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were raided for a second time.



Green Day Spa, located on Park Ave. was raided on Monday.

## Police Raid Green Day Spa Massage Parlor

South Plainfield Police, responding to several complaints by area business and residents about illegal activities, and after undercover surveillance, raided the Green Day Spa, located at 2013 Park Ave. on Monday at 4:30 p.m. Li Ping Feng, 42, of 144-5 38th Ave., Flushing, NY was arrested and charged with prostitution.

Bail was set at \$2,500, with no 10%. At presstime, bail had not been posted.

Green Day Spa was closed following the arrest of Feng and police are continuing their investigation.

Anyone with information regard-

ing Green Day Spa is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Daniel Noonan at (908) 226-7666.

The Borough Council introduced an ordinance at Tuesday nights meeting which is intended to regulate massage parlors. They will be required to go through background checks, have massage therapy certificates, proper insurance and fulfill many other requirements.

This is the Borough's way of responding to the many massage parlors that have opened in the past few years. The Hamilton SC Spa, located above the *Observer*, officially closed last week after they

## Hamilton Blvd. Closure Causes Major Traffic Backups, Angers Businesses

The latest Hamilton Blvd. closure, which began earlier this week, has caused major headaches to drivers and the businesses located between Belmont and New Market avenues. Traffic all over town was affected by the detours now that the roadwork has reached the intersection of New Market Ave. and Hamilton Blvd.; a major crossroads being closed down. This new traffic pattern is

expected to continue until the end of the month.

The closure of the intersection also means rerouting truck traffic, which used the New Market intersection to turn onto Spicer and then Belmont Ave. It also means that the Lakeview overpass is closed. During this phase, trucks will be allowed back onto Hamilton Blvd. as far as Belmont Ave.

The businesses beyond Belmont

Ave. have all felt the impact of these detours. Several business owners attended this weeks council meeting to express their displeasure with the detours which directs traffic away from their businesses. They say they are suffering financial losses because of this and with the road now completely closed, some may have to close completely. They were also upset that

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## Police Athletic League Rallies for Alyssa at Charity Softball Game

By Patricia Abbott

On July 29 the South Plainfield Police Athletic League (PAL) held their annual Charity Softball Tournament. This year's event was a Rally for Alyssa. In October of 2005, two-and-a-half year old Alyssa Riccardi was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a pediatric cancer that attacks the nervous system.

The tournaments consisted of a double elimination men's tournament with 14 teams and a co-ed tournament with six teams. The co-ed teams played at the high school's varsity and junior varsity softball fields and the men's teams played at the PAL, middle school, high school and Veteran's Park fields. Each team donated \$250 to participate in the games. The purse was \$500 for first place and \$250 for second place. Food and drinks were sold at the middle school early in the day and at Veterans' Park in the afternoon. The winner of the Co-Ed Division was Team SPGOP.

The final round of mens games were played between Smith Home Improvement and Universal Nutrition—last year's winner. The teams displayed highly competitive spirit, each determined to win, but the victory went to Smith Home Improvement. Both teams generously donated their winnings back to the PAL for Alyssa. Donations were also received from the Old Timers Motorcycle Club, South Plainfield Chapter of Open Your Heart Foundation, South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Ellery's and the Middlesex and South Plainfield Elks. The tournament raised approximately \$6,500.

The Rally for Alyssa was the PAL's fifth annual tournament. Previous rally's were held for Riley Hubner in 2002, David Kyle in 2003, Gary Mucigrossi in 2004 and Kevin Conroy in 2005. The event was organized by Chris Colucci, PAL president; Gary Cassio, PAL vice president and Kevin Hughes, director of the Recreation Department.

Alyssa's mother Dana explained she would like to have spent more of the day watching all the games. "We



Alyssa Riccardi watches the action from the roof of a car at the PAL charity softball game. More photos on page 8.

wish we could have spent the entire day at the field watching the games." Unfortunately Alyssa is not allowed around people right now. She has to wear a mask as a precaution, due to the full body radiation and chemo that she had during her second stem cell transplant. Since October Alyssa has not been able to go to the grocery store, church, or any public place. That will stay in effect for at least another two months until her blood counts can fight off infections and viruses on their own.

Dana added, "We are so grateful that the PAL sponsored the softball tournament and the community of South Plainfield came together to support her. All the donations will help defer the medical costs for her treatments. We appreciate all the support we received from our family and friends from the beginning. We know we can continue to count on them."

Alyssa has a 10-year-old brother,

Christopher who has been a big part of her life and her recovery. When she feels down, he knows just what to do to make her laugh. Christopher explained "I love my sister so much and I can't wait until she is better so we can go to the park and play."

Chris Colucci said, "On behalf of the Police Athletic League, we wish to thank this year's participants for making the day a great success. We were honored that Alyssa was able to join us and we wish her a speedy recovery."

You can visit Alyssa's website at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/alyssariccardi](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/alyssariccardi). Donations can be made to Rally for Alyssa by sending a check made out to the Police Athletic League with a memo for Alyssa Riccardi. Send checks to police headquarters at 2480 Plainfield Ave., attention Chris Colucci, Gary Cassio or James Parker. Donations can also go to the Alyssa Riccardi Trust Fund, PO Box 0051, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-0051



The Recreation Department held their annual Safety Town program in July. See page 9 for pictures.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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### council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday  
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
September 5	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
September 19	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
October 3	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
October 17	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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

### planning board

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

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

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28,  
Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30\* and Dec. 14.

### board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.- Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13,  
Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15,  
Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March and April 4.

### taxpayers advisory group

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

### site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

### recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

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

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

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

### business advisory group

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

### traffic safety advisory commission

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

### board of education curriculum/technology meetings

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

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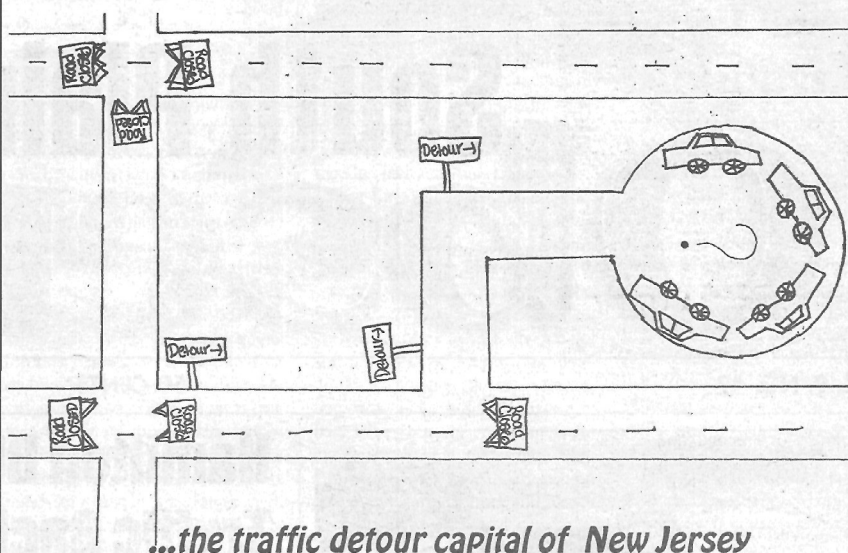
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## Welcome to South Plainfield....



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## IN YOUR OPINION

### To The Editor,

The South Plainfield Police Athletic League held its 5th annual Charity Softball Tournament on Saturday, July 29. The day was a great success, which would not have been at all possible without the volunteers, umpires, participants and donations we received for Alyssa Riccardi. We would like to take the time to recognize those who were instrumental in making the day a great success.

**Volunteers:** Shannon Colucci, Gina Severini and Schanna Woodel. **Mobile Concession Sales Team:** Carly Ashnault, Chelsey Colucci, Tori Huber, Becky Smith and the Martin Family for the use of their golf cart. **Grilling Extraordinaire:** Sal Severini and his right-hand man, Mike Alvarez and Guy and Sandy Severini, for bailing us out with some last-minute essentials.

**Umpires:** Mike Alvarez, Bill Cochran, Jim Curcio, Dave Eichler, Ray Jazikoff, Kevin Lykes, Pete Rockwell, our two Iron Men-Tim Dziomba and Kevin Schweers, who annually umpire for the entire day and to whom we are greatly indebted, and this year's newest addition, junior umpire Ray Jazikoff, Jr.

**Participants:** All-Stars Alumni, Bada Bing, Bolesta's Landscaping, DeAndreas, Doggy Style Dog Groomers, Ellery's, Hillside Trucking, Knights of Columbus, little league coaches Marco, Orca and Finns, Smith Home Improvement, SP Democrats, SP Elks, SP Fire Department, SP GOP, TJs, Twin City and Universal Nutrition.

**Monetary Donations:** Ellery's, Knights of Columbus, Old Timers Motorcycle Club, SP Elks and SP Golf Association.

**Food Donations:** Bett-a-Way, Freihoffers, Hall's Warehouse, Buckhead Beef and Tim Brady.

**Service Donations:** Silver Creek Landscaping for doing a remarkable job preparing the fields... and thanks to AKA, Inc. who donated the beautiful trophies for this year's winners.

Thanks again for all your support!  
**GARY CASSIO, PAL VICE PRESIDENT; CHRIS COLUCCI, PAL PRESIDENT AND KEVIN HUGHES, RECREATION DIRECTOR**

### To The Editor,

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. (OYH) would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters. The business, public and media support have allowed OYH to raise over \$300,000. We hope that all of you will continue to support OYH. With your support, we will continue to donate the monies raised for research to the institute at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital hospice care located at JFK Hospital, and to families in financial need.

There are a couple of dates we hope you will mark on your calendars. On Oct. 1 there will be a round-trip

motorcycle ride starting at the South Plainfield PAL building and going through beautiful Hunterdon County. Upon returning from the ride there will be food, drink and music. This ride is being sponsored by OYH in cooperation with Century 21 Moretti Realty and The Old Timers Motorcycle Club. The second date is Oct. 7, when the Cornucopia sails again. There will be dining and dancing as the ship sails from Carteret to the Statue of Liberty and back to the dock.

For more information call OYH at (908) 755-5300 ext. 406, or email openyourheart@morettiirealty.com. You can also contact the Old Timers Motorcycle Club at (908) 753-7620, or email oldtimers.mo@yahoo.com.

