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SPHS Class of 2008 celebrates four years of achievement at annual graduation ceremony. For more, see pages 8 and 9.

Weight Restriction Ordinances Pass; Mayor Vows to Veto Again

On Monday the Borough Council passed, for the second time, two ordinances which will remove the weight restrictions on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue. The vote was 4-2, along party lines. Councilman Joe Scrudato, who was on vacation, cast his vote via telephone conference. The long-standing dispute over where trucks should travel through South Plainfield has been bitterly fought and has caused a rift among borough residents.

In May the council passed two weight restriction ordinances along party lines. In June, after Mayor Charlie Butrico vetoed them, the council failed in its attempt to override the vetoes. Butrico claimed that Council President Rob Bengivenga had a conflict of interest since he works for the trucking company, Marpal Disposal, a division of Republic Services of New Jersey. Republic Services also owns Midco Waste Systems, which does business in South Plainfield. Bengivenga abstained from voting after Borough Attorney Joe Sordillo said he could not give an immediate opinion on the whether or not it was

advised the council that it is not a conflict of interest.

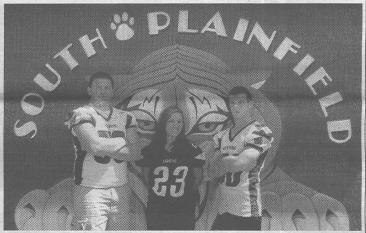
The mayor said he will veto the latest ordinances and it is expected the council will vote to override his veto at the August 4 meeting.

Before the vote took place residents expressed their opinions on the ordinances. Residents living on Hamilton Boulevard were opposed and those on New Market Avenue were in agreement. All agreed that the best solution would be to find a new truck route that uses neither Hamilton Boulevard nor New Market Avenue as soon as possible.

Mike English, chairman of the Ad

a conflict of interest. Sordillo has since Hoc Alternate Truck Route Committee, reported that the committee is making a lot of progress and should be coming before the council with a new route in the very near future.

Bengivenga assured residents that all the safety issues submitted by Traffic Safety Officer Lt. Kevin Murtagh that are within the borough's control will be implemented before trucks are allowed back on the boulevard. Not under the borough's control is the busing of school children, which is up to the school board, and the revamping of the light on Belmont Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard, which is under the control of Middlesex County.



Congratulations to recent 2008 SPHS graduates Scott Barton, Sydney Gentile, Kyle McMahon and Kyle Darr (not pictured) on their selection to participate in the XV annual all-star football summertime classic, the Snapple Bowl. The game took place on July 17 at East Brunswick High School, featuring players from Union and Middlesex counties. Middlesex All-Stars defeated Union by a score of 14-7. All proceeds from this event benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy of Edison.

BOE Considers Building and Grounds Director

By Libby Barsky

According to Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron, the Board of Education is in the process of interviewing candidates for the newly created position of Building and Grounds Director. Interviews are being held this month.

The board voted to approve the creation of the 12-month position at their regular meeting held on July 16 at a salary to be established in the range of \$80,000. The candidate for the position is expected to be nominated at the August meeting.

For the past year, members of the committee have discussed the need for a buildings and grounds director who would be responsible to the board and report directly to the superintendent and business administrator. The director would be responsible for the safe, efficient and effective operations of all district buildings and grounds.

Responsibilities for the position would include managing and overseeing building maintenance, custodial operations of the grounds and building security for all the district's facilities; coordinating and managing emergency

services and be on call on a 24-hour basis for mechanical failures, fire, flood and vandalism.

Additional responsibilities include managing building construction, renovation, maintenance and determining the resources required and work closely with professionals and trade contractors involved with electrical, HVAC, plumbing and carpentry; establishing a computerized work order system; the review and interpretation of blueprints, mechanical drawings and detailed specifications; preparation and analyzing cost estimates and specifications for bids not requiring preparation by an architect; establishing an accountability plan for energy consumption and conservation; coordinating records and notification of an integrated pest management policy as required by state statute; monitoring of the district-wide security and developing a maintenance schedule for the operation and replacement of equipment.

The position would also include consulting with the business adminis-(Continued on page 16)



IN TRAINING-Junior Police Academy cadettes begin their day with drills. For story and photos, turn to page 7.

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Summer Drama Workshop's "Damn Yankees" **Doens Next Week**



Cast of Summer Drama Workshop 2008 production of "Damn Yankees" scheduled to open July 31.

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SPSDW) invites the community to their 37th production, the hit musical "Damn Yankees."

The play, based on Douglas Wallop's "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant," gives a new twist to the legend of Faust when a middle-aged baseball fan sells his soul to the Devil, a.k.a. Mr. Applegate, for the chance to play for the Washington Senators. Transformed into a young man, this over-eager fan's dreams are soon fulfilled when he finds himself leading the team in both hitting and pitching. However, "Damn Yankees" keeps the story interesting, because there is always a price to be paid and the devil and his seductive assistant Lola are waiting to collect. See next week's Observer for the cast list and production crew.

The show runs Thursday, July 31 Friday, August 1 and Saturday August 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors. For more

information, visit spsdw.com. A 37-year tradition in South Plainfield SPSDW builds confidence, teamwork and responsibility and often reveals the hidden talents of its par-

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(Check community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

To purchase a copy of a complete Borough Council or BOE meeting, contact the Observer.

Meets twice a month on Mondays, except as noted.* All meetings begin at 7 p.m. Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

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August 14, August 28, September 12, September 26

zoning

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August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 30*, December 11*.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.: August 20 (6:30 p.m.), September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 1. Regular Public Meeting, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: August 20, September 17, October 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 8.

recreation

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

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.

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Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.

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Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14.

business

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

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

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To the Editor:

The "Letter to the Editor" in the July 18 issue of the Observer was from the entire South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees, not just from me. I only sent the letter through my E-mail address: The letter expressed the facts from the entire board.

THANK YOU, CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY ON BEHALF OF THE **SOUTH PLAINFIELD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

To the Editor:

Phyllis Spisso passed away on Monday, July 7 at the age of 80 years old.

My first job in 1979 was at Sears in Watchung. My first assignment was to work in the candy department with Phyllis. I recall being so excited to have a job at 17 years old.

After the folks in the human resources department, Phyllis Spisso and Charlie Pearson were the first people I met. As I worked with Phyllis many in the store could not understand how I was able to get along with her. I noticed early on that she was about something positive. I learned so much from her and she often said she learned much from me.

We became fast friends, never had an argument and remained in contact even after I left Sears in 1992. We sent each other birthday (her birthday is a week before my son's birthday) and Christmas cards. We talked on the phone. I would often run into her in the A&P in Fanwood and we would talk about Sears and catch up on how things were going.

Last year I thought about the fact that I hadn't seen her in a while, so I went by her house. There was no answer so I figured she moved with her son. I went next door to the neighbor's house and a very nice gentleman told me she was at Runnells Hospital. Since my sister works at Runnells I immediately called to see if she had seen Phyllis and she said yes, but didn't realize this was the Phyllis that I worked with. I kept trying to make the time to visit, but I was never able to make it up to Runnells for that visit.

I have my memories of Phyllis and as I have worked for other companies, I have always remembered how she used to call me her "right hand." She always told me that she never had to tell me to do anything, she would think it and I would have already taken care of it.

I came to Sears as an eager employee and I know that God placedme right where I was supposed to be and I am thankful to have worked with such a lady. She took her job and life seriously. Even though I never visited her at Runnells, I am glad that I often thanked her for all the help and guidance she gave me during my early work life.

ANDREA KEE, PLAINFIELD

Dear Editor,

To the writer who remarked that we should be voting for Linda Stender, let me first agree that Ms. Stender indeed is voting for so many of the things to which we feel we are entitled. In fact, along with her senatorial cohorts Lautenberg and Menendez, there is no shortage of New Jersey politicians in Washington willing to give us what we want.

The trouble is that the bill for all these things will be coming to all of our children and especially our grandchildren. Great for me, right? Do all of you feel good about this too?

For those who aren't aware the United States of America is scheduled to go broke in the year 2040! Our current outstanding public debt as of 20 July 2008 at 04:44:16 p.m. GMT (as I write this) is: \$9,522,794, 307,287.23. That's trillion!

Further, the estimated population

of the United States is 304,390,477 so each citizen's share of this debt is \$31,284.80.

The national debt is increasing an average of \$1.74 billion per day, thanks to the likes of those three mentioned and so many others. In fact, the only one of our representatives that is even somewhat careful in spending our monies is Mike Ferguson and even he hasn't said no to some things.

It seems that everyone thinks Congress is doing a bad job, except their own representative, and thus, the same names keep getting reelected. It's time to throw the burns out, no matter what persuasion. And when things don't change, throw the next set out too.

I, for one, don't feel that we should simply be passing this debt on; it's our responsibility. We wanted all these goodies.

KEVIN O'BRIEN

To the Editor:

Council candidate Chrissy Buteas needs to pay better attention to what happens at council meetings before she sends in letters trying to discredit her opponents and win votes in her election bid. The property she speaks of is included on the July 14 and July 21 council agendas, resolution #230. Even if you didn't attend the meetings, all you have to do is go on the Web site and there it is as plain as day. It is obvious that the issue of accumulating open space is going to be one of Ms. Buteas' campaign issues. If that be the case, let us hope that she gets her information correct in the future.

To begin with, the borough has requested funding from the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund for acquisitions of the Adams Farm development and the Quincy Place development which totals just over 26 acres. These two parcels were approved for development by the Planning Board, a board of which the Mayor and Councilman Scrudato and council candidate Salerno are all members. If they were so interested in preserving land from further development, why didn't they suggest acquiring these parcels instead of approving

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them for development? It was the Edison Wetlands that suggested it and the council agreed and took action.

In addition, the 69-acre property owned by Texas Eastern was also acquired this year. The circumstances of this acquisition are extremely interesting and makes curious minds want to know...why was this parcel acquired directly by Middlesex County when all the preliminary work, planning and correspondence between the borough attorney, the borough clerk, the county and Texas Eastern originated with the Borough of South Plainfield? If you ask me, the local Democrats asked their pals in the county to take over the purchase directly and bypass the borough. Could it be that the Democrats didn't want the acquisition to take place under a Republican Majority? Hmmm. I wonder.

Ms. Buteas calls the home on Belmont a valuable opportunity. What does she think about the DeFillipo house right next door to the Senior Center? The Economic Development Committee chaired by Councilman Scudato was asked to consider acquiring that property, but he turned that request down. That property could have been submitted to the county for open space funding. By comparison, the DeFillipo property has much more value to future borough use than the home on Belmont.

For Ms. Buteas to publish a letter to the editor and make unfounded assertions about the current majority's performance is disingenuous and a misrepresentation of the facts.

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Rochelle Callanan shovels debris out of the Walnut Street stream.

