Knights of Columbus to host annual "All American Day" on June 17.

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Results of the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) tests are in and they are the highest in the district's history, with 94.5 percent of students achieving proficient/advanced proficient in Language Arts and 86.9% proficient/advanced proficient in math.

Students in their junior year must

take the state HSPA test and pass it in order to receive their high school diploma

This year seven students still have to pass the HSPA in language arts and 19 in math

"In the history since I've been here, not a single student has been denied a high school diploma because they couldn't pass the HSPA on the first test or go through the Student

Review Assessment the SRA," said Principal Dr. Ken May. "The students who didn't receive proficiency will have to retake the test and go through the SRA-an alternate assessment of their ability to demonstrate their knowledge of the tested materials. Students have been denied a diploma. but not because of the HSPA or SRA process," Dr. May added.
"The class of 2007-this year's

juniors-showed a 52 percent improvement in mathematics and a 22 percent improvement in language arts from their scores on the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment test (GEPA) they took in middle school when the class of 2007 received only 48 percent achieved proficiency in math and 78 percent in language arts. This represents a huge gain for us," said Dr. May.

For three years, from 2001 through 2003, the results in math in the Middle School GEPA tests failed to meet the state standard of 75%

Both Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Rosado, and Curriculum Director Kaye Crown say that the increase in the test scores, especially in math, was not due to just one thing. "There was no silver bullet," said Rosado, who praised the teachers for their efforts.

Dr. May described what the high school has done to prepare students for the HSPA. In the high school, placement of students in academic classes is based on standardized

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Pair Arrested for Forgery,

Two men were arrested on May 23 at the Pathmark in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge after an alert cashier identified them as the same men who wrote bad checks at the Pathmark in South Plainfield.

After passing bad checks for gift cards worth \$231, \$469 and \$649 at the Pathmark in South Plainfield, police were notified and an internal memo was sent out. The cashier at the Woodbridge store alerted store staff, who called Woodbridge police.

David Switalski, 45 and Frank

Chartier, 37, had been living at the

Stephenville Parkway, Edison home of 75-year-old Mary Lanyan, along with Lanyans' son, Jeffrey, 44 and daughter Kathleen Rittweger, 53. On May 17 the home caught fire, apparently started accidentally by a cigarette in Chartier's room. Rittweger died in the fire and Jeffrey was transported to St. Barnabas Medical Center's burn unit. Mary was transported to JFK Medical Center in Edison, where she has been recovering from her injuries.

The two men who escaped the blaze agreed to bring Lanyan's pocketbook to the hospital. However, they took

her checkbook and driver's license from her purse, forged checks and bought American Express gift cards at Pathmark stores in South Plainfield and Woodbridge.

Both men are charged with conspiracy, writing bad checks, theft by deception, criminal attempt, forgery and credit card theft.

Switalski is unemployed and Chartier said he is unable to work because of a disability. They are both being held at Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick in lieu of

ourth Grader Wins Essay Contest

By Jane Dornick

Franklin School student Julia Zipp was the recent winner of the third annual "What My State Means to Me" essay contest sponsored by Senator Barbara Buono of the 18th Legislative District. The contest is open to all fourth grade students within Buono's district, which includes East Brunswick

Edison, Helmetta, Metuchen, South Plainfield, South River and Edison

Students submit an essay of 300 words or less with each town electing a panel of judges. The essays are given to the judges without the names of the authors. The judges for this year's contest were Assistant Superintendent Anthony Massaro, Staff Developer Mary Ellen Martko,

Grant School Principal Leo Whalen and Director of Curriculum Kaye

On June 6 Senator Buono paid a visit to Franklin School where she gave Julia a citation for her winning essay and a gift certificate to Simon Malls. Buono also spent time with the fourth grade classes, answering their questions about her job and other issues in the news



A Riley School mother gets all tied up during the school's Mother/Son Sporting Event. See page 11 for story and photos.

Butrico Proposes Solutions To Truck Traffic Problems

Councilman Charlie Butrico, who is also running for mayor, has announced plans he says will help solve some of the truck traffic problems around South Plainfield. More than 120 residents came to the Italian American Club on June 1 to hear Butrico discuss his plan.

"I am the type of person who is proactive, looks for solutions and has a vision to problems, rather than one who just complains about the way things are," explained Butrico at the start of the meeting.

According to Butrico, more than 3,164 trucks use South Plainfield roads everyday. He added that 23% of all accidents on Hamilton Blvd. and 53% on Belmont Ave. involve trucks.

Butrico's plan calls for the creation of a permanent truck route in South Plainfield, which will take trucks

away from most residential areas, reduce congestion, noise and delays. He is proposing that truck traffic be removed from Hamilton Blvd and Belmont Ave. permanently. During the extensive construction along Hamilton Blvd., trucks have been detoured along a route which takes them along South Clinton and New Market avenues. Butrico plans to make this permanent.

One of the major innovations to Butrico's plan is a road which will go through the Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Site and connect to Spicer Ave. Demolition of several buildings at the intersection of New Market Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. is planned, which would make way for extending New Market Rd. through the site. This upgrade will take place in two phases; a temporary road will immediately be

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"What My State Means to Me" essay contest winner Julia Zipp is pictured with her dad, Joe; mom, Genevieve; grandmother, Marie Pinto and Senator Barbara Buono.

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Agenda Meeting Date

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planningboard

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

June 27, July 18*, Aug. 15*, Aug. 29*

Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

zoningboard

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boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.-July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28. Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March and April 4.

taxpayersadvisorygi

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

siteplansub-comm

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

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

recreationcomm

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 (No meetings July and Aug.) Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 No scheduled meetings, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621 July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 , Dec. 13 and Jan. 10.

businessad

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

trafficsafety

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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To the Editor

The South Plainfield Board of Education is in the process of looking for and hiring a new person to be the head of Special Services. This process should not be taken lightly. In the oast, as was reported in Dr. Kathleen Rotter's report from December of 2005, she found many problems with our Special Services Department that needed to be corrected. I was told by Dr. Rotter that it will take time, so I. like many other parents, are hoping the outcome will be positive and cor-rections are made. The board needs to really look for someone that will not further complicate our past problems or add to them. I hope the superintendent and the members of the Board of Education are taking this hiring seriously. They need to find someone that is an advocate not only for the children, but for their parents, and our teachers. Realistically speaking, the parents and the teachers spend the most time with these Special Ed children. Their opinions, concerns, and worries should be given the highest regard. We need someone who will listen to everyone involved, including observing the child in question before making any decisions, and someone who is kind, considerate, approachable and willing to help children with IEPs and their families. That would be a win-win situation for everyone.

As a parent, I know I'm tired of hearing "no, this can't be done," or "we can't accommodate you, you'll have to find help on the outside," or "we don't agree with any of these re-ports from the doctors." We need someone who is open minded and not afraid to do the right thing. Some one who will try as hard as it might be for them, to put themselves in the positions that our children and their families are in. I think the parents of Special Ed children and the teachers should have some input on who is hired. Maybe after some candidates are found, the parents, teachers and maybe even the case managers if they want to, along with the board members can sit down with the candidates and ask them questions. This may sound unethical, but we are talking about our children and their future and they deserve to have the best, not the cheapest director

GWENN KURILEW

Dear Editor

I want to publicly thank the SPHS Athletic Booster Club members, parents, Mr. Buggey, Dr. May and our coach volunteers who helped during the track meets.

A special thank you to Bob Boyle from Roma Foods for donating the pizza truck for the day, Kevin Hughes, and Lou Colliccio at the PAL for allowing the Booster Club to utilize your storage area, Mr. English for securing the container for storage and Mike Zushma and the CERT volunteers for all their assistance during our track meets. I would also like to thank the South Plainfield Police Department and Sodexho staff for their cooperation and assistance.

Congratulations to all our student who participated in the track meets. Even with the rain, the events were a success and it could not have had the exceptional outcome without all our volunteers!

THANK YOU, **TERI PILEGGI**

To the South Plainfield Board of **Education Members**

We've been South Plainfield residents most of our lives. We have raised our family here, made lifelong friends and believe it is a great place to live. Our two sons graduated from the high

Our two sons graduated from the light school and our daughter will be go-ing into eighth grade in September. One of the assets that South Plainfield has is the youth sports pro-gram. Having been involved in Pop

Warner Football and the recreation program has been a very rewarding experience. To watch our young people compete in the arena of sports at such a tender age is something that is special. To see these students athletes mature, to become well rounded adults and productive citizens is ful-

Admittedly, we do not attend many board of education meetings. If something is not broken, don't fix it, as the saying goes. With all due respect ladies and gentlemen, something is broken.
As reported, you voted 6-3 to

eliminate the middle school sports program because of a budget short-fall. No other co-curricular activities in the district were affected. Not enough money for the middle school sports, but enough for all others seems

Several years ago a colleague of yours sounded the warning bell of a looming financial problem. The numbers don't add up, was the way I think she explained it. She insisted on documents to support the numbers. To my knowledge she never got them. Maybe it was the whole old mathnew math thing. But, it seems that she was using the right math. After months of frustration, vilification and harassment she reluctantly resigned from the board. What a bitter sweet feeling of vindication she must feel. Maybe next time we should listen bet-

It seems that the refrain of "what's best for the kids" rings rather hollow. As a matter of fact, we have not heard that only lately, but we feel we will hear it again in the coming months. Today, as we see reports of alarming increases in gang activity, flat scores, obese children spending too much time on computer games and television, we cut after school sports for 13 and 14 year olds. Surely the self esteem proponents should have a raised voice or two. In this age of social promotions and focus on the negative effects of low self esteem, have we considered how our student athletes will feel when they compete against teams that didn't eliminate seventh and eight grade sports? What about the self esteem of our high school debat-ing team if they eliminated the seventh and eighth grade teams?

Now, to be sure, academics are first and foremost. But co-curricular activities, particularly sports, have been proven to increase interest in academcs and result in better grades, better SAT's and a more balanced individual. How many student athletes will let their grades slip, become a disciplinary problem or a statistic due to this action? A student's co-curricular involvement may be the deciding factor on what college accepts them. In many cases it allows students to go to a school to which they would other-wise not be accepted. We have experienced this first hand.

According to the athletic department, 348 student athletes participated in after school sports at the middle school this year. Some played multiple sports. So, let's say 250 stu-dent athletes have been cut in a total student enrollment of about 650. Even using the old math this is a huge number of kids. Who bangs the drum for them? Their parents better start or else the next time the bell tolls it may be for their kids.