MARY ANN LISEWSKI

### To The Editor,

A response to Joseph Scrudato.

In your letter to the editor you stated that you didn't understand how Bengivenga could actually vote "no" on the bond ordinance and that if the rest of the council had taken his approach, truck traffic would be back on Hamilton Blvd., which you also stated that you thought "no one in our town wants to see."

### 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.

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Actually, Mr. Scrudato I am a "resident" of New Market Ave.-you know, the road all the truck traffic now comes down as a result of Mr. Buttrico's "plan." Believe me, I am well aware the truck traffic that comes down my road everyday is "here to stay," but be aware that NOT everyone is happy with Mr. Buttrico's "plan" and please don't find it so "hard to believe" that not everyone agrees with it.

While this plan may turn out to benefit the majority of the town (and honestly, I hope it does), let's not forget about the minority of the town that it already has and will always negatively have an impact on, "the resi-

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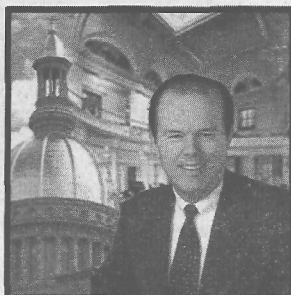
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## News

From The State House

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan

The most rewarding aspect of serving as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly is the ability to assist my hometown of South Plainfield. Over the last five years, my office has been able to resolve hundreds of problems for residents of our borough from passport issues to property tax rebates to dealing with the myriad of state agencies. I am proud of the millions of dollars in state aid that Assemblyman Barnes and Senator Buono and I have obtained for the Borough and our Board of Education. However nothing that I have experienced during my time in Trenton is as meaningful to me as the legislation that is known as "Abigail's Law."

The best thing about South Plainfield is the people who live here. We are a small town in every sense of the word. We look out for each other and care about each other. No family better embodies that spirit than the Kuberiet family. Chris Kuberiet is recognized throughout the state as an outstanding member of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. I have had the honor of knowing him for twenty years. Although I do not personally know her as well as Chris, I do know that Chris's wife Lisa is a loving and caring mother to whom her children are the center of her life. Three years ago, the Kuberiet's suffered an incomprehensible tragedy when they lost their beautiful two year old daughter, Abigail, in a school bus accident. Abigail was so small that the driver could not see her standing in front of the bus. Due to her size, the mechanical arm, which extends from the bus's bumper, did not prevent her from walking in front of the bus. Shortly after this tragedy I was backing up my car and the sensor in my car's bumper starting beeping when someone walked behind it. I immediately asked 'why don't we use that technology in school buses?' As a result I sponsored legislation, which is officially known as "Abigail's Law." This is a very straightforward law which will require that all newly manufactured school buses must be equipped with sensors to determine objects in the front and the back of the bus. This is not pie in the sky technology. Most SUVs already have these sensors. The cost should be minimal to require this technology in newly manufactured vehicles. Regardless of the cost, the need speaks for itself. Abigail's Law passed the Assembly on July 8 without one dissenting vote. My friend, Senator Buono, is sponsoring companion legislation in the State Senate. With everyone working together it should be signed by Governor Corzine by the end of the year. I must thank Chris and Lisa Kuberiet for working with me on this law. I only hope that it can give them some small comfort.

## School Storage Containers Are Becoming an Eyesore

Resident Tom Barrett, who lives on Norwood Ave., right next to Kennedy School, asked the Board of Education members at July's meeting if they could clean up or move the containers they have placed behind Kennedy School.

Barrett brought along several photographs showing the containers and the view he has of them from his property.

Business Administrator/Secretary Donna Tolley explained that the district was able to obtain two free boilers from a school district in South Jersey, but they cannot be installed until the asbestos abatement is completed at Kennedy. She assured Barrett that they will be removed when the project is complete.

Barrett said he did not want to complain and would accept Tolley's explanation as long as he received a promise that they will be removed. He added that the containers seem to be multiplying by most of the area schools and they are unsightly.

Board President Jeff Seider asked Tolley if the container could be moved to the rear of the school and



Storage containers sit on the grass at Kennedy School on Norwood Ave.

out of sight of the neighbors. She said she would find out if it was possible. However, as of presstime the containers still had not been moved.

Barrett said he feels the containers are unsightly and objectionable. He suggested that maybe they could be

painted and shrubs planted around them so as not to look so shabby. He said he was even willing to help in making them more presentable.

The containers are being used for extra storage at several school locations in the district.

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The History Center is located on the lower level via the "boys" entrance on Jackson Ave. Arrangements can be made for a speaker to address school and scouting groups or clubs of up to 25 individuals. You may email us at [SPhistoricalSoc@cs.com](mailto:SPhistoricalSoc@cs.com) or phone Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073. Additional information is available on our website at <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety>.

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# Around Town

## PBA Basketball Tournament

August 12

The South Plainfield PBA Local 100 will host a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Spring Lake Park. \$150 entrance fee per team. Sign-in at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. start. Cash prizes, food, drinks, giveaways, 3-point contest.

For reservations and information contact Pdm. Lloyd McNelly at (908) 872-5479 or Pdm. Kevin Lomonte at (908) 226-7684.

## Catskills Trip

August 14-18

You don't have to be an AARP member or senior to enjoy this trip to Kutscher's Country Club in the Catskills.

Depart Monday, Aug. 14 and return Friday, Aug. 18. Cost is \$460 per person, double occupancy, \$540 single. Adults only. Includes transportation, room, three full meals daily and gratuities. Swimming pool and scheduled daily activities, live entertainment, music and dancing each night. Recreational and sport facilities are offered at no extra cost.

Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 to register. Deposit required.

## Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School

August 14-18

Sacred Heart Church will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 14-18, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the church and school buildings. Drop-off and pick-up children at the church. Fee is \$10.

For more information call the Parish Center at (908) 756-0633.

## 4th Annual Junior Golf Championship

August 16

The 4th Annual Junior Golf Championship will be held at Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes on Wednesday, August 16. Cost is \$37 per junior golfer. Depending on the number of participants, there will be four divisions competing: boys ages 12-14, boys ages 15-17, girls ages 12-14, and girls ages 15-17. Tee times begin at 10 a.m. Fee includes green fees, range balls, lunch and a beverage during play. Register by calling the Pro Shop at (908) 806-6804 or visit the website [www.heronnglen.com](http://www.heronnglen.com).

## Mets vs. Phillies

August 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to see the Mets vs. the Phillies in Philadelphia on August 16.

Tickets are on sale now, so please call the South Plainfield Recreation

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Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30am-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am Lunch Available	Exercise 8-45am Computer Classes 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Line Dancing 10am Tai Chi Class 2pm	Clarinet Casino 9am-11am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
14	15	16	17	18

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## GOP Meeting

August 16

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 8 p.m. at Sherban's Restaurant. All residents are invited to attend and meet candidates Rob Bengivenga, Alex Barletta and David Sesok and bring their concerns and comments for an open discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

## Claridge Casino Trip

August 17

The South Plainfield Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Claridge Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, Aug. 17. Bus leaves the Senior Center at 9 a.m. Cost is \$18. You do not have to be a member of the senior center. Stop by the senior center to make reservations.

## Somerset Patriots Buddy Walk Awareness

September 7

The Somerset Patriots will be hosting a Buddy Walk/Down Syndrome Awareness Night at their 7:05 p.m. game with the Pennsylvania Road Warriors on Thursday, Sept. 7. They will provide public address announcements promoting the Buddy Walk of South Plainfield to be held on October 7 at Putnam Park. A table will be set up on the concourse for registration for the walk. South Plainfield's own Kyle Both will throw out the first pitch. Tickets are available from Michele Both for this special night.

They are \$10 per ticket, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Buddy Walk of South Plainfield.

If you are interested in attending this special event, please contact Michele Both at (908) 531-5100. Please come out and support our community efforts.

## AARP #4144 Safe Driving Course

September 16, 23

The South Plainfield Chapter of AARP will be holding a safe driving course at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center on two consecutive Saturdays, September 16 and 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must attend both sessions to receive a three-year discount on your automobile insurance.

Cost for the 2-day course is \$10 and due upon registration. Requirement for the course is that you are a legally licensed driver. Only 25 seats are available, so call Mary at (732) 752-3764 immediately to reserve your spot.

## Old Timers Motorcycle Run

October 1

The First Annual Run For The Children Battling Cancer, sponsored by The Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., in cooperation with the Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Moretti Realty, will include a scenic motorcycle run through Hunterdon County on Sun-

## Traveling Friends Fall Foliage Trip to NE

October 2-5

Traveling Friends, Inc. is sponsoring a fall foliage tour to New Hampshire and Vermont on Oct. 2 to Oct. 5.

Depart South Plainfield 7 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 2 and return 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Included in price: deluxe, rest-room-equipped motor coach; services of a TFI escort; three nights at the Indian Head Resort; six meals—three full breakfasts/three dinners (choice of menu); meal and hotel gratuities; all tours and admissions. Cost per person is \$599 double occupancy, \$786 single, and \$522 triple. A \$50 deposit is due with reservation; balance due by Sept. 2.

For more information and to make reservations call (973) 748-6406.

day, Oct. 1 (raindate: Sunday, Oct. 8). Sign in from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the PAL. Free t-shirts to the first 50 who sign up. Cost is \$20 for riders and \$10 for passengers, non-riders and the public.

Food, prizes, music and vendors at the PAL upon return at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Rich at (908) 753-7629 or Rudy at (908) 405-0836 or send email to [openyourheart@morettiirealty.com](mailto:openyourheart@morettiirealty.com).

## — Out of Town —

## Middlesex East WOWs Dance

August 11

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, Aug. 11 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome to attend. Cost is \$8 for members and \$9 for guests.

For more information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

## Young Sierrans 18-35 Singles Dance

August 12

Young Sierrans 18-35 will hold a singles meet-n-greet and dance at The Colorado Cafe, 154 Bonnie Burn Rd. in Watchung on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 p.m.

Cost will be approximately \$12. Meet in waiting area foyer. RSVP is required to [MistyAngel22@aol.com](mailto:MistyAngel22@aol.com) or (732) 764-9073.

## Middlesex East WOWs Meeting

August 14

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center in

Carteret. Light refreshments to follow. All widows and widowers invited to attend.

