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## Deluge Stalls Borough



New Market Avenue looking towards Clinton Avenue Extension.

### Residents are Urged to Report Damage to OEM

Residents who have incurred damage due to the rain storm of April 15 and 16 are being asked to call South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management at (908) 226-7718 twenty-four hours a day to report the damage. Please leave a brief message and someone from our staff will get back to you. This information will be used to determine the amount of damage that has occurred in South Plainfield and to find out if any funds will be available through the State of New Jersey and/or FEMA.

Also, anyone needing a rubbish pick-up due to the storm are asked to call the Department of Public Works at (908) 755-2187 to arrange for a pick-up.



Spring Lake Park, looking towards the first walking bridge.

### Torrential Rains Cause Flooding Problems

By Libby Barsky

More than six inches of rain resulting from a Nor'easter, which began Saturday evening, caused extensive flooding in the borough, closing roads and forcing residents from their homes. Many homeowners also watched their basements flood.

"For the past 24 hours, our volunteer firefighters have done an incredible job," said Councilman Dennis Cerami at Monday evening's Borough Council meeting. "They received non-stop calls and have responded to approximately 200. I give credit to all volunteer firefighters, the police department and EMS," added Cerami.

According to Cerami, firemen were

hindered by a lack of pumps to help residents pump out their basements. Calls for residents to evacuate their homes initially were not heeded until firemen began knocking on doors as the rising water made roads impassible. Roads closed to traffic were New Market and the side roads in the flooded area, New Brunswick, Clinton Avenue Extension, Fred Allen, Spicer, Highland, Metuchen and a portion of Belmont. Late on Monday, Woodland Avenue was closed due to a retaining wall collapse behind Sears Hardware on Oak Tree Road. As of presstime all roads are open, with the exception of Woodland, which will be closed for at least two weeks.

Council Raymond Petronko, who is a volunteer fireman, noted the damage he saw resulting from the storm, "We took 71 calls between 3 and 5 a.m. It was sad to see the stuff floating in the basements."

Michael Zushma, coordinator of Emergency Management, estimated property losses to residents at about \$190,000. A last minute resolution was added to the agenda authorizing an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 to supplement the already adopted budget for the flooding damage caused by the storm. The money will be used to pay for services administered by the borough for cleanup, items ruined by flooding and costs covering closure

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### New Face of BOE

2007/2008 Budget Gets Nod;  
Two New Members Elected



Debbie Boyle

Bob Jones

Pio Pennisi

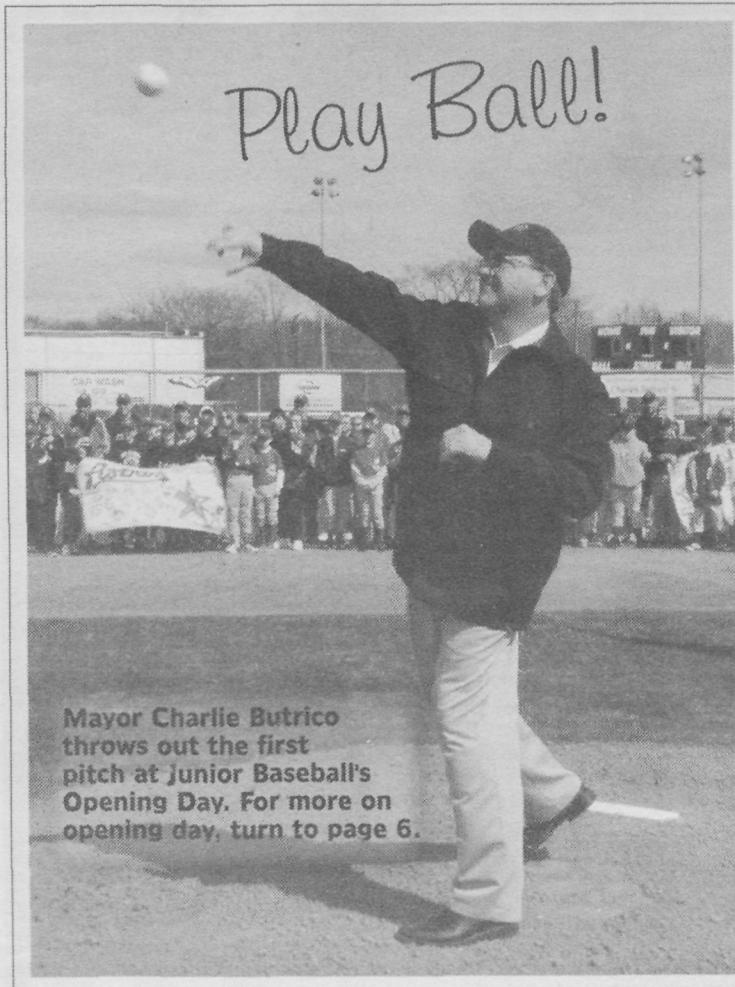
South Plainfield voters said yes to the 2007/2008 school budget by a wide margin. The final vote count was 1,310 yes and 879 no. This year's budget did not cut any teachers, but did cut middle school sports.

Winning three year terms on the school board were incumbent Pio Pennisi and first time candidates Debbie Boyle and Bob Jones. The final vote count was Debbie Boyle with 1,177, Bob Jones with 1,128, Pio Pennisi with 1,104, Sharon Miller with 1,045, Steve Bohn (incumbent) with 623 and Danielle Harris-Lacasa with 392.

In the past three years, voters had rejected the school budget twice, in 2006 and 2004. Both times the Borough Council make various cuts to the budget. In 2006, they cut \$1.8M and in 2004 they cut \$143,000.

This year only 2,246 (17.6%) of eligible voters went to the polls, but that number is up over last year's 15.32 percent.

A reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, April 23 at 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt Administration Building. At that time the newly elected board members will be sworn in. The public is invited to attend.



Mayor Charlie Butrico throws out the first pitch at Junior Baseball's Opening Day. For more on opening day, turn to page 6.





**Borough Council meetings air on  
Comcast Channel 74, Mondays at 8 p.m.**  
(Except for Holidays)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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### councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

| Date   | Agenda Meeting | Public Meeting        |
|--------|----------------|-----------------------|
| May 1  | 7 p.m.         | Immediately following |
| May 15 | 7 p.m.         | Immediately following |

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

### planningboard

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

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

Apr. 24, May 8 and 22, June 12, July 10 and 24,

Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

### zoningboardofadjustment

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

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

Apr. 26, May 10 and 24, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26,

Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25

Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

### boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.

### taxpayersadvisorygroup

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

### siteplansub-committee

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

May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

### recreationcommission

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

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

May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

July and August: No scheduled meeting

### environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

### businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

### trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

### boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

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



A program of Irish music and song by Ted O'Connell of Union was recently presented during a meeting of the Monday Afternoon Club.

## Juniors to Learn How to "Make College Search Count"

South Plainfield High School has scheduled the highly anticipated "Making Your College Search Count" presentation for its junior class. The one-hour presentation will be delivered free to students and parents at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25.

"Making Your College Search Count" provides students with crucial information on how to conduct an effective college search and selection. It is designed to help students begin thinking about which colleges would be right for them and what they need to do to apply.