We would like to commend the three members who understand the big picture here. To the other six who voted to eliminate the program, we appreciate your service to our com-munity, but ask you to reconsider. Again, I am no accountant, but I cannot believe that you can't find \$100,000 in a \$50,000,000 budget

If this vote is to stand, we should seriously consider instituting a pay to participate program for all district ex-tra curricular activities. Calculate how much you need to cover your short-fall and charge each student athlete and student participating in other extra curricular programs to offset the expense. Anyone that cannot afford the participation fee should be allowed to apply for a waiver like the lunch program. This money should only be utilized to offset these costs and not subject to use in the surplus monies account. We think the money is well

Whatever the board decides, I hope you act swiftly. The future of Ameri is counting on all of us to make the right decision. The parents are watch-

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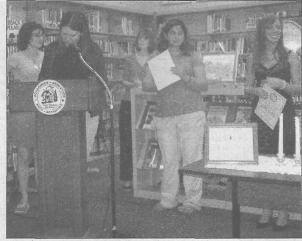
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National Art Honor Society Chapter President Eileen Cameron and Vice President Nicole Aiello speak at the induction ceremonies

High School Students are Honored in Art, Languages

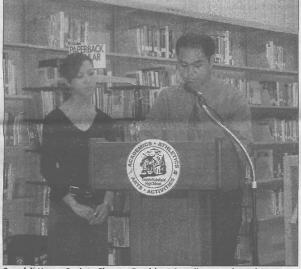
By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield High School held its annual induction of students into the National Art Honor Society, the French Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society on June 6.

Each of these groups are nationally recognized organizations that honor the most academically enriched in the

Bosse, Amit Chandler, Kim Galinski, Samantha Granski, Carrie Moore, Leslie Quichua, Trevor Rastelli and Kate Reichert.

Finally, the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica installed their share of new members. Chapter President Angelique Rualo and Secretary John Carigma discussed the history and criteria of the society and led the induct-



Spanish Honor Society Chapter President Angelique Rualo and Secretary John Carigma at induction ceremonies.

field of art and world languages. The high school has consistently produced members of these prestigious organizations for years, and last week saw another crop of students earning the coveted honors

Art teacher Denise Timinski presented the inductees into the National Art Honor Society along with chapter President Eileen Cameron and Vice President Nicole Aiello. The inductees showed the audience a sample of their work and talked about the style and expression of the work they chose. In addition, Eileen Cameron earned a special award for Outstanding Achievement in Art.

This year's inductees into the National Art Honor Society are senior Hameda Ahmed and juniors Cathryn Avery, Ying Chen, Kristina Cursi, Kristen Ciandella, Sara Holbrook and C.J. Stubbs.

Next, the Société Honoraire de Français honored their share of induct-ees. Chapter President Gaelle Amazan and Secretary Alex Nau presented certificates to the inductees, who then participated in a candle-lighting ritual as they recited the oath of the society. Afterward, seniors Amazan and Nau were honored along with fellow seiors Cassandra Krajcik and Amanda Veinott for their participation in the study of the French language throughout all four years at SPHS.

The inductees into the French

Honor Society are Tina Bijlani, Julie

ees in the reading of the poem Cultiva sa blanca by the Cuban poet José Marti.

This year's new members of the Spanish Honor Society are Nicholas Baldassare, Scott Barton, Kristin Billich, Erica Bowden, Nicole Brooks, Kiran Budhan, Melissa Budhan, Zakiya Clark, Jonathan Cursi, Christopher DeOliviera, Sandva Dowlat, Channel Dues, Christopher Duquette, Lauren Frazzano, Ashleigh Gaspari, Sydney Gentile, Matthew Gigantino, Jessica Gray, Zachary Gray, Katherine Gorman, Katie Hardy, Asia Hollis, Daniel Hubner, Lalchan Jainarine, Guari Joshi, Wael Kanj, Christine Lanza, Pem Lasota, Phuong Le, Erica Linick, Ashley Little, Andrea Lozarito, Jonathan Marcoux, Nicole Miglis, Rachel Milliron, Robert Moreira, Diana Naser, Christina Nieves, Lauren O'Day, Jaime Okoszko, Jennifer Okuszki, Nicholas Pasquale, Aarti Patel, Christopher Pennisi, Stephanie Penny, Ashley Peterson, Shamiko Reid, Esteban Rodriguez, Gina Severini, Anthony Simone, Alison Smith, Samantha Smith, Christopher Stallone, Michael Stallone, Stephanie Szeliga, Amanda Thorn, Geraldine Valladares, Tim Williams and Julia Zappi.

Congratulations are due to all the

hard-working students and faculty at SPHS who helped these students ascend to such a high level of academic

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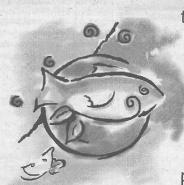
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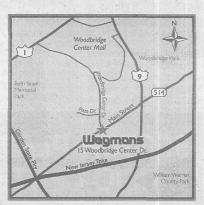
June 23-25 Head to the Shore!

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Around Town

American Legion Installation of Officers

The American Legion, located on Oak Tree Ave., will hold their installa-tion of officers ceremonies on Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. A buffet will follow. All are welcome.

Knights Annual Italian Dinner

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Italian Dinner on Friday, June 16 at the Knights Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 4-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$4 for children under 12. Dinner includes pasta, sausage and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, coffee/ tea. All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus local charities fund

For more details please contact Bill Butrico at (908) 561-8128.

National Honor Society Car Wash

June 17

The National Honor Society will hold a car wash on Saturday, June 17 (rain date: June 18) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the middle school parking lot. \$7 vans/SUVs, \$5 cars. *\$5 vans/SUVs and *\$3 cars (*senior class of 2006 discount.)

County Photo IDs

June 16

County photo IDs will be issued at the Senior Center on Friday, June 16 from 1-3 p.m. The discounted cost for seniors will be only \$6 (a savings of \$10 off the regular cost). Advance registration is required so please stop by the senior center to pre-register.

Knights Annual "All American Day"

Tune 17

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will host their annual "All American Day" on Saturday, June 17 from 1-5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. They will be honoring the flag and the United States of America. Events include raising the colors and disposal of unusuable American flags. Hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and deswill be served free of charge.

Historical Society/Elks Father's Day Breakfast

June 18

The South Plainfield Historical Society is sponsoring a Father's Day all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, June 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at

South Plainfield

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

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

What's happening in

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
UPCOMING EVENTS	Overnight trip to Baltimore w/Dinner Theatre					
Knitting/Crocheting 19:30-11:30am 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 20 Ladies Social Group 10 am Lunch Available	Exercise 8:45am 21 Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Line Dancing 10am Tai Chi Class 2 p.m.	Shop Pathmark 9am22 Practical Crafts 10am 22 Computer Class 11 am & 1 pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 23 Lunch Available		

New Market Ave.

The menu includes: bacon, sausage, home fries, plain and cinnamon raisin french toast, pancakes and eggs, pork roll, a fruit cup and omelettes. Adults \$6, children ages five to 10, \$4 and children under four are free

Classic Car Show at Sherban's Diner

June 19

A Classic and Custom Car Show will be held on Monday, June 19 from 6-9 p.m. (and every Monday) at Sherban's Diner located on Front St. Proceeds benefit the Ronald Mc-Donald House. DJ, trophies, prizes and food discount to participants.

For more information call Ron at (908) 482-0008.

Relationship Seminar at Brush Stop

June 19

Relationship expert Diana Manz will host a seminar, "The Secrets to Success in Romance," at The Brush Stop, located on South Plainfield Ave. on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. A makeup class, free t-shirts and prod-uct information are all included. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$50 at the door. Searing is limited.

For more information call The Brush Stop at (908) 753-6969.

101.5 FM DJ's Softball Game

The Central Jersey Technical Rescue Team, along with DJ's and members of 101.5 FM radio station will be playing a softball game on Thursday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans'

Field in South Plainfield, Carton & Rossi "The Jersey Guys," Ray the Prize Guy, C-Dog, Radio Cancer and other members of 101.5 FM will be there.

Rescue Team demonstrations will start at 6 p.m. and will include the K-9 team, functions of a search and rescue, mapping, compass work, etc.

For information call Richard D. Oros at (908) 685-1495 or Sue Kessen at (908) 962-7000.

Feast of the Sacred **Heart Celebration**

Celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 23. A concelebrated Mass will be offered at 7 p.m. Following the liturgy, the Sacred Heart Adult Choir will present a spe-cial concert featuring music of American composers and/or American hymn tunes. Following the concert there will be a reception in the school cafeteria. All are welcome

AC Taj Mahal Trip July 5

The South Plainfield Senior Cen ter is planning a trip to the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Wednesday, July 5. Bus departs the center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. Stop by the Center to make your reservations. Open to all.

"Billy and Rose Falcon" in Concert

July 8

On Saturday July 8 at 7 p.m. the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will be hosting their second annual live acoustic concert with pop recording arrists Billy and Rose Fal-con. Limited tickets available by advance sales only. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charity fund. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15

under 18. Price includes the concert and the "after show" party. Refreshments are included. Doors open at 6 p.m, concert starts at 7 p.m. For tickets call Brian Cargill (908) 755-9717.

Recreation Trip to Disneys' "Tarzan"

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see the new Disney musical "Tarzan" on Sunday, July 23. Bus leaves the PAL at 11 a.m. and arrives back at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$85/person. Only 43 tickets available. Purchase tickets at the PAL.

— Out of Town —

Indoor Yard Sale

Iune 16-17

Resurrection of Christ Church, 649 Bound Brook Rd. in Dunellen will hold an indoor yard sale on Friday, June 16 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat-urday, June 17 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. New items arriving daily, reasonable prices, well organized, all clean items. Doll collection, jewelry, household, toys, TV-DVD player, bicycle, collectables, gently used clothing and cake sale.

For information call (732) 873-1731 or (732) 968-1369.

Stockton College Alumni Picnic

June 17

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will present its annual Alumni Association Picnic on Saturday, June 17 from 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Stockton College Lakeside Center, Pomona campus.

Cost is \$10 for ages 13 through adult, children 12 and under are free. To purchase tickets call Annette Thorpe at (609) 652-4469 or online at

Paper Mill Playhouse Gala Benefit

Iune 19

Paper Mill Playhouse will present a special one-night only Gala Benefit on Monday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. Benefit package includes on-stage seating, pre-show garden party and a postshow dessert reception with the artists. Packages are available from \$175 to \$500. Call Felicia Lipchik Gell at (973) 379-3636, ext. 2547 to purchase a package.