For more information, contact Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

## "Meet the Artists" in Ocean City

August 15

The Ocean City Arts Center, 1735 Simpson Ave., along with the Richard Stockton College Friends of Hellenic Studies, will host a "Meet the Artists" reception on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. Storyteller Eleni Constantelos will entertain at 7:30 p.m. Exhibit and reception are free. Greek food and refreshments.

For information, call (609) 399-7628, visit [www.oceancityartscenter.org](http://www.oceancityartscenter.org), or Richard Stockton College at (609) 652-4528.

## Art In The Garden Tour

August 19

Five unusual residential gardens, hidden retreats in Edison and Metuchen, will be open to the public on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the first annual Art in the Garden Tour sponsored by the Edison Arts Society. Tickets are \$20 and cover admission to all five gardens plus refreshments.

For information call Linda LaStella at (732) 906-4137.

Tickets may be ordered by mail: Edison Arts Society, 340 Raritan Parkway, Edison, 08837; Earthsongs, 242 Amboy Avenue, Metuchen 08840 or KreAns Gallery, 325 Main Street, Metuchen 08840. Checks payable to: Edison Arts Society.

## Young Sierrans 20s/30s Singles Hike

August 19

Young Sierrans 20/30s singles will hold a hike at Harriman State Park, Rt. 87 Exit 15A to 7 Lakes Drive, Sloatsberg, N.Y. on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m.

Good hiking shoes required, bring plenty of water. Must be in good health. Meet hike leader in first parking area. Rain cancels.

RSVP by Aug. 18 to [MistyAngel22@aol.com](mailto:MistyAngel22@aol.com) or (732) 764-9073.

## "We The People" Lecture Series

August 20

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission presents "African American Sailors in the Union Navy" lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Joseph Reidy on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. at East Jersey Olde Towne Village, 1050 River Rd. in Piscataway. This lecture is the first in the two-part "We the People" series focusing on the United States Constitution.

For information call (732) 745-4489.

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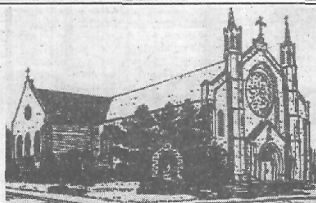
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## In Search of Local History

## Where the Lenape Once Walked

By Dorothy Miele

Highland Woods Reserve is nestled between residential neighborhoods and light industries in the geographic center of South Plainfield. It is designated as open space for its passive recreational opportunities and educational resources.

Long before the European fur traders descended upon North American shores, Native American Indians were hunting, fishing and camping in the Reserve. Three thousand year old arrowheads and fire-cracked rock provide evidence of their presence. By 500 A.D. a permanent population of Lenape lived on the banks of local streams, cleared the forest and planted gardens.

It is not known when the first white man set foot in South Plainfield. The land that the town now occupies was part of the Elizabethtown Purchase of 1664 and, in 1666, became part of historic Piscataway Township. The early settlers were Scottish Quakers. Some were farmers, and others were loggers. Logging began along the Cedar Brook, northeast of the Reserve, by the mid-1680s. A saw mill and grist mill were built near today's town center and not far from the Reserve.

In the mid-1700s, two hamlets developed: Samptown and Brooklyn. Surrounding farms were generally less than 200 acres. Part of the Reserve's uplands were probably farmed or logged until World War I; others into the 1950s. Tree stands in the Reserve range from 40 to 90 years old.

The agrarian way of life did not last long in this north-eastern section of Piscataway. The arrival of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1875 expanded job opportunities, not only with the railroad, but incoming industries. A blue collar workforce replaced the farmers and loggers. Agriculture was all but abandoned here in the early 1900s.

Large parcels of farmland were sold to industry and developers. One of the early large land acquisitions was by Elk Realty (around 1906/07)



which purchased the Col. John Holly farm off Park Avenue. The 100 acre property was subdivided for summer cottages. This was followed a few years later by the purchase of the Elliott Farm by Spicer Manufacturing, and continued with Harris Steel's acquisition of the Blackford farm in 1913.

Farms were subdivided and houses sprang up throughout the new Borough, which separated from Piscataway in 1926. The big boom in population and residential housing occurred after World War II with the development of the John Geary farm on Plainfield Avenue. Years later housing reached Pitt Street, Frederick, Carmine, Highland, Moose and Elsie avenues, and light industry sprung up along South Clinton Ave. and Sylvania Pl., all of them bordering the Reserve. A developer cleared some of the Reserve's dry uplands in the 1980s, but luckily nothing was ever constructed except for a hunter's tree stand.

In 1991, the South Plainfield Environmental Commission recommended that the original 26 acres of the Reserve between Highland Avenue and Sylvania Place be preserved. The Mayor and

Council approved the request the following year and added over nine scattered acres, with Green Acres funding, to connect it with Pitt Street Park. In 1993, the Board of Education leased it for \$1 per year for use in environmental education studies. The Reserve was formally dedicated by Mayor Michael Woskey on June 11, 1994.

The public is encouraged to visit Highland Woods and walk the trails where the spirit of the Lenape lives. The Reserve is open from sunrise to sunset seven days a week and is located on Sylvania Pl. off South Clinton Ave.

Contact SPNatureTrails@cs.com with questions or comments.

Take a virtual tour of HAW. You can log on to: <http://geocities.com/friendsofhighlandwoods>.

To learn more about local history visit our website located at: <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety>. Contact SPHistoricalSoc@cs.com, or visit the history center at the old Roosevelt School, 125 Jackson Avenue on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## New Report Cards Slated for Students In Elementary Grades 1-2

By Libby Barsky

When students start school in September, there will be changes in the manner elementary first and second graders will be evaluated in their academic progress.

Students in these grades will start receiving letter grades of A, B, C and I (for needs improvement) for their academic work. The following areas—reading, language arts, spelling and mathematics—will use this letter grade. The report card divides each academic area into subheadings. For instance reading subheads will include phonics, vocabulary, comprehension and reading fluency. The subheads will be graded with a check mark indicating additional emphasis needed or NA—not applicable at this time. The absence of the check mark means satisfactory progress.

The previous report cards registered only a "P" for progressing successfully or "T" which indicated a need for improvement for these subjects.

Now in grades one and two, the "P" and "T" will be only used to grade the following: writing process, handwriting, social studies, science, health, art, music and physical education.

Homework will not be graded by itself, but included in the assessment given for work habits and social development where the only rating given is "N" for needs improvement.

The new letter grades for students in grade one and two is in preparation for students when they enter third and fourth grades, where the students will receive letter grades of A (90-100%), B (80-89%), C (70-79%), D (65-

69%) and F (64% and below).

If a child is having difficulty in a subject, a report alerting the parent will be sent with suggestions on how to improve the performance or attitude of the child before the marking period ends.

Since April 21, 1997, teachers have suggested changes in the grading standards and procedures and in May 2006 they were revised.

## Tulio Capparelli Award Nominations Wanted

The Police Athletic League, along with the South Plainfield Recreation Commission, will be choosing the 2006 "Cappy" Award winner. Recommendations for nominations are now being accepted through Sept. 8. Recommendations can be made by anyone from the public by sending a letter stating the qualifications of the candidate. Once recommendations have been received, two Police Athletic League and/or members of the Recreation Dept. will approve the recommendations for consideration.

Nominations can be sent to the Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave.,

Attn: Chris Colucci, PAL president, or sent directly to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Avenue, Attn: Kevin Hughes, recreation director.

Requirements are: 10 years of service in youth sport and/or recreation, not just served as parent-coach to his/her own children, but will be judged on a case by case basis and a resident of South Plainfield.

Also they must exemplify high moral values and ethical judgment and possess dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.





Billy and Rose Falcon with Brian Cargill and Deputy Grand Knight Billy Butrico.

## Knights Second Annual Acoustic Concert Held

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 hosted their second annual acoustic concert with recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon on July 8. Over 100 people attended the concert at the Knights Hall. Billy and Rose played well over two hours and all who attended had a great time. Rose Falcon invited An-

gela Molnar and Caitlin Reilly of Middlesex to come up on stage to help out with her Columbia recording hit Up, Up, Up. Alexis Cargill of South Plainfield was asked to come up on stage with Billy Falcon to sing his top 40 hit "Power Windows" with him. Guests came from all over the tri-state area to see the show. There were even two fans from Switzerland visiting the area who were in attendance.

The concert was chaired by Brian Cargill with help from Billy Butrico and Joe Scrudato. The Knights would like to thank the following businesses for their huge support in donating the food and drinks for the event: Hometown Heros, Oak Tree Farms, Wegmans, Kings Supermarkets, VA Tramantano Fruits and Vegetables, Freihofer's Bakery, Oak Tree Discount Liquors, BJ's Wholesale Club, Restaurant Depot, Budweiser, Stop & Shop, Shop Rite and Pathmark. The Knights would like to thank Franklin School for use of their stage and John Bundy for the Stage Lighting Equipment. Proceeds from the event will go to the Knights of Columbus Community Charity Fund. A wide variety of photos of the show can be seen by going to [www.billyfalcon.com](http://www.billyfalcon.com) and clicking on photos.

## Edison Arts Society Visual Art Exhibits

The Edison Arts Society is sponsoring two upcoming visual art exhibits, the Members Only 2006 Art Gallery exhibit and photographs for the "Gardens of the Garden State." Submit all entries to the Edison Arts Society, 340 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837.

The Members Only 2006 Exhibition opens in November and requires digital entries in jpeg format only and is open to members of the Edison Arts Society, aged 16 or older. Deadline is Friday, Sept. 8. Residents of New Jersey can submit up to two photographs of their gardens or segments of it for the "Gardens of the Garden State" Art and Photography exhibit by Friday, Sept. 15. For information, call 753-ARTS (2787).

## Grant School Announces Honor Roll

### High Honor Roll

Ramsey Abdeljaber, Jasmine Aguinaldo, Alexis Alba, Juan Arrubla, Anthony Ashnault, Jennifer Barone, Kevin Belanger, Nicole Benwell, Robert Benwell, Brendan Berry, Rina Bhalodi, Rachel Billich, Patrick Boyle, Kyle Brady, Ryan Buckelew, Kristel Buschan, Samuel Butler, Casey Butrico, Christopher Butrico and Danielle Butrico.