"Making Your College Search Count" will be presented to more than 500,000 high school juniors nationwide during the 2007 spring semester. Making It Count, a subsidiary of Monster, also provides presentations for freshmen and seniors. These free presentations have reached over 13

million students since 1999. Guidance counselors on average rated the value of the ideas presented a 9.5 on a 10-point scale.

Key content to supplement the "Making Your College Search Count" presentation can be found online at <http://www.makingitcount.com>. The Web site offers a wide variety of tools and resources for current and future high school students. Schools interested in hosting any of the presentation programs may contact Making It Count at (513) 772-1188 for more information.

## Savannah/ Charleston Trip

The recreation department is sponsoring a trip to Savannah, Ga. and Charleston, S.C. by White Stars Tours on July 16-21. This is a six-day, five-night bus trip. \$770 per person double occupancy. Package includes: five nights lodging, breakfasts, full course dinners, guided tours of both cities, tour of Ft. Sumer, Antebellum home tour, Savannah Riverwalk, Magnolia Plantation, USS Hundley, Charleston harbor cruise, souvenir gift, luggage handling, all taxes and standard gratuities and motor coach transportation. Cancellation insurance is available upon request.

For information and reservations, contact the recreation department at (908) 226-7714.

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## IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column

To the Editor,

Hey guys, you have to let every seafood lover in South Plainfield know about Nemos Seafood. It just opened in a little strip mall next to Valley National Bank. Most South Plainfielders don't know they are there yet.

The food is fabulous—absolutely fresh seafood. You can eat in and take out, or have it delivered. Every generous portion of seafood comes with super fresh broccoli, corn on the cob and whole new potatoes smothered in a garlic butter sauce. I am starting to sound like a Zagat restaurant critic.

Last Friday they had Alaskan King Crab Legs as a special. Each leg was two feet long and about 2½ inches thick. Absolutely delicious!

South Plainfield needs to have exceptional businesses like this one to improve our community. Let's welcome these guys to our neighborhood.

**ROXANNE HARTMAN**

Submit Letters to the Editor:

Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters.

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

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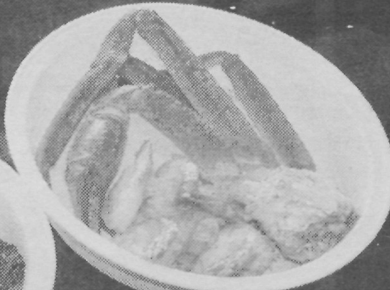
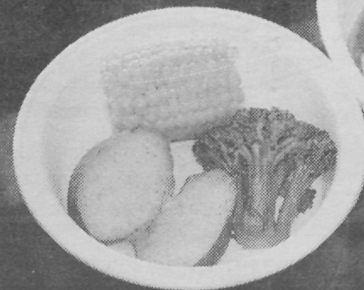
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## All About Pets....

By Dr. Anthony Loomis DVM  
Plainfield Animal Hospital

As many of you know, many common pet foods have recently been recalled. This is cause for concern, but not panic. A complete list of affected foods including date and product information codes is available through the American Veterinary Medical Association Web site at [www.avma.org/aa/menufoodsrecall/default.asp](http://www.avma.org/aa/menufoodsrecall/default.asp). If you have any of the products identified on these lists, immediately stop feeding them to your pet.

Some pets that have consumed the recalled pet food may show no signs of illness while others will exhibit lethargy, decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, changes in thirst, and changes in urination. The sensitivity to the toxins found in these foods can vary from one animal to the next. Therefore, there is concern for both pets who have only consumed small amounts of the recalled foods and those who have been eating these diets long term.

If caught in time, most animals can be successfully treated. Contact your veterinarian immediately while closely monitoring your pet for signs of illness. Your veterinarian will take a detailed history, give your pet a thorough physical examination, and perform routine bloodwork and urinalysis. If necessary, treatment can range from at home medication to hospitalization with intravenous fluids.

There is a wide variation in reimbursement policies from the different



pet food companies. Contact the appropriate pet food companies directly and keep all receipts for their pet food purchases and veterinary care. Contact your pet insurance company, if you have one, to find out what costs will be covered by your policy.

In the wake of this recall many people have decided to start making their pets home-cooked meals. However, this is no simple task as our pets have very unique nutritional needs. If you are set on cooking, you should only consider recipes for pet food that are developed for dogs or cats by veterinarians or trained professionals in animal nutrition to ensure your pet's continued health. The Web site [www.petdiets.com](http://www.petdiets.com) is one of the best Web sites on home-cooked pet diets.

This pet food scare has brought an increased awareness to veterinary medicine and the pet food industry. I am confident the appropriate steps are being taken by the FDA to ensure proper monitoring of pet foods in the future. Remember, do not panic. Your veterinarian is the best source for accurate and reliable information about the recall and trustworthy nutritional advice for your pets. You can count on your veterinary team for compassionate care to help you and your pet through this difficult time.

*Anthony Loomis, DVM, grew up in Scotch Plains, attended St. Joseph's High School, the University of Georgia and Oklahoma State University for veterinary school. He practices at Plainfield Animal Hospital with a special interest in exotic animal medicine and surgery.*

### Notice To Residents

New Jersey American Water will be flushing the water mains in South Plainfield from April 15-May 6.

Residents may experience low water pressure or discolored water during this period. If the water is discolored, avoid washing clothes. When flushing is finished, simply run your cold water until it is clear.

Questions? Please call 1-800-NJ-AMWTR (1-800-652-8987) or visit their Web site at [www.njamwater.com/hydrant.htm](http://www.njamwater.com/hydrant.htm).

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## Rock Darfur Concert Huge Success

By Michael Duquette

Students at South Plainfield High School made some noise and made a difference with the Rock Darfur Concert held March 30 at the PAL.

The crowd, largely composed of high school and college students, helped raise several thousand dollars for SPHS' Help Darfur Now organization. Frances Flannery, SPHS history teacher and advisor to the organization, praised her students for the effort they put into organizing their biggest event yet.

"When we started planning this I really didn't know what we were doing," she said of planning a concert. "The effort the kids put in to do this was amazing. A lot of kids came out and they really enjoyed it."

Since its inception in the last few weeks of the 2005-2006 school year, Help Darfur Now has gained considerable attention at SPHS by pushing relief and awareness of the ongoing genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

Flannery said that the concert raised over \$2,000, bringing the groups total contributions in excess of \$5,000. "I am amazed," she said of the concert turnout. "I had hoped to make \$500."

The Rock Darfur Concert, which occurred during the National Week of Student Action organized by Amnesty International, marked the next step in bringing the four-year-old Darfur conflict to the younger generation.

Over 250 kids came out to see local bands Divert from Destiny, Horseshoes and Handgrenades, The Command Radio and Level Zero perform sets full of up-tempo rock numbers. Breakdancing troupe Skill Company also impressed the audience with a daz-

zling display of moves backed by The Command Radio.

Student volunteers were present selling candy, sodas and t-shirts to raise money for the cause.

The performers were excited to promote awareness of Darfur through their music. "It was an honor to get asked to perform," said Dan Lammi, drummer for Level Zero. "We love to do anything for charity."