Performance only tickets are \$75

to \$150 and can be purchased by calling the box office at (973) 376-4343 or online at www.papermill.org

Playwriting Workshop June 21

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo) will offer a Playwriting Workshop at North Brunswick High School on Wednesday, June 21 from 7-9 p.m. Writers over age 16 are invited to attend free of charge. Registration required by calling (732) 745-3885, 745-3913.

Planning an event?

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St. Thomas More Society Dinner

Tune 22

The Diocese of Metuchen St. Thomas More Society will host their first dinner at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch on Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m. Dr. Gerard Wegemer, founding director of the Center for Thomas More Studies at the University of Dallas will be the event's guest speaker.

Tickets are \$50. For reservations

and information, call (732) 562-2461 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

Starlight Socials 21-35

Starlight Socials for Professionals is hosting a dinner for singles 21-35 on Saturday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at Applebees, 640 Promenade Blvd. in Bridgewater. Cost is \$3, plus cost of dinner, tax and tips. RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Polka Spree By The Sea

Bus trip to Polka Spree by the Sea on Saturday, June 24, New Convention Hall in Wildwood. Bus leaves from Sayreville at 9:45 a.m. and Manville at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy polka music, walk the boardwalk or ride the rides! Call Fran at (908) 722-9025 for information and/or reservations.

D.A.R.E. New Jersey Golf Open

The 15th Annual D.A.R.E. New Jersey Golf Open will be held on Monday, June 26 at Roxiticus Golf Club in Mendham.

Registration and luncheon buffet begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun blast starting at 1 p.m., dinner and awards reception follows at 6 p.m. The winning team will be presented with the Jeffrey M. Creamer Memorial Award presented annually in memory of Jeffrey who was an innocent victim who lost his life at the hands of a drug abuser. The Creamer family has been instrumental in helping fight the war on drugs and violence in New Jersey.

For reservations, contact Mindy Lazar, D.A.R.E. NJ at 1 (800) DARENJI.

Adoption Support (CHATS) Meeting

Adoption Support CHATS will meet from 7:15-9:15 p.m. on Monday, June 26 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. For more information, check our website at www.chatsnj.com or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607.



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Civil War Studies Come Alive through Grant

By Patricia Abbott

Middle School teacher Barbara Pinelli-McDonough works hard to ensure that her students will remember what they are taught by constantly seeking new ways to make the lessons more memorable. Her class's recent studies of the Civil War were greatly enhanced by a grant she received from the Board of Education.

The grant entitled, "Grasping the Civil War: Why the Blue and Gray Was Not Black and White?" supplied materials guaranteed to capture student's attention. Civil War facts, dates, locations and more were brought to life. The class watched a video and listened to Civil War music with narratives explaining the songs. In addition there was a CD of rap songs about the Civil War that made learning fun. Working in groups students created and performed their own rap songs. One song began with, "Way back, way back, way



A Middle School student samples a recipe Civil War soldiers prepared.



Barbara Pinelli-McDonough's history students gets a "hands on" Civil War lesson.

back when, I heard shots being fired around the bend, I turned around and there I found, a Yankee lying dead on the ground." The opening line, "Way back...," is often how Pinelli-McDonough begins her history lesson. Another verse from the same song was more poignant. "No tongue can tell, no mind can see, no pen can portray the horrors I see," said Robert E. Lee. The fun continued with Civil War Bingo and other games.

The grant included a Civil War cookbook. The students selected at least one recipe to make and share with the class. The original recipes had vague directions that included "handful" or "a pinch." The book updated these simplistic meals with modern measurements. The youths made buttermilk pancakes, appleade, beaten biscuits, donuts, fried potatoes, hardtack, hot chocolate and sponge cake. This was one of the favorite activities.

Student Victoria Esposito said, "I think that this class project was fun even though some of the food didn't come out as good as we thought. If I had to do it again, I would!" Elizabeth Balon said, "I think that the idea of taking simple recipes, cooking them and incorporating as a school grade was an excellent idea for us to know exactly how the people ate during the Civil War. Ms. McDonough makes learning about the Civil War very fun."

Pinelli-McDonough has received six grants over the past 10 years totaling about \$5,000. She currently has five eighth grade history classes with about 120 students. The unique Civil War lessons were a big hit with her students. She said, "I think that they learned in a more hands-on manner, but the same material was covered by all eighth grade teachers in accordance with NJ State standards."

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Notes from The Senior Center

By Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

Organizing Your Finances After the Death of a Spouse

Losing a spouse is a stressful transition. And the added pressure of having to settle the estate and organize finances can be overwhelming, especially if your spouse handled the family's financial matters. Even if you've always handled your family's finances, you may be overwhelmed by the number of financial matters you have to settle in the weeks or months following your spouse's death. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to make dealing with these matters less difficult. While organizing your finances won't ease the pain of losing a loved one, it's an important step in rebuilding your life. Here are some guidelines from the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) which you should consider.

Getting expert advice when you need it is essential. An attorney can help you go over your spouse's will and start estate settlement procedures. Your funeral director can also be an excellent source of information and may help you obtain copies of the death certificate and applications for Social Security and veterans benefits. Your life insurance agent can assist you with the claims process, or you can contact the company's policyholder service department directly. You may also wish to consult with a financial professional, accountant, or tax advisor to help you organize your finances.

First of all, locate your important documents and update your financial records. It is important to understand that before you can file a life insur-

Correction

Last week's Senior Men's Forum article should have read, "The salaries of teachers represents 72% of the budget for '06-'07." We apologize for the error. ance claim, update your financial accounts or settle your spouse's estate, you'll need to locate several important financial documents. For starters, you'll need your spouse's will; birth certificate for your spouse and any dependent children; your marriage certificate; copies of the death certificate, bank, investment and retirement records and discharge papers if your spouse was in the military.

Don't rush or be pressured into paying off the mortgage, selling the house, revamping your investment portfolio or withdrawing from retirement plans. Postpone major decisions until you have developed a long-term financial plan. In the interim, beware of con artists who prey on the bereaved.

Next, create a budget. Often, the loss of a spouse means less household income. If your spouse worked, his or her paycheck will stop. If he or she was retired, the pension income you receive may be reduced or eliminated. And if you both collected Social Security, you'll be receiving only one check, although it will be for the higher benefit amount.

Determine how much money you need in order to meet routine living expenses and how much you have available each month. If you don't think you'll be able to cover your expenses, you'll need to put in place a cost-cutting strategy and look for additional sources of income.

Next, review your benefit options. As a surviving spouse, you may be entitled to government or employment benefits. Start by contacting the Social Security Administration to check on your eligibility for survivor benefits. If your spouse was employed at the time of death, call his or her former employer to ask about survivor benefits and to find out whether your spouse is due payment for unpaid salary, unused vacation or sick time. In the event your spouse was

already retired and receiving a pension, find out whether you will continue to receive a pension payment and in what amount.

Under the federal COBRA law, you and any dependent children may be entitled to medical coverage for up to 36 months under your spouse's employer health insurance plan. You'll be responsible for paying the premiums, but the group rate is likely to be lower than buying a plan on your own. A work-related death may entitle the surviving spouse to workers' compensation benefits as well. The surviving spouse and children of veterans may be able to claim benefits from the Armed Services.

Another important matter is deciding how you will handle life insurance proceeds. When you file claims for life insurance, typically you will be asked to choose between one lumpsum payment or fixed payments over a period of time. The best option for you depends on your circumstances. It's a good idea to evaluate your existing insurance coverage, particularly life insurance. You may not need the same coverage if you do not have dependents. For policies you decide to maintain, update your beneficiaries if necessary.

necessary.

Here is a quick checklist of important papers you should have together and stored in a secure place. We suggest that you slip plastic covers over the papers, and store them in a fire-and water-proof strong box. Documents include: birth certificates and adoption papers, Social Security cards and earnings reports, health records, recent bank statement and pertinent account records, marriage certificates and/or divorce decrees, titles, deeds and registrations for property, including vehicles, mortgage and other loan information, insurance policies, investments records, credit card statements and photo IDs, such as drivers licenses and passports.



southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Matthew Bizup

Matthew Bizup Graduates from Villanova

Matthew Bizup graduated from Villanova University College of Commerce and Finance on May 21 with dual degrees in Finance and Accountancy. He accepted a position as an Operations Analyst at Barclay's Capi-

tal in Whippany.

Matthew graduated from South
Plainfield High School in 2002. He is the son of Wayne and Jean Bizup.

Bucknell Announces Spring Semester Dean's List

Bucknell University has released the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition.

The students from South Plainfield who met this standard are: Jeffrey N. McKnight, son of Gary and Gerilyn McKnight and a 2002 graduate of South Plainfield High School, and Lauren J. Reed, daughter of Andrew and Lynn Reed and a 2002 graduate of Mount Saint Mary Academy,

Tim Morgan Graduates Summa Cum Laude From St. Thomas Aquinas

Tim Morgan Jr., son of Tim and Ann Morgan, graduated summa cum laude, the highest honor possible, from St. Thomas Aquinas College, a small liberal arts school located in Sparkill, NY. Morgan graduated with a 3.93 GPA with a dual major in English and Philosophy and Religious Studies. He made the Dean's List every semester and was inducted into three national honor societies-Alpha Chi, Chi Alpha Sigma and Sigma Tau Delta.

St. Thomas has a student body of roughly 2,400 and a campus of 48 acres. It was founded in 1952 by the Domincan Sisters of Sparkill and has



Tim Morgan

grown tremendously from its initial graduating class of 30 students as teacher education college to over 400 students this year. It currently has three masters programs, 31 undergraduate majors, two associate degrees and a dual degree in engineering and physi-

Morgan excelled as the top runner for the college's cross country and track team. He was awarded First Team honors for cross country in the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYCAC) all four years, was chosen as the NYCAC Runner of the Week a total of five times, and was the 2004 NYCAC Runner of the Year for winning the NYCAC Championship race, as well as the 2005 NYCAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Perhaps even more impressive, he garnered eight MVP awards from St. Thomas, one for every season he competed, and established several school records for the distance events. The NCAA recently awarded him a postgraduate scholarship for his academic and athletic achievements; he was one of only 29 males across the country to be selected.

In addition to running, Morgan served as copy editor for *The Thoma*, the college's student newspaper, his junior and senior years. He was also the sports editor his sophomore year and a staff reporter all four years of his college career.

He was an active member of the college's volunteer organization, the Spartan Volunteers, for all four years as well. He served on the United Nations sub-committee, participated in midnight runs to feed and clothe the homeless, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and assisted with the organization of four benefit dinners for disabled children. He was also a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

Morgan will be attending Seton Hall University in the fall to pursu his Master's degree in Diplomacy and International Relations.



