plainfield.

St. Stephen Church is a Pan-Orthodox Christian parish, with services conducted in English. The church traces its roots directly back to the first center Anitoch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Holy Tradition of Christian Orthodoxy, the beauty of the Divine Liturgy unchanged over the centuries, and the richness of worship—the icons, vestments, processions, and melodies express the truth of Orthodox Worship. All are welcome and invited to "come and see" on Sundays at 10 a.m. for Divine Liturgy.

For more information, call (908) 756-0410.

It's Time to Spring Ahead!



It's that time of the year again when on Sunday at 2 a.m. we set our clocks ahead by one hour,

thereby ushering in "summer time" and igniting the continued debate over why we need to change the clocks at all. Set your clocks ahead by one hour

Setting your clocks ahead by one hour simply takes an hour of daylight from the morning and adds it to the evening hours. While children and adults alike can enjoy more daylight hours outside during the warm weather, farmers and those with sleep disorders are not so happy about the changing of the clock.

Did you know that it was Benjamin Franklin who first suggested the changing of the clocks in an essay he submitted to the *Journal de Paris* in 1784? This great American thinker was also an early conservationist, reasoning that if daylight lasted longer into the evening, fewer candles would need to be burned.

It wasn't until 1916 that the hands of the clock were moved forward for the first time. In an effort to "save daylight," Austria and Germany moved the hands of the clock forward on April 30, 1916, during World War I.

In 1918, the United States adopted the Standard Time Act, only to see the law repealed in 1919. Daylight-Saving Time (DST) became a local option at that time and only a few states and cities continued to change the clocks.

During World War II, the Standard Time Act was reinstated and from 1942 until September of 1945, the hands of the clock were once again moved. However, when the war ended, its use varied from state to state, and locality to locality.

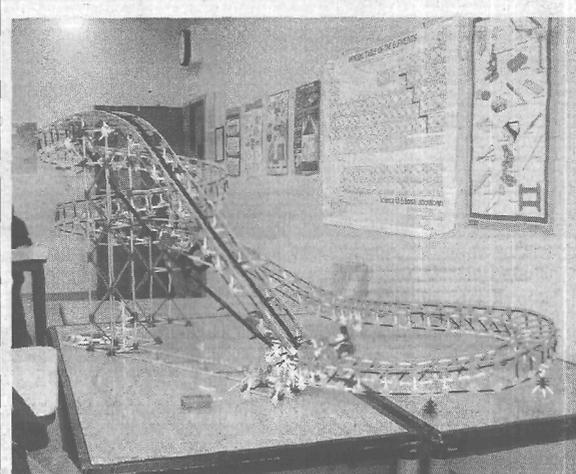
In 1966, the Uniform Time Act was passed, standardizing the changing of the clocks to the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October.

During the energy crises in the early 70's, President Nixon signed the Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act. In 1974, the clocks were changed on Feb. 9 and, in 1975, they were changed on Feb. 23. In 1976, the date was changed back to the last Sunday in April.

Since 1987, the clocks have changed on the first Sunday in April. But, don't mark your calendar for next year yet!

Beginning in 2007, daylight-saving time will begin on March 11 (the second Sunday in March) and end on Nov. 4 (the first Sunday in Nov.).

To read the full text of Franklins' essay, visit webexhibits.org/daylight-saving/franklin3.html.



This motorized roller coaster, consisting of over 3,000 pieces, was constructed as a lab project by Mr. Kearns' two Science Interactions classes at South Plainfield High School. It was built to illustrate and summarize most of the concepts learned during the physics unit of the course (which is a general science course stressing principles of physics, chemistry and earth science). The concepts covered included frame of reference, motion, speed, velocity, acceleration, momentum, force, friction, inertia, gravity, kinetic energy, potential energy, gravitational potential energy and energy conversions. After building and operating the roller coaster, the students in each class discussed how the above concepts were demonstrated. They then recorded their observations in a written lab report.

Boy Scouts Serve Spaghetti To South Plainfield Residents

By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield's Boy Scout Troop 207 held a delicious spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 11 in the basement of Sacred Heart Church. About a dozen scouts were on hand to serve patrons a fine Italian meal of spaghetti, meatballs and salad while their parents worked diligently behind the scenes, preparing meals in the kitchen.

The troop, having had great success in the past with an annual chili dinner, decided this year to opt for spaghetti instead. As always, proceeds from the event will be used for supplies and trips for the troops.