Walnut Street Park Stream **Restoration Project Continues**

By Jean Fultz, with Larry Murrell

When a nor'easter hit New Jersey on April 15, 2007 neighbors in the area of the Walnut Street Park stream watched as water levels steadily rose in their yards. Basements that had not flooded in 36 years were flooding; a pear tree planted 20 years ago toppled over on Fox Place, barely missing a house. Many other large trees in the vicinity were also in danger of toppling over from the saturated soil conditions.

The storm, with a recorded barometric pressure of 968 millibars, was equivalent to that of a moderate Category 2 hurricane and reminiscent of Hurricane Floyd that hit the area in September 1999.

During the next 60 days water-logging continued, with sump pumps running non-stop in many of the affected homes. Residents Bob Smith and Larry Murrell, along with Mike and Rochelle Callanan and Herman flowing where it crossed Walnut

Tickets Available for "Little Mermaid"

The Recreation Department has 43 tickets to the Broadway show, "Little Mermaid" on Sunday, Sept. 7. Bus leaves the PAL at 11:30 a.m. for the 3 p.m. show. Tickets are \$130.

Register at the PAL Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Street. After a group of neighbors cleaned the stream bed at the end of McDonough Street and O'Keefe Lane, the water level continued to get higher, with very little water flowing freely.

When the depth of water in the stream reached about 30 inches, neighbors surmised there must be some type of dam beyond the Walnut Street bridge. Murrell, dressed in his 30 yearold fly fishing waders, walked the stream until reaching what was estimated to be a 40-foot blockage behind Fox Place. After a few hours of pulling branches away from the blockage, the water began to flow freely.

Residents then met with engineers from the consulting firm CME and Mayor Charles Butrico. Assisted by the Department of Public Works, a dumpster from Pinto Brothers Disposal was placed behind Fox Place and clean up crews were organized. More than 25 volunteers worked several Saturdays each month to help with clean up efforts. Vounteers included the Callanans, Maurer, Murrell, Butrico and Councilmembers Joe Scrudato and Ray Petronko, then councilmembers Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas, Environmental Specialist Dr. Alice Tempel and Jeffrey Pauls along with members of his Boy Scout Troop

Another blockage behind Franklin School was discovered and cleared by Murrell. Within a few days, the water (Continued on page 14)

BOOKMAPAS From the South Plainfield Library

Catch the Reading Bug at Public Library

By Kenneth Morgan

Once again the South Plainfield Public Library is holding a summer reading club for the season. The theme for this year's club is, "Catch the Reading Bug."

In connection with the club, a large number of activities for all ages have been planned. For children, activities include bug-themed movies on Monday mornings; Kidcraft, a children's craft program on Monday nights, and Game Gang on Tuesday afternoons, where children play the library's board games or bring in their own.

Other special activities include a sing-along show with favorite performer, Mr. Kurt, on July 30; a program on butterflies with one-time South Plainfield librarian, Judy Fischer, on August 7; another sing- along show, this one featuring Robert the Guitar Guy on August 14 and a picture bingo game program on August 18. With the exception of Kidcraft, which requires both pre-registration and a \$1 materials fee, all programs are free and open to all.

The library has also scheduled a number of programs for young adults (YA). Movies for YA audiences (rated PG or PG-13) will be shown on August 14. There will also be an Insect Candy Sushi workshop on July 25, an Insect Scavenger Hunt in the library

on July 31 and a babysitting workshop on August 11 and 12. These events are open to young adults in grades five through 12. The events are being presented free; pre-registration is required.

The way the club itself is run has been essentially unchanged over the years. After signing up, children read as many books as they can and are awarded prizes when they reach certain amounts. For younger children, parents may read to them. The club is open to children who have, or whose parents have, borrowing privileges with the library. A similar club for adults will also be conducted through the Reference Department. Registration for the program began on June 30. Books may be checked in until August 16.

In recent years, along with other New Jersey libraries, South Plainfield has expanded its summer reading activities to include both adults and young adults, rather than focus solely on children. Library Director Sundra Randolph said this was done to increase the library's circulation and the results have been generally good, with the greatest increase in the children's section.

A number of summer reading activities have been staples at the library for years, including the Game Gang and Kidcraft programs, as well as performances by Kurt Gallagher (a.k.a. Mr. Kurt). One activity making a return this year is the showing of movies for children. While weekly children's movietimes had been common during the summer months in past years, the library had moved away from the practice for a time due to expense and performance rights issues. With those matters resolved, the movie screenings have returned, along with additional showings of movies appealing to young adults. Further information on movie titles is available by calling the library.

Regarding the young adult activities, Technical Services Librarian Jaimie Donnelly, who is supervising the YA program, said that the number of participants has increased each year and she believes the reaction will be good this year as well. She said she gets the most positive reaction each year for the Candy Sushi program, where young adults can create their own candy cre-

This year's theme, Catch the Reading Bug, was set by the N.J. State Librarian and is being used by many other libraries throughout New Jersey. Past themes have included animals, dinosaurs and space exploration.

South Plainfield Free Public Library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex at 2484 Plainfield

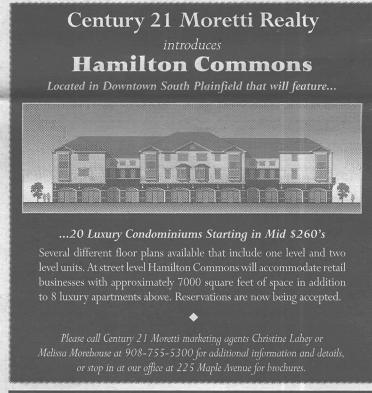
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Around Town

Flag Retirement Ceremony

July 26

The South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post #243, along with Boy Scout Troop 207, will be holding a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue.

If you have an "Old Glory" that is worn or torn beyond repair and can no longer fulfill it's duties and would like to have your flag retired, drop your flag off prior to Saturday, July 26 in the drop box at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals located at 2425 Plainfield Ave., or you may bring your flag to the American Legion Post that Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Please do not drop off flags that are still attached to poles or sticks.

Questions? Contact Scoutmaster John Mocharski at (908) 757-3369 or Email troop207@verizon.net.

The public is invited to attend.

Blackrose to Perform July 26

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at The Stage House Inn, located on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains on Saturday, Jan. 26. at 10 p.m.

Mr. Kurt Sing Along at Library

July 30

The library's children's program, "Sing Along with Mr. Kurt" has been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 30 at

The Search

What's JULY/AUG happening at the SENIIR MONDAY FRIDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY Bingo 25 10am-2pm Saturdays, let us know and we can possibly schedule something. **IPCOMING** July 24 – Hunterdon Hills Summer Musical Luncheon, bus, show - \$65 Bingo 10am-2pm 29 Aerobics 8:30 am Computer 10am, 30 Crocheting 28 Pathmark 31):30am-11:30am Ladies Social Shopping 9am 10am-2pm Yoga 10:30-11:30am Group 10am 11:30am, 1pm Crafts Class 10am Art Class 11:30am Line Dancing 10am Computer Class 10am, Crocheting 1pm 11:30am,1pm

6:30 p.m. at the library

A longtime favorite of South Plainfield Library audiences, Mr. Kurt will perform his trademark silly songs, as well as many old favorites. The program is suggested for children up to age seven. It's being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Benefit Piano Recital

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., is hosting a piano recital on Friday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Lutheran World Relief, which provides disaster relief in all areas of the globe. Donation is \$7.

For more information, contact St. Stephen's Lutheran Church at (908) 757-4474.

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Knights of Columbus Comedy Night

August 1

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is hosting a comedy night on Friday, Aug. 1. Doors will open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m.

Tap beer, soda and light snacks are included in the price. It is BYO for whatever else you want to drink or eat. This will be a PG-13-rated show and will not be appropriate for anyone under 13. Tickest are \$25.

For ticket and table reservations call Bob Barone at (732) 266-7144 or Bill Butrico at (908) 346-2491.

Comedy Show at Polish Home

August 9

A comedy show will be held at the Polish Home on Saturday, Aug. 9. The show will feature three top comedians. John McClellan, a brutally funny stand-up comedian; Doug Karpf, a New Jersey native whose material comes from family experiences as a father, husband and child. Rounding

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out the team is Andy Hayward, who is enriched with a cast of characters and sound effects. This is a great family night of laughter. Set up a table of family and friends and bring your own snacks or food (no outside alcohol). Cash bar. Tickets are \$15. The show runs from 9 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m.

For further information, call the Polish Home at (908) 668-9442.

First Baptist Presents **Bible Stories**

August 4-8

Exercise Class 1:15pm

Come and join us at VBS! as we learn "We are his...Stories of the Shepherd!" at the First Baptist Church, 201 Front St. Monday, Aug. 4 through Friday, Aug. 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children ages five through the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 per child or no more than \$10 per family. Registrations are now being accepted.

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

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You are invited to attend Vacation Bible School Beach Party at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. The party is from August 4-8 at 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Program includes Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games and music and is for

children ages 4-10. Cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family.

Call (908) 757-2838 to register. We look forward to seeing you at the beach.

American Legion **Annual Picnic**

August 9

American Legion Post #243, located at 243 Oak Tree Ave., will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 2 to 7 p.m.

Menu includes clams, hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, ribs, sausage and peppers, corn on the cob, salad platters, mellon and desserts. Live DJ, dunk tank, horseshoes, games, face painting, moon bounce and a 50/50. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 13.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the American Legion or at the door.

KCs Korner Charity Golf Fundraiser

August 11

KC's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Ave., is hosting a charity golf outing at Concordia Golf Club in Monroe to benefit Haven Hospice on Monday, Aug. 11 beginning with breakfast/registration at 7:30 a.m. at the course. Shotgun start, scramble format 9 a.m. Cost per golfer is \$125 and includes two hour open bar, buffet lunch at KC's Korner and door prizes. Cash bar/no cover charge for non-golfers.

To donate merchandise or services that can be raffled, monetary donations or to register, call Grace Ciampi at (732) 599-7222, or mail donations to Haven Hospice, c/o Grace Ciampi, 145 Howard Ave., Edison, N.J. 08837.

AARP Chapter #4144 Bus Trip

August 18 to 22

AARP #4144 will run a five-day charter bus to the New York Catskill Resort Hotel. Cost includes transportation, room, all meals, use of two pools, gym and spa, daytime games, nighttime dancing, entertainment and more! Adults only; non-members are welcome. Double occupancy \$530 per person (\$106 per day). Singles \$630. Beat the heat and gasoline prices! Call Mary (732) 752-3764 or Chuck (908) 268-0345.

— Out of Town —

duCret School Student Art Exhibit

Through July 31

A multi-media showcase of works by 20 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be on exhibit through July 31 at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave.

For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

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The South Plainfield High School Class of 1988 will be holding its 20th

class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick.

Cost is \$105 per person and includes a dinner buffet and three hours open bar.