Kayla Carigma, Andrew Catalina, Meghan Collins, John Cotone, Joshua Coupe, Nicole Daubert, Jesse Deffler, Michael DelGenio, Sabrina Delpiano, John Didolce, Richard Duong, Catherine Emery and Sal Esposito.

Kristin Forbes, Matthew Frank, Miranda Garcia, Navneet Goraya, Allison Gorman, Angelica Grasso, Nicholas Graves, Michael Grzenda, Andrea Guerrero, Joshua Guirguis, Troy Heilmann, Jasmin Hernandez, Alec Hing, Zoya Hodge, Tyler Holoboski, Nicholas Huber and Samantha Hunterton.

Rohan Iyengar, Krystian Januszko, Sarah Johnson, Christina Kasmer, Rajath Kenath, Nicole Kopchak, David Landy, Michelle Lesniak, Xin Geng Liu, Rian Lukacs, Marah Angelica Magpile, Johnny Mancheno, Jesse Masters, Jade McDonough, John McDonough, Victoria McKay, Maggie McLean, Shannon McMahon, Nii Sackey Mills, Rebecca Moskal and Samantha Murtagh.

Katherine O'Brien, Kyle O'Keefe, Danielle Palitto, Parker Donavan, Shivam Patel, Brandon Pauls, Jeffrey Pellegrino, Joseph Pellegrino, Stephen Petriello, Katherine Pickarski, Nicholas Plecter, Jamie Quail, Alyssa Ragno, Hiren Rana, Alison Ratti, Erin Remsing, Tania Rincon, Erika Ritchie and Brianna Ross.

Daniel Saganome, Gerianne Scarpitto, Emily Sella, Joshua Siepmann, Avinash Singh, Emma Slotterback, Gabrielle Smith, Imani Smith, Angela Spadavecchia, Joseph Spinella, Christian Thomas, Jessica Thompson, Steven Timmerman, Jennifer Tran, Albert Vill, Caroline Vill, Kathleen Vincent, Steven Vincent, Vera Viran,

Kimberly Walsh, Zachary Wilson, Angelica Wojewodka, Jennifer Wolak and David Zychlinski.

### Honor Roll

Sofia Abd Elhady, Genesis Acevedo, Alyssa Adamson, Joseph Affinito, Ashley Annetta, Charles Anyamene, Lanna Arki, Jared Aronowitz, Stephanie Avila, Luis Benitez, Laura Biggs, Ashanti Bishop, Isaac Blanco, Quinn Bolivar, Thomas Bowden, Nicholas Brinks, Arthur Brown, Stuart Buckelew, Erika Buenano, Melissa Burke, Cristina Butrico and James Butrico.

Tyler Calderone, Courtney Calvey, Gina Cannalunga, Nicole Cannalunga, Danielle Caputo, Alexis Cargill, Hailey Carone, Ashley Carrion, Kenneth Cavanagh, Anthony Celentano, Roshni Chihuka, Kendall Christ, Jenna Clemente, Michael Connolly, Christina Conroy, Shannah Conway, Ken Crilly and Patricia Cruz.

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Louise, Kimberly Lozarito, Alexander Lundy, and Daniel Lyew.

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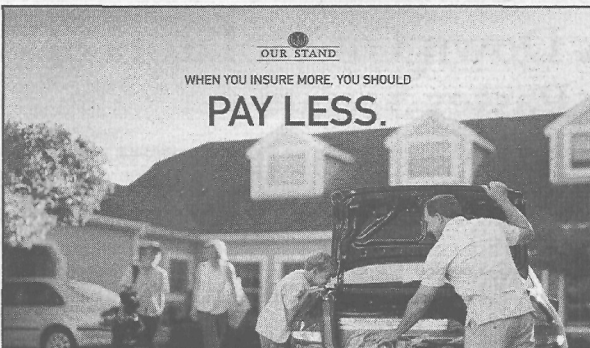
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Donations can be made to Rally for Alyssa by sending a check made out to the Police Athletic League with a memo for Alyssa Riccardi. Checks should be sent to police headquarters at 2480 Plainfield Ave. to the attention of Chris Colucci, Gary Cassio or James Parker. Donations can also go to the Alyssa Ricciardi Trust Fund, P.O. Box 0051, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-0051.

Photos by Patricia Abbott



Tim Dziomba and Kevin Schweers (above) representing the Elks Club, donating a \$500 check for Alyssa and a \$500 check to Chris Collucci and Gary Cassio for last year's beneficiary, Kevin Conroy. Joe Scrudato (below) presents a check on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.



Alyssa Riccardi watches the action from a distance.



First place trophy went to Smith Home Improvements (above); second place winners were Universal Nutritions (below), who were also last years first place winners. Both teams donated their prize money to Alyssa.



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## Bill To Crack Down On Violators of Megan's Law Passes Senate

Violating the address registration provisions in Megan's Law will soon lead to stricter penalties under a bill sponsored by Senator Barbara Buono and approved by the Senate unanimously.

"Megan's Law needs to be its strongest so that every community and each child can be safe from sexual predators," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex.

The bill, S-716/832, would amend the registration requirements of "Megan's Law" making it a crime of the third degree for a registrant to provide false information concerning their residence and making the failure to verify one's address a crime of the fourth degree. In addition, the bill would upgrade the crime of failing to register as required under

"Megan's Law" to a third degree crime.

A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment not to exceed 18 months, a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or both. A crime of the third degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment between three to five years, a fine not to exceed \$15,000 or both.

"By increasing the penalties associated with violating the provisions of the law, we are sending a clear message to sex offenders that they will face severe consequences," added Senator Buono. "It is our obligation to use every possible tool to keep our communities safe from these predators."

The bill would supplement "Megan's Law" and require that the

address a registrant reports on his form of registration as his proposed place of residence be verified by the appropriate authority before he is released from either confinement or supervision. Under the provisions of the bill, persons required to register as sex offenders with the Department of Corrections, the Department of Human Services or the Juvenile Justice Commission would also be required to register, within 48 hours of their release, with the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality where they reside.

Under current law, sex offenders who have been characterized as repetitive and compulsive are required to verify their address every 90 days; other sex offenders are required to verify their address annually.



## Kids Learn Safety Skills at Safety Town

By Jane Dornick

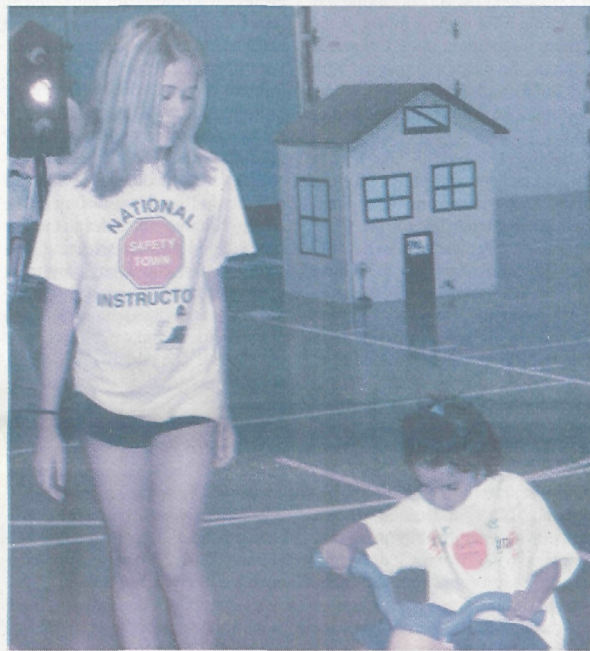
The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. Safety Town program recently held its two week, two session program at the PAL for kindergarten and first grade youngsters. Led by Head Teacher Kiley Jackson, the children made trips to the fire and police departments and the Community Pool to learn hands-on safety skills from professionals. They also practiced bike, walking and bus safety. At the end of each program, a graduation ceremony was held at the PAL for parents which began with the singing of the Safety Town songs At the Curb, Stop, Look and Listen and The Fire Song. Teenage volunteers escorted the youngsters through a pretend town with a miniature traffic light and signs to demonstrate their bike, scooter and walking skills. Each graduate also received a special diploma for their efforts.

The volunteers for the first session were: Alyssa Aiello, Olivia Butler, Sam Butler, Eric Carrasca, Jena Cianfrocca, Bria Edmonds, Iris Ivaniuc, Christopher Negron, Shane O'Connor, Lauren Parelo, Kyle Pompilio, Carla Scala, Michael Simone, Danny Smith, Allyson White and Kaleigh White. The Safety Town graduates were: Clifford Adkins, Jacquelyn Battista, Brad Butler, Arianna Clark, Jared DeGraw, Sarah Gwiazda, Kristi Maher, Michael Marrero, Sean McConville, Brittany Olsen, Nicholas Penyak, Mariana Ramirez, Jemma Scafera, Brian Sesta, Grace Sesta, Lindsey Soper, Skyler Staats, Natalie Stilo, Bridgette Titus, Douglas Veit, Brandon Wizda and Cole Young.

The volunteers for the second session were: Jorge Alvarez, Brendan Berry, Heather Calderone, Eric Carrasca, Lauren Conrad, Chris Hebreo, Jamie McLean, Adrienne Novak, Shane O'Connor, Tara O'Day, Jaime Parelo, Kristen Partesi, Kyle Pompilio, Becky Smith, Angelina Tamburri and Kerry Yordanis. The Safety Town graduates

were: Anthony Barge, Justin Bell, Kathryn Berry, Ryan Boettcher, Noah Cabrera, Gianna Canestri, James Cavanagh, Anthony Cintron, Jake DelPaoli, Caylee Dress, Hanna Dunn, Brenden Hadden, Esha

Hegde, David Loniewski, Cara Makoski, Joseph Makoski, Ian McCoid, Nicholas Mcgeehan, Ashley Olson, Ryan Purcell, Megan Szeman, Andrew Toapanta, Rachel Voelkel and Stephanie Waters.



## Kastle Mortgage Announces its Hometown Rewards Program

Kastle Mortgage Corp., in conjunction with the opening of its South Plainfield branch, is pleased to announce their Hometown Rewards Program, a fundraising program designed to benefit local charities.

This program is designed to reward local charities when homeowners obtain a first mortgage through Kastle Mortgage. Specifically, upon closing a loan Kastle Mortgage will make a \$300 contribution to the local charity of the homeowners' choice. In addition, the homeowner will have their standard application fee waived (a \$450 value). This program will be offered on any first mortgage, whether it is a refinance or new purchase.

