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Board Promotes Two From Within District

By Libby Barsky

The South Plainfield Board of Education appointed replacements for two top positions. Ellen Decker-Lorys moved up to principal of Franklin School, replacing Althea Bowman-Williams, who retired and Mary Rodger was appointed staff developer, replacing retiring Mary Ellen Martko.

Last year, after 22 years of being an elementary school teacher, Ellen Decker-Lorys became middle school assistant principal, working alongside Principal Steve Novak. "We worked as a team. I loved every minute of it. It was a wonderful experience," she said.

Mary Rodger has taught in the district for 10 years. She was a substitute teacher for one year and spent the next nine years as a fourth grade teacher at Franklin School. She officially began her new position on July 1 and is presently preparing for the new teacher's orientation held a week before school opens in the fall.

The board eliminated two positions: computer technician and high school disciplinarian. However they created the position of network manager and hired former computer technician Jim Veirs at a salary of \$55,000. The position includes maintaining an inventory of computer equipment, monitoring network traffic and fire wall protection, overseeing the operation of the district's telephone

system, filtering out internet access and operating systems and e-mail, providing back up and shutting down the network every day.

Two part time students, William Hartmann and Paolo Cantarella, were hired for the summer to help ready the school computers for the start of the fall semester.

The Board also created the positions of high school assistant principal, a high/middle school part-time art teacher and a Grant School part-time physical education teacher.

To replace teachers and administrator who retired, the board hired the following:

- Middle school and Riley string teacher Sara Bruce, replacing Carleen Tedeschi.
- Director of Guidance Elaine Gallo, replacing William Beegle.
- High school social studies teacher Stacey Closterman, replacing Anthony Barca.
- Middle school art teacher Andrew Casano, replacing Diane Salkeld.
- Grant school reading/language social studies teacher Megan Melanson, replacing Theresa Glowacki.
- Kennedy School reading teacher Ann Johnson replacing Virginia Irwin.
- Riley School special education teacher Mary Grady, replacing Lydia Svoboda.
- Kathy DiMeglio special services secretary replacing, Madeline Markham.

Resident Jackie Jackson Receives New Modular Wheelchair Ramp



Jackie Jackson tries out her newly installed wheelchair ramp after the official ribbon cutting.



Cadets in the first Junior Police Academy session got an up close look at a helicopter during training. See page 6 for additional photos.

Junior Police Academy Graduates 33

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Recreation Department's Junior Police Academy program held its first of two week-long sessions began on June 25 and graduated 33 young cadets. In its third year, South Plainfield Police Officers Dave Franchak and Al LaMonda take two classes of children ages 10 through 14 through a condensed version of real police academy training, along with other officers who share their expertise.

The cadets day began with calis-

thenics and marching techniques. Cadets are shown how a police officer conducts car stops and the tactics used to "take down" an unarmed suspect. The police shooting range, located in the recycling area, was used for paintball gun target practice. Middlesex County Prosecutors Office Investigators Sgt. John Rodriguez, Gabriela Nieves and intern Carrie Roberts conducted a lesson on how gangs operate and how to spot their activities. Det. Jim Darby helped out with a fake crime scene and Lt. Kevin Murtagh spoke about the hazards of drunk driving. The South Plainfield Fire Dept. displayed their rescue training by demonstrating extrication techniques using an old car. The Edison Twsp. Police Department also showed the talents of their two bomb and drug sniffing canines.

The highlight of the week is always the landing of the N.J. State Police Homeland Security helicopter, manned this year by Troopers Mike Giordano and Ken Williams. Afterward, a graduation ceremony was held with members of the police department congratulating the cadets and presenting them with certificates for completing the class.

The graduates for the first session

are: Courtney Allocco, Alexis Cavaliere, Chris Cleszkiewicz, JT Colapietro, Xavier Ceida, Dominic Demico III, Joseph Demico, Alex Domick, Jacqueline Dvorak, Jack Feldman, Ashley Franchak, Jonathan Grenier, Erika-Margaret Holtermann, Bobby Kolvites, Danielle Lapolla, Christopher Markey, James Markey, Ernest Mejias, Christopher Miller, Malina Mohtadi, Daniel Pacheco, Kathryn Pacheco, Diamond Pender, Diana Pender, Dominic Penevolpe, Jonathan Prins, Isaiah Reels, Erick Rodriguez, Monica Spooner, Mathew Sward, Dylan Thompson, Matthew Valencia, Joseph Waldrop.

Many thanks go to the following people and organizations for their participation in this program: Chief John Ferraro, Capt. Paul Brembt., Lt. Charles Siedenburt, Capt. Robert Barrone, Sgt. Kevin Murtagh, Det. Vincent Campagna, Det. Jim Darby, Officer Gary Klein, Officer Kevin LoMonte, Kevin Hughes, South Plainfield Fire Dept., N.J. State Police, Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, Edison Twsp. Police Dept., South Plainfield Elks, Restaurant Depot, Bill Hartmann Sr. and Bill Hartmann Jr.



2007 inductees into the SPS Hall of Fame, Bill Seesselberg, Cheryl Austein Casnoff, Michael Price and Ronald Kuboski, were honored at a luncheon and then during the scholastic awards assembly held on June 5. (See full story in next week's Observer.)

"Providing the opportunity for people with physical disabilities to have independent access to their homes is a significant addition in providing accessibility accommodations," said DHS Deputy Commission Ann Kohler who attended the ceremony. The pilot program is limited to residents of Union and Middlesex Counties who live in a house or apartment that is not currently accessible for

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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
July 17	7 p.m.	Immediately following
August 7	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
July 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
July 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.-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.-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 plan sub-committee

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

Dear Editor,

The Almost Famous Players (AFP) recently provided entertainment and games at the St. Peters Hospital Cancer Survivors Day Picnic. We would like to thank Georgeann DiGrazi of Mohn's Flowers for donating 100 beautiful flowers, which were given out to guests and to South Plainfield resident Barry Gould, for the loan of three beautiful Shriner's parade costumes. The guests loved the carnations and the bright flashy costumes were a big hit with everyone. Thank you for helping us to brighten others days!
PATRICIA ABBOTT AND ALMOST FAMOUS PLAYERS MEMBERS

To the Editor;

What was the real reason for the mad rush to redirect traffic off Hamilton Boulevard? We were told that the reason for this was because of the congestion, noise and delays. Has anyone tried to travel from Hamilton Blvd. down South Clinton Avenue around 5 p.m.? Speak of congestion, noise and delays, it is a nightmare. What happens when we have a good rainfall and try to use New Market Avenue between South Clinton Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard?

For the last 10 to 13 years during political campaigns we were told that the Helen Street Project, to remove trucks from Hamilton Boulevard, was making progress. As recently as June, 2006, at a presentation titled "Solving the traffic problem in South Plainfield" by Charles Butrico, it was indicated that progress on Helen Street was being made and that the sign-off by the EPA could be expected by the summer of 2006 and construction would be completed by 2011.

Recent information on this project implies that because of EPA and DEP concerns and the Edison Wetlands opposition, the reality for this project going forward is remote and in all probability will not be completed.

You have noticed that construction on Hamilton Boulevard for the last year and a half has been completed and totally reconstructed. Improved road beds, sewers, sidewalks and curbs all done at a cost of approximately

seven to eight million dollars paid for by the county. Remember that you also pay county taxes!

Local ordinances were passed restricting truck traffic on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue. This became an issue during the recent political campaign. The alternate route proposal of June, 2006, was implemented. Everyone is familiar with the new pattern, especially if they travel the new route. This new pattern places truck traffic in South Plainfield for a longer period and a route that is three times longer than a route from Hamilton to Belmont to Metuchen Road. Think of the additional cost to the truckers, the additional cost of fuel, congestion, noise and delays.