Tyrone Coney, Michael DeAngelis, Matthew Dvorak, Maureen Flowers,

Martha Fuentes, Jennifer Gielen, Lamar Hall, Noreen Houlihan, David

Jamieson, Marie Reneelyn Mapa, Alexander McNair, Colleen Murphy, James

Rios, Tania Martinez-Roberts, Fernando Sanabria, Thien Tu, James

The invitation is also extended to any former teacher who would like to attend our reunion. To receive an invitation to attend, contact Jay Zazzara

We are also searching for the following classmates: Holbert Benjamin,

of 1989. They are currently looking for classmates who may have moved

from the area, as well as those who are interested in attending.

SPHS Class of 1988 20th Reunion

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"Funny Girl" at Bucks County Playhouse

Through August 3

The Broadway Musical, "Funny Girl" is on center stage at New Hope's Bucks County Playhouse through August 3.

The season continues with "The Full Monty," August 6-31, and "Evita," September 3-21. Seats are \$23.

For tickets and schedule call, (215) 862-2041 or visit www.buckscounty playhouse.com.

Adopt a Cat or Dog July 26 & 27

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization, will sponsor pet adoptions on Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PetSmart store in Bridgewater's Promenade Mall, intersection of Route 28 and Route 287. Cats and kittens will be available both days; dogs will be available only on Saturday.

For information on low cost spay/ neuter, call the People for Animals Clinic at (973) 282-0890.

CHATS Meeting

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) presents musician and adoptee Katherine Almeida on Monday, July 28 from 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. Katherine, who performs as Banjara, was adopted from Pakistan at three years-old. She will share her story and her captivating music! CD's will also be available for purchase. Everyone is welcome!

Depression/Bipolar Support Group

July 30

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Harish Kumar Malhotra, M.D., board certified psychiatrist and clinical associate professor of psychiatry at UMDNJ, at its educational meeting on Wednesday, July 30. The meeting will take place at 7:45 p.m. using the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown. The public is invited; a nominal

donation is requested from nonmembers.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at (800) 367-6274.

Oktoberfest at the **Deutscher Club**

August 9 & 10

An outdoor Oktoberfest at the Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Ln. in Clark, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 5-10 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Flea market on Sunday; live music for dancing with a different band each day. Wooden dance floor, covered pavilion. German and American food will be available. Picnic tables. No outside food or beverages permitted. Donation \$5 per person, children under 12 free, free parking. Rain or shine.

For information call (732) 574-

Augustober Festival

August 16 & 17

The 134th Augustober Festival sponsored by the Plattduetsche Volksfest-Vereen of New York and New Jersey will be celebrated at the historic Schuetzen Park, located on Bergen Turnpike and Kennedy Boulevard in North Bergen on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17 from noon until 10 p.m. each day. Open to the general public; admission is \$5 adults, children are free.

For more information, call Kathryn Brinkrode at (201) 290-8147.

Hawaiian Night

August 23

The Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane is hosting a Hawaiian night outside on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Beautiful live music by Norbert Ludewig Orchestra for dancing and listening. Wooden dance floor, covered pavilion, picnic tables. No outside food or beverages permitted. Donation \$5 per person, children under 12 free. Free parking. Rain or

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.



southplainfieldpeople Milestones

David Alles Gets Real Life Experience In Archer & Greiner's Associate Program

South Plainfield resident David J. Alles, a third-year law student at University of Michigan Law School, is among eight future lawyers participating in the Summer Associate Program at Archer & Greiner, P.C., South Jersey's largest law firm.

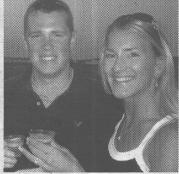
Alles, a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School, and other participants gain experience working hands-on with attorneys, staff and clients of Archer & Greiner, one of New Jersey's 10 largest law firms. Based in Haddonfield, the firm has more than 150 attorneys.

Alles is assigned to David F. Edelstein, Esq. as his associate mentor. Edelstein will be advising him on research methods, case preparation and client matters. He will attend observations with attorneys which include real estate closings, mediations, depositions, court conferences and client

To avoid an all-work-and-no-play experience, Archer & Greiner's Summer Associate Program includes social as well as vocational activities that help the law students get to know each other and firm personnel. The program kicks off with an informal welcoming reception. Other activities interspersed throughout the summer include whitewater rafting, wine tasting, a Trenton Thunder baseball game as well as attorney lunches and informal after-work gatherings with associates and partners.

The Summer Associate Program is the most important source of associate hiring at Archer & Greiner. In order to avoid creating a competitive environment during the summer, the firm bases the number of summer associates hired on the projected associate hiring needs for the fall following graduation. The goal is for each summer associate to succeed and ultimately join Archer & Greiner as an associate.

Archer & Greiner, P.C., is a full-service law firm with more than 150 lawyers in six offices serving Fortune 100 clients, small to medium-sized businesses and individuals for more than 75 years.



Kyle Rowe and Shelly Graziano

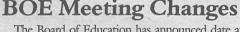
Shelly Graziano And Kyle Rowe Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Graziano of South Plainfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Graziano to Kyle Rowe, son of Patrick Rowe of Piscataway and Kathleen Honeywell of Piscataway.

Shelly has earned a bachelor's degree in education. She will be employed at Montclair State University this fall as a graduate assistant working in the counseling department conducting research. She will also be pursuing a second masters of arts in counseling at MSU.

Her fiancé, Kyle Rowe, just received a bachelor's of science in nursing and is currently employed at Hackensack University Medical Center as an E.R.

A May 2010 wedding is planned.



The Board of Education has announced date and time changes for the following meetings.

• The South Plainfield Board of Education Retreat to discuss board goals and objectives will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 13 in the faculty dining room at South Plainfield High School at 6 p.m.

• The Committee of the Whole Meeting meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 7:20 p.m. has been changed to Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Elementary School.



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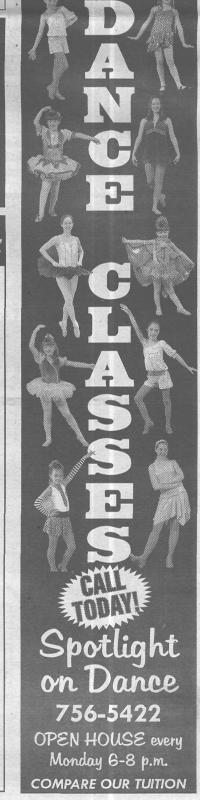
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Christopher Foulds, Tim Keane, Charles Eke, Jr. and Cristina Butrico with Grand Knight Bill Butrico.

Knights Award Scholarships At Communion Breakfast

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a communion breakfast on June 21.

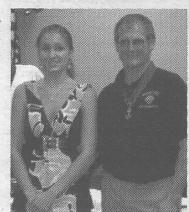
Grand Knight Bill Butrico presented the annual South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Catholic high school and college scholarships which are given to members' children.

Kristen Partesi, daughter of Vinny Partesi, who will be attending The University of Vermont, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Christopher Foulds, son of Joe McGeehan, who will be attending Middlesex County College, was awarded a \$750 scholarship.

Tim Keane, son of Kevin Keane, who will be attending Montclair State University, was awarded a \$750

Charles Eke, Jr., son of Charles Eke Sr., who will be attending Delaware State University, was awarded a \$750



Kristen Partesi with Grand Knight Bill Butrico.

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Cristina Butrico, daughter of Vinny Butrico, who will be attending Bishop Ahr Catholic High School, was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Submitted by Joe Scrudato

Buteas and Salerno Say "South Plainfield and Green Power Are a Perfect Combination"

have proposed a plan to implement "green energy" at the various public buildings throughout the borough.

Candidate Franky Salerno pointed out the unique qualifications of his runningmate Chrissy Buteas saying, "Chrissy was a policy specialist for the N.J. Board of Public Utilities for over two years. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in how state funding for green energy works. It's difficult enough to come up with a workable plan. Then you have to figure out the complicated state requirements to fund the plan. What an advantage it will be for our taxpayers to have Chrissy Buteas working to make South Plainfield green."

Chrissy Buteas returned her runningmate's compliment pointing out, "While he was serving our country in Iraq, Franky Salerno saw firsthand how aircraft carriers can be powered by alternate energy sources. He is an electrician by profession and is presently working on two projects

Democratic council candidates to bring solar energy to schools in Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno - the shore area. He has hands on experience as to what really works. As everyone knows, there is a significant difference between a blueprint and the implementation of a plan. It's really terrific that we have access to someone with actual experience in this just emerging technology."

Mayor Butrico commented on the Buteas/Salerno plan saying, "It's really a grand slam homer for the residents and businesses of our borough that we have a team who has real life experience in one of the most daunting challenges of our time. While other towns are trying to learn about solar energy and energy efficiency plans, we have two intelligent, focused public servants who have already put a plan together. This election is about change. But it's more than that. It's about changing things for the better and looking for new solutions to old problems. Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno represent positive change for South Plainfield and their plan for green power is a perfect example of

that. I will ask the council to dedicate a portion of our first public meeting in September to discuss the details of the plan. This issue is too important to be partisan. I hope the Republican members of the council work with Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno so that their knowledge and expertise can be put to good use."

Both Buteas and Salerno commented that they were pleased to read that both the Democratic and Republican members of the borough council have joined with Mayor Butrico in endorsing the concept of bringing solar energy to borough and board of education properties. Buteas summed up candidate Salerno and her position saying, "To paraphrase President Harry Truman, 'there is no limit to what you can accomplish as long as you don't care who gets the credit.' Franky and I look forward to working with all members of the council regardless of political party to make South Plainfield the model of energy efficient government."

Middle School Announces Honor Roll

Seventh Grade High Honor Roll

Rina G. Bhalodi, Andrew M. Catalina, Cody J. Cooke, Nicholas G. Graves, Meghan A. Heim, Amit B. Persaud and Nicole R. Stanczak.

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Alyssa K. Adamson, Joseph M. Affinito, James S. Agee, Zulma M. Alvarado, Charles T. Anyamene, Anthony Ashnault, Kevin P. Belanger, Nicole A. Benwell, Robert J. Benwell, Rachel M. Billich, Navindra Boodhoo Patrick T. Boyle, Kyle J. Brady, Ryan J. Buckelew, Kristel Buschan, Christopher W. Butrico, Danielle J. Butrico, Kayla Carigma, Jenna N. Clemente, Quinn W. Cochrane, Meghan A. Collins, Christina A. Conroy, Shannah L. Conway, John E. Cotone, Joshua L. Coupe, and Tyler A. Cruz.

Michael DelGenio, John D. Didolce, Alexa G. Douras, Caitlyn Driscoll, Richard D. Duong, Jacqueline F. Dvorak, Taylor M. Estevez, Kristin E. Forbes, Matthew J. Frank, Nathanael L. Ganthier,

Allison N. Gorman, Andrea A. Guerrero, Taylor G. Hagy, Harshul Handa, Christopher C. Harrell, Troy J. Heilmann, Jasmin Hernandez, Alec P. Hing, Zoya C. Hodge and Samantha J. Hunterton.

