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"We are still waiting on a positive ID."

—SPPD Lt. James Parker, almost a week after a body was found floating in Spring Lake.

Few Details Emerge on Body in Lake

Since its discovery last Wednesday, very little information about the badly decomposed woman's body found floating in the water at Spring Lake Park has been released. Who she is and how she died is still puzzling local and county police.

South Plainfield Police Officer Ray Jazikoff discovered the nude body floating in the lake at 9:36 a.m. last Wednesday while on routine patrol. A member of the Middlesex County Medical Examiner's Office pronounced the woman dead at approximately 10:25 a.m. that morning. A report released by Middlesex County Deputy Assistant Prosecutor Julia McClure stated the body showed no signs of outward trauma. However, nervous residents and park regulars were not satisfied with the limited information released.

Police Lt. James Parker could not confirm a previous report that investigators believed the body to be that of a missing 63-year-old woman. "We are still waiting on a positive ID," he said. An autopsy was planned, but he had no results to report. Investigators received a few missing persons inquiries the day the body was discovered, but none since then.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at (732) 745-3332.

Borough Sells Land Despite Objections

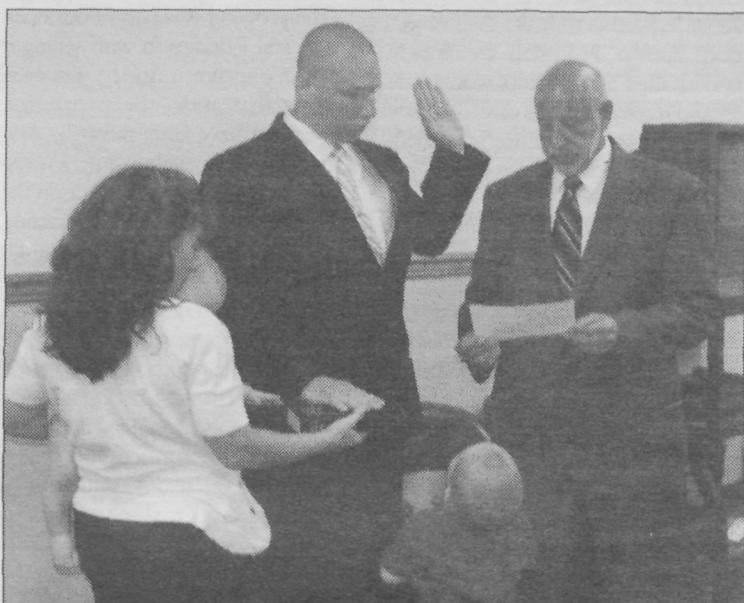
By Libby Barsky

The Borough Council has added \$780,000 to its coffers after selling three of four borough-owned lots at the council meeting last Tuesday. The lots, all zoned R-10, are suitable for building a one family house. Before the sale took place, the council voted down a motion to cancel the auction introduced by Councilman Rob Bengivenga.

There were no bids on the first lot offered, Block 404.03 Lot 1.03, on Tremont Avenue, which was offered at the minimum bid of \$220,000.

Several bidders vied for the remaining lots. The second lot, Block 404.03 Lot 1.04, on Harvard Avenue, sold for \$255,000.

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Officer John Puljanowski is sworn in by Council President Dennis Cerami as his wife and children look on.



Officer Anthony Pacillo is sworn in by Council President Dennis Cerami as his wife and daughter look on.

Borough Hires Two New Police Officers

By Jane Dornick

John Puljanowski and Anthony Pacillo were sworn in as South Plainfield's newest police officers during last week's Borough Council meeting. The addition of these two officers brings the total police force to 57 men and women.

John Puljanowski has been employed as a police officer with the Union County Police Department since July 2003. He received training in dealing with armed encounters, handling emotionally disturbed individuals and gang awareness, along with the Incident Command System.

John is a resident of Pohatcong and is married with two children. Prior to becoming a police officer, he served in the United States Marine Corps from April 1999, where he received a certification as a satellite communications operator. He participated in NATO peacekeeping missions, Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Southern Watch Operation Rapid Cheetah/Joint Guardia, Dynamic Response, 24th MEU commander's personal driver/bodyguard, and trained in nuclear, biological and

chemical warfare. Puljanowski also received two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, two Kosovo Campaign Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Navy Unit Commendation. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant from the United States Marine Corps in 2003.

Anthony Pacillo has been employed as a police officer with the Harrison Police Department since July 2004. He is a resident of Matawan and is married with one child. Prior to becoming a police officer, he worked for Hudson County Corrections and sheriff's department and the Passaic County Sheriff's Department. Anthony is also a licensed electrician. He is described as a productive and aggressive officer by his prior chief and deputy chief. While employed with Harrison Police Department, he received an honorable service award, a department citation, the MADD Outstanding Service Award, and was named American Legion Police Officer of the Year 2006. Anthony is also

Owen Kelly Named Grand Marshal

"Voice of the Eagles," Junior Baseball Pioneer, Cappy Award Winner Honored

South Plainfield resident Owen Kelly has earned the distinction of being named honorary grand marshal of this year's Labor Day Parade, which will take place on Monday, Sept. 3. This year's parade marks the fiftieth anniversary of the annual event.

Elected to the South Plainfield Borough Council in 1972, Kelly served a three-year term as council president. He was also the chairman of the economic development committee, a member of the planning board, vice president of the industrial commission from 1977 to 1981 and a member of the Middlesex County Tercentennial Commission. In 1983, he was appointed to the council again to fill an unexpired term and was instrumental in obtaining a transportation van for senior citizens.

Kelly was very involved in sports in the borough and was one of the earlier volunteers at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club. From 1967 to 1970 he managed his own team and served as baseball commissioner from 1970 to 1973. During that time, the baseball leagues were centralized at the current Spicer Avenue complex after having moved from the Pitt, Veterans and Putnam park fields. Kelly was instrumental in obtaining the current land from the borough to build the Junior Baseball Club at its current location. He retired as commissioner and returned to coaching from 1973 to 1975. Under his leadership, the complex installed lights for the first night game. He also helped build the first snack stand and clubhouse, as well as fields and dugouts at Spicer complex. From 1997 to 2003 he returned to the coaching, but this time as an assistant, to coach some of his former players and grandson.

Owen also served as trustee of the Pop Warner Football Club and also served on various committees. He will always be known as the "Voice of the Eagles," announcing play by play over the public address system.

One of Kelly's many nominations for grand marshal came from members of the Knights of Columbus, where he is still involved. He is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church and served as parish president from 1980 to 1980. He is a member of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and has been since its inception.

Not only has Owen been named grand marshal of the Labor Day parade, he was also recently nominated for the Cappy Award, which he will receive at a dinner in November. "The surprise was fantastic. I never expected this. I can't believe that I have won two awards in one year," Owen said. "Thank you to everyone that nominated me; I appreciate it."



Owen Kelly

Kelly was born in College Point, N.Y. and grew up in Rockaway Beach, N.Y. He served as a radar man 2nd class aboard the USS Libra from 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1954. In 1955 he married Brigid McCann and resided in Brooklyn and Long Beach, Long Island. In 1995 Brigid passed away.

In 1955, Owen began working as a draftsman for Western Electric in New York City. He and his family moved to South Plainfield in 1967 when his company moved to Newark and later became known as AT&T. He retired in 1994 as a senior engineer. He has also worked part time for Moretti Realty since 1983, where he continues to be employed.

Owen has four children, Kevin and his wife Linda, Mary Ann and her husband Duane, Brian and his wife Linda and Kathy and her husband Seth. He has 10 grandchildren, Gloria, Natalie, Carrie, Brian, Christopher, Stephanie, Daniel, Alexander, Kelly and Bridget.

In 1999 he married Regina Millward, who has two children, Richard and his fiancée Barbara, Karen and her husband Ron and five grandchildren, Allison, Kevin, Jeaninne, Danielle and Gregory.

