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The South Plainfield High School Marching Band, Emeralds and Jades at Walt Disney World.

Marching Band, Emeralds, Jades Perform in Florida

Over spring break, the South Plainfield High School Marching Band, Emeralds and Jades traveled to Orlando to perform at Walt Disney World.

The Jades and Emeralds had the pleasure of performing at Cosmic Ray's Starlight Café in Disney's Magic Kingdom as part of the Disney Magic Music Days program. The audience was in awe as the Emeralds and Jades rose from a hidden stage and wowed the audience with their amazing performances.

The Emeralds performed "Hail Holy Queen" from the movie "Sister Act" with student conductor Kelsey Hoffman, "Sunny Came Home" by Shawn Colvin and "Breathe" by Anna Nalick with soloist Sarah Brooks.

The Jades performed "The Duke of Earl" by Gene Chandler with soloist Darren Kaczowski, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," made popular by The Tokens with soloist Darren Kaczowski and "Sleeping with the Television On" by Billy Joel with soloist Christopher DeOlivera.

The marching band had the pleasure of marching in a parade down Hollywood Boulevard in Disney's MGM Studios as part of the Festival Disney program. The crowded city street was hopping as the band, led by Drum

Majors Taylor Mandel and Alexandra Viscosi, played "Louie Louie" by Richard Berry, "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor and "Land of 1000 Dances" by Chris Kenner, while the color guard, led by Captain Katie Eder, added a beautiful array of color with their flag work and dance.

On Saturday evening the marching band participated in an awards ceremony at the Indiana Jones Stunt Spectacular. The evening was kicked off by the Disney Rock 'n Roll band "Mulch, Sweat and Shears," which got the crowd excited for the ceremony to start.

Following their performance, the Drum Majors, Taylor Mandel and Alexandra Viscosi, made their way onto the stage and the awards ceremony began. The Tiger Marching Band walked away with a trophy in recognition of their Superior rating, a Mickey Mouse Trophy for Best in Class and a Silver Mickey Mouse Trophy for second place overall in marching band competition.

The students paid for this trip through fundraising and community contributions.

Mr. Vroom and Mr. Murray would like to thank all of the students and chaperones who made this trip a truly magical experience.

Governor's Teachers Honorees Named

The South Plainfield Education Association has announced the following 2007 New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Program honorees: Donald Panzarella, Middle School; Joan Stasio, Grant; Martha Klink, Riley; Susan Gwiazda, Roosevelt; Michele Bloch, Kennedy; Mary Rodger, Franklin and Kristin Redziniak, Roosevelt Administration Building.

This year two educators have been honored from South Plainfield High School, Anthony Barca and Jacquelyn Barton. Their combined careers represent 138 years of dedicated service to the children and community of South Plainfield.

On May 23, the recipients will be honored at an awards luncheon at the Pines Manor in Edison.

Jacquelyn Barton teaches Spanish 2 and 3 at SPHS. Some of her nine years of teaching were spent at the middle school where she taught seventh grade Spanish 1, eighth grade Spanish 2, General Spanish 1 and 2 and Academic Spanish. Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, she taught in Colorado Springs, Colo. and Monroe Township High School. She has been an educator for 16 years. She earned a B.A. in Spanish and Secondary Education from Colorado State University-Fort Collins, Colo. She is a member of Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and New Jersey Education Association. Barton is currently the team leader of the World Languages Department at SPHS and has also served as Spanish Honor Society advisor, Spanish Honor Society tutoring advisor and for five years as the Spanish Club advisor. She is also a member of SPHS Athletic Club and Field Hockey Parents Association. She enjoys attending her two teenagers' football, field hockey and lacrosse games. Barton states, "I am flattered and honored to receive this award! I am fortunate to work with so many dedicated professionals at SPHS. My students are wonderful!"

Anthony Barca has spent his entire 38-year teaching career in the Social Studies Department of SPHS. He teaches eleventh grade U.S. History II, and also taught ninth grade Global

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Alyssa Liszewski, Cory Singer, David Landy, Alyssa Adamson, Dominick Scalera and Christina Kasmer, members of Grant School Drama Club, prepare for the production of "Once Upon A Mattress, Jr." The show is slated for Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3. For more information, call Grant School at (908) 754-4620, ext. 224. Look for more details in next week's issue.

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

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

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

planningboard

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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

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.-May 2, June 14, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 11,
Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12 and April 2.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-May 9, June 27, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17,
Nov. 28, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 19.

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.

sifeplansub-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.

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To the Editor:

The Ricciardi family would like to say "thank you" to the South Plainfield community and everyone who participated in the clover good-luck message during the month of March and beyond. Our thanks to all the merchants that joined in: Oak Tree Farms, Imperial Deli, Our Town Deli, Corner Deli, Hometown Heros and Sals Spirit Shoppe. We thank the Piazza family for helping us with this fundraiser. Please continue to keep Alyssa in your prayers. You can get more information on Alyssa's progress if you visit her Web page www./Caringbridge/alyssaricciardi.

MAGGIE FUSCHETTO

To the Editor:

I would like to commend the South Plainfield registered voters for voting "yes" for the 2007/2008 South Plainfield Board of Education budget. That was the single most significant issue which needed to be addressed by our residents for the future of quality education for our students.

I would also like to thank all those voters who supported my quest to become a member of an intelligent, highly motivated Board of Education team. You have placed your trust in me and I, in turn, will continue to support our teachers and children to the best of my ability for academics and all its challenges, special education issues, music, arts, performing arts and sport programs. These components are extremely important for a truly well rounded child. Our teachers give our children the educational tools to enter into a fierce competitive world that awaits them and through our budget we need to give the best we have to offer.

I welcome all your concerns, opinions and input and without all those who have volunteered their time to join in and help out, this would not be possible. Step up, step forward, and help me to help our children. My long list of accomplishments proves that I have always been there for our children and your vote showed that you were behind me all the way. When it comes to the Board of Education it is always about the children all the time. They are our celebration of life and all its accomplishments.

I am here, thank you.
DEBBIE BOYLE

Dear Editor,

Over the last several weeks, the South Plainfield Republican Party has orchestrated a campaign to try to confuse the issue of Councilmember Bengivenga's conflict of interest over an ordinance which would have rezoned property owned by his family

IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

to allow another billboard in town. Rather than deal with the issue, they have instead turned their guns on the person who had the courage to stop this outrage, Council President Dennis Cerami. Let's review the facts:

(1) The proposed zoning change to allow another billboard was a direct result of a lawsuit brought by Carole Media.

(2) Carole Media brought the suit to rezone only one property that it wants to put a billboard on.

(3) The property owner who will receive over \$100,000 per year from the rezoning is a corporation owned by Robert Bengivena, Sr. called Bonoserra LLC. Bengivena transferred the property from his name to this corporation. Why do you think he took his name off the deed?

(4) Councilmember Bengivena never disclosed the fact that the ordinance that was being voted on by the council benefited his family.

(5) The other Republican Councilmember stated he didn't know that the property was owned by the Bengivena family. He changed his vote to "no" after Cerami disclosed this fact to the public.

On behalf of all of the residents of South Plainfield, I want to thank our Council President for his honesty and determination. As incredible as it may seem, Republican letter writers supported Bengivena's lack of disclosure and attempted to portray this as an attack on his family. Let me put this as clearly as possible, I don't care whose family it is, I will never support a proposal which doesn't pass the smell test.

Here's what needs to be done. Councilmember Bengivena should join the rest of us on the council, along with Mayor Butrico, and ask his father, who is the property owner, to withdraw the litigation. That simple action will show residents that we hold ourselves to a higher standard and wherever there is an appearance of conflict of interest in South Plainfield, it will not be tolerated.

COUNCILMAN JOE SCRUDATO

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

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To the Editor:

If you missed the South Plainfield High School Drama Club spring musical, "Jekyll & Hyde," shame on you! This production was worthy of being on Broadway. All the students involved did a fabulous job. This play will be forever etched in my heart.

Mr. Murray's dream has been to bring this play to the stage of the high school and he not only fulfilled his dream, he shared that dream with the students. I have never seen such a group of hardworking young adults in my life. They were determined to make that dream come true and did it. Thank you Mr. Murray for allowing them to show you it could be done.

