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## Raid Leads to Burglary, Drug Arrests

An investigation into several burglaries in South Plainfield led police to raid a South Plainfield Avenue home on May 30.

Arrested were Stacey Lake, 44 and Garrett Lake, 18 of 174 South Plainfield Ave., Jesse Hay, 18 of 1152 South 10th St. and Brittney Ditmars, 19 of 111 Martin Drive, all in South Plainfield. Jesse Hay and Garrett Lake were charged with burglary and theft

with bail set at \$100,000 with no 10% option. Brittney Ditmars was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and bail was set at \$20,000, also with no 10% option. All three were released after posting bail.

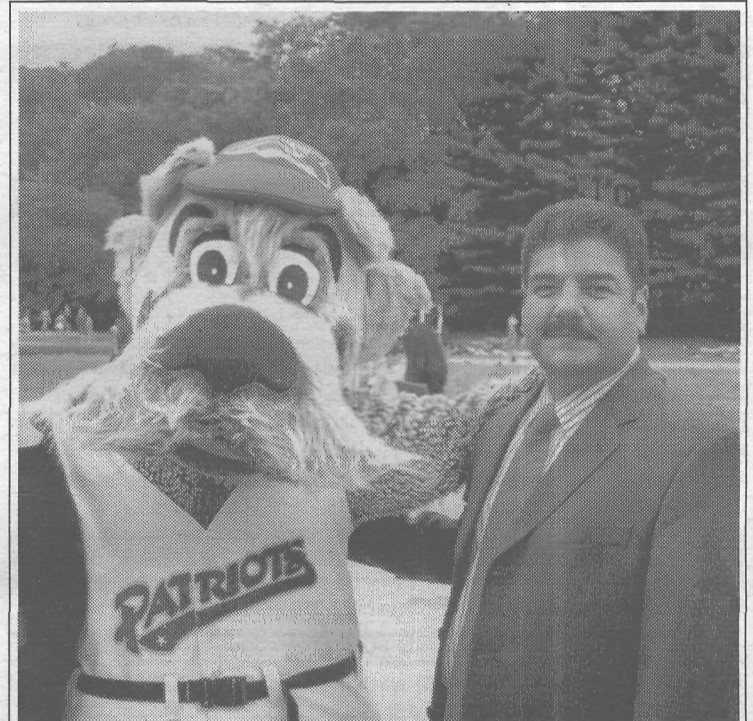
Stacey Lake was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) and released on her own recognizance.

According to Lt. James Parker of

the criminal investigations division, intelligence gathered during the investigation into the burglaries as well as information regarding the sale of narcotics from the residence led to the arrests. He would not say what drugs were seized, or in what quantities.

Two handguns and proceeds of several burglaries, including \$30K in cash and jewelry, were recovered from the residence. The cash and jewelry were photographed to be used as evidence at trial, then returned to their respective owners.

On August 26 of last year, Garrett Lake was the victim of a stabbing on the front lawn of his home. He had been stabbed multiple times in his torso, along with another victim who was also stabbed. Both were transported to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries. A juvenile was charged in that incident.



Fast Friends—Superintendent of Schools Jose Negrón joins Somerset Patriots Mascot, Sparkee, for a photo at the Middle School seventh grade picnic.

### Borough Pays Tribute to Trista Moretti With Street Naming



Sgt. Trista Moretti was remembered last Saturday when Trista's Way, a street located off of Sampton Avenue, was dedicated in her name. Trista was killed in Iraq last June. Trista's parents, Fred and Judy, and sister, Jennifer, were joined by Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan Jr., Mayor Charles Butrico, Council President Rob Bengivenga, members of the Borough Council and many of Trista's friends. Pastor Charles Mingle delivered the opening prayer.

## Sgt. Trista Moretti's Name Added to Cryptologic Memorial Wall in D.C.

LTG Keith B. Alexander, director of the National Security Agency/Chief of Central Security Service, paid special tribute to Sgt. Trista L. Moretti at a memorial ceremony in Washington,

D.C. on May 28. The service was attended by Trista's family, friends and distinguished guests.

Sgt. Moretti, a signals intelligence analyst, was assigned to Bravo Com-

pany, 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division. She made the ultimate sacrifice on June 25, 2007 while performing a cryptologic mission in Iraq.

The ceremony included a traditional wreath laying and the unveiling of the name "Sgt. Trista L. Moretti" on the NSA/CSS Cryptologic Memorial Wall. The wall, dedicated in 1996, lists the names of 158 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and civilian cryptologists who have made the ultimate sacrifice, "Serving in Silence," in the performance of their duties since World War II.

Additional information on the Memorial Wall and a special historical monograph highlighting Sgt. Trista Moretti's life, service, and sacrifice can be viewed via the NSA/CSS Web site at [www.nsa.gov/memorial/moretti\\_monograph.pdf](http://www.nsa.gov/memorial/moretti_monograph.pdf).

## Council Clash Over Truck Route Continues



Mayor Charlie Butrico and Council President Rob Bengivenga continue to have opposing views on the issue of the borough's safest truck route.



The Republican Majority voted last month to rescind the weight restriction on Hamilton Boulevard after a study by Traffic Safety Officer Lt. Kevin Murtagh

At their May 12 meeting, the Borough Council voted to remove the weight restrictions on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue, thus allowing trucks back on both roadways. Mayor Charles Butrico vetoed the ordinance last Friday and the council was set to override the veto at Monday's meeting.

Trucks were barred from Hamilton Boulevard two years ago by the then-Democratically controlled council and re-routed along St. Nicholas Avenue, South Clinton Avenue to New Market Avenue and Spicer Avenue.

deemed the truck route unsafe.

When the resolution to override the ordinance came up for a vote, Mayor Butrico asked that it be tabled to allow the voters to decide in the fall elections. This suggestion was rejected by a 4-2 vote, along party lines.

The mayor then read a portion of a state statute that said a public official should recuse himself from any vote

in which they would have a direct or indirect financial interest. He said that Councilman Rob Bengivenga is employed by Marpal Disposal, a division of Republic Services of New Jersey. Republic Services also owns Midco Waste Systems, a firm located in South Plainfield whose trucks use borough roads, and would benefit from moving trucks back onto Hamilton Boulevard. The current truck route is two miles longer than the Hamilton Boulevard route.

"I work for Marpal Disposal doing business as Republic Services in Monmouth County. I don't work for Midco or report to Midco, nor do my bosses

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## Project 2008 Graduation UPDATE

The South Plainfield High School PTA congratulates all of the SPHS 2008 graduating seniors. The Project Graduation celebration will be held at The Club at Ricochet on June 24 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on June 25.

All participants must arrive between 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The pool will be open and graduates are encouraged to bring bathing suits and towels. Locker rooms will be available, as well as lockers to store belongings; however, the lockers do not contain locks and graduates should bring their own. Remember props and costumes for the lip sync contest, volleyball contest and Video Star (make your own music video).

Rules of Conduct and permission slips and/or the contest forms must be submitted to the SPHS main office by Tuesday, June 17. Forms are available in the main office. It is not necessary for graduates to bring money; everything at this event is free! It will be a fun-filled night.

This important event will not be a success without the help and support

of the SPHS parents. Chaperones for Project Graduation are still needed for the following time slots: 2 to 5 a.m. and 4 to 6 a.m. for clean-up. We are looking for dads during all time slots to help with grilling and clean-up. If interested in chaperoning or helping to clean-up, please contact Sharon Miller directly at (908) 754-6461 or through the main office at the high school, (908) 756-4620. Please provide your name, home telephone number and the area and time available to help.

This important event will be a success and an unforgettable night for our graduating seniors because of the support of our SPHS families, our South Plainfield community organizations, local businesses and volunteers. The PTA thanks those who have previously donated for their generosity. It is not too late to make a donation.

Monetary donations can be sent to: South Plainfield High School PTA, 200 Lake St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Make checks payable to: SPHS PTA—Project Graduation.



The NSA/CSS Cryptologic Memorial Wall in NSA Headquarters.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS** air on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

**AGENDA** and/or Other **SPECIAL** Meetings air Saturday at 8 p.m.

**BOE** meetings air Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

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



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

**council meetings**

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

<b>Agenda Meeting</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>
June 16 .....	June 23
July 7 .....	July 14
August 4 .....	August 11
September 2 (Tuesday) .....	September 8

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

**planning board**

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov 18\*, Dec. 9\*.

**zoning board of adjustment**

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

June 26, July 10 and 24, August 14 and 28,  
September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 30\*, December 11\*.