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council meetings

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
September 4	7 p.m.	Immediately following
September 18	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

Aug. 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

Aug. 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.–Sept. 11, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12,
Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12 and April 2.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.–Wednesday, 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.

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.

To the Editor:

New Jerseyans should voice their opposition to proposed reduction of financial assistance to hospitals by contacting their legislators: Senator Barbara Bouno, 100 Plainfield Ave., Suite 1, Edison, N.J. 08617, (732) 548-1406, toll free (800) 792-8630 or Assemblyman Peter Barnes, Stephenville Park Plaza, 3 Stephenville Parkway, Suite 2E, Edison, N.J. 08820, (732) 548-1406.

Residents and staff of Arista Care-Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield have sent a petition to the above legislators to make their objections known. Hospitals are already understaffed and patients would suffer and receive even less care than they do now! More assistance is needed, not less.

**PHYLLIS HAASE
CHAIRPERSON, CEDAR OAKS
ACTION COMMITTEE**

Dear Editor,

Several weeks ago I wrote this paper to explain why several hundred thousand dollars were wasted when our town purchased three "shacks" (as I like to call them) on Hamilton Boulevard. Like many, I was outraged that our tax dollars were used to buy one

from a relative of Democratic contributor Jack Morris for just shy of \$600,000—much more than it was worth.

Since then, the council did it again. Led by Council President Dennis Cerami and finance chair Kathy Thomas, the council squandered more of our money last week when it voted to trade town-owned property for a small parcel owned by a Democratic campaign contributor. In doing so, the contributor received the town-owned property at well below fair-market value.

The property was part of our open space, and I disagreed with selling it (as did Councilman Anesh). But even putting that aside, the transaction should not have gone through. At a council meeting back in July, I questioned why we were selling lots in the same area for minimum bids starting at \$220,000 and letting this one go for \$177,000.

When I could not get an answer, I met with the appraiser. He agreed with me and said that updated information I gave him changed his opinion on the value. He also suggested that a new appraisal be performed and that it would come in at the same value as the other lots in the area—about

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\$43,000 more.

One would think the council would have been quick to stop the transaction based on this information (namely, that the appraisal was flawed). But not this council. They went ahead full steam and approved it anyway, the taxpayers be damned.

Another lot a block away actually sold for \$275,000 during public bidding. Yet the Democratic campaign contributor got his lot (the same size) for \$177,000. That's a loss to the public coffers of almost \$100,000.

It's time for the Democratic council majority to stop squandering our tax dollars. We can only hope that at some point they'll start listening.

**COUNCILMAN
ROBERT BENGIVENGA, JR.**

County Receives \$1M to Enhance Records Preservation

Middlesex County has received a \$1 million State grant to enhance the preservation of vital records in 18 of its municipalities and to augment its work in preserving its own records.

The \$1,009,300 Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant was awarded by the State Records Committee. It is the third grant received by Middlesex County, and it brings to \$2,923,300 the total amount awarded to the County since the fund was established in 2003 by the State Legislature. It is funded by the document filing and recording fees collected by county clerks.

This year's award will be used to fund three projects, said Margaret E. Pemberton, clerk to the Board of

Chosen Freeholders who oversees the County's Division of Archives and Records Management.

First, the County will oversee a needs assessment and inventory of municipal records in 18 towns, Pemberton said. The State requires every municipality to complete a needs assessment. The County's supervision will take advantage of economies of scale, result in consistent reporting and require fewer project managers, all of which makes this a shared services endeavor. State officials have encouraged entities to explore sharing services.

Second, PARIS grant funds will be used to assist New Brunswick, Old Bridge and Perth Amboy in a pilot purging project. Because of their

populations, these municipalities received funds directly from the State last year to perform needs assessments. This year, the State asked the County to partner with each of these towns to conduct the next step in this project.

Lastly, the County will conduct a State-required needs assessment project to enhance its already comprehensive records management program, which dates back to the late 1980s, when the Division of Archives and Records Management Center was built in North Brunswick.

"The State recognizes our efficiency and has awarded these funds to bring us and our municipal partners to the next level," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabel, chair of the County's Administration and Finance Committee, which oversees the records division. "We are grateful to be able to improve our archiving abilities and to be able to do it without using taxpayer dollars."

The State Records Committee awarded grants to all of New Jersey's 21 counties and a number of municipalities.

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Rendering of a two story colonial Lyndsey Development plans to build on Foster Terrace.

Five New Homes Coming to Borough

Libby Barsky

Next spring Cliff Geissler of Lyndsey Development expects to begin building five homes on Foster Terrace, off S. 9th Street.

During the July 24 meeting, the Planning Board voted unanimously to grant preliminary subdivision approval of the application to subdivide the existing lot into five lots. A 2,700 sq. ft., two story, four bedroom, 2-1/2 bath center hall colonial with a full basement will be built on each lot.

Before approval, members of the Board discussed an unusual feature of the site: the use of an underground pipe to tie into the existing storm sewer along Foster Avenue. The pipe would serve in place of the more typical above ground detention basin. Borough Engineer Rob Russo of CME noted that two developments are currently using this arrangement on Stacey Court and Oxford Avenue.

Concerned about costs to the Borough for long term maintenance and possible repairs or adjustments to the pipe, a suggestion was made to create a maintenance bond and form a homeowners association which would be responsible to cover those repair

costs. Board member and former mayor Daniel Gallagher suggested that the borough would make the repairs and treat the costs associated as an assessment of the homeowners as is currently done when curb improvements are made.

Approximately 10 residents living in homes on Foster Terrace and nearby attended the meeting and asked questions centered on how close their homes were to the proposed development.

Gennaro Dadezzio, whose home at 1126 Foster Terrace overlooks numerous dead trees on the property, wanted to know what would happen to them and was told, "Everything will be coming out."

Before building begins on the houses, Geissler will return to the Planning board for final subdivision approval.

Fundraiser for Avon Walk for Breast Cancer

South Plainfield resident Jackie Vill will be participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6-7 in New York City again this year.

She is a member of the Pink SOCS (Sisters of Cancer Survivors) walking team. To help her raise the money needed to be a part of this great effort, there will be a Creative Memories Custom Framing Fundraising Party held on Saturday, Aug. 25 beginning at 2 p.m. at the home of Dayel Giammarino, 3285 Evergreen Lane. You can choose from a huge selection of mats and frames. Bring your portraits, art work, needlework or groupings of photos to have a collage made. All work is done professionally and will be returned to you within the month.

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Boy Scout Car Wash at Elks Club

Help support Boy Scout Troop #267 and get your vehicle washed at the same time!

The troop is holding a car wash on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Children are focus on The Guitar Guy during his concert at the library.

The Guitar Guy Delights Children at the Library

By Patricia Abbott

"Robert The Guitar Guy," delighted children at the South Plainfield Public Library with his humorous songs and wide assortment of off-the-wall puppets and props recently. They were kept hopping with a fun-filled evening of laughing, dancing and singing. The kids weren't the only ones who enjoyed the music, many parents were seen toe-tapping and singing along, whether their youngsters did or not. The enthusiastic audience filled the library to capacity.

"Robert The Guitar Guy" is actually Robert Markowitz, an experienced Westchester children's performer. He has been teaching and performing for young children since 1995. He has been trained in Dalcroze Eurhythmics at Hoff-Barthelson Music School and graduated from the introductory and advanced trainings at the Center For Music and Young Children. He has performed at hundreds of libraries and pre-schools, elementary schools, rec-



Robert Markowitz

reational departments and camps. He has produced two "Robert The Guitar Guy" albums of songs and is currently working on a third.

He said, "The heart of what I do as a performer and musician is to encourage a child's innate playfulness. Language and moral education, musicianship, togetherness, wonder, are also goals. In addition, there are focus, concentration and comprehension benefits."