Troop 207 would like to thank

the following for their generosity and support in helping to make their dinner a great success: Roma Foods, V.A. Tramantano & Sons, Inc., Gerhardt Dairy, Foremost Fire Production, Modimerge, SPHS Graphics Department, Carmen's Trattoria & Pizza, Pepsi Co., Haisch's Bakery, Mohn's Flowers, Restaurant Depot, Café Everest, Target, Columbia Bank, Flanagan's Restaurant, Kathy Thomas and Lanza & Lanza, Esq., Party City, Sherban's Diner, JFK Hartwyck, Wachovia Bank and Drug Fair.

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Music Boosters Dinner/Dance

April 1
SPHS Music Boosters Dinner/Dance will be held at the Polish National Home on New Market Ave. Food will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grille. Music is by the John Roesch Orchestra. There will be door prizes and a cash bar available. Money raised goes toward the scholarship fund. Cost is \$25 per ticket. Please purchase tickets now by calling John Roesch at (908) 753-0688; Bill Seesselberg at (908) 756-0539 or Diane Kuhn at (908) 754-8294.

Polish Night at the South Plainfield Elks

April 1
Enjoy an evening of homemade pierogies, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, authentic Polish desserts, coffee, tea and soda on Saturday, April 1 at the Elks Lodge #2298 on New Market Ave. from 4-8 p.m. The night will feature traditional Polish Dancers from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Price per person is \$10. There will be a cash bar available. For more information, please call (908) 668-9750.

Concert/Retreat At St. Stephen

April 1
Feeling a little soft this Lent? Get concrete with a concert/retreat by Fr. Peter Jon Gillquist on Saturday, April 1 at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Antiochian Orthodox Church, located at 609 Lane Ave. The topic, Cross Training: Building Endurance for the Race Set Before Us, is sponsored by St. Stephen

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Rabies Clinic

April 1
The South Plainfield Health Department will be conducting its annual Rabies Clinic at the South Plainfield Borough Garage on the corner of Spicer and Belmont Ave., on Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. to noon. Dog and cat owners are urged to bring their pets for inoculation, provided free of charge. Dog and cat licenses will also be available and standard license fees plus late fees will apply. Cats must be in a carrier. For more information, please call (908) 226-7631.

VFW Breakfast

April 2
VFW Memorial Post #6763, located at 155 Front St., will host a breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Varied menu. Donation is \$5 adults, child-

ren 12 years and under \$3. All are welcome. For more information, call (908) 668-975 after 3 p.m. weekdays or after noon weekends.

Needlecrafters

April 5
AARP Chapter 4144 Needlecrafters meet Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. They knit for DYFS and Muhlenberg Hospital. To join, please call Jean at (732) 752-0358.

Lenten Fish Dinners At Sacred Heart

Fridays, thru April 7
The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church will hold their famous Lenten fish dinners on March 31 and April 7 in the Sacred Heart cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Menu features filet of fish (fried, broiled, Pamesan), a pasta dish (cheese ravioli, manicotti, linguini) pizza, fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert. Take out orders are available. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Pay at the door.

Juniorettes to Hold Fashion Show

April 7
The South Plainfield Juniorettes will sponsor a fashion show to benefit the Fistula Foundation. Fistula is an obstetric complication from poor conditions and treatment during labor, most common in countries such as Ethiopia. The fashion show will take place on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the SPHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Clothes are provided by Tops N' Things on Inman Avenue in Colonia and hair styles will be provided by All About U in Metuchen.

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There will be a silent auction, along with various door prizes and desserts and beverages. All are welcome. For tickets, call (908) 405-1300 or (908) 753-7253.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8
The South Plainfield Recreation Department will hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. behind the PAL building on Maple Ave. All residents ages one to 10 are welcome to join the fun. Please remember to bring a bag to hold the collected eggs. If you would like to take a picture with the Easter Bunny, please bring your own camera. For more information, please visit www.sprecreation.com.

Antique Appraiser Returns to Library

April 9
Appraiser Alan G. Snyder will be at the library on Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Snyder will provide antique appraisals for attendees. As Snyder will be leaving the area, this will constitute his farewell appearance, so everyone is encouraged to attend. Participants are limited to two items per person; appraisals will be given on a first come, first served basis. Program is presented free; no pre-registration is required. For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit their website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Out of Town

Starlight Singles
March 31
Starlight Single Professionals 30/40 will host a happy hour for singles on Friday, March 31 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Sushi Lounge on Schulyer Pl. in Morristown. For information, call (732) 764-9073

Middlesex Co. 4-H Clothing Drive
April 5
The Middlesex Co. 4-H Teen Council will be hosting a clothing drive on Monday and Wednesday, April 3 and 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the 4-H Center, on the corner of Cranbury and Fern roads in East Brunswick. Bring your used clothing, shoes, handbags and linens packed in plastic trash bags. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Middlesex County 4-H's annual Project GIFT event, a holiday shopping day for families with limited resources. Call (732) 398-5261 for info.