**board of education meetings**

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.: July 9, August 13, 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.: June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 8.

**recreation commission**

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

**taxpayers advisory group**

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

**site plan sub-committee**

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.  
June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.

**environmental commission**

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621  
July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14.

**business advisory group**

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

**traffic safety advisory commission**

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

**board of education curriculum/technology meetings**

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



On May 22 Riley School Cub Scout Pack 224 were entertained, to say the least, by the young magical wonder Anthony Nicholas. The entertainment consisted of puzzling illusions as well as comical wittiness. Submitted by Gina McConville

# IN MY OPINION

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

**To the Editor:**

As the co-directors of the Grant School Drama Club, we thought it was important to mention the parents that helped so much with this year's production of "Oklahoma!" Jr. This year, the parents went above and beyond, and definitely had as much fun as the kids did working on making the Grant School "cafetorium" look like a theater.

Without the help and support of the parents, this show could never have happened! From Abra Hodge taking care of the t-shirts and helping with supervision, to Jim Boettcher assembling the farm house and assuring that the stage was strong enough for the entire cast to square dance on! And what would we have done without the artistic genius of Judi Vargas in making our dreams of a beautiful backdrop come true! Even all the details and set decorations were taken care of, like Maryann Bythell's cornstalks, and Mr. and Mrs. Quinn's tireless efforts on the porch, the picnic baskets, and stuffing the programs. Karen Kelly was always there when we needed her. Every effort is so appreciated.

Ticket sales were smoother than ever because of Joanne Boettcher, and

we sold flowers this year because of Tina George. Audrey and Michelle Schuetz helped with supervision, Janie Walsh sewed and Maggie Temple did so much we could never list it all. Laura Maino is planning our cast party, and also helped with supervising the kids.

So, here we go—a list of all the other parents that worked so hard to make this a success: Babs Jenkins, Marianne Decker, Bill and Suzanne Butrico, Alex and Laurie Liszewski, Bill and Jayne Mott (and William, Jr.), Jane Dornick, Lian Marrero, Stephanie Mann, Carol Macchia, Austin Jenkins, Sesha Jeedigunta, Kathy Buschan, Mrs. Cirilli, Karen Kozak, and, of course, Frank from Marriot for setting up our stage. If we forgot any other parents, thank you so much for all you did.

We would also like to thank Mark Tweed, Cheryl Papa, Diane Ranger, Leo Whalen, Rob Richkus, and the rest of the Grant School staff for everything they did to help us get this show up and running.

We have never seen such a group of dedicated and loving parents give so much time and love so that their kids could have this kind of theater experience. It is so comforting to know that musical theater is something that the parents of Grant School really value.

**Submit Letters to the Editor:**

Please be advised that the *Observer* does not publish anonymous letters.

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We believe that this program will go on because these parents gave everything they had to make this an experience one their children will never forget. Without support like this, this program would not exist. Please keep these programs and others like them alive in your school by getting involved like these parents did. In this day and age, what could be more valuable to your children than theatrical production where they can learn, work together, and have fun all at the same time? Keep supporting such productions and your children will thank you for it. Thanks again for everything.

**SINCERELY, JOAN STASIO & LIZBET ARRIOLA  
CO-DIRECTORS OF THE GRANT SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB**

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## Democracy Week Voters Also Gave Comments

The results of the Democracy Week vote held in May resulted in more than just a yes or no vote for a new library. Voters were asked to add a comment on their ballots and many took advantage of the opportunity.

The vote to fund a new library was rejected by voters. The final vote was 673 against and 489 saying yes to approve borrowing up to \$4.5M. A total of 1,162 votes were cast, less than 10 percent of eligible voters.

Many of those voting yes felt that the town needed a new larger library, but they also felt that the site was not large enough and parking could be a problem. "We have to plan for the future, not just for today," wrote one resident who voted yes.

Those who voted no also said the site was too small and parking was a problem. "No" voters commented that the present library was sufficient, or to expand the library, that a library is not needed and to use the school library instead. One comment suggested that the library should have been built years ago when there was federal money available. "This is a bad time to ask for more money. Another tax that will never end," concluded another voter.

Many voters took the opportunity to express their views on other issues, such as whether trucks should travel on New Market Avenue or Hamilton Boulevard, requesting more bulk pickups and commented on the police, schools, taxes, street cleaners and upgrading Borough Hall.

Members of the Library Board of Trustees have asked for permission to study the comments during their next meeting. They will use the comments to help decide how to proceed in the future.

## Flag Day Ceremonies

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Flag Day ceremonies on Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Boulevard.

The Elks will hold their annual Flag Day Ceremonies at 7 p.m. that evening in the Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue.

The public is invited to attend either or both ceremonies.



Residents were invited to bring documents and confidential papers they wanted to shred to the offices of Century 21 Moretti Realty on May 31. The shredding event, sponsored by Century 21 Moretti Realty, was free to all residents.

## County Mobile Passport Office Coming to South Plainfield

The Middlesex County Mobile Passport Office will be visiting the Borough of South Plainfield on Friday, June 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the South Plainfield Senior Center.

Middlesex County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn urges residents to take advantage of this program.

Flynn said that the mobile program has been so successful because it allows residents to apply for their U.S. passports close to home without the need to drive into New Brunswick. "This service is another joint county and local government ventures making government services more user friendly for the residents of Middlesex

County," said Flynn.

Applications may be downloaded from the Department of State's Web site at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) and completed in advance. Applications are also available at the senior center.

In addition to the passport service, Notary Public oaths will be administered to those who have applied to the State of New Jersey and have received their completed paperwork back from the State.

For additional information on U.S. passport requirements, please call the county passport information line at (732) 745-3404.

## South Plainfield Funeral Home Renews Adopt-a-spot Contract

Franklin Rainear of the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home recently renewed his Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the coming year. The funeral home will provide litter removal services along a half-mile stretch of vacant land on New Market Avenue, from Highland Avenue to Pulaski Street.

New Market Avenue carries heavy truck and automobile traffic along a route that combines residential, com-

mercial and industrial sites with stretches of vacant land. Part of the Borough's Highland Woods Nature Reserve fronts on New Market Avenue, at the stream crossing. Rainear and his part-time employees will continue their efforts to keep the roadside litter free.

The CBA is looking for adopters for additional locations. For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

## Senior Center

# UPDATE

## May Is National Stroke Awareness Month

What health condition is treatable if symptoms are identified fast? A stroke.

What health condition is 80% preventable? A stroke. In recognition of the importance of stroke awareness, the senior center will offer a very informative program on strokes. The program will educate our residents about stroke prevention, symptom recognition and recovery. When seniors are familiar with the signs and symptoms of stroke, they can act fast and save a life, either their own or someone they love.

Mark your calendar and make it a point to attend our stroke program on Monday, June 16 at 1 p.m. Bonnie Saunders, PT, MPA of Arista Care at Cedar Oaks is the scheduled speaker

and will discuss the effects, warning signs, risk factors and treatment of strokes. We hope you can attend.

### Hunterdon Hills Trip Planned

The senior center is running a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Thursday, July 24 to see "Let the Good Times Roll."

Join us for a wonderful day that includes a full luncheon, dessert buffet, a fabulous musical experience and round trip motor coach transportation. The cost is \$65 per person.

The bus departs the senior center at 10 a.m. and returns before 5 p.m.

For reservations, please contact the senior center at (908) 754-1047 or (908) 756-4135 or stop in to the senior center.

## SOUTH PLAINFIELD GAS CHECK PRICE

Gasoline prices are rising every day. To keep our readers informed, the Observer will be publishing the latest price of gasoline at our local stations.