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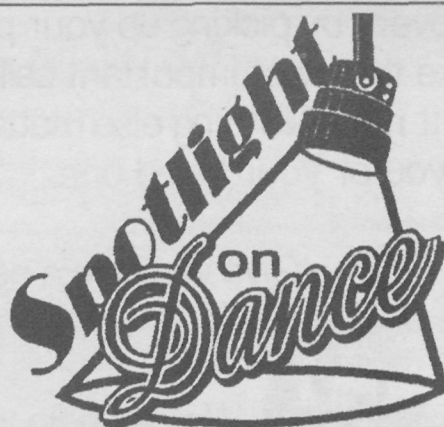
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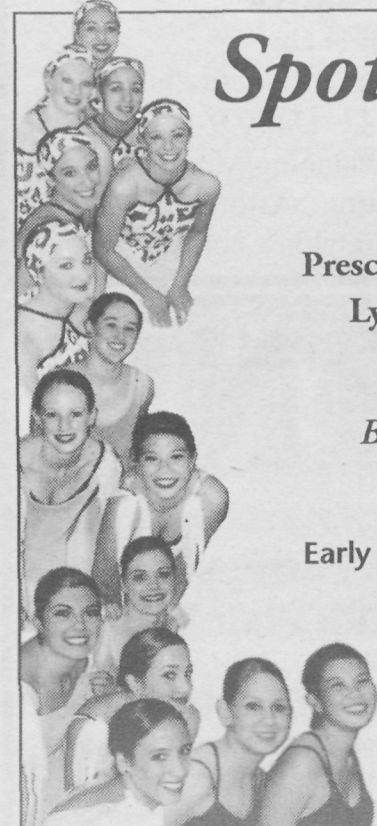
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August 18

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American Legion Annual Picnic

August 18

American Legion Chaumont Post 243, located on Oak Tree Avenue, will be holding their annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 2 to 7 p.m.

There will be plenty of hot dogs, burgers, sausage and peppers, corn on the cob, salad platters, melon, desserts and more to feast on. Entertainment includes a live DJ, dunk tank and horse shoes. Adults \$15 and children \$7.

Come on down and enjoy yourself, bring your family and friends.

Advance tickets will be sold in the post lounge. Tickets available at the door!

For information, call (908) 668-9414.

Raising a Seeing Eye Dog Demonstration

August 22

On Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Public Library, Senior Girl Scout Meghan Hartmann will do a demonstration of what is involved in "Raising a Seeing Eye Dog." This is part of Meghan's Gold Award project. Come and find out what it's all about!

GOP Meeting

August 23

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. at Sherban's Restaurant. All residents are invited to attend to

What's happening at the South Plainfield SENIOR CENTER				AUGUST	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
UPCOMING EVENTS Hunterdon Hills Trip September 13 at 10 am Driver Safety Program for Seniors September 24 at 1 pm				Bingo 10am-2pm 17	
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am	Aerobics 8:45 am Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1pm Tai Chi 2pm	Shopping 9am Claridge Trip 10am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 10am 11:30am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 24	
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meet council candidates Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak and bring their concerns and comments for a discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

Little Treasures Registration

September 4

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Road, is now registering for September.

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

Those interested are also invited to meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and information, please call (908) 769-3224.

Recreation Trip to "Wicked"

September 9

The recreation department has 35 tickets for the Broadway play "Wicked" on Sunday, Sept. 9. Register at the PAL Monday through Fri-

day 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are only \$120.

Bus leaves the PAL at 11:30 a.m. for the 3 p.m. show. Children under four are not allowed. Not recommended for children under eight.

— Out of Town —

Folk Festival

August 18-19

The gates of Schuetzen Park in North Bergen will be open to the general public to come and party on Saturday, Aug. 18 and Sunday, Aug. 19. There will be an abundance of great traditional German foods and beers. Admission is \$5 and children are free.

For information, visit www.volksfest.org or www.gawhs.org.

WOWs Dance

August 19

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold a dance on Sunday, Aug. 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elks Hall in Woodbridge. Refreshments. Admission is \$8 for members and \$10 for guests. All are welcome.

For information, call Phyllis at (732) 381-3255 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

"Annie Get Your Gun"

Through August 19

The Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre in Titusville presents

"Annie Get Your Gun" through Sunday, Aug. 19, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 and available online at www.musicaltheater.com or in person, day of show for \$12.

For information or reservations, call the box office at (609) 737-4323.

High School Musical One Act Edition

August 25-September 3

Disney's High School Musical-One Act Edition runs Saturday, Aug. 25 through Monday, Sept. 3 at the Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre in Titusville. Performances are Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Monday at 1 p.m.

For information or reservations, call the OAT Box Office at (609) 737-4323.

Free Health Fair/Family Fun Day

August 25

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Bridgewater is hosting a free community health fair and family fun day on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Health screenings include blood pressure, diabetes testing, cholesterol screening, dental screening, and more. Activities include arts and crafts, DARE program, children ID kits, motorcycle show, face painting,

fun foods and more.

For information, call Pastor James E. Dockery at (908) 526-4330.

Young Sierrans Walk

August 25

Young Sierrans 20/30s is holding a walk for beginners in Jockey Hollow Park, Morris County on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. Leisurely walk. Bring water and appropriate foot gear.

RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Sierra Club Dinner

August 25

The Sierra Club is hosting an animal lovers vegetarian dinner on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. at Veggie-Heaven, in the Par-Troy Hills Shopping Center. \$20 includes all-you-can-eat full meal and tea, tax and tips. Meet up with a great group of animal lovers!

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Stamp Collecting Open House

August 26

AALL Stamps & Collectibles, 38 North Main St. in Milltown is holding an open house for collectors on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (732) 247-1093.

Bowling Tournament

August 26

The New Jersey City University Women's Bowling Team will host the Fourth Annual Russ Thomsen Memorial Scholarship Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 26. Check-in 9:45 a.m.; starts at 10 a.m. at the Woodbridge Bowling Center in Woodbridge. Entry \$45 by Aug. 20; walk-in event day additional \$5, based on lane availability.

To enter send your name, phone number, address, e-mail, USBC Youth National ID#, date of birth and bowling average to: Frank Parisi, NJCU Head Women's Bowling Coach, P.O. Box 474, Avenel, N.J. 07001-0474. Include check or money order with application made out to Woodbridge Bowling Center.

For information, call Frank Parisi at (201) 200-2568 or Joe DiSilvestro at (732) 634-4520.

Golf Outing/Dinner

September 10

The 21st annual Golf Outing to benefit the Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Monday, Sept. 10 at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark. \$185 pp includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, BBQ lunch, cocktail hour and dinner at The Gran Centurions.

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Wine Country Opens World Class Liquor Store at Hadley Shopping Center



Scott Maybaum, president of Wine Country Management, at his newly opened Wine Country store in Hadley Shopping Center.

Grand opening celebrations and sales are underway at the world class Wine Country store in the Hadley Shopping Center. Free giveaways and gourmet treats highlight the celebration going on now through Labor Day.

Wine Country joins Target in Middlesex County's prime shopping destination located off Stelton Road, near Route 287. Wine Country is an amazing store to shop for all your entertaining needs and Labor Day barbecues.

Scott Maybaum, president of Wine Country Management, began developing liquor stores 20 years ago and this newest store is the prototype and future direction of Wine Country Liquor Stores.

"I opened the store to service the unique tenant mix at Hadley Center and the residential and business customers in this vast area. Bear Rock Café is a BYOB and we are here to enhance the dining experience with our large selections of wine and spirits. Many people flock here on the weekends to shop, have dinner and enjoy a movie at Regal Cinema," said Maybaum. He also cited National Realty and Development Corp., the owner of this regional shopping center, for creating unique shopping destinations.