I would like to thank the following people who made this play successful: Mr. Nigro for the wonderful sets he built and for the months of volunteering his free time for the students; Mrs. Penevolpe for her months of designing, painting the scenery and helping the students in any way she could; Mrs. Naso for directing everyone in the right direction and for her wonderful Bay Leaf tea; Mrs. Tansey for the most beautiful costumes that must have cost her weeks of not sleeping; Sean Walsh and Chris Duquette, who did whatever I asked when it came time to make preparations for the public to see the play; Ms. Noonan for her expertise in making sure the show would go on no matter what, for being the students second mother and encouraging and taking care of my daughter when she needed it most; Mr. and Mrs. Day, who were constantly giving us a hand when we came up short on singles and for helping to

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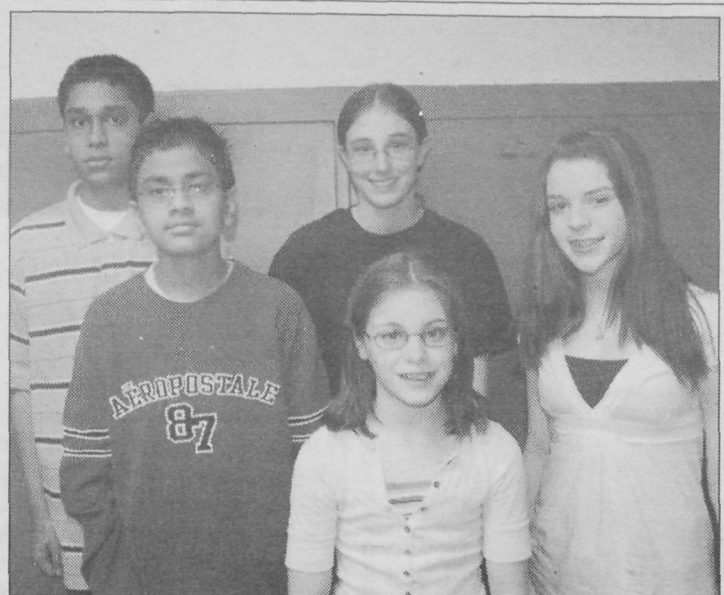
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The South Plainfield Middle School Students of the Month for March are (L to R): Kishan Patel-Lightening, Devang Patel-Cyclone, Tara O'Day-Thunder, Rachel Scrudato-Monsoon and Erica Fisher-Avalanche. Not pictured is Gabby Guancion from Team Tsunami.

PCB Capacitors Discovered at Cornell-Dubilier Superfund Site

Edison Wetlands Association (EWA) has discovered a significant number of PCB capacitors and high levels of asbestos in the Bound Brook stream corridor that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) overlooked in their investigation of the South Plainfield's Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site.

EWA sampled two of the capacitors, each one the size of a phone book and found PCBs up to 260,000 parts per million, or over 530,000 times acceptable levels. The capacitors were visible and located just upstream from a popular park and local fishing spot in South Plainfield and New Market Pond, which contains very limited warning signs on consuming fish from the pond.

"I find it unbelievable that the USEPA could miss this many leaky PCB capacitors in more than a decade of investigation, especially since USEPA's own reports show that children frequent the area and people fishing just downstream," said EWA Executive Director Bob Spiegel. "The USEPA needs to immediately remove

all of the capacitors and asbestos from the Bound Brook."

The May 2006 USEPA report states that "child and adult residents are likely potential human receptors relative to these portions of the Bound Brook Corridor. Based on their expected activities, the child and adult residents would be exposed to the floodplain soils via incidental ingestion, dermal absorption, or inhalation of particulates or released volatiles. These receptors may also be exposed to fish containing contamination and produce via ingestion."

In a report for EWA, technical consultant Chapin Engineering said, "The two capacitors along the Bound Brook are highly contaminated with PCBs...USEPA should take immediate action to remove these transformers." According to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Polychlorinated Biphenyls, or PCBs, are probable carcinogens, and there is "evidence that they cause skin cancer in humans and can affect the reproductive system of adults." They also can also damage the nervous system and can cause liver damage.

Summer Drama Workshop Auditions

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) has announced auditions for their 2007 production of Frank Loesser and Abe Burrows hit musical "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying!" will take place on May 21 and 22 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the middle school. There will be sign-ups for crew or orchestra on these dates as well.

A Frank Loesser Web site offered this synopsis: "With the help of an instructional guide, J. Pierrepont Finch is determined to succeed in business—without really trying. Encountering a corporate bigwig, a romantically-inclined secretary, a wily competitor, and a sexy ex-cigarette girl with ambitions of her own, the intrepid Finch dodges, parries and plans until victory is his. "How to Succeed..." is a comic masterpiece of satire and song, a loving and laughing tribute to the ambitious window washer in all of us."

The musical is based on the novel by Shepherd Mead. It was first produced at the 46th Street Theatre on Oct. 14, 1961. The production enjoyed a run of 1,417 performances and went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for drama. A Broadway revival featuring Matthew Broderick opened at the Richard Rodgers Theatre on March 23, 1995 and ran for 548 performances.

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop is a long-standing tradition in South Plainfield. This year marks the youth theatre program's 35th season. The students participate in every aspect of the production, from acting, singing and dancing, orchestra, set and costume construction to make-up, stage crew, lighting and fundraising. The youths gain far more than theater experience; they gain confidence, learn teamwork and responsibility. Hidden talents often blossom during the weeks leading up to the production. The program is produced through the volunteer efforts of dedicated individuals.



The Command Radio (L to R): Joseph Scarpitto, Paul Brasil, Ryan Egan and Matthew Madurski.

Local Rock Band to Play at Bamboozle in the Meadowlands

Local rock band The Command Radio will perform on Sunday, May 6 at 8 p.m. at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford, winning the slot as one of the top vote getters in the Break Contest held recently to determine which performers from across the state would get a shot at performing at the annual Bamboozle Festival weekend.

Band members include SPHS seniors Ryan Egan, lead singer; Joe Scarpitto, bass guitar; borough resident and Union Catholic student Matt Madurski, lead guitar and Clark resident and Arthur L. Johnson High School student Paul Brasil on drums.

The band will perform on the Bamboozle TV stage at the Meadowlands on Sunday. Bamboozle fest features multiple stages and many new bands, as well as recording artists Linkin Park, My Chemical Romance, Taking Back Sunday, Muse, MC Hammer and many more.

The Command Radio battled their way through preliminary rounds held at the legendary Stone Pony in Asbury Park, making it through both quarter-finals and semi-finals to perform against other top vote getters in the finals, also held at the Stone Pony. Two other venues also held preliminary

rounds in order to get the final performers who were announced at the end of the Break Contest and listed on the contest Web site as making it to Bamboozle. The South Plainfield students had been together for three years in their previous band which also gained a local following, adding Paul in recent months to form the new band. The band plays original music which they compose together, as well as cover songs by Stevie Wonder, The Beatles, Sublime and others. The band has donated their time and performances to worthy causes, including the recent Rock Darfur Concert to raise money for the victims of that area, and the last two years at the Tiger 24 charity event held at Jost Field. SPHS senior Taylor Mandel and SPHS graduate Ike Ejiochi regularly make guest appearances with the band as soloists on trumpet and saxophone, respectively. The Command Radio has an album they distribute for free at local events and has played at the Galaxy Cafe in South Plainfield, Hamilton Street Cafe in Bound Brook and Cagney's Pub in Sayreville.

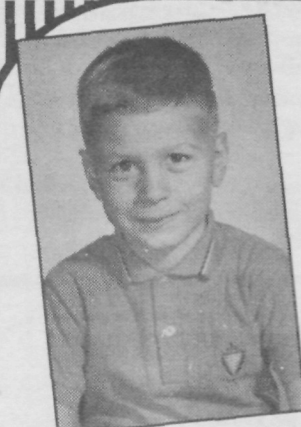
For a sample of their music, go to www.myspace.com/thecommandradio or www.purevolume.com/thecommandradio.

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"Manuscript" at EVP

May 4-26

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Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Sunday, May 20 is a theater party performance; limited tickets are available to the public for \$17.50. For reservations and information, go to www.evplayhouse.com or call (908) 755-4654.

Blackrose to Perform

May 5

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at KC's Korner on Oak Tree Avenue on Saturday, May 5 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

VFW Country Breakfast

May 6

The South Plainfield VFW Post 6763 on Front Street is holding a country breakfast on Sunday, May 6 from 8 to 11 a.m. Public is welcome.

