



In search of a sweet reward, youngsters ready to charge ahead at the PAL's annual Easter egg hunt held last Saturday.

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## Voters Say Nay to School Budget

### Giannakis, Markham, Rann Fill Spots on Board of Ed

On Tuesday voters rejected the 2006/2007 school budget by 384 votes. The final budget count was 769 for and 1,153 against. They also soundly rejected the question which would have provided \$175,000 for capital projects, including two new bleachers and divider curtains for the middle and high school. The vote was

662 for and 1,215 against.

Winning three year terms were candidates Ernie "Jim" Giannakis with 1,238 votes, John Markham with 1,222 and Donna Rann with 968. Randi Gregorio received 873 votes.

The budget will now go to the Borough Council, who will decide what funding, if any, should be cut.

For the first time in his tenure as mayor, Dan Gallagher publicly opposed this year's school budget. He asked the BOE to work together to bring the school tax increase down to a single digit point increase, but the budget the board passed included an increase of \$283.46 for a house assessed at \$117,000, or 21 tax points.

The mayor said he would ask the council to retain a financial expert experienced in board of education budgets to review the budget and suggest cuts.

This year, 1,961 (15.32%) of eligible voters went to the polls, which

was much lower than last year's 24.24% percent.

A reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, April 24 at 8 p.m. in the Roosevelt Administration Building. At that time the newly elected board members will be sworn in.

## Juniorettes Dress to Benefit Women



A Juniorette model pauses as Tops 'N Things owner and fashion show emcee, Suzanne DeFilippis, describes the outfit for the audience.

By Patricia Abbott

Community service is second nature to the South Plainfield Juniorettes. These young ladies willingly spend long hours working hard to help others. Their most recent endeavor extends far beyond the boundaries of South Plainfield. The 13 members of the teen group organized a fashion show to benefit the Fistula Foundation.

Women in villages of Ethiopia

and other third world countries seldom have access to medical doctors, causing many to develop obstetric fistula, a serious medical problem that can occur during prolonged labor without proper medical care. The lack of care is often due to cultural restrictions by the men not allowing the women to get help, and the lack of obstetric help available. Women who develop fistulas are often abandoned by their husbands, rejected by their communities and forced to live

an isolated existence. Fistula can be prevented by proper medical care or corrected by surgery.

The Juniorettes' fashion show, held in the SPHS cafeteria, featured clothing provided by Tops 'N Things located on Inman Ave. in Colonia. The boutique is a specialty shop that offers unique fashions and accessories, from casual to dressy in regular, missy and woman's sizes.

The event was emceed by store owner Suzanne DeFilippis. The fashions were modeled by six Juniorettes and five adults who were GFWC Woman's Club members or personal friends. Over 50 attended the fundraiser.

The event also featured a silent auction. Baskets were assembled by the Juniorettes and their advisors and donated by their parents and GFWC Woman's Club members. Door prizes were donated by SKI Jewelers, Flanagan's, All About U Salon & Spa, Tops 'N Things, Sew Talented, Exhale Massage Therapy Group, Jo-Ann's Dance Studio, and others.

Danielle Bongard and Ana Rene Rodriguez, owners of All About U Salon & Spa in Metuchen, provided hair and makeup for the models. This is the third time they have volunteered their expertise for Juniorettes fashion

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Teacher Susan Schocklin with Holocaust survivor, Vera Nussenbaum, and her husband, Seymour.

## Holocaust Survivor Addresses Middle School Students

By Jane Dornick

Holocaust survivor Vera Nussenbaum spoke of her very personal memories of a tragic time in history to Middle School students on April 17.

Eighth grade history teacher Susan Schocklin has been teaching her students about the Holocaust since November and was able to contact an actual survivor to speak on the subject. Nussenbaum gave her presentation in the school library, which

was filled with students work on the Holocaust and other materials used during their studies. Teachers aide Elise Cosma brought in Kosher treats to share with everyone.

Nussenbaum was born in Germany and in 1938 at the age of 12, was able to escape the Holocaust by the first Kindertransport train. Her family made the difficult decision to send her to live with another family so she would be safe. She lived with

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A driver was trapped in his Ford Explorer for over 45 minutes before the SPFD freed him after he struck a telephone pole on Oak Tree Ave.

## Accident on Oak Tree Ave. Shuts Road, Snarls Traffic

At approximately 11:40 a.m. on Monday, a 2004 Ford Explorer, operated by Allan Jaye, 42, of Edison was traveling eastbound on Oak Tree Ave. when it sideswiped a 2000 BMW, which was traveling westbound. The BMW was owned and operated by Carol Trezza, 53, of South Plainfield. The Ford continued eastbound and struck a telephone pole in front of 175 Oak Tree Ave., trapping Jaye for over forty-five minutes. The Ford Explorer is leased by Mark Calderoni of South Plainfield.

Jaye was extricated from the vehicle by the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. He was then treated by

paramedics from Muhlenberg Hospital and airlifted by the NJSP Northstar Medivac helicopter. Jaye was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and treated for serious injuries to his legs. Trezza was transported to Muhlenberg Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, but it does not appear that alcohol or excessive speed was a factor.

The crash is being investigated by Officer Michael Hoppe. Anyone with additional information should contact Lt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679.



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## council meetings

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
May 2	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
May 16	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 (N.J.S.A. 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

April 25, May 9, May 23, June 13, June 27.

July 18\*, Aug. 15\*, Aug. 29\*, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

## zoning board of adjustment

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

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

April 27, May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30\* and Dec. 14.

## board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Com. of the Whole, Tuesdays 7 p.m.

Regular Meeting Tuesdays 8 p.m. 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 plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

## recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

May 23\*, June 13, July and Aug.

No scheduled meetings, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13

Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 and Jan. 10.

## 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 at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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# IN YOUR OPINION

## To the Editor:

An answer to "SP Skaters."

Maybe you can share with us, the members of the South Plainfield Historical Society and other volunteers that worked on the rail car, the heart-breaking feeling to see the wreck that vandals made of the rail car. It was to be a museum and hopefully a tourist attraction. Many hours were donated to the refurbishing of the car. That was done was a great bit of work. The students from the vocational school were really proud of what they had done. It could be seen on their faces at the picnic on the last school day when I showed them the pictures I had taken as they worked on the car. It showed the before and after effects.

It became a heartbreaking case when the summer was over and the vandals had made a worse wreck out of the car than when we received it.

The skate park is not the only other vandal victim we have had in town. Back in the 1970s, when homemade go-carts were the rage, a go-cart track was built where the sports fields are on former landfills to keep the carts off the streets.

The rules were similar to those posted at the skate park. At least one parent was to be present during open hours and drivers were to be checked for proper safety equipment, etc.

One problem was that too many parents whose turn it would be to be the track manager, would drop off their driver and leave, hoping someone else would take their place.

The track was roughed up and none of the parents seemed to have time to maintain it. Ruts developed and the track was closed.

So these skaters are not the first to be cheated out of good, clean fun.

I served on the Juvenile Conference Committee for 10 years and I noticed that the ones who were brought in on complaints of vandalism were those that would not participate in sports or other activities and would say, "There ain't nothing to do in this town."

WILLIAM TUTHILL

## To the Editor,

A few weeks ago, I wrote to the Observer regarding a legal battle I have been embroiled in with the South Plainfield Board of Education for over two years. Two days after the letter was published, I learned that the administrative trial judge had issued his decision. It was overwhelmingly in favor of the BOE. This is exactly what we expected.

Two weeks ago, the BOE sent a letter to the Observer stating that they had asked me "to write another letter to the editor correcting the inaccuracies" in my letter of March 24. Which "inaccuracies" were they referring to?

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They never said. It is very easy to make vague insinuations about "inaccuracies." I searched their letter for any concrete examples of my alleged inaccuracies and I didn't find any. What followed were excerpts from the judge's decision.

It is obvious from the tone of his decision the Judge took a strong dislike to me. He wrote that I was "arrogant, hesitant and inconsistent." I didn't sleep for a week before or after this trial. I was very nervous. I had been waiting over two years for some sort of official forum to defend myself against these baseless accusations and I was indignant at the treatment to which I had been subjected. If the judge mistook my nervousness and indignation for arrogance, there's nothing that I can do about it. I cannot address what he means when he says that I was inconsistent because he doesn't cite any of my so-called "inconsistencies."

Here are just some of the things that the BOE is not telling you:

On Monday, March 27 I saw Dr. Rosado at a meeting and he informed me that the restrictions on my access to South Plainfield schools were now lifted. I reached him on the phone two days later to make sure that I understood him. I asked why the restrictions had been lifted and he told me that the Board wanted to put this whole thing behind them. He said that the Board contacted him and they were very upset about my letter to the Observer. He threatened to send a copy of the judge's decision to the paper if I did not send in a letter of retraction. I told him that I have nothing to retract. I then asked him if I could get something in writing from his office or from the Board stating that the restrictions had been lifted. He hung up on me.

How do Dr. Rosado and the Board explain the on-again/off-again history of these restrictions? Dr. Rosado testified that on the day of the incident (although he never spoke to me), it was his understanding that I didn't deny the allegation so he imposed the restrictions. He then testified at trial that the restrictions had already been lifted. That was news to me. As the trial concluded, I asked the Judge, "If these restrictions have already been lifted, then what is there for you to decide?" Mr. Zitomer then asked for a moment to speak with his client. He and Dr. Rosado went out into the hallway. When they came back in Mr. Zitomer put Dr. Rosado back on the stand. He testified that he would have to reinstate the restrictions because

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"the petitioner is unwilling to admit to the egregious behavior." Now, immediately upon winning a decision that upholds their right to impose these restrictions, they lift them. What kind of bizarre, twisted logic is being employed here?