Maybaum is the entrepreneur behind Build-A-Basket, a unique custom gift basket store that is emerging as the hottest destination retailer. The South Plainfield Wine Country reflects the look and feel of Build-A-Basket and serves as a unique store with wine, liquor, packaged foods, specialty and gourmet items and everything you need to build one-of-a-kind gift baskets.

The newest Wine Country store is a state of the art retail destination. Unique shelf talkers guide customers to the flavor profile of each wine se-

lection. There is a cooler dedicated to ice-cold spirits and wines, and an amazing beer box stocked with both name brand and Craft-styled beers. Thousands of wines are organized by taste and the gourmet prepackaged foods and wine and bar accessories enhance the shopping experience.

On Saturdays, Wine Country is filled with wine and gourmet tastings, and other special events. Gourmet snacks, wine and unique specialty items are featured in these special showcase events.

Easy parking, convenience, a unique shopping environment with top retailers and direct proximity to Route 287 make this Wine Country

store in Hadley Center a great place to visit and shop. Those visiting the mall for "back to school" should take time to visit Wine Country's grand opening events.

Maybaum has incorporated components of his Build-a-Basket concept in his new Wine Country prototype store. A large section of the store is devoted to building custom gift baskets. Customers are encouraged to select a container, select wines and spirits, add accessories and gourmet foods and then the gift basket is assembled and wrapped for free.

Maybaum hosts Build-A-Network parties at his Wine Country and Build-a-Basket stores to help businesses build connections over fine wine, gourmet food and networking in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. "People spend so much time on their computers and miss one-on-one contact. Our customers appreciate our Build-a-Network events to build business and referrals," said Maybaum, who believes business thrives on synergy.

He recently hosted an event for Realogy, the parent company of Century 21, ERA, Coldwell Banker and Sotheby's International Realty. Many other networking events are planned for the fall.

To be included in these events, contact janie@buildabasket.com. For further information about Wine Country in South Plainfield and grand opening events, please contact Wine Country at (908) 754-0752.

Ninth Grade Orientation

South Plainfield High School will hold their annual ninth grade student orientation program on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the high school cafeteria A/B. During this program, freshmen will become familiar with our basic operating procedures, athletics, activities, clubs and end with a tour of the building. A letter from Dr. May, high school principal, was mailed to each parent/guard-

ian with program details. Students are reminded to bring their schedules and dress appropriately for the program. Parents can drop their child off at exit one (circle side) or exit 10 (Lane Avenue). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the orientation, please contact Dr. May at (908) 754-4620, ext. 249 or his secretary, Teri Pileggi at ext. 248.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Adrienne Marie Spisso to Wed Keith Wayne Holloway

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spisso are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne Marie Spisso to Keith Wayne Holloway, son of David Holloway and Roxanne Baita-Zavala.

Adrienne and Keith plan to marry on Sept. 6, 2008 at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.



Adrienne Spisso and Keith Holloway

Girl Scout Leaders Needed

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For more than 50 years, women and men have partnered with GSWRC to help girls realize their full potential. Our volunteers are inspiring, invaluable, and they have a profound effect on everyone they help. Quite simply, there would be no Girl Scouting without them.

Whether you have an hour, a day, a weekend, or more, the energy you

share with Girl Scouts will instill in girls confidence that will last a lifetime. The council is looking for volunteers who represent the diversity of the world we live in—men as well as women, senior citizens as well as younger adults, people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, and of course our treasured alumnae—anyone who wants to help make a difference in the lives of girls.

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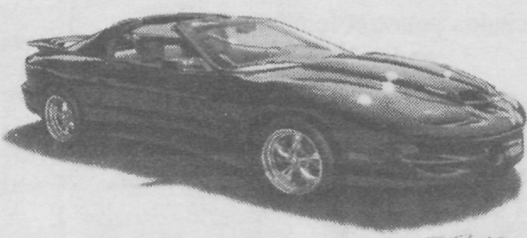
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Dog Days of Summer at Rita's

Every Monday during the month of August, Plainfield Animal Humane Society (PAHS) will celebrate the "Dog Days of Summer" at Rita's Italian Ice on Park Avenue from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stop by for training advice (every Monday), a costume contest (Aug. 27), guest speakers (Aug. 20) and more. A percentage of the Rita's proceeds will be donated to PAHS thanks to Mary Ann Hendri, franchise owner of Rita's.

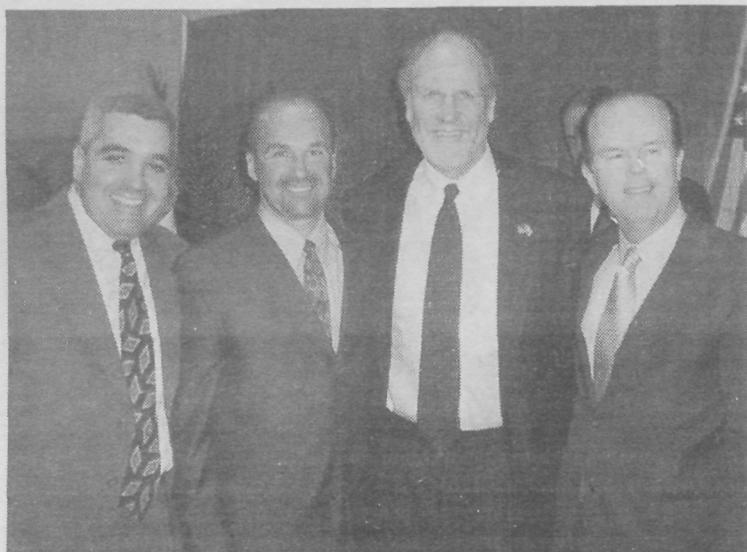
Law Creates Pilot Eye-Exam Program For 2nd Graders

Gov. Jon Corzine recently signed legislation spearheaded by the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians (NJSOP) establishing a pilot program to conduct comprehensive eye exams for second-grade students.

The program's goal is to help prevent children with vision-related problems from being misclassified as requiring special education instruction.

"Because vision problems can be mistaken for learning disabilities, many children are inaccurately diagnosed as needing special education," said Dr. Michael Veliky, O.D., NJSOP president. "They can struggle for years in classes that don't challenge their learning levels and abilities, when, for example, all they really needed was a pair of glasses to help them see the blackboard."

According to the American Optometric Association, 80 percent of what children learn in their early school years is visual. Without those critical vision skills, many kids enter school with learning-related vision problems such as difficulty focusing between a book and the blackboard, or trouble controlling or coordinating eye movements. Worse yet, these children often are misdiagnosed as learning disabled or perhaps mislabeled as lazy.



(L-R) New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians Executive Director Bryan Markowitz and President Michael Veliky, O.D., pose with Governor Jon Corzine and Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., (D-Dist. 18), sponsor of the new law creating a statewide pilot eye-exam program for second graders.

Veliky, of Rochelle Park, added that the unfortunate stigma of special education classification can leave a lasting, negative impact on students and lead to a lifelong dread of learning.

The three-year pilot program will take place in three school districts chosen by the state Commissioner of Education. The commissioner will choose

one district in each of the northern, central and southern regions of the state, and include an urban, a suburban and a rural district.

Under the new law, the commissioner also will implement a plan to collect data from each participating district on the impact the program has in reducing the number of students classified as eligible for special education instruction.

Veliky said NJSOP committed to donating \$10,000 to the fund and working with other industry sponsors to raise additional funds.

Although current law requires school nurses to conduct vision screenings for every student referred for special education evaluation, Veliky explained school-based exams don't go far enough to help diagnose some of the more complex vision impairments children can develop.

"There is no question that school-based vision screenings are better than nothing; however, they are in no way a substitute for a complete eye examination," Veliky said. "We believe an eye exam, carried out by licensed eye-care specialists trained to diagnose even the most subtle vision impairments and conditions will find a number of visual issues that otherwise would go undetected. In many cases, it is these undetected issues that are the basis of the child ultimately being classified as needing special services."