A firm cost for this alternate route and a time table to completion has not been provided to you the taxpayer. The route, when completed, would continue down New Market Avenue through the Cornell Dubilier site (the EPA is now clearing the contamination) with an outlet to Spicer and Belmont, then left to Metuchen Road. Information in a recent article in the *Observer* reported a tentative cost of \$4,590,000. The route will require additional acquisition of land, improvements of some traffic signals and completion of the road through the Cornell Dubilier site. To date a bond for \$1,600,000 was issued to purchase three buildings on the corner of Hamilton Boulevard and these building will be demolished.

Questions regarding safety have been raised by the director of traffic engineering and safety at the Department of Transportation, as well as a safety study by the Motor Truck Association.

I believe that the taxpayers of South Plainfield should be provided with full disclosure of the cost of this alternate route and the estimated time of completion.

Several years ago we had a program known as Democracy Day which required that any expenditure by the municipality of over \$1,000,000 would be voted on by the taxpayers and if approved would move ahead and if disapproved would be abandoned.

Submit Letters to the Editor:

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done. Are you, the taxpayers, willing to approve the funds for this alternate route after having the county spend \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 to improve Hamilton Boulevard. Shouldn't you have a say on whether you want to spend the combined cost of county and local tax dollars to keep trucks off Hamilton Boulevard? We think you should.

Again, I ask-what was the real reason?

RICHARD V. PETRONE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD SR. MEN'S FORUM

To the Editor:

We recently had work done by E&D Masonry who advertises in The *Observer*. After the job was complete, we were very dissatisfied with the work.

We contacted E&D Masonry and said we were not pleased with the job and were told they would come out and discuss our concerns with us and do whatever needed to be done to make us happy. We discussed with them what day and time would be convenient for us for them to stop by.

They came by when we weren't home. We talked with them again and made arrangements for them to come by, they never showed up or called.

We haven't heard from them since and two weeks have gone by. We're assuming we will never see them again! They had no problem stopping by when we weren't home to pick up their materials that were left. They didn't even come back to take out the wood framing. This is very unprofessional. Is this how they treat their customers?

Maybe it was the cash agreement we made, take our money and run! So, if you see them advertised in the *Observer* and are thinking about giving them a call. Beware!

E&D Masonry, if you are reading this, shame on you!
DENISE AND JEFF ALBRECHT

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago Matt Anesh and I wrote this paper with concerns about spending for the New Market Avenue extension. Since then, two issues have arisen the public should know about. These issues have nothing to do with

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Diner To Get Exterior Makeover

By Libby Barsky

Café Everest on Park Avenue is about to undergo an exterior makeover after the planning board approved a new façade for the front of the building.

"The façade will make access better and aesthetically more recognizable," said engineer Richard Neberezny.

A year and a half ago, Demetrios Koniarelis, bought Café Everest with his brother. "I wanted to improve the view of the building," Koniarelis told the board. "I am not changing anything. We will be strictly a diner. There will be no deliveries and no catering."

Upgrading the exterior will include the addition of a 260 sq. ft. vestibule, a ramp to provide handicapped access. The parking area will be resurfaced, repaved and striped for 45 cars.

Besides putting a new face on the exterior of the building, the interior will also have a makeover according to architect Louis Salamone of Salamone, Landau of Wayne.

Another change will be a new name, the Park Avenue Diner.

- Neighbor Teresa Iacouzze, who has been living behind the dinner since it opened as The Knotty Pine approximately 50 years ago, testified that the property is kept clean and odorless.

The board also approved the subdivision of a lot on Martin Drive with one home on it. It will be subdivided into four lots. The existing home will be torn down and four new homes will be built around a cul de sac. Initially the builder asked to subdivide the lot into five sites. Neighbors questioned the plan, saying they had concerns about increased water runoff and flooding. Ellen Brubaker of Norway Lane was not satisfied that drainage would take away the water and leave neighboring properties with the "same or less water." She recalled the heavy rains that had flooded the area earlier in the spring.

Mayor Charles Butrico noted that the flooding was caused from ground saturation when torrential rain came down and there was no place for the water to go.



South Plainfield Police Officer Dave Franchak and Daren the DARE Lion were on hand to congratulate Regal Cinema, for being named the best theatre in Central New Jersey. Pictured are: Will Cintron-manager, Liz Genovese, Meredith Kalmanan and David Acevedo,

BOROUGH NOTES

■ Ruby Tuesday will be opening a restaurant in the Holiday Inn on Stelton Road. Lemos has transferred their liquor license to Ruby Tuesday.

■ An ordinance was introduced authorizing the lease of several new vehicles with MCIA Capital at a cost of \$230,000. Councilman Robert Bengivenga wanted to amend the ordinance to say that one of the leased vehicles intended for Emergency Management be purchased as an additional police vehicle, but no one would second his amendment.

■ An ordinance creating the position and compensation for a part-time zoning official, assistant zoning official and building sub-code official was introduced. Republicans Matthew Anesh and Robert Bengivenga voted against the ordinance.

■ A bond ordinance amending ordinance #1780 was introduced to increase the amount of the bond to \$32,500 to cover the costs associated with the repaving of the DPW parking lot. This repaving is mandated by the NJDEP as part of the new storm-water regulations.

■ Ordinances were introduced to establish the regulation for operation of several traffic lights on southside of the Borough.

All of the above ordinances will be up for a final vote at the Tuesday, July 17 council meeting.

■ The municipal clerk has been authorized to issue a 2007/2008 liquor licenses to licensees that have met all State and Borough requirements and paid all appropriate fees.

■ The council voted to accept the Fiscal Year 2006 Audit, as prepared by the borough's Auditor, Hodulik & Morrison.

■ Block parties were approved for Kim Luster for Saturday, Sept. 8, (Sept. 15 rain date) on Ada Place between both ends of Oakland Avenue and for Laurie Venetucci for Saturday, Aug. 4 (Aug. 5, rain date) on

Conklin Street between both ends of Leeds Drive

■ Victoria Kiczula was hired as a part-time clerk in the municipal court.

■ The tax collector will be placing a lien in the amount of \$1,069.48 on the property at 351 Delmore Ave. for costs incurred by the borough to abate a public health nuisance.

■ Cheryl Nagel-Smiley has been appointed as a member of the Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Stephen Magura, which expires on December 31, 2009.

■ Timothy Gray, Ryan Szumski and Chris Spayder were appointed as members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.

■ A refund check in the amount of \$3,947.96 will be issued to 2624 Hamilton Owners, LLC. They received a favorable judgment on a tax appeal on the property at that address.

■ The borough will participate in the 2007 Enhanced 9-1-1 Grant Program administered by the State of New Jersey. The borough has been qualified to receive a \$21,183 grant to be utilized for the borough's 9-1-1 communications system.

■ The clerk has been authorized to execute all documents related to the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of New Durham Avenue and Corporate Drive.

■ The reassignment of William Haus, Robert Boyle and Louis Colicchio from the position of recreation attendant III to recreation attendant IV was approved.

■ The council agreed to allow the owner at 1921 Pershing Pl., to place a storage shed along a 15 foot storm sewer easement.

Contribution Disclosure Required for Board Approvals

Applicants who come before the planning board or zoning board of adjustment will need to declare any political contributions they have made to any political party when they seek a variance, or a major subdivision or site plan.

The ordinance, introduced at the June 26 Borough Council meeting, is an effort to regulate political contributions and to reassure the public that any decisions made by either board are impartial and fair.

Language in the ordinance is very specific and asks applicants to "provide as part of its application a list of any and all political contributions made to or on behalf of any candidate for elected office, and any... political party, including any municipal office, county office, state office or federal office including, political committees, continuing political committees or political party committee up to one year prior to filing of the application."

In addition, a contribution disclosure is required from any professional who assists in preparing the application or who will testify before either board for applications for site plan and subdivision approval not considered to minor site plans or minor subdivisions.

The applicant won't have a public hearing until the contribution disclosure is submitted and accepted. All disclosure statements will be available for review by any member of the public.