The Board wants to put this matter behind them? So do I! Lifting the restrictions is a good start. Now all they need to do is write a letter of apology and pay my lost wages and legal fees. I am willing to forego the damages that I am entitled to for the slanderous accusation by Dr. May and the BOE that I am "a danger to children" and for the humiliating and demeaning treatment that I have been subjected to in exchange for putting this matter to an end. If they refuse to do the right thing, however, I will pursue this through the courts as far as I have to.

RANDALL MCCANN

## To the Editor:

On April 1, the SPHS Music Boosters hosted a Dinner/Dance to benefit their Scholarship Fund.

The event was held at the Polish National Home and was catered by Carrabba's Italian Grille of Green Brook. The entertainment was provided by the John Roesch Orchestra, a 19 piece "big band" that made their debut that evening, was simply amazing! Everyone in attendance was awed by the music, the quality of the delicious food and the jazzy atmosphere. Much to our surprise, we had ballroom dancers and instructors coming from Middlesex, Somerset, Bridgewater and Green Brook simply to come and enjoy a lovely evening of dancing and good food. Needless to say, they and everyone else were very pleased with the selection of music that ranged from Big Band Era to present day songs, featuring vocalist Justina Carubia, who sang a Nora Jones song.

All night long, it was great to see

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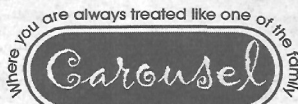
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HOUSE CALLS





Newly opened Edith's Hair Salon recently held an open house to celebrate their grand opening. Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilmen Charles Butrico and Ray Petronko were on hand to help cut the ribbon and to welcome salon owner, Edith Gomez, to South Plainfield. Special guests included Edith's son, Raul; and daughter Alex; Emma Cortes, John Valentino and many friends and relatives.

## Local VFW Post Aids Citizens Through Military Order of Cootie (MOC) Pup Tent

By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield's local VFW Memorial Post #6763 celebrated the installation of new officers of their Pup Tent 41, Military Order of the Cootie, at a special dinner last Friday at the post. The "Cooties" invited members and volunteers of the post to enjoy a night of music, food, and fun.

The Military Order of the Cootie traces its roots back to World War I, when the VFW decided to start its own Honor Degree, with fun as its primary objective. The organization counted nearly 300 members in 1920, its first functioning year, and became an official part of the VFW on September 24, 1921.

Over time, it became apparent that

the MOC could be effective as both a service and a social organization. With the outbreak of World War II, the Cooties began visiting and entertaining hospitalized veterans across the country. "Keep 'em smiling in Beds of White" was their motto, and they have done so to this very day, in addition to countless other good deeds across the United States of America.

South Plainfield's own Pup Tent was chartered in May 1962, taking the name of "Sewer Rats" in honor of the sewers being installed throughout the borough at the same time. As an auxiliary unit of the post, Pup Tent 41 MOC has sponsored a ward party once a month at Lyons VA Hospital in Lyons, since its inception some 43 years ago.

The Cooties play bingo with the veterans and serve sandwiches, cookies and juice. Prizes are given away, including handmade slipper socks, tee shirts, hats, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Each party sees a turnout of 80, at a cost of approximately \$200. The money for these parties are raised primarily through monthly breakfasts and dinners, held respectively on the first Sunday and third Friday of each month.

After years of service, tradition, and transition, the VFW Pup Tent MOC continues to "live by deeds, not years," and have done well to accept the legacy passed on by their predecessors and impart this awareness and dedication to serving a new generation.

## NOTES FROM The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

### NJ Property Tax Relief Program and Forum Slated

The Property Tax Reimbursement Program (PTR1 & PTR2) and the Homestead/Fair Rebate... are you familiar with these programs? Are you eligible to receive these rebates? If so, have you applied to the State Division of Taxation? On Thursday, May 4, Matt Suto of the NJ Division of Taxation will present an important and informative program at the South Plainfield Senior Center dealing with these rebates. Due to the number of senior citizens who are expected to attend, we will offer two sessions – the first will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and then will be repeated from 1 to 2 p.m.

Suto will discuss and explain the

### Volunteers for Litter Clean-up Week Needed

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a borough-wide cleanup this Saturday, April 22 and they are still looking for volunteers.

The main clean-up will be on Saturday morning. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Borough Hall parking lot. They will target roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots. Volunteers will be invited back to Borough Hall for a free pizza pickup picnic, complete with environmentally friendly door prizes. Residents are welcome to organize a crew, or to come on their own.

Call Alice Tempel at (908) 226-7621 for more information.

PTR1 and PTR2 applications, the Homestead/Fair Rebate program, program updates, program eligibility, filing requirements and a question and answer period.

Please mark your calendars and make it a point to attend. It will be a few hours well spent as you learn how to get the tax relief you deserve.

The Property Tax Reimbursement Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the amount of property taxes that were due and paid in the "base year" (the first year that you met all the eligibility requirements) and the amount due and paid in the current year for which you are claiming the reimbursement, provided the amount paid in the current year was greater. You must meet all the eligibility requirements for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the current year, to qualify for the reimbursement.

Income eligibility limits for the Property Tax Reimbursement Pro-

gram have been increased for tax year 2005. As a result, you may be eligible for a reimbursement for 2005 even if you were not eligible in prior years because your income was above the previous limits.

Eligible applicants must file the 2005 Property Tax Reimbursement Application on or before June 1.

The FAIR Rebate Program provides rebates for homeowners and tenants who occupied their principal residence in New Jersey on Oct. 1, paid property taxes on that dwelling either directly or through rent and whose gross income for the entire year does not exceed certain limits.

#### Upcoming Events

**ATLANTIC CITY TRIPS:** The senior center has a series of Atlantic City trips planned for May and June. On Wednesday, May 3 and June 7 – Taj Mahal; Thursday, May 18 and June 15 – Claridge. Each trip is \$18 per person. Reservations are being accepted for the May trips. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m. These trips are open to the public.

### Get Fit! Curves Plans Open House

South Plainfield Curves will hold an open house on Wednesday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Come join us and find out how getting fit can be fun. Free makeovers, chair and foot massages, blood pressure and body fat check, fashion show, craft demonstration, dance lessons, raffles, light refreshments and more!

Pick up an entry form to enter the Curves Royal Caribbean Cruise Sweepstakes cruise for two. Special discounts available all day long. Curves is located at 27 South Plainfield Ave., at the corner of South Plainfield Ave. and Front St. Call (908) 757-4422 for additional information. Sorry gentlemen, ladies only!

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# Around Town

## VFW Dinner

April 21

VFW Memorial Post #6763 located at 155 Front St., will host a meat loaf dinner, 5-8 p.m. on Friday, April 21. Donation \$8 adults, \$4 children under 12. Take-outs .50 cents extra. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily or after noon on weekends.

## Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Classic

April 24

The South Plainfield Education Foundation, Inc. will host a Golf Classic in memory of Emil Leporino on Monday, April 24 at Heron Glen Golf Course, located at 110 Highway 202 and 31 in Ringoes.

To register, send a check for \$155 (per person) payable to: South Plainfield Education Foundation, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Include your name, company, address, city and telephone number.

For more information, visit [www.spsvsn2001.org](http://www.spsvsn2001.org).

## Girl Scouts Fair, Flea Market

April 29

The South Plainfield Girl Scouts will hold a Family Fun Fair and Flea Market on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the PAL on Maple Ave. This fundraiser will benefit more than 50 girl scout troops in the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

They are looking for vendors and food donations. For more information, call (908) 755-7884.

## Tricky Tray Raffle

April 29

The Sacred Heart Home School Association is sponsoring a Tricky Tray Raffle on Saturday, April 29 in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Items include: baskets, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, bikes, color TV and much more.

Doors open at 6 p.m.; drawing starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes five raffle tickets. You

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Overnight trip to Baltimore w/Dinner Theatre Date Changed to September 30 through October 1				
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am 24	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Lunch Available	Exercise 8:45am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Line Dancing 10am Tai Chi Class 2pm 25	Shop Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm 26	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available Bingo 10am-2pm Passports at Borough Hall 28
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must be 18 years of age or older to attend.

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## Business Assoc. Golf Outing

May 2

The South Plainfield Business Association is sponsoring their ninth annual golf outing on Tuesday, May 2 at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor.

Entry fee includes the 18-hole event, use of locker room, green fees and cart, continental breakfast, complimentary beverage cart, hot dog and chips "at the turn," open bar (beer, wine and soda) and a BBQ luncheon. Casual attire.

RSVP by April 22. For more information or to donate a door prize, call Bob Longo at (908) 753-7004 or Ed Koznowicz at (908) 754-8900.

## Benefit for Alyssa Marie Ricciardi

May 7

Friends and family of two-year-old Alyssa Marie Ricciardi are sponsoring a dinner in her honor to help the fam-

ily with costs associated with her battle with cancer on May 7 from 5-9 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave.

Tickets may be purchased from Twin City Pharmacy, Our Town Deli, Sals Spirit Shoppe or at the door. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

For more information, call (908) 464-0498 or (908) 561-0982.

## Breakfast at the VFW

May 7

VFW Memorial Post #6763 located at 155 Front Street, is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, May 7 from 8-11 a.m. All are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily or after noon on weekends.

## Fire Dept. Concert

May 12

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department has scheduled its annual benefit concert for Friday, May 12 at 8 p.m. The show will be held at the South Plainfield High School Auditorium.

This year the entertainment will be provided by 1960's recording group, The Vogues.

For more information, call the sales office at (908) 412-6559.

## Comedy Show at Polish Home

May 20

The Polish National Home will present a comedy show on Saturday, May 20 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. You are welcome to bring your own food. Cost is \$30 per person.

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## — Out of Town —

### Copacabana

April 21-23

Neshaminy Valley Music Theatre, in conjunction with Bucks County Playhouse, 70 South Main St., New Hope, present Barry Manilow's, "Copacabana." The musical will run on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 18 years of age and can be purchased by calling the theater box office at (215) 364-4999.

### Trash & Treasure Sale

April 22

The Women's Association of the Oak Tree Presbyterian Church, 445 Plainfield Rd., Edison, will hold its annual trash and treasure sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 22.