"One of the problems is that vision tests, such as the ones performed during annual school physicals, aren't designed to pick up on more complex problems, so kids with visual problems often slip through the cracks," Veliky said. "If we catch vision problems early enough, we can ensure children receive the appropriate intervention as soon as possible and help push them toward fulfilling their potential."

Veliky added that studies have shown ages seven and eight are pivotal learning years, when the size of written text decreases and the school workload increases. It is during this period that appropriate educational intervention can be most beneficial.

In addition to helping children see and learn better, the pilot program is expected to reduce the rising tax burden of special education costs by helping ensure only those students who truly require special instruction are classified as such, Veliky said.

"Early intervention will help redirect students to the most appropriate environment for their learning level," he said.

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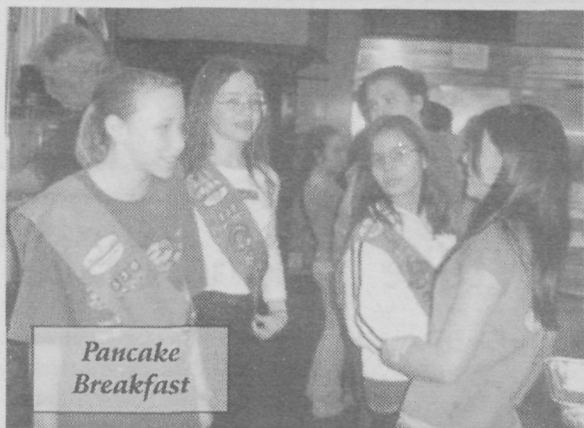
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South Plainfield SCOUTING Washington Rock Girl Scouts on the Move!

A pancake breakfast held in conjunction with the South Plainfield Elks was a big success! Thank you to all who attended and to the Girl Scouts who participated by serving food and more. The girls did a great job. Hope to see you all again next year!

Over 60 girls age six and up came together at the Homewood Suites in Somerset for an overnight camp-in. They enjoyed crafts, pizza, ice cream and a dance party. The night ended with a Girl Scout sing-a-long of camp songs. This event is a great way for

the young girls to become comfortable away from home, yet close to home. They made new friendships and strengthened old ones. It was a really fun time!

Recently, Junior Troop 120 helped Brownie Troop 699 earn the "Movers" Try-It. They played games and ended the meeting with a traditional "Friendship Handshake" as they sang "Taps." The girls of Troop 120 displayed organization and strong leadership skills. They should be proud of their accomplishment! Thanks to the girls

of Troop 120, their leader Jeanne Gruver and Laura Cavaliere.

Junior Girl Scout Troops 2 and 410 of JFK and Grant schools took a trip back in time when they visited the South Plainfield Historical Society. Even without a time machine, the girls saw and learned firsthand how South Plainfield's history dates back to the Revolutionary War, became independent from Piscataway Twp. in 1926 and then rose to be a great industrialized town. They also learned about the Drake House, Grist Mill, Lehigh Valley Railroad and Hadley Airport. The Norman House Hotel stood on Hamilton Boulevard where Curves is located today. Special thanks to Dorothy Miele for her time and wonderful presentation that made this "historical trip" an extraordinary one.

Over 200 Brownie Girl Scouts from the entire Washington Rock Council area, including South Plainfield, met at the Watchung Reservation loop for Brownie Outdoor Day. The girls participated in numerous sporting and nature activities, earning three Brownie Try-it patches. The weather was beautiful, allowing many to stay on long after the activities were done to enjoy the playground and the arrival of spring! Thank you to Maureen

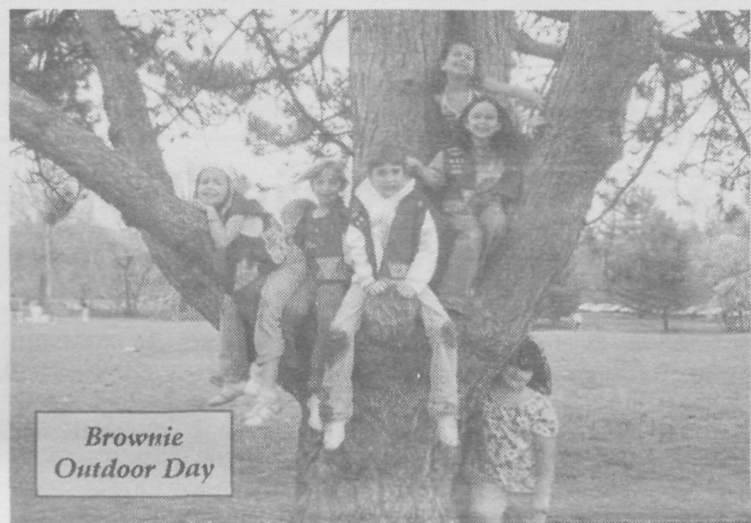
Guevara from the Girl Scout Council and to all the Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts who volunteered as helpers.

Calling all girl scouts! We will be decorating our float for the 50th anniversary Labor Day Parade on Sept. 3. Our theme is "Girl Scouts Through the Years... 1957-2007." Although costumes are not required to participate, we encourage you to "dress up" in outfits from the 50s until now. Contact your troop leader in the weeks to come for more details.

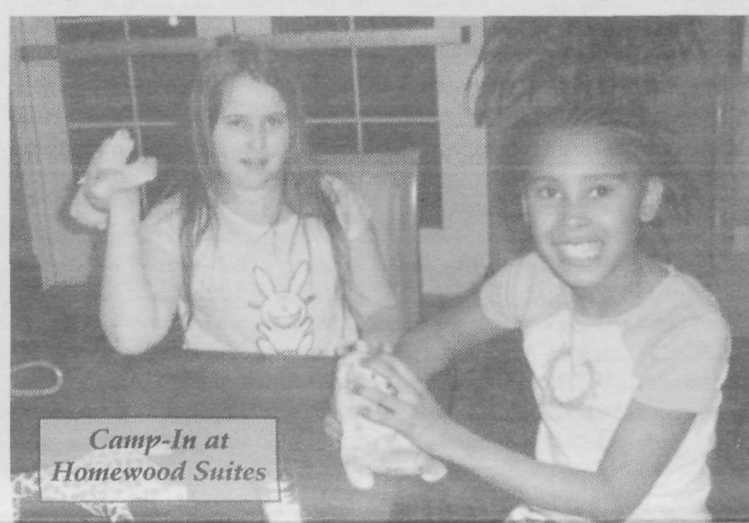
Registration has begun for the

new program year that begins in the fall. This is a great time for new and returning members to register. For information, call (908) 232-3236. Adults, consider joining us as adult volunteers. No girl scout required!

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Sports



SPJBC 11 Year-Old Traveling All-Stars front row: Matt Hurst, Matt Ward, Cody O'Connor, Ray Jazikoff, Justin Marks and Danny Ruiz. Second Row: Robert Eggert, AJ Celentano, Mike Polizzano, Aidan McDermott, Sean Cullen and Joel Curran. Coaches: John Polizzano, Glenn Cullen, Bob Eggert and Ray Jazikoff.

11 Year-Old All-Stars go 2-2 in State Tournament

The SPJBC 11 Year-Old Traveling All-Star team went 2-2 in the Northern New Jersey State tournament to finish a very successful year.

The SPJBC All-stars defeated 2006 Champion Cranford and 2007 Champion Montville, but lost to Bayonne and Matawan. The State Tournament closed out a tremendous year for the SPJBC 11 Year-Old All-Stars. The team went 21-8. They captured two tournament championships, a second place finish and both a spirited and respectable finish in the State Championship Tournament. AJ Celentano and Joel Curran led a strong pitching

rotation which saw contributions from Robert Eggert, Cody O'Connor, Mike Polizzano, Raymond Jazikoff and Sean Cullen.