Kevin J. Jakaria, Sarah J. Johnson, Christina M. Kasmer, Samuel J. Knight, Nicole A. Kopchak, Paula E. Lasota, Brian J. Lopez, Christopher D. Markey, Jesse P. Masters, Jade A. McDonnough, John R. McDonnough, Maggie McLean, Shannon M. McMahon, Rebecca M. Moskal, Samantha N. Murtagh, James C. O'Connor, Timothy J. O'Leary, Kathryn M. Pacheco, Dylan J. Painton, Danielle A. Palitto, Renee M. Parisi, Ankoor H. Patel, Brandon J. Pauls, Jeffrey M. Pellegrino, Katherine G. Piekarski and Emily A. Pittenger.

Christal Ramagado, Hiren B. Rana, Alison D. Ratti, Erin L. Remsing, Thomas J. Riccardi, Karen N. Rivera, Hayley A. Robjohns, Joshua J. Rochotte, Daniel J. Sanko, Gerianne Scarpitto, Brandon S. Shaw, Joshua D. Siepman, Emma R. Slotterback, Angelica G. Smith, Gabrielle E. Smith, John F. Sottiriou, Angela N. Spadavecchia, Joseph J. Spinella, Jennifer D. Tran, Michael A. Uribe, Caroline F. Vill, Steven R. Vincent, Vera V. Viran, Wahid Walli and Isabel Zychlinski.

Grade Grade High Honor Roll

Asia N. Acevedo, Casey E. Butrico, Alexis D. Cargill, Sabrina T. Del Piano, Navneet K. Goraya, Krystian Januszko, Tanya D. Joshi, Kenneth J. Kaczka, Rajath Kenath, Shianne C. Martinez, Brian Nguyen, Kyle J. O'Keefe, Stephen J. Petriello, Nicholas W. Pleeter, Jamie V. Quail, Ryan P. Riccardi, Zachary G. Sbordone, Payal P. Sindha, Alex A. Valladares, Albert C. Vill, Kathleen E. Vincent and Allison M. White.

Eighth Grade Honor Roll Sofia M. Abd Elhady, Robert A.

Aimone, Alexis M. Alba, Lanna M. Arki, Jared E. Aronowitz, Jackeline M. Barahona, Luis B. Benitez, Brendan T. Berry, Laura S. Biggs, Isaac D. Blanco, Jessica A. Bohn, Casey E. Bona, Erika A. Buenano, Cristina E. Butrico, James C. Butrico, Hailey J. Carone, Roshni Chiluka, Janine M. Colicchio, Michael F. Connolly, Ken Crilley, Nicole C. Daubert, Jake R. Dingler, Debby G. Donis and Christopher Duffy.

Erica L. Fisher, Miranda E. Garcia, Christine L. Geczy, James L. Gerber, Jessica N. Giallanza, Khadijia L. Gilmore, Jessica C. Gomes, Angelica Grasso, Jy'neer Green, Michael J. Grzenda, Joshua S. Guirguis, Justin W. Harris, Tyler P. Herriott, Tyler J. Holoboski, Tyler R. Hunt, Ehilea M. Jainarine, Austin Jenkin, Joseph P. Krawiec, Troy W. Kurilew, Stephen T. Lanza, Aimee Le, Vivian Lee and Ashley N. Linick.

Gina M. Longo, Guillermo E. Lopez, Kimberly Lozarito, Alexander J. Lundy, Victoria A. McKay, Kelly A. McLaughlin, Michael T. McNeil, Sai Kumar Medicherla, Nii Sackey Mills, JaQuan Q. Neal, Vyvian K. Nguyen, Kyesha H. Nietzer, Katherine M. O'Brien, Marc A. Paez, Jamie R. Pagdonsolan, Melissa A. Pasternak, Arpit P. Patel, Ruchaben P. Patel, Shivam K. Patel, Shivani R. Patel, Daven K. Persaud, Melissa K. Plasse, Kathrine R. Podlovits, Christopher A. Pornovets, Jesenia D. Portillo and Jelani Ptah.

Allison Quintanilla, Alyssa M. Ragno, Erika S. Ritchie, Nataly B. Rodriguez, Angela Sami, Andrew J. Sanchez, Joseph C. Skwiat, Luke A. Sprenger, Katherine Staynings, Samuel N. Steingart, Olga K. Tarnawska, Jennifer L. Tercek, Jessica A. Thompson, Amanda M. Tjong, Matthew A. Valencia, Margaret A. Valentino, Allison E. Wagner, Kelly A. Walsh and LaShonda E. Womack.







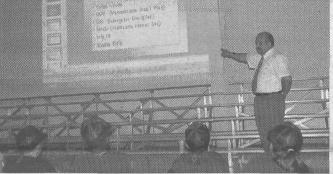


Det. Vincent Campagna demonstrates fingerprinting to Joe Yuill.

Fitness, Forensics, Tactics Highlight Junior Police Academy Training



Courtney Allocco and John DiDolci inside a Homeland Security helicopter.



Investigator Sgt. John Rodriquez speaks about gangs.



Mayor Charles Butrico, along with police officials, conducts the graduation ceremony.

By Jane Dornick

The first session of the two-week long South Plainfield Recreation Department sponsored Junior Police Academy began on July 7. The program, currently in its fourth year, is a condensed version of police academy training that officers undergo. The junior academy is conducted annually by police officers Dave Franchak and Al LaMonda, in conjunction with

members of the police department.

"Cadets" typically began the day with calisthenics and marching techniques. Throughout the week, specially trained officers share their expertise in different fields of police work with the cadets. They learn firsthand about special weapons and unarmed tactics training, how to conduct a car stop and wear spe- Some of the cadets investigate a cial "drunk goggles" staged crime scene.

to understand how the body reacts after the consumption of an excess of alcoholic beverages.

Detective Vincent Campagna demonstrated fingerprinting techniques and a crime scene was staged to train cadets in detailed investigations. Middlesex County Prosectors Office Investigator Sgt. John Rodriguez gave a Powerpoint presentation on how gangs operate and their destructive activities. The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept. displayed their rescue training by demonstrating extraction techniques using an old car and gave a demonstration on their fire detecting equipment. Edison Twsp. Police brought in their drug-sniffing canine that

is used for special police work. This year the group travelled to BB Grand Slam in for a game of lazerball, a fusion of lazer tag and paintball, which uses compressed air or nitrogen. It uses the sound from a marker firing air to trigger an infrared beam at either a stationary target or opposing player.

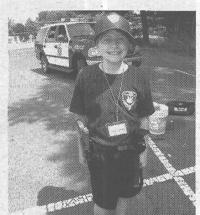
The highlight of the week is a visit from the N.J. State Police Homeland Security helicopter that landed behind the PAL

> building. Troopers Villa and Westervelt explained what their job is and answered questions about avionics. Cadets also got to sit inside the tiny helicopter before it took off.

Parents and friends were invited to a graduation ceremony where each cadet received a certificate and handshake from Police Chief John Ferraro and Mayor Charles Butrico for successfully completing the class.

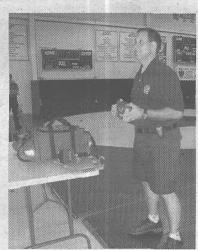
Many thanks to the following people and organizations for their participation in the program: Chief John Ferraro, Capt. Paul Brembt, Lt. Charles Siedenburg, Det. Vincent Campagna, Officers Kevin LoMonte, Shanta Hunter and Darryl Strothers, Kevin Hughes, South Plainfield Fire Dept., N.J. State Police, Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, Edison Twsp. Police Dept., South Plainfield Elks, Restaurant Depot and BB Grand Slam.

The graduates are: Squad Leader Courtney Allocco, Nicholas Battista, Ryan Bors, Alexis Cavaliere, Amanda Cavaliere, Matthew Celentano, JT Colapietro, Dominic Demico III, Joseph



Danielle LaPolla eagerly awaits car stopping techniques.

Demico, Christopher Diaz, John DiDolce III, Katherine Dolinski, Matthew Gallant, Akeem Hughes, Shaquille Hughes, Christopher Kuberiet, Dominic LaBrutto, Danielle Lapolla, James Markey, Patrick McCoid, Daniel Pacheco, Kathryn Pacheco, Diamond Pender, Diana Pender, Dion Pender, Gina Taricani, Marcos Toapanta, Christopher Wallace, Joseph Yuill and Squad Leader Billy Waldrop.



Joe Abbruzzese demonstrates the use of fire safety equipment.

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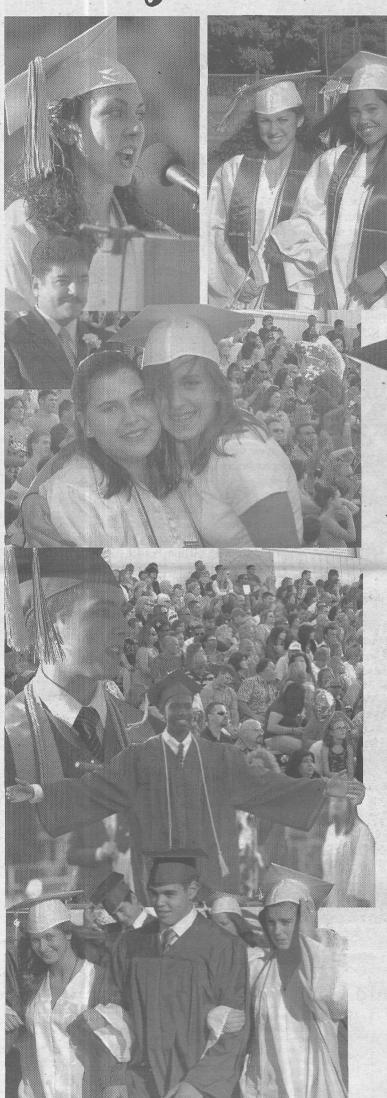




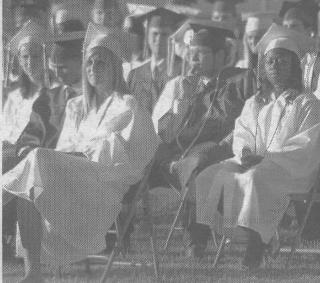




Congratulations Class of 2008







After four years of academics, sports, clubs, and community activities, graduates of South Plainfield High School Class of 2008 celebrated their hard work with the awarding of their diplomas. Guest speakers included Ashley Alvarado, student council president; Jonathan Cursi, salutatorian; Przemyslaw Lasota, valedictorian and Charles Butrico, Mayor of South Plainfield.