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a Communion breakfast on June 11 at their hall, Grand Knight Joseph Scrudato presented their annual \$500 high school and college scholarships. Lauren Boniakowski, granddaughter of member Jim Whalen, won the Catholic High School Scholarship. Lauren will be attending Immaculata Catholic High School in the fall. Christopher Weakley, a senior at South Plainfield High School and son of John and Holly Weakley, won the college scholarship award. Christopher will be attending the College of New Jersey in the fall.

Peloquin Named to Dean's High Honors List at Marietta College

Marietta College graduating senior Matthew J. Peloquin, the son of Linda and Thomas Peloquin of South Plainfield, has been named to the Dean's High Honors List for the

Spring 2006 semester.

Any full-time Marietta College student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in a given semester is recog-nized as a Dean's High Honors List

Peloquin, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, completed re-quirements for the Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering degree during the spring semester, graduating summa cum laude with the Marietta College class of 2006.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the

confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a fouryear liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy begun in 1797, the College was officially char-tered in 1835. Today, Marietta Col-lege serves a body of 1,300 full-time students. The college offers more than 40 majors and has been listed among Barron's Best Buys in College Education and Peterson's Competitive Col-leges and has been recognized as one of the top regional comprehensive colleges by U.S. News and World Report and The Princeton Review.

New Addition to Tri-County Chapter Board

The American Red Cross, Plainfield, has announced that Stephen Whalen of Watchung is the newest member of the Tri-County Chapter's Executive Board.

Whalen, director of business operations for AGL Resources, Inc., parent company of Elizabethtown Gas, is a graduate of Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah Ga. He received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. He has been committed to community service for a number of years, working with Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, Hands on Atlanta, AIDs Walk Atlanta, Atlanta Union Mission and Relay for Life, as well as prior experience with the American Red Cross.

"It is with great pleasure that we bring Stephen Whalen into the fold," said Chapter Chair Sheldon Goldberg. "I am sure that his extensive experience in community service will be a major asset to the Board and the organization."

Whalen has also served as a board member of Gilda's Club Greater Atlanta, a non-profit social and emotional community for individuals living with cancer.

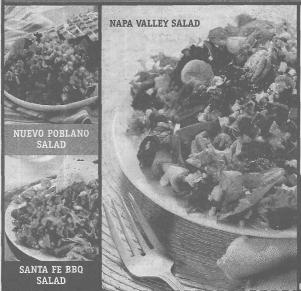


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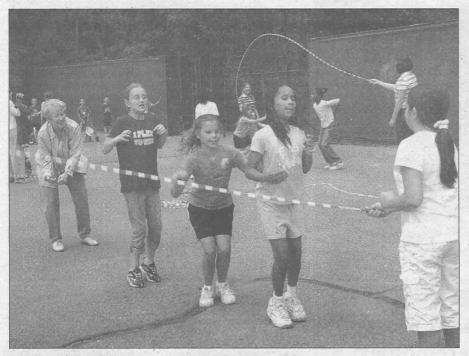
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Franklin students teamed up to raise \$6,500 for the American Heart Association.

Franklin Students Raise \$6,500 Jumping Rope

By Patricia Abbott

Franklin School's annual Jump Rope for Heart is fun, healthy, educational and, best of all, the event allows the children to help others.

Before the event took place, stu-dents learned about their hearts and how to live a more healthy life. At home the students spent several days soliciting pledges from friends and

The hour long event, held in the Franklin School parking lot, was run by gym teacher William Pavlak. Thirty-five teams of four children each took turns jumping in one minute intervals. During their brief breaks they enjoyed fruit and water supplied by the PTA.

Approximately 135 children and 25 teachers and support staff raised \$6,500 this year. The school has been participating in the program since 1994 and has raised over \$80,000 for the American Heart Association (AHA). The funds support the AHA's heart and blood vessel research, public education and community programs. Mrs. Kensey's third grade had the highest classroom total, and second grader Kaitlyn Scarcella raised the most money

Bear Rock Cafe Announces Story Time Wednesdays

Bear Rock Cafe, located in the Hadley Shopping Center across from Target and Regal Cinemas, has announced the addition of a Story Time every Wednesday night to coincide with Kid's Eat Free Night. Starting at 5 p.m. every Wednesday, children will be invited to gather around the Bear Rock Bear and listen to popular short children's stories while enjoying a dinner choice from Bear Rock's children's

Each kid's meal comes with a choice of a grilled cheese sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly or a half "create your own" sandwich. Included with the meal are a kid's sized drink, rippled potato chips, fruit cup and a cool toy!

Bear Rock Cafe is a quick-casual restaurant with an upscale mountain cafe atmosphere featuring a wide variety of fresh, hand-crafted sandwiches, garden fresh salads, oven fresh breads baked daily on the premises, hot and savory soups, baked potatoes,

and a full assortment of gourmet des-serts. Bear Rock Cafe has recently introduced an organic bread made with organic flour, all-natural ingredients and no preservatives, to their menu along with Healthy Trends low carb and low fat menu items, vegetarian options, a create-your-own sandwich option and a kid's menu including a ½ create-your-own sandwich. Bear Rock Cafe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. For clients seeking a wide selection of menu items geared towards feeding larger groups, Bear Rock is well-known for catering trays and boxed lunches for office or home. For more information, contact Michael Donahue, general manager at (908) 756-7770.

"Children love coming to Bear Rock Cafe, meeting the Bear Rock Bear and being made to feel special," said Andria Lykogiannis, managing partner of Lykos, LLC. "Parents feel good about the food their children are getting and can enjoy a healthy, satisfying meal for themselves. Our menu

has something on it for everyone."

The new Bear Rock Cafe has a mountain cafe-style decor with a stone hearth and fireplace, to create a casual, comfortable and friendly atmosphere. This gathering place for the community also provides free-WiFi access in a computer friendly environment.

In line with Bear Rock's belief in supporting children and causes that concern them. Bear Rock Cafe is proudly partnering with Lainie's Angels, a charitable organization based out of Edison, dedicated to supporting families of children with cancer and blood disorders. Right now there are 50,000 families in the U.S. with a child who has cancer or a blood disorder. Lainie's Angels primary task is to put a network of healthcare staff, counselors and peer support in place for these families that will serve to educate them and offer ongoing guidance and support. To learn more about Lainie's Angels, go to www.lainiesangels.org.

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Middle School La Bodega Club Visits Broadway

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield Middle School students in Aurora Salazar's "La Bodega Club" visited New York City to see a production of Don Quijote de la Mancha recently.

Eighth grade students attending

Spanish classes were offered the opportunity to volunteer to run "la Bodega" or the school store, during lunch time and sold candy and school supplies. Under the guidance of teachers Rachel Klausner and Salazar, the profits earned from "la Bodega" were used to reward the hard working students by seeing a Broadway show The play Don Quijote de la Mancha

portrays the many adventures of Don Quijote and his squire, Sancho Panza. Together they journey around the world to make things perfect. Don Quijote, a knight errant, thinks that everything is much better than it really is. He believes that ramshackle inns are enchanted castles and that peasant girls are gorgeous princesses. Panza knows his companion is crazy, but can't figure out how to change Don Quijote's dilusions. Instead, he plays along with him in hopes of gaining wealth as a result of their adventures. The play was entertaining as well as educational, because it was in Spanish. Headphones could also be used for those who needed an English translation.

"La Bodega" is now closed until September; however, Salazar is looking forward to reopening it again with v volunteers



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Middle School Students Honor Our Veterans at Memorial Day Ceremonies

By Jane Dornick

A sea of American flags waved proudly in the courtyard of the South Plainfield Middle School last Thursday as students honored war veterans with their own Memorial Day tribute. The school band, lead by Andy Veiss, played the Star Spangled Banner and Lest We Forget. Student Council President Elizabeth Martin moved the crowd, which included Superintendent Dr. Robert

Rosado and Staff Developer Mary Ellen Martko, with her speech about the meaning of Memorial Day (printed below). A moment of silence followed along with the playing of Tups by student Amanda Cerini. The chorus, directed by Donna Markiewicz, sang God Bless America. War veterans Metro Kopchak, representing South Plainfield VFW Post #6763, and Julius Peterson, representing South Plainfield American Legion Post 261, spoke briefly about

their experiences fighting for freedoms we have as Americans. Armed Forces on Parade was played and the ceremony concluded with the wind ensemble playing Chimes of Liberty.

Principal Steve Novak feels that it is extremely important for students to be reminded of the meaning of Memorial Day. "I want the children to carry on the Memorial Day traditions of the past and pass them on to their children and their children's children," said Novak.





What is Memorial Day?

By Elizabeth Martin

What is Memorial Day? The observance of this day was born of compasion and sympathy in 1863. As the Civil War raged, grieving mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and other loved ones were cleaning Confederate soldiers' graves in Columbus, Mississippi to place flowers on them. They noticed the nearby graves of Union soldiers dusty and overgrown with weeds. In a demonstration of compassion, they cleared the tangled brush and mud from those graves, as well as their own soldiers' graves and laid flowers on them too. Soon the tradition of a "Decoration Day" for the graves of fallen soldiers spread. On May 5, 1865, a year after the Civil War had ended, Henry Welles of Waterloo, New York closed his drugstore and suggested that all other shops in town do the same for a day to honor all soldiers, Union and Confederate alike, who were killed in the Civil War. It was a gesture of healing and reconciliation in a land ripped apart by conflict. Sixteen years er, in 1882, the nation observed its first official Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember and honor the sacrifice of those who died in all our nation's wars.

Sadly, many Americans have lost a connection with their history. All too many Americans today view military service as an abstraction, as images seen on television and in movies. For a growing percentage of the American people, Memorial Day has come to mean simply a three day weekend or a major shopping day. Families might still gather for picnics, but for many of them the patriotic core-the spirit of remem-brance-is absent. Memorial Day, like the military itself, is largley cut off from its historic meaning for many Americans. They have forgotten what the military stands for in the nation's history. What does it mean to serve your country? Why do people of free will volunteer for the sacrifice and commitment of serving one's country? What is it that inspires and enables ordinary citizens to rise to the challenge of battle, to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in service to their country? What is it that motivates them to respond and contribute wherever and whenever called upon to do so? The answer is values. The proud legacy

of our military-and our country-is grounded in these core values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, in-

tegrity and courage.

• Duty means to fulfill your obligations.

Respect means to treat people as they should be treated.
Selfless service means to put the

Selfiess service means to put the welfare of the nation before your own.
 Honor means to live up to all or

the military's values.

• Integrity means to do what's right, both legally and morally.