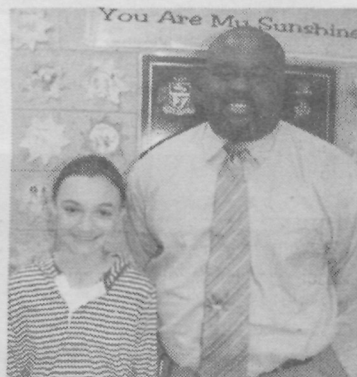
SPHS senior Joe Cupo, Divert from Destiny's singer and guitarist, agreed. "It feels good to play music, and it feels good to play for something," he said.

Even students who visited the concert from outside the district were impressed by the level of devotion that SPHS students showed toward the Darfur conflict.

"This was a great opportunity not only for bands trying to start up, but also a great way to raise money for a good cause," said senior Dan Schiavo of St. Joseph's High School.

Flannery said that students in Help Darfur Now will begin work on a 5K walk tentatively scheduled for June 9. For more information on projects raising money for Darfur aid visit [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org).

## Kimberly Schuetz Named Junior Journalist



Kimberly Schuetz, Roosevelt fourth grader, with Principal Charles Ford.

Kimberly Schuetz, Roosevelt School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist contest. Her efforts have earned her dinner, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

This is the final Junior Journalist winner this year. All winners will soon be receiving an invitation to the year-end banquet to be held on Wednesday, May 9, where they will be invited to read their poems and essays.

For more information, call the Observer at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

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### Spring

By Kimberly Schuetz

The snow melts and flowers start to bloom. You hear the little birds singing away. The sun starts to come out. No more pants, no more long sleeve shirts. You see the bunnies chasing each other. See the buds on the trees about to blossom with leaves. See boys and girls so happy as can be.

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# Around Town

## VFW Dinner

April 20

The South Plainfield VFW Post 6763 on Front Street is holding a roast loin of pork dinner on Friday, April 20, 5 to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

## SPHS Drama Club Presents Jekyll & Hyde

April 20, 21 and 22

The SPHS Drama Club presents Jekyll & Hyde. The play will run Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/seniors and can be purchased at the door. Parents of small children please be cautioned—this is a tale of murder!

## Open House At Slim and Tone

April 21

Slim And Tone Express Fitness and Weight Loss Studio is having an open house on Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Treat yourself to a day of fitness with a free 10-minute chair massage, raffle for prizes and lots of healthy snacks! Membership incentives will also be offered! Prizes include a \$50 gift certificate to the "Looking Good Spa" on Oak Tree Road in Edison, a summer beach basket, a Cornucopia cruise gift certificate, gift certificates to Main Street Bistro in Freehold, personal training packages and other beautiful prizes!

For more information, please call (908) 769-0009.

## Christopher Baron Stars In "Cabaret!"

Through April 22

The Livingston Theatre Company will present "Cabaret!" through Sunday, April 22 in the Livingston Stu-

## 1991 Class Reunion

Invitations have gone out for the 1991 South Plainfield High School class reunion on Nov. 24 at the Clarion Hotel and Towers in Edison. If you did not receive an invitation, contact Kristine (Newman) Craggan at kristinecraggan@yahoo.com or call (732) 983-1100.

What's happening at the South Plainfield

## SENIOR CENTER

APRIL

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Papermill Playhouse  
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers  
April 28 - \$55 per person

Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am  
Yoga 10:30-11:30am  
Art Class 11:30am

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Bingo 10am-2pm  
Ladies Social Group 10am

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Aerobics 8:45am  
Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1 pm  
Listening to Children 10am  
Line Dancing 10am  
Crocheting 1 p.m.  
Tai Chi 2 p.m.

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Shopping 9am  
Practical Crafts 10am  
Computer Class 10am, 11am, 1pm  
Exercise Class 1:15pm

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Bingo 10am-2pm

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Bingo 10am-2pm

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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

dent Center in Piscataway featuring South Plainfield resident Christopher Baron in the starring role of "Cliff."

Performances are 8 p.m. on April 20 and 4 p.m. on April 21. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for Rutgers staff, children/students with ID and senior citizens.

## Girl Scouts Holding Blood Drive

April 21

Junior Troop 843 will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PAL.

For questions, or to reserve a donation time, call (908) 561-9477.

## Parking Lot Sale

April 21

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, Inc., 3121 Park Ave., is having a parking lot sale on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is April 28.

Table-sized spaces in the parking lot are \$20, or 15% of sales, whichever is more. Sellers must provide their own tables. For details or to reserve a space, please call Jane at (908) 753-9585.

## Little Treasures Registration

April 21

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will be registering for full-day kindergarten on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. by appointment only. Little Treasures offers infant care to kindergarten and summer camp programs to fit the needs of children ages six weeks to seven years.

For information, call (908) 769-3224 or visit www.LTLC.net.

## Spring into Dance

April 22

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission presents "Spring Into Dance 2007" on Sunday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the senior center auditorium. Learn line dances with Ruth Hardy, champion line dancer, and then watch a fantastic dance show featuring dancers from Absolute Dance Studio and JoAnn's Dance Studio. Admission is free. For more information please call (908) 753-0327.

## Trip to Papermill Playhouse

April 28

The senior center has scheduled a trip to Paper Mill Playhouse on Saturday, April 28 for a matinee performance of the Broadway hit, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." The cost is \$55 per person and includes transportation and orchestra seats. Reservations are limited to 40 people.

For reservations, stop by the senior center or call (908) 754-1047. This trip is open to all residents.

## Sacred Heart Concert Series

April 29

Sacred Heart Parish, 149 South Plainfield Ave., presents their 2007 Concert Series on Sunday, April 29 with an organ recital performance by William H. Arwood at 3 p.m.

## "Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway

April 29

The recreation department has a

few tickets left for "Beauty and the Beast" on Sunday, April 29. Register at the PAL Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$80. Bus leaves from the PAL at 11:30 a.m. for the 3 p.m. show.

## UNICO Membership Meeting Night

April 30

A special Membership Night meeting of UNICO, the largest Italian-American service organization in the country, will be held on Monday, April 30 at the American Legion Hall, 243 Oak Tree Ave. beginning at 7 p.m. Plan to attend and see why our motto is "Service Above Self." Pizza and refreshments will be served.

For information call (908) 756-9320.

## — Out of Town —

## Bucks County Playhouse "Seussical"

Through April 22

Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa., presents "Seussical the Musical" through Sunday, April 22.

The Bucks County Playhouse Box Office is now online. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased by going to www.buckscountypayhouse.com.

For information and reservations, call the box office at (215) 862-2041.

## Neil Sedaka at Stockton College

April 21

Neil Sedaka will be appearing at Stockton College on Saturday, April 21.

To reserve tickets, call (609) 652-4658 or visit www.stockton.edu/springbenefit.

## Mexican Folk Dance

April 21

Middlesex County Cultural Heritage Commission and the Folklife Pro-

gram for New Jersey present an afternoon of Mexican folkdance on Saturday, April 21 at 1 p.m. at the Lord Stirling Community School in New Brunswick. Free; registration required.

To register call (732) 745-4489.

