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If you missed the June 26 Borough Council meeting, it will be aired again on Comcast Channel 74 on Tuesday, July 25 at 6 p.m.

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Wachovia Bank Robbed

On Saturday, July 15 at 9:15 a.m., South Plainfield Police responded to a bank robbery at the Wachovia Bank located at 4801 Stelton Rd. An individual entered the lobby and presented the teller with a note demanding cash. The teller handed over the money and the suspect left the area. No description of the suspect's vehicle was available at that time.

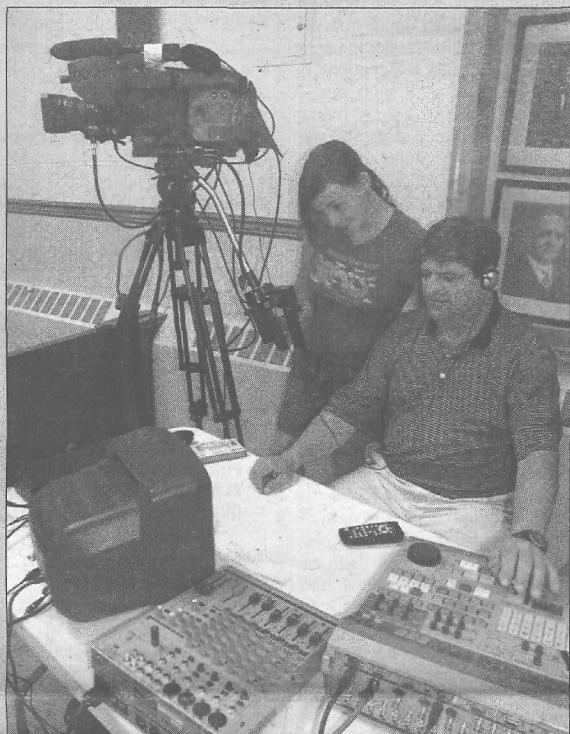
The suspect is described as a dark skinned African-American, between 5'10" and 6'1" with a mustache. The clothing description was a black polo shirt and black hat. No weapon was shown and the amount of money taken was not immediately available.

The FBI was contacted and a joint investigation with South Plainfield is underway. Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Sgt. James Foran at (908) 226-7665.

Grand Marshal Nominations are Still Needed

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 49th Annual Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, Sept. 4.

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough, send us a letter stating your reason why this person should be considered for Honorary Grand Marshal. Include the candidate's name, address, phone number and accomplishments. The deadline for accepting nominations is July 28. Send your nomination to: The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.



High School student Stephanie Kelly learns the ropes of video taping from Matt Ward.

Council Meetings are Broadcast on Comcast

By Jane Dornick

The bi-monthly meetings of the South Plainfield Borough Council are now being recorded and will be aired on Comcast Channel 74 on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.

At the June 13 council meeting, longtime resident Debbie Boyle approached the council with the idea of taping the meetings. A tremendous advocate for the children of the Borough, Boyle explained that it would become a project for South Plainfield High School teacher Rich D'Urso's graphic arts students.

High school junior Stephanie Kelly volunteered her time to help with the taping process. "I love video and photography. It will be kind of cool helping in this project," said Stephanie. The council members agreed to allow the meetings to be filmed and at the June 26 meeting the cameras began to roll. Also assisting with the project, with the use of his equipment is resident Matt Ward, owner of 20/20 Multimedia Group in Princeton.

The June 26 meeting aired on July 18 at 6:00 p.m. and will be *Continued on page 10*

Ponytail Softball Hosts All Star U12 Tournament

It was another weekend sizzler for the girls softball all-stars. The Parents Ponytail Association hosted their Fifth Annual U12 tournament on July 7, 8 and 9 and what a weekend for softball it was.

The weather was great; the snack stand was flowing with meatball sandwiches, sausage and pepper sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, ice-cream and candy and again sold t-shirts advertising all the teams that participated. It really was a wonderful setup.

In the U12 tournament, there were eight teams that participated. Our girls played Friday night against the North Edison Blue Devils. Unfortunately, our girls started off not playing to their potential and lost 11 runs to two. They knew they had their work cut out for them. But come Saturday

and Sunday morning, they were ready to fight back. They wanted first place very badly. They did come back to win the next three games to make it all the way to the finals to face yet again, the North Edison Blue Devils.

Our U12 All-Stars gave it their all. What an exciting game to watch, their defense and offense was awesome. Manager James Bishop, along with Head Coach Tom Gratta and score keeper Patricia Ratti, were so proud of their girls. All their hard work paid off. On Sunday afternoon, they beat the North Edison Blue Devils 3 to 1 and took home the first place trophy. What a great way to end a weekend.

Many thanks go out to the umpires for all their hard work; our photographer Cornelius Shaw, who took pictures all weekend long. You can find those pictures at www.spponytail.com/. Playball!

printroom.com/pro/courneliusshaw-photo. Thank you to all the parents who dedicated their time and energy to wherever they needed to be (i.e., snack stand, field duty, cleanup, etc.). Without you, this tournament wouldn't have been possible.

They are looking forward to hosting their next U14 tournament scheduled for July 28, 29 and 30. Come out and see the talent of our South Plainfield All-Stars and watch some exciting softball.

Also, as a reminder, our next Parents' Ponytail Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25. It will be held at the PAL building located on Maple Ave. and will begin at 8 p.m. All are welcome. Also, visit their website at <http://www.spponytail.com/>.

Grant Money Saves Middle School Sports

By Libby Barsky

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado announced that there is now enough money available for a Middle School sports program. Rosado made the announcement during last week's Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 12. South Plainfield had just received \$195,000 in aid from a grant obtained by Senator Barbara Buono. "The aid is to be used as we wanted to use it," explained Board Member Pio Pennisi.

Board member Carol Byrne said that she would not vote for the Middle School sports program unless one of the six positions that had previously been cut was restored—a position estimated at \$55,000. Byrne then made the resolution to bring back one of the six positions that had been cut, with Dr. Rosado making the decision on whether to bring back a SAC Counselor, a computer teacher or Spanish teacher.

Only seven members were present at the meeting; Terry Alexa and Donna Rann were absent. Because

the resolution was for a position, it needed five votes to carry. The board voted 5-2 to restore the position, with Jeff Seider and John Markham voting against. However, all seven members voted unanimously to restore the Middle School sports program which is estimated to cost \$86,000. Grant School sports was separated and will not be restored. The remaining money will be used as a cushion for possible increases in the special education program and energy costs. If unexpected, the money will go to tax relief Byrne said.

"When Dr. Rosado found out that Edison had received aid for \$1.2M, he asked for more aid for the district," said Pennisi. Resident Debbie Boyle said she had also learned about the aid Edison received and began emailing Barbara Buono about South Plainfield's problems funding the sports program and asked that the district be considered for a grant as well.

Byrne said she never expected the grant. "It's like manna from heaven!" she exclaimed.

Fire Department is Looking for Volunteers

South Plainfield's Fire Department is made up of volunteers and because of attrition and changing family responsibilities, the department needs more volunteers to maintain its numbers.

"New residents don't understand that this is an all volunteer department. Many come from more urban areas where they have a career fire department," said Chief Larry Del Negro. The Borough Council is doing what it can to encourage more applicants by changing and updating

some of the requirements that were previously needed for membership in the fire department.

At the July 11 meeting of the Borough Council, an ordinance amending the fire department section of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield was introduced.