Also, another ordinance introduced at the meeting is intended to amend the Borough's 1992 zoning ordinance changing areas initially zoned

for industrial development into areas where homes, offices or professional buildings can be built.

The amended plan includes a 2.1 acre lot on Teeple Place to be rezoned from M3 heavy industrial use to residential; four lots on Oak Tree Avenue rezoned from M3 heavy industrial to OPA for office and professional use; two lots on Park Avenue rezoned from M3 heavy industrial to OPA office, professional and research and approximately 19 M3 industrial zoned lots located on Durham Avenue, West Street, South Avenue, Helen Street and McKinley Street rezoned OPA for office, professional development.

Councilman Rob Bengivenga suggested the lots on Durham Avenue, West Street, South Avenue and Helen Street be grouped together as section D in the amended ordinance and be rezoned to M1 or limited industrial use, instead of being rezoned OPA for office and professional use.

The final vote on the amended ordinance will held at the next borough council meeting on Tuesday, July 17.

PBA Softball Tournament

The annual PAL Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 21 beginning at 8 a.m. Proceeds will be going to the Jamie Cammarata, who died last month of leukemia.

Sign up your team at the PAL on Maple Avenue or call Gary Cassio at (908) 966-2947 or Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-7714.

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	Harvard Avenue	Minimum Bid: \$235,000
Parcel 3 –	Block 404.04, Lot 1.03	
	100x100	
	Kosciusko Avenue	Minimum Bid: \$235,000
Parcel 4 –	Block 404.04, Lot 1.04	
	100 x 100	
	Kosciusko Avenue	Minimum Bid: \$235,000

The Public Auction will be conducted on July 17, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield.

Please direct any questions to Glenn Cullen, CFO at (908) 226-7602.

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Around Town

Shotman Basketball Camp Starting

July 16-20

Shotman Basketball Camp will run from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at the John Faber School, High St. in Dunellen. The camp is open to girls in grades 4-9. All aspects of basketball will be covered. The camp will feature guest speakers, a free t-shirt, contests and daily raffles. Applicants are still being accepted.

For more information, call Mike Lanza at (908) 917-8385 or check out the Web site at www.shotman.net.

Recreation Trip to Camden Yards

July 29

The recreation department has announced a trip to see the Yankees vs. Orioles at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Md. on Sunday, July 29. Tickets are on sale at the PAL Building.

Wesley Methodist Vacation Bible School

July 29-Aug. 2

Wesley United Methodist Church invites all children to become sky scouts at their summer Vacation Bible School, Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God, from July 29 to Aug. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of hot air ballooning with the discovery of how to reach new heights with God. Each lesson will be supported by Bible stories, science activities, songs, crafts, games and snacks. The program is open to children ages four through 12. Registration fee is \$10 per child, not to exceed \$20 per family. Please register by July 22.

Meet us at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., July 29. Sign in will begin at 6 p.m.

For information, call (908) 757-2838.

What's happening at the South Plainfield

SENIOR CENTER

JULY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Program on Memory - July 12
"I Remember BINGO"

Atlantic City Claridge Trip
July 19 and August 16

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

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Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social
Group 10am

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

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

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Bingo
10am-2pm

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

Car Club Fundraiser for Alyssa Ricciardi

July 31

The Street Dreams Car Club will be hosting a "Cruising for Alyssa Ricciardi" car show on Tuesday, July 31 at Fuddrucker's, Route 22 West in Bridgewater from 6 to 9 p.m. As many people know, Alyssa suffers from neuroblastoma. A Weber grill valued at \$900 (donated by Jaeger Lumber) will be raffled. There will also be two monetary prizes. For info and raffle tickets, call Ron at (908) 482-0008. Come out and see some classic cars while helping Alyssa and her family.

Benefit Piano Recital at St. Stephen Church

August 3

A "Lutheran World Hunger" Benefit Piano Recital featuring Rev. Richard A. Mathisen, will be hosted by St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. on Friday, Aug. 3. The "Concert with Commentary" will begin at 7 p.m. Cost is a donation of \$7. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, please con-

tact St. Stephen Lutheran Church at (908) 757-4474. All proceeds will go to benefit the Lutheran World Hunger campaign of the ELCA Lutheran Church.

First Baptist Vacation Bible School

August 6-10

Come and join us at Children are Important in God's World Vacation Bible School. It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Aug. 6 through 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Children ages five through entering the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 a child or no more than \$10 a family. Registrations are being accepted through July 30.

For information or to register, call the church office at (908) 753-2382.

Recreation Trip to "Wicked"

The recreation department has 35 tickets for the Broadway play "Wicked" on Sunday, Sept. 9. Register at the PAL Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are only \$120.

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Out of Town

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Through July 22

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For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041. The Bucks County Playhouse is located at 70 South Main St. in New Hope, Pa.

NJPAC Summer Concert Series

Through September 21

The NJPAC will be holding the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ Summer Concert series through Sept. 21. Tickets range from \$15-\$125 and may be purchased by telephone at 1-888-GO-NJPAC (1-888-466-5722), at the NJPAC Box Office at One Center Street in Newark, or by visiting the NJPAC Web site at www.njpac.org.

Middlesex WOWs Host Open Dance

July 13

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers (WOWs) will hold an open dance on Friday, July 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion hall in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission \$8 members, \$10 guests. For information, call Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Woodbridge WOWs Host Open Dance

July 15

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers (WOWs) will hold an open dance on Sunday, July 15 from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Elks hall in Woodbridge. Refreshments. All are welcome. Admission \$8 members, \$10 guests. For information, contact Phyllis at (732) 381-3255 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Singles Hike

July 14

Young Sierrans 20/30s-Sierra Club will host a hike on Saturday, July 14 at noon at Ringwood State Park. Meet in parking lot C. RSVP required to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073. Rain cancels.

Grant Writing Proposal Workshop

July 17-19

The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop will be held at Rutgers University-Newark Campus, July 17-19. Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly.

Participants receive certification in professional grant writing. For information, call (888) 824-4424 or visit www.thegrantinstitute.com.

Singles Dinner

July 20

The NJ Single Professionals will hold a dinner at Cafe Calaloo in Morristown, on Friday, July 20 at 8 p.m. Cost is \$2 service fee plus cost of whatever you order for dinner, tax and tips. Bring small bills. Private group. Space limited. RSVP required to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Mood Disorders And Addiction Talk

July 25

On Wednesday, July 25, the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature speaker, Laurence M. Westreich, M.D. at 7:45 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown. The public is invited to attend.

For information, call (973) 994-1143 or (800) 367-6274.



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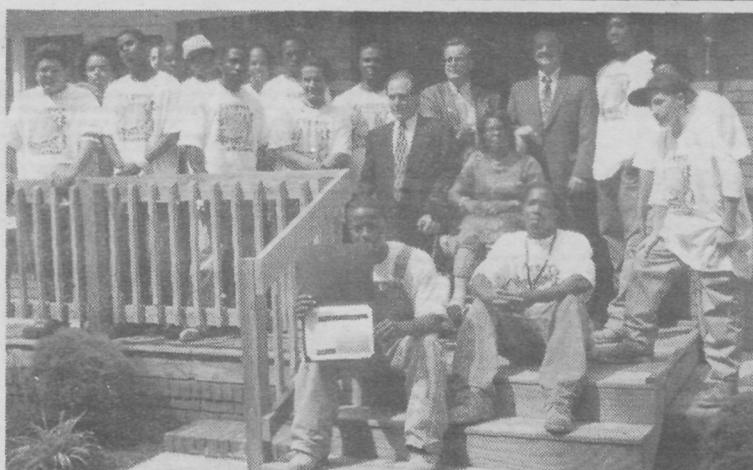
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Jackie Jackson with Mayor Charles Butrico and members of the Edison Job Corps.