"We have designed Hometown

Rewards as a way for residents to direct a significant contribution to the charities that matter most to them, while allowing us to help the homeowner identify the best possible mortgage program to fit their individual needs. After years of involvement in Ponytail Softball I understand the financial constraints that local charities face. It is through that knowledge that I designed Hometown Rewards. Hopefully, together we can provide much needed financial support to the many important organizations that support our town," explained Steve Senz.

For information or to apply please contact Steve Senz of Kastle Mortgage at (908) 754-7666.

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## IN YOUR OPINION

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**MICHELLE COLLINS, NEW  
MARKET AVE. RESIDENT**

### To The Editor,

It is difficult to thank everyone who helped with the League "A" Championship for the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference held at the South Plainfield Community Pool on Sunday evening, July 30, and Monday morning, July 31. It was through the efforts of all that the two day championship meet ran smoothly and South Plainfield received so many compliments from the 10 teams representing their communities. South Plainfield was the top scorer of the championship and won the first place trophy. I will attempt to thank everyone and if I forget anyone, please accept my apologies, but know that your efforts were appreciated.

First and foremost, the Tiger Sharks thank recreational director Kevin Hughes for his support. The entire championship was well orchestrated by coach Sarah Blessing. It was through her long hours of preparation and skill that South Plainfield received compliments such as "this was the best championship meet in the history of the league." Thank you to the following: Laurie Post and Janet McDermott—meet directors; Barbara Valentino—assistant meet manager; Glen Cullen—announcer; Ed Pickarski—starter; Greg Blessing—programs; Mike O'Brien—construction and Dave Rzewnicki—music.

Working above and beyond during the championship were: Kathy O'Brien, Nancy Parello, Lori Cullen and Jennie Gurrieri, admissions; Robin Cone, Lori Cullen, Jen Orlowski, Alan Kasmer, Theresa Gustafson and Michelle Gustafson—marshalling; Meagan McDermott, Katie O'Brien, Ellen Zinsky and Chelsea Cullen—distribution of heat winner ribbons; Mary Piekarski, Urszula Luzny, and Michael George—runners; Sarah Blessing and Barbara Valentino—scorers; Calvin John Smiley, JoAnn Orlowski, Wayne Orlowski and Matt Moates—averagers and posting result and Cheryl Nagel-Smiley—award distribution.

A two day championship needed food and drinks for those in attendance. Many thanks to the Pool/Beverage Food Manager, Lou C, as well

as CoChairs of Food Services for the team, Sue Barry and Donna Kasmer.

Many thanks to the following community businesses who also helped: Hometown Heros, Bagel Pantry, Lakeview Plaza Dunkin Donuts and Roma Foods. The Cooks: Vinnie Butrico, Maria Butrico, Pat Valentino, Donna Brown and Barbara Bythell; food handlers/set-up/t-shirt/raffle—Matt Zinsky, John Babinetz, Lauren Zinsky, GERALYN NUBER, Nancy Parello, Carleen Allocco, Denise O'Connor, Dorothea Bohn, Laura Fois, Karen Forbes, Tina George, Mark Petritch, Mary Ann Petritch, Michelle Kenny, J.P. Barry, Maggie Valentino, Joey Valentino, Debbie Boyle, Sarah Konops, JoAnna Luzny, Donna Helgesen and Stephanie Quintanilla.

Finally, but certainly not the least the coaches: Laurie Post, Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio and Mary Orlowski; Pool Managers Dan Cone, Sarah Blessing, Danny Occhipinti and Jen Infante and all the lifeguards and pool staff.

This was the first time the Tiger Sharks hosted such an event that took many hands working together to make it the worthwhile experience for the swimmers from all the teams.

SINCERELY,  
**CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY, SEC.  
TIGER SHARKS PARENT ASSOC.**

### Dear Editor,

Last week a Democratic candidate went to great lengths to attack me in this paper. While his statements were personally offensive, I have no plans to respond in kind. Rather, I call upon Democratic mayoral candidate Buttrico to stop these attacks. Instead, let's talk about controlling spending and taxes, getting a handle on overdevelopment and traffic, and bringing back open government. These are the issues.

I do want to respond factually. Scrudato criticized my voting "no" on borrowing \$1.6 million. I voted "no" for several reasons. Before borrowing a huge sum of money a council member should know all the facts. Because of this, I requested a copy of the New Market extension feasibility study before the meeting where the borrowing was raised. I did not receive it. I asked for it again at the meeting, and I also asked for the appraisals of the houses to be purchased. Councilman Buttrico said he would supply them. He did not. I asked for them again after the meeting, and for a third time I did not get them.

When the issue came up two weeks later, I still had not received the information. I wanted the feasibility study because I could not understand why we needed to purchase all three buildings along Hamilton Boulevard, and I simply wanted to see the maps and understand why. As a council member I had a duty to review this information and make sure our tax dollars were not being misspent.

The appraisals are another story. As

someone with a real estate license, it seemed to me the buildings were not worth an average of nearly \$500,000 each. Just drive by. They are the run-down little apartments on Hamilton Blvd. near the intersection of New Market (next to the tub place).

In addition to wanting to know why we were spending so much money for these buildings, I had also been informed that relatives of Democratic mega-contributor Jack Morris owned two of the three. Thus, I wanted to make extra sure everything was above board.

When at the second meeting I still did not have the information, I could not in good conscience vote to borrow the money. Even after asking for these documents again at the second meeting, it still took another week to get them. In fact, one of the appraisals is still missing.

Dealing with the school budget was similarly frustrating. Councilman Buttrico ran the process and purposely kept Councilman Anesh and me in the dark. He set the meeting dates without informing us; we only found out about them through members of the public. In addition, despite repeated requests, he did not supply us with the auditor's proposed budget reductions until 26 hours before we had to vote.

Because I wanted to take part in the process, and was prevented from doing so, I expressed my disappointment when it came time to vote. Obviously this is very different from how Mr. Scrudato described my vote in his letter.

Taxes are out of control, and residents need relief. Families should not have to choose between paying their property taxes and saving for retirement or to send the kids to college, and seniors should not be forced to move out of their hometown.

I take my responsibilities as a councilman seriously, and I spend hours each week attending meetings, researching issues, and talking to residents. When the majority party tries to withhold information, it does a disservice not just to me, but also to the voters. This needs to end.

As a candidate for mayor, I promise these types of shenanigans will stop if I am elected. Council members, regardless of party, will be treated with respect.

**COUNCILMAN ROBERT  
BENGIVENGA, JR., REPUBLICAN  
CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR**

### To The Editor,

I moved to South Plainfield about 20 years ago with two necessary requirements; purchase a home in a town I am proud of and could afford. I am very proud to say that I enjoy living in South Plainfield and let my friends from other towns know it.

Since first elected to the council in 1997, I have been fortunate to be involved in numerous projects which have improved the quality of life for

our residents. I serve as the liaison to the Recreation Commission and the Senior Citizens Committee, which is now called the Office on Aging. Both are very active, engaging and want continued progress. I also serve on the Community Pool Committee and Housing Community Development Block Grants Committee.

At my very first meeting with the Recreation Commission, members made it known that the town needed a new PAL building, the park equipment was deteriorating, the Highland woods nature preserve needed a building to conduct instruction, the community pool leaked, the diving boards were obsolete and we needed to attract new members. Fortunately, all members of the council were supportive and were eager to find ways to get these items done.

Today, we enjoy a large expansion to our PAL building with a new weight room and a brand new state-of-the-art wrestling facility, the home to a successful wrestling club! Putnam Park now has two new tennis courts, playground, a jogging path with exercise stations and improved basketball and volleyball. All of our other parks have been upgraded. Ponytail Park is now lighted, has new dugouts, storage buildings, new playground equipment, a new scoreboard and deck for the snack stand. The football and soccer fields are lighted and have expanded parking and restroom facilities. The senior center now includes an exercise room, blood pressure screening, prescription plan counseling, day trips, internet access, seminars, serves breakfast and lunch, takes seniors shopping or to the doctor and we deliver "meals on wheels." The pool has new diving boards, playground equipment and much more.

One of the rewarding aspects of these projects is that they were completed with minimal impact to our taxpayers. Due to the unique relationship we enjoy with hometown Freeholder John Pulomena and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, our borough has received over \$3M in grants.

Yet, we are not done. My goals are more improvements to Ponytail Park and the PAL. The senior center will be creating a resource guide, purchasing another senior bus and new computers. Memorial Park will get a new footbridge and linkage to all of the memorials.

These are my primary responsibility to the borough. I will continue to work hard for any grants that can help offset the cost of what our town needs, but I will also never lose site of keeping taxes down.

As we begin this year's campaign I look forward to talking with residents, along with my running mates Charlie Buttrico and Joe Scrudato, as we go door to door. Your input is an essential part of what I do as a council member.

I will continue to work hard and have an open mind to implement your ideas on how to keep South Plainfield

affordable.

**RAYMOND PETRONKO**

### Dear Editor,

I was disappointed that council candidate Joseph Scrudato signed the season's first negative campaign letter last week. I would have hoped his first letter would have been positive. But it seems Scrudato is listening to the wrong people in his party.

Scrudato's attack on Councilman Bengivenga was not only uncalled for, it was inaccurate: Scrudato failed to explain that it is his own running mate, Charles Buttrico, who has been playing political games nonstop since announcing for mayor.

Several examples show what I mean. In his letter Scrudato criticizes Bengivenga for voting against borrowing \$1.5 million to buy properties along Hamilton Boulevard. What Scrudato knew, but failed to disclose, was that Bengivenga had asked repeatedly for information regarding the project and did not receive it. It would have been irresponsible to vote to borrow a million-and-a-half dollars when the information needed to make an informed decision was being withheld.

I'm proud of Bengivenga for taking a stand. We said last year we didn't want "yes men" on the council; we wanted people who would ask questions and vote their conscience.

The same is true for the sham the Democrats call their pay-to-play ordinance. To call it the "toughest" in the state is laughable. The ordinance is so riddled with holes that it's useless. Moreover, it's ironic for Scrudato to criticize someone's vote when he failed to attend the meeting where the ordinance was voted on. I know; I was there.