Elvis Concert to Benefit Library

May 11

The South Plainfield Public Library Foundation is sponsoring a benefit concert on Friday, May 11 at 8 p.m. at the high school.

For the past 12 year's this concert has benefitted the fire department. They are celebrating their 100th year anniversary and offered the concert to the library foundation with proceeds going towards the new library.

This year's show will be "Memories of Elvis," a live tribute concert featuring Joe Angerosa. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the library.

Soccer Club Hosting Basket Bingo

May 12

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will be hosting a Basket Bingo, featuring Longaberger Baskets, on Saturday, May 12 at the VFW Hall on Front Street. The cost is \$20, which includes admission and boards for 20 games. Additional boards will be available for sale at the door. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., with games beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are limited.

For information or tickets, call Dawn Hutchison at (908) 754-2716 or Debra Krawiec at (908) 757-9432.

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May 23 - 10 a.m.

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

Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social
Group 10am

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

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

Bingo 10am-2pm

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Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing

May 15

The Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing, co-sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Business Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at the Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor. Entry fee is \$150 per golfer. Mail registration to South Plainfield Education Foundation, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

For information call (908) 561-3275 or (908) 753-7004, ext. 106.

Friends of the Woods Slide Presentation

May 16

A live slide presentation of "An Inconvenient Truth" will be presented at The Nature Center at Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve, located off South Clinton Avenue at 115 Sylvania Place, on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. Free to the public. Speaker will be Tina Weishaus MS, RN, CS. Hosted by Friends of the Woods.

If you have any questions, please call Patricia at (908) 753-6147.

AARP Chapter #4144 Meeting

May 21

AARP Chapter #4144's next meeting will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Maple Avenue on Monday, May 21 at 12:30 p.m.

The program will feature the Hi-Steppers Dance Group from Franklin

Township. Thanks to Steve Machat, Bill McAllister and Bill Hannah who prepared taxes for our seniors. Together they have given many hours of their time to aid our seniors over the last 10 to 15 years.

Needlecrafters meet Weds. 1-3 p.m. They knit for DYFS and Muhlenberg Hospital. To join call Jean at (732) 752-0358.

Summer Drama Workshop Auditions

May 21 and 22

Auditions for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop 2007 play "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying!" will be held on May 21 and 22 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the middle school.

For more information, please call (908) 561-5255.

— Out of Town —

Bye Bye Birdie

Through May 20

The Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. presents "Bye Bye Birdie" through Sunday, May 20. Performances are Wednesday 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun-

day 2 p.m. For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041.

Phi Eta Omega Cabaret Fundraiser

May 4

Come out and join Phi Eta Omega, the Scotch Plains Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., for their second annual cabaret on Friday, May 4 at the Kenilworth Inn in Kenilworth, from 7 to 11p.m. Tickets are \$65.

To purchase tickets, contact Sister Kim Archer at (908) 875-9018.

Blood Drive

May 5

New Jersey Blood Services will be at First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave. on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Tony Schatz at (908) 561-2682.

Folk Dance Ensemble

May 5

Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Folklife Program for New Jersey present Iskra: Ukrainian Folkdance Ensemble on Saturday, May 5 at 3 p.m. at the New Jersey Veterans Home at Menlo Park, 132 Evergreen Rd. in Edison. Free; registration required.

To register call (732) 745-4489.

Business Marketing Dinner/Presentation

May 8

The Business Marketing Association of New Jersey (BMA-NJ), will hold a dinner/presentation on Tuesday, May 8 at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Lenfell Hall in Madison, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m.; presentation at 7:30. Members \$25; non-members \$50; students with ID \$15.

To register or for more information, please call Ann Fody at (866) 203-7830 (enter 8418 at prompt).

Rahway Jazz Concert

May 11

The Arts Guild of Rahway presents the Don Braden Trio on May 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$14 advanced sale and \$16 at the door.

For information call (732) 381-7511.

Book Signing

May 16 & 23

Classics Bookstore in Trenton will present New Jersey author Lisa Martelli, who will autograph copies of her suspenseful, locally set mystery, "An Unlikely Suspect," on Wednesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 23 from noon to 1 p.m.

For information call Eric Maywar at (609) 394-8400.

Family Yard Sale

May 19

St. Helena Parish Church in Edison is having a family yard sale on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Sign up by calling JC Barredo at (908) 346-8406 or Karen Steingart at (908) 405-1993. To obtain a registration form, log on to www.sthelenaedison.org/yardsale.htm.

Annual Greek Festival

May 18, 19 and 20

St. George Greek Orthodox Church on River Road in Piscataway will hold its 34th Annual Greek Festival on Friday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday, May 20, 12 to 8 p.m.

Greek food, pastries, wine, ouzo, gyro, souvlakia, ethnic folk dancing, live music and singers will be a few of the amenities.

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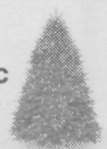


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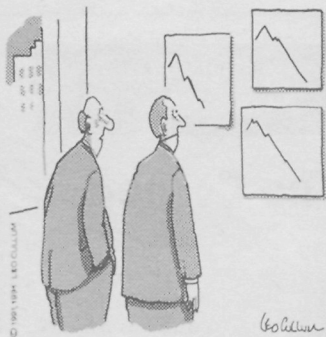


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Governor's Teachers-Honorees Named

(Continued from page 1)

Studies and tenth grade U.S. History I. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Kansas State College and post-graduate credits in contemporary education from Kean University. He has served as a member of the National Honor Society Selection Committee, an advisor of the Jersey History Club, an organizer of Cultural Heritage Day and as class advisor for the classes of 1974, 1977 and 1981. Barca is a member of the National Education Association and NJEA.

Donald Panzarella has been a physical education teacher in South Plainfield for 26 years. He is currently at the middle school, but also taught grades K-5 at Kennedy and Roosevelt. He served as a team leader at the middle school and a varsity softball coach at SPSHS. He is a past vice president of the Readington Junior Baseball League. In addition to receiving the NJ Governor's Award this year, he was previously honored in 1998. He was also inducted into the NJ Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He is a graduate of Seton Hall University with a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education and a member of NJEA and the Greater Middlesex County Softball Coaches Association.

Joan Stasio has spent her entire 23 year career serving the students and community of South Plainfield. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Douglass College, Rutgers University and earned graduate credits from Trenton State College. She is currently a member of the faculty at Grant School where she teaches general music, chorus, fifth grade band and drama. She previously taught fifth and sixth grades at Riley and Franklin, as well as the middle school, and has held the positions of instrumental music team leader and district music team leader. Stasio is director of OK Band at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel and has been director of the drama club at Grant since 2003. She is a South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop board member and is conducting the 2007 production of "Once Upon a Mattress, Jr." She also conducted "Annie Jr.," "Once On This Island," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Music Man." Outside of school she is a percussionist with the Rutgers University Alumni Wind Symphony and with the

Central Jersey Wind Ensemble. She is a member of Music Educators National Conference and New Jersey Music Educators Association. She proudly notes that six of her fifth grade band students were selected for Central Jersey Music Educators Association Honors Band.

Michele Bloch has taught in South Plainfield at John F. Kennedy School for the past 13 years although she began her teaching career 16 years ago. In addition to her current first grade assignment, she taught second and transitional first grades. Bloch is the advisor for the SPSHS Winter Color Guard and serves on Kennedy's PTSO. She earned her undergraduate degree in American Studies and Elementary Education from St. Peter's College. Beyond her career as an educator, she is a volunteer for Middlesex County Family Court and a member of the Bayonne Bridgemen Drum and Bugle Corps.

Susan Gwazda has been teaching for 15 years, the first 11 in grade one and the last five in grade two. In addition to always teaching at Roosevelt, she has lived in town all her life and graduated from SPSHS. She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology/Elementary Education from Douglass College. Currently she is working on her Masters in Education Technology from New Jersey City University and will receive her degree in June of 2008. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Glenn and her children, Bobby and Sarah. Gwazda is actively involved with her children's boy scout and girl scout troops and is a member of Roosevelt's Author and Cultural Arts Committees. Professionally she belongs to NEA, NJEA and SPEA.