Easter Egg Hunt at Alliance Bible
April 8
An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Alliance Bible Church in Warren on April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the church lawn. Admission is free. The church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren. For information or directions, call (908) 903-1940.

Starlight Singles
April 7
A happy hour for singles 30/40 will be held on Friday, April 7 at the Westin Hotel in the The Copeland Restaurant on Whippany Rd. in Morristown. Free finger foods, live music and entertainment. RSVP required to (732) 764-9073.

Singles Mingle and Comedy Show
April 8
The Starlight Socials will host a singles mingle and comedy show on Saturday, April 8 at 9 p.m. at the Woodbridge Sheraton Hotel on Rt. 1 South in Woodbridge. Cost is \$5 cover charge. Meet in lobby outside of Kristie's at 9-10 p.m. for comedy show.

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In Search of Local History

Middlesex County to recognize cemetery with historic marker

Hillside Cemetery of Sampton will be the first site in South Plainfield to be awarded an historic marker under an innovative project funded by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Local communities in Middlesex County were encouraged to research and recommend local sites of historic interest. A preliminary request sent last October by the South Plainfield Historical Society to the project coordinator (Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission) has met the criteria for historic merit. A bronze marker will be placed in the Baptist cemetery on New Market Avenue in June.

Hillside Cemetery of Sampton is a link in the chain that forms the Crossroads of the American Revolution and to the families that founded historic Piscataway Township in 1666. Burial at the cemetery predate the building of the local Baptist church by 100 years. There are two sections of the cemetery; the oldest section is distinguished by a rise in the topography where burials most likely began in the 1680s.

The cemetery was initially used as a public burial ground. It was a last refuge for paupers and travelers passing through the area when they died. Many of the graves were set off by simple wooden markers that eventually disintegrated. The oldest legible gravestone is that of Benjamin Hull, a judge who lived from 1693 to 1745. Among those at rest are: 39 veterans of the Revolutionary War; four from the Pennsylvania Insurrection of 1794 (Whiskey Rebellion); four from the War of 1812; 49 from the Civil



Headstone in historic Hillside Cemetery of Sampton on New Market Avenue reads: SRF, Sarah, daughter of Asa and Hannah Fitz Randolph, died Nov. 7, 1826, aged 11 months and 20 days.

War; and one from the Spanish-American War (and all wars thereafter). Notable burials include: Sgt. John LaTourette, whose unit was called to active duty by President George Washington; Private William Harris, a member of Capt. Carle's Troop of Light Horses which helped to locate and secure the boats that were used by George Washington in his famous crossing of the Delaware River; Dr. Lewis

Dunham, who served three tours of duty as surgeon to the Third Battalion of the New Jersey Line (Rev. War); Private William Ryno, who helped cover the retreat of the beaten Union Army after the first Battle of Bull Run; a memorial stone to local resident; Private Hugh Downey of the 11th New Jersey, who was captured during the Wilderness Campaign and died of the effects of exposure and starvation at Andersonville; one slave and one modern-day native-American Indian (James Revy).

The Quaker Meeting House that once stood in the vicinity of the PAL has also received approval for inclusion in the Historic Marker Project. A bronze plaque will be erected in June 2007. Other sites which have been nominated include the Randolph-Brooklyn Grist Mill and the Nike Base. It may take a decade, but South Plainfield will sooner or later have its fair share of historic designations.

Learn more about local history. Log on to: <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety>, or attend the next Historical Society meeting on April 11, 7:30 p.m. at the History Center, Roosevelt Administration Building, 145 Jackson Avenue.



The children at Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with "Wacky Wednesday," a day to wear mismatched, backwards and inside-out attire.

Jubilation Ringers in Concert at Wesley Methodist

The Jubilation Ringers from Allentown, Pa., one of the premier handbell choirs in the Northeast, will offer a concert at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Plainfield Ave. on April 9 at 7 p.m.

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faith, their music and each other, they spread good will through the unique art of English handbell ringing. The Jubilation Ringers make music on one of the world's largest church-owned collections of bells and related instruments: seven full octaves of English handbells, two octaves of Silver Melody bells, three octaves of Dutch handbells and 5½ octaves of handchimes—220 instruments in all!