The amended ordinance specifies that a volunteer must be 18 years old and up. It does not place a limit on how old an applicant can be as long as they are physically fit and passes

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South Plainfield Ponytail U12 All Stars recently competed in the Fifth Annual U12 tournament.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date

Agenda Meeting

Public Meeting

August 8 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
September 5 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planningboard

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

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

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

zoningboardofadjustment

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

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

July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28,
Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30* and Dec. 14.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.—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.—July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20,

Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March and April 4.

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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-committee

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

Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

recreationcommission

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

Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 and Jan. 10.

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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IN YOUREOPINION

To The Editor

The South Plainfield Music Boosters had its annual awards banquet on Friday, June 9. It was held at the Italian American Club in North Plainfield, and a good time was had by all! Seven scholarships totaling \$5,000 were given out at the dinner.

Most people don't know about the Music Booster Scholarship program. We give scholarship money to graduating seniors who are going to college. Tens of thousands of dollars have been given out over the years with as much as almost \$10,000 given out in one year a couple of years back. Music Boosters take pride in the role they play for the children in the music program at the high school—from doing fundraisers, to serving snacks, at football games and competitions, to loading the band truck and helping at concerts. We are made up of chorus, band and orchestra parents, and welcome anyone who wants to just get in there and help where it is needed. There are plenty of committees to join and there are always fundraisers going on which require a lot of participation from the parents and students.

As I step down from being president for the past two years, I want to thank all who have helped to make it a memorable time! I have met some phenomenal people who truly have the best interest of the kids at heart. There is not enough space to list all of these people, but they know who they are, and besides, they are in it for the kids and not the notoriety of it. As the new board takes over, I wish them the best of luck and ask that all the members and parents support them and keep everything on a positive note, because it's all about the kids—that's it!

SINCERELY,
JOHN ROESCH

To The Editor

Open government and ethics reform have been an important part of the Republican platform for several years, and they remain so in 2006.

Until this year, the Democrats would not even consider proposals by the Republicans to reform the system. In fact, until Republicans were elected last year, the Democrats never even uttered the phrase "pay-to-play" at a council meeting, let alone propose much-needed pay-to-play reform.

Happily that's changed, at least to some degree. Given the election results last year, the Democrats are now joining the cause and championing reform. Unfortunately, however, much of it is lip service. Rather than enact real pay-to-play reform, the Democrats enacted a sham ordinance without any teeth. And instead of engaging in real efforts at removing the taint of big money on the election process, they've offered gimmicks.

The recent challenge by the Democratic mayoral candidate is one of those gimmicks. Butrico wants both parties to have their candidates fill out financial disclosure forms. This sounds great, but it's really a smokescreen to take attention away from what really needs fixing. Elected officials are required to fill out disclosure forms, and ethics laws already prevent council members from voting on items where they have a financial conflict of interest.

The real problem is the huge sums of money donated to the Democratic Party by those seeking contracts with the Borough and by those with development applications in front of our town's land-use boards.

While the Republican candidates have no problem with disclosing how they earn their living, why not do something that gets to the heart of the problem?

If Butrico and the Democrats really want reform, as they say they do, we challenge them to agree to a \$25,000 campaign-spending limit for the upcoming election (for the mayor and council races combined).

Submit Letters to the Editor:

Please be advised that the *Observer* will no longer publish anonymous letters. Any letter received without identification will be discarded.

Letters may be submitted to the *Observer*, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax 908-668-8819 or by email: spobserver@comcast.net. Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m. Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Please limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject.

The limit would provide an even playing field for both parties, and at \$25,000 it would permit both sides to get the word out about their plans for our town. Voters would be able to judge the candidates on their merits rather than on which side can spend the most money and drown out the other side's message.

The spending limit would diminish the influence of big-money campaign donors, and it would lead to more grassroots campaigning—something that would be a shot in the arm for democracy in our town.

We have forwarded our challenge to the Democrats, and we encourage them to join us in bringing real reform to South Plainfield. We eagerly await their reply in next week's paper.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT BENGIVENGA, JR., CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR;
ALEX BARLETTA AND DAVE SESOK, COUNCIL CANDIDATES

To The Editor

In my capacity as Director of the South Plainfield Office on Aging and the Senior Center, I have come to recognize that there are a multitude of issues that our seniors face every day which need to be addressed. Our older population is growing and so are their needs. We are helping our seniors stay independent through services that support their well-being but there is so much more that needs to be done, especially for our most vulnerable elderly—the frail, homebound, isolated senior population.

I am looking to mobilize interested individuals, civic organizations and community groups to help my office implement a community outreach program to address the needs of the elderly in South Plainfield. I would like to form a "Coalition for the Elderly" and hope that you will consider being part of the organizing committee.

A Coalition for the Elderly will bring people together who care about the older adults of our community and create a "circle of support." Our mission will be to provide care and service to our elderly residents and to assist them with their daily needs through a variety of volunteer programs. Our goal will be to improve our seniors' qual-

ity of life and to help them live with dignity and independence in a safe and caring environment within our community.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the coalition organizing team, please give me a call or email me. You can reach me by phone at (908) 754-1047, (908) 756-0615 or by email to joanograf@hotmail.com.

SINCERELY,
JOANN GRAF, DIRECTOR

To The Editor

As a leader and member of the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community's (SPGSC) service team, I express my belief in the importance of teaching my daughters and other girls valuable life lessons through healthy, fun activities. A few of the many attributes we work toward are independence, self-respect, self-confidence, courage, acceptance of and respect for ourselves and others and respect for our environment.

Girl Scouting offers independent and group activities for girls. The great thing is that the SPGSC is run by us, the local volunteers. We decide which events are valuable to us and then manage them to meet our needs and desires. Scouting is about more than just camping.

Some of the events on the upcoming program calendar include many different types of community service activities, horseback riding, craft days, camp skills, pajama party, tea parties, theatre trips, hotel sleepover, mom/dad and me dances, and much more!

One of our most valuable assets, besides the girls, is our volunteers. The SPGSC is comprised solely of volunteers, caring individuals who give their time to their individual troops and the community as a whole. Do you have a special skill or talent? Knitting or crocheting? Singing? Crafts? An interesting career or hobby? Anything! We welcome you to join us. Come share your talents. You don't need to have a daughter in scouting to become involved. Anyone can do it! South Plainfield is one of 24 communities served by Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc. which has a membership of nearly 11,000 girls and adults.

For information, call (908) 232-3236 or log on to www.westfield-nj.com/girlscouts. Watch for our information and registration table at the Labor Day festival. We look forward to seeing some new, fresh faces in the fall! Girl Scouting truly is "Where Girls Grow Strong!"

MADELIN CHRISTILLES

CORRECTION

In the July 14 story on Chase Bank opening in town, we incorrectly reported that left turns would be permitted on Stelton Rd. In fact, no left turns will be allowed onto Stelton Rd.



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Retired Det. Battles Back After Double Lung Transplant

By Jane Dornick

It has been two years since retired South Plainfield Police Det. Gary Muccigrossi underwent a life-changing eight hour double lung transplant

in a New York hospital. Today, at age 43, he considers himself very lucky and even has a note on his refrigerator proclaiming July 20 as his second anniversary.

Muccigrossi had been a police of-

ficer for 17 years. His first five years were spent working with the Plainfield Police Dept. and the next 12 with the Borough police department. He became ill in 2002 and was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, a lung disease. According to his doctors, the cause of his illness may have been from exposure to a chemical mixture when he was on a Rescue Squad call in 1993 at a small factory on Tyler Pl.

