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Nominees Sought for Cappy Award

The Police Athletic League, along with the Recreation Commission, has announced they are seeking nominees for the 2007 Cappy Award. Recommendations for nominations are now being accepted through June 1.

Recommendations can be made by anyone, by sending a letter stating the qualifications of the candidate. Once recommendations have been received, two Police Athletic League and/or recreation peers will have to approve the recommendations for consideration.

The requirements are:

- Nominee must have 10 years of service in youth sports and/or recreation; not just serving as a parent-coach to his/her own children, but will be judged on a case by case basis.
- During the nominee's period of volunteer service, he/she must have been a resident of South Plainfield.
- Nominee must exemplify high moral values and ethical judgment, and never have been convicted of a felony. They must also possess dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations should be sent to the police department or directly to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080; Attn: Kevin Hughes, recreation director.



A 1995 Lincoln Town Car driven by Frangene Cooper of Plainfield crashes through the front window of 7-Eleven.

Car Slams Into 7-Eleven

At 3:39 p.m. last Friday, a 1995 Lincoln Town Car, driven by 72 year-old Frangene Cooper of Plainfield, accidentally drove through the front window of 7-11 on Plainfield Avenue.

According to an in-

vestigation by the South Plainfield Police Department, Cooper had just left the store and appeared to have put the car in drive instead of reverse when the accident occurred. There were several employees

and customers in the store at the time, but no one was hurt.

Cooper's wife, 70 year-old Liaocha, and their 10 year-old grandson were in the vehicle at the time. The couple was taken to

Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield and treated for minor injuries.

The store was boarded up and was closed briefly. The accident is currently being investigated by Officer Robert Rogers.

FEMA Offering Assistance

By Libby Barsky

Borough flood victims learned how to get compensation from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) at a special meeting held on May 1 at the Senior Center. Many suffered property losses due to flooding from the Nor'easter which brought six-plus inches of rain to the borough last month. Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Zushma explained that if residents have insurance, any FEMA assistance they receive will be considered an advance and that FEMA will expect repayment unless the amount is less than FEMA's estimate of the repairs to make a home habitable. In that case, they may qualify for a supplement to their insurance settlement.

Because there is a deadline of June 27, it's important that residents call the FEMA hotline at (800) 621-3362 as soon as possible or logon to www.FEMA.gov. Residents should be prepared to give the following information: Social Security number, current and pre-disaster address and a telephone number where they can be contacted. Also any insurance information, total household annual income, bank account number and a description of the losses from the flooding. Have a pen ready to take down the nine digit number you will be given. Without a number, FEMA inspectors will not come to your house. If you are a renter, you can't make a claim by yourself; the owner must do it.

Calculate the cost of repairing, cleaning or replacing the damaged items and document with photographs if possible.

Zushma strongly recommended going to the two FEMA sites to process your claim once you have the nine digit number so that the information doesn't get lost. The FEMA locations are the Episcopal Church, 214 Church Street in Bound Brook or the Manville Rescue Squad, South 3rd Street in Manville. Both sites are open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"They have tables there and interpreters for all languages. The applicant goes from station to station," explained Zushma. Directions to either the Bound Brook or Manville site was distributed at the meeting.

Additional copies are available at borough hall. "This is the first time that FEMA will be giving out money (non-taxable) and it's not a loan," Zushma added.

The borough is also providing relief to those who have to re-install items lost or demolished by flooding. The building department is waiving the fees for any permits needed to install these items.

For more information, call Mike Zushma at (908) 753-3775.

Inside

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GUILTY: Murderer Faces 30

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office is praising South Plainfield Police Detectives Gene Bataille and Sgt. James Foran for their crime solving and the ultimate murder conviction of

resident Paul Cibelli, Jr. The detectives were also assisted by Sgt. Ivan Scott of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

Cibelli was found guilty of murder, hindering his own apprehension and a weapons offense in Middlesex County Superior Court last Friday.

First Assistant Prosecutor William Lamb claimed during the three week trial that Cibelli, 45, had beaten his 35 year-old girlfriend, Tanya Silva, with a roofer's staple gun and strangled her on the deck of his fathers home on Robert Pl. after she told him she was leaving him in October 2005. Her body was later discovered by workers in a recycling bin in Pennsylvania wrapped in several garbage bags that were linked by chemical composition and other similarities to those found in the home. Cibelli's bloody t-shirt and the roofing stapler were also recovered in the recycling area. Lamb said Cibelli's biggest mistake was placing the body in a recycling dumpster instead of one used for garbage that would have ended up at a Pennsylvania landfill.

Superior Court Judge James Mulvihill immediately revoked the defendant's bail. Cibelli faces at least 30 years to life in prison when he is sentenced on June 29 at the Middlesex County Courthouse.

Defense attorney Alan Zegas said that his client had no role in the slaying and that he plans to appeal. Cibelli never took the stand in his own defense.



**Celebrating
100 Years**

The grand marshals for the fireman's 100th Anniversary Parade on Saturday, May 19 are (L to R) Former Deputy Chief Mario Abbruzese, Former Deputy Chief Charles Siedenburg and Robert Harding, representative of N.J. State Fireman's Association. The parade starts at 11 a.m. from the SPS parking lot and will be followed by a gala celebration at the PAL. See next week's issue for parade details.



Borough Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 74, Mondays at 8 p.m.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
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.

planning board

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

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

May 22, June 12, July 10 and 24,

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

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

May 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.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.—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.—June 27, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 28, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 19.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-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.

recreation commission

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

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

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

July and August: No scheduled meeting

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

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

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

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

IN MY OPINION

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

To the Editor:

Many thanks to Mary Ellen Martko, the SPHS Student Leadership, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and Sodexo for your tireless efforts and extreme kindness in organizing and implementing the 2007 Tiger 24 event. Threats of bad weather aside, it was such a fun and inspiring day. I couldn't help but be moved by all of the young people who came out to support the cause. That such an act of generosity could be undertaken with such joy and goodwill is one more sign that South Plainfield is the best place in the world. Truly, you are our heroes.

LIZ HARRINGTON

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation in our first annual Charity Softball Game/Golf Ball Drop Event. The softball game took place at Warinanco Park in Union County between staff and volunteers of our Chapter and the staff of New Jersey 101.5 FM.

The game was stopped in the middle of the fourth inning and over 2,000 numbered golf balls were dropped onto the field from the bucket at the end of a fire truck's extension ladder. Hamilton Style of Bridgewater Township was the owner of the ball that landed closest to the flag pole and the winner of the \$5,000 grand prize. Second prize of \$2,500 went to Bill Stigler and third prize of \$1,000 went to David Salm.

The game was won by New Jersey 101.5 FM, but the Tri-County Chapter was also a winner as the event raised over \$34,000 for the chapter.