In addition to worship services and special concerts at Asbury, the Jubilation Ringers have offered music in worship for other churches, at weddings and at formal concert engagements both in the Lehigh Valley and out of state. They have performed with the Pennsylvania Brass Quintet, the Delaware Brass, the Philadelphia Brass, for the Allentown Symphony Carousal and in Allentown's Mayfair.

Their Masteringers Festivals have been televised by Pennsylvania PBS stations and aired on National Public Radio. Their recordings have been well received by handbell enthusiasts all over North America.

Phyllis Treby Hentz, the director, is a published composer, handbell clinician and festival conductor. She is music director for Schulmerich Carillons, Inc. in Sellersville, Pa.

Wesley United Methodist Church is thrilled to host the Jubilation Ringers' only concert in central New Jersey this spring. Please join us on April 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in advance or \$12 for adults and \$6 for students at the door. To obtain tickets, call the church office at (908) 757-2838 or Jack Willard at (908) 754-3014.

No One's Perfect...

In last week's issue, the Grant School honor roll failed to include the name of Colin R. Wilson. We regret the error.

In the Curside Bulk Pickup story we incorrectly reported that recyclables, yard debris and automotive items are allowed. These items are excluded from pickup.

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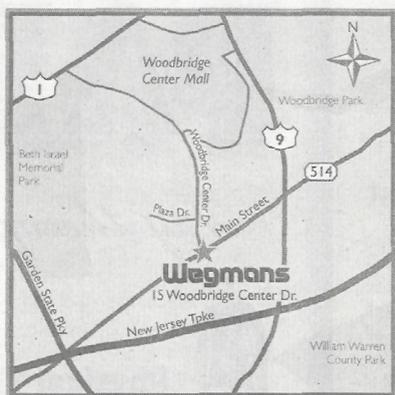
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Riley Students Art on Display

Barbara Harris, art teacher at Riley and Kennedy Schools, has been instructing her students about Asian art since May of the last school year. The latest art unit covered the Near East, which includes India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Tibet. The fourth graders learned about the symbolism and importance of elephants in this culture and then created paint-

ings of decorated elephants based on the style of Indian miniature paintings.

Four of these paintings have been selected and framed for display in the main office of Riley School as part of Harris's "Art for the Main Office" program there. The students are Amberlee Adams, Jonathan Grennier, Haley Hlavka and Daniel Vargas.

From the Desk of Debbie Boyle...

To teacher/coach Scott Horowitz, as you walk down the halls SPHS for one last time, remember how much the kids admire and respect you, both as a teacher and a coach. Feel proud about your accomplishments and how the kids look up to you and how they are all pouring in your class to wish you well as assistant athletic director in your new high school in Middlesex County.

You began your career at South Plainfield High School in 1999 teaching ninth and tenth grade English, created the sports literature class and began coaching track the same year. Your team was undefeated for three consecutive years in winter and spring track and your were named GMC Coach of the Year 2000. You began coaching SPHS football in 2000. I know how much pride you feel for inspiring the students and how much admiration you have for Football Coach McGuane, the football staff and treasure the support of the parents for academics and sports. Best wishes in all your future endeavors.

Once again, I urge every voter in South Plainfield to attend one of the Board of Education budget hearings presented by Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado. Dr. Rosado explains the proposed budget and entertains a question and answer session. I know some parents are worried about asking certain questions for fear of repercussion. You need to ask questions because for every person that comes forward there are ten people behind you silently thanking you for asking a question. If you feel there are repercussions, you need to follow the 'chain of command' and if you do not feel that you obtained satisfaction, move up the rung to the

next person. Dr. Rosado has answered all questions asked to date, but if you do not ask questions, he cannot answer the silent voices. Also, there are three seats that will become vacant on the Board of Education, so please remember to come out and vote on April 18.

Randy Petronko—a big shout out to you! You have given so much of your young years to the services of the United States of America. You have been all over the world expending your time and talents in the military. Now you face the biggest fight of your life. The last time that we were together was August 2005 with the South Plainfield Tiger Shark Dive team at the water park/beach. The team was delighted with your presence, especially your sisters. We all wish you well as you leave the military and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bless you Randy.