Success...yes

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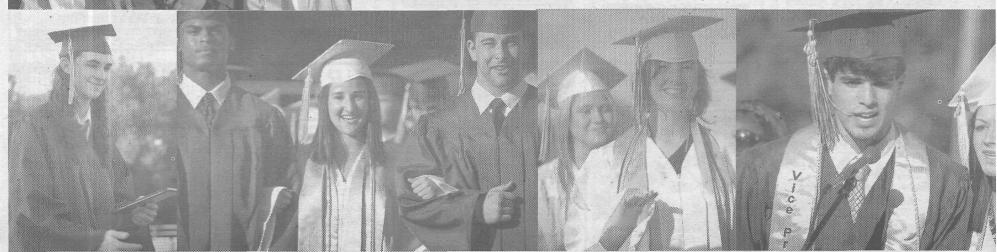
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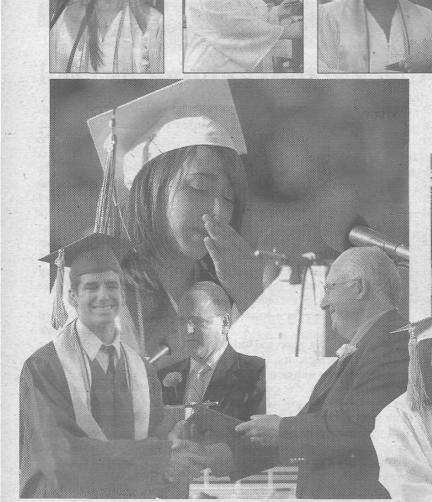
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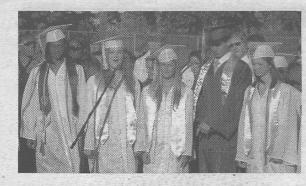
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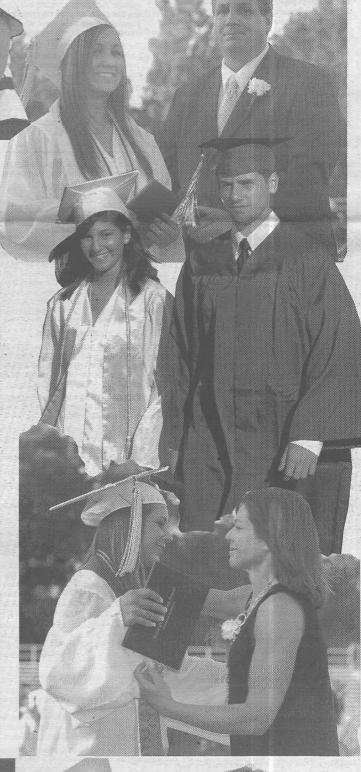
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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1827

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

#1827 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING **BOND ORDINANCES NUMBERED 1815 AND 1816** OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY FINAL ADOPTION ON APRIL 4, 2008, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROJECTS, REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORI-ZATIONS AND INCREASE THE SECTION 20 COSTS AND PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$385,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$248,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOR-OUGH, \$128,250 OF THE BONDS ARE NEW BORROWING AND \$120,000 IS FROM ORDINANC ES 1815 AND 1816 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on July 14, 2008 and the 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 bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinances Numbered 1815 and 1816 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Both Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Both Finally Adopted April 4, 2008 in Order to Amend the Descriptions of the Projects, Reduce Appropriations and Authorizations and Increase the Section 20 Costs and Providing for Various New Capital Improvements Appropriating \$385,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$248,250 Bonds or Notes of the Borough."

1) Sections 1, 2, 3(a), 6(c) and 6(d) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1815 of the Borough of South Plainfield (the "Borough") finally adopted April 7, 2008 are hereby amended to reduce the original appropriation from \$440,000 to \$395,000 and the original authorization of bonds or notes from \$418,000 to \$373,000 and revise the purpose as follows:

"The resurfacing of Tompkins Avenue, from Clinton Avenue (County Route 605) to Plainfield Avenue (County Route 603), Caffrey Terrace (in total), and Kos-ciusko Avenue, from Belmont Avenue to Smith Street, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto."

Section 20 costs increased to \$90,000

2) Sections 1, 2, 3(a), 6(c) and 6(d) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1816 of the Borough finally adopted April 7, 2008 are hereby amended to reduce the original appropriation from \$360,000 to \$285,000 and the original authorization of bonds or notes from \$130,000 to \$55,000 and revise the purpose as follows

"The resurfacing of South Plainfield Avenue, Phase II from Joan Street to Park Avenue, Caffrey Terrace (in total), and Kosciusko Avenue, from Belmont Avenue to Smith Street, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 20 costs increased to \$100,000

3) Authorizing the following new purpose:

The installation of approximately 700 feet of storm sewers, road resurfacing and the installation of traffic calming devices and signage on Linden Avenue, and the installation of calming devices on East Hendricks Boulevard, Oxford Avenue, Selene Avenue, Terrace Avenue and East Crescent Parkway, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and provide for the following in connection with such

Appropriation: \$385,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$248,250

Grants Appropriated: N/A Section 20 Costs: \$38 500

Useful Life: 10 years

ATTEST:

Joann L. Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk

\$116.85 July 25, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1828 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLE-SEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ord. No. 1828 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.1748, HEREBY MODIFYING THE WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON A PORTION OF HAMILTON BOULEVARD WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1828

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1748. THEREBY AMENDING THE WEIGHT RE-STRICTION ON HAMILTON BOULEVARD WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2006, the Borough of South Plainfield adopted Ordinance No. 1748, which established a weight restriction of four (4) tons gross weight vehicles on Hamilton Boulevard, between St. Nicholas Avenue to Spicer Avenue within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, as Hamilton Boulevard is a County road pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.2, Ordinance No. 1748 was reviewed and consented to by the County of Middlesex by way of Resolution No. 06-1616; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1749 was approved by New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT"), however, no truck route was established and approved by the NJDOT pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the weight restriction, signage was placed throughout the Borough setting forth a truck route for vehicles exceeding the weight limits of the Ordinance, to proceed throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Ordinance and the establishment of the weight restrictions, there has been an increase in traffic issues and concerns along

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of

South Plainfield now finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to amend Ordinance No. 1748, along with eliminating the corresponding truck route throughout the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Ordinance No. 1748 is hereby amended by amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1748 as

Trucks over four (4) tons gross vehicle weight are hereby excluded from the following described roadways, except for the pick-up and delivery of material on said roadways:

Name of Street Hamilton Boulevard

Belmont Avenue to Spicer Avenue

- The truck route established by the placement of signage throughout the Borough as a result of the weight restrictions set forth in Ordinance No. 1748, herein repealed, is hereby eliminated. Any and all signs, posts, bolts, or other materials
- erected or posted in connection with the establishment of the weight restrictions pursuant to Ordinance No. 1748, except as herein amended, or the corresponding truck route, shall be removed upon the effective date of this Ordinance. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any
- reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in In the event of any inconsistencies between the
- provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof
- This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, publication according to law and upon approval of the same by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey, as
- The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of the within Ordinance to the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey immediately upon passage
- The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of the within Ordinance to the County of Middlesex.

Joann L. Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk \$129.20

July 25, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

> LEGAL NOTICE **ORDINANCE 1826**

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

Ord. No. 1826 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMEND-ING CHAPTER 146 ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SO-LICITING (ORDINANCE #0008), AS SUPPLEMENT-ED AND AMENDED, OF THE CODE OF THE BOR-OUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD* was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE 1826

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING (ORDI-NANCE#0008), AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMEND ED, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Section 146-9 entitled "License Fees" of Article I entitled "Peddlers and Solicitors" of Chapter 146 entitled "Peddling and Soliciting," as supplemented and amended, is hereby amended as

§ 146-9. License fees.

The license fees shall be as follows:

- A. Solicitors: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year.
- B. Distributors: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year.
- C. Peddlers: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day up dollars (\$500.00) per year.

D Transient merchants: licensees under this Article shall pay a fee of Fifty dollars (\$50,00), which said fee shall be paid upon the application being made. Such a fee, as well as all fees required under this Article, are to help defray administrative expenses to the Borough of enforcing this Article.

2 Section 146-11 entitled "License Fees" of Article I entitled "Peddlers and Solicitors" of Chapter 146 entitled "Peddling and Soliciting," as supplemented and amended, is hereby amended

§ 146-11. Violations and penalties.

Any person required by this Article to procure a license who violates its terms or who violates any provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.) or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of not more than thirty (30) days.

- If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern All other parts, portions and provisions of the ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where tent with the terms hereof.
- 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, publication according to law. ATTEST

Joann L. Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk

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Sports

Tiger Sharks Dive Team

Tiger Shark Attack at the Community Poo

On July 7 the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Dive Team competed against Brookside in a meet that had fins flipping and flying.

In the girls 8 and under group, Jemma Scalera received a first place ribbon with a score of 43.2, Brianna Spadavecchia captured the second place ribbon (40.3) and third place ribbon went to Danielle Bythell for a score of 35.45. For the 8 and under boys, the newest shark, Angelo Salici took a second place ribbon for earning a score of 42.7 with Brandon Luster taking third place with a score of 36.4. We are so proud of the progress our younger sharks have been making in such a short amount of time. Keep up the good work!

The 9/10's were also showing that practice pays off! In the boys group, Eddie Kobilis captured a second place ribbon for a score of 67.40 with Nicholas Scalera earning third place for a score of 62.95. Ben Sheaffer received a fourth place award for a score of 54.75 and fifth place went to Bryan Silva for his score of 50.85, with Nicholas Spadavecchia earning the sixth place ribbon for a score of 44.2. It was a 1-2-3 domination for the girls with Nicole Sottiriou scoring an amazing 117.80 to receive the first place ribbon with Jenny Huber capturing second with a score of 71.20 and Ashli Bell scoring 39.15. Great job girls!

In the 11/12 group we had only girls competing, but they did some impressive dives. Nicole Bythell earned a first place ribbon for a score of 89.65, with Jaime Bohn taking third place with a score of 84.95 and fifth place going to Ali Huber for a score of

The 13/14 is a big group, and with that comes some big scores. The girls nearly walked away with every ribbon. Ali Wagner's reverse dive catapulted her to first place with a score of 133.50 with second place going to Caroline Vill who had a forward dive that earned six's from every judge to give her a score of 128.75. Kimmy Petronko received fourth place with a great score of 117.90 and fellow teammate Jessica Bohn captured fifth place with her score of 114.65. Angela Spadavecchia earned the sixth place ribbon for her score of 74.40. The boys also did some outstanding dives that resulted in some high scores for the day. John Sottiriou had a great meet taking first with a score of 164.10. Jesse Masters had a nice back dive and took second place with an earned scored of 114.60 with Matt Ward close behind in third place scoring 113.70. And the always smiling Richard Duong won a fourth place ribbon for his score of 112.70.

The 15 and over group showed some amazing talent! Michael Boyle completed an amazing back flip that earned him some of the highest scores of the meet. He took first place with a score of 175.10. Steve Wagner also had a great day finishing second with a score of 172.95. Alexandra Petronko received high scores for her forward dive pike position. With an earned score of 136.30 she took first place. Julia Zappi finished the day with second place and a score of 132.95.