I would like to thank our major sponsors: We Collect Clothes for a Cause, Schering-Plough, Elizabethtown Gas and Commerce Bank of Scotch Plains—as well as ShopRite of Clark, NJ's Wholesale of Watching, Ray's Sport Shop of North Plainfield and Central Jersey Contractors of Sayreville for their gifts that helped the event to be a big success.

A special thanks to Jean Foley and Leo Spirto of Union County Parks and Recreation for the great accommodations and Paul Mucha and the Roselle Fire Department for being there to give us a big lift—literally—to drop the balls.

And, of course, thanks to all of our donors—old and new—who contributed to our chapter by buying golf balls.

We could not have had a successful event without all those who rose to the occasion. And it is the giving of others that allows the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross to rise to each and every occasion when disaster strikes the local community. I would like to remind everyone that they can continue their generosity by visiting www.tricountyredcross.org and making a donation online.

SINCERELY,
ALAN KARMIN

Dear Editor:

It is with deep regret that I must write this letter, but I need to share with my fellow residents my thoughts and feelings on events that have taken place at our high school recently. For those of you who have not heard, a student was recently placed on "permanent suspension" from our school district for his involvement in an altercation with a teacher. This student, if anyone must be reminded, is a minor who just recently turned seventeen. The teacher, who is surely of legal age, and the student, a minor, were involved in a disagreement and the child allegedly "bumped" the teacher.

It seems to me that this teacher neither offers respect to his students nor commands it through his actions. My reflection on this subject is through the first hand experience of my son who has also had incidents with this same teacher, as well as with the family involved who happen to be long-time friends of mine. Of course, at the time of my son's incident with this teacher, I did not take the situation too seriously as nothing seemed to have come of it and all was well. However, now that this situation between a student and a teacher has escalated not only to the South Plainfield Police Department, but to the Middlesex County Criminal Court as well as to the juvenile system, and this child has been removed from our school, I feel it is time that we, as residents, speak up and demand the support of our administrators and elected Board of Education officials.

It is time for our community to take a stand and demand the representation and support of our board. This family has been forced to relocate to another town so that their child is able to receive the education he rightfully deserves and has been through a terrible ordeal as a result of poor judgment when the situation first arose. It is the duty of the teachers and administrators in charge of our children's well-being from 8:10 a.m. to 2:20

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. 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.

p.m. each weekday to do what is best for them, and this does not include involving the police in the case of minor altercations. The police should be called if a student has drugs or a weapon in his or her possession, not for minor infractions that apparently can't be handled by certain professionals. Additionally, it is the responsibility of all of us, parents and educators alike, to deal with our children when they make mistakes and to guide them in the appropriate direction, thus teaching them not to make the same mistake again, not to compound the situation by making mistakes of our own. However, in the case of Patrick Hunter, I feel that he was not dealt with properly by school administrators, and was actually handled with extreme severity. Was this to make an example of him, one of our town's award-winning athletes and a completely average teenage boy, in spite of his accomplishments? If so, this is completely unfair and out of line, and what does this message tell all of us in regard to our own children? The way I see it, it tells us that our children will not be allowed minor infractions, while the teacher who educates them can make some pretty big mistakes while still maintaining his position as one of the people who educate our children. Harsh words? Sure, but in light of a harsh situation, now is the time for us as parents to begin to look out for our children's best interest when it seems as though no one else is doing so.

As a community, let us begin to defend our children, protect their rights and look forward to a brighter future for each and every one of them. Of course, this is the job of our elected Board of Education representatives, but as disheartening as it may seem, this is not what is taking place. Let us all stand together and stop the black marks on our community and school system and once again gain the respect that our town and each of its residents deserve.

SINCERELY,
ROSEMARY PETRIELLO

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10th Annual Police Bicycle Rodeo Saturday

On Saturday, the South Plainfield Police Department will be hosting their annual bicycle rodeo. The event takes place in Spring Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year's event will feature an obstacle course presented and conducted by volunteers from the South Plainfield High School Peer Leadership Program. Proper riding techniques and rules of the road will be emphasized during this phase of the program and an On Bike Skills Development course will be conducted. Helmet wearing cyclists will negotiate a moderately challenging course of cones to improve their riding abilities.

For cyclists 17 years of age and younger, who do not have bicycle helmets, a limited supply of helmets will be provided to them. Those participants who wear their own helmet to the rodeo and register their bicycle with the South Plainfield Police Department will be entered into a drawing to win a new bicycle.

Safety oriented literature supplied by various sources will be provided to all participants. Refreshments will be served to participants.

In conjunction with the bicycle safety program, a unique bicycle registration/theft prevention program will be available to the public. The "Baron Von Pedaloff" program, designed by South Plainfield Police Officer William Frink (retired), is specifically designed to reduce bicycle and taking anti-theft precautions, we can reduce the amount of bicycle thefts that occur in South Plainfield. "Baron Von Pedaloff" literature will be provided in an effort to remind all those in attendance, not to give anyone the opportunity to "Pedal Off" with their bicycle.

Don't forget to bring your bicycle, your helmet and be ready for a fun filled day.

Any questions? Do not hesitate to contact us at (908) 226-7678.



The Suburban Transit bus terminal, located on New Market Avenue, will be torn down and become an extension of Ponytail Park.

Suburban Transit Bus Terminal to be Torn Down

By Libby Barsky

The boarded up buildings which began as a small garage in 1939 and grew to many buildings housing Suburban Transit buses on New Market Avenue are slated to be torn down and become an extension to Ponytail Park.

"The purchase of the property and the demolition of the buildings will be accomplished through an Open Space grant," said Borough Attorney Patrick Deignan. The property will be landscaped and planted.

For almost seven years, the bus depot has not been in use. It had been operating buses to transport students on the Rutgers University campus and provide buses for public transportation in the Somerset area.

The bus operation was closed down in June 2000 after the last of many hearings held at the Board of Adjustment. The board denied Suburban Transit's application to erect an above ground 10,000 diesel fuel tank to replace an older tank and resurface the parking area.

Suburban Transit's hearings on that application gave residents living nearby the opportunity to tell the board about the many problems they had with a bus depot in their neighborhood. Sleep had been affected by the bus engines starting up early in

the morning and Wallace Schuff, whose home was 100 feet away from the site, said the bus noise caused his windows to vibrate. Donna Gonzalez pointed out the safety problems of school children walking past the site with buses were pulling in and out at all hours of the day.

Board Attorney James Clarkin listed a history of prior violations, including the construction of buildings in 1939 and 1964 that were larger than approved, not filing for a variance for the outdoor storage of buses and an expansion that changed the effect on the neighborhood and the zoning.

Board Chairperson William Thomas noted that what had been approved years ago was an operation inside the building and not a 24-hour business where buses were idling and moving all hours of the night. The board voted unanimously to deny the application.