Justin Marks led the team in home runs, hitting four, including a game winning grand slam in the district tournament against East Brunswick. Other homerun hitters included Robert Eggert, Sean Cullen, Mike Polizzano, Aidan McDermott and Matt Ward. Ray Jazikoff led the team with a 650% on base percentage. Danny Ruiz and Matt Hurst also help round out an excellent tournament year.

Submitted by Glenn Cullen

11 Year-Old All-Stars Capture Ford's Clara Barton Tournament

The SPJBC 11 Year-Old Traveling All-Star team defeated Monroe Purple to win the Ford's Clara Barton baseball Championship. The SPJBC All-Stars were 7-1 during the entire tournament. Robert Eggert was named tournament MVP, hitting two home runs and pitching tremendous relief

during the playoffs. AJ Celentano and Sean Cullen led the way with thirteen hits each during the tournament. The three pronged pitching attack of Joel Curran, AJ Celentano and Robert Eggert combined to allow just 10 runs during the final four playoff games while the SPJBC bats scored 39 runs.

Tiger Sharks Dive Team Take Second Place

The South Plainfield divers really made waves at this year's NJSDA Diving Championships hosted by Cedar Hill on July 26. The outcome of the meet came down to the very last dives. South Plainfield took the second place trophy with a final score of 75 to Cedar Hill's first place score of 77. South Plainfield performed amazingly, rising to every challenge and performing their best against divers from four towns.

The championships began with the oldest divers scoring big. Seventeen-year-old Steven Wagner scored 158.60, earning a second place medal. George Graves was next, earning third place, with a score of 156.60.

Our 15-18 girls were all-team point earners. Michelle Kobilis took first place with a score of 158.05, Alexandra Petronko received fourth place with a score of 99.15 and Julia Zappi came in fifth scoring 99.05

The 13/14 girls were also on their game that day. Alexis Alba earned second place with a score of 142.70; Laura Biggs placed fourth, with a score of 128.05; Allison Wagner came in seventh, scoring 116.60 and Jessica Bohn was ninth, with a score of 90.55.

After the early morning divers cleared out, the younger divers took the boards ready to compete. Our 8-and-under's made us proud. Brianna Spadavecchia took a sixth place ribbon with a score of 31.65, Ashli Bell placed ninth with a score of 26.90, Ben Sheaffer earned a second place medal with a score 48.25 and Clifford Adkins came in seventh place with a score of 37.55.

Diving is very popular with the 9-12 age groups. There were many divers and the competition was tough. Our Tiger Shark boys and girls did not disappoint. In the 9/10 age group, Nicole Sottiriou received a first place medal with the top score of 110.35. Kyrsten Grabinsky took a second place medal with a score of 86.85. Moriah Garcia and Nicole Bythell received fifth and sixth place ribbons with

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks



scores of 68.95 and 58.70 respectively. Madison Faustini came in eighth with a score of 56.50. Stephanie Bohn came in twelfth scoring 49.15 and Gina Cummings thirteenth scoring 47.25.

The 9/10 boys also earned honors. Jacob Alba received a third place medal with a score of 68.10. Eddie Kobilis and Nicholas Spadavecchia received fifth and sixth place ribbons scoring 51.55 and 47.15 and Nicholas Scalera came in seventh place scoring 46.50.

The 11/12 age group were tough competitors as well. Jena Cianfrocca captured a first place medal with a score of 128.20, Miranda Garcia scored 84.60, earning tenth place.

Kimberly Petronko took eleventh scoring 83.80, Jamie Bohn came in twelfth with a score of 76.40. Kaitlyn Faustini and Shannah Conway took fourteenth and fifteenth place earning scores of 66.50 and 56.30.

South Plainfield 11/12 boys also medaled. Jack Green received first place with a score of 112.05, while newcomer John Sottiriou took third, scoring 101.70.

To celebrate the Tiger Sharks dive team success, divers headed back to Ciccio's for pizza, fun and festivities. The Tiger Sharks worked very hard and deserved their victory. All had a fun and fabulous season. Come and join us next season at the pool.

Many thanks to coaches Nicole Morretti and Mike Panzarella for their incredible patience, hard work and unsurpassed energy put into working with their divers almost every day all season long.

Submitted by Christine Faustini

Tiger Sharks Swim Team Wins Final Meet of Season

After two postponements due to rain, the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team was victorious in Hillsborough on July 24, defeating the Roycefield Swim Team by a score of 161 to 149. Even though the boys did not take any first place wins in the Individual medley, the team was ready for the competition.

Taking second place were Marcel Green and Liam McDermott, while Charlie Butrico and Matt Moates placed third.

Forging ahead, the girls placed first in all the longer freestyle events. Kelly O'Brien (10-and-under), Gracie Piekarski (11/12) and Jillian Murphy (13-18) were the blue ribbon winners. Taking third place in the same event were Madison Faustini (10-and-under) and Taylor Aljian (11/12).

The boys would not be outdone by the girls, with four out of five first place wins in the butterfly. Nick Gurrieri (8-and-under), Enzo Butrico (9/10), Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) and Philip Luzny (15-18) took home the first place ribbons. Marcel Green (9/10) and Zak Post (13/14) placed second. Brian Babinetz (13/14) and Alan Kasmer (15-18) placed third.

Swimming breaststroke and taking first place were Madison Faustini and Kate O'Brien. Megan McDermott, Cristina Butrico and Sarah Konops came in second. Nicole Bythell and Evie Peregrin placed third in each of their age groups.

In the freestyle events, Nick Gurrieri was the only 8-and-under swimmer to place by taking first. Enzo Butrico was the only 9/10 swimmer to place, taking second and Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) was the only swimmer in that age group who placed, taking another first.

In the 13/14 age group, Zak Post and Brian Babinetz placed first and second respectively, while in the oldest age group, Philip Luzny and Matt Moates placed second and third. The girls took three first place wins in the backstroke. Those winners were Kelley O'Brien, Taylor Aljian and Jillian Murphy. Megan McDermott and

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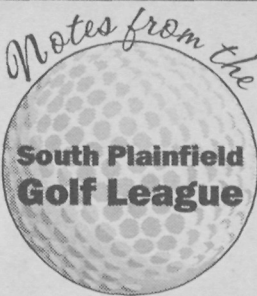
Submitted By Bob Nilan

With just one week left to go in the South Plainfield Golf League before the play-offs, the division championships have already been determined.

By defeating 2 Buds, 2 Dubes in their last match, Oak Tree Buy-Rite clinched first place in the American Division a spot they held all season long. Buy-Rite got off to a terrific 4-0 start before dropping their first match to Witty's and never relinquished their place atop the division, always maintaining at least a one-game lead.

Irish Danny Griffin, the King of Twilight Golf, has been the spark plug again this year for Buy-Rite, and he has received fine support from regulars Al Szumski and Alfie Schroeder. Although he only played about half the matches, Mike King was a major contributor to Buy-Rite's success this season, turning in a number of excellent rounds, including a superb 1-under 32 to tie for the low-round of the season with Todd Sherman of the Hackers.

Buy-Rite will face the Hackers in



peat. But, after winning on opening night, they then dropped five matches in-a-row and never did get on track and spent most of the season in last place in the American Division.

The team that had the greatest turnaround was the Roughriders (formerly the VFW). After going winless last year, the Roughriders secured some new players and won seven of their matches, just two behind league-leading Pornovets. Andy "The Florida Feather" Hayward and Frank "The Bomber" Weingart were a formidable partnership and made the Roughriders into contenders in every match this season, instead of being doormats as they were last year.

There have been some terrific individual rounds posted this season. Todd Sherman of the Hackers and Mike King of Oak Tree Buy-Rite both fired superlative 1-under rounds of 32 to tie for the low net award for the season. Even par rounds of 33 were turned in by Howard Adler, Eddie Banach, Mike Behr, Chris Dillon, Mike King and Fred Kirchofer.