After his surgery in 2004, Gary spent a short time in physical therapy in New York and returned quickly to his home to continue his full recovery. His wife, Gina, now believes in miracles. "I encourage anyone with a sick family member to stick together and work with each other and believe in miracles," she said. His 12 year-old son Anthony, who is entering the Middle School in September, was a great source of inspiration. Gina explains, "Anthony was a real trooper and very supportive. It's not easy carrying around an oxygen tank for your father. He was a great deal of help."

"My wife is a real special person. Without her and Anthony, none of this would be possible," said Gary.

After a double lung transplant, Gary Muccigrossi is pursuing a new career as a personal trainer.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

The South Plainfield Public Library now subscribes to two separate ebook programs. Each program, NetLibrary and ListenNJ.com, allow patrons to download audiobooks to a variety of listening devices including computers, Ipods, MP3 players, and, in the case of ListenNJ, you can burn them to CD. Both programs include a wide variety of titles, both fiction and non-fiction.

NetLibrary is the ebook arm of Recorded Books, the well known producer of high quality books-on-tape and books-on-CD. Titles include many current bestsellers; David McCullough's *1776*, *Bare Bones* by Kathy Reichs, Joanna Fluke's *Cherry Cheesecake Murder* and more. When you download the audiobook you will have it for three weeks with the option to renew (but you must renew on the computer on which you downloaded the item). Currently you will need to stop in the library to register for this program, but registration only takes a few minutes and can be done at the Reference Desk.

ListenNJ.com, can be accessed through our website at www.southplainfield.nj.us under the "New and

Noteworthy" column. All you will need to access this program is a current South Plainfield Library card. Again you will have a large choice of both fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from including bestsellers such as *Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt, and the updated and expanded edition of Thomas Friedman's *The World is Flat*.

Moreover, both programs include a wide variety of materials to learn foreign languages, everything from Albanian to Twi, and classics from Shakespeare to Poe. So consider these programs for those long car rides, or while working in the garden, or just about anytime when you want to read a book but keep your hands free.

Furthermore, our three summer reading programs (children's, young adult and adult) are continuing, so if you haven't joined yet there is still time. Also the library is sponsoring a wide variety of programs this summer. On Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, Dayle Giannarino, creative memories scrapbook instructor, will present "Scrapbooking for Kids: Photo Sharing Card" for children eight years old and up. Registration for this program includes an \$8 fee. And on Monday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. Miss Linda has scheduled "Decorate a Photo Frame." Registration is required and there is a \$1 fee. And don't forget our regular children's storytimes for ages three and up: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m.; our Time for 2s and 3s: Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.; our Books-N-Babies programs: Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Friday at 10:30 a.m. and Reading with Miss Mija at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday (for children six years old and up).

If you have any questions please feel free to call the library at (908) 754-7885. Hope to see you soon!

2006 NJ Senior Olympics and Arts Festival

More than 500 hundred athletes are expected to compete in the annual New Jersey Senior Olympics Games, to be held in Atlantic City July 29-30. Admission is free for all events, which are expected to draw several thousand visitors to the city each day.

While athletes vie for medals in the Atlantic City High School, hundreds of other seniors will entertain audiences with performing arts or display handmade arts and crafts throughout the school. Details are available at <http://njso.us>.

The 2006 Senior Olympics events qualify athletes for the National Senior Games in Louisville, KY, in 2007.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

July 14, 2006-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its' meeting held on July 13, 2006.

- A. Case #54-00-S-AJV Auto Air & Service, Inc. Block 473.02; Lot 6; 3201 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for amended site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #65-05/S/V-1000 Belmont Avenue, Block 362; Lot 1. The applicant's request for an expansion of a use variance, waivers and preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- C. Case #28-06-Mark and Dirceu Gulyas. Block 330; Lot 4; 339 Bergen St. The applicant's request for a use variance to expand an alleged preexisting valid nonconforming use was hereby DENIED.
- D. Case #29-06-Stephen J. Lipka. Block 404; Lot 11; 235 Hillside Ave. The applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance in order to erect a 1st floor deck was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- E. Case #31-06-Walter Cortez, 1/a the Holistic Center. Block 528; Lot 46.03; 5001 Hadley Road. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit a holistic center together w/ a waiver of site plan except for the lighting requirement was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$49.00 July 21, 2006

Since his recovery, Gary worked for the Middlesex Region Office of the Public Defender as an investigator for four months, but his doctors felt that the environment was too unhealthy for him. Before his illness, he was an avid weight trainer and couldn't wait to workout after coming home from the hospital. He recently took a three month course on the Internet from American Fitness Professional Assn. in Shipbottom, NJ, which he completed in two months, to obtain his certification as a personal trainer. He has put together a beautiful gym in the basement of his home and now has his own business, Body Fit Personal Training. He already has two

South Plainfield High School wrestlers as clients and hopes to expand his training in nutrition and other areas of personal fitness. Gary said, "I'm very lucky. I've always liked helping people and still do. I am very happy with my recovery. I take great pride in the fact that I have made tremendous strides in returning to leading an almost normal life. I have worked very hard at it and have never given up and am very excited about opening my new business."

For more information on his personal training classes call (908) 754-8492 or his cell phone (908) 405-9514.

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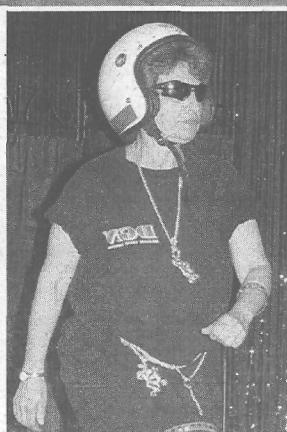
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KENNEDY STAFF SHOWS OFF THEIR AWESOME TALENTS AT FUNDRAISER

The 2006 Kennedy School Variety Show took place last month to a full house. This year, as in past years, the show had 100% participation by faculty and staff at Kennedy School. The show was dedicated in memory of Joyce Papp, Betty Boegeatzes and Patricia McLaughlin, with all proceeds going toward Kennedy School scholarships in their name.

The entire Kennedy cast once again proved that no matter how great last year's performance was, they can still do a better show each year. Each num-

ber they performed was new and improved in both choreography and costumes. The skits were all hilarious, especially the "American Idol" portion. The audience couldn't stop laughing and applauding. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for all of their hard work, it really showed. Everyone involved worked long hours to make this year's show another success.

The Kennedy School Variety 2006 cast and crew included: Mary Bannon, Michele Bloch, Amy Carlos,

Maryanne Costa, Lisa Darby, Barbara Doerr, Sandy Doyon, Tom Doyon, Tommy Doyon, Michele Fidler, Barbara Friedman, Barbara Habeeb, Al Hook, Eve Hook, Betty Kyle, Bill Kyle, Sherry Lawrence, Rich Leonardi, Eileen Lorance, Al Lind, Nellianne Mastrogianni, Kevin McCann, Laura McCreesh, Peggy Monagel, Fred Oberkehr, Kathy O'Brien, Kinnari Patel, Paula Rendon, Dianne Sutton, Angela Uffer, Alicia Vurchio and Ann Witowski.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

I would like to thank Senator Barbara Buono for obtaining a grant for the South Plainfield public school system. The grant will enable the Board of Education to bring one position back into the school system and to support the Middle School sports program for 2006/2007. Thank you to the Board of Education for making this possible.