Submitted by Sharon Scalera

Tiger Sharks Swim Team

South Plainfield Loses to Middlesex Water Wrats

South Plainfield was staying afloat against Middlesex on July 2 until the relays and then lost to the Water Wrats by a score of 158-121.

Opening the meet with the individual medley, Marcel Green (11/12) and Alan Kasmer (13-18) secured second place wins. In the longer freestyles Allison Huber (11/ 12) and Emily Piekarski (13-18) were able to capture first place ribbons. Megan McDermott (10 and under) and Taylor Aljian (11/12) placed second and finishing the event with a third place ribbon was Theresa Gustafson (13-18).

The boys were not able to place first in the shorter freestyle events. However, the South Plainfield swimmers captured all the second place ribbons. They were Cristian Butrico (8 and under), Nick Gurrieri (9/10), Marcel Green (11/12), Anthony Gurrieri (13/ 14) and Matt Moates (15-18). Brendan Tang (8 and under) and Enzo Butrico (11/12) placed third.

Swimming backstroke and taking

place was swept by South Plainfield swimmers Vicky Tumati (8 and under), Breanna Tang (9/ 10), Kelley O'Brien (11/12), Maggie Valentino (13/14) and Emily

were Kaitlyn Faustini (11/12) and Chelsea Cullen (15-18). In the butterfly events Miles Green (8 and under), Nick Gurrieri (9/10) and Matt Moates (15-18) placed first. Anthony Gurrieri (13/14) placed second. Brendan Tang (8 and under),

Enzo Butrico (11/12) and Michael

Piekarski (15-18). Finishing in third

Boyle (15-18) placed third. Ali Huber (11/12) placed first in the breaststroke, while teammates Jenna Yan (8 and under), Megan McDermott (9/10), Amy Zinsky (11/12) and Maggie Valentino (13/14) placed second. Aubrey Mrish (8 and under), Cristina Butrico (13/14) and Theresa Gustafson (15-18) placed third.

South Plainfield won only two relays and unfortunately that was the reason the team lost. Winning the free the only first place win for the girls relay were the 9-12 girls: Alison was Taylor Aljian (11/12). Second Huber, Breanna Tang, Taylor Aljian and Breana Tang.

Megan McDermott. Winning the medley relay were 8 and under boys Michael Stanczak, Brendan Tang, Cristian Butrico and Miles Green.

Swimming in additional heats and placing first were: Katelyn Kenny, 100m breaststroke; McKenzie O'Brien, 25m breaststroke; Jamie Valladares, 50m butterfly; Mary Ann Novak, 50m breaststroke; Evy Peregrin, 100m breaststroke; Michael Stanczak, 25m free; Harrison Anesh, 25m free; Brianna Spadavecchia, 25m backstroke; Abby Petritsch, 100m backstroke; Ryan Lind-100m free; Emma Piedilato, 50m backstroke; and Ryan Bythell, 50m freestyle.

Many thanks to our 9/10 swimmers: Kyle Bythell, Donovan Carter, Sydney Christian, Dianne Ferraro, Gregory Forbes, Olivia George, Christian Gonzalez, Nicholas Gurrieri, Grace Hageman, Rachael Hoffman, Gennifer Huber, Matthew Lind, Justice Lipuma, Drew Mackenzie, Elissa Mackenzie, Morgan Merkler, Timothy Nuber, Danny O'Shaughnessy, John O'Sullivan, Shannon Pepe, Ben Shearrer, Nicholas Spadavecchia and

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

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Submitted By Bob Nilan

Jerry Foglia has been A playing very well as a U substitute for the Roughriders, filling in for Andy "The Caddie Comedian" Hayward. Last week, Foglia put on a superlative performance, firing the low round of the season thus far, a sparkling 1under 32. The highlight of his fine

round came on the 241-yard fourth hole where he crushed a 5-wood to reach the green and then drained a four-footer for an eagle. With Foglia's terrific display and with 2 Buds, 2 Dubes only fielding three men, the Roughriders cruised to an easy 14-6 victory. Captain Dale Dube carded a 38 in a losing effort. KC's Korner got three nice rounds

from Tony Cotone, Jr., Mark Dugan, and Greg Kilmer who all shot 38's, but their solid efforts were not nearly enough to overcome the excellent scores turned in by Danny McCreesh and Andrew Hurley of the B-Datt Squad who both posted very impressive even-par rounds of 33. Anthony Cassaso contributed a 38 as the B-Datt Squad earned a 141/2-51/2 triumph.

Gay Severini's terrific 1-over 34 and Joe Diller's nice round of 38 were just too much to handle as Twin City walloped Sport & Social, 16-4. Mike Warren turned in a 39 for Sport &

Over in the American Division, Buy-Rite Liquors smoked Pornovets, 18-2, led by the fine play of Irish Danny Griffin who had another marvelous round, a 1-over 34, and Mike King who carded a 37. Efrin Solis had a 39 for Pornovets, a team that just

cannot find a way to win this season after finishing as league champions last season.

South Plainfield The Hackers are still in a zone as they pre-**Golf League** vailed over Witty's Liquors, 15-5, to maintain their share of first-place with

Buy-Rite. Todd Sherman earned medalist honors for the Hackers with a nifty 1-over 34 and he got a lot of help from Jeremy Szoc who shot a 37 and from Mike Graham who recorded a 39. Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas and Marty Simpson both had solid rounds of 36 for Witty's.

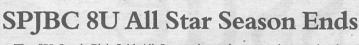
In the closest match of the night, Plainfield Animal Hospital edged out Unique Sports Accessories, 111/2-81/2. Andy Oravec has had his share of physical problems, but he showed he can still put a decent round together despite his injuries as he shot a 37 to earn the medal for PAH. Teammate Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar did not get off to a good start with two bogeys and then hit a tree on the third hole for a double bogey and bogeyed the fourth. He recovered after that and made pars on four of the remaining five holes for 39. Captain Chris Dillon of USA put together another beautiful round, a 2-over 35, Jay Bertleson shot 36 and Jack Todaro had a 38, but their fine efforts just fell a little short.

Low scores of the night: Jerry Foglia, 32; Andrew Hurley, 33; Danny McCreesh, 33; Guy Severini, 34; Todd Sherman, 34; Danny Griffin, 34; Chris Dillon, 35; Kevin Bickunas, 36; Marty Simpson, 36; Jay Bertleson, 36.

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| 1 | American Division | National Division | |
| | W T | | W L T |
| Buy-Rite | 9 2 0 | Roughriders | 7 1 |
| Hackers | 9 2 0 | B-Datt Squad | 7 4 0 |
| USA | 6 5 0 | Twin City | 61 |
| PAH | 5 6 0 | KC's Korner | 6 5 0 |
| Witty's | 4 7 0 | Sport & Social | 2 9 0 |
| Pornovets | 2 9 0 | 2 Buds, 2 Dubes | 2 9 0 |

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL **CLUB NOTES**



The 8U South Plainfield All Star baseball team finished the season playing in the 8U District Tournament last week. They were in the division with Colonia, Monroe and Edison.

In the first game against Colonia they were down 10-1 after the third inning, but battled back and scored six runs in the fifth inning to tie the game. With a time limit looming, the 8U boys had to get three outs in seven minutes in the bottom of the fifth inning or the game would have reverted to the fourth inning score and they would have lost. Ryan Stankan pitched a one, two, three inning and the game was ruled a tie.

Next up was Edison. The boys played a great game, winning 14-4. Austin Feltham hit two doubles as did Jack Scrudato, who went 3 for 3. In the final preliminary game against Monroe, they had an early 3-1 lead, but eventually lost the game 8-4. After the preliminary round South Plainfield ended up tied with Colonia, but since Colonia had less runs scored against

them, they moved on to the championship round with Monroe. Billy Keane, Jean Sapini and Ryan Stankan provided excellent pitching the entire tournament.

The 8U team members are Eric Brinks, Steven Colicchio, Austin Feltham, Joe Heilmann, Billy Keane, James Moore, Jacob Rivera, Jean Sapini, Jack Scrudato, Owen Sprigle, Ryan Stankan and Brandon Wizda. The team is managed by Joe Scrudato, with Assistant Coaches Mike Sprigle, Bill Stankan and John Wizda.

This was the last tournament the team played this summer. Joe Scrudato and the assistant coaches would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and friends who came to cheer on the team. It was a very rewarding experience for the boys.

The team won a second place trophy in the Edison Memorial Day Tournament and a third place trophy in the Clark Tournament.

Sisters of Mercy Annual Golf Classic

clubs and get ready to have a great time on Thursday, Sept. 11 at the 14th annual Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic held at the Navesink Country Club in Mid-

Included in the day's activities are luncheon and dinner reception at the country club, registration gift pack, carts, golfer prizes and hole-in-one prizes of a 2008 Nissan Altima and two 2009 season tickets courtesy of the Lakewood Blue Claws. Silent auction prizes at the dinner include a variety of desirable gifts, as well as original art work by sports artist James Fiorentino, who will be present at the event. Non-golfers may participate by attending the dinner reception and silent auction. The evening will conclude with a 50/50 drawing.

The golf classic benefits the retired and infirm Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy still teach at Red Bank Catholic High School and St. Ann's in Keansburg and formerly staffed many other schools in the area, includ-

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE **ORDINANCE 1829**

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

Ord. No. 1829 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REPEAL-ING ORDINANCE NO. 1749, THEREBY ELIMINAT-ING THE WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BELMONT AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Pla South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1829

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1749, THEREBY REPEALING AND ELIMINATING THE WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON BELMONT AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2006, the Borough of South Plainfield adopted Ordinance No. 1749, which established a weight restriction of four (4) tons gross weight vehicles on Belmont Avenue, between Hamilton Boulevard and Spicer Avenue within the

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1749 was approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT"), however, no truck route was established and approved by the NJDOT pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the weight restriction, signage was placed throughout the Borough setting forth a truck route for vehicles exceeding the weight limits of the Ordinance, to proceed throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Ordinance and the establishment of the weight restrictions, there has been an increase in traffic issues and concerns along said route; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield now finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to repeal Ordinance No. 1749, along with eliminating the corresponding truck route throughout the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, State of New

- Ordinance No. 1749 is hereby repealed in its
- The truck route established by the placement of signage throughout the Borough as a result of the weight restrictions set forth in Ordinance No. 1749, herein repealed, is hereby eliminated.
- Any and all signs, posts, bolts, or other materials erected or posted in connection with the establishment of the weight restrictions pursuant to Ordinance No. 1749, herein repealed, or the corresponding truck route, shall be removed upon the effective date of this Ordinance.
- If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.
- In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.
- This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, publication according to law and upon approval of the same by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey, as appropriate.
- The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of the within Ordinance to the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey immediately upon passage.
- The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of the within Ordinance to the County of Middlesex.