Household goods, small appliances, toys, games, books, jewelry, sports items, baby items, children's items, holiday decor and baked goods will be available. Proceeds will go to the church. Early birds are not admitted.

For info, call (908) 769-6553.

### "Monuments of Russian Music"

April 22

The Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents "Monuments of Russian Music" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Bridgewater-Raritan High School Theatre, Garretson Rd. in Bridgewater.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students and may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Raritan Music Center, 56 W. Somerset St., Raritan. For information, call (908) 359-0906 or visit [www.cjsso.org](http://www.cjsso.org).

### Crystal Singles 50+

April 23

Crystal Singles 50+ Meet & Greet on Sunday, April 23 at the Black Forest Inn, Route 206N, Stanhope.

Meet in the bar area at 2:30 p.m. No cost except for what you order.

RSVP is required to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

### Planning an event?

Send it to [spobserver@comcast.net](mailto:spobserver@comcast.net)

## Adoption Support

April 24

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet on Monday, April 24, 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. "Indian Culture Camp with Patty, Bill, Juliana and Rebecca" is a program of slides and stories. Culture camps provide a fantastic opportunity for internationally adopted children. Open sharing of adoption-related stories; light refreshments.

For more info, call (732) 227-0607 or visit [www.chatsnj.com](http://www.chatsnj.com).

## Starlight Socials

April 26

Starlight Socials for Professionals 35+ is hosting a singles happy hour on Wednesday, April 26 from 7-9 p.m. at Robertos, 70 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park. Free finger foods, cost is just whatever you order.

RSVP required to [StarlightSocials@aol.com](mailto:StarlightSocials@aol.com) or (732) 764-9073.

Walk-ins welcomed.

## Lecture/ Depression Disorders

April 26

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance meeting will feature Devendra Kurani, M.D., a psychiatrist who has been practicing in New Jersey for 21 years, on Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown. The topic will be "Depression and Bipolar Mood Disorders during Pregnancy and Postpartum Depression."

For more information, call (973) 994-1143.

## Edison Arts Society Art Exhibit at Menlo Park Mall

April 28-30

Edison Arts Society presents the Fifth Annual Gardens of the Garden State Art and Photography Exhibit at Menlo Park Mall, Nordstrom wing, lower level on April 28, noon-5 p.m., April 29, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and April 30, noon-5 p.m.

For information, call the Edison Arts Society at (908) 753-2787.

## Baltimore Trip

September 30.

Join us for a weekend of fun on Saturday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 1. Trip includes: transportation by private deluxe motorcoach, overnight accommodations at Best Western & Conference Center, sightseeing tour of Baltimore, dinner and show at Toby's Dinner Theatre, hot buffet breakfast on Sunday morning, free time on Sunday at the Inner Harbor for sightseeing, shopping and lunch. Cost is \$190 per person double occupancy, \$245 single or \$185 triple.

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### Milestones



Dean Mildred Broccoli presents a certificate for superior academic performance to Jaret Shelton of South Plainfield at the Freshmen Achievement Awards luncheon at Saint Peter's College.



Dean Mildred Broccoli presents a certificate for superior performance to Justin Shelton of South Plainfield at the Freshmen Achievement Awards luncheon at Saint Peter's College.

### Jaret and Justin Shelton are Honored For Superior Academic Achievement

Jaret and Justin Shelton of South Plainfield were honored for superior academic performance at the Freshmen Achievement Awards luncheon at Saint Peter's College on March 15.

The College recognized freshmen who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher. Fr. Patrick Lynch, S.J. is Justin's faculty advisor. Dr. Richard Caccamise is Jaret's faculty advisor.

### Slicners Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

On April 21 Edward and Mary Slicner will celebrate 65 years of marriage. They were married in St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy and have been parishioners there ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Slicner raised three children—Carol Slicner Dripps of West Chester, Pa., a registered nurse; Nancy Slicner, PhD of Deltona, Fla., a forensic psychologist and Keith Slicner of South Plainfield, a research chemist. They also have four grandchildren: Carol Dripps Houck, Michael Dripps and Carin Dripps Burkhardt of Pa., and Natalie Slicner of South Plainfield. Rounding out the family are six great-grandchildren and one on the way: Kelly, Laurin, James, Tyler, Devon and Alec.

The Slicners' continue to be members of the South Plainfield Senior Citizen's Center.

### Colon Appointed General Manager at Hampton Inn

Buffalo Lodging Associates, LLC announced that Miguel Colon has been appointed general manager of the new Hampton Inn South Plainfield/Piscataway, located at 205 New World Way. As manager, Colon will direct all areas of the hotel's operations, including guest services, sales and marketing efforts and hotel administration.

Colon joins Buffalo Lodging Associates from the Hampton Inn in Denville, where he was also the GM. Miguel's previous experience includes assistant general manager at the 227-room Courtyard by Marriott in Lyndhurst, in addition to positions in front office management, revenue management and purchasing with the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit and the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Somerset.

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## Friends Of The Woods Seeks Volunteers For South Plainfield's Nature Reserve

Friends of the Woods needs help at the Spring Trail Maintenance Day in the Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Sunday, April 30. We will meet at the Sylvania Place gate at 11:00 a.m. Work will continue through the afternoon until about 2:00 p.m., so late arrivals are also welcome.

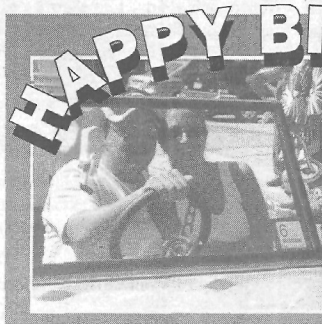
Volunteers will tackle a variety of projects, including trail maintenance (pruning, blazing), control of invasive alien plants, entrance control and litter cleanup. Gloves, bags and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring any appropriate tools they can: shovels, rakes, hoes, pruners or loppers and wheelbarrows or carts.

Friends of the Woods generally holds two Trail Maintenance Days a year.

These keep the trails safe and enjoyable for the science classes, scout troops and the public that use the nature reserve year-round. They also offer an opportunity to learn more about the Woods, and to meet other people who like to be around trees

and wildlife. There had been a break in the schedule while the new Nature Center was being installed, so the Woods need a good Spring cleaning.

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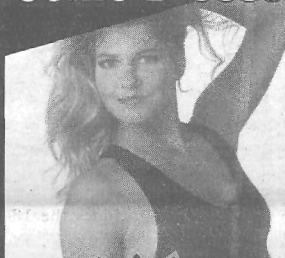
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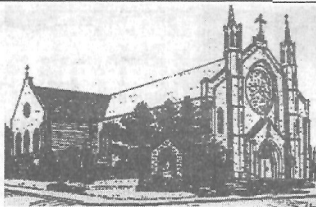


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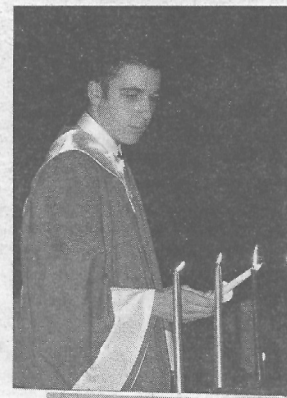
## Students Inducted into National Honor Society

By Patricia Abbott

Inclusion in the National Honor Society is indeed an honor for any high school student. It is more than a club or social group. Students must meet certain standards equalizing their academic, extra curricular and community service activities. A selection committee carefully screens each application.

Scholarship is the first requirement set by the National Council. This important criteria is a cumulative average GPA of 3.25. The phrase "cumulative grade point average" refers to the total academic performance as demonstrated by the grades received by the student while in attendance at the high school.

Additional criteria include: Leadership, highly important for membership selection. Leadership can be interpreted in terms of the number of offices held as a student in school or community organizations. Service: a student's efforts to help within their community and/or school as a volunteer.



Character: considered to be the most difficult criterion to define. The NHS manual states, "The Faculty Council considers the positive as well as the negative aspects of character. All judgments in this and other selection criteria are to be free of speculation and rumor."

NHS Membership criteria is as follows: Students are required to maintain the standards by which they were selected (i.e. continued performance at or above the required GPA, involvement in service and leadership projects, etc.). In addition, the constitution expects members to attend meetings if called for, and to perform both individual and chapter service projects during the year.

South Plainfield National Honor Society officers are: President Kazuki Daimo, Vice President Brittany Frazer, Secretary Samantha Deffler, Parliamentarian Ashley Bodner, Historian Breanne Fore and Public Relations Eric Reiner.

On March 27 they inducted new

members with their traditional candle lighting ceremony.

The 2006 inductees are: Nicole Aiello, Kinal Amin, Nicole Benak, Tina Bijlani, Dorian Bishop, Julianne Bosse, Gina Buttrico, John Carigma, Ying Chen, Dana Chepulis, Amanda Deba, Sandia Dundi, Kathleen Eder, Matthew Emery, Lauren Fry, Dunia Galarza, Kim Galinsky, Ashleigh Gaspar, Samantha Granski, Meghan Hartman, Asia Hollis, Brittany Hollis, Daniel Hubner, Shivani Itwaru, Tony Joe, Wael Kanj, Christina Lanza, Ashley Little, Jennifer Little, Taylor Mandel, Daniel McCreesh, Nicole Miglis, Bryan Milici, Jacquelyn Miller, Jennifer Mocerino, Samuel Mootoo, Anthony Moretti, Alexander Nau, Ai Phi Nguyen, Kelly Orlandini, Joshua O'Neal, Heather Palitto, Meshva Patel, Jessica Pryor, Kate Reichert, Karla Reyes, Nicole Sacci, Lauren Santillo, Brian Schulte, Laurie Sobel, Christopher Stallone, Heather Thompson, Huong Tran, Jessica Vasquez and Brittanee Wong.