Martha M. Klink is a speech language teacher at Riley and Franklin Schools. She has been with the district and an educator for 21 years. During this time she taught at the high school, middle school, Kennedy, Grant and old Roosevelt. She received her undergraduate degree in speech therapy from Trenton State College, where she also obtained a masters' degree as a Speech Language Specialist. Klink serves on Riley's Sunshine Committee and volunteers at the Trenton Soup Kitchen. She is also a member of the New Jersey Speech and Hearing Association.

Kristin Redziniak has been working with autistic preschool children for the past four years. The program is located

in the Roosevelt Administration Building. She graduated from William Paterson University with a degree as Teacher of the Handicapped and has earned graduate credits in Developmental Disabilities from Kean University. She has been a teacher for six years. She is also a volunteer for Camp Fatima, a sleep-away camp for children with disabilities.

Mary Rodger is a fourth grade teacher at Franklin School, where she has worked for the past nine years and also taught third and fifth grades. She has been in education for 10 years. Her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education is from Kean University, where she also earned credits in Prejudice Reduction/Holocaust Studies. She is a member of a number of professional organizations including National Education Association, NJEA, Middlesex County Education Assoc., International Reading Assoc., Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and National Council of Teachers of English. At school she is a member of several committees, including Professional Development, Language Arts Literacy, Character Education and Teacher Leadership Team. Rodger is a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart Church and participates in fundraising activities for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. In her free time she enjoys gardening, golf and reading.



A fire broke out in the rear of a home owned by Lisa Williams Fletcher at 2115 Oxford Ave. at approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday. The occupants were home at the time, however no one was injured.

Memorial Golf Outing to Benefit Matheny School

The 4th annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing, to benefit Art's favorite charity, The Matheny School, will be held on Friday, June 29 at Heron Glen Golf Course, 110 State Hwy. 202/31 in Ringoes. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Barbecue dinner to follow along with awards and prizes. Cost is \$125 per golfer; dinner only is \$40. Hole sponsorship: \$100/hole or \$200 for three holes (includes four mulligans). Our

lady golfers keep getting better and better and do add so much to the scenery (Art wrote that from above). So come on ladies. As always, for those who don't play golf, any contribution would be appreciated.

Make checks payable to "Art's Memorial Golf" and mail to Jim Muglia, 37 Crescent Drive, Fairfield, N.J. 07004.

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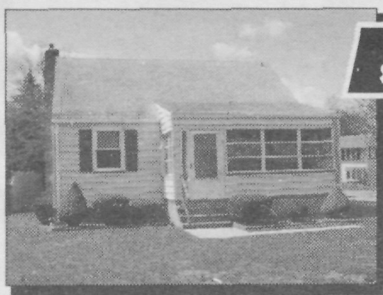
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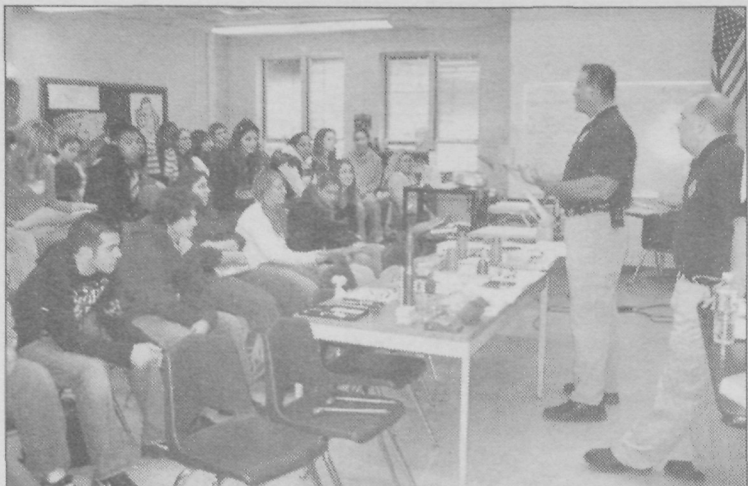
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Sgt. Mike Sandford and Det. Chris Audinis discuss forensic evidence during presentation at South Plainfield High School.

Forensic Science Classes Learn Ballistic Evidence

It was quite the experience for Mrs. Porzio's Forensic Science classes to have the ability to see what they were learning first-hand when Sgt. Mike Sandford and Det. Chris Audinis of the Union County Ballistics and Firearms Identification Unit came to South Plainfield High School to speak with students about the importance of firearms identification in a crime.

They began the program explaining what they do and the commitments their jobs entail. In particular, they focus on internal ballistics, which is the mechanism and firing of a firearm and bullet. Sgt. Sandford explained that they do microscope comparisons, bullet comparisons, and firearms identification. The students also

learned of the steps taken when the lab receives a firearm and a bullet. In order to identify the bullet, it is entered into a program called the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS). This program is owned by the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms).

To help students fully understand a bullet and the mechanics of firing a gun, Sgt. Sandford brought in real props used in court and actual test-fired bullets. Photos were passed around of views of shell casings under a stereomicroscope. To top off the whole experience, students saw videos of man-altered handguns and the force of their firing.

When asked about the class session, Meghan Hartmann said, "It was very informative and helpful. It was a good learning experience."

Many students felt it was pretty neat to see aspects of TV shows come to life. Amanda Harzula commented, "I liked it. It was very informative and entertaining. It was interesting getting to see things that you see on TV but never get to touch."

The response is unanimous: it was a fun and great experience! Thanks again to Sgt. Sandford and Detective Audinis for their presentation.

Submitted by Lauren Frazzano

Diocese of Metuchen Young Adult Conference

The Diocese of Metuchen, together with the dioceses of Paterson and Trenton as well as the Archdiocese of Newark, will sponsor the fourth annual NJ Young Adult Conference on Saturday, May 5.

"The purpose of the conference is to give young adults a chance to meet their peers from across the state, come together as a community and share their various and diverse experiences of faith," noted Michael Wojcik, director of the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Designed for people in their 20s and 30s, married and single, the event will be held at St Lawrence Catholic Church, Laurence Harbor from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The conference's keynote speaker will be Fr. John Cusick, director of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago and creator of Theology on Tap.

The day will also include seven workshops related to this year's conference theme: "Be Light! Walk in the Light, Believe in the Light, Become the Light" based on John 12:35-36. The workshops will focus on building parish young adult ministry, knowledge of the Catholic faith, spirituality, relationships, and Catholic Social Justice.

During the day, music will be provided by BLD, a local praise and worship team. Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation are also planned.

The cost of the conference is \$30 per person. To register online or for more information, directions and registration visit njyoungadultconference.org.



South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home Manager Frank Rainear, with the help of Matt Ertle and Jarret Linceyk, removed the rug at the Elks Club. The N'ortheast left the Elks building under four feet of water, resulting in extensive damage to the interior of the club, including the rugs, flooring and kitchen equipment.

Kennedy School Holding "Get Acquainted Program"

It's time to register incoming kindergarten students for the "Get Acquainted" program at Kennedy School.

If your child will be attending Kennedy School in September 2007, you may sign up for the program in the school's main office. Please stop by between the hours of 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. to pick up the registration form. Forms are also available at the Enrollment Office in the Roosevelt Administration Building. Remember, this is not Kindergarten registration. It is an optional program offered by the Kennedy School PTO.

The purpose of the "Get Acquainted" Program is to help your child become familiar with the school. Our hope is to ease some of the anxieties your child may have about coming to school in September. The program includes a visit with the principal, school nurse, other members of the faculty and staff, a mini-bus ride and lots of fun!

The program will include three class meetings. Sessions will take place on Thursdays: May 17, 24, 31. Parents can choose either the 9 to 10:30 a.m. or the 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. session.

Parents must assume responsibility for bringing children to school and picking them up at the end of class. If you have any questions, call Kennedy School at (908) 754-4620. Registration forms must be returned to the school's main office by May 15.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 26, 2007.

A. Case #49-06/S/V/Sub.—X-Treme Car Wash & Lube Center. Block 295; Lot 7.01; 1425 New Market. The applicant's request for front & side yard setback variances, façade sign variance relief, a waiver from furnishing an EIS, preliminary & final amended site plan approval as well as minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to the additional conditions as noted previously.

B. Case #07-07—lan Andrew. Block 427; Lot 14; 1318 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for an expansion of a non-conforming use together w/ a rear yard setback to permit a (2) story addition was hereby GRANTED subject to the additional voluntary conditions as noted previously.