Station	Location	6/3/2008		6/10/2008		See Note
		6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Jersey Oil	Park Ave & E. Golf Ave	\$3.759	\$3.859	\$3.859	\$3.959	1*
Citgo	Maple & Park Ave.	\$3.779	\$3.879	\$3.879	\$3.979	
Raceway	Clinton & W. 7th	\$3.779	\$3.899	\$3.899	\$3.999	2*
Enrite	Durham & Texas	\$3.789	\$3.899	\$3.899	\$3.999	
Gulf	Front St. & Oak Tree Ave.	\$3.949	\$3.949	\$3.949	\$3.949	
Exxon	Maple & Park Ave.	\$3.799	\$3.959	\$3.959	\$3.959	
Jersey Oil	Hamilton & Amboy	\$3.819	\$3.979	\$3.979	\$3.979	
Shell	Plainfield & Lane	\$3.939	\$3.989	\$3.989	\$3.989	
Gulf	Stelton & New Brunswick	\$3.899	\$3.999	\$3.999	\$3.999	
Lukoil	Durham & 287	\$3.899	\$4.099	\$4.099	\$4.099	
Lukoil	Hamilton & Stelton	\$3.999	\$4.099	\$4.099	\$4.099	
1* Jersey Oil Credit Card Price -		\$3.519	\$3.699	\$3.699	\$3.959	
2* Raceway Credit Card Price -		\$3.519	\$3.689	\$3.689	\$3.999	

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# Around Town

## Elks Father's Day Breakfast

June 15

On Sunday, June 15, the South Plainfield Elks will host a steak and eggs breakfast for Father's Day from 8 a.m. until noon. Steak and eggs will be \$12, including potatoes, toast, juice and coffee. Eggs to order with bacon and/or sausage, potatoes, etc. will be \$6. Pancakes can be included with any order. Kids 3-12 will be \$4, but if they have a big enough appetite for steak, it will be the same price as the adults. Children two and under are free. The Elks Lodge is located at 1254 New Market Ave., (908) 668-9750

## AARP Chapter #4144 Installation of Officers

June 19

The AARP Chapter #4144 will meet on Thursday, June 19 at the Victorian Manor for a luncheon meeting. Installing the newly elected officers will be Sy Larson, state president of AARP, and his wife, Lee. All AARP members are invited regardless of chapter affiliation. To attend, contact Sylvia

## Hudson Valley Resort/Spa Trip

August 18-22

AARP Chapter #4144 is taking a trip to the Hudson Valley Resort Hotel and Spa in New York Aug. 18-22. \$530 price (double occup.) For trip details or to register, call (732) 752-3764. A deposit of \$200 is required with balance no later than August 1.

## What's happening at the SENIOR CENTER

JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> July 24 – Hunterdon Hills Summer Musical Luncheon, bus, show - \$65 ... August 7–Summer Picnic - Noon All You Can Eat; Live Entertainment; \$12				Bingo 10am-2pm <b>13</b>
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## Fundraiser for Alyssa Ricciardi

June 21

Carrabba's Italian Grill, located at 200 U.S. Hwy. 22W in Green Brook, is hosting a fundraiser to support The Ashley Lauren Foundation for Alyssa Marie Ricciardi on Saturday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alyssa, who is battling to stay cancer free, is currently awaiting a kidney transplant.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 and available for

purchase through June 15 by calling Maggie at (908) 464-0498 or Dana at (908) 755-6799. Make checks payable to: The Ashley Lauren Foundation.

If you would like you can mail a donation to: The Ashley Lauren Foundation for Alyssa, 41 Hwy. 34, S Suite, 103 Colts Neck, N.J. 07722.

## SPBA Meeting

June 26

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner, located on Front Street. As a member of SPBA, please feel free to offer incentives for your business at the meeting as well as be a guest speaker at our monthly meetings. This month's "Spotlight on Business" segment will be Graphix One.

Contact Debra Anne Leporino at SPBAPres@aol.com no later than Wednesday, July 3 if you would like to be a speaker or do a five-minute presentation on your company or business at the July membership meeting.

## Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing

June 27

The fifth annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing will take place on Friday, June 27 at Heron Glen Golf Course located in Ringoes. All net proceeds will go to Art's favorite charity, The Matheny School, for children and adults with developmental disabilities. The cost for golf, continental breakfast, cart, prizes and barbecue lunch is \$125 per golfer.

For more information or to register, call Jim Muglia at (973) 667-2466 or E-mail Artsmemorialgolf@yahoo.com.

## Cedarcroft Vacation Bible School

June 29 - July 3

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will have its annual Vacation Bible School on Sunday, June 29 through Thursday, July 3 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. There will be Bible stories, crafts, skits, games and songs. Any child entering first through eighth grade is invited to this free event.

For info or to register, call (908) 757-7598 or visit www.cedarcroft.org.

## — Out of Town —

## Middlesex East WOWs

June 13

The Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, June 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission is \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For information call Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

## Yard Sale

June 14

Resurrection of Christ Church, 469 Bound Brook Rd. in Dunellen, is holding a yard sale on Saturday, June 14, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Old items, jewelry, dolls, small appliances, electronics, dishes, crystal, old silverware and more. Bag sale at 12:30 p.m.

## "High School Musical"

June 15

Disney's High School Musical continues its run at the Washington Crossing State Park Open Air Theater

through June 15 with performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for children and groups of 20 or more.

For ticket information call (509) 737 4323.

## Diocese of Metuchen Golf Classic

June 18

The Diocese of Metuchen will hold its 15th annual golf classic on Wednesday, June 18 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster. Cost is \$150 per person and includes a continental breakfast, golfing, barbeque luncheon and a cocktail reception.

For information and reservations, call (732) 562-2433, or visit www.diometuchen.org.

## Celebrate Life Day

June 20

The Diocese of Metuchen will sponsor the third annual Celebrate Life, a day for seniors over 55 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, on Friday, June 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The session includes Mass at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$15. Pre-registration is required by calling (732) 562-1624 or visiting www.diometuchen.org.

## Seminar for Teens

June 21

"Your Future—Get it Right," a one-day seminar for young ladies ages 15-18 will be held on Saturday, June 21 at Plainfield Area YMCA, 518 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guest passes available until 6 p.m. Bring your swimwear! Lunch is provided. Registration before June 16; cost is \$30; with the temperament character evaluation and seminar \$105.

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## Vacation Bible School at Mt. Virgin

June 27 to July 3

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin School, 450 Drake Avenue in Middlesex, will offer "Son World Adventure Park" themed vacation Bible school from Friday, June 27 through Thursday, July 3. There will be crafts, songs, game time and snacks each day. Fees are \$25 for one child; \$35 for two; \$45 for three or more.

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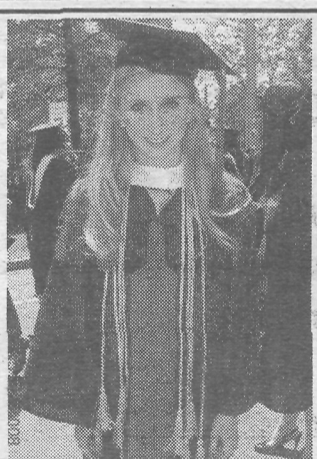
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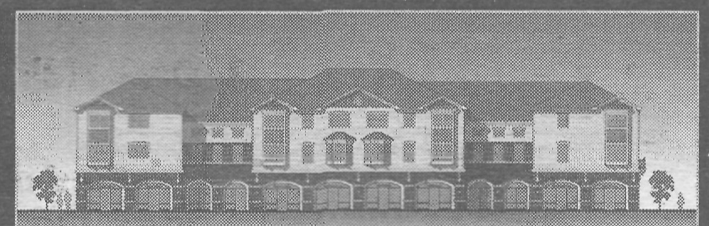
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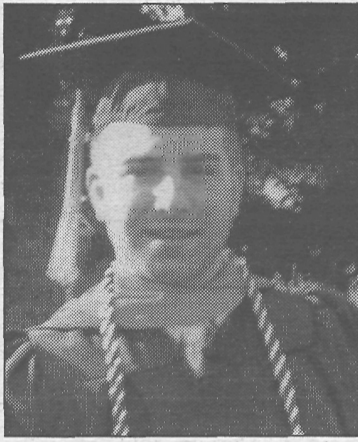


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## southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Guy Joseph Severini

### Severini Graduates From High Point College

Guy Joseph Severini graduated from High Point College with a bachelor's degree in science. He was also named to the dean's list for the Spring 2008 semester. Dean's list students are those who have attained a 3.5 GPA for the previous semester based on a 4.0 scale.

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### Graziano Graduates From Rutgers University

Shelly Graziano graduated from Rutgers University on May 22 earning a master's degree in education with a specialization in biological sciences. She will be employed as a graduate assistant at Montclair University this fall where she will be pursuing a master of arts degree in counseling.

Shelly is the daughter of Alan and LeeAnn Graziano of South Plainfield.

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### CalvinJohn Smiley Graduates from Lehigh University

CalvinJohn Smiley graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. on May 19. He received a bachelor of arts degree where he double majored in political science and Africana studies.