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club needs help at the snack stand at Jost Field behind the PAL for upcoming track events on April 1, May 27, June 2, June 3 and June 7. The Tiger 24 is around the corner. This event is opened to everyone who would like to participate in various walking, running and track type events, which is a fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Congratulations to the South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team and their coaches for an outstanding season and to our wrestlers who appeared in the centerfold of the *Home News Tribune* naming them as 2005-2006 All-Area Wrestlers and being named to the All-Area first, second and third teams; and to their parents, BE PROUD!

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmark

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for some more news from the South Plainfield Library.

There's still time to sign up for the next "Practical Crafting" program. It's set for Monday morning at 10:30. Instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead participants in making collage pins or pendants. Space is limited for this program, so you must pre-register; there is a materials fee of \$1, payable upon registration. Please call us for more information.

We'll be following the normal schedule of children's programming next week. In case you missed it the last few times, here it is again: our Storytime programs for children ages three and over are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The "Time for 2's & 3's" programs, for children age two and three, are held on Wednesday morning at 6:30 and Thursday evening at 6:30. And our "Books-N-Babies" program, for children up to age three, is held on Friday morning at 10:30. You don't need to sign up for these programs; each one lasts about an hour. For further details, please contact Miss Linda.

We're between groups on the Video and Audiobook circuits today. New Circuit videos and DVDs will be available next week, while the Audiobooks will be back later in April. Meanwhile, the latest group from the Large Print Circuit is now available. LPC may be borrowed for two weeks.

We've got a couple of programs coming up soon. On Sunday, April 9, Allan G. Snyder will be here for another antiques appraisal program. Participants are limited to two items each, handled on a "first come, first served" basis. Not only are these programs very popular, but this is Mr. Snyder's farewell appearance in South Plainfield, so be sure to stop by early.

Next, on Monday, April 10, we'll be hosting the program, "A Penny Saved is History Learned." Gregory S. Heim of the Watchung Hills Coin Club will lead this program outlining the history of the U.S. penny. The program will include a PowerPoint presentation and questions from the audience. No pre-registration is required.

Another A/V note: we've recently added several new DVDs to our collection. Newly added titles include a third *Looney Times* collection, *Mer-*

maid with Barbie, *Curse of the Were-Rabbit* with Wallace & Gromit, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, new copies of three Star Wars movies (*TPM*, *Empire* and *Jedi*, to be more precise), new volumes of *C.S.I.* and *C.S.I.: Miami* and several anime titles, including *Howl's Moving Castle*. DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

Here's a tip for our computer users: be advised that there is a difference in price for print-outs (10 cents a page for B/W, 50 cents a page for color). It is therefore in your financial best interest to make certain how your print-outs will end up. Before you tell the computer to begin printing, click the "properties" tab on the print summary screen, followed by the "color" tab. This will show you if it'll come out in monochrome (a.k.a. black-and-white) or full color. Also, be sure to pick up your print-outs at the desk when you're finished.

Finally, don't forget that the Ides of April (that's a fancy way of saying Tax Day) is coming soon. We still have tax forms and booklets available for both State and Federal returns, as well as several books on how to prepare an advantageous return. And, when you see how much you owe, we have several works on stress management you can borrow. Stop by the Reference Desk for help in finding these items.

That's all for now. See you next Friday for details on our big \$100M sweepstakes offer!

APRIL FOOL! (So, we're one day early. Is that a problem?)

Junior Journalist Corner



Riley Fourth Grader Named "Junior Journalist"

Having an Important Friend

By Alyssa Kelly



Riley School fourth grader, Alyssa Kelly, with her teacher, Christine Dispenziere

Alyssa Kelly, Riley School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist Program. Her essay, "Having an Important Friend," has earned her dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Time is running out on this year's Junior Journalist contest. Entries must be received by May 8. Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal, Hometown Heros located on Hamilton Blvd. or the *Observer* office. Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year end banquet on May 24.

Having a friend is important because they will always be there for you. For example, I dropped my books when I tripped over my shoelaces so my friend Kate helped me pick them up.

Your friend should always cheer you up when you are upset. For example, I was upset and my friend gathered all my other friends and cheered me up.

Being friends forever is fun and important. I can prove this because my Nanny is still friends with her friends, Nancy and Betty.

You should never fight with your friends. I fought with my friend Erika and we did not talk for two or three weeks.

A friend should sit with you at lunch. I always sit with my friends Kate, Stania, Breanna and Melissa.

Another way is your friend will talk to you, play with you and help you when needed. My friend talks and plays with me at lunch and recess.