C. Case #08-07/V—Shimon, LLC. Block 528; Lot 48; 1764 New Durham Road. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit the retail sales of goods from a showroom area was hereby GRANTED subject to the additional voluntary conditions as noted previously.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Silver Dreams Winterguard Win the Bronze Medal

Since January, members of the South Plainfield High School Silver Dreams Winterguard have been preparing for their "Last Dance" which took place on April 21 at the MAIN Championships at South Brunswick High School. The girls have flaunted their talents and improved their performance each week since their first competitions of the indoor season. The guard's hard work and countless hours of practice definitely paid off, especially since the girls captured the bronze medal for the Scholastic Regional A class.

Performing to Donna Summer's "Last Dance," the winterguard's upbeat routine and "sassy" attitude kept

every audience member on their feet and clapping along with the tempo, including the parents of other school's guards. Each performance was a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone.

The guard members would like to thank their directors, Kathy Petrocelli and Michelle Bloch, all of the parents who helped out the guard, the "mat boys," and their biggest fans, Assistant Principal Ralph Errico and Grant School Principal Leo Whalen. Without all of their instruction, help, immense support and "gym rentals," the guard would never have made it this far!

Congratulations Silver Dreams for taking third place and for having such a spectacular season!

John E. Riley Kindergarten Orientation Program May 18

The John E. Riley School Kindergarten orientation signup will be held on Friday, May 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. in the Riley School lobby.

The cost for this program is \$3, which covers snack time for all three dates and one craft. Children entering Riley Kindergarten in September 2007 are welcome to join us to explore the

school, meet teachers and staff and take a brief bus ride.

The program offers two sessions (AM session 9-11) and (PM session 12-2). It runs for three consecutive Wednesdays as follows: May 23, May 30 and June 6.

If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Wolak at (908) 756-0401.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

SPHS Alumni Inducted into International Education Honor Society

Kathleen Morgan, Dawn Besser and Stacy Diana, all students of the College of New Jersey, were inducted into the Gamma Zeta chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education, on April 27.

Honor Society members are re-

quired to have a 3.3 GPA or higher and be in the top 10 percent of their class. Kathleen, Dawn and Stacy were all graduates of the South Plainfield High School Class of 2005.

Congratulations on their achievement.



Betty Kyle

Local Curves Member Reaches 1,000th Work Out!

Betty Kyle marked her 1,000th workout with Curves on April 14. She has been a member of South Plainfield Curves since it's opening in February, 2004. She was very excited when it opened because she wanted to lose weight and lead a healthier lifestyle. Curves has helped her reach those goals and more. She has made lots of friends at the club and they serve to motivate each other to work out, exercise and have fun at the same time.

Betty has been a South Plainfield resident for 10 years. She also enjoys walking in the park, traveling and the company of her friends.

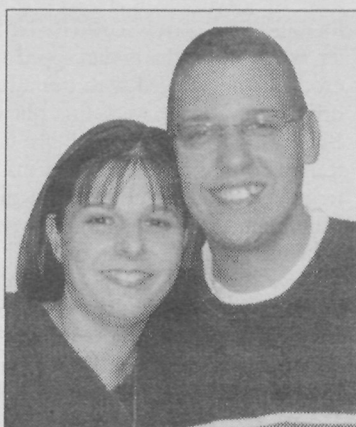
The picture above was taken on the day of her 1,000th workout in her T-shirt which she earned for her awesome accomplishment!

Curves is located at 27 South Plainfield Ave. at the corner of Front Street. The phone number is (908) 757-4422. You can enjoy the results Betty has attained by just giving them a call. Currently they are looking for participants for a 21-day fitness study.

Correction

In last week's issue of the *Observer*, we incorrectly dated the SPFD photo on page 1. The correct date of the photo is 1939.

Christatos, Timko Engagement Announced



Adrienne Christatos & Daniel Timko

Mrs. Carol Christatos and Mr. James Christatos, both of South Plainfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne Christatos to Daniel Timko, both of Stratford, son of Mary Timko, of Buffalo, N.Y.

Adrienne graduated cum laude from Rutgers University and is now employed by Baker Sound Studios in Philadelphia. Daniel is completing his college degree and is employed by the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

The couple will be married on March 29, 2008.

Christopher Imbrosciano to Graduate from Rowan University

Rowan University will hold commencement ceremonies on May 10 for graduate students and May 11 for undergraduate students. Among the graduates is Christopher Imbrosciano of South Plainfield.

Acting made everything possible for theatre arts and child drama major Christopher Imbrosciano. And that includes walking. "I was unable to step backwards until it was required for a curtain call," says Imbrosciano, who was born with cerebral palsy and got into acting as a way to escape from the pain of more than 30 orthopedic surgeries he endured as a child. Imbrosciano has performed in dozens of productions, including, most recently, Rowan's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," in which he portrayed Francis Flute. Last summer, he was the first person with a disability to

receive a fully funded apprenticeship to the nationally renowned Williamstown Theatre Festival in Williamstown, Mass. He received the apprenticeship through VSA Arts, an affiliate of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Nationally, only 70 promising acting students are invited to Williamstown each year. Born three months premature, Imbrosciano had a massive brain hemorrhage as an infant. "My parents were told they should consider 'non-aggressive' treatment and allow me to die," he said. Instead, they pursued operations and therapies and encouraged him to act, beginning at age six. "I've always been defined as having cerebral palsy," Imbrosciano said. "But cerebral palsy does not define me." Presently, he's looking for a job and attending auditions.

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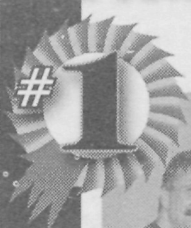
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Submitted By Bob Nilan

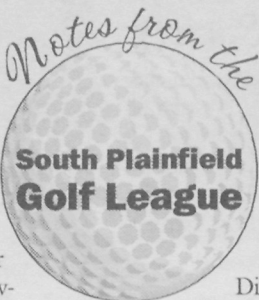
KC's Korner has won back-to-back championships and, after downing 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 12-8 on opening night, it looks like they will be strong contenders again this year. Dan "Old Reliable" Conti won the medal for KC's Korner with a 38. Everyone else in this match showed they are not yet in mid-season form.

Oak Tree Buy-Rite had a surprisingly easy time with Twin City, winning 15-5. Mike King's 36 and Irish Danny Griffin's 37 were the best scores in a bogey-filled match.

At a golf clinic at Ashbrook some years ago, Lee Trevino was asked how many days a week he played golf. "Eight," Trevino answered. He then went on to explain that he either played or practiced every day and, whenever he had to miss a day because of the weather or travel, he made up for it by playing 27 or 36 holes as soon as possible.

Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer of Eddie's Grinders plays nine days a week and it shows. After whacking his second shot OB into Woodland Avenue on the first hole and taking a double bogey, he ran off five pars and two birdies to reach the ninth hole all even. An errant tee shot put him behind a tree, and he finished with another double-bogy and a round of 35 that tied for the low-round of the night with Andy Hayward of the Roughriders.

Kirchofer got help from Ed Banach



and Jay Bertleson who pitched in with a pair of 38's as the Grinders prevailed over the Hackers, 13-7. Todd Sherman and Bill Mann of the Hackers also had 38's in a losing cause.

Over in the National Division, Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar fired a 38 to lead Plainfield Animal Hospital—the team to beat in this division—to a 12½-7½ victory over Patti's Construction. Mike Behr had a 38 and Matt Ward shot a 39 for Patti's, but they are going to need some better scoring from their teammates to give PAH a run for the title.

Joe Romano of Sport & Social wowed all the league members gathered around the first tee by splitting the fairway with his first drive of the new season. Teammate Todd Gregory followed suit and also hit on down the middle, but not nearly as far as Romano's impressive tee shot. After that, it was all downhill as Pornovets demolished Sport & Social 17-3. The Amazing Marty Van De Vaarst posted

a 38, the only golfer in his group to break 40.

Andy "The Florida Feather" Hayward had a tremendous opening night for the Roughriders (formerly the VFW) as he fired a superb 2-over 35 that included a formidable drive on the 274-yard eighth hole that reached the green, leaving him a putt for eagle. Kevin Bickanas of Witty's launched a missile on the 308-yard ninth hole that made the green, and he also had a putt for eagle. Both players settled for birdies. For Hayward, his birdie capped an excellent round filled with beautiful drives and a lot of very fine putts. Bickanas, on the other hand, like his teammates, showed the effects of inactivity and struggled throughout the entire round as the Roughriders went on to eke out an 11-9 victory.