Rerouting Truck Traffic Cost Put at \$4.6M

For several months, Frank Mikorski has been asking Mayor Butrico what the full cost of the "new truck route" permanently banning truck traffic from Hamilton Boulevard between St. Nicholas and Spicer avenues. At last week's council meeting Butrico answered, saying that the cost to the borough will be \$4.598M.

That figure includes the widening of the intersection at South Clinton and New Market avenues and the purchase of three homes on Hamilton Boulevard. Those properties will be demolished to allow trucks a straight route through the Hamilton Boulevard intersection on New Market Avenue. This will eliminate trucks from turning right onto Hamilton Boulevard and in just one block, turning left onto Spicer Avenue.

During last year's mayoral race, candidate for mayor Charlie Butrico made a proposal to keep truck traffic off of the residential area along Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue, thus reducing congestion, noise and delays. According to Butrico, last year more than 3,164 trucks used South Plainfield roads everyday and that 23% of all accidents on Hamilton Boulevard and 53% on Belmont Avenue involved trucks.

Last year, when phase one of the Hamilton Boulevard reconstruction project was completed, the council voted to restrict truck traffic on the boulevard between St. Nicholas and Spicer avenues and on Belmont Avenue from Hamilton Boulevard to Spicer Avenue. Trucks were directed

to continued to travel the same route they followed during reconstruction, using South Clinton Avenue to New Market and then onto Spicer to get to Belmont Avenue.

The borough received approval from the Department of Transportation for the new truck route and for the banning of trucks on the residential section of Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue last November.

Work is scheduled to begin shortly at the intersection of South Clinton and New Market avenues. The contract was awarded to Fai-Gon Electric to perform roadway improvements at the intersection. The three properties on Hamilton Boulevard have been purchased and will be torn down shortly. The borough is waiting for the Department of Environmental Protection's approval to begin the actual roadwork on the extension of New Market Avenue.

The Helen Street Project, which would route trucks away from residential property by building a road connecting Helen Street directly to Metuchen Road, seems to be stalled indefinitely. Because the road would pass through a small portion of the Dismal Swamp, the borough needs the approval of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commission and has been waiting for their approval for the past year. Opposition from the Edison Wetlands Association has delayed the project, despite the efforts of the Helen Street Coalition, which has been leading a write-in campaign.

Sacred Heart Church Renews Adopt-a-Spot Contract

Barbara Murphy, representing Sacred Heart Church, has renewed the Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the coming year. Sacred Heart parishioners have been clearing litter from Putnam Park since 2004, going out periodically to do small

cleanups on an ongoing basis.

Putnam Park faces two heavily-traveled roads, across from two shopping centers, which generate a steady stream of litter.

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Around Town

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.

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.

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.

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Hearing Loss Screening Program May 23 - 10 a.m.				
Hunterdon Hills Trip - July 12 "The Musical Time Machine"				
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am 14	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am 15	Aerobics 8:45am Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1 pm Line Dancing 10am Crocheting 1 p.m. Tai Chi 2 p.m. 16	Shopping 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 10am, 11am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm 17	Bingo 10am-2pm 18

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

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.

GOP Meeting

May 17

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 8 p.m. at Sherban's Restaurant. All residents are invited to attend and bring their concerns and comments for a discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

Psychic Benefit Fair

May 19

The American Legion Post 243 Woman's Auxiliary is holding a Psychic Fair to benefit a local three-year-

old cancer victim and her family on Saturday, May 19 from noon to 4 p.m. A donation of \$20 for a 15-minute session is requested.

Those wishing to reserve a time or if you have any questions, call Sandy at (908) 754-4249. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Pasta Dinner at Sacred Heart

May 19

An All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner will be held at Sacred Heart School on Saturday, May 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. Mangia on delicious pasta with meatballs or sausage, fresh bread, dessert and soda! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for kids 6-12. Kids five and under eat free! For information and tickets, call (908) 756-4738 or (908) 313-3001.

AARP Chapter No. 4144 Meeting

May 21

AARP Chapter No. 4144's meeting will be held at the 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 for preparing taxes for our seniors. They have given many hours of their time to aid 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 Monday and Tuesday, 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 Sunday 2 p.m. For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041.

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.sthelenadison.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.

Monmouth Symphony Orchestra Concert

May 20

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on May 20 at 3 p.m. in the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank. A preconcert lecture will be presented at 2:15 p.m.

For reservations, call (732) 842-9000.

CHATS Meeting

May 21

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will hold their meeting on Monday, May 21 at 7:15 p.m. at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit the Web site at www.wapc.net.

Grant Writing Workshop

May 21-22

The Westwood Volunteer Fire Department and Grant Writing USA will present a workshop in Westwood for beginning and experienced nonprofit and government grant writers seeking to increase their fundraising competitiveness. Our nationwide training programs dramatically enhance performance in all areas of grant research, planning and writing.

Tuition includes workbook and resource CD. Seating is limited. Reserve space at www.grantwritingusa.com or by contacting Cathy Rittenhouse at (800) 814-8191.

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Volunteers Bag Three Tons of Trash



Above, Mayor Charlie Butrico and Councilmen Dennis Cerami and Joe Scrudato join members of the South Plainfield Democratic Organization in cleaning up Belmont Avenue and Metuchen Road.

277 Come Out to Clean Up Trash

April set a record with 12 inches of rain, but the damp weather gave way to bright sunshine on Volunteer Litter Pickup Day. Two hundred eighteen Borough residents turned out in force on April 21 to clean litter and trash from 19 public places, including school and municipal buildings, grounds, parks, open space areas and roadsides. Using bags, gloves, rakes and grabbers provided by the borough's New Jersey Clean Communities Grant, volunteers removed about three tons of accumulated debris.

Several groups that could not make it on Saturday did their clean-ups earlier or later in the week, fielding another 59 volunteers at three locations. The town was filled with orange bags lining the roadsides. Recycling program staff picked up litter that volunteers had bagged separately, and Pinto Brothers collected the trash for disposal throughout the week.

Many of the volunteers returned to Borough Hall at noon for the annual pickup picnic. Bruno's Pizza Factory provided discounted pizza, Krauszer's donated soda and Hometown Heros donated two platters of sandwiches for the tired, hungry workers. Mayor Charlie Butrico read his Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week Proclamation. A free raffle distributed environmentally-friendly door prizes such as tote bags made of recycled soda bottles and tree saplings.

The Glitterbug Club helped throughout with planning as well as organizing the cleanup. Litter detectives scoured the town for spots that needed cleaning. Glitterbug photographers and journalists interviewed volunteers as they worked. Glitterbugs distributed raffle tickets and free pine seedlings at the picnic. For information about how you can get involved in the Clean Communities Program, call Alice Tempel, coordinator, at (908) 226-7621.