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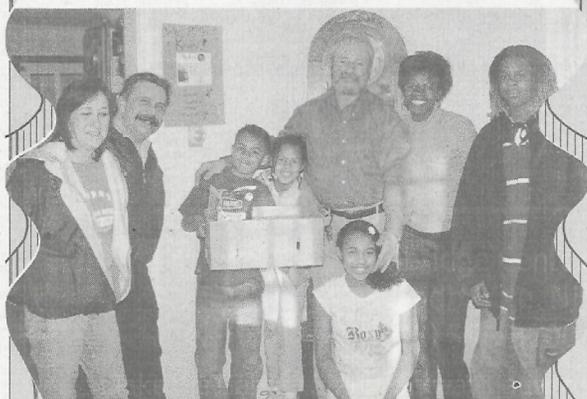
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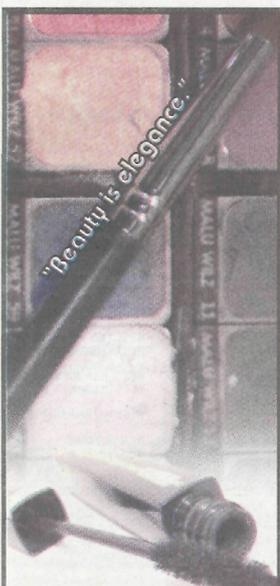


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Obituaries

Garry T. Mead, 49

Garry T. Mead of Whitehouse Station passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 25 at Somerset Medical Center.

Garry was born in Plainfield and resided in South Plainfield before moving to Whitehouse Station. He was an equipment operator at Stilo Paving in South Plainfield for 20 years, however most recently he was a self-employed general contractor.

Garry was an extremely devoted, kind and loving gentleman whose main goals in life were to be a wonderful son, father, uncle and life partner in which he succeeded with distinguished honors. He will be sadly missed by all those who were lucky enough to have known him.

Garry was an avid golfer, fisherman, animal lover, sports enthusiast and thoroughly enjoyed all music.

Garry leaves behind those who were so special to his heart—his beloved family, consisting of Garry's parents, Edward and Dorothy Mead; his fiancée, Donna Delpopolo; two sons, Dylan and Joseph; two brothers and a daughter-in-law, Edward S. Mead and his wife Patricia and Thomas P. Meade; three sisters and two brother-in-laws, Deborah Mead, Eileen T. Lovett and her husband Timothy, Diane Neuhaus and husband Robert and one niece, Olivia Neuhaus.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Garry T. Mead Memorial Fund to benefit Dylan Mead, Commerce Bank, N.A. South Plainfield, 2473 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Online condolences are encouraged and can be made by accessing www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com.

Maire L. Barton, 86

Maire L. Barton died on Monday, March 13 at Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Donations can be made in Maire's name to the Seeing Eye Institute, P.O. Box 375, Morristown, NJ 07963.

Frank Catalano Jr., 83

Frank Catalano Jr. died on Thursday, March 23 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Brooklyn, he resided in New Brunswick for most of his life before settling in Spotswood 23 years ago.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served with the 128th F A Battalion as a tech 4th grade tank driver. He served in Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland before being discharged in 1945.

He had been employed as a machine operator for Permacel, a division of Johnson & Johnson, in Milltown before retiring in 1986.

Frank was active in the Clearwater Village Community in which he resided. He enjoyed playing pool, bocce ball and target shooting. He was also a member of the VFW.

His brother, Anthony Catalano, died in 1986.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pat (Tibaldi) Catalano; a daughter, Linda Hussain and her husband, Namir of Old Bridge; a son, Robert and his wife Sandra of Linden and a sister, Mary Macaro of New Brunswick. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Robert Jr., Bobbie and Toni.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Irene (Bittner) Dubyna, 84

Irene (Bittner) Dubyna of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, March 16 at Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

Born in Ukraine, Irene came to the U.S. in 1951 and lived in East Orange and Newark prior to settling in Scotch Plains in 1956. She was a seamstress/sewing machine operator for over 20 years with Central Glove Corp. in Newark, retiring in 1973. Irene's hobbies included reading, crafts and of course, baking.

Beloved wife of the late Wasyl (Bill) 2005; loving mother of George and Loris Hewitt; caring grandmother of Mark Dubyna, Jean Coury, Lisa and Chris Hewitt and great-grandmother of Kristen and Brooke Dubyna and Chloe Coury.

Funeral services were held at the Rossi Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. Greater N. Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251 Den-ville, NJ 07834-1365. Letters of condolence will be accepted at

rossifh@comcast.net.