Jackie Jackson Receives New Modular Wheelchair Ramp

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people with physical disabilities. Participants must be at least 16 years-old with a mobility impairment, have liquid assets of not more than \$100,000 and must be employed, seeking employment, going to school or be willing to volunteer in the community.

The N.J. Modular Ramp Program is made possible through a grant by the Henry H. Kessler Foundation. The total amount of the grant is \$267,000 and will fund the construction of approximately 35 ramps within the next 18 months. Other partners in the program include the Edison Job Corps, which builds and assembles the ramps; Cerebral Palsy of N.J., which is responsible for site assessments and design recommendations; the N.J. Department of Technology, which conducts pre- and post-installation surveys and collects statistics and the N.J. Department of Consumer Affairs, which creates construction guidelines and code enforcement. The ramps are made with pressure treated wood built in modules and assembled on location. They may be removed if the resident moves, or if they no longer require the use of a ramp.

Also attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were DHS Division of Disability Services Director William Ditto, Mayor Charles Butrico, Borough Council President Dennis Cerami, Middlesex County Freeholder Blanquita Valenti, Vice President of Grants and Special Initiatives Elaine Katz of the Henry H. Kessler Foundation; Edison Job Corps Director Lee Mathews, Dr. Richard Olsen of the N.J. Department of Technology, members of the Edison Job Corps and representatives from Cerebral Palsy of

N.J. and the Middlesex County Office for the Disabled.

Jackie said, "Words alone cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for this ramp. I can now go to the mailbox by myself and not struggle getting in and out of the house without the help of someone else. Thank you Job Corps, you are my dream team." Commissioner Kohler presented each of the workers with a certificate of appreciation. Freeholder Valenti commended the corps for an incredible job. Mayor Butrico said, "Thank you to everyone who made this project happen."

At the Borough Council meeting the previous evening, Mayor Butrico read a statement proclaiming Aug. 29 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Day. Jackie accepted the proclamation stating that she wants to educate and heighten awareness of the disease. "It is a fatal disease that attacks many organs—the heart, brain, kidneys and lungs. This disease does not discriminate. It affects men, women, children and even infants. It is often called a mystery disease with no cure, just treatment," said Jackie who was first diagnosed by an eye doctor. The disease then migrated to her lungs and central nervous system. "I went from walking freely to using a cane and now an electric wheelchair. It has had a huge impact on my life. My key to staying positive is having a positive attitude and I have adopted a motto that a disease is only temporary. I will not let Sarcoidosis defeat me." Jackie has also discussed with the mayor the necessity of making certain areas in the borough more wheelchair accessible, which he intends to look into.

Special July Programs at the Library

The South Plainfield Public Library will be holding several programs during the month of July.

• Story and craft programs will be held at various times each week: "Storytime," for children ages three over, will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children age two and three, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. "Books 'n Babies," for children ages three and under, will be held Friday mornings at 10:30. Each program lasts approximately one hour and is presented free. No pre-registration required.

• The children's Chess Club meets at the library Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 for players of all levels, age six and over. Participants are welcome to bring their own chess sets. No pre-registration is required.

• In conjunction with the Summer Reading Club (Get a Clue @ Your Library), Kidcraft programs will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30 for children ages five and over. On Monday, July 16, children will design their own cup; and on Monday, July 23, children will design their own wood photo block. There will also be a craft program on Monday, July 30; the activity is still being determined. Space is limited for these programs, so pre-registration is required. There is a \$1 materials fee.

The library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex. For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Linda.

Notice of School Board Public Hearing

The South Plainfield Board of Education will conduct a public hearing as a part of the regular public meeting on Wednesday, July 18 at 8 p.m. in the Roosevelt Elementary School cafeteria, 125 Jackson Ave., to discuss the adoption of Policy Number 5131.8—Substance Abuse—Random Student Substance Testing.

Members of the public are invited to submit public comments. The board will give all comments appropriate consideration.

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Troop 309 from Wesley Methodist Church held their Court of Honor and end of the year picnic. The scouts would like to thank their leaders Mr. Pauls and Mr. Duffy and all the parents who help out with their activities. They would also like to send get well wishes to Mr. Goyet. The boys are now looking forward to summer camp.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Jaimie D. Donnelly

Do you know what Paraskidekatriaphobics are most afraid of? Unlike Triskaidekaphobics, who are afraid of the number thirteen, Paraskidekatriaphobics have a specific fear of today's date, Friday the 13th! If medical and social research statistics are correct you should see less people driving, going out to eat or going to work today than you normally would. So why not be a rebel and fight the age old superstition and head down to the library for all things 13.

Why not check out Janet Evanovich's "Lean Mean Thirteen" or the movie "13 going on 30" with Jennifer Garner. We also have "Thirteen Steps Down" by Ruth Rendell and "The 13th Juror" by John Lescroart. For our younger patrons, we have "13 Little Blue Envelopes" by Maureen Johnson and "The 13 Clocks" by James Thurber. To get into the heart of Friday the 13th we have the book "The 13 Best Horror Stories of All Time," with stories by Edgar Allan Poe, H.G. Wells and other authors.

The fear of Friday the 13th and

other superstitions is not just a topic for Halloween but for year round. This is a great chance to check out fascinating materials about the history of superstitions.

We have items such as "The Origins of Popular Superstitions and Customs" by T. Sharper Knowlson. "Take Warning: A Books of Superstitions" by Jane Sarnoff is a great beginning to information on the subject. We also have books on the subject for children such as "Cross Your Fingers: Spit in Your Hand" by Alvin Schwartz.

Friday the 13th will not stop Miss Linda and Miss Mija from holding their usual story time and craft programs. Books 'n Babies are Fridays at 10:30 a.m., Times for 2s and 3s are Wednesday and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Craft and Story time for ages three and up are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. If you have any questions about our children programs please phone Miss Linda at (908) 754-7885.

If you would like more information on superstitions, summer reading or any other topics, visit our Web site at: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us/.

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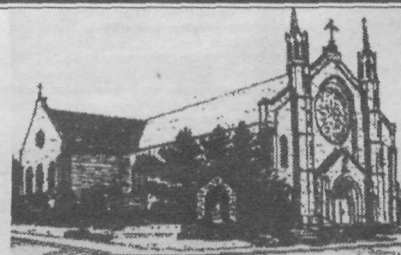
Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

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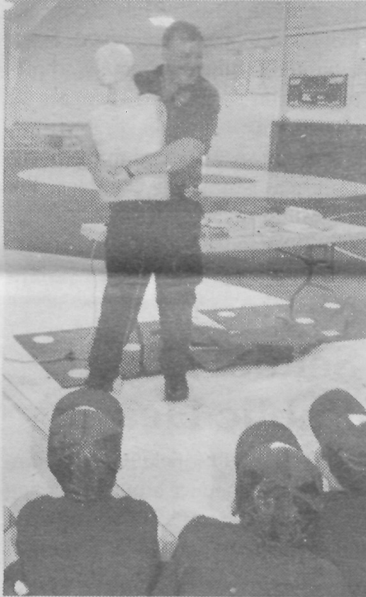
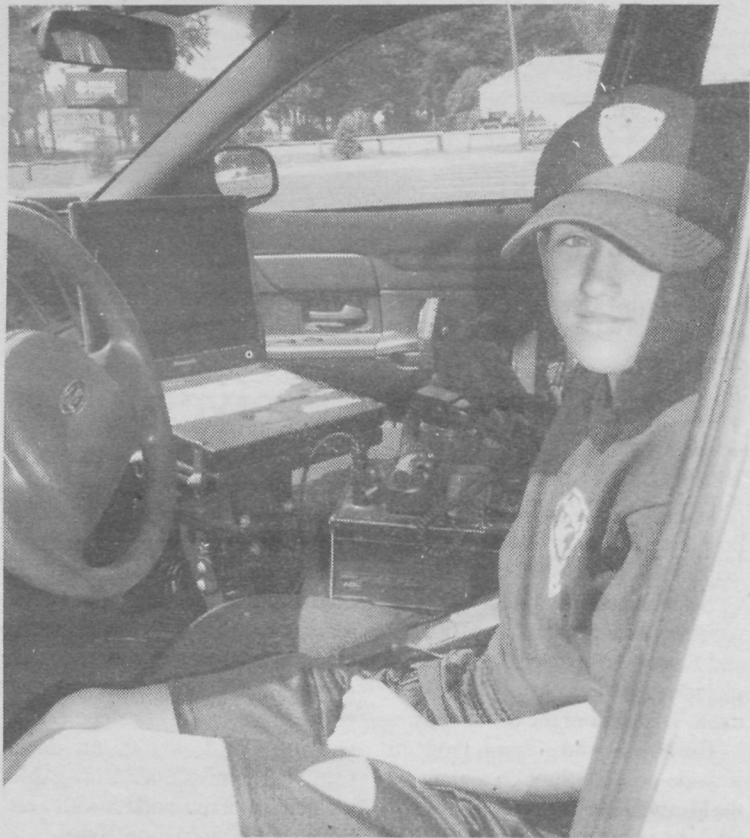
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2007 SPHS Scholarship Recipients/Award Winners Honored