All the golfers are very grateful that the West Nine course which doesn't have a comprehensive watering system and relied on Mother Nature to maintain the fairways, offered really fine playing conditions that produced a lot of good scores all season long.

The play-offs should provide an exciting end to another wonderful season at West Nine.

the final match of the season and then get ready to take on Pornovets, the National Division Champions.

Here was a team that finished 2006 in 10th place in the over-all standings and ended their dismal season by getting whacked by 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 20-0, the only shut-out in the American Division the entire year. Their season a year go was a roller-coaster—they'd look high and mighty one week and then come back with a dreadful performance the next. Not so this year. Going into the final week of the regular season, Pornovets has compiled a 9-3-1 record, the best in both divisions. The four regular members of the team—Jim Pornovets, Jr., Robert Pornovets, Marty Van De Vaarst, and Frank Oades—have all played consistently well this year and they have had wonderful support from their super-sub, Mike Kavka.

The team that has probably had the most disappointing season is KC's Korner. League champions in 2005 and again in 2006, KC's looked like they could be contenders for a three-

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Oak Tree Buy-Rite	9	4	0	Pornovets	9	3	1
Eddie's Grinders	6	6	1	PAH	8	5	0
Hackers	6	7	0	Roughriders	7	6	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubes	5	6	1	Witty's	7	6	0
Twin City	5	8	0	Patti's Const.	6	6	1
KC's Korner	4	8	1	Sport & Social	3	10	0

Obituaries

Philomena (Fiore) Izzo, 90

Philomena (Fiore) Izzo died on Sunday, Aug. 5 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York, Fay was raised in Brooklyn and lived in Scotch Plains and North Plainfield before settling in Piscataway in 1966.

A former member of the St. Anthony Society, Fay was a longtime member of Our Lady of Fatima RC Church in Piscataway. She was also a member of Our Lady of Fatima Seniors as well as the Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jerry, who died in 1978; a brother, Dominick Fiore; a sister, Lucy Ingrassia and a son-in-law, Stuart

Chalkey. Surviving are two daughters, Gerry Chalkley of Piscataway and Mary Ann Ronzo and husband Lou of South Plainfield; a brother, Paul Votinelli of Florida and a granddaughter, Jennifer Ronzo.

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

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• Field Hockey grades 5-8 registration ends Aug. 21. Cost: \$125. Games begin Sept. 5.

• Junior Field Hockey (grades 2-4) registration ends Aug. 21. Cost: \$35. Games begin Sept. 6.

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NOTICE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Take notice that Witty's Liquors at South Plainfield, LLC, trading as Witty's Discount Wines & Liquors has applied to the Borough Clerk of South Plainfield for a Change of Corporate Structure for Plenary Retail Distribution license number 1222-44-004-006 for premises situated at 2370 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The person(s) who will hold an interest in this license is/are:

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Hitesh Patel
22 Boxwood Circle
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Objections if any should be made immediately in writing to: Borough Clerk at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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LEGAL NOTICE

August 14, 2007

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at it's meeting held on August 9, 2007.

A. Case #64-06/Site/Use-Mark Paving Co., Inc. Block 472; Lot 19.330 Shevchenko Avenue. The applicants request for the elimination of special conditions 12A & 12B in this Board's prior approval for the above named property was hereby DENIED.

B. Case#22-07-James O'Mara. Block 282; Lot 55. 115 Fred Allen Drive. The applicant's request for a height variance to erect a 2nd story addition to the existing detached garage was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

C. Case #31-07/Site/Use-Joy Dental Lab, Inc. Block 208; Lot 3. 2314 Park Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance for a dental lab & waiver of all site plan was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Secretary-Board of Adjustment

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Borough Sells Land Despite Objections

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which was \$20,000 above the minimum opening bid. Block 404.04, Lot 1.03 on Kosciusko Avenue sold for \$270,000, \$45,000 above the minimum bid of \$235,000. Both lots were purchased by Hekmatull Amin of South Plainfield.

Kamlesh Patel purchased the fourth lot, Block 404.04 Lot 1.04, on Kosciusko Avenue for \$255,000, \$20,000 above the minimum bid of \$235,000.

Bengivenga objected to the sale last month because he claimed the land is designated open space. Mayor Charles Buttrico stated that the lot was borough-owned and the open space sign

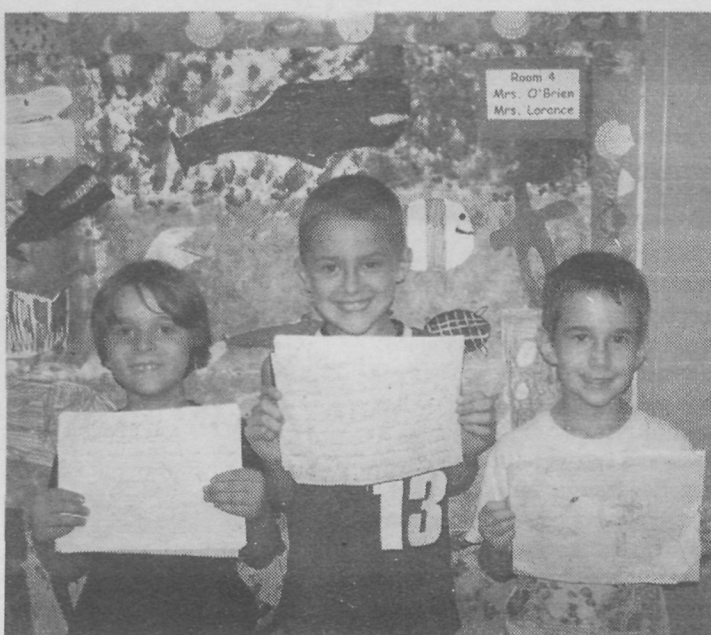
referred only to property at the corner of Harvard and Garfield avenues, where the sign was located.

The sale was postponed last month because of a technicality raised by Republican Chairman Robert Jones. He argued that a resolution to advertise the public auction hadn't been on the agenda, although a legal notice was published in the *Observer* two weeks prior to the meeting. Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan noted that in the past, a resolution was published after the land sale. The sale was postponed and a resolution was added to the next meeting's agenda.

Bengivenga renewed his opposition

to the auction and proposed not holding the sale. The measure was voted down and the sale continued.

Bengivenga also voted against an ordinance to swap land owned by the borough with property on the corner of South Clinton and New Market avenues owned by Joseph DeAndrea. In addition to the land swap, DeAndrea would pay the borough \$97,500. Mayor Buttrico explained that the piece of property owned by DeAndrea is needed to widen the corner of South Clinton Avenue for trucks to make right-hand turns and is part of the New Market Extension Project. Bengivenga contended that the exchange should be made after the sale of the borough lots to establish the value for the borough owned property. Diegnan described the piece of property that was being exchanged and said it meant that DeAndrea was giving up three parking spaces, which was a sacrifice and would devalue his property. Buttrico noted the property had been appraised in February and negotiations for the exchange were conducted so that work on the New Market Extension could move forward, saying "The crew is ready to go now."



Owen Sprigle, Kevin Soper and Scott Riccardi of Kathy O'Brien's second grade Kennedy School class proudly display stories they wrote together for their classmates. Their favorite characters are Ham McBobBob, Lamb McBeeBee and Cheese E. Mouse. Keep up the writing and be sure to enter the Hometown Heros/Observer Junior Journalist contest which will resume in October.

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• On August 8, Thomas English, 59, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, an open alcohol beverage in a motor vehicle and careless driving.

• Deborah A. Francis, 49, of Iselin was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to maintain lane and failure to exhibit a driver's license.

• A Summit resident reported that the trunk of their vehicle had been damaged and four lug nuts were taken off the passenger side front tire while parked at Regal Cinema.

• On August 9, Francisco P. Calvo, 45, of Raritan was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and being an unlicensed driver.

• A South Plainfield resident reported that there were scratch marks on the hood of the vehicle that was parked at the PAL.