Low sores for the night: Fred Kirchofer, 35; Andy Hayward, 35; Mike King, 36; Danny Griffin, 37; Mike Behr, 38; Ed Banach, 38; Jay Bertleson, 38; Todd Sherman, 38; Marty Van De Vaarst, 38; Mark Chichvar, 38.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
KC's Korner	1	0	0	PAH	1	0	0
Oak Tree Buy-Rite	1	0	0	Pornovets	1	0	0
Eddie's Grinders	1	0	0	Roughriders	1	0	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubes	0	1	0	Patti's Constr.	0	1	0
Twin City	0	1	0	Sport & Social	0	1	0
Hackers	0	1	0	Witty's	0	1	0

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield for the "Improvements to South Plainfield Avenue—Phase I" and publicly opened and read aloud at the Borough of South Plainfield, Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 on Friday, May 11, 2007 at 10 a.m. prevailing local time.

The project generally consists of the removal and replacement of damaged sections of concrete curb and/or curb and gutter, sidewalk, and aprons and cleaning and repairing drainage structures along South Plainfield Avenue from Front Street to Joan Street within the Borough of South Plainfield and all other associated work as contained in the Contract Documents or as ordered by the Engineer.

Contract documents and plans for the proposed work prepared by David J. Samuel, P.E., Borough Engineer, CME Associates, may be examined at the office of said engineer at 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, New Jersey, and at the office of the Borough Clerk, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, during business hours and may be obtained at the Borough Engineer's office until 48 hours prior to the time set for the opening of bids upon payment of \$100.00 per set. No refunds will be made. Proposals and the Contract Documents must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder and the name of the work on the outside addressed to Mayor and Borough Council, Borough of South Plainfield and must be accompanied by a Statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the owner. All bids submitted prior to the bid opening shall be mailed or delivered to the Borough Clerk at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Each bid must also be accompanied by a certified check or cash in the amount of no less than ten (10%)

percent of the bid payable without any conditional endorsement as a guarantee that in case the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will within ten (10) days thereafter execute such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond. Upon failure to do so he shall forfeit the deposit as liquidated damages and the acceptance of the bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement by the bidder. No interest shall be allowed upon any such certified check or cash. A bid bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid may be substituted for certified check or cash.

Each bid must also be accompanied by a certificate from a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey guaranteeing that if the proposal of the bidder be accepted they will furnish the bond set forth in paragraph one of the General Conditions of the contract and the acceptance of the bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement.

The Borough reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications. The Borough reserves the right to award this contract based on funds available.

All bidders are required to be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor if they elect to bid public works projects. The bidder shall be required to comply with "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" (N.J.S.A. 34: 11-56.48), as identified in Section B—Instruction to Bidders paragraph B3.13 and in the Appendix of the Specifications and Contract Documents. All Contractors and Subcontractors working on prevailing wage projects, which have a public building component, must attach a certificate of registration from the Department of Labor, to all bids.

All bidders are required to submit "Proof of Business Registration" to the contracting agency if they elect to bid public works projects. Proof of business registration shall be a copy of a Business Registration Certificate issued by the department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue. The bidder shall be required to

comply with business registration provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:33-44 (PL. 2004, C.57), as identified in Section B—Instruction to Bidders paragraph B3.14 and in the Appendix of the specifications and Contract Documents. All Contractors and Subcontractors working on public work projects must attach a Business Registration Certificate to all bids.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.

During the performance of this contract the Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and J.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq., all requirements of the State of New Jersey Worker Health and Safety Act (N.J.A.C. 12:110 et seq.) as amended and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) (29 CFR 1910), as amended with regard to worker and jobsite safety.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a surety company bond in the full amount of contract price indemnifying the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey, for all proceedings, suits or actions of any kind of description and conditional for the faithful performance of the work.

All bid security will be returned to all bidders except the three (3) apparent lowest bidders within 10 working days after the opening of bids, and to the three (3) apparent lowest Bidders within three (3) working days after the successful Bidder has executed the Contract and his Contract security has been approved by the Borough.

The award shall be subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Bidders are advised that the capital improvements are partially funded by the State of New Jersey, 1984 Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, and the successful bidder will be required to fully comply with the applicable current "New Jersey Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" if, and as amended or supplemented by the NJDOT Local Aid District Office.

The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its opinion it is in the best interest to do so and to award the contract for any and/or all items.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$161.50 May 4, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE No. 1784

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

Ordinance #1784 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 67 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 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

\$25.00 May 4, 2007

Alba Qualifies for Regionals

Alexis Alba competed in the Level 8 Gymnastics State Championships on April 14. Alexis placed 7th on Beam with a 9.125, 7th on bars with a 9.175, 2nd on vault with a 9.3 and 9th on floor with a 9.225. She tied for 3rd place in the All Around with a 36.825.

Alexis was one of six to qualify and advance to compete for the State of New Jersey at the Regional Championships, she'll be competing against gymnasts from Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It will be held on May 5 at Parkettes in Allentown, Pa.

Alexis goes to Henderson Gymnas-



Alexis Alba

tics Academy in Edison and is coached by Mark Henderson, Ida Wilborn, Beth Campbell and Victoria Taylor.

By Glenn Cullen



JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

SPJBC Traveling All-star tryout times and locations are listed on the bulletin board outside the snack stand. The next club meeting is Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

This weekend's field duty assignments are: Saturday, May 5, 7 a.m.—SFC Royals and Pony B Yankees and Sunday, May 6 at 8 a.m., SFA Dodgers and Pony A Brewers.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1785

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

Ord. 1785 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2010 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 1785

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2010.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown, except if otherwise noted.

POSITION	Effective			
	July 1, 2007	2008	2009	2010
ACCOUNT CLERK	15.72	16.33	16.97	17.63
CLERK	12.68	13.17	13.68	14.22
PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR	15.20	15.79	16.41	17.05
CLERK TYPIST	10.53	10.94	11.36	11.81
GROUNDKEEPER	9.87	10.26	10.66	11.07
GROUNDKEEPER	10.14	10.54	10.95	11.37
RECREATION ATTENDANT I	10.39	10.80	11.22	11.65
RECREATION ATTENDANT II	11.83	12.30	12.78	13.27
RECREATION ATTENDANT III	13.26	13.77	14.31	14.87
RECREATION ATTENDANT IV	14.19	14.75	15.32	15.92
RECREATION LEADER - HANDICAPPED	21.08	21.90	22.76	23.65
ASSISTANT RECREATION LEADER - HANDICAPPED	10.57	10.98	11.41	11.85
MOTOR VEHICLE OPER. ELDERLY & HANDICAPPED	13.46	13.98	14.53	15.09
SUMMER LABORER I (0 MONTHS - 24 MONTHS)	10.53	10.94	11.36	11.81
SUMMER LABORER II (25 MONTHS OR LONGER)	11.83	12.30	12.78	13.27
FOOD I	7.43	7.72	8.02	8.33
FOOD II	7.64	7.93	8.24	8.57
FOOD III	7.79	8.10	8.41	8.74
CASHIER I	9.21	9.56	9.94	10.33
CASHIER II	9.68	10.06	10.45	10.86
LIFEGUARD I	8.59	8.93	9.28	9.64
LIFEGUARD II	8.85	9.20	9.56	9.93
LIFEGUARD III	9.48	9.85	10.23	10.63
LIFEGUARD IV	10.00	10.38	10.79	11.21
HEAD TENNIS INSTRUCTOR	13.35	13.87	14.41	14.97
ASSISTANT TENNIS INSTRUCTOR	9.64	10.02	10.41	10.81
SWIMMING LESSON INSTRUCTOR	10.90	11.32	11.77	12.22
JUNIOR COUNSELOR I - PARKS	7.15	7.43	7.72	8.02
JUNIOR COUNSELOR II - PARKS	7.50	7.79	8.10	8.41
JUNIOR COUNSELOR III - PARKS	8.00	8.31	8.64	8.97
SENIOR COUNSELOR I - PARKS	9.00	9.35	9.71	10.09
SENIOR COUNSELOR II - PARKS	11.00	11.43	11.88	12.34
HEAD COUNSELOR (TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIRED)	20.00	20.78	21.59	22.43

POSITIONS PAID PER SEASON

SWIM COACH	4,156	4,318	4,486	4,661
ASSISTANT SWIM COACH	2,110	2,193	2,278	2,367
DIVING COACH	3,429	3,562	3,701	3,846
ASSISTANT DIVING COACH	2,110	2,193	2,278	2,367
RECREATION LEADER / AQUATIC (1)	9,215	9,574	9,948	10,336
ASSISTANT RECREATION LEADER / AQUATIC (2)	5,184	5,386	5,596	5,814
CONCESSION MANAGER	5,089	5,287	5,494	5,708

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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May 4, 2007

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Obituaries

Kenneth C. Almes, 56

Kenneth C. Almes of Herington, Ka. died on Tuesday, April 24 at home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on June 30, 1950 in Plainfield, the son of Charles S. and Marie (Kelly) Almes.