ATTEST Joann L. Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk

July 25, 2008

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Juliette Low Classic Slated For October

The 11th Annual Juliette Low Golf Classic will take place on Monday, Oct. 20 at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains. The day will also feature a women's golf clinic for those interested in sharpening their skills or just beginning to learn the game.

Action gets underway at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and registration. A 10:30 a.m. shotgun start is planned, allowing golfers to tackle Shackamaxon's challenging and picturesque 18hole layout.

Hole-in-one prizes as well as recognition for longest drive and closest to the pin are also at stake. The clinic will take place from 1:30-3:30 p.m. with prizes being awarded in various categories as well. A cocktail hour follows at 4 p.m. with a dinner reception slated for 5 p.m. Prior to dinner, guests will have the opportunity to take their best shot at coming away with a multitude of exciting prizes as part of the silent auction.

New this year is an early bird discount, with individual golfers paying \$325 and foursomes paying \$1,300 prior to September 1 while paying \$350 and \$1,400 respectively after that date. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$125-\$10,000.

All proceeds from the classic will benefit Girl Scouting throughout the current jurisdictions of the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex and Hudson Counties, the Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council and the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council. As of October 1, pending approval, the councils will merge and become Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey.

For more information on becoming involved, contact Ross Blacker at (908) 232-3236, ext. 1209, Marion McCarthy at (973) 746-8200, ext. 136 or Regis Donovan at (908) 725-1226, ext. 117. As always, information can be accessed around the clock at www.gshnj.org.

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Obituaries

Thomas M. Daly, 51

Thomas M. Daly died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 13 at his home.



June 25, 1957 Plainfield to Thomas M. Daly Sr. and Jennie Jankoski, Tom grew up in South Plainfield where he lived his

Born on

Thomas M. Daly

He graduated in 1975 from South Plainfield High School and attended Lebanon College in Pennsylvania.

He worked for many years as a chemical operator for National Starch in Plainfield. Most recently he was employed by USA Container of Piscataway.

Tommy was totally focused on his wife and two sons and had immersed himself in the family's activities. He was a longtime coach in various leagues with the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and was an avid fan of the high school wrestling team. He was also one of the greatest fans of the Yankees and Giants. Being a history buff, Tom was an avid reader of many historical books and articles.

He was predeceased by his father

Surviving are his wife, Joan M. (Macellara); two sons, Thomas J. Daly and fiancee Kathleen McEvoy of Boston and William M. Daly of South Plainfield; his mother, Jennie C. Daly of South Plainfield; a sister, Theresa (Richard) Leitgeb of Bridgewater; sisters and brothers-in-law whom he considered to be his own, Billy (Carol), Joe (Debbie) and Steven (Connie) Macellara and Gina Macan, Mary (Bob) Dilly and Rita (Paul) Nagy and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations to the

South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling Club, c/o The PAL, Maple Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 would be appreciated.

Catherine Kotelnick

Catherine Kotelnick died on Wednesday, July 16 at Arista Care at Cedar Oaks Care Center.

Born in South Plainfield, she grew up on Oak Tree Road. Catherine later resided in Florida and then moved back to New Jersey in 1968. She resided in North Plainfield before settling in Fanwood in 2005.

Catherine had worked in the customer service department for Sears in Watchung for many years.

She was predeceased by her husband, William, who passed away in 1970; a sister, Helen Ligush and a brother, Joseph Bazarnick.

Surviving are many nieces and

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Margaret (Ceppa) Taylor, 66

Margaret (Ceppa) Taylor died on Sunday, July 20 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Herkimer, N.Y., Mrs. Taylor was raised in Glenn Line, Pa. and lived in West Virginia prior to settling



in Plainfield over 40 years ago.

For several years Margaret was employed by Stop & Shop Food Stores and was currently working at the Elizabeth branch as the cash deposit man-

An avid reader, Mrs. Taylor enjoyed reading romance novels.

She was predeceased by her husband, Paul and a sister.

Surviving are two daughters, Paula Taylor and husband Brian Semon of Hillsborough and Christine Taylor of Hong Kong and a brother, Stanley Ceppa of Cape Coral, Fla.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

William G. Bumgardner, Jr., 88

William G. Bumgardner, Jr. died on Tuesday, July 15 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park.

Funeral services were private and under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Jon Vincent Apostol, 57

Jon Vincent Apostol died on Sunday, July 13 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Bruns-

He was predeceased by his parents, Marceliano and Sally Apostol and by a sister, Marcel.

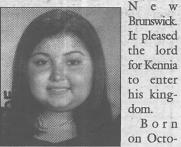
Surviving are two sons, John of South Plainfield and Joe and wife Jennifer of North Brunswick and two

granddaughters, Jaclynn and Jessica, also of North Brunswick.

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

Kennia Dubon, 19

Kennia Dubon entered into eternal rest on Sunday, July 13 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in



Kennia Dubon

Brunswick. It pleased the lord for Kennia to enter his kingdom. Born

on October 26, 1988 to

Pedro and Nery Dubon, Kennia accepted Christ as her personal savior at a young age in Plainfield.

She was a graduate of North Plainfield High School and had moved to Henderson, N.C. where she resided before returning home.

Kennia was loved dearly by many and will be sadly missed, but her memory will be cherished by all.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her mother, Nery Dubon; her father, Pedro Dubon; a brother, Daniel; aunts and uncles, grandmothers, a host of cousins, family and

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.



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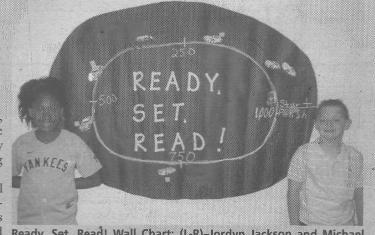
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Roosevelt Fourth **Graders Complete** Two Projects

Along with many other activities, Donna Ruhl's fourth grade resource room class at Roosevelt Elementary School completed two exciting projects this year.

In a unit on Japan they read a novel called "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes." Students in her class the effects the bombing had on the people of Japan. The students worked hard on writing haikus, acrostic poems and even made scrapbook pages. They also made paper lanters, origami cranes and a cereal box report. Students then used a rubric to grade themselves. They really enjoyed the whole unit on Japan.

Another favorite extended project was entitled "Mrs. RhuPs Class is Racing to Read." This was illustrated by a large "racetrack" chart on the wall which tracked each student's progress. The goal was to read 1,000 minutes for a class party. The children were really motivated to finish the race and reach their objective.



learned the history of Hiroshima and Ready. Set. Read! Wall Chart: (L-R)-Jordyn Jackson and Michael



Japan unit wall display: (L-R)-Kristen DeSclafani, Para Gheewala and teacher Donna Ruhl.

Walnut Street Park Stream **Restoration Project Continues**

(Continued from page 3) Luber and Johnson properties.

A team from Rutgers University, headed by Chris Obropec, corroborated the findings of the neighbors. Additionally, overgrown vegetation not native to this area was deemed a contributing factor in the blockage along the stream bed. Japanese Knotweed, or green bamboo, has added to the degradation of the stream bed over the past 30 years, causing extensive erosion and clogging the natural flow channel with silt, dirt and debris.

Advice from experts led to trying a method where herbicide is injected directly into the stem of the plants. To penetrate the stems tough exterior a rotary saw was used.

Under the supervision of Tempel, and with herbicide provided by the borough, a large area of Knotweed was treated and was augmented last December by the addition of an injection gun made especially for Knotweed eradication efforts. A large area was treated using the gun in December and January to test the effectiveness of herbicide treatment well after several hard frosts had occurred. By doing the stem injection in the fall/ winter, plus the injection of new stems emerging this past spring, a 100%

eradication of Knotweed was proven.

In April, Maurer and Murrell enclosed 60 large Knotweed clusters into 55-gallon plastic drum liners which successfully suppressed the clusters bio-mass production by limiting the light the plant could adsorb, rotting the leaves and stems. In June, Brian Zielinski contributed valuable hours by cutting the stems of the Knotweed with a brush wacker.

Efforts are continuing in areas of the flood plain not treated last year. The ultimate goal is complete eradication of existing Knotweed infestation along the entire stream corridor. Efforts are also going to be extended to the Knotweed infesting the area further downstream on the former Gallini Farm property in Piscataway on New Brunswick Avenue. Blockage of the water flow on the farm property by dams have all been removed by Joe Pfeiffer, who spent three hours removing them in March.

All of these efforts would benefit from additional volunteer involvement, which is always welcomed. Groups interested in volunteering their time to the stream restoration project can E-mail LarryMurrell@com cast.net or contact Dr. Alice Tempel at (908) 226-7621.

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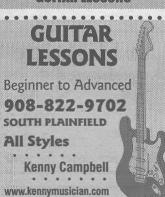
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Local Business Donates New Braille Machine to Disabled Vietnamese Orphans

In April the An Gang Disabled Children's School in Vietnam received a new Braille machine due in large part to the charitable efforts of local businesswoman Ledung Tran and her heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) company, Edison Heating and Cooling.

In 2006, the employees of Edison Heating and Cooling decided to forgo their festive annual Christmas party and use the funds to provide blind orphans at the An Gang Disabled Children's School with necessities such as toothbrushes, canned milk, and noodle soup.

An Gang is a small village located in the southwestern region of Vietnam, also known as the Mekong Delta. Tran, a Vietnamese immigrant who first settled in South Plainfield in 1976, witnessed first-hand the challenges that the impoverished An Gang Disabled Children's School faced and vowed to help.

The generous gifts from Tran and her employees led to the creation of the Viet Children Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c) organization whose main goal is to help disabled orphans. The orphans at the An Gang Disabled Children's School suffer from varying degrees of hearing and vision impairments. The school attempts to train the children in various vocational fields so that they are not dependent on the government for support. However, the orphanage is extremely underfunded and had been without a Braille machine for almost three years. Without a Braille machine, the school was unable to print school books and training manuals for its students. But the cost of a new Braille machine was prohibitive, over \$5,000 or seven times the average annual salary in Vietnam. For a government-sponsored, thirdworld orphanage it was a pipe dream. To Tran, an entrepreneur who believes everything is possible, it was a way to give back to her homeland and better



Vietnamese children at An Gang Disabled Children's School welcome the delivery of a new Braille machine.

the lives of its most neglected population-disabled orphans.

In 2008 Tran and the Viet Children Foundation finally accomplished their goal. They were able to purchase a new Braille machine for the An Gang Disabled Children's School due in large part from the Christmas fund of Edison Heating and Cooling's employees and various other donations from the local community, family and friends. Tran believes that investment in equipment and technology is well worth it especially since the machine provides blind students with an immediate opportunity for education and skills for the future.