## CHATS Adoption Support Meeting

April 23

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, April 23 at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. For information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit the Web site at www.wapc.net.

## Down the Shore Exhibit

April 22-June 15, 2008

Cornelius Low House in Piscataway presents the new exhibition "Down the Shore: the Coastal Heritage of New Jersey" from Sunday, April 22 through June 15, 2008. Opening reception April 22, 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call (732) 745-4489.

## A Taste Of Somerset

April 23

The 2007 Taste of Somerset, featuring more than 40 of the region's best restaurants and more than one dozen beverage providers, takes place on Monday, April 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Palace at Somerset Park, 333 Davidson Ave. in Somerset. Tickets are \$75 for this all-you-can-eat event.

For more information, call (908) 725-2299.

## Bipolar Support Group

April 25

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) will feature Louis Littman, M.D., Ph.D. and Suzanne Datto, M.D. at their meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:45 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown. The public is invited.

For more information please visit www.dbsanewjersey.org/morristown.

## Trash and Treasure Sale

April 28

Oak Tree Presbyterian Church in Edison is holding their annual Trash and Treasure Sale on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Household goods, small appliances, toys, games, books and more will be available. All proceeds will go to the church. Early birds are not admitted. For information call Judith at (908) 769-6553.

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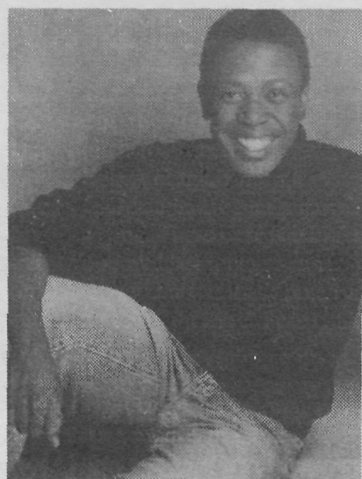
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## South Plainfield Native Makes Luna Stage Debut

Lawrence E. Street, a resident of South Plainfield, is making his Luna Stage debut in the world premiere of Jeanne Marshall's "Little Beasts," a richly theatrical exploration of mad-



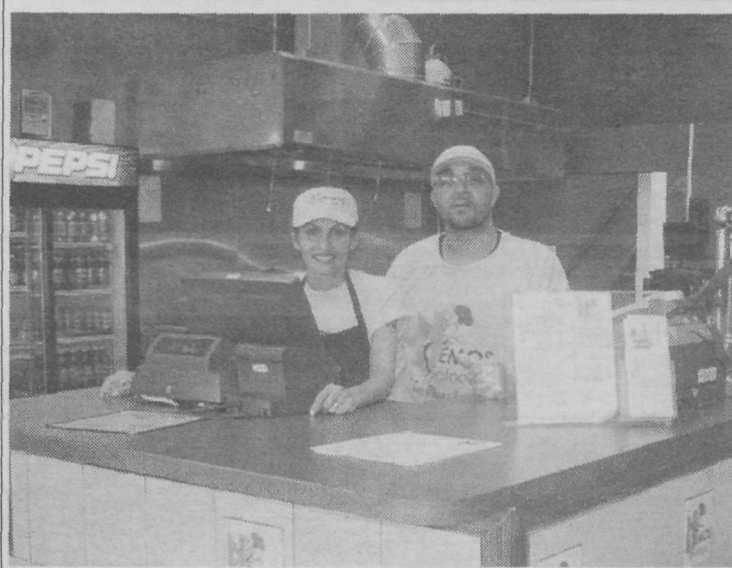
Lawrence E. Street

ness and artistry as painter Romaine Brooks struggles with memories of her past. Marshall is Luna's playwright in residence and this production marks the third collaboration between Marshall and director Jane Mandel, Luna's artistic director. The production previews April 26-27, opens April 28 and runs through May 20.

Street holds an undergraduate degree in music from Carnegie Mellon

University (with honors) and a graduate degree in music from the University of Akron. As a singer/actor he has performed in Graz, Austria as a member of The American Institute of American Studies and performed the role of Mingo in "Porgy and Bess" in London's Royal Festival. Street originated the role of Billy Boy Bill in "Urinetown" and performed with the company for its entire off-Broadway and Broadway runs. In June, he will appear in "The Apple Tree" for director Clayton Phillips at The Barnstormers Theatre in New Hampshire. He joins the cast of "Little Beasts" which includes Mona Hennessy, Kathleen Marsh, Nancy Shaheen and Rebecca Lingafelter.

Luna Stage is located at 695 Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair. Performances run Thursday (7:30 p.m.); Friday and Saturday (8:00 p.m.) and Sunday (2 p.m. matinee.) Ticket prices are \$20 (Thu.); \$25 (Fri./Sun.); \$30 (Sat.) Tickets can be purchased by calling Luna Stage at (973) 744-3309 or online at [www.lunastage.org](http://www.lunastage.org). Group, senior and student discounts offered. Luna Stage is wheelchair accessible and assistive listening devices are available without prior notice. Pre-show tours for persons with sight impairment can also be arranged, please call for information.



Nemos Seafood recently opened in the new Durham Plaza shopping center on Durham Avenue, just past the Hamilton Boulevard overpass. Specializing in great tasting, fresh seafood, Nemos is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and at noon on Sunday. Pictured above is Store Manager Seta Laurie and Head Cook Corey Milligan. Not pictured is Lamar McCloud, Neil Laurie and Allen McCloud, co-owners of the South Plainfield location.

## SPHS Students Win Poetry Competition

The Edison Arts Society announced the winners of its fifth annual middle and high school poetry competition. Over 250 poems were received from six area middle schools and five area high schools. Each winner will receive a booklet containing the winning poems and the list of honorable mentions. Winning poets are invited to

read their poems on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Menlo Park Mall in Edison.

Winners of the 2007 Edison Arts Society Poetry Competition include: Grade 11, First Place—Chris Delaney and Grade 12, Runner-up—Darren Kaczowski, both from South Plainfield High School.

## It's Ponytail Scholarship Time

The Parents' Ponytail Softball Association is sponsoring three \$500 college scholarships. Applications are now being accepted and can be obtained from the SPHS guidance office.

To qualify for the scholarships the applicant must be a high school senior graduating this June and a current resident of South Plainfield. To qualify for one of the two recreation scholarships, applicants must have played for a minimum of four years in the Ponytail softball league. To qualify for the Ponytail All-Star scholarship, applicants must have played recreation softball for a minimum of four years and South Plainfield Ponytail All-Stars for a minimum of three years. All-Star players may apply for both the recreation and All-Star scholarships; however, a player is eligible to receive only one scholarship. The application must be received no later than May 4. All completed applications can be mailed to SPPPA Scholarship, P.O. Box 441, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or returned to the high school guidance office in a sealed envelope labeled SPPPA Scholarship. Verification of school enrollment is required. Get your applications and hand them in as soon as possible.

Best of luck to all of you. You are all winners in our books.

## 4-H Summer Camp Open House

On Sunday, May 20, the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Summer Camp will host an open house from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Interested families are invited to come meet our staff, tour the camp and participate in camp activities. 4-H Camp is an overnight camp located in Stokes State Forest, managed by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. Camp is open to youth who have completed grades three through 10.