He received a 4.0 GPA for the Spring Semester of 2008 and has been on the dean's list for all the semesters of his junior and senior year. During his senior year, CalvinJohn received the following awards: The Ralph Albert Thomas '76 Leadership Award-presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated tremen-



CalvinJohn Smiley received the Ujima Award from John McKnight, assistant dean of multicultural affairs.

dous achievement in their academic, personal and co-curricular involvement and has had a significant impact

on the quality of life of other Lehigh students; The Ujima Service and Leadership Award; as President of the Black Student Union-Student Club/Organization of the Year Award; as one of the organizers of "Rock 4 Darfur"-Exemplary Cultural Programming of the Year Award; The Arthur Ashe Junior Sport Scholar Award; runner-up for the Marlene (Linny) Fowler Service Award and runner-up for the Midatlantic Region for Academic Momentum Award from the National Consortium for Academics and Sports.

Not only was CalvinJohn president of the Black Student Union, but he participated on the Lehigh University swim team all four years. He was an organizer and leader on campus and brought many notable speakers to Lehigh.

For his academic, social, and leadership endeavors, Lehigh University has awarded him the position of teaching assistant where he will be furthering his education at Lehigh University pursuing a master of arts degree in political science.

CalvinJohn Smiley is the son of Cheryl Nagel-Smiley.

### Ashleigh R. Gaspari Named to Dean's List

Ashleigh R. Gaspari of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at Coastal Carolina University for the Spring 2008 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, freshmen must earn a 3.25 grade point average and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degrees in 40 major fields of study and 37 undergraduate minors. The university also offers master's degree programs in business administration, education, and coastal marine and wetland studies. Nearly 8,000 students are enrolled.



Carolyn White receives a plaque from Hani H. Nassif, Chapter President.

### Carolyn White Honored by Sigma Xi

On April 30 Grant Elementary School science teacher Carolyn White was honored by the Rutgers Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. She was selected as one of three recipients of this year's (2008) Excellence in Science Teaching Award (elementary school category). At the banquet White was presented with a plaque and an honorarium of \$125 for her "contributions to science education."

Her selection was based on an en-

thusiastic recommendation and nomination application by Grant Elementary Principal Leo Whalen. The application highlighted her innovative teaching strategies, her ability to stimulate student interest and achievement, her continual professional development, and her leadership role within the faculty and among the students. The search was conducted throughout Middlesex and Somerset counties through submissions by school superintendents and principals.

### Susan Marie Butrico and Eric Lester Engaged

Frank and Ann Marie Butrico of South Plainfield are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie Butrico, to Eric Lester, son of Chuck and Ellen Lester of Lake Worth, Fla. (formally of Westfield).



Eric Lester & Susan Butrico

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of South Plainfield High School and has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Kean University. She is currently attending

Bloomfield College for teaching certification, and is employed at Butrico's Auto Body, Inc. in South Plainfield.

Her fiancé, Eric, is a 1997 graduate of Westfield High School. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in education at

Montclair State University. He is employed by Golf Galaxy in Woodbridge.

The couple will be married in the summer of 2010.

### Bucknell Announces Dean's List

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring Semester of the 2007-08 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Named to the dean's list were Samantha A. Deffler, daughter of John and Marie Deffler of South Plainfield and a 2006 graduate of South

Plainfield High School and Ryan M. Smith, son of Martin and Nancy Smith of South Plainfield and a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

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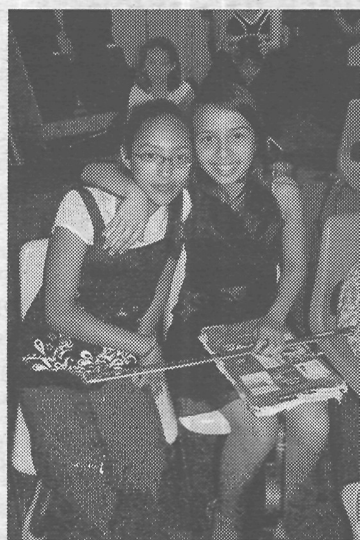
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## Grant Elementary School Performs Spring Concert



By Jane Dornick

Grant Elementary School held their annual spring concert at the high school on May 29.

The orchestra, conducted by Diane Lee and accompanied by Joan Stasio, started off the evening with the "Bow-Town Blues," "Two Bach Minuets," "The Pink Panther" and

"Hotaru Koi."

Mark Tweed directed the jazz band who played "Breaking News Blues," "One Note Samba," "Blues at the Gate" and "Drama for Your Mama."

The fifth grade band, also directed by Tweed, played "Fire Caves of Gogathon," "Back to School Blues," "Chanukah Lights," "Declaration and Dance" and "Soul Man."

Stasio conducted the sixth grade band featuring "Declaration in Blue," "Japanese Folk Trilogy," "New World Symphony," "Nowhere Man" and "National Emblem."

The chorus, also directed by Stasio and accompanied on piano by Paul DiDario, sang "Penny Lane," "Vision of Peace," with Kayla O'Neal on flute and Yasmeen Mighty on clarinet, "Why We Sing," "Over the Rainbow," with John Delacruz on violin, and "Long Distance, Please." Soloists were Dominick Scaleria, Gabrielle Payne, Jamie Bilak, Jennifer Teece, Zoe Strong, Frank Ferraro, Shayna Hodge, Kayla O'Neal, Alexandra Liebowitz, Tommy Olah, Jonathan Prins and Chris Cieszkiewicz.

## Riley Elementary School Highlights

Several teachers at John E. Riley Elementary School have announced a few of the highlights of their school year.

Every year kindergarten teacher Patricia Publik establishes a "Star of the Week Program." Each kindergartener is highlighted for the week. Each child gets to decorate a bulletin board all by themselves, bringing in family and pet photos to hang up. Then a parent or "special relative" is invited to visit the class to talk about their career or an interesting hobby. The children are thrilled to have their family members come in and at the same time the students learn so many fascinating things about a variety of jobs. This year some of the guests included nurses, policemen, ambulance drivers, councilmen and computer programmers. Some parents even brought in their family pet! The other students also make a "Good Feelings" chart to compliment their classmate, which reinforces Riley's character education program.

In preparation for the super bowl Maria Sottiriou's third grade class did a special football unit, which involved language arts, socials studies and art. First, each student was given a list of all AFC and NFC teams with the city and state each team was from. All the cities and states needed to be written correctly with beginning capital letters and a comma between each city and state. Next, the students were given a helmet pattern to decorate with a team logo. The city, state and team name was also written on each helmet. Each team in the NFL was represented. Then the students received a blank map of the United States. They labeled each on the map, along with the team names for the states they represented. Finally, the students used the completed maps to answer questions using cardinal and intermediate directions.

The students worked on the unit during the month of January and most were very surprised to learn the actual

location of these teams across the country. Of course, after the Super Bowl they also all learned which is the most important team... Go Giants!

A very tragic event occurred to two students in Beth Giaka's Resource Room this year. Two sisters, Thais Lopez and Gabriela Medina, suddenly lost their father in a Vermont car crash. This prompted the Ennis Cosby Foundation/Hello Friend Organization, named for actor Bill Cosby's son, to nominate Giakas's class as the recipient of a classroom library. Giakas shared the new books with Sottiriou's class, which is Gaby's homeroom.

Eugene Clapsis, Riley School's

physical education teacher, sponsored several events this year. He conducted an evening "coordination seminar" for parents where he demonstrated coordination and agility tips which parents can do with their children to enhance their athletic ability. This is the first event of this nature at Riley School. He also coordinated the annual "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser, which this year raised approximately \$2,000 for heart disease. Karli Smithline, a fourth grade student, was the first place winner.

Clapsis would also like to thank the 30 volunteer parents for their help with this year's "Fun and Fitness Day."

## Riley Students Participate In Elks Poster Contest

This year, as in every other year for the past eight-plus years, Beth Giakas's students at John E. Riley Elementary School entered the Elks poster contest. This year there were five winners: Stormi Morris, Nicole Croce, Rachel Aguiar, Thais Lopez and Justin Counts.

The Elks poster contest is open to all special needs students K-12 in the community. The students' posters need to depict the word Elks somewhere on their posters and also something the Elks do, which includes sponsoring Camp Moore, and supplying eyeglasses, hospital beds, braces and hearing aids. The posters are judged first at the towns' lodges. These first, second and third place winners receive a trophy. The winners then go on to the districts, where the winners receive a cash award of \$20-\$25. The district winners go onto the state, where the prizes are checks of \$20-\$25.

All entrants received a certificate and medal for participation. Extended family and friends were invited to join in a celebration and awards ceremony on May 20 at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

Justin Counts was the third place winner at the state and district levels. He tied for second place at the lodge level with Nicole Croce. Thais Lopez placed first at the district and lodge levels. Rachel Aguiar and Stormi Morris tied for third place at the lodge level.