Many volunteers came out to clean up the borough, including Councilman Rob Bengivenga (above right) and Tim McConville (left), who pitched in on behalf of the South Plainfield Republicans to help pick up litter on Tyler Place, South Clinton Avenue and Montrose Avenue.



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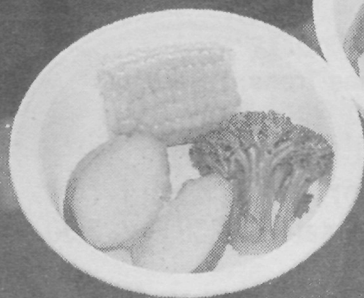
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WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

Congratulations to the SPHS Winterguard and coaches on placing second with their flawless presentation. Also congratulations to the track team on breaking two records this month.

Another 2007 Stokes used clothing drive fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 12 in the Grant School parking lot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please place all tied bagged clothing, shoes, belts, bedding, purses and toys in the Roma Food truck.

The coaches at the South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club performed an act of kindness by turning off the score board at a recent game when the score become discouraging to the other team. This practice will hopefully con-

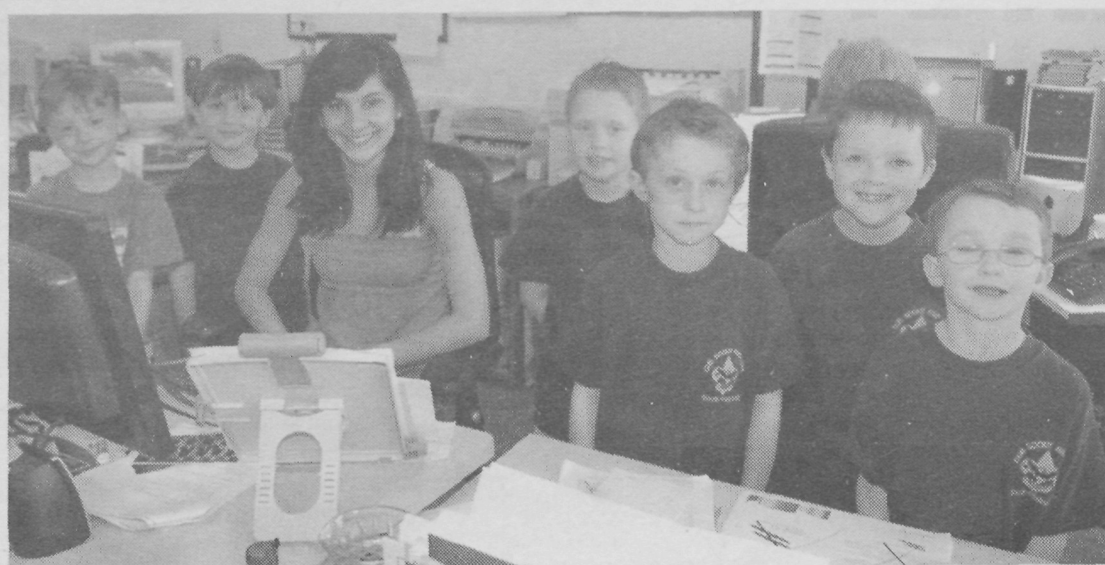
tinue in all leagues, especially with the younger children. We want to encourage each child to do their best. Cheer on all of them.

Thoughts and prayers are with Sam Murtagh, the Pinto Family, the Oberkehr Family and the Crown Family.

Watch for all the upcoming school spring concerts and the eighth grade class trip and remember that schools will be closed on Friday, May 25 and Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day weekend.

The high school Athletic Booster Club is looking for volunteers during the upcoming track meets. All parents of students participating in any of the high school athletic programs asked to lend a hand. Please contact Teri Pileggi or Mickey Wrublewski at the high school if you can donate your time to help out. Also, the booster club Super 50/50 will take place on June 6 at Jost Field during the Meet of Champions. The money raised will go toward new bleachers in the high school. Purchase your tickets now. The last winner won \$2,200.

Please be advised that there will be new laws going into effect regarding underage drinking and for the adults responsible, so stay informed.



Kennedy School Tiger Scout Pack #324 visited the Observer as a requirement to earn their Tiger Badge. Pictured (L-R) Michael Behr, Kyle Courtney, Observer employee Natia Katsantonis, Connor Wolpin, Michael Lappola, Jack Scrudato and Brandon Wizda.

Hearing Loss Seminar and Free Hearing Screening at Senior Center

The South Plainfield Senior Center will offer a seminar on hearing loss on Thursday, May 23 at 10 a.m. The program will cover a wide range of topics as they relate to seniors. The medical staff from Total Hearing Care Center in Dunellen will conduct the program along with a hearing screening. The program is open to all South

Plainfield seniors.

Being aware of hearing loss as you grow older is important because impaired hearing can have a negative impact on your quality of life. In fact, studies show that older people with hearing impairment often withdraw, become depressed and may even die before their time. Because hearing loss usually develops over years, many people aren't aware of the extent of their loss until family or friends bring it to their attention. Here's a simple test to help determine where you stand:

- Do you have trouble hearing over the telephone?
- Do you listen to TV at a high volume level?
- Do you frequently have to ask others to repeat themselves?
- Do you have difficulty understanding people in groups or noisy situations?
- Do you have trouble knowing where sounds are coming from?

• Are you unable to understand when someone talks to her from another room?

If you answer yes to three or more of these questions you may have a hearing problem and should see an otolaryngologist, a doctor who specializes in ear, nose and throat disorders or an audiologist for a hearing evaluation.

Depending on the hearing problem there are various devices or treatments that can help. Some possible solutions include hearing aids, assistive devices such as telephone amplifying devices, TV and radio listening systems, assistive listening devices or alert products like flashing light door bells, smoke detectors, or Cochlear implants for the most severe hearing loss cases. A great resource for hearing loss information is the Better Hearing Institute, which also offers a free booklet titled "Your Guide to Better Hearing." To get a copy, visit www.betterhearing.org or call (800) 327-9355.

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.