4-H member and non-members alike are invited to come spend a week in the summer with us. The cost for the week covers all food and activities. All sessions begin on Monday morning and end on the following Saturday morning. Camp runs for six

consecutive weeks from the first week of July through the middle of August.

4-H Camp offers challenging and exciting programs, tailored to the campers individual interests and guided by experienced staff at all times. Activities include swimming, boating, arts and crafts, hiking, camping, nature and ecology, drama, riflery, archery and much, much more. For our older teens we have exciting opportunities including advanced archery, kayaking, muzzle loader and our leadership based counselor in training program.

For information or directions to the camp, please contact the 4-H Camp Office at (973) 948-3550, or e-mail [4hcamp@rcrc.rutgers.edu](mailto:4hcamp@rcrc.rutgers.edu).

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## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB Play Ball!

By Jane Dornick

Under beautiful blue skies, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club celebrated opening day of its 54th season last Saturday. Ceremonies began in the early morning with club members and dignitaries marching down side streets from Roosevelt School to the baseball complex. The parade was led by South Plainfield Fire Department and their blaring sirens. Mayor Charles E. Buttrico Jr., former Mayor Dan Gallagher, Police Chief John Ferraro and Borough Council members Matt Anesh, Rob Bengivenga, Kathy Thomas, Dennis Cerami and Ray Petronko followed close behind with coaches and teams proudly carrying their team banners.

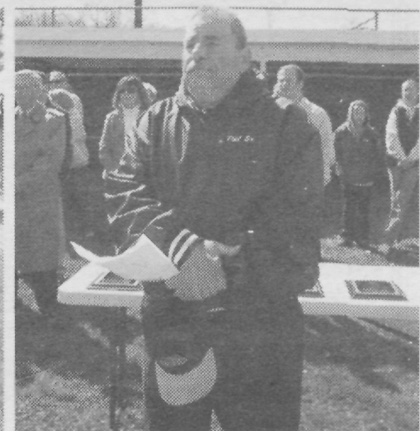
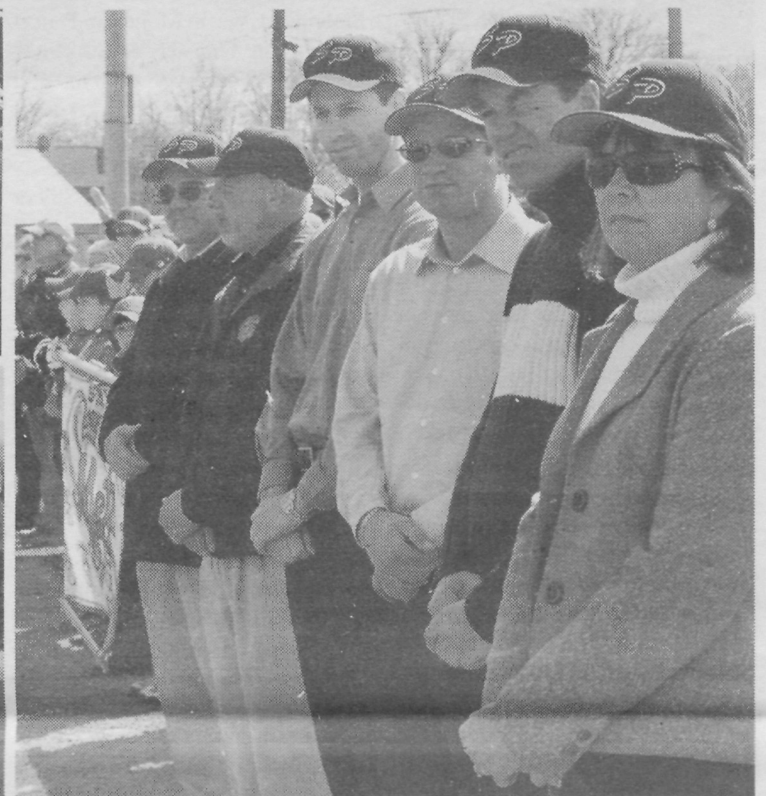
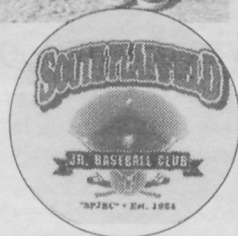
Recreation Commissioner Bill Cochran was the parade grand marshal, but was unable to attend. Cochran had served as the club's commissioner from 1981-1985. A lifetime member of the club as well as an active member and former board member currently serving as treasurer of the N.J. State Federation of Umpires, Cochran is best known as an announcer at high school football and basketball games, wrestling events and the annual Labor Day parade.

With everyone gathered around the baseball diamond on Field 2, members of VFW Post #6763 took center stage displaying the American and VFW flags. Coach Mark Resende sang "God Bless America" and South Plainfield Middle School seventh grader Laine Harris sang "The Star Spangled Banner," with moments of silence being observed for Coach Bob Harrington, who passed away suddenly in March, Charles E. Buttrico Sr. who passed away in November and the men and women fighting overseas. Resident Phil Aiello was the master of ceremonies.

Baseball Commissioner Lee Flanagan handed out the club's 2007 awards. The Commissioner's Award is presented to individuals or groups who have contributed service to the club above and beyond what would normally be expected for a continued number of years. This year's Commissioner's Award went to Michael Benak for organizing and directing the club's summer instructional camp. Former Mayor Gallagher also received a Commissioner's Award for his many years of support and guidance as mayor.

Lifetime Member Awards were given to James Colapietro, a former board member and coach who is an active umpire and serves on the umpire committee, and to Dennis Moskal, a former assistant commissioner of administration, who served as head of Building and Grounds and is currently an umpire, serves on the umpire committee and is the A League director.

The score board on Field 2 was also dedicated in memory of Charles E. Buttrico Sr. who has many relatives participating in the club. The mayor threw out the first pitch to Small Fry B League catcher Robert Eggert and it was time to play ball!



## LEGAL NOTICES

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## Youth Soccer Instruction

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will again be hosting the popular "Soccer Buddies" program this spring. Age groups are 3-5 and 5-7.

Programs will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on April 21 and 28, May 5, 12 and 19 and June 2, 9 and 16. Cost is \$99. All sessions will be held at the Kenneth Avenue fields.

To enroll, call (973) 601-3652, or go to [www.SOPLFDSOCCERCLUB.com](http://www.SOPLFDSOCCERCLUB.com) and download an application for Soccer Buddies. Bring the application with you to the program.

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## Bookmarks

By Jaimie Donnelly

"April showers bring May flowers" is a popular saying around this time of year when nature refreshes itself for the upcoming warm weather. This saying can also be applied to washing away the old to make room for the new. Yes, I mean spring cleaning is here!

If you are like me, you are one of those people who would rather go to the dentist on a Saturday afternoon than be stuck in a dusty closet. Fortunately, there are materials that can help make spring cleaning a little less painful and they are located right at our library.

The library has over 50 books on ways to help cut time and enjoy cleaning. "Spring Cleaning the Spirit of Cleaning Home" by Monica Nassif, "Cut the Clutter" and "Stow the Stuff" edited by Lori Baird, "The Queen of Clean Conquers Clutter" by Linda Cobb and "How Clean is Your House?" by Kim Woodburn are just four of the many books I recommend that have helped me the past month.