 Courage means to face fear, danger or adversity, whether physical or moral.

We in this country owe a great debt of gratitude to those who sacrificed their lives so that we could live free We can start to pay that debt by not forgetting, by remembering what they did and what they stood for. By remembering the frozen and battered soldiers who surprised the Hessians at Trenton. By remembering the brave and gallant warriors of Gettysburg. By remember-ing many of the "Greatest Generation" who stormed the beaches at Normandy And by remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11 and the ensuing war on terrorism. In the words of Charles M. Province, "It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. And it is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, when our country calls for its

This July we mark the 230th anniversary of the birth of our country. Every generation for those 230 years, including our own, have answered the call to defend freedom, our well being, and the principles in which this nation was established. Let us now observe a moment of silence, followed by the playing of *Taps* as we salute more than one million Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice and have lost their lives defending our country.

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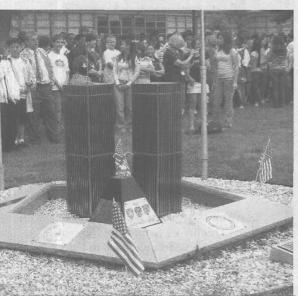
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By Walter J. Pasacrita,

Chairman

Our forum members noted that during the council and school board meeting several staff members rea-

soned why the budget should not be cut. Their comments included the view that a \$250 increase per year was not too much to ask from our residents who they

believe could afford 50 cents more per week. Other similar references Pasacrita is chairman of the were made concerning Senior Men's Forum of South the tax impact of the Plainfield. The forum will pethat the average teacher overall school budget on riodically submit columns on salary in 2003/2004 was our taxpayers and that it their views and opinions. If you \$57,735; in 2004/2005, should not be too much would like to know more about they were paid \$60,237 of a problem.

that the proposed budget for 2003/ 2005/2006, \$62,239. 2004, and before a reduction by the Council, the tax had increased by 23% or \$7,565,627. This significant increase should indicate that the taxpayers readily supported education and were willing to accept the sacrifice in order to pay for it.

During the next three years, teacher salary increases were 4.9%, 4.5% and 4.45%. The healthcare benefit premium increased by \$2,153,753, or 50% from the period 2003 through to 2007. And still the staff members make absolutely no contributions for

Glitterbug Summer Solstice Night Hike

The Glitterbugs are hosting their third annual Summer Solstice Night Hike at the Highand Avenue Woods on Sylvania Pl. The story of the Wort-ville Wizard at 8 p.m. will be followed by a night hike at 8:30 p.m. on June 21. We will explore the nocturnal animals at the preserve. One parent needs to be with each family. Children must be age seven or older. Wear long pants, a baseball cap and sneakers and apply bug spray before you come to the woods. The event will be led by Emile.

Any questions, e call Marie Markey at (908) 755-3213

their hospital, doctor, dental or prescription drugs for themselves or for their family members! We believe it is

time for those who profess they are for the children show where they stand by addressing the cost issues we present in the current negotiations.

Isn't it time that the board's negotiating team Editors Note: Walter provide needed relief to the taxpayers?

Further, we point out the group, you are invited to and in the recent sched-We remind the Board attend one of their meetings. ule they will draw in

> We also question how many workers, other than those working for the government, receive full healthcare benefits as cited above. Those on fixed incomes, as most senior citizens are, must pay for Medicare Part A and now Part D with deductibles as well as copays for prescription drugs.
>
> We urge both parties negotiating

> the budget to seriously consider the impact of what they may agree to in view of what increases in taxes the entire community has paid these past three years.

> The 04/05 N.J. School Report Card reported our faculty average as \$57,751 and the State average \$52,563 for the same years of experience.

Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School Needs Volunteers

Sacred Heart is looking for young adults to help with the planning and implementation of their expanding Summer Vacation Bible School to be held during the week of July 10 to 14.

If you enjoy working with children and like to share your faith, please consider joining us for some planning activities containing song, story telling, crafts, and movement. Please call the Parish Center at (908) 756-0633,

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Caregiver's Peer Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one? Do you need support and a listening ear from someone who understands? A new caregivers' support group has formed and is meeting at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. until 11:30. All are welcome and invited to come, once or every week.

First Baptist is located on Hamilton Blvd., at the corner of Church St. For more information, contact Gordon Braun at (908) 753-2382.

Roosevelt Plans Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten orientation for Roosevelt Elementary School will be held on Monday, June 19 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Roosevelt Elementary School.



Grant School Drama Club spent countless hours rehearsing

Grant Drama Club's Music Man, Jr. Delights Audiences

By Patricia Abbott

The cast of the Grant School Drama Club recently transported their audience to the mythical town of River City, Iowa via their production of the musical, Music Man, Jr. The show, directed by teachers Joan Stasio, Sandra Acker and Elizabeth Mazzacca, brought almost 75 children to the stage in both acting roles and stage crew.

The students presented four shows on May 17 and 18, afternoon shows for the student body and evening shows for family and friends. Music Man, Jr. featured Broadway classics, "76 Trombones," "Ya Got Trouble" and "Til There Was You." The dedicated cast, crew and staff spent many months perfecting the production. Many parents pitched in as well. School Superintendent Robert Rosado attended Thursday's opening night show and said, "It was a delightful performance by our students and an excellent job by all of the staff and parents who contributed to its suc-

Assistant Principal Robert Richkus was especially pleased with the production saying, "It was a great show that lasted only two nights. The students were just awesome. It didn't matter what role a student had in the musical, whether it was performing on stage or assisting as a member of the stage crew, each was important. All of the students involved should be credited with its success. What most people don't realize is the number of months of preparation that went into the musical. The students made it look so easy, but like great athletes, hours of practice were necessary to perform at such a high level. Another reason for such a fine performance was the fact that the teachers and parents were willing and able to put in some very long days and nights to get the students ready and, of course, to get the sets ready."

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Districts Records Top HSPA

(Continued from page I) testing assessment when they began their ninth grade classes. The English teachers ran workshops for all of the staff on how to integrate writing skills into instruction in the areas of science, math and social studies, including writing in homework and tests. It

BOE Meetings Moved To Roosevelt School

The regular public meetings scheduled for June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16, originally scheduled to be held in the Roosevelt Admin. building have been changed to the Roosevelt Elementary School gymnasium at 135 Jackson Ave. at 8 p.m.

became writing across the curriculum. In math, there were math teachers running workshops with other departments to see how they could integrate higher level thinking skills into everyday programs to promote critical thinking. We have doubled up math and language arts classes for ninth grade students diagnosed through andardized tests and our own pre-HSPA test as needing help to pass. They were placed in a HSPA language arts or HSPA math class for either a full year course or semester in place of an elective.

Dr. May also attributes the high school's emphasis on students not being absent or tardy as another factor improving test scores. "We have a 95-96 percent attendance rate every day. Last year we upgraded our attendance policy on being tardy. This year our tardy rate is way down. We also have been pushing the Gold Cardthe card offering discounts and giftsavailable to students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher average and are in two co-curricular activities. Over the first three marking periods this year, 60 percent or more of the students have earned the Gold Card. If the kids are involved in school, they are in class and aren't tardy and they can get a B. We are seeing the benefit of this in our standardized test scores.

"Another favorable result is that last

year 92 percent of the senior class went on to college. I came here in 1987 and between 1987 to 2000 the rate of students going on to college was between 64 and 70 percent," said Dr. May.

Butrico Announces Traffic Plans

(Continued from page 1)

made when the buildings are torn down and later a full extension of New Market Rd.

The intersection of South Clinton and New Market avenues would be widened to help make turning easier. Butrico's plans also call for two traffic lights on South Clinton Ave. and St. Nicholas Ave. and Montrose and South Clinton avenues.

Other improvements call for a traffic light study at Woodland and Oak Tree avenues and Front St. and Oak Tree Ave. Butrico added that plans will continue on the Helen Street Project. This project would take trucks along a route which would bypass Hamilton Blvd. and Belmont Ave. by way of Helen St. The federally funded project has been in the planning stages for years and objections from environmental groups has become a stumbling block which has added months to the project. A part of the road will go over the Dismal Swamp.

The exit on Durham Ave. will be restructured for two lanes to turn right. Durham Ave. is also scheduled to be widened to Hamilton Blvd.

Following the presentation, the public was able to ask questions and make comments on the proposal. If you would like to see the presentation, which has maps of all areas under discussion, log on to the Democrats' website www.spdems.org, and click on "Charlie Butrico's Traffic Plan."

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX SALE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES. ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Richard Lorentzen, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, will sell at public auction on, Thursday, June 22, 2006 at the South Plainfield Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 am or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 22nd day of June, 2006.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest, bid, not to exceed 18%. Payments for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order, or parcels will be resold. Separate checks are required for payment of property taxes and for sewer fees and partial payments will not be sufficient to remove these items from the sale. Properties for which there are no purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of South Plainfield at an interest rate of 18%.

At any time, before the day of the sale, I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order. Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Costs of the seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