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars

Dr. Edward J. Bloustein, for whom this Distinguished Scholar award is named, was the 17th president of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He served as president of Rutgers for more than 18 years and directed the University's development into one of America's premier public institutions for undergraduate education within a research university, the University's responsibility to encourage participation in public service, and to the value of merit-based scholarships to recognize, support, and promote academic excellence—Tina Bijlani, Amit Chandler, Ying Chen, Kimberly Galinsky, Samantha Granski, Daniel Hubner, Wael Kanj, Meshva Patel, Kate Reichert and Karla Reyes.

South Plainfield V.F.W. Memorial Post #6763 and Auxiliary—(\$1,000)—Julianne Bosse.

South Plainfield Senior Citizens—(\$500 each) Devin Kile and Nicole Scott.

Claire and John Graf Family Foundation—(\$500) Bryan Hunt.

The Image System Group Scholarship—(\$500) John Carigma.

South Plainfield Suburban Women's Club—(\$1,000) Nicole Benak.

Plainfield's Chapter of UNICO—(\$500 each) Amanda Harzula, Christine Lanza, Nicole Benak, Jennifer Mocerino, Stephanie Falzarano, Nicholas Baldassarre and Chris Stallone.

Brian Piccolo Award—Nicole Miglis and Michael Jakubik.

American Association of University Women (Plainfield Chapter)—(\$1,000) Samantha Granski.

Edward A. Niemczyk Memorial Scholarship—(\$1,000) Brian Wieckowski.

4H James L. Rudowski Scholarship—(\$500) Meghan Hartmann.

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop—(\$500 each) Justin Pauls and Kathryn Noonan.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Theta Phi Omega Chapter)—(\$1,000) Nicole Scott.

U.S. Marines Scholastic Award—Daniel Hubner and Katie Hardy.

U. S. Marines Athletic Excellence Award—Nicole Miglis and Taylor Mandel.

The Grant School PTO—(\$1,000 each) Charles Decker and Megan Boyle.

South Plainfield Middle School (Christian DeRose Memorial Scholarship)—(\$500 each) Julianne Bosse, Susan Mott and Kimberly Galinsky.

John E. Riley School PTSO—(\$531.47 each) Chris Stallone and Christine Lanza.

John F. Kennedy School PTSO—(\$500) Delaquan Hardin
Kennedy School Variety Show Scholarships

• **Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship**

ship—(\$500 each) Nicholas Baldassarre and Jacquelyn Miller.

• **Betty Bogatzes Memorial**

Scholarship—(\$500 each) Garrett Gianneschi and Tina Bijlani.

(More awards in next week's Observer)



South Plainfield Senior Citizens—Devin Kile and Nicole Scott.



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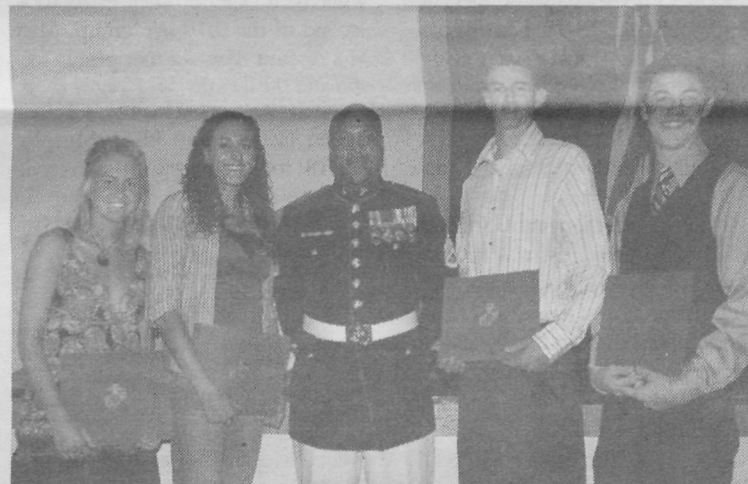
South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop—Justin Pauls and Kathryn Noonan.



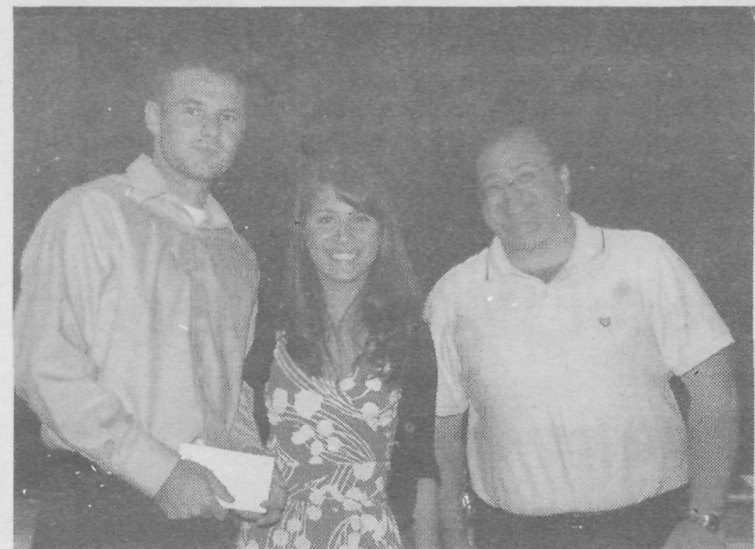
Plainfield's Chapter of UNICO—Amanda Harzula, Christine Lanza, Nicole Benak, Jennifer Mocerino, Stephanie Falzarano, Nicholas Baldassarre and Chris Stallone.



John F. Kennedy School PTSO—Delaquan Hardin.



U.S. Marines Scholastic Award and Athletic Excellence—Daniel Hubner, Katie Hardy, Nicole Miglis and Taylor Mandel.