Hung Nguyen, the principal of the An Gang school, organized a ceremony upon receiving the Braille machine and enclosed several pictures to express his appreciation to the Viet Children Foundation. Tran and Edison Heating and Cooling are modern day heroes in the eyes of many. While the Braille machine is one example how the Viet Children Foundation has provided support to the development of the children, the

school remains extremely underfunded in many areas and continues to require support for basic necessities. Since their recent success, Tran has been contacted by several other schools in Vietnam with special requests for hearing aids and more Braille machines.

To find out more about the Viet Children Foundation, or to donate, please contact Tran at Edison Heating and Cooling, 129 McKinley Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or call (908) 753-1777.

trator and superintendent in preparing

plans for long range facilities, compre-

hensive maintenance and annual facili-

The decision to create the new posi-

tion is the result of more than a year of

deliberation by the Building and

Grounds Committee, according to

former board member Carol Byrne,

The Sodexho Corporation currently

provides for facilities management.

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ties department budget.

who was last year's chair.

Building and Grounds Director

BOROUGH NOTES

 A street sweeping contract was awarded to Stilo Excavating, Inc. from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$40, 985.

· The National Incident Management System (NIMS) will be utilized for all incident management in the Borough of South Plainfield.

• Thomas Crino has resigned as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective immediately.

• The Chief Financial Officer will issue a check for overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$3,636.26 on Block 284, Lot 18 and \$1, 673.51 on Block 416, Lot 5.

• Gino Leonardis was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Crino as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The term will expire on 12/31/2011.

• The council approves a date of change for the Leporino/Oak Manor Parkway block party from August 2 to August 16.

• A check in the amount of \$3,975 was issued to Lordina Builders, Inc. for return of the Bid Bond on renovations to the PAL kitchen.

• The council approved a block party for Jack Pederson on Perth Place from Hillside to Duffy.

Daniel Painter has been hired as a probationary part-time emergency telecommunications operator effective July 15, benefits excluded.

A contract was awarded to S. Batata Construction for curb restoration

Over the past year Sodexho's response

to snow removal and preparing the

sports fields for play has been problem-

atic. According to Byrne, Sodexho

views its work from a contractor's view.

"They may do a job in a way which

may not be in the best for us. So we are

looking for someone who would report

to our administrators to look at our

district from our point of view as to

what should be done and how it should

be done," Byrne said.

and ADA handicap access ramps projects.

· The council authorized a request to the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Open Space Advisory Committee to dedicate funds from the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund for the purchase of Block 354, Lot 13 on Belmont Avenue for permanently preserved open space.

· A resolution was approved to oppose the solid waste plan amendment application from South Plainfield Transfer and Recycling Corp. to increase their current permitted capacity from 250 tons to 750 tons per day and copies of the resolution were sent to Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

• The council renewed the service contract with DMS Systems, Inc. for the school crossing guard service for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost not to exceed \$375,000.

· Patricia DeSantis was appointed as a member of the Public Celebrations Committee.

• The purchase of a 1999 Ford Expedition First Responder Vehicle from Plainsboro Rescue Squad at a cost of \$6,000 was approved.

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policereport

· On July 15 Angel Manuel Colon, 25, of Middlesex was arrested for a fictitious inspection sticker, no insurance, failure to exhibit documents, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• On July 16 Connie Conchetta Gugliemini, 33, of Newark was arrested for a fictitious inspection sticker, failure to inspect, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

· Bennigan's on Stelton Road reported that a video game had been opened and approximately \$75 in cash was taken. Four beer kegs worth \$120 were also taken from behind the restaurant.

· Rutigliano & Sons on Hollywood Avenue reported that a window had been shot out with a BB or pellet gun.

· Darren Brown, 37, of Plainfield was arrested for disorderly conduct and obstruction.

On July 18 the side wall of Rodolfo's Pizzeria on Sampton Avenue was spray painted with the letters "V" and "L."

· A Hall's Warehouse employee reported that the rear window of their vehicle had been broken.

 A Grant Avenue resident reported that the window of their vehicle had been broken and a Magellan GPS worth \$500 was taken.

 On July 20 Emma J. Aguilar, 34, of Dunellen was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child.

 On July 21 a Maple Avenue resident reported that the drivers side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Magellan GPS worth \$399 was taken.

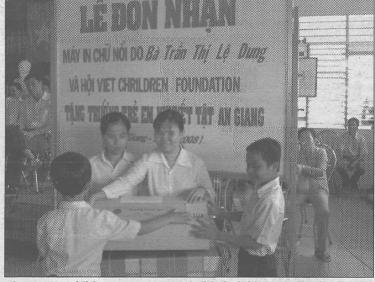
Local Business Donates New Braille Machine to Disabled Vietnamese Orphans

In April the An Gang Disabled Children's School in Vietnam received a new Braille machine due in large part to the charitable efforts of local businesswoman Ledung Tran and her heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) company, Edison Heating and Cooling.

In 2006, the employees of Edison Heating and Cooling decided to forgo their festive annual Christmas party and use the funds to provide blind orphans at the An Gang Disabled Children's School with necessities such as toothbrushes, canned milk, and noodle soup.

An Gang is a small village located in the southwestern region of Vietnam, also known as the Mekong Delta. Tran, a Vietnamese immigrant who first settled in South Plainfield in 1976, witnessed first-hand the challenges that the impoverished An Gang Disabled Children's School faced and vowed to help.

The generous gifts from Tran and her employees led to the creation of the Viet Children Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c) organization whose main goal is to help disabled orphans. The orphans at the An Gang Disabled Children's School suffer from varying degrees of hearing and vision impairments. The school attempts to train the children in various vocational fields so that they are not dependent on the government for support. However, the orphanage is extremely underfunded and had been without a Braille machine for almost three years. Without a Braille machine, the school was unable to print school books and training manuals for its students. But the cost of a new Braille machine was prohibitive, over \$5,000 or seven times the average annual salary in Vietnam. For a government-sponsored, thirdworld orphanage it was a pipe dream. To Tran, an entrepreneur who believes everything is possible, it was a way to give back to her homeland and better



Vietnamese children at An Gang Disabled Children's School welcome the delivery of a new Braille machine.

the lives of its most neglected population-disabled orphans.

In 2008 Tran and the Viet Children Foundation finally accomplished their goal. They were able to purchase a new Braille machine for the An Gang Disabled Children's School due in large part from the Christmas fund of Edison Heating and Cooling's employees and various other donations from the local community, family and friends. Tran believes that investment in equipment and technology is well worth it especially since the machine provides blind students with an immediate opportunity for education and skills for the future.

Hung Nguyen, the principal of the An Gang school, organized a ceremony upon receiving the Braille maexpress his appreciation to the Viet Children Foundation. Tran and Edison Heating and Cooling are modern day heroes in the eyes of many. While the Braille machine is one example how the Viet Children Foundation has provided support to the development of the children, the

school remains extremely underfunded in many areas and continues to require support for basic necessities. Since their recent success, Tran has been contacted by several other schools in Vietnam with special requests for hearing aids and more Braille machines.

To find out more about the Viet Children Foundation, or to donate, please contact Tran at Edison Heating and Cooling, 129 McKinley Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or call (908) 753-1777.

Building and Grounds Director

BOROUGH NOTES

 A street sweeping contract was awarded to Stilo Excavating, Inc. from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$40, 985.

· The National Incident Management System (NIMS) will be utilized for all incident management in the Borough of South Plainfield.

• Thomas Crino has resigned as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective immediately.

· The Chief Financial Officer will issue a check for overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$3, 636.26 on Block 284, Lot 18 and \$1, 673.51 on Block 416, Lot 5.

 Gino Leonardis was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Crino as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The term will expire on 12/31/2011.

• The council approves a date of change for the Leporino/Oak Manor Parkway block party from August 2 to August 16.

• A check in the amount of \$3,975 was issued to Lordina Builders, Inc. for return of the Bid Bond on renovations to the PAL kitchen.

• The council approved a block party for Jack Pederson on Perth Place from Hillside to Duffy.

 Daniel Painter has been hired as a probationary part-time emergency telecommunications operator effective July 15, benefits excluded.

A contract was awarded to S. Batata Construction for curb restoration and ADA handicap access ramps projects.

 The council authorized a request to the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Open Space Advisory Committee to dedicate funds from the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund for the purchase of Block 354, Lot 13 on Belmont Avenue for permanently preserved open space.

· A resolution was approved to oppose the solid waste plan amendment application from South Plainfield Transfer and Recycling Corp. to increase their current permitted capacity from 250 tons to 750 tons per day and copies of the resolution were sent to Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

• The council renewed the service contract with DMS Systems, Inc. for the school crossing guard service for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost not to exceed \$375,000.

· Patricia DeSantis was appointed as a member of the Public Celebrations Committee.

• The purchase of a 1999 Ford Expedition First Responder Vehicle from Plainsboro Rescue Squad at a cost of \$6,000 was approved.

Juniorettes Seek New Members

Do you enjoy helping others in your community? Are you looking for service hours for confirmation or college? The South Plainfield Juniorettes are currently looking for new members and have accomplished a myriad of projects over the

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standing warrant.

and obstruction.

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vehicle had been broken.

worth \$500 was taken.

-Submitted by Lindsay Barton

 On July 15 Angel Manuel Colon, 25, of Middlesex was arrested for a fic-

titious inspection sticker, no insurance, failure to exhibit documents, driving

on a suspended license and an out-

• On July 16 Connie Conchetta

Gugliemini, 33, of Newark was ar-

rested for a fictitious inspection sticker,

failure to inspect, driving on a suspended

· Bennigan's on Stelton Road re-

ported that a video game had been

opened and approximately \$75 in cash was taken. Four beer kegs worth \$120 were

Avenue reported that a window had

been shot out with a BB or pellet gun. • Darren Brown, 37, of Plainfield was arrested for disorderly conduct

• On July 18 the side wall of

Rodolfo's Pizzeria on Sampton Av-

enue was spray painted with the let-

ported that the rear window of their

that the window of their vehicle had

been broken and a Magellan GPS

• On July 20 Emma J. Aguilar, 34,

A Hall's Warehouse employee re-

A Grant Avenue resident reported

also taken from behind the restaurant. Rutigliano & Sons on Hollywood

license and an outstanding warrant.

chine and enclosed several pictures to

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trator and superintendent in preparing plans for long range facilities, comprehensive maintenance and annual facilities department budget.

The decision to create the new position is the result of more than a year of deliberation by the Building and Grounds Committee, according to former board member Carol Byrne, who was last year's chair.

The Sodexho Corporation currently provides for facilities management.

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Over the past year Sodexho's response to snow removal and preparing the sports fields for play has been problematic. According to Byrne, Sodexho views its work from a contractor's view. "They may do a job in a way which may not be in the best for us. So we are looking for someone who would report to our administrators to look at our district from our point of view as to what should be done and how it should be done," Byrne said.

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of Dunellen was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child.

• On July 21 a Maple Avenue resident reported that the drivers side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Magellan GPS worth \$399 was taken.