## In Search of Local History

## Rescued From the Dumps

Visitors to the History Center at Roosevelt Administration Building will preview a rare collection of photographs donated in 2004 to the South Plainfield Historical Society by the Nagy/Doherty Families. The time-ravaged photographs reveal more insightful views of a remarkable Lehigh Valley Railroad facility with the unflattering name—the 'coal dumps.'

The LVRR was initially built to transport coal from the fields in the Lehigh and Wyoming regions of Pennsylvania (freight and passenger service was developed later). America relied on coal as its principal source of energy for industry, transportation (steam locomotives), and for home heating. As the demand for coal grew, the railroad extended its routes and consumer base. The LVRR expanded into New Jersey, reaching South Plainfield in the mid-1870s. The first coal train steamed through town in 1875 on its way to the coal docks at Perth Amboy. From there the anthracite was shipped by boat to New York, Long Island and New England. Thirteen years later, the LVRR constructed a coal depot (the dumps) in South Plainfield to assure a readily available, year-round supply of coal for east coast consumers.

The railroad owned 125 acres in South Plainfield that were set in an angle between the Valley's main line to Rahway (running parallel to Oak Tree Ave.), and the Easton and Amboy branch to Perth Amboy (running parallel to Metuchen Rd.). On 50 of those acres would rise 14 dumps. Five miles of track was laid within it to deliver and ship the coal. At full capacity—300,000 tons—its net worth was \$1,000,000. The coal storage yard employed about 50 men who could load 2,000 tons for shipment a day. Local residents who were known em-

ployees of the dumps included A.A. Phillips, George Niemczyk, and Samuel Pyatt.

In 1891 the LVRR hired at least two professional photographers from Plainfield to photograph the coal storage yard after it was built, and before a single lump of anthracite was dumped. A particularly impressive photograph taken at ground level looks up at one pair of simply-designed, self-supporting steel trusses set in an obtuse (pyramid shape) angle, the largest of which was 85' tall with a 250' spread at the base. Set in two rows of seven dumps, the railroad ran through the center on raised tracks. The coal was unloaded from the bottom of the coal car into bins below the tracks. From there, steam-operated conveyors carried the coal up the trusses where it was dumped at various distances to form a cone. The loading/unloading equipment was powered by four boilers in the engine house.

The photographs also capture images of laborers, some of them clearly children, buildings on the property, and steam engine #1113. A few may not have been taken in South Plainfield, but are clearly the same era and almost certain to be the LVRR.

The photographs were stored in a cardboard box in the Doherty/McDonough family home at the corner of Church Street and Hamilton Boulevard. The boxes' contents traveled with family members when they

moved, coming to rest at Marybeth and Bill Nagy's residence on Cherry Street. The box never revealed its secrets to contemporary eyes until 2004 when it was nearly tossed out on the curb for the town-wide trash pickup.

Mrs. Nagy was unaware of the origin of the box, so it came as a surprise when she opened it. The first discovery was a photograph of a firehouse and horse-drawn fire equipment. Thinking it may be South Plainfield's Fire Department, she contacted members of the Historical Society and invited them to examine the boxes' contents. The firehouse picture, unfortunately, was not taken in South Plainfield. The dozens of well-preserved old tintype portraits, probably Irish relatives of the Doherty/McDonough families and possibly LVRR employees, could not be identified a century later. The box also contained an interesting scrapbook of magazine and newspaper clippings from the 1920s, and an old Bible. At the very bottom of the box rested the greatest find—the LVRR photographs.

The next step in the odyssey of the railroad photographs is that of finding grant money to clean and restore them. In the meantime (for about a month), visitors can step back 115 years to a bygone era when coal was king and steam powered the world.

Learn more about South Plainfield history. Log on to: <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalociety>.

## LAST WEEK FOR CURBSIDE PICKUPS

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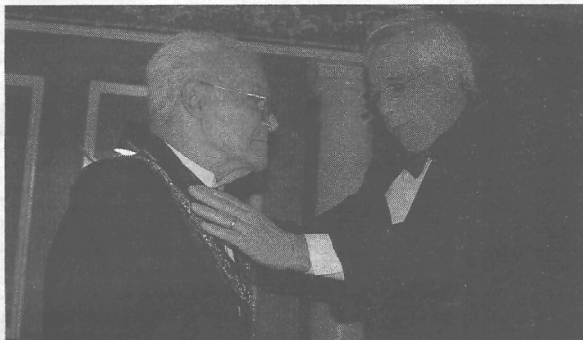
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## Elks Install New Officers for 2006-2007



Pictured are the new Exalted Ruler (left), Arthur Sabino, Sr. PER and Grande Lodge Installing Exalted Ruler Jeff Dvorin PER.

Pictured above are the current officers for Fraternal Year 2006-2007. In the back row are Trustee Rich Salvatore, Secretary Robert Eckenstein Sr. PER, Lodge Esquire Barbara Muller, Trustee Nicholas Chupko, PER, Inner Guard William Reuter, Trustee Ray Horvath, PER, Chaplain Celeste Ginder, Trustee James Nestor, Treasurer Sandra Smith, Trustee Peter Smith, PER, Lecturing Knight Sharon Reuter. Bottom row are Loyal Knight Debra Shuleski, Tiler Frank Naccio, Exalted Ruler Arthur Sabino, Sr. PER, Leading Knight Debra Czech.

—Photos by Patricia Abbott

## SPHS Music Boosters Dinner Dance

By Patricia Abbott

Only a fool would have missed it! The event in question is the SPHS Music Boosters Dinner Dance held at the Polish Home on April 1. This was the first time the Music Booster Club held a dinner dance and the evening was definitely a big hit. Over 150 people attended. It was catered by Carrabbas Italian Grille of Greenbrook. Entertainment was provided by the big band sound of the John Roesch Orchestra. The band created and led by 2005 graduate John Roesch consists of about 18 members that range from students to graduates and even South Plainfield instrumental instructors. The band played a mix of music from the war era to modern day songs. Some unexpected entertainment was provided by several guests, ballroom dancers from Middlesex and Somerset Counties. Proceeds from the sale of tickets went to the music booster scholarship fund.



Band members are: John Roesch-Leader/Alto Sax, Scott Rann-Alto Sax, Ike Ejiochi-Tenor Sax, Brian Schulte-Tenor Sax, Mark Tweed-Baritone Sax; Trombones: Albert Paterson, Charlie Decker, Nick Figler, Justin Pauls, Rupert Nath; Trumpets Flugelhorns: Joe Mosello, Ron Michaels, Taylor Mandel, Corey Mosello; Keyboards: Steve Ambielli, Adam Toth; Drums/Percussion: Danny Lammi Bob Rann and Guitar-Josh Jackson.



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## Annual 24-Hour Field Day Next Weekend

The third annual 24-hour Field Day will be held at the Jost Field Complex on Cady Lane in cooperation with the South Plainfield High School Leadership Organization, on April 28 at 4 p.m. through April 29 at 4 p.m.

There will be a 24 hour run/walk event to benefit local charities.

There will also be various 5K and 10K races staggered over the 24 hours.

There will be a midnight ultimate Frisbee tournament, volleyball, bands, DJ and other activities.

We invite all who wish to participate in the run/walk to solicit pledges for laps or miles completed. Pledges will benefit various charities. Selective efforts will also bring in funds for various school organizations.

In past events there have been contingents of adventure runners who will be racing the 24 hour period either in teams or individually. Last year a runner completed a double ultra marathon of 64 miles without stopping.

On Your Mark Productions will be the professional organization managing the race.

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Hundreds competed in last year's 24-hour field day.

ners and the food and beverages provided for sale by the Athletic Booster Club at the concession stands.

Entrance applications and pledge forms will be provided prior to the race at all school locations. You may

also apply to participate at the race. There will be a general admission cost of \$2.

There will be prizes awarded and many events to attend throughout the 24 hours.

## FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Middlesex County residents are urged to contact their three senators through the South Plainfield School link to request their support of the bill introduced by Senator Barbara Buono to reevaluate the Abbott Districts. It would redistribute thousands of our tax dollars back to South Plainfield to help our Board of Education budget for the future of our children. The web address is [spnet.k12.nj.us](http://spnet.k12.nj.us). Check all three senators, and click on Education/Finance and type your comment. It takes approximately four minutes to file.

SPHS Peer to Peer Leadership program, under the direction of Mrs. Martko, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Boettger, Mr. Hajduk, Ms. Vandermark, Ms. Zurka, Mr. Encinas and freshman advisor Ms. Raimondo, have an Adopt-A-Family program. The high school students help these families and many others during the year. Nick Giannakis, a junior Peer to Peer member, suggested hosting a spring dinner for the adopted families. Jim and Linda Giannakis, along with Nick, Jaime and Jenny, hosted a dinner with Peer to Peer Leadership, on Friday, April 7 at the Giannakis's restaurant, Sheffields, in Mountainside. Chef Jim prepared a full course dinner for everyone. The

families, along with Dr. May and the Peer to Peer group, enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing with the D.J.

A huge thank you to the SPHS Athletic Booster Club as well as the Rotary Club, local business people and parents that are busy fundraising and volunteering in support of the purchase and construction of the utility/ticket booth to replace the building that burned to the ground at Jost Field in 2005. Also, a reminder that the Athletic Booster Club needs the help of parents to volunteer time at the upcoming track meets on April 28 and 29, May 13, 26, 27, June 2, 3 and 7. You do not have to be a member of the club to volunteer. The snack stand benefits all the high school athletes as it supplies funds for equipment that the club purchases for the athletic programs. The club has recently purchased and donated score boards for the baseball and softball fields for the high school that were greatly needed and truly appreciated. To volunteer time at the snack stand, please call 754-4620 ext. 248.

The 2007 Stokes Grant Elementary students are hard at work to raise money for their trip. The fabulous biomats are mats that are planted in the ground and filled with seeds, made of 100% recycled, biodegradable wood fiber and very easy to use. The mats yield beautiful spring and summer flowers, and will be delivered for planting before Mother's Day and cost \$8 each. Orders are due by Friday, April 21 and can be sent in with your child to Grant School PTO. For further information contact myself or Diane Zekas.