In addition, while Buttrico and his party were hyping their ordinance they were still taking thousands from town contractors. For example, according to ELEC records they took \$1,800 from the town's appraiser and \$1,650 from the town's auditor while the ordinance was being considered. It's hypocritical to say your championing reform while taking thousands in unethical contributions.

I have this advice for Joe Scrudato: if you want to make a difference, reject the negative campaigning that typifies your party under its current chairman. Don't sign letters that misstate, omit and distort facts. Do your homework, conduct yourself with dignity, and stick to the issues.

**LINDA MACKENZIE**

P.S.—Also, maybe Scrudato did not know this, but the man he accuses of saying truck traffic belongs on Hamilton Boulevard (which distorts what the man said) is not a Republican. He is a Democrat, was a Democratic councilman, and ran for mayor as a Democrat.

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# Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Dan Conti helped KC's Korner move a step closer to clinching the American Division title by leading his team to a convincing 16-4 victory over Sport & Social. Some of the regulars were a bit off their game for KC's Korner, but Conti had his best round of the year posting a beautiful 1-over 34. With two weeks left in the season, KC's Korner just has to win one of their remaining matches to gain division championship honors.

Eddie's Grinders retained their outside chance of getting into first place as they prevailed over Buy-Rite Liquors, 13-7. Jay Bertleson won the medal for Eddie's with a fine round of 36; Ed Banach contributed a 37 and Chris Dillon had a 39. Mike King and Danny Griffin continued their fine play for Buy-Rite Liquors with King shooting a solid 3-over 36 and Griffin came through with a 38.

In a relatively high-scoring match, Patti's Construction got by Witty's 11-9 as Iron Mike Behr of Patti's boomed some drives and struck some lovely iron shots on his way to a 38. Howard Adler of Witty's was the low-man for his team with a round of 40.

Plainfield Animal Hospital was in last place in the American Division with their 5-5-1 record and teed off against the Hackers who held down first place in the National Division with a record of 7-4-0. PAH showed

## Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

they have a lot more firepower than their league standing might indicate as they defeated the Hackers, 12-8, and moved all the way up to third place. Mike Sikanowicz led the way for PAH with a nice round of 36 and Mark Chichvar chipped in with a 38 and Steve Schock had a 39. The Hackers got fine efforts, as usual, from John Cacciatore who had a 36 and from Kevin Boyce who shot a 38.

Twin City was only able to manage a 10-10 tie with Pornovets, but it was good enough for them to ease past the Hackers and regain first place. Jay Coppola earned medalist honors again for Twin City with his 36. Subbing for Pornovets, Mike Kavka tied for the low-round of the night with a sparkling 1-over 34 while Jim Pornovets had a 39.

With both teams playing with one man short, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs had no problem downing the VFW, 13-3. Dale Dube fired his best round of the season, a terrific 2-over 35, highlighted by a splendid eagle on the 241-yard fourth hole. Teammate Jeff Orth pitched in with a round of 38.

**Low Scores for the Night:** Dan Conti, 34; Mike Kavka, 35; Dale Dube, 35; Jay Coppola, 36; Mike Sikanowicz, 36; John Cacciatore, 36; Mike King, 36; Jay Bertleson, 36; Ed Banach, 37.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN DIVISION				NATIONAL DIVISION			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
1 KC's Korner	8	3	1	Twin City	6	3	3
2 Eddie's Grinders	7	5	0	Hackers	7	5	0
3 PAH	6	5	1	Buy-Rite Liquors	6	5	1
4 2 Buds, 2 Dubs	6	6	0	Sport & Social	6	6	0
5 Witty's	6	6	0	Patti's Const.	5	6	1
6 Pornovets	5	6	1	VFW	0	12	0

## Girl Scouts Golf Classic Slated For Mid-October

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council and Greater Essex and Hudson Counties are joining forces to present the Juliette Low Golf Classic and Tennis Round Robin. The event will be held on Monday, Oct. 16 at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains. The event marks the initial collaboration between the two councils and the ninth renewal of the popular and fun-filled outing.

With the Golf Classic less than three months away, both councils are currently seeking sponsors to partner with them to support this worthwhile cause. Sponsorships range from \$75-\$10,000 with opportunities available to fit every budget. More information can be obtained by contacting Marion McCarthy at (973) 746-8200 ext. 136 or Ross Blacker at (908) 232-3236 ext. 1209.

This will be the first time they will have the option of playing tennis. The tennis portion of the day will get underway at 10 a.m. with a round robin tournament and clinic. Those wishing to hit the links can take full advantage of Shackamaxon's 6,615-yard

layout. Designed by renowned architect A.W. Tillinghast, the course will test golfers with its tight fairways and firm greens. Prizes will be given for both golf and tennis in a number of areas including a Hole-In-One Shoot-out sponsored by Lincoln-Mercury NY Region. Following golf and tennis, there will be a cocktail reception and dinner which will begin at 4 p.m. During dinner a silent auction and raffle will be held with a multitude of fabulous prizes offered. The cost for an individual golfer is \$325 which includes dinner. The cost for tennis only is \$125 and the cost of attending the cocktail hour and dinner only is \$125.

Combined, GSCGEHC and GSWRC provide the optimal Girl Scout experience to more than 17,000 girls and 5,500 adult volunteers in over 50 communities in five counties. Both councils operate under the auspices of Girl Scouts of the USA. For more information on the Golf Classic and each council point your web browser to [www.gscgchc.org](http://www.gscgchc.org) or [www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts](http://www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts).



## Braves win the SPJBC A League Title

The Braves defeated a tough Yankees team in the finals to cap off a great year. Congratulations to all the players for a tremendous team effort. Pictured are: (Front) Colin Wilson kneeling, Tommy Bowden, Nick Muglia, Nick Graves and Danny Lyew; (Standing) Austin Jenkin, Zach Wilson, Jeff Praul, Sam Bermudez, Joe Krawiec and Brendan Wilson Coaches are Glenn Graves and Pat Muglia.

## South Plainfield Golf Association 12th Annual Open Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Golf Association (SPGA) held its 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Aug. 2 at Gambler Ridge Golf Course. This annual golf tournament is held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team. There was a full roster and almost all the golfers showed up on this 100+ degree day!

Food, beverages and contests were going throughout the day. A special thanks once again to our Gold Sponsor Sal Severini of Sal's Spirit Shoppe and Frank Pascale of Café Vivace and their fine cooking crew of "Brother" Rob Hunt and Bill Ashnault. Sal's cast iron grill, smoker, and his 20 chicken rotisserie was flaming all day! Man can these guys cook! The burgers and dogs were flowing from lunch to dinner. For dinner these guys served up some real good sausage, meatballs (including some of Lois Severini's special sauce), beef brisket, pulled pork and chicken.

Thanks to all the parents and kids that worked the tournament—Bill Ashnault, Billy Ashnault, Carly Ashnault, Sue Ashnault, Jeannine DeAndrea, Dewy Gray, Janice Gray, Jessie Gray, Rob Hunt, Jeff Licato, Bissy Martin, Brad Martin, Patty Martin, Sam Martin, Toni Moretti, Lenny Padula and Vinny Padula.

Prizes were awarded for both men and women, including Low Team Score, first went to Vito Ratti, Dave Ratti, Gene Bataile and Al Lewis; Low Team Score second went to Joe Campana, Kevin Campana, Larry Caroselli and Chris Caroselli; Longest Drive—Women went to Katrina Howard; Longest Drive—Men went to Guy Severini; Closest to the Pin (Pat Donnelly) and Closest to the Line (Tom Easton). There was a special hole-in-one prize, an Infiniti Luxury Car sponsored by Ray Catena and a copier-fax machine sponsored by ARMPCO Office Machines, but no one took home these prizes. However one golfer did come within five inches of the pin!

The SPGA wants to thank its many sponsors. Platinum sponsors were ARMPCO Office Machines, Century 21 Moretti Realty, DeAndrea Associates, Flanagan's Restaurant, Global

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Special sponsors were 1-800 Flowers, Angelo's Ice, Fairway Golf Center, Frieheffers, GE Capital, Green Pond CC, Hometown Heroes, Kingston Plantation, Metuchen Golf & Country Club, Mohn's Flowers, Murphy Style Grill, Neshanic Valley, New Jersey Golf Headquarters, Nuova Cucina, Oak Hill Golf Club, Ramblewood Country Club, Ray Catena, Rita's Italian Ice, Riverview Country Club, Rutgers Newark Athletic Department, Southmoore Golf Course, South Plainfield Athletic Booster Club, Sportworld, The Club at Morgan Hill and VA Tramatano.

The tournament results can be viewed at the SPGA web site ([www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org)).

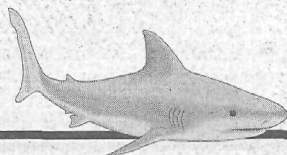
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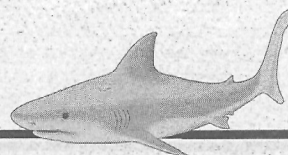
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# Sports



## Tiger Sharks Defeat Metuchen At Their Municipal Pool

On July 15 the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks defeated the Metuchen Swim Team at the Metuchen Municipal Pool with a win of 153 to 123. It was a day of excellent competition and strategy to make the win for South

Plainfield. Starting the meet the girls excelled in the Individual Medley: Taylor Aljian placed second and Kate McLaughlin placed third for the 10-and-under group. Kate O'Brien placed third in the 11/12 age group,

while the older girls swept their age group with a first for Ella Volynets, a second for Emily Pickarski, and a third for Teresa Gustafson.

In the longer freestyle events Dylan McDermott placed first for the 11/12 age group, while Enzo Butrico (10-and-under), Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) and Matt Moates (13-18) all placed second. First place ribbons went to Taylor Aljian (9/10) and Jen Boyle (15-18) in the butterfly. Second place ribbons went to Megan McDermott (eight-and-under) and Chelsea Cullen (13/14). Kelley O'Brien (9/10), Maggie Valentino (11/12), Michelle Gustafson (13/14) and Ella Volynets (15-18) all took home third place ribbons for the same event.

Swimming the breaststroke and placing first were Nick Gurrieri (8-and-under), Charlie Butrico (9/10), Liam McDermott (11/12), and Philip Luzny (15-18). Jerry Ching (11/12) and Michael Boyle (13/14) placed second. Finishing with third place ribbons were Enzo Butrico (9/10), Brian

Babinetz (13/14) and Alan Kasmer (15-18).