Academics is the first priority for the Board of Education, but arts, music and sport programs are also an integral part of the school system. We are ranked 17th in spending in the county and our test scores have continued to rise during the past four years due to curriculum updates by our administrators and our teachers. From grammar school through high school our children have raised their academic learning skills and grade point averages. That alone should make everyone extremely proud.

Sacred Heart Church Renews Adopt-A-Spot Contract

Sacred Heart parishioners have renewed their adoption of Putnam Park, at the corner of Oak Tree and Park avenues. They first adopted the park in 2004, as the park was being expanded and renovated. Three adults and eight to 10 children do periodic litter cleanups.

Putnam Park shields the Putnam Ave. residential neighborhood from the commercial traffic and retail areas

There are also children who need the art, music and sports programs to supplement their academic abilities. The extra activities provide a positive structure on a daily basis and also help children to keep their grades up so they can participate in these programs.

Patricia DeSantis and myself, along with the support of the South Plainfield Athletic Booster Club, will begin fundraising for the high school gym bleachers. The bleachers are in extreme need of repair. The request to repair and/or replace the bleachers was voted down at the last election and now the Board of Education cannot use capital funds to fix the bleachers. There will be a town wide 50/50 raffle once we receive the required approval from the Borough Council. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Thanksgiving Day football game. We also plan a walk-a-thon fundraiser in October that we hope all students and

residents will participate in. Thank you to Carol Byrne for meeting with us to discuss fundraising possibilities and for being so positive. If there is anyone who would like to take part on the committee for the bleacher fundraiser, please contact us.

Rich D'Urso's Graphic Arts classes have been busy videotaping the South Plainfield Council meetings, which began airing on Comcast TV Channel 74 on July 18 at 6 p.m.

Thank you to the Borough Council for allowing Intern Stephanie Kelly to provide this valuable community service. She is gaining invaluable experience while volunteering her time. Thanks to Jane Dornick for all your help; Matt Ward for volunteering your time and equipment; Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado and SPHS Principal Dr. Ken May. The graphic arts class hopes to eventually have their own studio obtained through donations of equipment. This will be an invaluable learning tool for all the students.

Please check the Around Town Events section for the upcoming fundraising event to help build a new ticket booth at Jost Field to replace the one that burned down. This event will take place on July 29.

Grant Elementary School Principal Mr. Whalen will be contacting everyone who signed up as volunteer chaperones for the October 2006 Stokes Trip to let them know the exact dates they will be needed.

Two New Programs at Senior Center

The South Plainfield Office on Aging is pleased to announce two programs for August which will be very beneficial to our seniors.

On August 10, representatives from the NJ Division of the Ratepayer Advocate will give a presentation on "How to Lower Your Utility Bills and Tips on Conserving Energy." The program will begin at 1 p.m. and will provide seniors with information needed to make informed decisions regarding utility services and how to avoid being deceived by consumer fraud. The mission of the Ratepayer Advocate is to represent, advance and protect the interests of all NJ consumers of essential services regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, including but not limited to gas, electric, water, waste water and telecommunications.

On August 23, the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission Mobil Unit will visit the Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to issue driver license renewals or upgrade the senior's paper/photo driver's license to a digital license. Also available will be non-driver photo

identification cards. To participate, seniors need to pre-register at the center and make a specific appointment time. If renewing a license, the driver's license must be expiring within six months of the August 23 date. All applicants must meet the six points of identification and address verification requirements. For additional information, please call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

Please mark your calendars and join us at the South Plainfield Senior Center for these important programs. We also welcome your input and suggestions for future programs.

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The DeAndrea Family held a reunion at the home of Dick DeAndrea recently. More than 100 family members attended the event. They all enjoyed an afternoon of food, swimming and greeting old friends and relatives.

Barbara Harris's Art Classes at Riley, Kennedy

Barbara Harris's art classes at Riley and Kennedy Schools have been very interesting, challenging and productive for 2005-2006.

This year all the lessons pertained to World Cultures, beginning with Asian Art, which was actually begun in May 2005. This long term, in-depth unit was divided into three parts: the Far East, the Near East and the Middle East, and then individual countries within each group were

studied. In the last part of the school year Harris concentrated on the continent of Africa. In addition to the art of these foreign lands the children learned about the geography, culture, customs, history and beliefs of these countries/continents and their people. They listened to music, heard folktales and expressed their ideas in writing and art. The children learned many interesting facts and produced many beautiful works of art.

The Far East unit began with the Chinese philosophy of art. Then the students compared calligraphy from China, Japan and Korea and learned to write some of the characters, as well as the Japanese numbers from 1-10. The students learned about the architecture by observing different pagodas from various countries, and about the landscape by drawing and painting Japanese gardens and mountain scenes. A special needs class even did Japanese tie-dyeing, which is called Shiburi.

The Near East unit was equally as fascinating. The inter-connectiveness of religion and art, which is of major importance in all of Asian art, was discussed and compared. The story of Ganesha and other Hindu gods and goddesses was explained and emphasized through sculpture. Elephant symbolism and imagery, in sculpture and Indian miniature paintings, was also highlighted. The children used a variety of materials and textures to create two and three-dimensional art with Near Eastern themes and images, including "The Shining Cloth of India". Textiles and jewelry, which are major crafts and exported products of Near Eastern countries, were also emphasized and incorporated into all the art projects.

The final Asian unit was about the Middle East, both Ancient Mesopotamia and "modern" times. This unit began with a discussion of current events and some information about the history of this area of the world. Then Harris explained how religious restrictions helped create the style of art that is distinctively Middle Eastern. This included the importance of calligraphy as art, especially Arabic and Zoomorphic calligraphy. The children also studied the architecture of this region including zigzaggers, mosques, portals, entryways, and wall decoration and ornamentation.

The school year ended with a unit on Africa in the fourth marking period. Harris taught the children about the African tribal philosophy of objects and how the people believe that handmade objects have spiritual energy and magical powers. She told the children the symbolic meaning of beads, masks and ceremonial costumes in the life of Sub-Saharan African villagers. The children learned about the role of shaman, and about African animals and their habitats. In first grade and the Special Needs class Harris emphasized the influence of African art on 20th century European and American artists. These artists include Pablo Picasso, Romare Bearden and Jean-Michel Basquiat, who made faces with African mask-like characteristics, and Henri Rousseau, who loved to paint scenes that included African animals.

Throughout the year Harris displayed the children's amazing art work in the halls of Riley and Kennedy, as well as the Administration Building, for the community to enjoy.

South Plainfield Middle School Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

High Honor-Ashley Aya, Morgan T. Bethea, Stephen Coppi, Elizabeth M. Fusullo, Matthew Galinsky, Steven P. Grzenda, Alexander J. Horn, Nicole S. McDonough, Dylan J. Papa, Alexandra M. Skula and Jonathan G. Sukienik.

Honor Roll-Alyssa L. Aiello, Rachel M. Alexa, Lisa Alfano, Sadiq Amimi, Christopher O. Anyamene, Carly H. Ashnault, Yadybel J. Ayala, Jayne A. Bishop, Jeffrey G. Bodyl, Kimberly A. Bosse, Henna D. Budhan, Taylor L. Bullard, Joelle D. Burrico, Heather L. Calderone, Kenneth J. Calderoni, Constance Caldronay, Amanda Chen, Kayla C. Cotone, Deanna S. Dean, G. Bjorn F. DeLaCruz, Sarah L. DeLair, Angela M. DeSantis, Nicole M. Disch, Dina C. Douras, Glenn F. Edridge, Nicole D. Firmin, Michaela G. Fore, Jessica Frank, Jordan M. Gamble, Connor R. Gillis, Jenae Goodson, Elizabeth A. Gratta, Aaron N. Guiang and Tatiana A. Guzman.