Ruth T. (Folio) Obester, 77

Ruth T. (Folio) Obester died on Wednesday, March 22 at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, she had resided in South Plainfield for most of her life before settling in Jackson five years ago.

Mrs. Obester was the owner of the former Four Seasons Awards store in Middlesex.

For many years she taught line dancing for the Iri County Senior Citizens of Piscataway and more recently for Surrey Downs in Freehold. In addition, she enjoyed trips to Atlantic City and traveling aboard cruise ships.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Raymond; two daughters, Robin Rose and her husband Ronald of East Windsor and Renee Obester of Union City; a son, Robert of South Plainfield and a sister, Joan Cristofaro of Freehold. Also surviving are two grandsons, Jonathan and Nicholas Tierney.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Raymond Weeks, 86



Raymond Weeks died peacefully of complications of heart disease at his home on Thursday, March 23.

Born March 19,

1920 in Kearny, he grew up in North Plainfield and was a 1938 graduate of North Plainfield High School, settling to South Plainfield in 1955.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Weeks entered the service in 1940 and served as a staff sergeant with the 1st Marine Division. He was active in four campaigns, most notably, the 1st American WWII Victory at Guadalcanal. Additionally, he participated in the battles of Peleliu, New Britain and Cape Gloucester before being honorably discharged in 1947.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a supervisor in Plainfield from 1947 until his retirement in the early 1980's. An avid reader, Mr. Weeks was also a history buff. He was a lifelong member of the VFW Storr Richie Post #506 and the 1st Marine Division Association, NJ Chapter.

He is predeceased by his wife, Helen M. Weeks, who died in 1996; a sister, Margaret and two brothers, John and George.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol E. Winberry and her husband Paul of Branchburg; a son, Raymond and his wife Sandra of Wayne; a sister, Helen Scott of Fla. and two grandchildren, Emily and Mollie.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association 2550 Rt. #1 North Brunswick, NJ 08902 or to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation in memory of Staff Sergeant Raymond Weeks, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, NJ 08543-3008.

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IN YOUR OPINION

Woman's Club Meeting

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 pose. I believe I can make an important contribution to the Board and I am ready for the challenges ahead. I hope you will vote on April 18, line 1.

**THANK YOU,
 RANDI GREGORIO**

To the Editor,

I am a resident at the South Plainfield Senior Residence who no longer drives, but still works. I walk to the bus on Maple Ave. almost every week day.

As there are no sidewalks, I am forced to walk in the street, a very dangerous endeavor indeed. Cars whiz by me never even slowing down as they drive by! One day a few months ago I was walking down Chambers St. and fell into a dip in the road and hurt my knee, no one stopped no one asked if they could help. There I found myself in the middle of the road, scared I would get hit by a driver on the phone, or distracted in some other way.

I find it very interesting that there are only sidewalks immediately in front of Riley School even though there must be children within walking

distance of the school. Not only are we raising a generation of obese children, we are raising a generation of children who are missing out on the social skills involved in walking to school with friends. It is important for children to learn the skills of how to watch for traffic before crossing the street and how to make wise choices about these things and others, after all we are not always going to be there to protect them. If they don't learn early in life, it will be a lot harder later on.

LINDA KEHDE

To the Recreation Commission:

This letter is regarding the closing of the skate park. Kevin Hughes, director, tells us that the equipment is being stored, not destroyed, and that alternate locations are being considered. We hope to hear about this at the Recreation Meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 at the PAL building. We hope other skaters' parents will attend, where we can hopefully discuss positive ways to bring back the skate park and make it safer. Many of the kids in town were crushed the day their equipment was removed. There was no for-

mal notice about this decision. We understand there were issues such as litter, no helmets, or parents not purchasing the sticker/permit, but we really think that if these matters were enforced properly they would not be issues.

Take our beautiful community pool where there are no problems. This is because it is supervised when open, locked when it isn't and protected by barbed wire. All of this would be helpful to provide a safe, skate park for our community. Many of the kids in town skate because we've had this skate park.

It is so much safer for them to be supervised at a park, than to be on the streets, or steps of local schools/businesses or skate parks in other towns. Especially with the trucks in South Plainfield.

We are eager to hear about the possible alternate locations, and the steps that will be taken to have a safer skate park for our kids to enjoy.

We would like to help in any way we can, to make this happen.
**PATRICIA ZWATSCHKA AND
 PARENTS OF SP SKATERS**

Spring has arrived and so has the time to bring our garden's beauty back.