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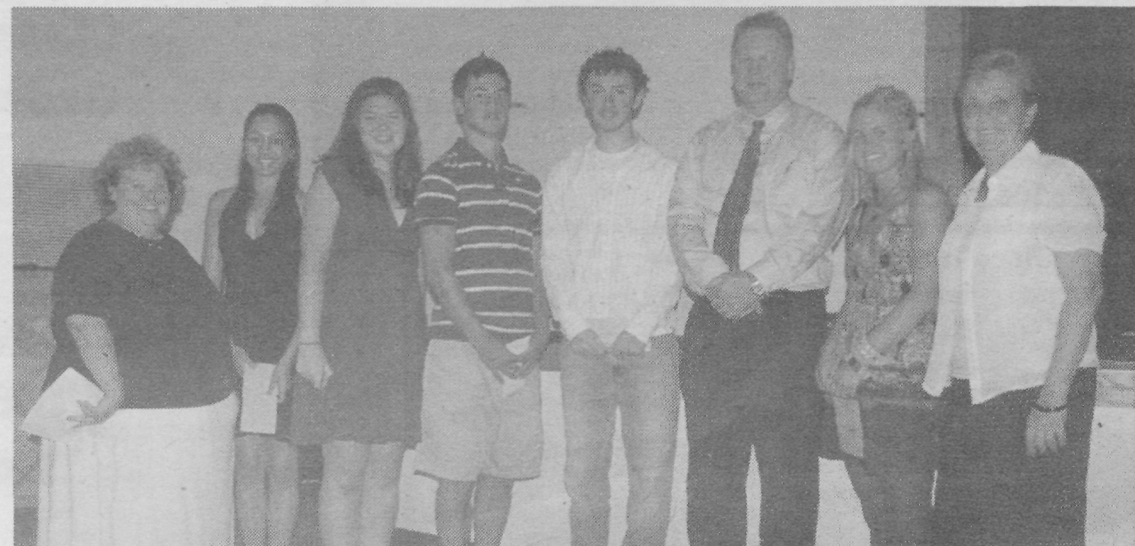
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Kennedy School Variety Show Scholarships, Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship—Nicholas Baldassarre and Jacquelyn Miller; Betty Bogatzes Memorial Scholarship—Garrett Gianneschi and Tina Bijlani.

Sports

Sacred Heart's Lady Hawks Place Third



2007 Sacred Heart Lady Hawks—Marissa Tererri, Rose Bach, Kerri Salvatore, Iyanla Joyner, Janee Edwards, Jenna Bengivenga, Allyson Piersanti, Maia Plummer, Christina Pokorny, Juliana Degutis, Andrea Muglia, Taylor David and Sabrina Douge. Coaches Joe Wilkowski, Rich Salvatore, Rich Pokorny, and Glenn Bach. Not pictured are Kiana Cooper, Anna Caruso and Amanda Caruso.

The Sacred Heart School Lady Hawk's softball team placed third in the St. Peter's Tri-County Parochial League Softball Championships in an exciting game ending in a 4-3 victory over Immaculata Conception of Somerville.

Four Lady Hawk players were chosen to play in the division's all-star game. They were chosen for their athletic ability, sportsmanship and Christian-like conduct. They are Andrea Muglia, Christina Pokorny, Taylor David, and Maia Plummer.



Lady Hawk all Stars (L to R) Maia Plummer, Taylor David, Christina Pokorny, Andrea Muglia

Tiger Sharks Win Big at the Pool

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks swim team met the Roycefield Swim Club at a home meet on June 30 and won with a total score of 166 to 144.

Kelly O'Brien (10-and-under) and Emily Piekarski (13-18) had first place wins in the individual medley events. Gracie Piekarski placed second for the 11/12 age group; Rebecca George (10-and-under) and Taylor Aljian (11/12) both placed third in the same event.

Swimming the longer freestyles the only boy to place first was Anthony Gurrieri in the 11/12 age group. Aidan McDermott placed second and Marcel Green placed third in the 10-and-under age group. Philip Luzny prevented a sweep in the older boys group by placing third.

In the butterfly events, Kelly O'Brien (9/10) and Jillian Murphy (15-18) both placed first. Megan McDermott (8-and-under), Taylor Aljian (11/12) and Chelsea Cullen (13/14) placed second, while Justice Lipuma (8-and-under), Amy Zinsky (11/12) and sister Ellen (13/14) placed third in the same event.

The boys captured four out of five first place wins. Nicholas Gurrieri (8-and-under), Aidan McDermott (9/10), Liam McDermott (11/12) and

Brian Babinetz (13/14) were the blue ribbon winners. Brothers Christian (8-and-under) and Charlie Butrico (11/12) took home third place ribbons, while their other brother, Enzo, took second in the 9/10 age group. Matt Moates and Alan Kasmer placed second and third in the 15-18 age group.

Gracie Piekarski (11/12), Chelsea Cullen (13/14) and Jillian Murphy (15/18) took first place in the freestyle

O'Brien and Maggie Valentino; third place went to Teresa Gustafson, Michelle Gustafson, Ellen Zinsky and Chelsea Cullen.

In the freestyle relays: 8-and-under second place winners were Nicholas Gurrieri, Ben Sheaffer, Nicholas Pezzolla and Christian Butrico; third place went to Donovan Carter, Gregory Forbes, Michael Stanczak and Miles Green; 9-12 second place winners were Enzo Butrico, Liam McDermott, Aidan McDermott and Marcel Green; 13-18 group second place went to Anthony Gurrieri, Brian Babinetz, Matt Moates and Philip Luzny; placing third were JP Barry, Ryan Lind, Alan Kasmer and Michael

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South Plainfield Tiger Sharks

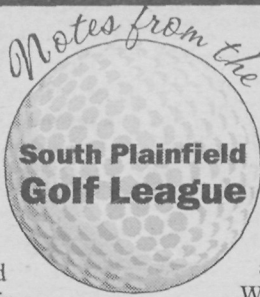


events. Megan McDermott and Justice Lipuma took second and third in the 8-and-under age group. Ellen Zinsky (13/14) and Emily Piekarski (15-18), placed third in the same event.

The boys captured all the first place wins in the backstroke. From the youngest to the oldest, first place winners were: Nick Gurrieri, Enzo Butrico, Anthony Gurrieri, Brian Babinetz and Philip Luzny. Matt Moates placed second for the oldest boys, while Nick Pezzolla (8-and-under) and Joey Valentino (11/12) placed third for the backstroke.

In the medley relays: the 8-and-under girls second place went to Justice Lipuma, Sydney Christian, Megan McDermott, Grace Hageman; 9-12 girls first place went to Christina Kasmer, Taylor Aljian, Gracie Piekarski and Kelly O'Brien; third place went to Annie Pezzolla, Nicole Bythell, Sydney Smith and Amy Zinsky; 13-18 girls first place went to Jillian Murphy, Emily Piekarski, Kate

Submitted By Bob Nilan



Oak Tree Buy-Rite lost a close match to Plainfield Animal Hospital, 11-9, despite the fine play of Mike King, who had a terrific 1-over 34, Danny Griffin who shot a 36, and Alfie Schroeder who posted a 39. Buy-Rite had some strokes to give to Plainfield Animal Hospital, who again got excellent efforts from Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar, who notched a 38 and Steve Schock chipped in with a 39.

Despite the loss, Buy-Rite held on to its one-game lead in the American Division, because second-place 2 Buds, 2 Dubes was beaten by the Roughriders, 13½-6½. Andy "The Florida Feather" Hayward led the way for the Roughriders with his 39, while no other golfer in the match managed to break 40.

Over in the National Division, league-leading Pornovets also went down to defeat, dropping their match to Eddie's Grinders, 12-8, as Eddie Banach put together his best round of the season, a superb even par, 33. Teammates Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer and Chris Dillon pitched in with a pair of nifty 36's. For Pornovets, super-sub Mike Kavka also registered his best round thus far in the league, an impressive 2-over 35.

Howard "Awesome" Adler is really on fire and scorched the course again

with a blistering even par 33 to spark Witty's to a 13-7 triumph over a slumping Twin City team that has now lost four in-a-row. Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas contributed a solid-round of 37 as

Witty's maintained its tie with PAH for second-place. Twin City did not have a single golfer break 40.

The Hackers five-match winning streak came to a halt as they got up-ended by Patty's Construction, 11½-8½. Mike Behr earned the medal for Patti's with a nice round of 36 and Big John Ward powered his way to a 39 to held keep Patti's in contention for the division title. John Cacciatore's 36 and Todd Sherman's 37 were not quite enough for the Hackers, as their record dropped back to an even 500.