A total of 25 of Giakas's students participated in the contest. In addition to the above-mentioned winners, they included Emily Abrego, Serenity Batsman, Alexander Crews, Anthony Eastmann, Kelly Lizano, Ashley Martinez, Jose Lopez Mendez, Alex Peralta, Eryn Venitelli, Jacob Blend, Tamara Elliott, Melanie Lizano, Michael McCormick, Kaitlyn Piro, Eric Akpan, Zachary Del Vecchio, Julio Jones, Gabriela Medina and Chika Obadike.

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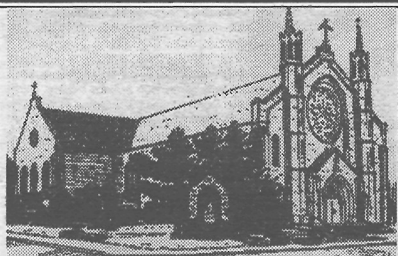
South Plainfield to the resort. The trip includes hotel rooms, all meals in dining room, entertainment daily and nightly, use of all facilities, indoor/outdoor pools, all taxes and gratuities included. Cost is \$530 per person double occupancy, \$630 single price.

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Middle School students planted a garden of sunflowers for a cancer awareness fundraiser in the courtyard of the school. They collected \$1 for each seed and planted 170 sunflowers. Students who participated were Joshua Rochotte, Haley Robjohns, Taylor Hagy, Ashley Robjohns, Emily Pittender, Emily Reineke, Miranda Black and Michelle O'Sullivan. Student advisor is Miss Hughes and Mr. Prongay helped with the project. High school graphic arts students and teacher Rich D'Urso donated the sign.

## Mock Murder Madness

by Kerri Siedenburt, Reporter

The following story is a fabrication of a trial organized by Government & Law teacher Mr. Cirigliano and Forensic Science teacher Mrs. Porzio. The trial includes a crime scene produced by forensic science students and is conducted by Government & Law students. Do not worry; this is a completely fake murder.

Madness has struck the town of South Plainfield, New Jersey during the week of April 24, 2008. At approximately 10:30 p.m. on said date, Patty Pazzorati's lifeless body was found in room 22 of the Red Roof Inn on Durham Avenue. The body

was found by Jim McMasters and police immediately responded to the scene. Patty was found strangled in the hotel room. Evidence was examined and the law enforcement's main suspect, Kyle Anderson, has been arrested for allegedly committing the crime. Defense attorneys Chris Pennisi, Grey Coppi and Aliyah Rademaker said, "The defense team is hard at work as we speak coming up with a strong case to prove the innocence of Kyle Anderson." His trial was held on June 5, 2008 at the South Plainfield Police Department's court room. Keep an eye out for more information in the upcoming *Observer* issues.

## Funeral Home to Host Bereavement Support Groups

Franklin H. Rainear, Jr., local owner and manager of The South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home, is pleased to announce his continued sponsorship of a bereavement support group at the funeral home. The support group meets on a regular basis, twice a month, on the first and third Monday and Tuesday of each month

in the evening from 7 to 8:30 at the funeral home.

Carol Burner, MA, certified grief recovery specialist facilitates the sessions. Please come and join us if you need a helping hand. The sessions are free and open to everyone.

## Middle School Music Awards Dinner Held

By Jane Dornick

On June 3 the South Plainfield Middle School Music Department hosted its third annual music awards dinner at the Italian/American Club in North Plainfield. With approximately 170 music students participating, the awards dinner celebrates their achievements throughout the school year. Each student received a participation award and over 27 students received special distinguished awards.

The Director's Awards, the highest honor of the night, were given to the most outstanding member in their group. Albert Vill received the orchestra award from director Sarah Bruce, Kathleen Vincent from choral director Donna Markiewicz and the band award went to Casey Butrico from director Andrew Veiss. The other curricular activities that also received awards were the symphony orchestra,



Receiving Director's Awards are (L to R) Albert Vill for orchestra, Casey Butrico for band and Kathleen Vincent for chorus.

chamber orchestra, Gems, jazz band and wind ensemble.

Over 280 people attended the din-

ner and the students were excited and proud of their achievements. The night was a huge success.

## Forty-two Inducted into National Honor Society

The South Plainfield High School National Honor Society inductees ceremony took place on June 5 with Principal Dr. Kenneth May administering the oath. The new members were welcomed by Superintendent Jose Neron, Assistant Principals Anthony

Massaro, Ralph Errico and Bob Diehl along with National Honor Society advisors Dorothy Glus and Anu Garrison and Board of Education member Debbie Boyle.

Inductees for 2008-2009 are Lindsay Barton, Michael Boyle, Sean Cof-

fey, Rebecca Deffler, Danielle Dembia, Michael Dezmin, Stephanie DiCindio, Nathaniel Eliassen, Lindsay Fredericks, Christopher Fulton, Sydney Gentile, Tara Goitanda, Keri Gould, Ashleigh Gray, Richard Harzula, Caitlin Herriott, Blaire Houston, Natia Katsantonis, Catherine Krawiec, Jacklyn Kukuch, Alexa Kunch, Jeremia Magpile, Alyssa McCreesh, Jessica Murtagh, Lyndsey Murtagh, Diana Naser, Christina Nieves, Kirsten Nuber, Emily Orlandini, Dharti Patel, Krisha Patel, Kathryn Paterek, Allyson Paterek, Douglas Porzio, Theodore Skwiat, Rachel Smith, Christine Snogans, Nora Stasio, Heather Stoloff, Kara Thomas, Susan Tian and Erik White.

## Students Honored for Writing Skills

Alissa Pecora, English teacher at South Plainfield High School, encouraged her students to submit the short stories and poetry they wrote in connection with a creative writing unit to a variety of publications.

This effort proved very fruitful this year when several students had their work selected for publication in two national creative writing magazines, "Teen Ink" and "The High School Writer."

Several of Pecora's students also won the Edison Arts Society High School Poetry contest. These students included tenth grader Danielle Cam-

panella, second place; eleventh grader John Neesan, third place; and seniors Emily Piekarski, Christopher Delaney, John Horvath and Melissa Thibault, all taking honorable mention.

The student read their poems at the Barnes and Noble book store at Menlo Mall on May 27. In addition, Pecora also had her poetry published in the "Edison Literary Review."

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### Grant Drama Club Presented Their Version of "Oklahoma!" Jr.

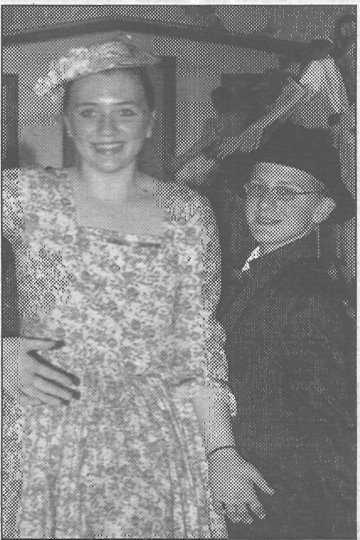
By Patricia Abbott

On May 21 and 22 Grant School Drama Club presented their production of "Oklahoma!" Jr, a simplified version of the hit Broadway musical and movie "Oklahoma!"

More than 60 students participated in the play both on stage and off. The

young fifth and sixth grade actors enthusiastically dove into their roles of settlers in a new state. At the helm was feisty Aunt Eller played by Bhrianna Farmer, who ruled over the young'uns like a mother hen does her chicks. Aunt Eller watches as her niece Laurie (Alyssa Liszewski) quietly falls for Curly (Cody Decker), and Jud Fry (Charlie Butrico), a farm hand shows his not-so-nice side with a fierce crush on Laurie. Boy crazy Ado Annie (Alyssa Kelly) has her eye on handsome Will Parker (Dominick Scalera), but she can't resist a chance to flirt with the traveling peddler (Adam Butrico). Add to the mix Gertie Cummings (Shayna Hodge) and her ear-drum-irritating giggle, a host of other characters, colorful costumes and a few hysterical props and you have a hit.

The show was performed twice on May 21, in the afternoon for the student body and an evening show for family and friends. A second show was performed on May 22. The show was directed by Grant School teachers Joan Stasio and Lizbet Arriola.



## Scouting in South Plainfield

It's not too early to sign up for our next program year. We're looking for girls of all ages that are ready to have fun, make new friends and learn some new things along the way, especially if your girl is entering kindergarten or first grade in the fall. Troops will be forming over the summer so they can be ready to go in September! For more information call (908) 232-3236.