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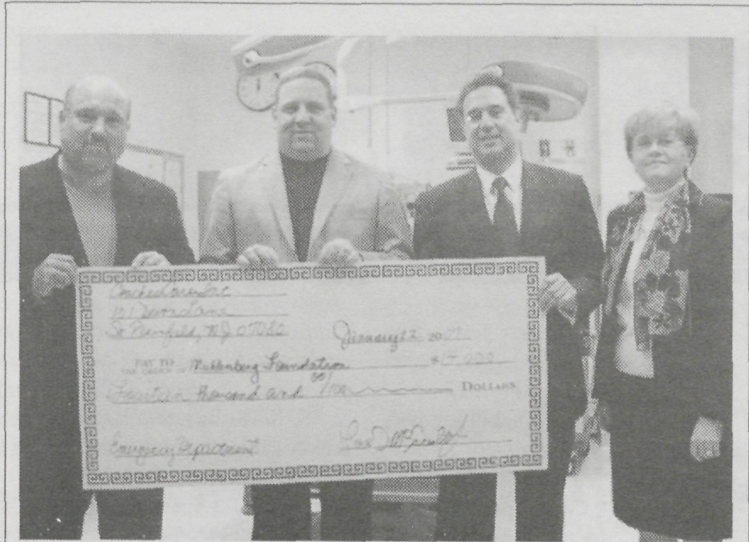
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Thomas Lanza, co-chairman and Thomas McCreesh, chairman, of the Coaches Care Foundation of South Plainfield recently contributed \$14,000 to the renovation and expansion of Muhlenberg's Emergency Department. Accepting the check are Kenneth Herman, Emergency Department director and Nancy Fiamingo, chief operating officer, MRMCC.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

Are you lonesome tonight? Well, you don't need to be this Friday, May 11. The South Plainfield Public Library Foundation is sponsoring "Memories of Elvis" at the South Plainfield High School Auditorium. There will be two parts to the program, each lasting forty-five minutes, with an intermission between the two. Snacks and drinks will be available from the foundation committee during the intermission. So whether you remember seeing Elvis on the Ed Sullivan show or just know him from the postage stamp, this is a great opportunity to experience a piece of American culture. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the library or at the door.

The South Plainfield Public Library Foundation is an organization dedicated to raising money for the Library. They are planning more fundraisers this year including one at T.G.I. Friday's on Centennial Avenue in Piscataway on June 12. The fundraiser will last all day and the library will receive 20% of purchases made by customers presenting flyers that are available at the library. The foundation is working hard to provide the community with the best library possible by raising money to supplement from

the borough. So please support them.

Furthermore, with spring here and this beautiful weather there are two areas of our collection you want to check out. Gardening books are in the call number section 635. We carry an extensive collection including books on indoor and outdoor plants, on lawn care, on tree pruning, and on every topic relating to gardening of which you can think. Of equal importance is outdoor cooking, especially barbecuing. If you go to section 641.5784 you will find a wide range of books stretching from Al Roker and George Foreman to Ruby Ann and Jeff Foxworthy who present their own special take on BBQ. They will give you tips to cook like you are in the Deep South.

Miss Mija and Miss Linda will be having their usual storytimes/craft times this week. For children three-year-olds and up they are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Time for 2s and 3s is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Books and Babies at 10:30 a.m. on Friday. All these programs are free and no registration is required.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit us at 2484 Plainfield Ave. next to the Municipal Building.

Feast of Saint Anthony Begins June 5

Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church will hold their annual Feast of Saint Anthony on the church grounds on Hamilton Boulevard, for five days beginning Tuesday, June 5. The fair opens at 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and ends at 10:30 p.m., and on Friday ends at 11 p.m. and Saturday, June 9 the fair opens at 1 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m.

There will be rides and games for the young (and young at heart), as

well as an abundance of food. Bring your whole family out to dinner every night! Sample the traditional homemade Polish and Italian food, hot dogs, burgers, french fries, Caribbean booth, pizza frite, calzone, shish kabob, roast beef, clams and shrimp, barbeque, corn on the cob, concessions, zeppoli, beverages and desserts.

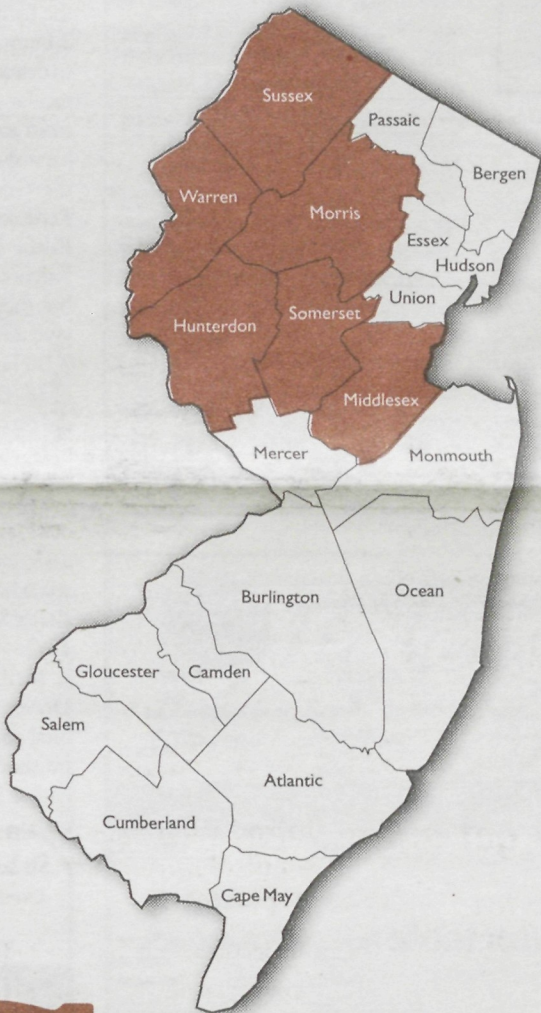
Special advance ride tickets (\$18 worth of tickets for \$10) are available after all masses and at the church hall

on Tuesday, May 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 7-8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3 from 1-4 p.m. and Monday, June 4 from 3-5 p.m.

You can also purchase tickets from the Bagel Pantry by CVS on Plainfield Avenue; Corner Deli, 1200 Hamilton Blvd.; Dave's Stationary on Sampton Ave. by Quick Chek; Oak Tree Farms in the Drug Fair Shopping Center, Sal's Spirit Shoppe, 1645 Park Ave., and Buy Rite Liquors on Oak Tree Road.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2006 REPORT OF AUDIT OF
THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE
IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2006	JUNE 30, 2005
Fund Balance Utilized	2,755,000.00	2,696,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other		
Than Local Property Tax Levies	8,964,630.50	8,838,696.36
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	65,965.02	
Collection of Current Tax Levy	60,189,530.34	54,721,312.30
Total Income	71,975,125.86	66,256,008.66
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	22,924,766.79	21,502,558.08
County Taxes	9,184,113.80	9,323,520.90
Local School Taxes	37,347,986.00	32,829,404.00
Other Expenditures	17,281.61	
Total Expenditures	69,474,148.20	63,655,482.98
Adjustments to Income before Surplus:		
Expenditures included above which are by Statute	2,500,977.66	2,600,525.68
Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year		55,000.00
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	2,500,977.66	2,655,525.68
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,961,001.24	3,001,475.56
	5,461,978.90	5,657,001.24
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	2,755,000.00	2,696,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	2,706,978.90	2,961,001.24