Please don't forget the 2007 Grant Stokes 50/50 raffle at \$10 a ticket to be drawn on May 3. Only 400 tickets are to be sold and we have not yet reached our goal.

Thank you to the people who donated the funds to purchase the beautiful new high school girls varsity softball uniforms.

The SPHS French classes, along with French instructor Mr. Wood, Mrs. Petrocelli and myself, attended "The Three Musketeers" at the beautiful Rahway theater. The play was performed in French and English. When the play was finished there was a question and answer session by the actors, which was very informative.

Best wishes to the South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club coaches and players on your opening season. The parade and ceremony was rained out, but the games began the next day with lots of spirit.

## Riley School Kindergarten Orientation

John E. Riley School Kindergarten Orientation sign-up will be Friday, May 5 from 2-3:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in the Riley School lobby.

The cost for this program is \$3.00 which covers the supplies for one craft and snack time for all three days.

Children entering John E. Riley School Kindergarten in September 2006 are welcome to join us to explore the school, meet the teachers and staff and take a brief bus ride in town.

The program offers two sessions: the morning session runs from 9-11 a.m. and the afternoon session runs from noon-2:30 p.m. The program runs for three consecutive Wednesdays as follows: Wednesday, May 24, May 31 and June 7.

If you have any questions, please call Joan at (908) 757-5212 or Stephanie at (908) 756-0401.

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# Sports

## Junior Baseball April 8 thru April 14

### "C" League Game Summaries

#### Giants vs Red Sox

**Giants**—Wesley Bowe and Jake Hoffman each pitched well their first time on the mound. Jake also had a base hit and scored twice. Wesley, smacked a big double and drove in three runs. Kevin Jones helped the offensive attack with two clean singles.

**Red Sox**—Nick Polizzano led the Red Sox with two strong innings from the mound, plus he used his bat for three base hits. Brian Schillaci and Matt Waters each did their part on offense with two base hits each.

#### A's vs Yankees

**Yankees**—Jason Petriello pitched very well his first time on the mound. PJ Melillo had a good start to the season getting two hits.

#### Dodgers vs Giants

**Dodgers**—Ryan Walsh pitched two scoreless innings. Andrew Velasquez turned in the defensive play of the

game behind the plate. Matt Gallant led the offense reaching safely each time he came to the plate.

**Giants**—Chris Graves led the Giants, smacking out a double, triple and throwing two scoreless innings from the mound. Jake Hoffman pitched two strong innings plus he had two base hits. Tommy Heim came in to close out the game with a strong sixth inning in relief.

#### A's vs White Sox

A's—Ben Foresti and James Flasser

led the offensive attack with their first base hits of the season.

**White Sox**—JT Colapietro started the season smacking two doubles and driving in three runs. Brandon Rickett and Jacob Alba each pitched two strong scoreless innings.

#### Cardinals vs Yankees

**Yankees**—Vincent Pellegrino kicked off the season throwing two strong innings from the mound. Matilda Mercer made strong, solid contact each time at the plate.

By Glenn Cullen

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

The SPJBC 2006 Baseball Celebration has been rescheduled for All-Star Sunday, May 21 at 12 p.m. The next and final Booster weekend is scheduled for May 19 and May 20.

Managers and parents should be aware of their team field duty assignments. Small Fry C Mets and the Small Fry B Bluejays have field duty on Saturday, April 22. Small Fry C White Sox and the Pony A Dodgers have field duty on Sunday, April 23.

The 2006 season has started out with a bang. There have been home runs hit from B league through Pony A. There have been some extra

inning thrillers and tremendous comebacks. Come on out and see the action.

The SPJBC is still looking for volunteers for the 2006 season. In particular, the SPJBC needs snack stand captains. Anyone interested in being a snack stand captain is asked to call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 or e-mail the club at [www.south-plainfieldjbc@yahoo.com](mailto:www.south-plainfieldjbc@yahoo.com). Also, feel free to visit the SPJBC website at [www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc](http://www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc).



Sacred Heart Athletic Association held a benefit basketball game between coaches, parents and athletes to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. On April 10, representatives from the organization, along with athletes, visited the hospital and presented them with a check in the amount of \$1,000, realized from this game. Pictured above are those who spent some time with the development director and some of the children.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1726**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
**Ordinance #1726 entitled: AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1992, TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS OF MAINTENANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$26.60 April 21, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Public notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on April 11, 2006.  
A. Case #06-04/M-Frank P. Licato Jr. and Mina Licato, Block 122, Lots 28 & 37, 1951 Plainfield Avenue. The applicant's request for minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.  
B. Case #693/V/S-JSM/Celebrations Block 517; Lot 1; South Avenue and Coolidge Street. The applicant's request for preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby DENIED.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Kidire  
Planning Board Secretary  
\$26.00 April 21, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
An appeal has been filed by Scott Pietschker requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a front setback variance for a porch 6'30" and 22'23"; a front setback for a new (2) story addition 22'; and front setback variance for a new 2nd floor addition over garage 22'; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 168 West Nassau Avenue on Block 231, Lot 12 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 11, 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 p.m.  
\$38.50 April 21, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1727**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
**Ord. 1727 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO FOSTER OPENNESS OF GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDE CITIZENS WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING VARIOUS APPOINTED VOLUNTEER POSITIONS THAT EXIST IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$26.60 April 21, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1729**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
**Ordinance #1729 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$360,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SPECIFICALLY THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM, DURHAM AVENUE ROAD WIDENING AND THE VARIOUS ACQUISITIONS FOR THE HAMILTON BOULEVARD AND LAKEVIEW AVENUE PROJECTS** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$28.50 April 21, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
An appeal has been filed by William Kaiser requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a proposed 14 x 18 addition, addition lacks required 8' side setback; 5' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 320 W. Crescent Parkway on Block 222, 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 11, 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 p.m.  
\$38.50 April 21, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 13, 2006.  
A. Case #12-06-Ashleigh A. Chamberlain, Block 160; Lot 14; 600 Sampson Avenue. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to construct a porch was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) voluntary condition.  
B. Case #13-06-Lisa Santoro, Block 167; Lot 17; 1944 Grant Avenue. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance to construct a 2nd floor add-a-level was hereby GRANTED.  
C. Case #14-06-David M. Abernathy, Block 498; Lot 7; 3812 Fleet Avenue. The applicant's request for an add-a-level, addition & covered porch w/5 setback variances & 1 lot over coverage variance was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) voluntary condition.  
D. Case #15-06-Gary F. & Marlene J. Toth, Block 152; Lot 89; 921 Worth Drive. The applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance & lot coverage variance in order to erect a gazebo was hereby GRANTED.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Kidire  
Secretary-Board of Adjustment  
\$38.00 April 21, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
An appeal has been filed by Anthony J. Inverno requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a temporary use permit for (4) tent structures; (2) sheds are allowed; (4) proposed; 200 sq. ft. total area; \$95.5 proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 3148 Woodland Avenue on Block 222, Lot 5.05 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, June 8, 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 p.m.  
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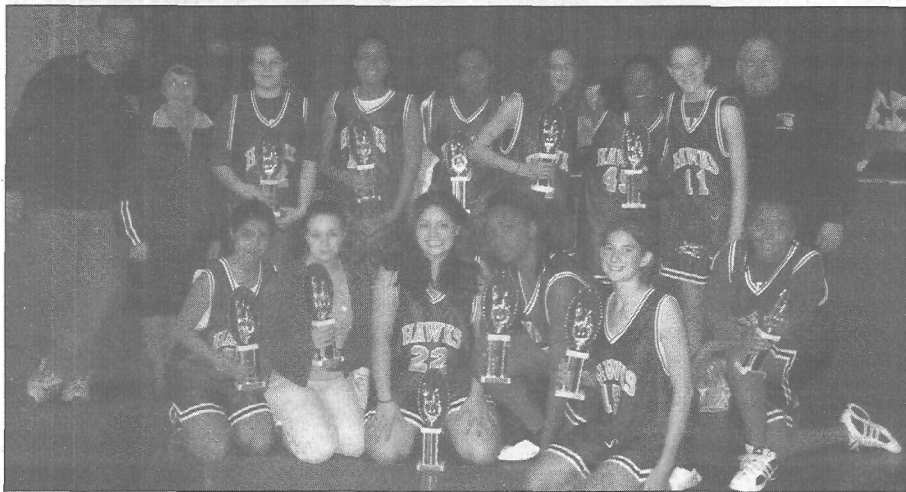
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# Sports



Sacred Heart Girls Varsity placed second place at St. Francis Cabrini Tournament.



Sacred Heart Boys Varsity Champions of Suburban League.

## Sacred Heart 2005/2006 Sports Programs

The 2005/2006 sports programs at Sacred Heart came to a close recently with the varsity girls capturing second place in the St. Francis Cabrini tournament in a game played on March 26. They also placed third in the B-division of the Diocesan League.

The varsity boys team captured the championship of the Suburban League with a victory over St. Michael's of Cranford. The boys also took second place in the Diocesan League for the 2005/2006 season.

The JV boys achieved champion-

ship status in the Diocesan League for fifth and sixth grades. They also did very well in the Suburban League.

We are most grateful for all the accomplishments of the teams and coaches and the support of our parents each day.

—Submitted by Sister Nadine

Submitted By Bob Nilan

### Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

KC's Komer did not have the best won-lost record in the South Plainfield Golf League last season, but the team came through in the final weeks to win a number of key matches to gain championship honors.

"It's hard to tell what's going to be on tap for us this year," said Capt. John Cotone, "but we all hope things will flow smoothly for us right from the start. We know we're going to face stiff competition, but our goal in 2006 is to win back to back titles."