Mr. Almes served as city manager for the City of Herington from 2002 to 2004. He was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, serving as Elder, singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School. He was past president of the Herington Area Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Herington Economic Development; a member of the Clarey R. McClaren, Post #12 of the American Legion and vice president of the Herington Kiwanis Club. He was active in community assistance programs, delivering meals on wheels in Herington and in the Tri-County area and was active with the Red Cross Disaster Relief. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a sergeant during the Vietnam War, and served for two years on the funeral honor detail.

He began his career working for the City of Herington water and light department (1973-1986); Lindsborg Public Works Dept (1986-1990) and in Halstead until August 1991. He taught Environmental Technology at Salina Vo-Tech from 1991 until 1998. He was with the City of Spring Hill as their Public Works director before returning to Herington as city manager in 2002.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Surviving are his wife, Linda E. (Denver), whom he married on June 10, 1971 in Sumpter, S.C.; two sons, Ryan Almes and wife Kelli of Manhattan and Russ Almes and fiancée Crystal of Liberal, Kan.; a sister, Marjorie Reedy and husband Mike and their children, Sandi, Jimmy and Patrick of South Plainfield; his mother-in-law, Velma Denver of Herington and a granddaughter, Kylie.

Funeral services were held at the Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in Herington, with military honors given by a special funeral detail from McConnell Air Force Base.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., c/o Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. To leave a special message for the family visit www.PenwellGabel.com.

Dominick "Sonny" Famularo, 80

Dominick "Sonny" Famularo passed away Tuesday, April 24 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born June 27, 1926 in Jersey City, Mr. Famularo was a lifelong resident

of South Plainfield. He was a United States Army veteran, a member of the South Plainfield Elks Lodge and a parishioner of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Famularo was predeceased by his mother and father, Virginia and Raphael Famularo and twelve siblings.

Dominick is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Angelina M. Famularo and a son, Patrick Famularo, both of South Plainfield.

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

Memorial contributions can be made in Mr. Famularo's name to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Magdalini Feloucas, 89

Magdalini Feloucas of South Plainfield passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 24 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Funeral Services were held at the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Madeline (Sucheski) Krajewski, 91

Madeline (Sucheski) Krajewski died on Tuesday, April 24 at Genesis Elder Care-The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Old Forge, Pa., Mrs. Krajewski had resided there until 1941, when she moved to South Plainfield.

She had been employed as a seamstress for the former Middlesex Dress Company of South Plainfield and was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local #149, of Plainfield.

Mrs. Krajewski, along with her late husband, had been long time communicants of Our Lady of Czestochowa

RC Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph, who died in February of 2006 and was the sole survivor of two sisters and six brothers.

Surviving are a daughter, Irene Fabry, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; a son, Joseph M. Krajewski of South Plainfield; two grandchildren, Donna and Thomas and a great-granddaughter, Amara Grace.

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

Donations in her memory may be made to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 120 Kosciuszko Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Joan (Syers) Newman, 74,

Joan (Syers) Newman died on Monday, April 30 in Specialty Hospital at Monmouth in Long Branch.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Joan resided there until 1981 before moving to Belmont, Mass. and in 1999, Mrs. Newman moved to Fairway Mews in Spring Lake Heights.

Prior to her marriage, Joan worked at the Post Exchange in the Brooklyn Army Terminal and was a Friend of the Seton Association of the Sisters of Charity.

She loved gardening, pets, and more importantly, she loved her grandchildren.

Mrs. Newman was predeceased by her parents, Louise and George "Babe" Syers; a son, Raymond who died in 2003 and a daughter in-law, Natalie who died in 2006.

Surviving is a daughter in-law, Anne Vardy-Newman of Plainfield; two grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew and a son, George of Conn. Also surviving are several loving cousins.

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

In lieu of flowers donations in Joan's name can be made to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

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patrol the hallway; Dr. May and Mr. Errico, who helped me find the answers to the many questions I had and to all the parents who helped me from programs to intermission, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I could not have done this great undertaking without you.

The following people showed up to help me when they were not even scheduled to be there. I would turn around and they would just be there looking to help in one way or another: Diane Kaczowski, Kathy Emery, Andy and Cheryl Keraga, Don and Linda Duquette (who also procured the VFW for the cast party), Chris Schulte, Luanne Severini, Mac Sambat, Tracey Hartmann, Linda Hoffman, Karen Brooks, Nancy Wagner and Sharon Mandel.

To all the members of the cast, crew and pit, thank you for your kindness, encouragement and love you showed Taylor when she really needed you all. You all pulled together as a team and made it happen. Thank you to Rudy Poczak and the VFW for giving us the use of the upstairs hall for the cast party. Everyone had a great time. A special thank you to my friends Nancy and Jeff Pauls, who helped me every step of the way and never said no to whatever I asked them to do. They gave me direction and hope when things were getting hairy. The work all these people did shows me that volunteerism is not dead in South Plainfield!

There is one more person I would like to thank and that is my daughter, Taylor. Your dedication, determination and humbleness during "Jekyll and Hyde" proved once again that you will face any challenge head on and keep going. There is no doubt in my mind that you love what you do and have your heart and soul in it. I love you.

GWENN KURILEW

To the Editor:

The Monroe Township High School Girls' Varsity Softball team played at the South Plainfield High School softball field on Saturday, April 20. The Monroe varsity coaches screamed profanity out loud during the entire game. They not only screamed at their own players, but also taunted our varsity girls.

The Monroe coaches yelled at the umpires throughout the game, and at one point, came off the field during a time out that they called and pushed an umpire, and then pushed their own players out of the way as they stormed into their dugout.

The home plate umpire spoke to the Monroe coaches a number of times. The younger coach walked away and raised his fist in the air and yelled bull—, as they continued to use the f— word numerous times. At the end of the game the Monroe parents joined in by yelling out "over rated."

This was the worse display of sportsmanship displayed by coaches and parents that we have witnessed. The umpires did not exercise their rights by telling the coaches to leave. The older coach kept yelling so much and grabbing his chest that we thought we would have to call the rescue squad.

This was a school function and that type of behavior should never be tolerated by anyone, especially children. Our girls deserve better behavior by school coaches than what was delivered. The Monroe coaches need to not only apologize to our varsity team players, but to their own varsity players. When this type of behavior is tolerated then it will always be presented without regard.

DEBBIE BOYLE, SPHS VARSITY TEAM PLAYER PARENT

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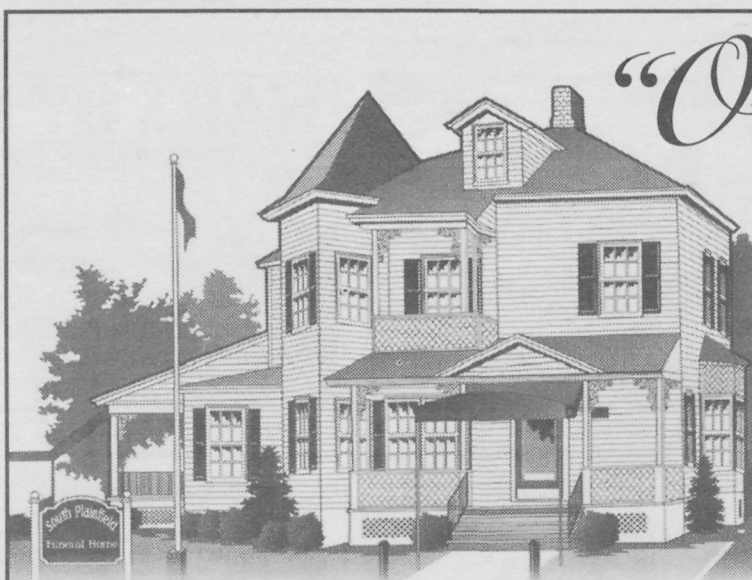
O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of The Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that you can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us that have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.