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE
IN FUND BALANCE - SEWER UTILITY FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2006	JUNE 30, 2005
Fund Balance Utilized	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
Collection of Sewer Service Charges	5,048,408.64	5,177,606.24
Miscellaneous - From Other than Sewer Service Charges	455,446.42	308,417.79
Total Income	5,883,855.06	5,836,024.03
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	4,532,100.00	4,049,849.93
Debt Service	673,204.60	697,206.00
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	48,300.00	40,262.07
Total Expenditures	5,253,604.60	4,787,318.00
Excess in Revenue	630,250.46	1,048,706.03
Statutory Excess in Revenue	630,250.46	1,048,706.03
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,389,621.00	1,027,414.97
	2,019,871.46	2,076,121.00
Less:		
Anticipated Current Fund Revenue	395,000.00	336,500.00
Util. as Anticipated Revenue	380,000.00	350,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	1,244,871.46	1,389,621.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE
IN FUND BALANCE - SWIM POOL UTILITY FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2006	JUNE 30, 2005
Fund Balance Utilized	\$2,448.59	
Deficit General Budget	67,592.69	68,378.24
Membership Income	137,109.00	144,804.32
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Rental Income	36,228.44	22,435.14
Total Income	243,378.72	235,617.70
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	192,198.59	171,066.98
Capital Improvements	500.00	5,000.00
Debt Service	46,506.50	47,964.69
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	3,400.00	11,800.00
Total Expenditures	242,605.09	235,831.67
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	773.63	(213.97)
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	773.63	(213.97)
Fund Balance - Beginning	9,234.62	9,448.59
	10,008.25	9,234.62
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	2,448.59	
Fund Balance - Ending	7,559.66	\$9,234.62

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is Recommended:

That a new cabinet be purchased with a working lock and distribution of the keys be restricted to the supervisor and person responsible for the collections.

Outside Offices & Departments:

That the Borough review and standardize its control and reporting policies over the issuance of pre-numbered duplicate receipt forms, monthly financial reporting and reconciliation, and the maintenance of a formal cash receipt/disbursement journals for all Outside offices and Departments.

That all Borough funds collected by Outside Offices and Departments be deposited in accordance within the 48-hour Statutory requirement.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey for the fiscal year 2006. The financial data included in the summary or synopsis is presented in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Readers are cautioned that the summary or synopsis was prepared solely for the purpose of compliance with the public disclosure provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-76, and accordingly, the summary or synopsis should not be relied upon for any other purpose. The Report of Audit, submitted by Andrew G. Hodulik, Registered Municipal Accountant, is on file at the Borough Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Borough of South Plainfield will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with the Federal and State requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk in South Plainfield within 45 days of this notice.

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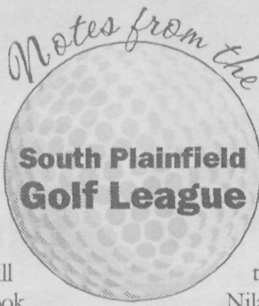
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May 11, 2007

Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan



KC's Korner was more than a little rusty on opening night when they won a squeaker over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 12-8, and they know they had to play better than that against Oak Tree Buy-Rite. But their A-game still isn't there, and Buy-Rite took full advantage and breezed to a 15 ½ - 4 ½ victory. Mike King of Buy-Rite was on fire and shot a nifty even-par 33 for the low round of the night, and Irish Danny Griffin was on his game and posted a solid 2-over 35. With back-to-back wins, Oak Tree Buy-Rite gained sole possession of first place in the American Division

Eddie's Grinders had the distinction of being the only team in the league to have all four golfers break 40, but that still wasn't good enough to overcome the handicap differences with 2 Buds, 2 Dubes and the Grinders went down to defeat, 12-8. Chris Dillon had a spectacular second shot on the eighth hole from among tree roots for an eagle on his way to earning medallist honors for the Grinders with a 36. Partner Jay Bertleson played well and had a 38, and Eddie Banach and Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer turned in respectable 39's, but they had just too many strokes to give away. Jeff Orth was low man for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes with his fine round of 37. Twin City played better than they did on opening night, and they needed to be at their best against a very tough Hackers team. Jay Coppola won the medal for Twin City with a nice round of 37, and Joe Diller came through with a 38 for the Hackers. Bill Mann had a splendid 1-over 34, and Jeremy Szoc shot a 38 as Twin City won the match 13-7.

In the National Division, Andy Oravec helped Plainfield Animal Hospital gain a 12-8 win over Pornovets by shooting the low-round for PAH with a 38. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van

De Vaarst left a few strokes out there but still managed to shoot a 37 to win medallist honors for Pornovets.

Dennis Bibby's 38 sparked Sport & Social to an 18-2 blowout of the Roughriders. Bob Nilan's 42 was good enough to earn medallist honors for the Roughriders.

Jovial Matt Ward was all smiles after leading Patti's Construction to a 13-7 triumph over Witty's with an impressive round of 36. Teammate Billy

Capparelli seems to have gained greater control in his game to go with his power, and he turned in a nice round of 38. Kevin Bickunas looks like he's rapidly getting into his game posting a 38 in a losing cause for Witty's.

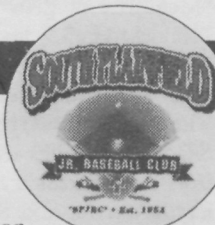
Low scores for the night: Mike King, 33; Bill Mann, 34; Danny Griffin, 35; Matt Ward, 36; Chris Dillon, 36; Marty Van De Vaarst, 37; Jeff Orth, 37; Jay Coppola, 37.

Correction: In last week's article, the first name of the golfer on Sport & Social who hit a superb drive on the first hole was listed incorrectly. The player was Pat Romano, not Joe.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

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

By Glenn Cullen



JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

This weekend is All-Star Sunday. All-Star games are scheduled to begin at noon on Sunday, May 13.

The SPJBC Traveling All-Star try-out times and locations are listed on the bulletin board outside of the snack stand. The 10- and 11-year-old teams have already been selected.

This weekend's field duty assignments are as follows: Saturday, May 12 at 7 a.m.-SFB Red Sox and Pony

B Mets and on Sunday May 13 at 8 a.m., SFC Yankees, Small Fry A Cardinals and Pony A Brewers.

The 2007 season has been one to remember. There have been a number of dramatic comebacks and nail-biting extra inning games. This weekend should be no different.

To all the moms: Happy Mother's Day from the SPJBC.

TRAVELING SOCCER

Two More Wins for Team Arsenal

After a month of postponements due to the weather, the boys traveling U-8 soccer team played and won two more games last weekend. These wins brings their record to 4 and 0.