• On August 10, Jacob R. Canahui, 27, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, failure to use a child safety seat and two outstanding warrants.

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Tiger Sharks Swim Team Wins Final Meet of the Season

(Continued from page 8)

Chelsea Cullen placed second. Nicole Bythell, Gracie Piekarski and Ellen Zinsky placed third. The girls swam the freestyle relays. Placing second in the 8-and-under category were Morgan Merkler, Grace Hageman, Justice Lipuma and Megan McDermott.

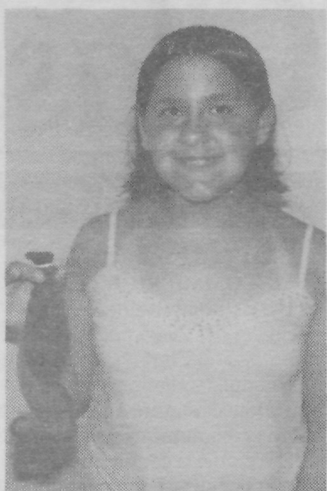
The 9-12 age group girls took both first and third. First place went to Kelly O'Brien, Taylor Aljian, Madison Faustini and Gracie Piekarski. Third place went to Kaitlyn Faustini, Evie Peregrin, Kaitlyn Kenny and Emma Picdilato. The older girls placed first. Swimming in that relay were Chelsea Cullen, Jillian Murphy, Maggie Valentino and Emily Piekarski.

Swimming in the medley relays and taking second place for the 8-and-under boys were Nicolas Gurrieri, Nicholas Pezzolla, Cristian Butrico

and Miles Green. The team of Anthony Gurrieri, Liam McDermott, Marcel Green and Enzo Butrico placed first for the 9-12 age group. The older boys placed both second and third. Second place ribbons went to Zak Post, Matt Moates, Philip Luzny and Brian Babinetz. Third place ribbons went to Alan Kasmer, JP Barry, Michael Boyle and Ryan Lind.

With the dual meets completed, the team looked forward to their championship meet which was held at the South Plainfield Community Pool at the end of July. Thank you to all the parents who got the swimmers to the pool for those early morning practices, drove to away meets and made sure that swimmers had their towels, equipment and nourishment.

Submitted by Cheryl-Nagel Smiley



Rebecca Moskal holds the 12-inch ponytail she donated to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides wigs, free of charge, to children who have lost their hair due to illness. Rebecca, 11, will be a seventh grader in September.

Almost Famous Players Auditions

Almost Famous Players will hold final auditions for their 2007 Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour on Friday, Aug. 17 at the PAL, 2-4 p.m. (tentative, please call for final time, etc); Aug. 18, 4:30-6:30 at 2 Page Court and Aug. 19, 2-4 p.m. at the PAL. Ages entering ninth grade to adult. The theme is Medieval.

Needed are actors willing to do incidentals, seen and unseen scares within the woods. No acting skills needed for these roles. Also need a few experienced performers willing to learn staff/sword combat. Those interested in set construction, painting, etc. and running crew are needed as well.

Vendors are also sought—non-profit organizations are welcome to offer games or items for sale, no fee or percentage is required. Call for more info.

AFP is seeking a variety of items for costumes/props—old skate/bike helmets, hooded sweatshirts, unwanted material—upholstery weight to cotton, dark or rich jewel tone colors. Long, full prom/wedding type dresses.

E-mail angelonly@aol.com or almsfamousplyrs@aol.com or call (908) 346-2290 for more information.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Ken Morgan

So, hot enough for ya? Remember, it's not the heat, it's the humidity. Man, you could fry an egg on the sidewalk! Okay, now that the summer clichés are out of the way, here's news from your air-conditioned South Plainfield Library.

We won't be sticking with the usual children's programming schedule next week. (There will be a brief pause as you register that fact.) Instead, we've got a couple of special programs slipped into the routine. First, here's the usual stuff.

On Monday night at 6:30, we'll have our Kidcraft program for children ages five and over. Participants will be designing their own notebook. Pre-registration is required for this program; there's a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration.

On Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15, we'll have our usual "Storytime" program for children ages three and over. And on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30, we'll have our "Time for 2's & 3's" program for children ages two and three. And we'll have our "Books & Babies" program on Friday morning at 10:30 for children ages three and under. No pre-registration is required for these programs.

On Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, the children's Chess Club, for players of all ages and skill levels will meet. Players may bring their own chess sets; pre-registration is requested for this program. And on Friday at 1 p.m. the Yu-Gi-Oh/Pokemon Club will meet. Players are free to bring their own card sets; no pre-registration is required.

Now that the usual items have been listed, here are the special events.

On Wednesday evening at 6:30, we'll host a special program on seeing-eye dogs. You'll be able to meet Isaac, a seeing-eye puppy in training. The program will be led by local resident Meghan Hartmann, who trains puppies for the Seeing Eye and for the Somerset County 4-H program. There will be a Q&A session during the program, along with informational handouts. The program is everyone

ages three over; pre-registration is requested.

There will be a special children's program featuring the Lizard Guys on Thursday evening at 6:30. The Lizard Guys is a NJ-based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and various bugs. They have been performing for children and adults of all ages for over 10 years. The program is a "kid-friendly" introduction to the world of reptiles, featuring live animals. It's for children ages four and over and is presented free of charge. No pre-registration required.

While we're on the subject of children, we have room for a very important advisory. As we've noted in the past, we of the library staff have a wide range of jobs and responsibilities, but "babysitter" is not one of them. Frankly, while we try to keep an eye on the kids who visit here, we don't have the time or the people to maintain constant vigilance over them. To be blunt, it's pretty easy for a child to get hurt here if they get reckless. So, we're depending on adults to help us. When you bring your youngsters here, keep a close eye on them and make sure they don't get into trouble. As always, we appreciate your help with this.

And, finally, we've added a number of new DVDs, both adult and juvenile, to our A/V collection. Among TV offerings, we have new discs from "Bones," "Alias," "Deadwood," "The Shield" and MST3K. New items in our Anime collection include "Prince of Tennis," Season 2 of "Dragonball Z" and "Full Metal Panic." The new feature film titles include "Breach," the extended cut of "Fantastic Four," "Premonition," "Pan's Labyrinth" and "The Last Mimzy." These discs are either in circulation now or are on the way. Stop by the circulation desk for further details.

That's about all for now. To learn more, call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Catch you later.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1788

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

Ord. 1788 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CAPITAL LEASE WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEASE ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY

The lease ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on August 7, 2007 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such lease ordinance follows:

Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Purpose(s): Lease certain capital equipment (described in Exhibit B below) from and approve the entering into of a lease agreement with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority

Appropriation:	Amount sufficient to amortize the lease payment obligations
Bonds/Notes Authorized:	None
Grants (if any) Appropriated:	None
Section 20 Costs:	Costs of issuance to be allocated pro rata
Useful Life:	In accordance with the equipment being purchased

SCHEDULE B

Description	Estimated Cost
5 x 7 Dump Truck w/ Plow and Salter	\$120,000
¾ Ton Pickup Truck w/ Plow	\$ 32,000
Emergency Management SUV	\$ 36,000
Brush Truck w/ Pumper	\$ 42,000
TOTAL	\$230,000
\$124.80	

August 17, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1798

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

Ord. 1798 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A "CAP" BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 17, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2007 which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1798

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

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

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its SFY 2008 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$179,030.94 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception

to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the SFY 2008 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$179,030.94 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, and that the SFY 2008 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

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

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

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$99.45

August 17, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1797

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

Ord. 1797 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF MUNICIPAL LAND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND 2201-2239 SOUTH CLINTON, LLC BY WHERE THE BOROUGH WILL EXCHANGE A PORTION OF BLOCK 404.03, LOT 1 FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 308, LOT 12.05 AND \$97,500.00 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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