Aiello Chiropractic is a team that needs only a few minor adjustments to gain first place honors. Ed Banach and Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer continue to be the best twosome in the league, but the key to the team's success may hinge on Phil Aiello, Jr. who needs to avoid tensing up and keep all his formidable muscle power loose and relaxed.

After being edged out by the narrowest of margins for first place in the American Division last year, Plainfield Animal Hospital is prepared to make a fast break from the starting gate this year. "Our plan," said Capt. Mike Cortese, "is to get off to a good start and go wire to wire. I think we have a team of thoroughbreds and we're ready to make a run for the roses."

The South Plainfield Elks were the only team in the league last season to earned ten victories. Two of their four losses, however, came at the end of the season so the Elks finished in fourth place in the overall standings. There is good balance in the Elks lineup, and they look like serious title-contenders in 2006.

Witty's boasts a roster of first-class vintage with premium players like Howard Adler and Kevin Bickunas. This is a team that is well-stocked and has the spirit, the talent, and the determination to win it all.

Pornovets carries on the tradition of the legendary Jim Pornovets, Sr., who has passed on to his team his knowledge of every little bump in the fairways and every break on the greens. Led by Marty Van De Vaarst who is hard to beat when he's on his game, Pornovets has to overcome its inconsistencies to become serious contenders in what shapes up to be a tough fight for first place in the American Division.

Over in the National Division, the

team to watch this year is the Hackers. Nobody's fooled anymore by the self-deprecating name, this team is a powerhouse. They can field four players that collectively have the lowest team handicap in the league. Some of the close matches the Hackers lost last season came as a result of having to give too many strokes away, not because any players were really way off their games.

Twin City is still looking for the prescription for success. Last year, Jay "Boom-Boom" Coppola posted some really impressive rounds and paired up very well with Guy Severini to form an imposing twosome. There's plenty of strength on this team roster for Twin City to make a healthy run for division honors.

Capt. Frank Matthews of Sport & Social called his team together for a preseason meeting and told them, "We're going to be out to enjoy ourselves this year, but it's not going to be all fun and games—we won the league title in 2002, and I want us to be serious contenders again this season."

Danny Griffin of Masters had a lot of success last year after he started wearing his lucky green golf cap, so Capt. George Popick is thinking of sporting a green jacket on Tuesday nights for some additional inspiration. After winning the league title in 2004, Masters dropped to eighth place overall last season, and they are eager to do a complete turnaround this year.

Patti's Construction dug some holes for themselves last year after winning the National Division title in 2004. Mike Behr and Matt Ward are the two building blocks that form a strong foundation for a team that could certainly rise to new heights in 2006.

The VFW will again go into battle this season with their muskets, mashies, spoons and niblicks. "What we have going for us," says Capt. Ray Costa, "is experience—lots of experience. And that holds true for the golf balls I use. I teed up with a brand new ball once but the brightness hurt my eyes."

The 14-week South Plainfield Golf League season will conclude with playoffs between the American and National Division teams tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 8.

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## Mobile Passport Services Program Offered

Elaine M. Flynn, Middlesex County clerk, has announced that the county clerk's office is extending passport services to residents throughout Middlesex County through a program that sends staff members to a municipality requesting the service.

Individuals who avail themselves of this service will be able to apply for passports with the convenience of a trip to their local municipal building. The program is also available to

schools and organizations with groups planning trips.

"When applying for a U.S. passport, the Department of State requires all applicants to appear in person," Flynn adds, "That's the beauty of this program; it's the convenience of the family getting in the car and driving to a location within their town."

In addition, according to the Department of State's new guidelines,

anyone traveling to Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean will need a U.S. passport for re-entry purposes by December 31 of this year.

The mobile passport service will be in South Plainfield on Friday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Applications may be downloaded from the Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or from the Clerk's office.

For further information, please call (732) 745-3404.

## Leaf Compost Available at Recycling Center

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue currently has a limited amount of good quality leaf compost on hand. This is from leaves collected during the fall of 2004. Fresh wood chips are also available.

The compost bins are located behind the Recycling Center office shed. There is no charge for the material,

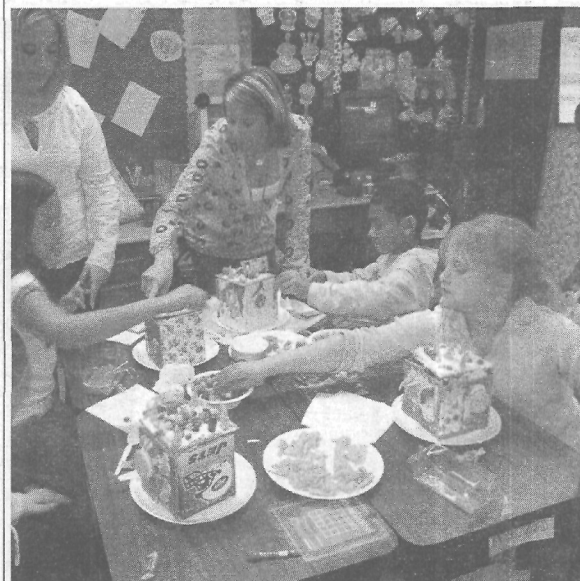
but residents should come with their own shovels, containers and muscle power.

The mulch is available during regular Recycling Center hours: noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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

## Tickets to Mets and Yankees Games

The Club at Ricochet has tickets available for the following games: Yankees vs. Braves on June 26; Mets vs. Pirates (fireworks at night) on July 3; Yankees vs. White Sox on July 15 and Yankees vs. Blue Jays on Aug 2. Cost for tickets is \$54 and includes transportation. Tickets may be obtained at The Club at Ricochet, 219 St. Nicholas Ave.



After Colleen Hooks third grade class at Kennedy Elementary finished a lesson on geometry, students drew up plans using what they had learned and then built gingerbread houses using all kinds of treats.

## Obituaries

### Angela M. (Lo Bosco) Dacey, 71

Angela M. (Lo Bosco) Dacey passed away on Saturday, April 15 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Dacey resided in South Plainfield before moving to Toms River some time ago.

She worked as a clerk for Bell Tech Labs in Murray Hill.

Angela is survived by her husband, Gerard J.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Sally S. Neesan, 76

Sally S. Neesan died Tuesday, April 11 at the Woodlands Nursing Center in Plainfield.

Born in South Plainfield, Sally has

been a lifelong resident.

She was employed at Wemco in South Plainfield, but more recently was a substitute secretary and teachers aide for the South Plainfield Board of Education.

Sally was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Plainfield.

She enjoyed all types of music, gardening, needlepoint and her computer. Most of all she cherished being a loving daughter, mother and grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 46 years, John "Jack" Neesan, who passed away in 2000 and her father, Anthony Tufano, who passed away in 1973.

Surviving are a son, John Anthony Neesan, Sr. and his wife Lorilee of South Plainfield; two daughters, Alice Bach and her husband Glenn of South Plainfield and Jacqueline Mosca and

her husband James of Dunellen; her mother, Ester Tufano of South Plainfield and five grandchildren, Robert DiDario, John A. Neesan, Jr., Rose and Mary Bach, Jake Mosca and her beloved cat, Suzy.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Neesan's name to the charity of your choice.

To send your condolences, visit [www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com](http://www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com).

### Edward Anthony Giniacki, 83

Edward Anthony Giniacki passed away on Sunday, April 9 at Ocean Medical Center in Brick.

Born in Schenectady, NY, he resided in South Plainfield for 41 years until moving to Brick a year and a half ago to be closer to his family.

Mr. Giniacki was a WWII combat veteran who served an enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of technical sergeant. He was a tail gunner flying B-25 bomber missions in the Philippines and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and four Gold Stars.

Mr. Giniacki was a 1952 graduate of Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science degree in public accounting. He was a member of Beta Alpha Si National Accounting Honor Society.

He was a senior financial auditor and accounting manager for Price Waterhouse Co., C.R. Bard, Rheem Manufacturing and City Investing in Manhattan, retiring in 1985.

Edward was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Plainfield and a member of the V.E.W. Post 6763, American Legion Post

1000, the South Plainfield Polish Home, South Plainfield Pop Warner and the South Plainfield High School Booster Club. He was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast.

Mr. Giniacki was preceded in death by his loving wife of 40 years, Serrina, who passed away in 1988 and two sisters, Clementine Pajak, who passed away in 2006 and Germaine Mineconzo, who passed away in 1974.

Surviving are a dear son, Troy Giniacki and his wife Linda of Catawauqua, Pa.; a loving daughter, Tracy Durrant-Mores and her husband William Mores of Brick; two granddaughters, Tara Durrant of Point Pleasant and Megan Durrant of East Windsor, as well as a large extended family.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Giniacki's name to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015. For more information or to send your condolences, please visit [www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com](http://www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com).

### Jerome E. Formanek, 81

Jerome E. Formanek passed away on Thursday, April 13 at the Woodlands Care Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York City, Jerome grew up and lived for many years in the Bay Ridge and Flatbush sections of Brooklyn before moving to Edison in 1962. In 1982, he moved to Toms River where he resided for over 23 years before entering the Woodlands two years ago.

An Army Veteran of WWII, he had been attached to the 77th Division and had been stationed in the South Pacific. While in Japan, he saw action in the Battle of Okinawa and was part of

the Japanese occupation after the war.

After his army service, Jerry attended Ryder College where, in 1949, he earned his Bachelors degree in business administration. He became employed with New York Life Insurance Co. in New York City where his career with the company spanned 36 years as an actuary. He retired 20 years ago.

He had been a long time and very active member of the Christ Episcopal Church, where he had served as a counter, usher and vestryman and was a member of the church's Komenya Club.

He had been predeceased by a son, James P., who died in 2002 and many years ago by a daughter, Nancy.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Dolores E. (Bergin) Formanek; a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Russell Brown of South Plainfield; two sons and daughters-in-law Thomas J. and Joyce of Waverly, NY and David E. and Karen of Toms River; a brother Ladislav Formanek of Twain-Harte, Calif. and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Christ Episcopal Church in Toms River.