Over 120 girls and guests enjoyed the play "Peter Pan" at Villagers Theatre in Somerset. The cast put on a fun production of this classic. The small and cozy atmosphere is the perfect setting for children to be introduced to the theatre arts.

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 883 has made a big effort to support our American troops here and overseas. After a visit from an American Legion member, the girls collected personal products and entertainment items for Operation Shoebox. They have also sold a whopping 463 boxes of cookies to be shipped directly to the U.S.O. which will in turn ship them to our troops in the United States and abroad. The girls are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who have made donations to make this possible. Through Operation Cookie Drop, you are supporting our American servicemen and women, but you are also supporting local Girl Scout troops and our Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc. For this we thank you!

New girls are always welcome. For more information call (908) 232-3236 for referral. Adults, consider joining us as adult volunteers; no girl scout required!



More than 200 Junior Girl Scouts and nearly 100 adults braved the damp and chilly temperatures to attend Junior Outdoor Day. The event, capably organized and executed by the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council's Program Department, was held on May 3 at the Watchung Reservation. Participants came away with a pair of badges: Finding Your Way and Your Outdoor Surroundings by taking part in 11 unique and exciting stations. Girls learned the basics of outdoor survival, how to coexist with nature and much more. Adults were not left out of the fun either as they enjoyed "Outdoors for Dummies," a training geared to acclimate themselves to all the outdoors has to offer.

## Camp Hoover Has Something For Everyone

Camp Hoover, the summer resident camp of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, is the perfect place for young campers to have their first overnight camp experience. With youngsters in mind, Camp Hoover is offering A Little Camp Fun, Mini-Camp and Grand Tour.

Open to girls entering grades 1-3 in the fall, A Little Camp Fun runs from Thursday through Saturday. Campers will enjoy a sample of activities including swimming in Swartswood Lake, arts and crafts, games, hiking and a cookout. Mini Camp is

available to girls entering grades 2-5 as of the fall and runs from Sunday through Wednesday. Campers will get to experience all that the 340-acre camp has to offer. Open to girls entering grades 2-6, Hoover Grand Tour runs from Sunday-Saturday, providing a full camp experience.

To learn more about Camp Hoover and to register for these or any of the programs being offered this summer, call (908) 232-3236, ext. 1213, E-mail chay@gswrc.com or consult www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE NO. 1824

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$420,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$399,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 13, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$420,000, including a 2008 Middlesex County HCDBG Grant in the amount of \$55,000 expected to be received (the "Grant") and further including the sum of \$21,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment and in anticipation of receipt of the Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$399,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is improvements to various roads, including the installation of curbs, hand-capped ramps and storm water management grates on Nunnink Lane, Blecker Street, Houston Street and Geary Drive and the installation of ADA hand-capped ramps on Sampson Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Grant Avenue and other various roads, including all work and materials necessary there-

for and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the

office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$399,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:220 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 9. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Acting Municipal Clerk  
\$259.35 June 13, 2008

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE NO. 1822

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

Ordinance NO. 1822 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PUBLIC AUCTION HELD BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Acting Municipal Clerk  
\$26.60 June 13, 2008

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE NO. 1823

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO ACCEPT A RECREATION EASEMENT FROM THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE TURF FIELD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS LOT 1 IN BLOCK 204 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 13, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

##### ORDINANCE 1823

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WHEREAS, the South Plainfield Police Athletic League, Inc. ("PAL") and the Borough of South Plainfield have entered into a Lease Agreement dated August 20, 1993, regarding the certain property previously designated as Lots 706 through 731 in Block 274, and currently identified as Lot 1 in Block 204 on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield, which is also known as the Police Athletic League Recreation Complex (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement was modified and extended by mutual agreement of the PAL and the Borough pursuant to a Modification and Extension of Lease dated April 1999; and

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex has authorized a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to the Borough under the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to

fund the purchase and installation of a multi-purpose turf field and associated facilities at the Police Athletic League Recreation Complex, as set forth in the Grant and Restrictive Covenant, dated September 20, 2007 (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Grant, the Borough and the PAL entered into an Amendment to the Lease Agreement, dated April 2008, to reflect the current Lot and Block designation for the Property, to acknowledge the Grant, as well as prior open space grants from the County to the Borough in connection with improvements to the Police Athletic League Recreation Complex, and to authorize a Recreation Easement for the Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Grant, the PAL wishes to grant a Recreation Easement to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Easement, in the form attached hereto, has been drafted by the Borough Attorney, and reviewed and approved by the PAL, as well as the County Counsel for the County of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council find it in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield to accept the Recreation Easement in connection with the Grant for the improvements to the Property.

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:

- Pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., the Borough of South Plainfield hereby accepts the Recreation Easement from the PAL on the Property in connection with the Grant.
- The Mayor, Borough Clerk, and Borough Attorney are hereby authorized to sign the Recreation Easement, along with any other documents required for the acceptance of the property interests on behalf of the Borough.
- The Borough Clerk is directed to forward the signed original Recreation Easement to the Clerk of the County of Middlesex for recording therewith.
- The Borough Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance, as adopted, to the County of Middlesex.
- This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication according to law.

Ordinance No. 1823 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 13, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Acting Municipal Clerk  
\$131.10 June 13, 2008

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# Grant School Announces Honor Roll

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Lukas Cabanas, Azalah Carter, Nicholas Castagno, Daisy Castro, Pamela Chacon Castro, Ryan Chadwick, Melanie Cheng, Crystal Custodio, Hunter Czarnik, John Gilbert DeLaCruz, Holly DeLair, Danielle DeVizio, Joseph Demico, Kyle Dickerson, Taylor Donato, Hayley Dow.

Khalil Farid, Nicholas Fasullo, Kaitlyn Faustini, James Flasser, Katherin Gabriel, Antonio Garcia, Moriah Garcia, Rebecca George, Bryan Gillen, Imrin Goraya, Christopher Graves, Amanda Harper, Tiffany Harvey, Rosalind Heim, Sabrina Hemming, Shayna Hodge, Casidhe Holoboski, Matthew Hurst, Eric Ivaniuc, Ania Januszko, Raymond Jazikoff.

Sara Kamal, Rowena Kanj, Dominika Kapolka, Michelle Keane, Thoa (Theresa) Le, Matthew Lind, Charlotte Macchia, Robert Mammone, Jordan Mandel, Gianna Marcovecchio, Kayla Massaro, Kate McLaughlin, Mamta Mehta, Briell Melendez, Steven Merrill, Melissa Molano.

Kelley O'Brien, Andres Ochoa, Michael Olano, Richard Pangborn, Britney Papa, Donavan Parker, Anjali Patel, Harsh Patel, Het Patel, Raj Patel, Shivam Patel, Taiivi Patel, Vinay Patel, Gabrielle Payne, Nathaniel Persad, Samuel Persad, Deborah Persaud, Annemarie Pezzolla, Heidi Pilla, Susan Pipolo, Kara Podlovits, Jonathan Prins, Melanie Rajpal, Caroline Ratti, Brandon Rickert, Brian Roesch, Lizbeth Romo, Aubrey Rosiak.

Alex Salazar, Dominick Scalera, Allison Scarinci, Leonard Scarpitto, Brian Schillaci, James Schulkes, Mary Simmonds, Arshan Singh, Karishma Singh, Nicole Sottiriou, Monica Spooner, Kori Szabo-Smith, Olivia Tarnawska, Dakota Uhl, Jessica Uhl, Laura Weinberger, Katelyn Wolak, Kristen Wong, Amy Zinsky, David

Zychlinski.

## Honor Roll

Hannah Abrego, Bryant Acosta, Jared Agee, Aspen Akunne, Brianna Aponte, Philip Aquilina, Daniel Argueta, Jose Barahona, John Barcia, Brooke Barry, Deaundria Belson, Colin Berry, Jamie Bilak, Rebecca Birath, Jessica Bishop, Kayla Bishop, Jamie Bohn, Kaitlyn Bonanno, Alexandra Bosse, Wesley Bowe, Brianna Boyce, Melanie Budhan, Neil Budhan, Kevin Buschan, Kristiana Buschan, Vincent (Enzo) Butrico, Ryan Bythell.

Bertha Calderon, Jenna Calderone, Kristen Calderoni, Leonardo Calix, Renee Callanan, John Calvi, Breanna Calvin, Alyssa Capone, Danielle Caruso, Gabriela Castillo, Jenna Chabok, Valentina Chacon Castro, Ben Cochran, Zaire Cone, Kimberly Corsino, Taylor Crews.