I find that some fast paced music really helps moving my spring cleaning along. My recommendations are "Modern Rock Dance" by various artists, "The Very Best of The Beach Boys" by The Beach Boys, "Endless

Summer" by Donna Summer and "The Best of Ricky Martin" by Ricky Martin. We have cleaning mood music for all tastes so check them out!

Miss Linda's and Miss Mija's childrens programs will be on their regular schedule this upcoming week. Our three-year-old and up craft and story time are held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. For two- and three-year-olds join us on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. For babies we have Books 'N Babies on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. All programs are free and there is no registration required.

This month we are introducing a new regular display for our young adult patrons. This display, which is located next to the young adult material area, will exhibit specific themed materials for our young adult patrons to check out. Since this month is National Poetry Month there is a display of teen poetry materials. Upcoming themes will include hip hop, videogames, colleges, crafts and more! If you have questions about this display or any young adult programs, e-mail me at missjaimied@yahoo.com.

For further questions visit us on the Web at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us/](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us/).

## Litter Cleanup This Saturday

The main borough-wide clean-up event will be held on Saturday morning, April 21. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Borough Hall parking lot to collect equipment and clean-up assignments.

All volunteers will be invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a free traditional pizza pickup picnic com-

plete with environmentally friendly door prizes.

Residents are welcome to organize a crew or come on their own.

Call Alice Tempel, Clean Communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail [atempel@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:atempel@southplainfieldnj.com) for more information.



## National Honor Society Inducts New Members

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield High School National Honor Society (NHS) officially inducted 58 new members on March 26. A welcome was offered by National Honor Society President Ying Chen followed by the processional. "The National Anthem" was sung by inductee Taylor Kurilew.

New members are Amanda Alemezohu, Dana Alexa, Davonna Approvato, Scott Barton, Nicole Brooks, Kiran Budhan, Melissa Budhan, Christopher Burke, Paulo Cantarella, Kristen Ciandella, James Cox, Jonathan Cursi, Kyle Darr, Christopher De Oli-

veria, Brooke DeNitzio, Kelly Downes, Christopher Duquette, Kaitlin Egan, Pauline Eskander, Matthew Fabino, Lauren Frazzano, Katherine Gorman, Robert Harrington, Jessica Hill, Cassandra Hoffman, Brianne Howarth, Theresa Huber, Stephanie Kelly, Taylor Kurilew, Przemslaw Lasoto, Erica Linick, Juana Lopez, Rui Lou, Andrea Lozarito, Jonathan Marcoux, Rachel Milliron, Katheryn Noonan, Katie Nuber, Lauren O'Day, Tara O'Keefe, Jamie Okoszko, Michael Oprysk, Kristen Partesi, Shamiko Reid, Sonali Patel, Christopher Pennisi, Ashley Peterson, Alexandra Petronko, Hosnia Quyum, Alyssa Roibal, Sarah

Schulte, Anthony Simone, Alison Smith, Samantha Smith, CJ Stubbs, Chelsea Soisson, Stephanie Szeliga and Alexandra Viscosi.

The speakers at the induction were NHS officers, who were introduced by the NHS President Ying Chen. Julie Bosse, Scholarship; Tina Bijilani, Leadership; Jennifer Little, Character and Karla Reyes, Service. After the administration of Oath the new members were accepted by Dr. Kenneth May, principal, Mr. Ralph Ericco, assistant principal and Kelly Panuzzo-Richkus, assistant principal.

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# Sports

By Glenn Cullen

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

The SPJBC would like to thank all of the volunteers who assisted in making the 2007 SPJBC Opening Day one of the best ever.

Armies of volunteers working throughout the week and all spring long were able to get Field #3 converted to 50/70 and the entire complex was in perfect condition despite torrential rains on Thursday.

A big "thank you" goes out to Tom "Bubba" Scalera for coordinating opening day events. Bill Cochrane was Grand Marshal and former Mayor Dan Gallagher and Michael Benak received the 2007 Commissioners Award. Lifetime Member Awards were presented to Jimmy Colapietro and Dennis Moskal and the scoreboard on Field 2 was dedicated to the memory of Charles Butrico Sr.

The SPJBC Women's Auxiliary and Commerce Bank financed the construction of a new batting cage on Field 3. Mayor Charles Butrico, Jr. filled in for former Mayor Dan Gallagher

and threw out the first pitch to Robert Eggert of the B League A's.

Opening day games started off with a bang. There were nail biters, blow-outs and late inning heroics. Joey Pellegri hit the first home run on the new 50/70 Field 3. Sean Cullen threw the first pitch and Nick Graves was the first batter.

Torrential rains Sunday and Monday canceled all games. The forecast is for good weather this weekend.

This weekend's duty assignments are SFB Marlin and Pony B Pirates on Saturday, April 21 at 7 a.m. and SFC Mets and Pony A Blue Jays on Sunday, April 22 at 8 a.m.

The SPJBC is looking for volunteers for the 2007 season. In particular, snack stand captains are needed. Anyone interested in being a snack stand captain is asked to call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 or e-mail the club at [www.southplainfieldjbc@yahoo.com](mailto:www.southplainfieldjbc@yahoo.com). Also, feel free to visit the SPJBC Web site at [www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc](http://www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc). Come on out this weekend and see some great baseball at the SPJBC.



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

The Parents' Ponytail Association would like to welcome all the families back to a wonderful and exciting new softball season for 2007. Also, welcome to all the new members that have not yet had the experience of a well organized and fun loving program. We know you will have a great experience with these programs during the upcoming months. Best of luck to all!

If you haven't noticed already, there have been major improvements in our Ponytail fields down at Pitt Street. Thanks to the recreation Department as well as all the parents from the Ponytail Parents' Association, we are proud of all the accomplishments and are ready for a safe and fun season. Now here are some upcoming events for the month of April that you need to mark your calendars for. Please keep in mind, these dates are subject to change due to weather and/or other circumstances.

### Dates to Remember:

April 20: Pictures at the PAL Building (Maple Ave.)

April 21: Opening Day will start with games at 9 a.m. The ceremony begins at 11:15 a.m.

April 24: Parents' Ponytail monthly meeting at 8 p.m. at the PAL building

April 28: All-star tryouts for U14s, U12s and U10s begin at 4 p.m.

April 29: Rain date for All-star tryouts.

Enjoy the season. Play Ball!



Submitted By Bob Nilan

## Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

To three-peat or not to three-peat—that is the question for KC's Korner.

After winning the South Plainfield Golf League championship the past two years, KC's Korner approaches the 2007 season facing the formidable challenge of trying to capture first-place honors three years in a row.

KC's powerful partnership of Mark Dugan and Rich Steele has come through time and time again in crucial matches to spark their team to key victories. And they can rely on great support from Tony "The Bomber" Cotone, Jr. and always reliable Dan Conti.

The path to the leagues championship is not going to be easy, not with the strength and balance of the other teams in the American Division. But KC's Korner is clearly the team to beat this season.