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6		GAFFNEY, BRIAN J & BARROW, SONDRA C	196.94	148	6	DURAN, NUMA P	340.13		28	JOON SOOK LLC	1,198.33
6		CORDONA, JANE & MARTHA	196.94	148	12	RAMOS, E&R&S&CRUZ, GI	196.94	302		LEO, ROBERT & ELIZABETH	702.27
7		NGUYEN, JIMMY T	1,076.71	150	4	FASOLO, PAUL J. & LYNN E.	1,086.17		4	HOFFMAN, JR., GUSTAVE J.& JOYCE E.	9,334.22
7	16.02	STANLEY, JIMMY & CAROLYN	340.13	152	.50	KONE, LACINA & CISSE, AWA	196.94	308	10	DIPPOLD, CORY	196.94
7	18	ALBERTOCKI,M.C.& SULINSKI,G.T.	994.74	153	12	WAGNER, HARRIET A.	1,408.42	308	17	AN ANGEL'S TOUCH, C/O GROSSMITH	2,478.30
7	34	FONTANA, GREGORY & YVONNE	1,970.51	154	1	GIANNAKIS, ERNIE J. & LINDA J.	196.94	308	30.04	DESAI REALTY	1,295.35
7	60	WEDDERBURN, DAVID & ANDREA	196,94	154	5	ROBINSON, KAREN & HUGHES, K.	340.13	308	44	GREEN, JR, EUGENE & MIHALIK, SUSANNE	328.88
7	65	MILLER, WILLIAM D(V)& DORIS	4,274.83	159	18	BANK OF NEW YORK-TRUSTEE	340.13	308	51/C0001	SMITH, CHRISTOPHER & CRAIG, MECHELE	196.94
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14		TACKACH, DOUGLAS & JANET	1,326.77	171	31	EODICE, MARY	4,816.58		2.01	NATT, SHELAH & FREEMAN, VELMON	2,579.59
14	36	PAYNE, CLAUDE E & ROSA A	196.94	173	2	SMITH, LAWRENCE W. & LAURA C.	340.13	328	15	DOCKERY, NAOMI	340.13
14		IACULLO LUCILLE	433.99	173	29	BOLEY, CAROLYN & GERALD	1,087.47		1	LAMITEX INC & CRD REALTY	1,687.52
15	26	MONROE, MICHAEL J.& JOAN M.	196.94	174	22	ADDARIO, ANTHONY J & KELLY A	340.13	333	3	LAMITEX INC/CRD REALTY CO	316.8
16		HUFFSMITH, GARY L	3,752.81	177	8	SMITHLINE, CRAIG A & JENNIFER A	196.94	334	1	LAMITEX INC/CRD REALTY CO	958.44
16		NICOLOSI.JONNA	196.94	189	5	SILVA. ELINA	196.94	337	13	RUIZ, JULIO C. & IRIS	328.88
16	31	LICCIARDONE, CAROLE A&DOMINICK&LOUIS		190	8	MCDONALD, ISAAC J & JUANITA	1.327.87	339	6	FRANKLIN. SYLVIA	92.81
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24		HUNTER, DAVID M. & TERESA A.	196.94	193	4	PENDER, DOMINIQUE, SR. & DIANE M.	2,833.53	1	2	LAMITEX INC & CRD REALTY	2,212.59
25		FITZGERALD, JAMES P	340.13	193	12	MOORE, JAMES G. & SHARON D.	2,823.76	000	8	BARKALOW, MARK S. & EVA L.	803.71
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27	2	MANN, PENNY S & LANCE	1,007.35	196	4	MORRISON, RICHARD & MARYANNE	2,573.23	368	6.03	FAZALDIN, RICHARD	5,429.40
32	1	SELLA, MICHAEL G. & KELLY A.	196.94	196	8	KELLY, PETER & JENNIFER	340.13	371	2 .	DIAMANT, MARTIN& JENKINS, KATHLEEN E.	6,049.83
34		YUILL, JOHN F & CATHERINE	2.345.03	196	9	CONNORS.THOMAS	340.13	372	8	CASTRO, ANGEL & CLAUDIA	286.51
36		MAKOWSKI, STANLEY (S)	2,456.33	200	8	GONZALEZ,FRANK & MARIA	196.94		12	DESCLAFANI, RONALD & SANDRA	340.13
37		DI PASQUALE, PHYLLIS	5,645.63	200	17	LEON, CARLOS T & CECILIA	196.94		5.03	GRAY, WILLIS A.& LEIGHSA M.PATE-	340.13
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42	7	SCALINGI, ROBERT & LOIS ANN	4,547.55	202	7	CONROY, THOMAS J. & DIANE S.	196.94	415	10	RODRIGUEZ,MANUEL & NORA	2,165.19
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46	9	LONDINO, EDWARD	560.01	211	4	GRIMALDI, DAVID M & SHERRI L	196.94	420	3	HILL, EVELYN	1,423.55
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51		NAVARRETE, YVONNE & RIVERA, ANTONIA	1.888.79	215	3	COLVIN, FRANK	306.41	428 .	7.01	ACUNA, E & I & DEOCADEZ, J	2,649.71
61		RUSSELL, JAMES & DONNA	207.79	229	21	SIMPSON, RONALD & ANGELA	3.135.52	429	1	WEBER, MARION B	293.24
67		FRANZSON, RICHARD F. & MARGARET MARY	340.13	229	46	ALSTON.GREGORY & BRENDA	1,263.77		2	WEBER, MARION B	340.13
73		PRETE.PETER & ROSEMARIE	340.13	233	11	HOH, ANTONIA J.	196.94		3	BANGAROO, JOSHUA & MOHAN, SHARMILA	
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138	12	MCMAHON, KATHLEEN R & HEISS, RALPH	196.94	276	3	DE MARTINO ET UX THOMAS	532.07		1	HARTOBEY, JAMES	2,008.22
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139	19	ROSADO, WILFREDO CABRERA, ROSARIO	196.94	276	8	COHEN, GUSTAVE	401.28	552.02	5	LADAO, CHRISTIAN&WONG, KATHY(LE)	196.94



100% Turnout at Sports Themed Mom/Sons Dance

In the past, the Mother/Son Day at Riley Elementary was considered a dance, but this year it was changed a little bit and was made into a Mother/ Son Sports Event. A great time was had by all. Upon arrival, attendees were greeted at the door by Sharon Pisano, who in turn directed every one to Mike Menkin, who had vol-unteered to take photos. While waiting for everyone to arrive, the kids enjoyed snacks and beverages.

Festivities began with a comic version of an aerobics class directed by Stasey Pace. With the help of Mr. Clapsis, organizers were able to put together some events that were suitable for children. Little did they know that it was the moms they had to worry about. Sad to say, there were two injuries that evening, but no one knew it by the way those moms stood strong to not upset their boys. Next year or ganizers will consider putting the moms in bubble wrap. With that last comment we hope that Christine Stankan, with an injured wrist, and





Karen Licato, with a fractured elbow, feel well soon.

A little twist was added to the event wrapping some lucky moms in toilet paper in the "Wrap your Mommy like a Mummy" event. It was amusing watching the moms walk to the center of the gym for pictures.

A nice surprise was lining up all the boys behind a curtain and giving each boy a carnation so when the curtain opened the boys shouted out, "I love you mom...happy Mother's Day!"
When the boys walked over to their moms the first song played was a great way to get everyone to dance.

This year was the first time there

was a 100% turnout for a dance with mom. This event would not have been be possible without three great guys: Don Ardito, Jeff Licato and Mike Rodriguez.

Thanks to the three Pisano children who helped with all the extras and Tommy Licato who hung around the second session and helped with the clean up. Everyone at Riley School was able to get an early start on a ter-rific Mother's Day weekend.

-From Chairperson, Stasey Pace

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

The track meet scheduled for June 7 was cancelled due to the in-clement weather. It was rescheduled for June 8. Thank you to all the parents and coaches who volunteered their time working at the track meet and the snack stands and to Mickey Wrublevski, Teri Pileggi, Patty Fabino, Patty Martin, Connie Besser, Kurt Ulllom, Mike Alvarez, Bob Reilly and those who did the shopping for this extremely large event.

The South Plainfield Middle School eighth grade class trip was amazing. Thanks to all those teachers and parents who chaperoned the trip. Once again, the children should be so proud about the manner in which they represented South Plainfield.

The Middle School eighth grade graduation will take place on Monday, June 19 at the Middle School.

The 2007 Stokes used clothing fundraiser will take place on Saturday, June 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grant School parking lot. All are welcomed to participate in this drive. The American Used Clothing Corporation will be collecting used clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, ties, hats, bedding, curtains, tablecloths, towels and stuffed animals. Mr. Jaruga, president of the com-pany, has informed me that the items

collected will be shipped to less fortunate families in Poland. Please bag all items to be collected and place them in the ROMA truck.

Thanks to the following children and parents who donated their time at the Grant 2007 Stokes fundraiser car wash which took place on June 10 at Grant School: Quinn Cochrane, Sal Esposito, Joe Affinito, Rusty Teller, Taylor Born, Jeffrey Pellegrino, Joey Pellegrino, John DiDolce, Kyle Brady, Chris Butrico, Patrick Boyle, Kristen Brady, Steven, John, Jacqueline Timmerman, Samantha and Cody Hunterton, Tara Dunn, Ashleigh Dispenziere, Sarah Hunterton, Jaime Bohn, Caitlyn Kenny, Emily Pittenger, Joey Parillo, Eileen Brady, Donna Teller, Jen Pellegrino, Shirley Affinito, Laurie Esposito, Kelly Butrico, Karen Forbes, Tom Timmerman, Valerie Hunterton, Mrs. Arrubla and Mr. Whalen, principal, for getting down and dirty in the soap and water with the gang and on your birthday. I think the kids had more soap and water on themselves than in the buckets and we all shared in the hosing. They had an enjoyable day and all the patrons drove away in super clean cars. Mr. Bohn and Mr. Richkus, thanks for your support. Also thank you to Laura Conrad for volunteering your time at vendor night.

Janet George, our thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery. Chet Czaplinski, it was wonderful to see you volunteering your time at the track meet on June 8 only weeks after major surgery. Mrs. Nappe, continue to heal.

Parents, please remind your children to bring home all the flyers they receive. Some of the parents are not getting these flyers because they are left in the lockers or desks.

Congratulations to all the Sacred Heart School eighth grade graduates. Your graduation ceremony on Friday, June 9 was beautiful. The singing and the dance arrangement was amazing. Best wishes as you enter public or private high school.

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks swim and dive teams and recreation camps begin soon, so do not forget to sign up at the Recreation Department. Thank you to the Borough Council for the new diving boards.





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Submitted By Bob Nilan

Mates from tough match with Pornovets and narrowly got by with an -8-1/2 win to move back into first place in the American Division. Mark "The Spark" Dugan was not at the top of his game, but

his round of 40 was enough to earn medalist honors for KC's Korner; Marty Van De Vaarst posted a 37 for Pornovets who slipped into a tie for second place.

2 Buds, 2 Dubes showed they plan to be real contenders for the league title this season by knocking off Plainfield Animal Hospital in a wellplayed match. Jeff Orth and Chris Nuzzo both had 40's to lead their team to this key victory while Mike Sikanowicz had a 38 and Andy Oravec and Mike Cortese both had 39's for PAH, who have now dropped into last place.

After losing their first three matches, Eddie's Grinders have apparently put it all together and simply blew out Witty's, 20-0, for their third win in a row. Ed "I'm Still the Man" Banach fired a 36 and had lots of help from teammates Fred "Catfish"

Kirchofer, Jay Bertleson, and Chris Dillon, who all had 37's. Kevin Bickunas struggled a bit and had a 40 for low-man honors for Witty's.

Over in the National League, Guy Severini shot a 39 to lead Twin City to a 13-7 triumph over the Hackers to complete Twin City's ascent all the way from last place to a first place tie with Buy Rite Liquors. Bill Mann continued his marvelous play for the Hackers in recording a solid round

Irish Danny Griffin's lucky golf cap was working its special magi-Griffin shot the low-round of the

night, a sparkling even-par 33, as Buy Rite Liquors defeated Patti's Construction, 12-8. Mike King again had some monster drives for Buy Rite on his way to an impressive 35; Jovial Matt Ward showed he's back on his game in posting a 37, and Mike Behr had a 38 for Patti's, but their fine efforts were just not enough.