Austin Daly, Adam Daubert, Cody Decker, Christina Deepan, Michael DelBeni, Conal Delaney, Jose Deligne Jr., Uyen-Vi Dong, Kimberly Dornick, James DuHamel, CJ Dudek, Tommy Dunn, Nicole Eager, Anthony Eggert, Robert Eggert, Ian Elliott, Bryan Evans, Morgan Evans, Patrick Evans, Bhrianna Farmer, Frank Ferraro, Talia Ferrigno, Kayla Fisher, Natalie Fontana, Christopher Fowles, Andrew Franco, Marques Franco, Melanie Freire, Alexis Fuentes.

Eric Garcia, Jeremy Garcia, John Garcia, William Garner, Jalysa Garvin, Thomas Ginda, Alyssa Gomez, Nerissa Goolsarran, Cynthia Goyes, Kyrsten Grabinsky, Nicholas Grasso, Jonathan Grennier, Ashley Gruver, Claire Hageman, Jordan Handwerker, Ryan Harris, Joseph Hart, Thomas Heim, Domanique Hessing, Lauren Hill, Haley Hlavka, Glenn Hollaway, Erika Holtermann, Chelsea Housel, Jenna Howarth, Kaitlyn Hughes.

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zewski, Cheyenne Locklear, Paola Lopez, Emily Lubach, Collin Lynch.

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On May 28 the students, faculty and staff of Sacred Heart School held the May Crowning. Eighth grade student Christina Pokorny crowned the Blessed Mother. She was assisted by a court of students representing each grade and by First Communicants. Father John Alvarado led the students in prayer and members of the faculty led the rosary. All sang hymns honoring Mary, the Blessed Mother.

## policereport

- On June 3 a Sampton Avenue resident reported that the windshield of their vehicle had been broken by a thrown bottle.
- On June 4 Airamist Star Darby, 20, and Angelica L. Kent, 19, both of Plainfield were arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$134 worth of various clothing.
- A Piscataway resident reported the theft of his wallet he had dropped in Kohl's parking lot.
- On June 5 Shop Fair Supermarket on Clinton Avenue reported that

the lock on their trailer had been cut. Nothing was taken.

- On June 6 Bisram Dowlat, 48, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and obstructing passage of vehicles.

- Irakli Tabliashvili, 29, of Allentown, Pa. was arrested at Home Depot for stealing \$871 worth of copper fittings.

- On June 7 Jaykumar Patel, 21, of Piscataway was arrested for speeding, driving on a suspended license, failure to exhibit documents and an outstanding warrant.

- SDDS Inc. on Oak Tree Road reported that two of their subcontractor's vehicles had their windows smashed and the mirrors were broken off of another.

- On June 9 William Leonardo Rivera-Chamale, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for maintenance of lamps and five outstanding warrants.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE 1825**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000.00 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SYNTHETIC GRASS FIELD, FENCING, PLAY STRUCTURE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE FIELD AT THE REAR OF THE PAL BUILDING IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 13, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Installation of a synthetic grass field at the PAL Recreation Facility including fencing, play structure and other related improvements to the playing area at the rear of the PAL building \$1,500,000.00  
**TOTAL \$1,500,000.00**

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$1,500,000.00.
- That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$1,500,000.00 Grant from the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
- The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$180,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Ordinance No. 1825 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 13, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
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## Nominations Sought for Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal

South Plainfield's 51st Annual Labor Day Parade is fast approaching. The Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to South Plainfield, send the Public Celebrations Committee a letter stating your reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include the candidate's name, address, evening phone number and detailed list of vol-

unteer activities and accomplishments. The deadline for accepting nominations is July 25. Nominations may be sent to the Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The Labor Day Parade is also a great opportunity for all to meet the community. Any business or organization interested in having a concession stand or informational table at the PAL grounds at the conclusion of the pa-

rade should complete an application available in Borough Hall or online at [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com).

Send the completed application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Debra Leporino, 170 Oakmanor Pkwy, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. For information, contact Leporino at (908) 754-6914.

In addition, parade marshals are needed to assist in the facilitation of the parade. All marshals must be 18 years or older. If interested in assisting or for further information, contact Joe Scrudato at (908) 406-5920 or [jascrudato@hotmail.com](mailto:jascrudato@hotmail.com).

Also needed are energetic volunteers who would like to participate in the parade as a cartoon character. If interested or for information, contact Matt Anesh at [matthew\\_anesh@verizon.net](mailto:matthew_anesh@verizon.net).

If you would like to help pick out the cartoon characters that march in the parade, just log on to the *Observer* Web site, [www.sobserver.com](http://www.sobserver.com) to cast your vote for your favorites.

## Camp Scholarships Offered for Disabled Kids

Middlesex County Office for the Disabled is piloting a "campership" program to help defray the costs of sending a child with a disability to summer camp.

The program provides families with grants ranging from \$50 to \$300 to help offset the costs associated with a camp program. Grant amounts will be based on family size and income.

Middlesex County residents who have a child with a disability between the ages of five and 21 can apply. Families can choose the camp and may combine the Office for the Disabled grant with other financial support programs.

For an application or more information, call Middlesex County Office for the Disabled at (732) 745-4013.

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

### FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

#### Middle School

The Middle School PTO sponsored the seventh grade picnic at the community pool on June 5. Thank you to the following parents who helped out: Eileen Brady, Maria Jones, Mike Catalina, Terri Christ, Jennifer Kelly, Kathleen Pitenger, Cindy Driscoll, Carolyn Palitto and PTO President Debbie Boyle. Refreshments included 75 pies from Ciccio's Pizza, subs, wraps and chips from Hometown Heros, Rita's Italian Ice and entertainment by DJ John Limyansky. Surprise guest, Sparkee, from the Somerset Patriots signed autographs for the poetry slam winners and Superintendent Jose Negron visited.

The eighth grade dinner dance will take place on Friday, June 20 in the high school cafeteria which will be transformed into a beautiful dinner/dance setting.

Volunteer chaperones are desperately needed for the Middle School eighth grade dinner dance next Friday. Please call Jane Dornick at (908) 754-3420 to volunteer.

Graduation will take place on Monday, June 23, weather permitting, at Jost Field. Thank you to PTO members Eileen Brady, Beth Bors and Suzanne Butrico for help on the selection committee.

#### High School

Induction of the members of the SPHS National Art, French and Spanish Honor Societies took place on June 3. The National Honor Society induction took place on June 5. Congratu-

lations to all, including the advisors.

The Emeralds, Jades and the combined mixed chorus presented a "Tribute to Broadway" directed by Tracy Glenn Murray on May in the auditorium. An excellent presentation was enjoyed by a large turnout of supporters. A special thank you to the high school students who came to support their fellow students in the arts.

The Athletic Booster Club-sponsored senior letter winner dinner was held at the North Plainfield Italian/American Club on June 12 and the Music Booster Club dinner takes place on today.

The graduation ceremony will take at Jost Field, weather permitting, on Tuesday, June 24. Project Graduation will take place from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. at The Club at Ricochet on St. Nicholas Avenue. Also thank you to the Athletic Booster Club for donating rolls to the SPJBC.

The Hall of Fame induction, sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Foundation and the Boyle Foundation, took place on June 3 with a luncheon at Flanagan's. Thank you to John, Kathy and the staff of Flanagan's for an excellent job. This year's inductees were Mayor Charles Butrico, Kenneth Abbott, Robert Jones and Thomas Gannon. They were presented with plaques during the senior scholarship and awards program.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at Jost Field snack stands during the Meet of Champions. More than 5,000 people attended the meet on June 5.

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# Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

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PAH	2	4	0	2 Buds, 2 Dubes	1	5	0
Pornovets	1	5	0	Sport & Social	1	5	0

There's no driving range at the West Nine so most golfers just take a few practice swings at the back of the first tee box and then step up to the teeing area and whale away. As a result, a good number of golfers hit drives on the first hole that are all over the place, sometimes so far right that balls reach the second fairway. On occasion, some other drives go so far in the other direction that golf balls have wound up on the front lawns of some homes on Woodland Avenue.

Pat Romano of Sport & Social has none of those first tee problems. In fact, he has the distinction of always hitting terrific drives on the first hole—long and right down the middle. The problem for Pat is that his first drive is usually his best shot of the night.

That scenario was repeated in the Sport & Social-Roughriders match last week. Pat launched a beauty on the first hole and then everything went down hill. To compound the team's problems, Sport & Social played with only three men, because Captain Frank Matthews became ill in the afternoon and was unable to get a substitute. Dennis Bibby made a valiant effort for Sport & Social and shot a nice round of 37, but it's hard to win playing with one man short and the Roughriders prevailed 11-9 to hold onto a share of first place in the National Division.