In a match filled with bogeys, double-bogeys and a few of those dreaded "others," Sport and Social turned in another cellar performance and got bombed by KC's Korner, 15-5. Dan Conti was the medalist for KC's Korner as he turned in a solid round of 37.

Low scores for the night: Howard Adler, 33; Ed Banach, 33; Mike King, 34; Mike Kavka, 35; Mike Behr, 36; John Cacciatore, 36; Christ Dillon, 36; Fred Kirchofer, 36; Danny Griffin, 36; Kevin Bickunas, 37; Dan Conti, 37; Todd Sherman, 37.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Oak Tree Buy-Rite	7	3	0	Pornovets	6	3	1
2 Buds, 2 Dubes	6	4	0	Witty's	6	4	0
Hackers	5	5	0	PAH	6	4	0
Eddie's Grinders	4	5	1	Patti's Const.	5	4	1
Twin City	3	6	0	Roughriders	5	5	0
KC's Korner	1	7	1	Sport & Social	2	8	0

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Submitted by Lee Tran, Edison Heating & Cooling, Inc.

LEGAL NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICE

July 9, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on June 28, 2007.

- A. Case #57-05/Bifurcated—Auto Salvage of South Plainfield, Block 477; Lot 1; 138 Ryan Street. The applicant's request to withdraw this application without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.
- B. Case #18-07—Anthony P. Klett, Block 323; Lot 3; 806 Bergen Street. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to erect a 1st level deck was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.
- C. Case #19-07/TU—PTC Therapeutics, Block 258; Lot 46.24; 100-200 Corporate Court. The applicant's request for a temporary use permit for an office trailer to be placed on the site was hereby GRANTED for a period of (6) months from the adoption of this resolution.
- D. Case #21-07—Francis V. Fusaro, Block 122; Lot 78; 66 Leeds Drive. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to erect a covered porch w/an add-a-level was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

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July 13, 2007

Obituaries

Helen S. Tennenbaum, 61

Helen S. Tennenbaum of South Plainfield passed away on Sunday, July 8 at The Center for Hope Hospice Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Helen was born in New York City and resided in South Plainfield most of her life.

She was a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas of Brooklyn, New York.

Helen worked at AT&T for 20 years until she retired. Shortly thereafter, she became employed as a secretary for Sacred Heart R.C. Church, where she handled the Holy Redeemer Cemetery administrative clerical duties.

She was a longtime dedicated member of Sacred Heart R. C. Church and was the past president of the Columbiettes.

Helen enjoyed line dancing, crocheting and arts and crafts.

Her family and friends and all those who were fortunate to know her will sadly miss Helen.

She is predeceased by her parents, Emanuel and Helen Tennenbaum and a sister, Maryann Tennenbaum.

Helen is survived by a son, Adam and wife Jennifer of South Plainfield.

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

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The family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in Helen's name to The Center For Hope Hospice, 111 DeHart Pl., Elizabeth N.J. 07202

Peter C. Ingraham, 62

Peter C. Ingraham of South Plainfield passed away on Monday, June 25 at JFK Medical Center.

All services were private and held at the convenience of the family.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Charles Pohira, 84,

Charles Pohira passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 5 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in South Plainfield, Charles was a long time resident of North Plainfield.

Mr. Pohira served honorably in the United States Army during WWII in the German and Japanese theatres.

He was employed at Westinghouse in Edison, before retiring after several years of service.

Mr. Pohira was an avid golfer and an active member in the South Plainfield Senior Citizen Center, VFW and American Legion of South Plainfield.

He is pre-deceased by a sister, Helen Esolda and a brother, Michael.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Helen Grare Pohira; a daughter, Ellen and husband Paul McCarthy of New Jersey; a brother, John of Florida and four sisters, Ann Zampella of Maine, Mary Yaczyn of New Jersey, Pauline Zahuta of Florida and Margaret Lewkow of Colorado.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Mr. Pohira's name to Overlook Hospital Outpatient Oncology Center, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit, N.J. 07902.

Anita Napolitano, 81

Anita Napolitano died Saturday, June 30 at Tidewell Hospice Care Center in Venice, Fla.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, she lived in South Plainfield for 25 years before moving to Bricktown, and then to Venice, Fla. in 1997.

She was employed with Singer Sewing Center and was a member of

the Danish Club in Sarasota, Fla.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Andrew Napolitano; three daughters, Cecilia Richel of Bedminster, Donna Rickards of Brick Township and Lisa Napolitano of St. Louis, Mo. She is also survived by three grandchildren and a brother in Denmark.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care, Development Department, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Samuel Maldonado, 87,

Samuel Maldonado of Plainfield passed away on Sunday, July 8 at home with his loving family by his side.

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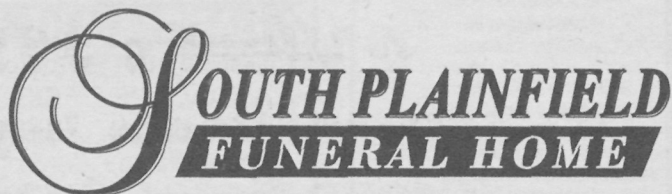
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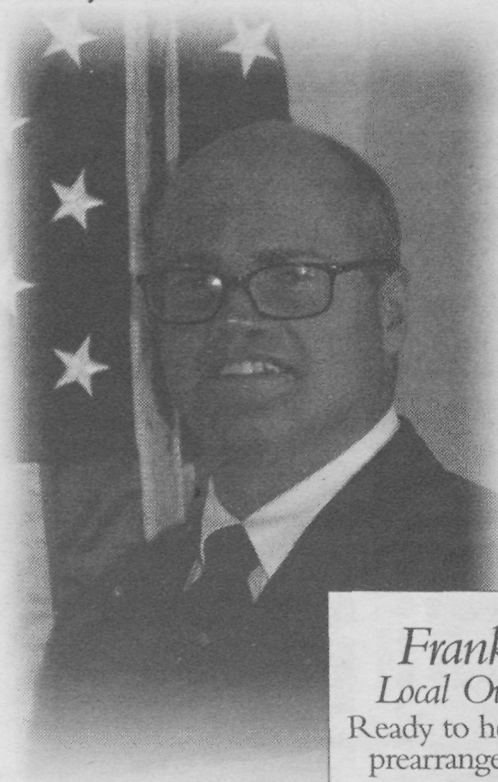
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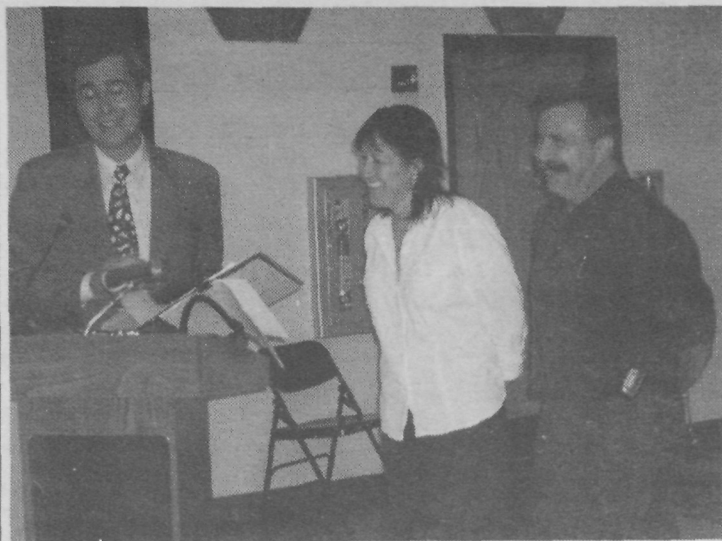
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Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado presents a plaque to Charlie and Debbie Kurland for their efforts in promoting writing in the schools, through the Junior Journalist Contest.

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks



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Boyle.

Swimmers taking first in their heats were: freestyle-Kristin Forbes, Cristina Butrico, Annie Pezzolla, Kimberly Stanczak and Danielle Bythell; backstroke-Marcel Green, Miles Green and Ben Sheaffer; butterfly-Christina Kasmer and in breaststroke-Donovan Carter.