Jaclyn M. Handwerger, Charles J. Huber, Dana M. Hunt, Daniel E. Hunt, Joseph K. Ifrach, Iris N. Ivaniuc, Amizan Jaleel, Taylor N. Jarema, Kristina G. Jewkas, Megan J. Kaczka, Brigitte M. Kelly, Alexander M. Khidre, Michael M. Krusinowski, Hieu Q. La, Justin P. Lesky, Matthew R. Little, Chante M. Martin, Jennifer Martinez, Dylan F. McDermott, Jamie L. McLean, Megan C. McMahon, Michelle A. Miller, Michelle Nguyen, Joseph A. Nicastro, Erin E. O'Connor and Nicholas L. Okosko.

Pearl D. Pagutalan, Michael A. Parelio, Steven A. Paskowitz, Kishan S. Patel, Shruti S. Patel, Jason J. Pattison, Vincent Phan, Kyle M. Pomplilio, Samantha J. Pukash, Lewis R. Quevedo, Sarah M. Roibal, Joana E. Sa, Claudia A. Salazar, Jake A. Salerno, Karly M. Sanko, Michael J. Simone, Rebecca A. Smith, Rosa Spallieri, Daniel E. Stocco, Edward P. Sullivan, Angelina M. Tamburri, Shana A. Tom, Celene Torres, Danielle M. Tramutola, Julie Tran, Agupunam I. Ufondu, William F. Whitefleet, Kerry L. Yorkanis and Ellen P. Zinsky.

Eighth Grade

High Honor Roll-Courtney M. Schaefer, James T. Seyffart, Manraj

Singh, Nicole A. Slatky, Daniel Smith, Italia Spallieri, Michael Sullivan, Richard A. Szligo, Gareth W. Teece, Bryant Villamarim, Tyler P. Whalen, Andre Williams, Heba S. Younes and Kaitlyn Zielinski.

Honor Roll-Jenna M. Alexander, Freddy Almanzar, Brittany M. Alvarado, Shyam D. Amin, Jhemar J. Anderson, Angela M. Ang, Brian T. Babinetz, Elizabeth A. Balon, Jimmy R. Bjilani, Scot G. Bishop, Aleksandra W. Blazejowicz, Matthew Brazza, Lisseth A. Calderon, Cassie L. Capparelli, Ray A. Coletta, Natalie Colucci and Marilyn J. Cruz.

Frank DeBiase, Jennifer A. Deligne, Justin DeOliveira, Bianca Di Dolce, Luigi Diaz, Thuy Trang Doan, Katherine A. Douglas, Tyler Driscoll, John S. Duran, Alana M. Franco, Kyle Freuler, Logan R. Green, Jessica R. Gregorio, Candice N. Grevious, Christopher R. Gualano, Jaimie Handwerger, Ryan Harrington, Jenna M. Heckel, Nicholas J. Heilmann, Paige L. Herriott, Kyle P. Hughes, Courtney L. Irber, Kyle J. Kaczka, Jenae A. Keith and Maher A. Khan.

During (Kim) T. Le, Frank P. Licato, Thomas Loalbo, Philip M. Longo, Cesar L. Luque, Karthik R. Marpadga, Christopher A. Marrone, Elizabeth E. Martin, Amber M. Miller, Parin C. Mody, Andrew Muhleiger, Jessica A. Napolitano, Chelsea N. Ng, Andrew T. Nguyen, Thang (Anthony) Q. Nguyen, Christopher J. Oprysk, Kristina M. Palazzo, Brian M. Palma, Kairav M. Parikh, Shawn M. Parisi, Brittany L. Pasquarella, Robert M. Pasternak, Alesia A. Patel, Kishan G. Patel, Emily R. Piekarz, Ashley K. Pierce, Frederick E. Reichert, Donita Rice, Natalie C. Rittinger, Ryan J. Sacco, Alexandria Santos and Matthew T. Santos.

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policereport

• On June 28 Tina M. Thompson, 41, of Plainfield was arrested for no insurance, no registration and three outstanding warrants.

• Middlesex Water Co. reported that five exterior lights were broken, a gutter drain was removed, an electrical box was shattered and paper garbage was dumped on the grounds of their building on Maple Ave.

• Traditions reported the theft of a dumpster gate.

• A Joan St. resident reported that their front storm door had been sprayed with red paint.

• On June 29 Grishma Pandya, 33, of Edison was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child after leaving her one year-old in the car asleep.

• Village Beauty Salon on Stelton Rd. reported the theft of hair weaves and hair coloring worth \$115 by a woman who placed the items in a bag and walked out of the store.

• On June 30 Maurice L. Boyd, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, having tinted windows and an outstanding warrant.

• Leland E. Jones, 26, of Plainfield was arrested for not having a front license plate, driving on a suspended license, invalid inspection sticker and three outstanding warrants.

• Arvind C. Patel, 37, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breathalyzer, no insurance, reckless driving, careless driving and failure to maintain a lane.

• Martal Hermanstein, 40, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, failure to keep right and leaving the scene of an accident.

• Daniel H. Gerwer, 37, of South Plainfield and Milton R. Knight, 37, of Plainfield were arrested for theft by unlawful taking.

• Grand Buffet on New World Way reported that their rear door had been pried open and a cash register with \$250 was taken.

• Nutro Labs on Hadley Rd. re-

ported the theft of four storage trailers.

• A Saddle River resident reported the theft of a storage trailer containing metal shelving that was parked on St. Nicholas Ave.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of her wallet at Kohl's.

• On July 1 Stephon A. Monroe, 22, of South Plainfield was arrested for having a brake light out, driving on an expired license and an outstanding warrant.

• Jeffrey H. Person, 42, of Flanders was arrested for simple assault after a fight on James Pl.

• Lekeisha D. Johns, 29, of Easton, Pa. was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• On July 2 Keith Louis Wagner, 34, of Sayerville was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle and eight outstanding warrants.

• On July 3 Raymond Segers, 43, of Plainfield was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle, driving on a suspended license, no insurance and two outstanding warrants.

• Matthew James Anderson, 21, of South Plainfield was arrested for distribution of a controlled substance and fictitious plates.

• Melody S. Fletcher, 24, and Letoya Harry, 25, both of Plainfield were arrested for shoplifting \$106 worth of merchandise at Rainbow Shop on Oak Tree Ave.

• An employee of the Community Pool reported the theft of \$40 from her wallet that was inside her purse in the unlocked employees room.

• On July 5 Howard Denman, 47, of Monmouth Beach was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• Caldwell Tire Co. on Park Ave. reported that a window had been broken on a customer's vehicle.

• On July 7 Jorge A. Baquero, 34, of Elizabeth was arrested for driving on a closed roadway and an outstanding warrant.

• Roberto Castro Bedoya, 33, of Edison was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting a pair of Reebok sneakers worth \$64.

• A Howell resident reported the theft of a company van from the parking lot at Home Depot. The keys were left in the ignition and the doors were unlocked.

• On July 8 a Ritter Ave. resident reported the theft of her purse which was left in the bathroom at Burlington Coat Factory. The purse was located, but \$57 was missing.