The VFW played with one man

short and were no match for Sport & Social who breezed to an easy 16-4 victory. Dennis Bibby continued his fine play and recorded a 39 to win the medal for Sport & Social.

Low Scores for the Night: Danny Griffin, 33 Mike King, 35; Ed Banach, 36; Fred Kirchofer, 37; Chris Dillon, 37; Jay Bertleson, 37; Bill Mann, 37; Matt Ward, 37; Marty Van



Gary Smith



Jamar Beverly

SPHS Seniors Named Snapple All-Stars

Two local football players were chosen for the Snapple Bowl All Star football game. Senior captains Jamar Beverly and Gary Smith are South Plainfield's player representatives this year. The 13th Annual All Star Classic

football game between Middlesex and Union County high school players is a time honored tradition. The proceeds from this game benefit Specialized Hospital of Mountainside and Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy of Edison.

Jamar Beverly, a three year starting running back for South Plainfield, gained over 1,000 yards two of his three varsity years. Jamar's dedication and hard work all the time is always exemplified on the field.

Gary Smith, a defensive end was selected third team All Middlesex County and Lineman of the Year by the Metuchen Rotary Club. Gary is an example of how a huge passion for the game and extreme determination

The Home News Tribune Snapple Bowl will be played July 20 at 7:30 p.m. at South Brunswick High School. For ticket information, please call (732) 613-6935.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 1735

ORDINANCE 1735

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ord. 1735 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1456 AND ORDINANCE
#1710 ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE
VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW JERSEY STATE LAW
was adopted on first reading and advertised in
The Observer on Friday, June 16, 2006 and a
public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June
26, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building,
2400 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ
07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1735 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1456 ENTITLED: "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD" AND ORDINANCE #1710 ENTITLED: "ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following Ordinances be and are hereby amended as follows:

Article XIII - Violations and Penalties

Article XIII – Violations and Penalities'
The owner of agent of a building or premises where and upon which a violation of any provision of these regulations shall have been committed or shall exist, or the leasee or tenant of any part of the building or premises, in which such violation shall have been committed or; shall exist, or the agent, architect, building contractor or any other person who shall commit, take part or assist in any such violation or who shall maintain any building or premises in which any violation of this Ordinance shall exist; shall for each and every violation, after plea, trail and conviction by the Municipal Courf Judge, be imprisoned in the Middlesex County Judil for a period not exceeding \$2,000.00 or both. For each and every dey that a violation is permitted or suffered to exist, a separate offense shall be construed to have been perpetrated.

Ordinance #1456

Ordinance #1710

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CLUB NOTES

JUNIOR BASEBALL

By Glenn Cullen

An exciting 2006 regular season is coming to a close. The SPJBC would like to thank all of those volunteers that have helped in making 2006 such a tremendous success.

The Father's Day Classic Tournament takes place this weekend. There will be 8,9,10 and 13 year-olds playing in the tournament. Snack Stand captains are needed.

The last field regular season field duty takes place this weekend. The assignments are the Small Fry B Yankees and Pony B Pirates on June 17 at 7 a.m.

The entire SPJBC family would like to express its condolences to the Flanagan

family for the passing of Irene Flanagan last week. Our prayers are with you.

Happy Fathers Day to all the dads of the SPJBC.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

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

Ord. 1733 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PARKING REGULATIONS AT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUILDING IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX and policy for a first region and advertised in was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 16, 2006 and a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2440 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PARKING LOT IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

- Designation of handicapped parking specifications and penalties.
- 2. Designation of emergency managem parking spaces; violations and penalties.
- Designation of visitor parking spaces; violations and penalties.
- 4. Designation of no overnight parking.
- 5. Duty of Police Department and Code Enforcement Officer to enforce.

space; violations and penalties.

This section shall establish certain areas that are open to the public and to which the public is invited and shall prohibit parking in areas designated as handicapped parking in the emergency management parking lot located at 1 South Plainfield, for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards by the Division of Motor Vehicles or who have evhicles that contain the proper handicapped plates. No other person shall be permitted to park in this space.

A. The following area shall he designated.

- A. The following area shall be designated as a handicapped parking space in the aforementioned parking lot and shall be so marked by a sign indicating the handicapped parking space, in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Street and
 - Highways:

 (1) The last space in the emergency management parking spaces located to the rear of the building.
- Any person or persons who shall violate the provisions in this section of the chapter shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of not more than is allowable by State law.

- Designation of emergency management parking spaces; violation and penalties. This section shall establish certain design
 - Any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of this section of the chap-ter shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.).
 - hundred dollars (\$100.).

 B. Any unoccupied vehicle parking or standing in violation of this section of the chapter shall be deemed a nuisance and any emergency management employee may provide for removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable cost of the removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.
- Designation of visitor parking spaces; vio-lations and penalties.

This section shall establish certain areas designated as parking for visitors.

- A. These spaces shall be on the opposite side of the emergency management parking spaces.
- B. Any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of this section of the chap-ter shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine not more than one hun-dred dollars (\$100.).

This section shall establish no overnight parking in the aforementioned parking

- provisions of this section of the chapter shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.).
- C. Any vehicle that is parked or standi in violation of this section of the chap shall be deemed a nuisance and a shall be deemed a nuisance and any emergency management employee may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable cost of the removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.
- Duty of Police Department and Code En-forcement Officer to enforce

The enforcement authority shall include both the Police Department ant the Code Enforcement Officer.

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

June 16, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 1736

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ord. 1736 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO
THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL
APPROPRIATING, \$60,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$57,000
BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE
COST THEREOF was adopted on first reading
and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June
16, 2006 and a public hearing be scheduled for
Monday, June 28, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the
Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue,
South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on June 5, 2006. It will be further considered for final passage, after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, Plainfield Avenue, in said County, on June 26, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full cordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

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Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTH PLAIFNIELD
COMMUNITY POOL, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH
OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON
(THE "BOROUGH"): APPROPRIATING
\$60,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$57,000 BONDS OR NOTES
OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE
COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Improvements to the South Plain-field Community Pool consisting of the Replacement of a 1,300 square foot cement deck, encasement of skimmers and the installation of diving blocks and lane lines.

Appropriation: \$60,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: Section 20 Costs: \$6,000 Useful Life: ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE **ORDINANCE 1734**

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

Ord. 1734 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RELATED DESIGN WORK AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PREPARARTION APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORISING THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was adopted on first reading and advertised in was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 16, 2006 and a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, N.

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Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR

of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RELATED DESIGN WORK AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PREPARATION, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD. IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON (THE 'BONDUGH'); APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF Purpose(s): Construction

Purpose(s): Construction of a new Public Library on 2440 Plainfield Avenue and design work and construction document preparation, in and by the Borough.

Appropriation: Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$425,000 Section 20 Costs: \$450,000 5 years ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

June 16, 2006

All other provisions of previously approved ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law. ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

Section 106.4 - Violation Penalties

\$78.00 June 16, 2006

106.4 – Any operion who shall violate a provision of this code, or fall to comply therewith, or with the code, or fall to comply therewith, or with prosecuted and if convicted, said violators may be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$2,000.00 and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Nancy McMahon

The Softball Appreciation Day game was held on June 4 at Pitt Field. With the help of James Bishop, Mark Sutherland, Tom Gratta and Rick Mc-Mahon, who worked on the fields all morning and into the afternoon, the fields would not have been playable. Thanks for all your hard work in making this day such a success. Thank you to all the coaches for your time and devotion. Also, thank you to the parents who worked in the snack stand all day. Your time and dedication is so important and very much appreciated. In appreciation each girl who played received an awesome tee-shirt. They really seemed to like them. We hope the kids and parents had a fun-filled day.

The playoffs began the week of June 5. A lot of exciting games were played this past weekend. Congratu-lations to the Lady Doves who won in the finals for B League; Congratulations to the Lady Tigers who won in the finals for A League. All teams played hard and had a lot of fun. Thank you to all the coaches for your time and dedication.

On June 6, the Ponytail Association announced the winners of three Ponytail Softball Scholarships. Each scholarship was worth \$500 to the college of their choice. Thank you to all the girls who participated in this program. We are happy to announce the two winners of the Recreation scholarship were Carlie Kazimer and

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Rebecca Watts. The winner of the Ponytail All-Star scholarship went to Melissa Szeliga. Congratulations to all three girls. We have no doubt that you will all graduate college and achieve your goals with much success.

The end of the season Softball pool party was held on Saturday, June 10. Pizza, candy and refreshments were served. The coaches, girls and their family members had fun swimming, golfing and just relaxing. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy. It was a lot of fun and a great success

The Ponytail Traveling All-Star season began in mid June. Come out and watch more exciting softball. The schedules will be posted on our website at http://www.spponytail.com.

Also, as a reminder, the next parent's Ponytail meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27 at 8 p.m. at the PAL building, located on Maple Ave. All parents are welcome. Come share your thoughts and ideas. Hope to see you there!

As the season comes to an end, the Parents' Ponytail Association would like to thank the Recreation Department for their continuous support throughout the season. We would also like to thank all the children and parents for all your time and devotion in making this season a memorable one. The time you spend with your children is most important and we must not forget, "It is all about the children." Thank you and play ball!

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Ponytail B League Champion Lady Doves.

Lady Doves Win B League Ponytail Championship

The South Plainfield Ponytail B League softball season came to an end on June 10. The Lady Doves, managed by Joe Scrudato, took on the Lady Crows, managed by Dave Ratti. In an exciting game, the Lady Doves defeated the Lady Crows 8-3 to win the B League Championship. Great pitching by Andrea Muglia and Gina Louise for the Lady Doves and Alexis Cargill for the Lady Crows who made an exciting game. The Lady Crows took the early lead with great hitting, but the Lady Doves battled back to take the lead for good in the fourth

Members of the Lady Doves included Laine Harris, Moriah Kunch, Andrea Muglia, Kathrine Podlovits. Gina Louise, Miranda Garcia, Kayla Smith, Kristen Forbes, Kathryn Pacheco and Rachel Scrudato. The Lady Doves assistant coach was Jerry Harris

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that on the 27th day of June, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Borough of South Plainfield, South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a public meeting on the application of JW Morgan Chase Bank, NA, at which time and place all interested persons will be given an opportunity

The location of the premises in question is in Block 528, Lot 51, more commonly known as 5201 Stelton Road, South Plainfield, New Jersey. The applicant is seeking preliminary and final major site plan approval for demolition of an existing retail building, construction of a new building for use as a retail bank branch and related site improvements. The Applicant laso seeks a variance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) for minimum lot size.