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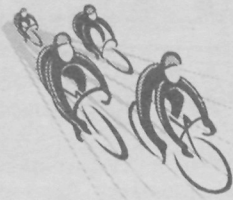
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police report

- On April 18, Michael J. O'Donnell, 18, of Dunellen was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting a Fat Max tape measure worth \$29.99.
- On April 20, a Clinton Avenue resident reported that the rear windshield of their vehicle had been smashed.
- Kevin A. Jones, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- On April 22, a Chatham resident reported the rear drivers side window of their vehicle had been broken while parked on McDonough St.
- On April 23, Everlasting Valve Inc. on Somogyi Court reported that graffiti had been spray painted on their building and a steel railing had been knocked out of the ground.
- Canada Dry on New Durham Road reported the theft of 25 truck rims from the rear of the building.
- A Plainfield resident reported the theft of a 1990 Dodge Caravan from the parking lot at Liquid Assets.
- On April 24, Malcolm J. Wade, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and several outstanding warrants.
- Two eighteen year old females, both of South Plainfield, were arrested

- at Sears Essentials for shoplifting \$361 worth of assorted merchandise.
- On April 26, Joseph Mark Joyce, 39, of Wilkes Barre, Pa. was arrested for parking in a no parking zone and two outstanding warrants.
- Kevin Brown, 45, of Newark was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- A Clinton Ave. resident reported the theft of a 1991 Mercedes 300 that was parked on New Market Ave.
- On April 27, Elmer Huamani, 20, of Roselle was arrested for driving without headlights and two outstanding warrants.
- On April 28, Airamist Star Darby, 19, of Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$169 worth of clothing.
- On April 29, a Piscataway resident reported that their vehicle had been spray painted while parked on Bell Place.
- On April 30, Jorge A. Rodriguez, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving without a license and an outstanding warrant.
- R&D Circuits Inc. on South Clinton Ave. reported the theft of \$150 worth of copper wire from their unlocked fenced area.

Bike Rodeo



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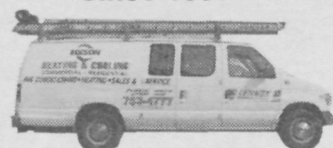
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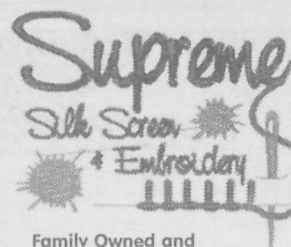
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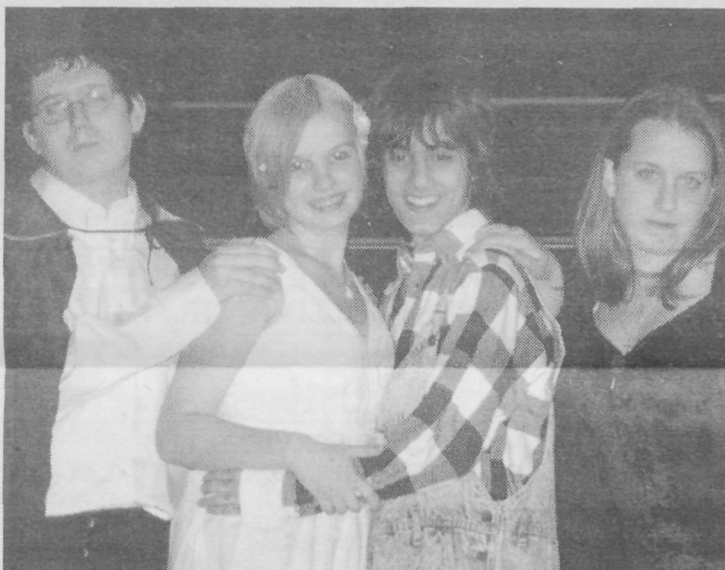
Amylin DiDario as Barbara Blacksheep and Erin O'Conner as widow Kay.

Middle School "On the Edge of Your Seat Players" Present Two Plays

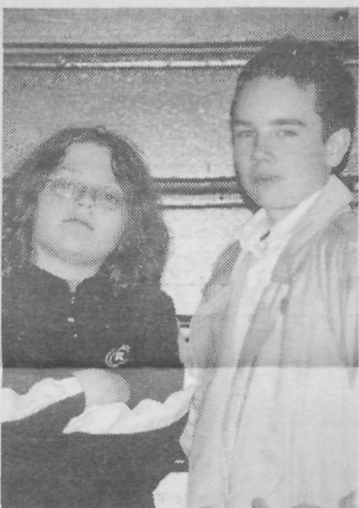
On April 26 and 27 the middle school's On the Edge of Your Seat Players offered the community two comedic productions. "Three Doors to Death or...The Choice is Yours" by Keith Jackson and "The Vile Veterinarian Or...How Much is That Doggie with the Widow?" by Rachel Davidson. The shows were directed by middle school teachers John Angeline and Ellyn Schwartz with lighting and sound by John Limyansky.

"Three Doors to Death" featured Mike Parello, Allison Wagner, Nii Mills, Joey Miller, Jordan Katowich, Sarah Hageman, Khadijia Gilmore, Nicole Heilman, Amanda Boronkas, Christina Ferrer, Amanda Tjong and Kara Lowery.

"The Vile Veterinarian" featured Amylin DiDario, Richard Rotella, Erin O'Conner, Matalie Madurski, Danny Sims, Joey Palazzo, Ryan Lind, Ellen Zinsky, Francesca Noriega, Michelle O'Sullivan, Kaitlyn Graziano, Kathleen Vincent, Marissa Colon, Alyssa Aiello, Taylor Schoen, Cheyenne Bloodgood, Desiree Jackson and Sara Delair.



Cast members from "The Vile Veterinarian."



Joey Miller as Office Garrett and Mike Parello as Detective Woolrich in "Three Doors to Death."

WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

A shortened version of Tiger 24 took place last Saturday from 9 a.m. to midnight. Heavy rains cancelled Friday's opening and postponed the event until Saturday morning. The fundraising event was hosted by South Plainfield High School Student Leadership, the Jr. Baseball Club and Sodexo. They raised approximately \$15,000 for local families and charities.

Elementary students participated in break dancing, tattooing, face painting, donut eating, hula hoop and volleyball contests. Bands offered live music throughout the day. Raffle baskets were donated by high school students, the PTA, private donations and businesses.

A luminary ceremony took place at 10 p.m. and Liz Harrington, the widow of Bob Harrington who passed away recently, sang "How Do You

Thank a Hero."

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club manned the food court throughout the entire day cooking and grilling. There were 32 adult volleyball teams that participated in the evening at \$60 a team. Student leaders also sold T-shirts for \$6. The *Observer* will publish photos in next week's paper.

The Middle School Drama Club play took place on April 26 and 27. The production staff and the students did an excellent job.

The high school Student Gold Card luncheon will take place at the high school on Wednesday, May 23 at 10:15 a.m. This lunch is sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Foundation.

The high school semi-formal for juniors will take place on Friday, May 4 and the senior prom is scheduled for June 1.

Roosevelt Math-A-Thon For St. Jude Children's Hospital

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced the successful completion of Math-A-Thon at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Math-A-Thon, now in its 28th year, is an educationally based fun-raising program in which students obtain sponsors for the number of math problems completed in special workbooks provided for students in grades K-9. The program is sponsored nationally by Six Flags Theme Parks, who provide free passes to their parks for every student raising \$35 or more.

The students who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they also learn the importance of helping children who are less fortunate than themselves. Through the Math-A-Thon, they are able to help provide a future for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Children with more than 200 forms of cancer and other catastrophic diseases find hope at St. Jude. Since its founding in 1962 by the late enter-

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"We are very proud of our students for working so hard on the Math-A-Thon," said Ann Marie Stoeckel, volunteer coordinator. "With their help, St. Jude Hospital will be able to create new treatments that may one day lead to a cure for many forms of cancer that will benefit the children of our state, our country and around the world. I also want to extend our thanks to the South Plainfield community for supporting our students. It takes all of us to make a difference in the lives of children with cancer, and we can all feel proud of our response."

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