The meet was either team's win going into the freestyle and backstroke events. While Chelsea Cullen (13/14) was the only first place winner for the girls in freestyle, Nicholas Gurrieri (8-and-under), Anthony Gurrieri (11/12), Dylan McDermott (13/14) and Philip Luzny placed first in the backstroke events. Megan McDermott (8 and under), Kate O'Brien (11/12), Emily Pickarski (13/14) and Jen Boyle (15-18) placed second in the freestyle while Kate McLaughlin (9/10) and Ellen Zinsky (13/14) placed third. Chelsea, Emily and Ellen swept the freestyle event for the 13/14 age group.

Besides the four first place wins in backstroke, the boys also secured four second place wins with Billy McLaughlin (8-and-under), Charlie Butrico (9/10), Jerry Ching (11/12), and Matt Moates (15-18). Finishing the backstroke with third place wins were Kyle Bythell (8-and-under), Brian Babinetz (13/14), and Michael Boyle

(15-18). Philip, Matt, and Michael also made a clean sweep in the boys' backstroke events for 15-18 year olds.

It was basically a tie going into the relays when South Plainfield pulled ahead with four out of six wins forging them to victory. The boys won all the freestyle relays. Swimming for 8-and-under were Nicholas Gurrieri, Cristian Butrico, Dylan O'Connor and William McLaughlin. Taking first for the 9-12 relay were Enzo Butrico, Joey Valentino, Dylan McDermott and Anthony Gurrieri. The 13-18 first place win went to Brian Babinetz, Matt Moates, Philip Luzny and Liam McDermott. The 13-18 first place win for the girls was captured by Emily Pickarski, Chelsea Cullen, Ella Volynets and Jen Boyle. This win gave the team a boast as the season is coming to an end. Laurie Post, Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio and Mary Otlowski are the coaches. Former coach Jen Otlowski was also present to help with the team.

### South Plainfield Recreation 2006 Discount Ticket Prices

	Gate Price	Our Price
Sesame Place (All Ages)	\$45.26	\$37.00
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Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Office located in the PAL Recreation Center, 1250 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information or to check on availability, please call (908) 226-7713 during office hours.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1745

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

Ordinance #1745 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 165 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "SMOKING" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 11, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1745

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 165 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "SMOKING"

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

WHEREAS New Jersey State Statute now prohibits smoking in any indoor facility and the provisions of Chapter 165 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield are no longer applicable; AND

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield believe that second hand smoke does present a health hazard to those in close proximity to the smoker even in outdoor areas; and

WHEREAS the Statutes of the State of New Jersey do not control smoking in outdoor areas; and

WHEREAS it will enhance the health and safety of the residents of the Borough of South Plainfield, in particular, minors, to regulate smoking in parks and playgrounds of the Borough of South Plainfield:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE Borough of South Plainfield that:

The existing provisions of Chapter 165 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield be and are hereby declared null and void to be replaced by the following:

#### 1. Definitions - Borough Parks and Playgrounds.

Any property owned by the Borough of South Plainfield dedicated for active recreation purposes.

#### 2. Prohibited Acts.

Smoking is prohibited in any area of any park or playground of the Borough of South Plainfield, except for those areas that are specifically designated as a "smoking permitted area" and posted by appropriate sign.

#### 3. Posting of Signs.

By Ordinance the Mayor and Council may designate areas within parks and playgrounds of the Borough of South Plainfield in which smoking is permitted. In the event those areas are designated, the Mayor and Council shall direct that signs be posted designating the areas which smoking is permitted.

#### 4. Penalty.

Any individual who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.00.

#### 5. Enforcement.

This Ordinance shall be enforceable by the Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield or the County Board of Health.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$96.25

August 11, 2006

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1746

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

Ordinance #1746 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "POLICE DEPARTMENT" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 11, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1746

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "POLICE DEPARTMENT"

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

The following be and is hereby amended:

§48-2 Department Personnel

The Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield shall consist of one (1) Chief of Police, two (2) Captains, seven (7) Lieutenants, seven (7) Sergeants, forty-four (44) police officers and such other staffing requirements and employees as shall from time to time be deemed necessary by the Mayor and Council to properly preserve peace and good order within the Borough of South Plainfield.

All other provisions of this Chapter of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$53.37

August 11, 2006

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1743

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

Ordinance #1743 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MAKING PROVISIONS FOR SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$25.37

August 11, 2006

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1744

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

Ordinance #1744 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 26 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "FIRE DEPARTMENT" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$23.62

August 11, 2006

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1748

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

Ordinance #1748 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT TRUCKS OVER FOUR (4) TONS FROM HAMILTON BOULEVARD BETWEEN ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE AND SPICER AVENUE was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 11, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1748

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT TRUCKS OVER FOUR (4) TONS FROM CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN SIGNAGE IN REFERENCE THERETO

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

Section 1. Trucks over four (4) tons gross vehicle weight are hereby excluded from the following described roadways, except for the pick-up and delivery of material on said roadways:

**Name of Street** Hamilton Boulevard St.

**Location** Nicholas Avenue to Spicer Avenue

Section 2. After final passage of this Ordinance, the proper Officials of the Borough of South Plainfield shall make provision for the purchase and erection of proper regulatory signs, which signs shall conform to the New Jersey Department of Transportation regulations as to form and substance.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after final passage and publication in accordance with the law, receipt of a corresponding resolution from Middlesex County and approval from the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 and 197.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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August 11, 2006

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1749

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

Ordinance #1749 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT TRUCKS OVER FOUR (4) TONS FROM BELMONT AVENUE BETWEEN SPICER AVENUE AND HAMILTON BOULEVARD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 11, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1749

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT TRUCKS OVER FOUR (4) TONS FROM CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN SIGNAGE IN REFERENCE THERETO

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

Section 1. Trucks over four (4) tons gross vehicle weight are hereby excluded from the following described roadways, except for the pick-up and delivery of material on said roadways:

**Name of Street** Belmont Avenue

**Location** Spicer Avenue to Hamilton Boulevard

Section 2. After final passage of this Ordinance, the proper Officials of the Borough of South Plainfield shall make provision for the purchase and erection of proper regulatory signs, which signs shall conform to the New Jersey Department of Transportation regulations as to form and substance.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after final passage and publication in accordance with the law and approval from the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 and 197.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$63.00

August 11, 2006

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1747

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

Ordinance #1747 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 11, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1747

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS the Local Government Cap Law N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 provides that a

municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its SFY 2007 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$172,392.35 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the SFY 2007 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$172,392.35 which will result in a total of \$603,373.23 and that the SFY 2007 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$100.62

August 11, 2006

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Jose Yanchapanta requesting a variance or other relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed 2nd floor addition, addition lacks 24" front setback from Meister St.; 13.7' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 809 New Brunswick Ave. on Block 1, Lot 1 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 24, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$38.50

August 11, 2006



Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Carlucci, 53

Robert "Bob" Carlucci of San Diego died suddenly on July 18 at the age of 53 in South Plainfield.

Born in Perth Amboy he resided in South Plainfield before moving to San Diego in 1976.

Bob held a masters degree in psychology and was employed as a court reporter for the San Diego Superior Court, recently receiving recognition for his dedication of 15 years.

He had a passion for running, boating, flying, hiking, playing tennis and the NY Yankees, but the biggest love of his life was his three girls; daughters, Rachel and Brooke, and his wife Hilary.

He is predeceased by his father Nicholas Carlucci, who died on July 14 of this year.

Also surviving are his mother Lilly Carlucci; seven brothers and sisters, Francesca, Susan, Johnny, Nikki, David, Dominic and Michael and two uncles, Dr. Angelo Carlucci and Ralph Mocci.

A celebration of life was held at the La Jolla Tennis Club in San Diego, with local arrangements by McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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When someone dies you, don't get over it by forgetting, you get over it by remembering, and you are aware that no person is ever truly lost or gone once they have been in our life and loved us, as we have loved them. -Leslie Marmon Silko

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Dorothy (Kulpa) Kohut, 76

Dorothy (Kulpa) Kohut died on Monday, July 31 at home in Edison. Born and raised in New York City, Dorothy moved to Edison in the 1950's.

For more than 30 years, Mrs. Kohut worked as a waitress throughout central New Jersey.

An avid animal lover, Dorothy was a longtime supporter of the New Jersey Humane Society and was a member of the World Vision Charities. She also loved traveling to Atlantic City.

She is predeceased by her husband Walter, who died in 2004.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Wempa and husband Tom and Lori Parise and husband Anthony; three sons, Gary and wife Susan, Ronald, and A.J. and wife Angela; eleven grandchildren and a dear cousin, Phyllis Giammaria.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Meritt M. Proctor, 89

Meritt M. Proctor died on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home in Green Brook.

Born in Norfolk, Va. he resided in Newark and South Bound Brook before moving to Middlesex in 1950.

Mr. Proctor served in the United States Army during WWII and had been employed as a test engineer with PSE&G in Maplewood before retiring in 1981.

An avid barter, he was a member of the Viking Marina Yacht Club in Morgan and was a former deacon with the Middlesex Presbyterian Church in Middlesex.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth L. (Demmer) Proctor; a daughter, Cathy, and husband Robert Newman of South Plainfield; a son, Robert, and wife Barbara Proctor of Hillsborough and five grandchildren, Ashley, Kristen, Justin, Alexys and Jessica.

A memorial service was held at St. Stephen's Church under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Estelle H. (Henning) Wingert, 76

Estelle H. (Henning) Wingert died on Saturday, Aug. 5 at her daughter's home in Quakertown.

Born and raised in the Vailsburg section of Newark, Estelle lived in Cranford and South Plainfield for 35 years, finally settling in Quakertown 10 years ago.

A former member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, Mrs. Wingert was a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Rosary Alter Society for many years.

Estelle was also a longtime participant of the Marriage Encounter Organization. She loved to paint and was an avid collector of Precious Moments statues.

She was a former employee of Teppers Department store in Plainfield where she worked as a gift-wraper.

She is predeceased by her husband, Robert, who died in 2000 and a sister, Helen Smith.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Turiak and husband Steve of Middlesex and Estelle Amate and husband Allen of Quakertown, Pa.; a brother, Frederick Kennedy and two grandchildren, Amanda Forman and husband Kenneth and Allen Amate.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Estelle's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society, 2600 US Highway #1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Joseph M. Kotelsky, 51

Joseph M. Kotelsky died on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Union Hospital in Union.