• A Tooz Pl. resident reported that eggs had been thrown at their vehicle.

• On July 10 Nicholas J. Grego, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for failure to turn and an outstanding warrant.



Curves of South Plainfield held a fashion show recently, showing off a variety of Curves apparel, including beachwear, exercise outfits, casual clothing and nightgowns. Modeling the colorful outfit were both employees and members: July B. Ronda, Bella, Terry W. Kristal, Kathy, Lucille, Janice and Tanya. Curves has announced its summer special beginning on July 17. If you join you get the summer free. Curves is located on South Plainfield Ave. For more information, call (908) 757-4422.

Tax Credits Available for Energy Efficient Use

During 2006, individuals can make energy-conscious purchases that will provide tax benefits when filling out their tax returns next year. The new law provides tax credits for making your principal residence, which must be in the United States, more energy efficient and for buying certain energy efficient items.

Consumers who purchase and install specific products, such as energy-efficient windows, insulation, doors, roofs and heating and cooling equipment in the home can receive a tax credit of up to \$500," said IRS Spokesperson Gregg Semanick.

A recent tax law change, Energy Policy Act of 2005, provides a tax credit to improve the energy efficiency of existing homes. The law provides a 10 percent credit for buying qualified energy efficiency improvements. To qualify, improvements must be installed in or on the taxpayer's prin-

cipal residence in the United States.

The following items are eligible:

- Insulation systems that reduce heat loss/gain
- Exterior windows (including skylights)
- Metal roofs (meeting applicable Energy Star requirements)

In addition, the law provides a credit for costs relating to residential energy property expenses. To qualify as residential energy property, the improvements must be installed in the taxpayer's main home in the United States.

The following items are eligible:

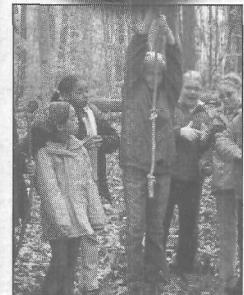
- \$50 for each advanced main air circulating fan
- \$150 for each qualified natural gas, propane, or oil furnace or hot water heater
- \$300 for each item of qualified energy efficient air conditioning or heating equipment

The maximum credit for all taxable years is \$500. No more than \$200 of the credit can be attributable to expenses for windows. Additionally, the new law makes a credit available to those who add qualified solar panels, solar water heating equipment, or a fuel cell power plant to their homes in the United States. In general, a qualified fuel cell power plant converts a fuel into electricity using electrochemical means, has an electricity-only generation efficiency of more than 30% and generates at least 0.5 kilowatts of electricity. Taxpayers are allowed one credit equal to 30% of the qualified investment in a solar panel up to a maximum credit of \$2,000 and another equivalent credit for investing in a solar water heating system.

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Sports

South Plainfield Football Eagles Registration is Ongoing; Coaches are Still Needed



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The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheerleading program is still looking for football coaches. The Junior Midget team for boys approximately 10-13 years of age is in need of volunteers to coach. Experience is not necessary!

The Eagles Football and Cheerleading program is still accepting registration for football players on all four teams. The teams for this year are expected to be: Flag, Mighty-Mite, Jr. Pee Wee and Jr. Midget. We are also accepting registration for cheerleaders at the Flag, Mighty-Mite and Jr. Pee Wee levels. While the Jr. Midget cheer squad is currently at capacity, some girls who might normally be eligible for the Jr. Midget squad may be able to cheer at the Jr. Pee Wee level due to overlapping age requirements. It is best to check with the cheer commissioner.

Parents are welcome to register their children in person at the field house on Kenneth Ave. on Monday, July 31 from 5-7 p.m. Registration forms will be available that night, or visit the

"Hand-outs" section of our website at www.speagles.com to download a coaches application or registration form. Forms are also available at the PAL. For more information, call Abra Hodge, cheer commissioner at (908) 753-5874 or Jaime Larsen, football commissioner at (908) 296-7401.

Parents who have already registered their children, please be aware that medical forms, report cards and, for new players only, a notarized copy of a birth certificate, are due prior to the season start of Aug. 1. No child will be allowed to practice until all their paperwork has been submitted. Parents can stop by on July 31 from 5-7 p.m. at the field house to drop off any required paperwork, or they must bring it with them the first night of practice.

Tiger Sharks Dive Team is Looking Good

These divers are looking good! They started the year winning the meet against Brookside. This was their first meet of the year, and they went into it diving beautifully.

There are some brand new divers this year who have been doing totally awesome; they look wonderful and am sure we will be seeing some first

Tiger Sharks Swim Their Best Times; But Still Lose to East Brunswick

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks swam their personal best times, but it was not enough to win against a top ranked East Brunswick team. The final score was East Brunswick 160, South Plainfield 116 at the East Brunswick pool complex on July 5.

The meet started with the boys Individual Medley. South Plainfield's ace swimmers Dylan McDermott (11/12) and Philip Luzny (13-18) were able to capture first place ribbons. Joey Valentino, who has been swimming at his best, was able to out touch the other swimmers placing third in the 10-and-under age group for the same event.

The longer freestyle events gave our ace swimming girls Taylor Aljian (10-and-under) and Emily Piekarzki (13-18), first place ribbons. Joey's sister, Maggie Valentino (second) and Emily's sister Gracie Piekarzki (third) were able to capture ribbons for the

and second places from them in the future!

One of the new divers in the eight and under age group, Gina Abbruzzese took fifth place. That's terrific!

In the girls 9/10, Janet Kelly took first, with Jamie Bohn, another new diver, taking second. And yet another new diver, Courtney Maino, took

11/12 age group.

The Gurrieri Brothers, Nicholas (8-and-under) and Anthony (11/12) were the only first place winners in the shorter freestyle events. William McLaughlin (8-and-under), Aidan McDermott (9/10) and Brian Babinetz (13-14) all captured second place wins by swimming with true team spirit and out touching some of East Brunswick's finest swimmers.

Taylor Aljian (9/10) was the only first place ribbon holder in the girls backstroke. Megan McDermott (8-and-under) and Kelley O'Brien (9/10) were able to secure the second place wins for their age groups, while Maggie Valentino (11/12) and Abby Petrich (13-18) finished the backstroke events with third place ribbons.

Breastroke events gave Kaitlyn Faustini (9/10) and Kate O'Brien (11/12) first place ribbons. Kate's sister

Kelley O'Brien (9/10) received the second place ribbon. Megan McDermott (8-and-under), Sarah Konops (13/14) and Kristen Dabrio (15-18) captured third place ribbons in the breaststroke.

The boys were able to win three out of the five first place ribbons in the butterfly: Nicholas Gurrieri (8-and-under), Dylan McDermott, who was swimming up in the 13/14 age group and Philip Luzny (15-18). Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) and Matt Moates (15-18) placed second, while Aidan McDermott (9/10) placed third in their respective age groups.

The only girls freestyle relay to take first place was the awesome 9-12 team of Maggie Valentino, Kate McLaughlin, Gracie Piekarzki and Taylor Aljian.

The boys medley relays were won by 8-and-under Dylan O'Connor, William McLaughlin, Kyle Bythell and Nicholas Gurrieri and 13-18 year-olds Dylan McDermott, Philip Luzny, Michael Boyle and Matt Moates. While the team suffered the loss, their spirits were high. They have the guidance and support of their fantastic coaches who encourage the swimmers to swim their best and aspire to reach their goals.