On Saturday, May 5, Arsenal played the Branchburg Titans. The first goal came during the second quarter when

a penalty shot was made by Alec Paez. The team continued keeping the pressure on and scored two more goals in the fourth quarter by Jake Hoffman and Alec Paez. The final score of the game was 3-0.

Arsenal also played the Berkeley Heights Bears on Monday, May 7. Both teams kept the pressure on throughout the entire game.

It was back and forth scoring. Daniel Haus scored the first goal of the game in the second quarter to tie, but Jake Giordano, scoring his first goal of the season, made a goal during the third quarter to let the Arsenal take the lead. Daniel Haus also scored the final goal of the game during the fourth quarter allowing Arsenal to win 3-2.

There was great defensive and offensive action from Samardhi Jeedigunta, Jake Smith, Jose Arrubla, Tyler Curtis, Jason Cieszkiewicz and Nicholas Plate.

Coach Rich, Greg and Dave congratulate the team on a job well done.

LEGAL NOTICE

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An appeal has been filed by Stella Weaver requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed 8 x 8 deck lacks 30' required front setback; 24' 9" proposed, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 131 Montrose Avenue, Block 416, Lot 17 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 24, 2007 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 4:00 pm.

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Tiger Sharks To Hold Meet And Greet

Attention all swimmers and divers! The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swimming and Diving Teams will be holding a "Meet and Greet" at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

The Tiger Sharks Swimming and Diving Teams are part of the Recreation Department of the South Plainfield Community Pool. All swimmers and divers between the ages of five and 18 are welcomed to join the teams. The teams participate in competition with other swim and dive teams located in Central New Jersey. The competition is not only for the experienced swimmer or diver, but novice swimmers and divers are also welcomed and encouraged to join the teams. The coaches will help you to develop the skills you need for competition.

Swim practices will start on June 6 after school at the community pool. Diving practices will start some time during mid-June also at the community pool. Meets begin at the end of June and continue until the end of July. It is a short season, but filled with many memories, good times and fun. Parents, if your children are always saying they are bored during the summer, this would be a great way to fill their summer days. Swimming and diving is a great way to exercise if your child participates in other sports during the school year. All questions will be answered at the Meet and Greet, and all information will be distributed then. What better way to cool off during those hot, humid days of summer.

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Kennedy School Kindergarten Program

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

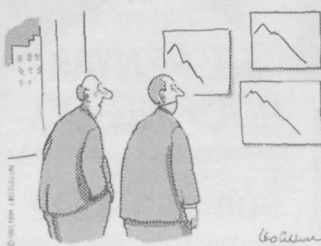
If your child will be attending Kennedy School in September 2007, you may sign up for the program in the school's main office. Please stop by between the hours of 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. to pick up the registration form. Forms are also available at the Enrollment Office in the Roosevelt Administration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

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.

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Luis A. Romero, 42

Luis A. Romero passed away on Saturday, April 28 at home in South Amboy.

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

James R. Duffy, 75

James R. Duffy died on Sunday, May 6 at the East Orange Campus of the VA Health Care System in East Orange.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, Jim lived in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 33 years ago.

He worked as a car salesman at various car dealerships throughout Central Jersey for over 30 years.

An Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and recipient of the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Medal, Jim served with the 24th Division, 5th Regimental Combat Team and earned the rank of corporal before being honorably discharged in 1953.

In 2002, the State of New Jersey honored Jim for his heroism, bravery and service during the Korean Conflict by dedicating the intersection of Interstate Highway Rt. 287 and County Road 529 in the Borough of South Plainfield as the "James Duffy Interchange."

A member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Disabled American Veterans, and the 5th Regimental Combat Team Association, Mr. Duffy enjoyed working with his hands, especially woodworking.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marie (Salzano); four daughters and their husbands, Bernadette and Joseph Brander of North Plainfield, Rance and Thomas Doherty of Westfield, Andrea and Jeffrey Meyer of North Plainfield and Lisa and David Shaughnessy of Stroudsburg, Pa.; a sister, Marilyn Corsentino and husband John of Elizabeth and six grandchildren, Heather Bissett, Thomas Doherty, Alicia Brander, Amy Jo Brander, Jeffrey

Meyer Jr. and David Shaughnessy. Also surviving is his great granddaughter, Lillian Bissett.

Funeral Services will be held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

John Joseph Wilkinson, 92

John Joseph Wilkinson passed away peacefully on Monday, April 30 at home.

Born Dec. 31, 1914 in Elizabeth, he resided in South Plainfield, Middlesex and St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Wilkinson was a dedicated employee of Union Carbide for 28 years before retiring. He served honorably in the United States Army during World War II. He enjoyed playing pool, ballroom dancing, and watching the New York Yankees.

Mr. Wilkinson was predeceased by two wives, Carmella Wilkinson and Dauneey Wilkinson.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Sharon Wilkinson of Bridgewater and Robert and Joan Wilkinson of Wyckoff and five grandchildren, Kelly, Christine, John, Lauren and Tracy.

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

Florence (Parente) Cervone, 84

Florence (Parente) Cervone died on Saturday, May 5 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Cervone resided in Newark for most of her life. She later moved to Hazlet, then South Plainfield, where she lived with her daughter and for the past year Florence resided at the JFK Hartwyck at Cedarbrook Nursing Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Plainfield.

A homemaker for many years, she enjoyed her time crocheting and was a member of the Bayshore Senior Cen-

ter in Keansburg.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank; two sisters and two brothers.

Surviving are two daughters, Jo Ann Della Pia and Diane and husband Bob O'Day; a son, Frank Cervone, Jr., all of South Plainfield; seven grandchildren, Michelle, Michael, Catherine, Jessica, Frank, Lauren and Tara and a great grandson Richard. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave., 6th Floor, New York, New York 10001.

Walter A. Malec, 91

Walter A. Malec died on Monday, May 7 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Oil City, Pa. to Stanley and Anna (Idzi) Malec, he was one of six siblings. At a young age, he settled in South Plainfield where he has resided ever since.

Initially employed as a brakeman for the Leigh Valley Railroad, he later worked as a presser for the former Middlesex Dress Company, Bruno's Dress Company and Queen Dress Company. While working for the union at the various dress shops, he also worked a second job with the South Plainfield Board of Education as the head custodian. For many years, Walt was a familiar face at the high school, making himself available 24-hours a day attending to the numerous needs of the school from cleaning to answering alarm calls in the night. After many years of dedicated service, he retired in the late 1980's only to continue to work on a part-time basis before finally retiring in the early 1990's.

In his younger years, Walter was the water boy for Amelia Earhart when she

flew into the former Hadley Airport.