In their opening match, the defending champions will take on 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, a team that finished the 2006 season with two impressive shutout victories over Pornovets and Buy-Rite Liquors.

Captain Dale Dube and Chris Nuzzo will again lead the way for 2 Buds, 2 Dubs.

In other American Division action, Jay Coppola and his Twin City teammates will face Buy-Rite Liquors, headed by Irish Danny Griffin who earned Player-of-the-Year honors last season.

Rounding out the American Division schedule, Eddie's Grinders will tee it up against the Hackers in what could be the best-played match of the night. These two teams faced one another in the playoffs on the last night of the 2006 season, and Eddie's was red-hot and won that match convincingly, 19-1. Ed Banach will be playing with his regular partner, Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer, and big hitters Chris Dillon and Jay Bertelson will complete the strong lineup for the Grinders.

The Hackers have one of the toughest, most-balanced teams in the league in Kevin Boyce, John Cacciatore, Bill Mann, and Todd Sherman. All they need is for a few breaks to go their way for a change and they could easily be contending for the title.

Over in the National Division, Plainfield Animal Hospital looks like the team that has the best shot at winning division championship honors. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar, Mike

Sikanowicz, and Steve Schock posted some solid scores towards the end of last season and Captain Mike Cortese hopes that there will be some carry-over to 2007 so that PAH won't repeat last year's 0-2 start.

Their opening night opponent, Patti's Construction, also got off to a poor start in 2006. Mike Behr played well all season long last year for Patti's and Cappy Capparelli and Jovial Matt Ward made some significant contribution in the second half of the season.

Captain Frank Matthews, of Sport & Social, is eager to see his team improve on their 7-7 record in 2006 and return to the form they had a few seasons back when they were league champions. He and teammates Dennis Bibby and Todd Gregory will be put to a stiff test right away when they take on Pornovets.

You remember the old nursery rhyme about the little girl who had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead and when she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid. That's Pornovets. When they have their A-game, they can beat any team in the league; but, when they're bad, they make the VFW look like Ryder Cup champions.

Pornovets will again have their regular foursome of Jim and Robert Pornovets, Frank Oades and Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaart.

In the final match of the opening night, Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas and Howard "Awesome" Adler will lead Witty's against the VFW who were winless in 2006.

Captain Ray Costa of the VFW is considering getting golf shirts for his team in an effort to give his players a bit more motivation. With all the beatings they took last year, something in "Black and Blue" would seem appropriate.

## TIGER 24

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A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Jack Kishinchand for public improvements at 100 Borman Road known as Lot 17, Block 174 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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## Obituaries

### Marjorie A. (Johnson) Medici, 83

Marjorie A. (Johnson) Medici died on Friday, April 13 at Robert Johnson University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Born in Rahway, Mrs. Medici was raised in Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield where she resided for 45 years before moving to Jackson four years ago.



Marjorie A. Medici

Along with her husband, Mario, Marjorie was co-owner of Medicis in South Plainfield, where the two worked side by side from 1964 until her retirement in 1988.

An avid golfer, Marge was a former member of the Metuchen Country Club in Metuchen and for the past four years she was an active member of the Westlake Country Club in Jackson. Marge was also a former member of the JFK Woman's Auxiliary at JFK Medical Center in Edison for 10 years.

In addition to her husband of 49 years, Mrs. Medici is survived by two sons, Mark of Rockaway and Michael and wife Jeananne of Howell; and surviving are five grandchildren, Michael, Dawn, Kaleigh, David and Brandon.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marge's name can be made to JFK Woman's Auxiliary, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818.

### Joseph W. Brower, 95,

Joseph W. Brower died on Thursday, April 12 in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Joe was born and raised in Bayonne, where he lived most of his life. He later resided in South Plainfield and Ft. Myers, Florida.



Joseph W. Brower

He was an entrepreneur of the oil industry throughout the 1940's and 1950's. During those years, Joe was director of Diamond Head Oil Refinery and Bay City Oil Service in Kearny.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Norton), who died in 1984 and a daughter, Susan Spiers-Gray.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Bauer of Marlboro; three grandchildren, Amy Sinicin of Marlboro, Joseph Spiers of Bayonne and Meredith Palumbo of Aliso Viejo, Calif. and five great grandchildren, Jake, Arielle and Jason Sinicin, Taylor Palumbo and Ronan Spiers.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater NJ Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834.

### Mark W. Bogusz, 54

Mark W. Bogusz died on Tuesday, April 10 at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pa.

Born in Rahway, Mark grew up and resided in South Plainfield for a number of years before moving to Tennessee, Virginia and Philadelphia in 1990.

A 1971 graduate of St. Joseph's High School, Mark continued his education by receiving a BA in business and a masters in English from Rutgers in 1977. He taught at Paul VI Catholic High School in Haddonfield from 1978-1980 before relocating and taking a job with Fed Ex.

Mark most recently had been employed with Colonial Penn as an insurance salesman and was an active volunteer with Project Home in Philadelphia.

He was predeceased by his father, Thaddeus.

He is survived by a daughter, Sabrina Bogusz; his mother, Betty Busko; a sister, Celeste Robustelli and a brother,

Brian Bogusz.

A memorial service in his memory will be held on Saturday, April 21 at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funeral.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, 6 Franklin Plaza, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102 or to Project Home, 1515 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19130.

### Bernard "Bernie" Brausewetter, 52

Bernard "Bernie" Brausewetter died on Sunday, April 15 at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark of complications from diabetes and congestive heart failure.

Born Sept. 10, 1954 in Muhlenberg Hospital, Bernie began playing guitar as a seven-year-old. He graduated from South Plainfield High School. He was known to music fans around the Garden State as leader of a blues-rock trio, B.B. & The Stingers, recording several albums, including a self-titled debut album and "First Blues Band on Venus." His new CD has not yet been released.

He moved to Ohio and played with Silverhoof around the Midwest in the early 1970's, then returned to New Jersey. He formed his own trio, B.B. & The Stingers, in 1990 and frequented the Melody Bar and other New Brunswick-area venues. His guitar playing style was fluid and dynamic and he always knew the importance of playing as part of an ensemble. He could play the most difficult classic rock guitar solos note for note and astonished his audiences with his fluidity and dexterity. In the 1990's, he joined Glen Burtnik and Slaves of New Brunswick. More recently, he began playing with original E-Street Band drummer Vini Lopez in Steel Mill, playing early songs written by Bruce Springsteen.

He was a self-employed guitar teacher and performer, teaching guitar

from his home, which he shared with his mother.

He shared the stage with Johnny Winter, Rick Derringer and dozens of other nationally known guitarists and went to Memphis in 2003 and 2004 to compete in the International Blues Talent Competition.

"There's always something new you can learn," he would say and often said his decision to pursue guitar teaching from his home "was the best decision I ever made." One of his proteges, Matt O'Ree, has begun to make a name for himself nationally, playing in a similar blues-rock style.

He was an avid science fiction buff and enjoyed fishing when he wasn't performing, practicing or teaching guitar.

A musical memorial service and a celebration of his life and music is planned for coming months at a yet-to-be-determined venue. Fans and friends can check their web browser to B.B. and the Stingers.com to stay apprised of a planned musical memorial service.