So, the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club at their April 6 meeting will have just the right guest, Phyllis Pappas. Her passion is gardening and she has worked as a guide at the Doris Duke gardens in Hillsborough. Pappas is currently in the Master Gardener Program at Rutgers and also a member of the Westfield Garden Club. She has many years of gardening experience in her own backyard and will enjoy sharing her avocation with the members and guests. Come and join us on April 6 at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave. at 2 p.m. and get some wonderful ideas for your garden.

Mark your calendar for another big event. The South Plainfield Woman's Club will hold their annual yard sale on Saturday, April 22, (rain date April 23) on the lawn of the American Legion, the hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The merchandise is great and the prices are even better!

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logical disability, but Dr. Sherman helped me understand that having Asperger's is more of a gift than a disability. She taught me to have self respect and always value my work. When I have days of internal meltdown, I talk with Dr. Sherman to help

calm me," said Catalina.

Catalina also criticized the Board for its decision to continue Middle School sports instead of using those funds for the counselors. "While athletics is important - autism is on the rise and the district will have to educate more and more of these children. It will cost much more in out of district placements," she added.

Board President Steve Bohn pledged that if money becomes available the positions would be reinstated.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado cautioned that if the 2006/2007 budget is voted down by the public, there would be no hope of any position being reinstated because the Borough Council would make further cuts in the budget.

PCBs Delivered to 11 Sites

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completed the DEP will return for a final testing of the area.

According to Middlesex County Health Dept. Director David Papi, a search of Ford's records indicated that property located at 201 Shevchenko Ave. is another site in South Plainfield that received material from the former Ford Plant. He stated that he is waiting for an administrative order from the DEP, which is currently taking soil samples. They will be submitting an outline for the cleanup process. The property is currently a vacant lot owned by Michael and Edward Iarrapino. Gallagher stated that he has not received any information about the site.

In a statement released by Edgewood, "Ford advised Edgewood both

verbally and in writing that the material was safe for use in residential and commercial construction. Edgewood would never have knowingly used materials that were not completely safe." When asked if they plan to appeal the Planning Board's decision on the proposed condos, an Edgewood spokeswoman said, "No decision has been made."

Skaters Sent Home

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was carefully dismantled by the Department of Public Works and is now being stored at the public works site on Spicer Ave. It will be housed there temporarily until a new home can be found. Hughes stated that he and Councilman Ray Petronko, who oversees the Recreation Commission, are currently looking for alternate sites for the skate park.

Residents had attended several recreation commission meetings to voice their opinion on the park and were shocked to see that it had been removed. They claim that the park was not being properly supervised and left unlocked many times. They feel that it is a shame to take the skate park away and they added that their children are crushed.

The original intention of an organized area for skating came about when parents complained about the safety of children riding skate boards in the streets. Several parents began attending Recreation Commission meetings to ask that a skate park be considered. After studying the request, it was decided to use the unused tennis

courts behind Borough Hall and equipment was ordered and installed.

Children who used the skate park have to sign up at the PAL and agree to wear safety equipment at all times. Several parents plan to attend the next Recreation Meeting to express their displeasure in the sudden closing. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Lori-Ann and Christopher White requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 10 x 15 shade structure. Proposed shade structure exceeds lot coverage by 339 sq. ft. or 6.8%; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 107 West Avenue on Block 429, Lot 7 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, April 27, 2006 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 Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$38.50 March 31, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Nick Rundella requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 1) Proposed 11 x 14 addition lacks 30' required front setback, 29.6' proposed; 2) Proposed new landing with roof over 30' required, 27.1' proposed and (3) exceeds 25% lot coverage by 301.25 sq. ft.; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 404 Delores Avenue on Block 79, Lot 2 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, April 27, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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March 24, 2006

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its' meeting held on March 23, 2006.

A. Case #03-06/Site/V-Alto Sign Co. Block 528; Lots 46.04 & 46.05; Stelton & Hadley Road. The applicant's request for variance to replace (2) existing pylon signs in the same locations as they currently exist was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #07-06-Sacred Heart School. Block 287; Lot 1; 200 Randolph Avenue. The applicant's request for an interpretation, that a school is a permitted use in the R-10 zone, that a proposed playground is customary and ancillary and for the waiver of site plan was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #10-06-Rogelio Coquia. Block 220; Lot 8; 343 West Crescent Pkwy. The applicant's request for (3) front yard and (1) side yard variance in order to allow a 2nd story add-a-level, a new (2) story addition to the rear and a covered porch was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
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