Walt was an avid fisherman who loved all types of fishing. He also hunted and had enjoyed his time fishing with his children and grandchildren. He was known for having three passions, being an avid fisherman, eating and knowing all the right spots to eat, and most importantly, being a devoted husband to his wife for 70 years.

His beloved wife, Teresa (Cirigliano), died in July of 2006.

Surviving are two daughters, Jane Doherty and Patricia Kudrick and husband Jack; a son, Anthony Malec, all of whom reside in South Plainfield; three grandchildren, John Kudrick, DC., Jimmy Doherty and Teri Ann Doherty and two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Jack Kudrick.

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

Eileen E. Miller, 90

Eileen E. Miller died on Monday, May 7 at The Woodlands Center in Plainfield.

Born in Paterson, Eileen lived in Wayne for 30 years, before moving to Southampton in 1972.

Eileen taught elementary education for 30 years in the Montville and Wayne School systems, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of the NEA and the NJEA as well as the Vincentown United Methodist Church in Vincentown.

She was predeceased by her husband, Franklin G. Miller.

Surviving are a son, Rev. Dr. Steven C. Miller and wife Janet of South Plainfield; a daughter, Francine M. Wilkinson and husband George of Wayne and two grandchildren, David George Wilkinson and Michele Murphy.

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

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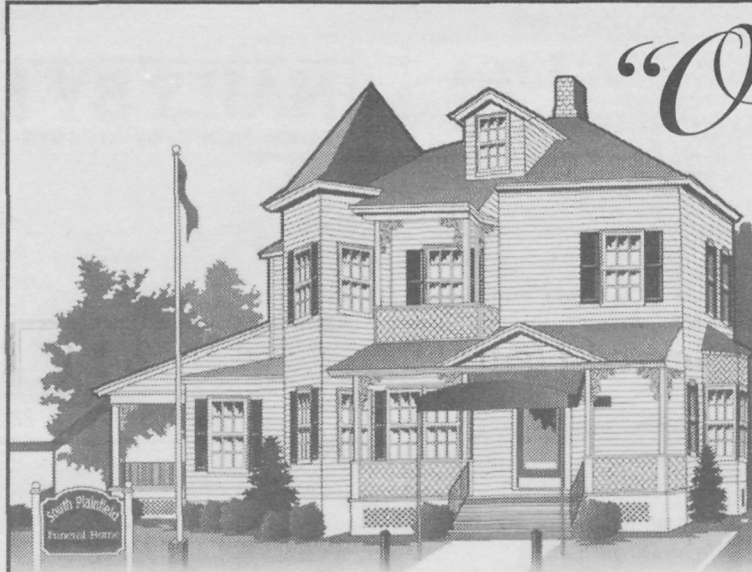
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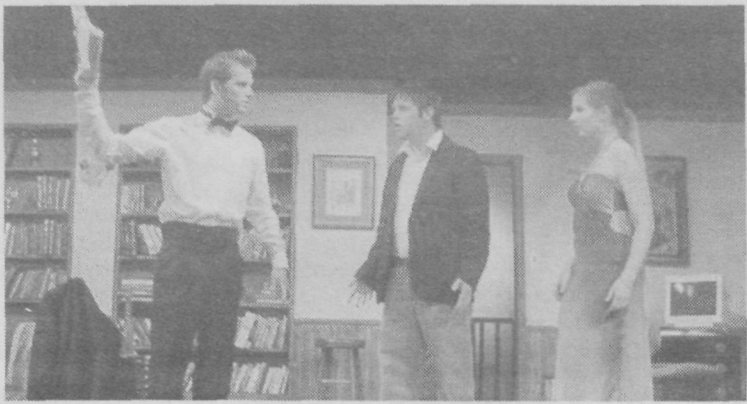
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Regular prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. For this one performance, tickets for all mothers are \$8. As a special offer, high school students with valid school ID

will pay only \$10.

If you can't make this performance, there are others until May 26 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and a special UNICO theater performance on Sunday, May 20. There is no performance Saturday, May 19.

For reservations or more information, call (908) 755-4654 or go to www.evplayhouse.com.

This program has been made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts; through a grant provided by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission/Board of Chosen Freeholders.

YMCA to Celebrate Foster Care And Asthma Awareness Month!

The Plainfield Area YMCA and Latinas in Accion Inc. in collaboration with the Central New Jersey Maternal & Child Health Consortium and Plainfield Connection are joining forces on May 12 with thousands of communities across the country in celebrating the loving, caring adults who are making a positive difference in the lives of children and youth in foster care, the senior citizens who impact our lives and history, and the importance of asthma programs. As part of National Foster Care Month, Senior Citizens Month and Asthma Awareness Month, informational displays regarding these topics, refreshments and giveaways will be available outside the Plainfield Area YMCA on May

12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Plainfield Area YMCA is located at 518 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield.

There are many different programs and activities available for people interested in becoming foster parents, people suffering from asthma and those looking for programs and/or activities for senior citizens. This event will present individuals, couples, and families with information, fitness demonstrations and resources (brochures, demonstrations and screenings) regarding some of our local programs.

For more information on this event, contact Alma Cruz at (908) 668-2862, Stacy Reh at (908) 756-6060, ext. 102 or Kim Waldon at (908) 756-6060, ext. 105.

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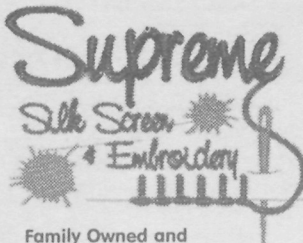
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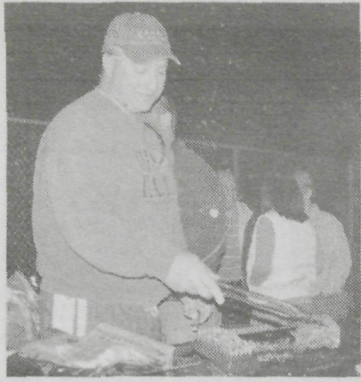
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tattooing, face painting, donut eating, hula hoop and volleyball contests. Bands provided live music throughout the day. Raffle baskets were donated by high school students, the PTA, private donations and businesses. A luminary ceremony took place 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 hamburgers and hot dogs. There were 32 adult volleyball teams that participated in the evening at \$60 a team. Student leaders also sold T-shirts for \$6.



police report

• On May 2, Taneeka A. Britt, 21, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• On May 3, Joran M. Battles, 19, of Metuchen, an employee of Burlington Coat Factory, was arrested for theft of gift cards in the amount of \$359.98 which he used to purchase items at the store.

• On May 4, Recycling Coordinator Alice Tempel reported the theft of an "Adopt-A-Spot" sign from the fence around the old skate park at borough hall.

• On May 6, William John Woronicki, 48, of Clinton was arrested at Quick Chek on Durham Ave. for shoplifting nine packs of cigarettes.

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