Arrangements were handled by McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Emma H. (Miller) Murray, 88

Emma H. (Miller) Murray passed away on Sunday, April 16 at home.

Born in South Plainfield, Emma had been a lifelong resident of the borough.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, John; a sister, Edith Goodrich and husband George, also of South Plainfield and a nephew, George Goodrich, Jr. and his wife Martha of Bordentown.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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Raychel Senz, a sophomore at SPHS, in a generous act, recently donated 10 inches of her own hair to the Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hair pieces to financially disadvantaged children 18 years of age and younger who have suffered hair loss due to a long term medical condition. Raychel hopes a teenage girl will receive the hair that she has donated.

## policereport

- On March 27 Antonia J. Scott, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, unregistered vehicle, no proof of insurance and an outstanding warrant.
- Jimmy's Trucking Inc. on South Ave. reported that the ignition of a truck had been broken.
- An employee at the Middle School reported the theft of a wallet from her purse that was left on her desk. The wallet was found in the boy's bathroom. \$80 was missing.
- On March 28 a Dunellen resident reported that while parked at the Middle School the hood of their 2006 Mazda had been scratched and a tire had been punctured.
- On March 29 Dana M. Antiorio, 22, of Iselin was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and driving on an expired license.
- Ahmyr A. Jordan, 37, of Plainfield was arrested at Hall's Warehouse for the theft of \$56 worth of frozen shrimp and \$30 worth of lobster tails.
- A Plainfield resident reported the theft of his 1995 GMC van that was left running in front of Home Depot.
- On March 30 David Ernesto Zetino, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while suspended, fictitious plates, fictitious inspection sticker, failure to inspect, no insurance, no registration and two outstanding warrants.
- A New Brunswick resident reported that while parked at Target the passenger side mirror had been broken off and side doors had been keyed.
- An employee of Stonebridge Inc. on Ryan St. reported the theft of a laptop, computer bag, USB blue tooth dongle, charger for cell phone and USB mouse that were left in the men's bathroom.
- On March 31 Carlos Frank Jafardo, 34, of Watchung was arrested for throwing bodily fluids at an officer.
- On April 1 Eduardo Paul Parra, 23, of North Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension.
- Robert Wayne O'Neil, 48, of Plainfield was arrested for receiving stolen property, fictitious plates, driving on a suspended license and no insurance.
- Elizabeth Majkowski, 62, of Plainfield was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting boys clothing, L'oreal hair color and Gillette razors.
- A Maple Ave. resident reported that his fence had been broken and a plastic frog planter had been taken.
- On April 2 Jay R. Boyce, 41, of Perth Amboy was arrested for no registration, no insurance, fictitious plates and two outstanding warrants.
- Jose A. Santiago, 48, of Newark was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- An East Hendricks Blvd. resident reported the theft of a metal bending brake worth \$1,300 from their garage.
- ANS Consultants Inc. on So. Clinton Ave. reported that the rear window of a company vehicle had been broken.
- On April 3 Shilpa B. Patel, 34, of North Brunswick, Arpita N. Patel, 20, and Sushila Patel, 52, both of Piscataway and employees of Target were arrested for shoplifting \$487 worth of clothing.
- A Plainfield resident reported that a rock had shattered her rear window while driving on W. 7th St.
- On April 4 Oreese Fogg, 35, of Orange was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- Derrick D. Barnes, 25, of Hillside was arrested for no registration, no insurance and two outstanding warrants.
- Fabian Moreno, 20, of Piscataway was arrested at Burlington Coat Factory for shoplifting a \$49 pair of Timberland boots.
- On April 6 Alan C. Crowder, 35, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, no insurance, failure to keep right and failure to exhibit a valid registration.
- A Clark Ln. resident reported that a 6 oz. container of yogurt had been thrown at their vehicle.
- On April 7 Mohamed M. Elatriss, 49, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Christopher Dale Lecky, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for no registration and an outstanding warrant.
- On April 8 Tashalaquan K. Taylor, 20, of Allentown, Pa. was arrested for a brake light out, driving on a suspended license, failure to exhibit a valid registration, no insurance and two outstanding warrants.
- A Piscataway resident reported that while parked at Regal Cinema the drivers side window of their vehicle had been shattered. An attempt had also been made to pry open the passenger door.
- On April 9 Joan Carol Fisher, 59, of Plainfield was arrested for an expired registration and an outstanding warrant.
- Nancy Nunez, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for tail light out, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Luis G. Morales, 32, of Brooklyn, NY was arrested for driving on a suspended license, hindering apprehension and an outstanding warrant.
- Quick Chek on Sampton Ave. reported that the change return on the pay phone had been broken.
- On April 11 Bhupch Handa, 37, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and driving on a suspended license.
- Raceway Gas on W. 7th St. reported that an undetermined amount of money had been taken from their cash register while no one was in the office.
- On April 12 a male entered Quick Chek on Durham Ave. and fled with three cases of Red Bull worth \$127.
- On April 14 a Pershing Pl. resident reported that their mailbox had been set on fire.
- A Thomas St. resident reported that someone rang the doorbell and left a burning piece of paper on the front step.
- Buy Rite Auto Parts on Hamilton Blvd. reported that the windows of a company van had been broken out.
- On April 15 a Spicer Ave. resident reported that two of their vehicle's tires had been cut and the rear window smashed.
- On April 16 Market Rashawn Winston, 29, of Rahway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, speeding and an outstanding warrant.
- On April 17 CNC Asso. on Kentile Rd. reported the theft of a tractor.
- DCM Erectors on New Market Ave. reported the theft of a welding machine worth \$11,500 and a trailer worth \$1,700.
- On April 18 Donnalynn Louise Hoffman, 32, of South Plainfield was arrested for refusing to give an officer documentation, driving on a suspended license, no insurance and failure to exhibit a valid registration.

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# IN YOUR OPINION

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the kids and adults alike together on the dance floor. All-in-all it was a very successful evening for fundraising and fun was had by all!

I would like to thank all of those who helped make the evening a success, Carrabba's for the delicious food, John Roesch Jr. and his outstanding musicians for entertaining us so beautifully, and Haisch's Bakery for donating cookies. I also want to thank Nancy Hoffman, Suzanne Butrico, Kathy O'Keefe, Sharon Mandel and Dottie Howarth for the decorating and providing that jazz club atmosphere. Thanks to Andy Keraga for making sure the food arrived on time at the hall. A huge thank you to the very efficient servers, Gina Butrico, Tara O'Keefe, Cassie Hoffman, Brianne Howarth and Stephanie Troia, who did a phenomenal job at keeping the food moving all night and to those who helped with cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to Pam Hussey, Donna Rann, Jayne Mott, Diane Kuhn, Ted Roesch, Café Everest, Sherbans, Johnny Carinos, Red Lobster, Fairway Golf, Regal Cinema and Parimatex for donating or helping to get all the door prizes that were awarded. I would like to give a very special thank you to Irene and George at the Polish National Home for being so gracious from the moment we met back in January, for letting the band use the hall for all of their rehearsals and Irene for being so supportive all the way through to the night of our event! And last but not least, thank you to all who came to show

their support for the SPHS music program. Without your continued support this organization could not exist for the sake of the students. If I have missed anyone, I sincerely apologize, but please know that everyone's hard work was much appreciated.

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**To the Editor:**

My wife and I have been residents of South Plainfield for the past 47 years. Since the mayor has stated that he will not seek reelection this year, we have not seen too many citizens talking about Dan's contributions to the borough for the past sixteen years.

Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the mayor's great work for the past sixteen years. The economic and social expansion of the borough is directly related to Dan's management style and leadership qualities.

Now that Dan has decided to spend more quality time with his family and friends and enjoy full retirement versus semi-retirement, we would like to say "Dan, thanks again for a job well done."

**SINCERELY,  
MR. AND MRS. AJ DONATO**

**To the Editor:**

The members of Girl Scout Troop 314 held a successful food drive to benefit MCFOODS at the South Plainfield Pathmark in the Hadley Cen-

ter on Sunday, March 26.

In just five hours, seven girls collected over 450 pounds or six shopping carts full of non-perishable food to be used by local food pantries within Middlesex County to feed the hungry.

We would like to thank the patrons of Pathmark who so generously purchased items from our wish list to donate, and said kind words of praise and encouragement to the girls. In addition, the Pathmark management and staff were very helpful in getting the necessary approvals and allowed us to run the drive at their store.

Watching our community come together to help others that afternoon made me proud to be a resident of South Plainfield.

**SINCERELY,  
LISA HAHN-GOULD**

**To the Editor:**

We would just like to take a moment to thank Bobby Hunter and the South Plainfield Funeral Home for their heartfelt attentiveness to our family in our time of sorrow. They were very efficient and caring and were there to handle our every request at this most difficult time no questions asked. They did a wonderful job and we would like them to know that it was greatly appreciated.

Secondly, we would personally like to thank Kevin Murtagh for his display of respect for our father, a fellow officer. It was very touching to see the manner in which his funeral procession was coordinated by him and the other officers. It was very touching to see him saluted one last time, assuring our family that his service to this community did not go unnoticed.

Again, thank you all, it was very comforting for all of us.  
**THE SPISSO FAMILY**

**To the Editor:**

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203 recently completed the Sacred Heart Church Lenten Fish Dinners. This was the first

year the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus ran the dinners.

Over 1,700 dinners were sold with an average of 290 people ordering take-out dinners every week. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the South Plainfield Funeral Home and McCriscin Home For Funerals for their very generous donations. The Knights would also like to thank Peter from Sherbans Diner for donating desserts every week for the dinners. It is great to see our local business donate their time and money to other organizations in our great town.