The team is truly thankful that they have head coach Laurie Post and her assistants Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio and Mary Orlowski. Even former coach Jen Orlowski can be seen on deck encouraging the swimmers.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on July 11, 2006 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance 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:

Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH") TO BE USED FOR LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSES; APPROPRIATING \$1,680,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,600,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Acquisition and payment of the purchase of real property located at 401, 403 and 405 Hamilton Boulevard within the Borough, upon which the Borough will construct a roadway and improvements thereon consisting of site preparation.

Appropriation: \$1,680,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,600,000

Section 20 Costs: \$150,000

Useful Life: 40 years

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$57.75

July 21, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1744

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

Ord. 1744 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 26 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "FIRE DEPARTMENT" was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, July 21, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1744

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "FIRE DEPARTMENT"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Amend Chapter 26-5 Qualifications for membership:

- A. No person shall hereafter become a member of the Fire Department of the Borough of South Plainfield unless:
 - (1) The applicant is at least eighteen (18) years old.
 - (2) The applicant is a citizen of the United States.
 - (3) The applicant is a resident of the borough, is employed within the borough limits or is a resident outside of the borough limits within a reasonable response time as determined by the Board of Firemen of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.
 - (4) The applicant is physically fit to perform the duties of a firefighter as evidenced by a certificate to that effect.
 - (5) The applicant is in good moral standing.
 - (6) The applicant shall be sent for and pass a pre-membership drug screening at a location used by the Fire Department. The pre-employment screening shall be paid for by the Fire Department.
- D. Every person seeking to join the Fire Department shall make application to the Fire Chief or his designated Personnel Officer. Upon completion of the requirements for membership set forth within Article 26-5, and any requirement of the bylaws of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc., the information shall be forwarded to the Borough Council for confirmation of the applicant's membership as a Probationary Firefighter of the Fire Department.

After confirmation by the Borough Council the name shall be entered on a roll of firefighters kept by the Municipal Clerk. The applicant shall be given a badge of membership, which badge shall be delivered up to the Chief at anytime upon demand of the Chief or whenever said person shall be under charges involving moral turpitude or neglect of duty or for any cause shall cease to be an active firefighter. Upon completion of one (1) year of duty as a probationary firefighter, the applicant shall be

recommended for status as a regular firefighter or discharged from the service by the Board of Firemen of the South Plainfield Fire Company No. 1, Inc.

- E. Applicants that have been active with another Fire Department within two (2) years of their date of application for membership to the South Plainfield Fire Department and have proof of New Jersey state required Firefighter certification(s) may have their probationary period reduced. The probationary period can be reduced to six (6) months if approved by the Board of Firemen of the South Plainfield Fire Company No. 1, Inc.

Amend Chapter 26-7 Duties of members:

Every member of the Fire Department shall:

- A. In each and every year perform at least sixty percent (60%) of actual attendance and duty at fires and drills. A record shall be kept of each attendance and duty by a Fire Officer(s) as designated by the Chief of the Fire Department.

Amend Chapter 26-12 Duties of Captains:

Duties of Fire Officers:

Duties of the Fire Officers shall be assigned by the Chief of the Department. Duties may include, but are not limited to, records of fire alarms drills and other related functions, apparatus maintenance, SCBA, communication equipment, firefighting equipment, firefighting gear, health/safety, personnel and any other duties as needed to maintain Fire Department operations. A record of the Fire Department activities shall be submitted to the Public Safety Committee at the end of each calendar year.

Amend Chapter 26-13 Chain of Command:

In the absence of the Chief, command shall devolve upon and the Chief's Duties be performed by the Deputy Chief's; in the absence of the Chief and the Deputy Chief's command shall devolve upon and the duties shall be performed by the Captains; and in the absence of the Chief, Deputy Chief's, and Captains, command shall devolve upon the Lieutenants of the Fire Company in attendance at said fire or in the absence of all the aforementioned officers, the senior firefighter present shall be in charge.

The said officers are hereby vested with all powers, for the time being, of police officers of the borough, and also while proceeding to, attending upon and returning from a fire, in answer to an alarm of fire, to the end they may and shall preserve the peace and protect all property, both public and private.

Amend Chapter 26-17 Taking apparatus from firehouse:

No fire apparatus shall leave the firehouse except for fighting fires, holding drills, training purposes, normal maintenance, inspection or testing, public relation appearances, public safety education appearances and/or any function not listed herein when approved by the Mayor or Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee.

All other provisions of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment becomes effective after final adoption and advertisement in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$26.25

July 21, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1743

AN ORDINANCE MAKING PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING COMPLEX AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that L. Darby, representing Lutheran Social Ministries of N.J. has filed a written consent with the Borough of South Plainfield that the provisions of Subtitle One of Title 39 of the revised statutes of New Jersey to be made applicable to the semi-public roads, streets, driveways and parking lots at the South Plainfield Senior Citizen Housing, as depicted on the attached site plan dated June 8, 2006, located in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex and the following regulations shall be enforceable:

REGULATION(S):

1. General Parking:
- A. All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.
- B. No person shall stop or stand a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described below, except in areas covered by other parking restrictions.

Name of Street Sides Hours Location

All Roads and Both All As Indicated on Site Plan

C. Handicapped Parking

All stalls shall be 12 foot wide as shown on the attached site plan and signed with the R7-B and R7-BP (Reserved Parking Sign and Penalty Plate), in the designated parking areas for persons who have been issued the Handicapped Parking Permit by the Motor Vehicle Commission.

2. Reserved Parking:

All vehicles that are granted specialty parking in this section such as: police vehicles, ambulances, teachers, etc. Must be properly identified and the reserved parking spaces must be shown on the attached site plan.

3. Stop Intersections:

The following described intersections are hereby designated as Stop Intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

Intersection Stop Signs(s):

Road "B" and Morris Avenue Road "B"

Aisle "B" and Morris Avenue Aisle "B"

Aisle "C" and Morris Avenue Aisle "C"

4. One-Way Streets

The following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as One-Way Streets in the direction indicated.

Name of Street Direction Limits

Aisle "A" Counter Clockwise Entire Length

5. Speed Limits:

The speed limit for both directions of travel on the following roadways are:

Name of Roadway M.P.H. Limits

All Roads and Aisles 15 Entire Length

A. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits authorized by the Department of Transportation.

6. Tow-Away Zones:

Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area/pedestrian walkway, or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owners or operators expense.

7. Loading Zone(s):

The locations described are hereby designated as Loading Zones. No person shall park a vehicle in said location during the times indicated other than for the loading or unloading of goods and materials.

Name of Street Sides Hours Location

Aisle "A" North All As Indicated on the Site Plan

Aisle "B" North All As Indicated on the Site Plan

That all signs, posts, or other necessary materials be installed and paid for by the applicant. All signs shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-199 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by the New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days or both.

Effect of Ordinance:

If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the Ordinance.

This ordinance becomes effective after final adoption and advertisement in accordance with the Law.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$141.25

July 21, 2006

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Obituaries

Nancy G. (Wampole) Pauls, 76

Nancy G. (Wampole) Pauls died on Saturday, July 15 at home, surrounded by her family.

Born and raised in Sunbury, Pa., Nancy lived in Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield in 1963.

A member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, Nancy had served on the church council and as a Eucharistic Minister. She was a former member of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's Woman's Auxiliary, a former member of the South Plainfield Sunday Night Mixed Bowling League and the housewives bowling league at Stelton Lanes in Piscataway where she held the position of secretary.