He was predeceased by his father, Bernard, who passed away in 1986.

Survivors include his mother, Norma of South Plainfield and an aunt, Ruth Hebert of Thorofare.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

### Joan B. (Brown) Heer, 76

Joan B. (Brown) Heer died on Sunday, April 15 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Wilkesburg, Pa., Mrs. Heer has lived in South Plainfield since 1956.

A member of St. Stephens Lutheran Church in South Plainfield, she was a member of the church's Lutheran Circle, a former member of the church council and also a former Sunday School teacher where she taught for more than 10 years.

A wonderful mother and grandmother, Joan attended all of her

grandchildren's sporting events. She was an avid reader and loved the Jersey shore.

She was predeceased by a brother, Buzzy Brown.

Surviving are her husband, Walter H. Jr. of South Plainfield; three daughters, Joyce Keller and husband Don of Oakhurst, Christy Wagner and husband Dave of Perkasi, Pa. and Sandy Buck and husband Bob of South Plainfield; a son, Rick and wife Diane of Feeding Hills, Ma. and 11 grandchildren, Jonathan Keller and Kristin Heyser, Suzanne, Brian, Kelly, and Andrew Wagner, Caitlin and Tyler Heer and Michael, Kyle, and Adam Buck. Also surviving are three great-grandchildren, Danielle, Melissa and Abigail Keller.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joan's memory to the St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

### Antonio "Papa Tony" Montuori, 80

Antonio "Papa Tony" Montuori died on Tuesday, April 10 at home.

Born in Sarno, Italy, Antonio immigrated to the United States in 1960, moving to South Plainfield where he had resided ever since.

For the past 20 years, Papa Tony was employed with the Middlesex County Parks Department working in the Maintenance Division at Spring Lake Park in South Plainfield, before recently retiring. He began his employment many years ago with Momm's Restaurant in Edison and later Mr. Montuori worked for Spring Hills, Lockheed and Harris Steel.

A charter member of the South Plainfield Italian American Progressive League, he was also known as a caring and very hard worker.

He was predeceased by a sister,



Antonio Montuori

Antoinette and two brothers, Michele and Raffaelo.

Surviving are his dear wife of 47 years, Concetta (Esposito); two sons, Aniello and wife Kimberly of South Plainfield and Raffaelo and wife Therese of Harmony and two brothers, Francesco and Giuseppe.

Also surviving are five grandchildren, Jessica, Nicole, Amanda, Nicholas and Anthony.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818.

### Della A. (Kratz) Milam, 78

Della A. (Kratz) Milam died on Saturday, April 7 at Norwood Terrace Care Center in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, Della had resided in South Plainfield for most of her life before moving to Edison.

A homemaker for most of her life, Della was an excellent cook and was known for her cookies. She had also been employed part time by Meile's Flower Shop in Iselin.

Her hobbies included cooking, floral arranging, doing crafts and crocheting. She was also a former member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 Ladies Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her husband, Thurman and a brother, John E. Kratz.

Surviving are three daughters, Charlotte Lubrano, Maria Chastain and husband Tim, Virginia Stonehocker and husband Terry; three sons, Joseph G. Muglia and wife Mary Pat, George Muglia and Victor Muglia and wife Joanne; two sisters, Catherine Demico and Virginia Campbell; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to Norwood Terrace Care Center, 40-44 Norwood Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07060.



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#### ORDINANCE 1782

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

Ord. 1782 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 19 OF THE SANITARY CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "LICENSE FEES" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, April 16, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$26.60 April 20, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### ORDINANCE 1783

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

Ord. 1783 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ACCORDING TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE BOROUGH ORDINANCES was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, April 16, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### ORDINANCE 1784

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

Ord. 1784 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 67 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 20, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1784

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 67 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, that:

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Article 67-2. License Fees

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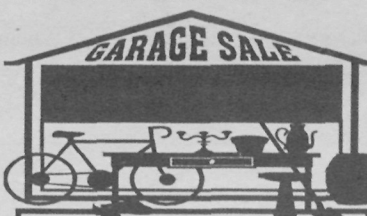
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# Torrential Rains Cause Flooding Problems

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of streets, etc. It will not cover individual losses. "It's adding another line item to the budget, as we do for snow cleanup. The state is asking us to do this and will be providing payment in full in the 2008 budget," said Chief Financial Officer Glenn Cullen.

The borough will be sending Public Works trucks around town to collect items ruined by flood waters. Pick-up times are being arranged. Cerami provided 100 copies of flyers, which are available at the library, with information from Middlesex County Public Health Department detailing how to avoid mold, entitled "After the Flood: Cleaning up Mold." The information is also available at [www.bt.cde.gov/disasters/mold/protect.asp](http://www.bt.cde.gov/disasters/mold/protect.asp). Residents are also asked to log on to [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com) and go to the fire department Web site for safety tips about flood cleanup.

**Residents who have incurred damage due to last weekend's storm are asked to call South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management at (908) 226-7718 twenty-four hours a day and leave a brief message.**



Veteran's Park soccer fields.



Flood waters resulted in the closing of the Clinton Avenue Extension (above left). Above right, the collapse of the retaining wall behind Sears Hardware on Oak Tree Road will close Woodland Avenue for at least two weeks.



Flood waters closed Veteran's Park (above left) and many streets in the borough, including Carmine Avenue.



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**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
April 11, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on April 10, 2007.  
A. Case #05-02/M/V—Giuseppe Poletti. Block 222; Lot 6; 3131 Park Avenue. The applicant's request that this application be dismissed without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Planning Board Secretary  
\$20.00 April 20, 2007

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
April 13, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 12, 2007.  
A. Case #06-07—Joseph O'Connor. Block 247; Lot 9; 103 Surrey Road. The applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance to allow an existing deck to remain in the rear yard was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Planning Board Secretary  
\$21.85 April 20, 2007

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Addendum has been issued for the previously advertised project described herein:

**ADDENDUM NO. 3**  
Date: April 13, 2007  
OWNER: Borough of South Plainfield  
Project Name: South Clinton Avenue and New Market Avenue Intersection Improvements  
Addendum Issued Via: Facsimile

**1. INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**  
This ADDENDUM is issued for the purpose of amending certain requirements of the Contract Documents, as noted hereinafter, and is hereby made part of and incorporated in full force as part of the Contract Documents. Unless specifically noted or specified hereinafter, all work shall conform to the applicable provisions of the Contract Documents.

The conditions and terms of the basic General Conditions and specifications shall govern all work described in this ADDENDUM. Wherever the conditions of Work and the quality or quantity of materials or workmanship are not fully described in this ADDENDUM, the conditions of work, etc. Included in the base Specifications for similar items of Work shall apply to the Work described in this ADDENDUM.  
Contractors submitting Bids shall acknowledge receipt of this ADDENDUM on the Bid Form entitled Acknowledgement of Receipt of Changes to Bid Documents. Failure to do so may subject bidder to disqualification.

The following item included as Addendum #5 amend the Contract Documents as follows:  
**Project Manual Revisions:**  
Section 00100 Notice to Bidders:  
The date on which Bids are due is hereby changed to: Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 10:00 AM Local Time  
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