The Knights would also like to thank all of the men and women who volunteered their time in helping set up, prepare, serve and clean up. Without their dedication the dinners would not have happened. I would especially like to thank Marie Dolinski, Ed Schmidt, Ed Koznowicz, John Weakley, Ann Nagy, Irene Donnelly, Mary Lizak, Mary McNeerney, John and Toni Mocharski, Dot Mercier, Ann and

Dominic Demico, Annabella Lanza, Mary Timko, Virginia Palmer, Sandy Ronasz, Nancy Stillman-Pender, Neil Towey, Eleanor Fessock and Grace Bertucci.

In addition, a big thank you goes out to all the children from Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Czestochowa churches CCD classes who came out to help with the dinners. They did a great job greeting the people who attended, serving dinners and clearing the tables. A special thank you to all of the Knights of Columbus members who came out to support our council in this endeavor. They truly pulled together to make each week a great success.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the residents of South Plainfield and other towns who came to the dinners during the six weeks. If it was not for your continued support these fish dinners would have stopped many years ago.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
JOE SCRUDATO, GRAND KNIGHT**

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1728

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

Ordinance #1728 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD" be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 21, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1728

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest and in furtherance of the policy of the Borough of South Plainfield that, in addition to insuring full compliance with the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Act, P.L. 2005 C.271 which authorizes a municipality to enact an Ordinance to limit political campaign contributions to Borough elected officials and candidates for Borough elective office by professional business entities who may benefit from a business relation with the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. No professional business entity that submits a bid or enters into negotiations for, or agrees to any agreement or contract with the Borough for professional services, banking or insurance coverage services or any other consulting services shall make a monetary or in-kind campaign contribution in excess of \$300.00 for a primary election and \$300.00 for a general election to a candidate for or the holder of a Borough elective office or the campaign committee or political action committee of a candidate for or the holder of a Borough elective office or County of Middlesex party committee supporting such candidate or holder of a Borough elective office between one year before the start of negotiations or submittal of the bid relative to such an agreement or contract, whichever is earlier, and the termination of negotiations or the completion of the agreement or contract, whichever is later. Any group of individuals forming a professional business entity under this section, including such principals, partners, officers, their spouse and any child, parent, or sibling living in the same home of the entity in the aggregate, may not annually contribute for any purpose in excess of \$2,500 to all Borough candidates and Borough office holders, and all Borough political parties and political action committees of all Borough candidates and Borough office holders combined.

Section 2. No individual or professional business entity doing business with the Borough, including banking and insurance coverage services or any other consulting services, or any principal, partner or member of any such entity, shall make a monetary or in-kind contribution in excess of \$300.00 for a primary election and \$300.00 for a general election to a candidate for or the holder of a Borough elective office or the campaign committee or political action committee of a candidate for or the holder of a Borough elective office or County of Middlesex party committee supporting such candidate or holder of a Borough elective office. Any group of individuals forming a professional business entity under this section, including such principals, partners, officers, their spouse and any child, parent, or sibling living in the same home of the entity in the aggregate, may not annually contribute for any purpose in excess of \$2,500 to all Borough candidates and office holders, and all Borough political parties and political action committees of all Borough candidates and Borough office holders combined.

Section 3. An individual or professional business entity may cure a violation of Sections 1 or 2 if no later than 30 days following the date of the primary election or general election next following the date on which the contribution is made, the individual or professional business seeks and receives reimbursement of the prohibited contribution.

Section 4. An individual or professional business entity found to knowingly fail to reveal or misrepresent a monetary or in-kind campaign contribution in excess of \$300.00 for a primary election or for a general election or a professional business entity in excess of \$2,500.00 for a primary election or for a general election, given to a candidate for or the holder of a Borough elective office or the campaign committee or political action committee of a candidate for or the holder of a Borough elective office or County of Middlesex party committee supporting such candidate or holder of a Borough elective office shall be considered to be in breach of the terms of any agreement or contract between that professional business entity and the Borough then in effect and shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 5 and any other penalties prescribed by law.

Section 5. An individual or professional business entity found to be in violation of Sections 1, 2, 3, or 4 will be disqualified from eligibility for future contracts, agreements or development applications with the Borough for a period of four (4) calendar years from the date of the determination of the violation by the Borough Council and in addition shall have any contract or agreement with the Borough then in effect terminated immediately.

Section 6. All monetary or in-kind contributions made by any individual or professional business entity as defined under this ordinance shall not be deemed a violation of this Ordinance if that contribution was made before the effective date of this Ordinance. Any individual or professional business entity as defined in Sections 1 or 2 shall provide a sworn statement to the governing body that a political contribution has not been made in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance and this shall be a continuing obligation during the duration of the contract or development application as appropriate.

Section 7. The Borough Clerk shall provide a candidate for elective office with a copy of this Ordinance at such time as such candidate requests a petition for said office.

Section 8. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 9. If any section, paragraph, subdivision or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

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# Junior Journalist Corner



## Joanna Marston Named "Junior Journalist"



Joanna Marston with her teacher, Ellen Decker-Lorys.

Joanna Marston, Roosevelt School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "The Sky," has earned her dinner for her family, courtesy of Home-

town Heros.

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 banquet on May 24.

### The Sky

By Joanna Marston

A light blue cloth sticks  
To the atmosphere  
It seems to be alive,  
When it cries, it rains  
When it screams, it thunders  
When it has an idea the light bulb goes off.  
His name is sky.

Entries for Junior Journalist Contest 2005/2006 will be accepted through April 28!

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From the South Plainfield Library  
**Bookmarks**

By Kenneth Morgan

I guess we can finally say that spring-time is here. The temperatures are warm, the flowers are blooming, and allergy medication is selling fast. And, once again, there's more news from the South Plainfield Library.

First, we will be holding our usual "Books-N-Babies" program, for children up to age three, this morning at 10:30. There's no need to preregister for this program. However, our various children's Storytime programs have been cancelled next week; they'll be back the following week. One exception: we will be holding a "Dino Bingo" program on Wednesday evening at 6:30; no preregistration is required. If you'd like more information, please call us and ask for Miss Linda or Jaime.

You can still sign up for the scrapbooking program on Monday evening at 7:00. Dayel Giammarino of "Creative Memories" will teach basic scrapbooking techniques, including cropping and mounting. There's no charge for this program, but space is limited, so you must sign up in advance. Participants are requested to bring along three photos for the program.

Here's some advance word on an upcoming program: we'll host another "Practical Crafting" class on Monday, May 8. Classes will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead students in a "t-shirt painting" workshop. All students are requested to bring one washed and ironed white t-shirt to the class. Due to limited space, participants must preregister; there is a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration.

Speaking of programs, we'd like to thank everyone who attended our recent slate of programs. We really appreciate your support. And, if you're interested in putting together a program of your own here at the library, feel free to give us a call. Be sure to ask for Millie-she'll give you further details.

Recently, a number of patrons have been bringing in donations of books and other items. While we appreciate your generosity, we do have a bit of a request: check with us before you bring them in. As we've noted many times in the past, we are very pressed for space in our present building. (With any luck, the new building will provide more space...we hope.) Thus, we only have so much room to accommodate all that stuff, either for our own collection or for the Friends of the Library book sale. So, if you're planning on giving us several boxes worth of items, give us some advance notice, so we can clear a spot for them. Also, be advised that we don't accept books in poor or marginal condition; make sure they're in good shape before you bring them in. Any questions? Don't hesitate to ask.

One other Friends note: as a fundraiser for our new library (yes, the project is still a "go"), the Friends are selling Gertrude Hawk candy bars. Crispy, dark chocolate and milk chocolate are available; bars go for \$1 each. Get 'em while supplies last. (For the record, South Plainfield Free Public Library denies any responsibility for any trouble you might get into with your dietician or dentist due to your sweet tooth.)

Finally, a computer-related note: at times, patrons have used our com-

puters for "e-commerce" (that's business transactions over the 'Net). Such activities are not restricted by our internet policy. However, we advise you to use great care if you decide to do this here. While our internet computers are equipped with security software, they are still publicly-used computers, located in an open area of the library. We cannot guarantee the absolute security of your transactions, be it from hackers or simply the prying eyes of passers-by. If you go ahead with such activity, you do so at your own risk.

That's all for now. For more details, call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit us at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). See you next week.

## Juniorettes Dress to Benefit Women

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shows. This was the first fashion show for the current club members.

According to their website, [fistula-foundation.org](http://fistula-foundation.org),

"More than two million women live with fistula. It was eradicated in western countries at the end of the 19th century when cesar-

ean sections became widely available. Obstetric fistula continues to plague women throughout the developing world. It is estimated that there are 100,000 new fistula cases each year, but the international capacity to treat fistula remains at only 6,500 per year."

Some of the many other Juniorettes' projects include Project Shoe-Box, which is organized by the Samaritan's Purse. The girls prepared and mailed 12 shoe boxes filled with crayons, toys, hair accessories and hygiene products to third world countries. They also collected CDs from SPHS and donated the 20 CDs to the new mothers ward of a local hospital. They have also sponsored several concerts at the PAL with proceeds going to various organizations. Advisors for the club are Kathleen Raiti and Kathy Winner.

## Holocaust Survivor

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this family in England for eight years and later found out that her entire family had been killed during the tragedy. With the help of an uncle, Nussenbaum was able to come to the U.S. in 1947 and met and married her husband Seymour two years later.

In a question and answer period with students, Nussenbaum stressed that it is important for her to speak to young people about the Holocaust because the world really isn't that much better than it was at that time. Keep-

ing the memory of this event alive will continue to remind people of how important human lives are and how quickly they can be taken away by just one dictator. Nussenbaum looked intensely at the audience and said, "I hope that one person can make a difference in stopping injustices."

Schocklin, along with other teachers and students, were able to speak personally to the Nussenbaums after the program. Schocklin said, "This was the most exciting part because we really got to know her."



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### Nobody's Perfect...

On page 5 of the April 7 issue of the *Observer*, the caption for "It's Elementary for SPHS Seniors to Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday," incorrectly identified Franklin School second grader Danielle Bowliiss. We regret the error.