Mrs. Pauls also enjoyed following tennis. Over the years she had attended many Davis Cup Tournaments. A great mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren, she will be missed dearly by her family.

She is predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Stanley, who died in March of this year; a granddaughter, Stephanie Pauls, who died in 1991 and a sister, Hilda Rovito.

Surviving are five daughters and five sons, Kathy and husband Greg Augustine of Piscataway, Bob and wife Diane of South Plainfield, Constance and husband, Joe Wilcox of Yardville, Steve and wife Peggy of Old Bridge, Sam of South Plainfield, Jeff and wife Nancy of South Plainfield, Tony of South Plainfield, Joann of South Plainfield, Judy and husband Ed Blaha of Wall Twp. and Jennifer and husband Rich Bucey of North Carolina.

Also surviving are 20 grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Faye Pauls of Corning, N.Y. and a sister-in-law and dear friend, Alice-Reta Schreffler of Belvidere.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the VNA Hospice of Central NJ, 141 Bodman Dr., Red Bank, NJ 07701 or to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08863.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Nicholas J. Carlucci, 77

Nicholas J. Carlucci died on Friday, July 14 at his home.

Born in Plainfield, he resided in

North Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1966.

Nick was employed as a Machinist for Captive Plastic Co. of Piscataway for 10 years before retiring in 1993. Previously, he was employed in the Electronics Lab for Westinghouse of Metuchen for 17 years.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Nick was a member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens of Piscataway, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield and a former member of the Knights of Columbus in Plainfield.

He had a love for woodworking and wood carving, and was most proud of his hand carved birds.

Surviving are his wife, Nicolina "Lilly" Carlucci; eight children, Susan Ritchey of South Plainfield, Nikki Behr of Branchburg, Francesca Carlucci of Brattleboro, Vt., Robert of San Diego, Ca., John of New York City, David of Readington, Dominic of Metuchen and Michael of New York; a brother, Dr. Angelo Carlucci of San Diego and eight grandchildren, Kelly, Jarred, Rachel, Paul, Molly, Daniel, Brooke and Kaitlyn.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

William J. "Bill" Fennell, 74

William J. "Bill" Fennell of Raritan Township died on Friday, July 14 at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Raritan Township.



He was born on June 15, 1932 in Perth Amboy, the son of the late William and Dorothy Fennell. He was a long-time resident of Raritan Township, having previously lived in Perth Amboy, East Brunswick and South Plainfield.

A former tank commander in the New Jersey National Guard, Bill was a retired Iron Worker with Iron Worker's Local #373, Perth Amboy.

A former member of the East Brunswick Rescue Squad, he was a past president and Life Member of

the Flemington-Raritan First Aid and Rescue Squad, Station 49. Additionally, he was a longtime member of The Body of Christ Ministries, Annandale.

Surviving are his wife of 29 years, Judy Hanna Fennell; a son, Joseph Fennell of Anaheim, Calif.; two daughters, Carol Burzinski of Edison and Deane Croce of South Plainfield; a stepson, Keith Brock, Sr. of Spring Lake, NC; a stepdaughter, Bette Donah of Bethlehem, Pa.; two brothers, Richard Fennell of South Amboy and Robert Fennell of Stockton; two sisters, Jean Toth of Atlantic Highlands and Maryann Wojciechowicz of Jackson; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Body of Christ Ministries, 3 Hills Top Court, Annandale, NJ 08801, as well as the Flemington-Raritan Rescue Squad, 26 Route 12, P.O. Box 686, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Joseph A. Marotto, 71

Joseph A. Marotto died on Thursday, July 13 at the Haven Hospice Unit of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Joe lived in North Plainfield and Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield in 2002.

Mr. Marotto worked as a machinist for Personal Products in New Brunswick and Ethicon in Bridgewater before retiring in 1992.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Joe served from 1954-1956. He was a member of the American Legion Post #261 of Piscataway, where he served as the service officer. In addition, he was a member of the Edison Moose Lodge.

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Nancy Pauls

who passed away on July 15th
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Companion,
Mother of Ten,
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of Twenty

You are already missed!

Nancy, Wayne, Barbara, Frank,
Marilyn and all who knew you!

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Fire Department Looking for Volunteers

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the physical exam.

The amended ordinance also changes the residency requirement. It is no longer necessary to reside in South Plainfield to become a fireman for the Borough.

"So many people live on the borders of town and are within a reasonable response time," said Del Negro.

The change in the ordinance will enable a former volunteer fireman in Franklin Township, who moved to Plainfield and lives 100 feet from the border of South Plainfield, the opportunity to join the South Plainfield Fire Department.

Council Meetings are on Comcast

(Continued from page 1)
rebroadcast on the following Tuesday, July 25 at the same time. The July 11 meeting will air on Aug. 1 on the same weekday and time and also the following Tuesday. Since the council only meets once a month during July and August, the Aug. 8 meeting's broadcast date will be announced when the date is determined.

If it is not possible to actually attend the council meetings, now is a

good opportunity to view how our local government is run. This is especially important with the upcoming November election, when South Plainfield will be deciding on a new mayor as well as two council seats. DVD copies of the meetings will be available for purchase in the future with the proceeds going toward a worthy high school organization. Keep reading the *Observer* for the latest updates in upcoming editions.

can receive up to \$11,000 in Length of Service Award Participation. "Once the council approves the amended ordinance at its August 8 meeting, the fire department will start an aggressive campaign to recruit new members," said Del Negro. There will be talks at local service and business organizations with fliers and banners being placed around the community.

Currently the fire department is using its message board in front of the firehouse on Maple Ave. to advertise for volunteers. The Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. will also use its electronic message board to highlight the need for volunteers.

"We will go to public access TV channels and put the message on their bulletin boards. We are also looking into the cost effectiveness of running a 15 or 30 second commercial on local cable Comcast TV. We are partnering with Regal Theatres to have a short infomercial in the movie about the local fire department. Once school starts we will be recruiting students 15 to 18 to become junior firemen. Once the ordinance is in place, we expect to have six to eight volunteers. We also plan to return to the council to thank them," said Del Negro.

History Center is Open to Public

The South Plainfield Historical Society History Center is open to the public every Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. The room, located in the Roosevelt Administration Building at 125 Jackson Ave., is chock-full of archival material including newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, vintage clothing, reference material, non-lending library books and photographs that illustrate the Borough's history.

The History Center is located on the lower level via the "boys" entrance on Jackson Ave. More information is available on the website: <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalociety>

SP Tiger Shark Dive Team is Looking Good

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Kimmie Petronko took sixth, Victoria Maino took seventh and Lauren Parelio took eighth. These girls are raring to go and diving wonderfully!

In the boys 13/14, George Graves took first place.

In the 15-18 age group, Clare Kelly took first, Megan Boyle second, and Alex Petronko third. Michael Boyle also took first place.

It was such an exciting meet! Jena Cianfrocca, Michael Boyle, and George Graves all did forward double somersaults, and earned excellent scores. It

was a sight to see. Clare Kelly blew everyone away when she did a beautiful forward dive straight. It was a stunning swan dive, done to almost perfection.

I think these divers have a very exciting year to look forward to. I know we are all looking forward to watching them dive. Our next home meet will be July 24 starting at 5:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come watch our divers; you won't be disappointed. It is exciting watching all these children do such beautiful dives; come see for yourself!

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