Newcomers in the 8-and-under age group were: Katiana Carter, Noah Karch, Mackenzie O'Brien, Danielle Bythell, Luke Niemeyer, Louis Quintanilla, Isabella Mosquera, Maggy Mogallan, Joseph Makoski, AJ Gonzales, Diane Ferraro, Michael Stanczak, Nicholas Farinella, Miles Green, Katelyn Borsos, Elizabeth Lee, Nicholas Pezzoll, Grace Hageman, Drew Mackenzie, Lawren O'Neal, Donovan Carter, Ben Sheaffer, Claire Nagel, Sydney Christian, and Gregory Forbes.

The team is growing and showing a lot of depth with coaches Laurie Post, Sarah Blessing, Mary Otlowski and Shannon Dabrio keeping a close eye on the competition. Special thanks to Jen Otlowski for all her volunteer work helping with the swim team.

SCHOOL BOARD Notes

• Policy 6146, regarding graduation requirements was introduced at Thursday's COW meeting.

• Notice of a public hearing has been posted and will be conducted at the regular BOE meeting on Wednesday, July 18, to discuss the adoption of Policy 5131.8 Substance Abuse and Random Student Substance Testing, Policy 6142:10.1 Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Implementation Regulations 6142:10.1R.1 will be discussed.

• The district events calendar is in the final review process and is targeted for distribution in September.

• The State Legislature recently passed a bill creating an additional primary election for each presidential election year beginning next year. This election, scheduled for February 5, 2008, will be a Presidential Primary for the purposes of selecting each of the Democratic and Republican Party's candidates for the office of President during the General Election on November 4, 2008. The Board of Education facilities used as polling places or poll worker training centers will be needed during that February election, in addition to the regular annual election schedule. The BOE is

considering rearranging next year's calendar to accommodate a school closing on that day.

FACTS FROM THE BOARD

Many of the boilers in schools throughout the district are more than 55 years-old and the middle school, built in 1948, still has the original steam pipes. The Building and Grounds Committee is looking into these issues for resolution.

Children's Music Program at Library

The library will host a children's music program on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. featuring Connecticut-based performer Robert the Guitar Guy in his first appearance at the library. The program is for children ages three and over. There's no charge for this performance; pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. For more information about Robert the Guitar Guy, please visit his Web site at www.roberttheguitarguy.com.

policereport

- On June 26, Lazaar T. Grier, 24, of South Plainfield was arrested for resisting arrest and an outstanding warrant.
- Hong Kong Supermarket on Oak Tree Ave. reported the theft of a candy vending machine from their vestibule.
- On June 27, Franklin School reported a classroom window had been

broken and an unknown substance had been sprayed around the room.

- On July 4, Selso N. Rodriguez, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right and careless driving.
- On July 6, a Grant Ave. resident reported the theft of a girls Magna mountain bike from their front lawn.

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IN MY OPINION

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These issues have nothing to do with the merit of the extension, but rather, with how the money is being spent. Regardless of where you stand on this project, I'm sure everyone agrees that the money set aside should be spent wisely.

The first issue involves wasted tax dollars. Last year I voted against borrowing \$1.6M to buy three small houses along Hamilton Boulevard. At the time I was told they were needed for the New Market extension, but I disagreed. I believed the road could have been shifted to eliminate one, possibly two, but the mayor said that was impossible.

Well, the latest map shows that what once was impossible is now possible. The road was moved and the town wasted \$325,000 buying a building we didn't need. The mayor says we should have spent the money anyway, because the house is an "eyesore." But this is taxpayer money! More importantly, when the council voted, we were told we needed the building for a road project, not a redevelopment project. In my mind, \$325,000 of your money was wasted.

The second issue also involves

wasted tax dollars. When the council set aside \$1.6 million to buy the three shacks, the price shocked many of us, but we were assured the appraisals were legitimate.

Despite this, when it came time to buy the buildings, the prices on two of the three skyrocketed. The town actually bought one for less than appraised value. However, the town purchased another for \$477,000—even though it was appraised for \$430,000. Worse yet, the middle one went for \$599,000 even though it was appraised at \$450,000. That's \$149,000 over appraised value!

Interestingly, the two purchased at more than appraised value were the ones owned by relatives of Democratic mega-contributor Jack Morris. The third was owned by someone else. In my mind, this doesn't pass the smell test. But even putting that aside, does anyone really think that one of those rundown shacks is worth just shy of \$600,000?

Families in South Plainfield face ever-growing tax bills, and spending is through the roof. This type of waste can't continue. I say enough is enough. Unfortunately, the Democratic majority is not listening.

COUNCILMAN ROB BENGIVENGA

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND**

At a meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on June 4, 2007, I was directed to advertise the fact that the Mayor and Council will meet in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 7:15PM to expose and sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, according to terms of sale on file with the Borough Clerk, the property described below.

Take further notice that the Mayor and Council have, by resolution and pursuant to law, fixed the minimum price at which set property will be sold together with all other details pertinent, said minimum price being as shown below, plus \$1,000.00 for costs of preparing deeds, all necessary appraisals, advertising this sale and title search costs.

Take further notice that at set sale or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right in its discretion to reject any or all bids and to sell said property to such bidder as it may select, due regard being given to terms and manner of payment in case one or more minimum bids shall be received.

Take further notice that in each instance where necessary, I have been authorized to notify all contiguous property owners as required by NJSA 40A:12-13.2.

Upon acceptance of the minimum bid or bid above minimum, by the Council and the payment thereof by the purchaser according to the manner of purchase in accordance with terms of sale on file, the Borough will deliver a Bargain and Sale Deed for said premises.

/s/ Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

Details of proposed land sale to be advertised in The Star Ledger and The Observer on Friday, July 6, 2007 and Friday, July 13, 2007 the sale of property known as:

- Sale # 1 - Minimum Bid \$220,000
Block 404.03, Lot 1.03
- Sale # 2 - Minimum Bid \$235,000
Block 404.03, Lot 1.04
- Sale # 3 - Minimum Bid \$235,000
Block 404.04, Lot 1.03
- Sale # 4 - Minimum Bid \$235,000
Block 404.04, Lot 1.04

Any other information pertaining to this parcel can be obtained by reviewing the tax maps located in the Assessing Department of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The said property being owned by the Borough of South Plainfield and not needed for public purposes or use, sale to be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 7:15PM in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be subject to the following conditions:

1) That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale Deed, without conveyance and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in the event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.

2) Easements, both of record and not of record.

3) Restrictions of record.

4) Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.

5) In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.

6) In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in that event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchasers' deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.

7) At the time of acceptance of the successful bid, 10 percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of appraisal, legal fees, advertising and associated costs incurred by the Borough.

8) Within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, the purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval on-site and off-site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event said approvals are not received within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall forward the balance of the purchase price in conformance with paragraph five (5) above.

9) It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

10) Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition to the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

11) Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

12) At set sale, or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right, in its discretion to reject any or all bids.

13) Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Complex" located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

14) Within sixty (60) days of the date of sale, Purchaser shall do what is necessary to determine if the subject property is affected by wetlands. In the event that no such determination is made within said sixty (60) day period, the Purchaser shall proceed to closing as set forth herein.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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July 6 and 13, 2007



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"Old MacDonald Had a Band," "Just a Little Latin" and "Mickey Mouse March."

The evening ended with the string ensemble playing "Folk Dance," "Bohemian Stomp" and "Old Mac Fiddle," accompanied Barbara Habeeb and conducted by Carleen Tedeschi in her last performance before her retirement next month.

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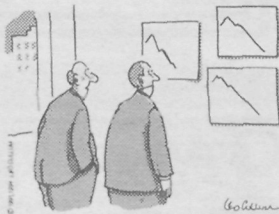
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