Applicant seeks all other relief including but not limited to variances, waivers and/or exceptions that the Planning Board may deem to be necessary or appropriate in connection with this application.

appropriate in connection with this approach. A copy of the Development Application, checklists and Major Final Site Plan submitted in connection with the application are on file with the Planning Board Secretary of the Borough of South Plainfield and may be inspected during regular business hours at the Planning Board office located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, by all Interested parties prior to said meeting.

RIKER, DANZIG, SCHERER, HYLAND & PERRETTI, LLP COUNSEL TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

\$60.50 June 16, 2006 BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL/SERVICES

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on June 8, 2006.

A. Case #77-05—Ruben Gonzalez, Block 7; Lot 28; 1146 South 9th Street. The applicant's request for an expansion of a non-conforming (2) family use in order to construct a (1) story addition to the rear of the structure was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #24-06—William Kaiser. Block 221; Lot 9, 320 W. Crescent Pkwy. The applicant's request for a 14 by 18 ft. (1) story addition to the rear of the home was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #25-08/S/V—Verizon, NJ, Inc. Block 528.01; Lot 46; 6000 Hadley Road. The applicant's request for an expansion of a contractor's storage yard for the limited period of (5) years was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary

D. Case #26-06—James DeTata. Block 123; Lot 8; 200 Thomas Street. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance from Field Avenue to erect a 12 by 16 ft. all glass sun room was hereby GRANTED.

pectfully Submitted, Mary Beth Khidre Secretary-Board of Adjustment

June 16, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

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An appeal has been filed by Gerald M. Brisebois An appear has been lined by deraid in. Dissolving requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit deck. Proposed deck lacks of required side setback; 5' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 910 Maple Avenue on Block 201, Lot 2 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or pro-lests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 19, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 6:00 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



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Our annual book sale last Saturday was a great success and we thank our wonderful patrons for your support. We look forward to our next major book sale in 2007.

With summer just a few days away you are probably preparing to go to the beach, go camping or take that well deserved vacation. So while you are relaxing by the water or mountains why not take along one of the many New York Times Best Sellers we have at the library. Our new adult fiction collection includes, The Book of fiction collection includes, The Book of the Dead by Douglas Preston and Lin-coln Child, Dead Watch by John Sand-ford, Beach Road by James Paterson and The Husband by Dean Koontz. In our adult nonfiction, you will find Dispatch-ers from the Edge by Anderson Cooper, Marley and Me by John Grogan and Mayflower by Nathan Philbrick's.

With school out now for the summer it is time for the children to catch up on some exciting books. They have been sent home with a summer reading list and we have a way to make the groans disappear. Our summer reading program, entitled Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales for children and Creature Feature for young adults, will be packed with prizes, programs and, of course, adventurous stories. Registration starts on June 26 and lasts

through out July. If you have further questions please see our children's li-brarian, Miss Linda.

Our usual children's programs are scheduled for this coming week. Storytime for ages three and over will be Thesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Time for 2's & 3's will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. For children under two years old we have Books-

N-Babies on Friday at 10:30 a.m. We also have several programs our adult patrons. This coming Mon-day, June 19, at 7 p.m. the program, "The Art of Paying For College," will feature guest speaker, Nancy Ziering of the Education Funding Consultants Association, to discuss planning for your child's future. On June 26 Dayel Giammarino of Creative Mem-ories will be hosting the first of two scrapbooking programs for the season. Pre-registration is required for the scrapbooking program and there is a \$3 material charge. If you have any further questions

about our programs or materials, please feel free to visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or call us at (908) 754-7885.

As always have a great weekend and



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policereport · On June 6 John S. Makowski,

68. of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving. On June 7 Katelyn Veronica

Abroe, 18, of Iselin was arrested for theft at Sears Hardware.

· Parmanand R. Jainarine, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for receiving stolen property, driving on a suspended license, fictitious plates, no insurance, no registration and an out-

standing warrant.
• On June 8 Walter Rodriguez-Mosquer, 29, of Middlesex was arrested for speeding and manufactur-

ing and distributing fake money.

• Joseph N. Gethers, 46, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance

· A Cumberland St. resident reported that a bedroom window had been shot and cracked with a BB gun.

· On June 9 Michael S. Siliwono, 18, of Dunellen was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

· Orlando I. Miller, 27, of New Brunswick was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no registration, no license, fictitious plates, brake light out and two outstanding warrants.

· On June 10 Lamar Jackson, 18, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, failure to exhibit a drivers license and having an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle. Passenger Michael J. Mocerino, 18, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• Jesus Menjivar, 27, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, careless driving and several outstanding warrants

 Ashish Gujral, 18, of Piscataway was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at Best Western.

• Louis Caruso, 43, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving on a suspended license.

· A Clearwater Beach resident reported the theft of his fanny pack containing \$3,000 which he had left in the bathroom at Pathmark.

· A Plainsboro resident reported that his vehicle had scratches and dents on the rear passenger side door while parked at Pathmark.

· On June 11 Kerry Monier-Foucher, 40, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on an expired license and an outstanding warrant.

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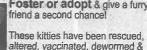


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Borough Residents Adopt Spot In South Plainfield

The Courtney Family has signed an agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association to maintain the Audubon Ave. dead end for the coming year.

Part of Audubon Ave. had been a paper street until it was vacated and made part of the Stacey Court subdivision off Maple Avenue. When the dust settled, it turned out that the property lines of the new lots fell about fifteen feet short of the Audubon Ave. pavement.

Paint Recycling Saturday

Residents are reminded that this Saturday, June 17 they can bring their old unused cans of paint to the recycling center on Kenneth Ave. Paint recycling is the third Saturday of the month

this unpaved portion of the street. Rather than live with weeds and an accumulation of litter, they have volunteered to maintain the area. They will be bringing in top soil and planting grass, flowers and trees, so that the dead end will fit into the residential neighborhood as a stretch of landscaped lawn.

This is one of several new adoptions this year. The Adopt-A-Spot program originally targeted the business community, but an increasing number of residents who want to contribute to the quality of life in South Plainfield have joined.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.



Students of Sacred Heart School held a crowning of Our Blessed Lady on May 8 in the church. Students in the eighth grade were leaders of the Rosary and Ethan Ockay was chosen as Crowner. Pictured are the students who participated that day.

Obituaries

Irene E. (Kramer) Flanagan, 81

Irene E. (Kramer) Flanagan died on Tuesday. June 6 at home

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Flanagan was raised in North Plainfield and has been a resident of South Plainfield

Back in her younger years, Mrs. Flanagan worked for the Plainfield Public School System as a cafeteria aid and later a crossing guard. She is also past president of the Plainfield Rescue Squad Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Flanagan is a former Girl Scout leader and a former active member of the Plainfield PTA and a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield. She will be sadly missed.

Irene is predeceased by her husband Leon Harold Sr., who died in 1993 and by 11 brothers and sisters.

Surviving are three children, Pat Anderson and husband Steve, Linda Dec and husband Raymond and

Leon H. Jr. and wife Karen, all of South Plainfield; one sister, Jean Bernat and husband Edward of Kentucky; five grandchildren, Matthew Anderson, Alicia Dec, Melissa Anderson, Joshua Dec and Ryan Patrick Flanagan and one great granddaughter, Nicole Courtney.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Irene's name may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice of Central Jersey, 141 Bodman Place, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

Jadoonandun Etwarroo, 89

Jadoonandun Etwarroo died on Friday, June 9 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield

Born in Guyana, South America, he came to the United States in 1988 and lived in South Plainfield for the past 18 years.

He is predeceased by a son, Cyril Etwarroo.

Surviving is his beloved wife, Eileen; 16 children, Roy (Eleanor), Sbadrick (Anita), Andra Sooknanan (Toney), and Basil all of Guyana; Annie McLean (Michael), Janet (Howard), Winston (Nelly), Cameel, Moses (Sunita), David (Yvonne), Peter, Rebecca Rambarose (Aaron), and Amos (Zida) all of South Plainfield, Moonwattee (Sitram), Gloria (Victor), and Dato all of Queens, NY; 40 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Marie Ward, 84

Marie Ward, 84, passed away on Tuesday, May 30 at her home

of 40 years, John Francis Ward, in 1990. Mrs. Ward worked for United Trust and Dr. Leonard Thalheimer, both in Plainfield. She retired from Mattel,

ecutive secretary She was a lifelong communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield, where she was a member

where she enjoyed serving as an ex-

Her family was her life. She ran a four-generation household and always cared for everyone in need.

of the Rosary Society.

She is survived by a sister, Kathy Ackerman of South Plainfield; three daughters, Maureen Feldman of South Plainfield, Susanne Fitzgerald of High Bridge and Jane Moyers of

South Plainfield; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Plainfield.
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www.higginsfuneralhome.com.

Fred R. Hermanns, 84

Fred R. Hermanns died on Monday, June 12 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, he had resided in South Plainfield for 30 years before moving to Plainfield in 1995.

He had been employed as the head custodial engineer for the South Plainfield Board of Education, working in Roosevelt School for 15 years before his retirement in 1983. Previously, he had been employed for the Singer Corp. of Elizabeth as an as-sembler and mechanic. He had also worked for Davis Smith Steel in South Plainfield.

He had served in the United States Army during WWII and had been discharged as a Technician Fifth Grade. He had served in the Normandy Invasion ("D" Day) and had been the recipient of the Bronze Arrowhead

Medal. He had also received the 5-Star Bronze Medal, representing the five battles that he had participated in during WWII.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 in South Plainfield, where he had served as the post's commander. He had also been an Allstate Post Commander (1977-1978), an honor only four commander's from the South Plainfield Post held. He was a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2298, both in South Plainfield.

His wife, Josephine (Davis) Hermanns, died in 1964.

Surviving are his son, Robert of Harrison and daughter, Elizabeth Hall of Phillipsburg.

Funeral services were held at the

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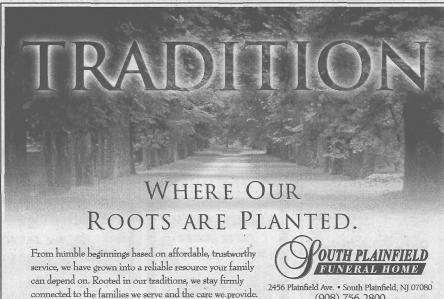
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