Born in New York City, Joe was

raised in South Plainfield and lived here most of his life.

A former mechanic for Signature Flight Support at Newark Airport, Joe's love was working on muscle cars and occasionally he would drag race at the Englishtown race track.

His most favorite car was a 1967 Vette-fire engine red.

Joe always enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Whether it was catching a movie with his two nieces or taking his great nephew out to Chuckie Cheese on Wednesdays, he was always there.

Considered the greatest uncle anyone could ever have, Joe was always willing to lend a hand whenever needed.

He is predeceased by his parents and a brother, Joe D'Angelo.

Surviving are two sons, Joe Jr. of South Plainfield and Bill of Little Valley, NY; a sister, Janice Bowman of South Plainfield; three brothers, Thomas and wife Darlene, of South Plainfield, James and wife Donna of North Plainfield and Salvatore D'Angelo of New York; two nieces, Stefanie and husband Ron Harmon and their son Ronnie III of Branchburg and Cheryl Kotelsky of Sayreville and his significant other, Debbie DeJesso of Milford.

Funeral services were held at Mc-

Criskin Home For Funerals.

Marie M. (Zimmerman) Biles, 91

Marie M. (Zimmerman) Biles died on Sunday, Aug. 6 at Cornell Hall Nursing Rehab facility in Union.

Born and raised in Newark, Marie lived in Union, South Plainfield and Florida before moving to Cranford.

Mrs. Biles worked as a machinist for nearly 40 years throughout New Jersey and Florida.

She loved gardening, cooking, keeping her home clean, and most of all, Marie enjoyed family gatherings and family company.

She is predeceased by her husband, William Biles, who died in 1986 and by all of her brothers and sisters.

Surviving are three sons, Harry W. and wife Lee of South Plainfield, William W. and wife Barbara of Manchester and John of North Carolina; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Peter and Kateina Ganiaris requesting a variance or other relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an 8 ft. high rear fence, fence exceeds 6' high requirement section 508; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 144 Norway Lane on Block 282, Lot 36.01 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 24, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$38.50

August 11, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by DeWitt and Jennie Giles requesting a variance or other relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit Devel. rev. ord. 907.3k. No paved area shall be closer to any property line than five (5) feet; however, if the zoning regulations require a greater distance from any property line such regulations shall control; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 581 Arlington Ave., Block 366, Lot 8.01 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 24, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice

TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned shall expose for sale, in accordance with R.S. 39:10A-1, at public auction on: August 25 at 2480 Plainfield Ave, South Plainfield New Jersey and below described motor vehicles which come into possession of the South Plainfield Police Dept. through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same.

The motor vehicles may be examined by contacting Traffic Safety.

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1990	GMC	1GDEG25KM7610270	Resale	Van	\$1500.00
1996	GMC	1GTEK14H8GS533069	Resale	Pickup	\$1700.00
1994	Ford	1FALP6224RH158101	Resale	T-Bird	\$1900.00
1993	Dodge	2B4GH4535PR291853	Resale	Caravan	\$1100.00
1993	Chev Geo	1YISK5362PZ021485	Resale	Prizm	\$1500.00
1986	Pontiac	2G3GJ37HOG282453	Junk	Gran Prix	\$1000.00
1991	Ford	1FACP50UOMAIO9685	Junk	Taurus	\$1200.00
1987	Jeep	1JCM17833HT187422	Resale	Cherokee	\$1400.00
2000	Ford	3FDNF20L7YMA39232	Resale	F250	\$6800.00

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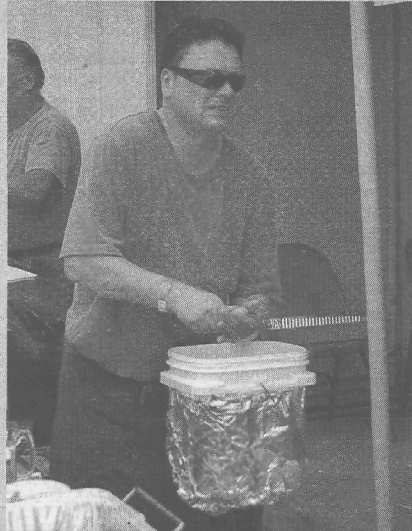
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The American Legion held their annual picnic on Saturday, July 29 with almost 100 people attending. Guests enjoyed a DJ, dunking booth, a wide selection of food that included hamburgers and hotdogs, sausage, chicken wings, salads, fresh Jersey corn, clams, shrimp and of course, pork fresh off the spit. Cold beverages included beer on tap, soda and water. The event began at 2 p.m. in an effort to avoid the hottest period of the day. The Legion has been holding the picnic for over 20 years.

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

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## Hamilton Blvd. Closure Causes Major Backups

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others received no advance notice of the road closure.

Ron Sward, owner of Physical Therapy, and Phil Repella, owner of Graphix One, both located on Hamilton Blvd., spent time at Tuesday's Council meeting with Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma to find a way to open the road for local businesses. It was decided that signs would be posted at the closed intersection to direct customers and delivery trucks behind Hamilton Blvd. so people can shop at the local businesses.

Meanwhile, residents are asked to remember these local business when they shop—they are all still open and really need your support. Watch for the signs that should be posted by the end of this week. If you want to visit one of these local business, just tell the officers directing traffic where you are going and they will let you through, or call the business for directions.

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

Only a few more weeks of summer left. The last day for checking in Summer Reading Club books is Saturday, Aug. 12. The library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On the next three Fridays at 1 p.m. you can learn to play Yu-Gi-Oh. This program is for children 8-12 years old. At 3:30 p.m. on Fridays, the Chess Club meets. Young people of all ages are welcome to come and play chess.

On Monday, Aug. 14 there is a Kidcraft program at 6:30 p.m. for children six years and older. There is a \$1 fee and registration is required.

The closing program for Summer Reading will be on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Our favorite performer, Mr. Kurt, will be here for a sing-a-long.

The Summer Children's program schedule is: Monday at 6:30 p.m. for Kidcraft, ages six and over; Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. storytime and crafts for ages 3+ and at 1 p.m. is Time for 2s and 3s; Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. is Time for 2s and 3s, at 6:30 p.m. is storytime and craft for three and over; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is Books 'N Babies, 1 p.m. is Learn to Play Yu-Gi-Oh for 8-12 year olds and the Chess Club meets at 3:30 p.m.

A good reminder from the Heloise column: when checking out library books, as soon as you get home with them you should look at the return date and circle it on your kitchen calendar. That way you won't have to pay any late fees.

## FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Congratulations to the 2006 South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop on your production of "Carousel." The dedication, desire and long hours of practice given by the entire team produced nothing less than a spectacular Broadway musical show. The spirit and drive by the production board, orchestra, choreographer, dancers, costume designers, prop and lighting artists, actors, actresses, leads and stage crew proved that the stars were right before our eyes. The talent right here in South Plainfield goes above and beyond the imagination and continue to prove that the arts and music are so much a necessary part of our life. The design work on the props were truly magnificent. All these productions by the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop become embedded in our minds and will never be forgotten by the audience. I am truly proud to be an ad contributor and patron to some of the greatest shows on earth. Thank you to all the school officials and Sodexo for your assistance with the building and stage.

Congratulations to the South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club 11-year-old All-Star team on a dedicated, hard fought season. You all were wonderful as you played hard, cheered each other on and always came ready for

the game. The coaches and parents were there for you all the way. We are proud of your success. Hope you all enjoy your day at Shea Stadium on Aug. 6 with your own private viewing room.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Grennier and Pauls families.

The June 26 and July 11 Council meetings have been aired in their entirety on Comcast Channel 74, every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Please tune in to watch our council in action. These meetings are very exciting to view, especially for those people who are not able to attend the meetings and wonder how our government operates. Stephanie Kelly, a SPHS student in Rich D'Ursos' graphic arts class, is doing a fantastic job, along with Matt Ward who has donated his time and equipment. Jane Dornick and Nancy Grennier, thank you for all your assistance. We are hoping to tape the annual Labor Day Parade and also put this on Comcast for all to view.

Once again we are actively seeking equipment that could be donated for use to create a studio in the graphic arts class for high school students to further their education. Mr. D'Ursos and myself will be actively seeking studio equipment donations in the near future.

## Rita's Holds Dog Days on Mondays

The Plainfield Humane Society and Rita's Ice, cones, shakes and other cool stuff at 1901 Park Ave., will celebrate the dog days of summer with special Dog Days on Mondays from 6-9 p.m.

Any dog visiting the Rita's in South Plainfield on a Monday in August from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will receive a pet treat with a dollop of frozen vanilla custard and a dog biscuit on top. A percentage of the Italian ice sales for that evening will be donated to the Plainfield Humane Society.

On Aug. 14 and 21 there will be obedience demonstrations.

Dog Days on Mondays concludes on Aug. 28 with a special doggie costume ball with a cash prize for the best costumed pooch.

## police report

- On Aug. 1 Home Depot reported the theft of eight wood blinds, five rolls of 12-2 MC wire, four rolls of 10-2 MC wire, cable cutters and four rolls of 12-2 wire by a male who fled the store in 1996 Chevy Astro Van.

- On Aug. 2 Herbert L. Copeland, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of fraudulent documents.

- On Aug. 4 Vincent P. Dancel, 26, of Edison was arrested for no insurance, failure to exhibit a valid registration and two outstanding warrants.

- Darrell Lonzell Counts, 38, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- Robert Reardon, 65, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and a brake light out.

- An employee of Kobo Products, Inc. on So. Clinton Ave. reported a large scratch on their vehicle's passenger side rear quarter panel.

- A Piscataway resident reported the theft of her purse that she had left in the bathroom at Regal Cinema.

- On Aug. 5 a New Market Ave. resident reported the theft of their vehicle's wheel and tire. The vehicle had a flat and was parked on the side of the house.

- An employee of Innovative Folding Carton on Durham Ave. reported that the passenger side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a black bag was taken.

- On Aug. 6 Quality Air Specialist on Snyder Rd. reported the theft of an aluminum tail gate from a Ford camper.

- On Aug. 7 Ryan Thomas Spillane, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, no insurance, no registration,

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