KC's Korner won back-to-back championships and then plummeted to the cellar last season, and they're obviously determined not to have back-to-back last place finishes. Led by Greg Kilmer's 38, KC's Korner jumped all over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 13-7 and thereby stayed in a three-way tie for first place. Jeff Orth continued his fine play for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes and posted a 38 in a losing effort.

B-Datt Squad has a very well-balanced team with a roster filled with some talented young players, but they had the misfortune of running up against Jay Coppola and Joe Diller of Twin City on a night when these two golfers who really know their way around West Nine were on their games. Coppola and Diller both shot impressive 3-over 36's to spark Twin City to a 14-6 victory. Danny McCreesh had a good night, registering a 36, only to see his B-Datt Squad drop its third match in a row.

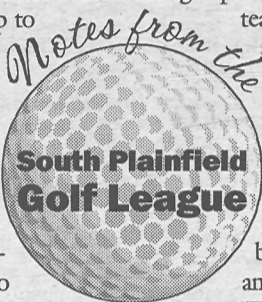
Over in the American Division, the Hackers performed some masterful surgery and neutered Plainfield Animal Hospital, 18-2, to gain sole possession of first place. Captain Kevin Boyce of the Hackers earned the medal for his team with a nifty 3-over 36 and teammate Todd Sherman chipped in with a 39. For PAH, Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar had a 39, but his teammates splayed shots all over the course, and no one else managed to break 40.

Unique Sports Accessories rang up its third win in-a-row besting Buy-Rite Liquors, 13-7.

Captain Chris Dillon is clearly back in his zone as he turned in a 37, and he got plenty of help from his USA teammates as Jack Todaro also shot a 37 and Jay Bertleson had a 38. Buy-Rite Liquors got good performances from Mike King who scored a 37 and from Irish Danny Griffin who went back to his lucky green cap and shot a 38.

Witty's managed to bring its record back to an even .500 thanks to the superlative play of Marty Simpson, who fired a sparkling 1-over 34, the low round of the night. Witty's needed that low score to gain a 12-8 victory over last season's champions, Pornovets, who got a fine effort from Efran Solis who posted a 39. Pornovets sorely misses the inspirational leadership of their long-time captain, Jim Pornovets, Jr. who was transferred to Kentucky last year. Team members are thinking about paying Jim to come back for a guest appearance to get them out of their early season slump. They are now 1-5.

**Low scores for the night:** Marty Simpson, 34; Kevin Boyce, 36; Jay Coppola, 36; Joe Diller, 36; Danny McCreesh, 36; Dennis Bibby, 37; Mike King, 37; Chris Dillon, 37; Jack Todaro, 37.



## TRAVELING SOCCER

Submitted by Michelle Billich



## Fusion Finishes Second in Flight

The South Plainfield Traveling Soccer Club's U16 Fusion ended their spring season with a respectable 8-2 record. Only one team, Long Valley, managed to win both games against Fusion by one point, subsequently capturing the title. Our boys proved that it takes teamwork and determination in order to play as well as they have this season. Here are the highlights from the final three games.

On May 18 Fusion traveled to

Ringoes to face off against the South County Scorpions. The sky darkened as the game began and a steady rain fell throughout the afternoon. Goals were scored by Steve Lanza, Gary Pastuna, Mike Zelasko and Jason Pattison. Play ended in a 4-1 win.

The toughest game of the entire season was encountered on May 30 as Fusion trekked out to Long Valley to face off against the Wolfpack. Both teams knew how important this game

was, ultimately naming the flight champion. Though the team played hard and were determined to win, Long Valley managed to score one goal late in the second half, ending the game with a 1-0 score in their favor.

The final game of the season was played on June 1 at home versus the Hillsborough NJ Force. It was a beautiful sunny day as we celebrated a 6-1 victory with goals scored by Jason Pattison (2), Edwin Molina (2), Steve Lanza and Gary Pastuna.

The entire Fusion team should be commended on completing an amazing spring season. The remaining players showed outstanding sportsmanship on the field, while assisting goals and protecting the net. In addition to the boys mentioned above, we would like to congratulate Jesse Allen, Ryan Billich, Mike Dispenziere, Jeff Gillen, Lucas Goitandia, Will Mott, Kyle Pompilio, Jake Salerno and Sam Tejada. We are extremely proud of our primary goalkeeper, Agu Ufodu, who did a great job in the net. Finally, we would like to thank our coaches for all of their time, patience and expertise: Paul Billich, Mike Dispenziere, Pete Goitandia and Tom Lanza. We are looking forward to playing together again in Spring 2009!

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Public notice is hereby given that I, Richard Lorentzen, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, will sell at public auction on, Thursday, June 19, 2008 at the South Plainfield Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 am or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 19th day of June, 2008.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order, or parcels will be resold. Separate checks are required for payment of property taxes and for sewer fees and partial payments will not be sufficient to remove these items from the sale. Properties for which there are no purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of South Plainfield at an interest rate of 18%.

At any time, before the day of the sale, I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order. Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1k-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

TAX SALE LIST

Table with columns: BLOCK, LOT/QUAL, OWNER NAME, AMOUNT, BLOCK, LOT/QUAL, OWNER NAME, AMOUNT, BLOCK, LOT/QUAL, OWNER NAME, AMOUNT. Contains multiple columns of property sale data.

## Obituaries

### Thaddeus B. Slodowski, 88

Thaddeus B. Slodowski died on Wednesday, June 4 in the Haven Hospice Unit at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.



Thaddeus B. Slodowski

Born in Jersey City, Thaddeus resided in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield in 1954.

A veteran of WWII, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a sergeant with the 425th Army Air Force Base Unit for four years, one month and a day. Inducted in 1941, he served stateside initially as an airplane mechanic instructor and later as a pilot engineer and mechanic prior to being honorably discharged.

Employed with N.J. Bell Telephone for 35 years, he began his career as a lineman and repair foreman before becoming the test bureau supervisor. Most recently prior to his retirement in 1982, he was working as plant service supervisor/repair. Prior to N.J. Bell, he was employed with Calco Chemical of Bound Brook.

An 85-year communicant of the former St. Stanislaus RC Church in Plainfield, he served as a lector for more than 33 years at the original location before the church merger. He also served as the Boy Scout leader of Troop #39 of South Plainfield and had been a member of the NRA and served as a rifle instructor.

Thaddeus was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Christine; a grandson, Bryan Opremkak; a sister, Joan Zaremba and a brother, Richard.

Surviving is a daughter, Nancy C. Opremkak and husband Tim of Basking Ridge; a son, Robert T. Slodowski and wife, Carolyn Merten and three

grandsons, Jeffrey Raunec, Gregory Merten-Slodowski and Justin Merten-Slodowski.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Bryan's Dream Foundation, P.O. Box 20, Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920.

### Beverly Rue, 79

Beverly Rue passed away on Thursday, June 5 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Hospice Unit in Plainfield.

Mrs. Rue was born in Scotch Plains and resided there and in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 47 years ago.

She was employed by N.J. Bell as an operator for many years.

Mrs. Rue was predeceased by her beloved husband, Harvey S. Rue, who passed away in 1999.

She is survived by a son, Frank A. Rue of Sarasota, Fla.; a stepson, Robert Rue and wife Ronnie of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; two grandchildren, Monique and Derek Rue, both of Warren, and her dearest friend, Paul Hydock of Bridgewater.

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

### Everett Sanford Lewis, 87

Everett Sanford Lewis died on Tuesday, June 3 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Newark, Everett settled in South Plainfield in 1956.

He attended the former Newark College of Engineering for two years and served with the Army Air Corps as a first lieutenant during WWII. In 1961 he was honorably discharged at the rank of captain.

For many years Everett worked as a credit analyst with Dun & Bradstreet

in Millburn and in 1970 he won the analyst of the year award.

He was a member for 48 years of The Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield and served as an usher and Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Lewis also volunteered with the South Plainfield High School Music Booster Club for nearly 10 years and in addition, he enjoyed walking around Spring Lake Park.

He was predeceased by his wife, Florence Lewis, who died in 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Schnell and husband Rich of Montclair and Elisa Lewis Kline and husband Ned of Northfield, Ill.; five grandchildren, Kathy, Kristen, Hailey, Emmie and Andrew, and two great-grandchildren, Sara and Ryan.

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

### Richard H. Trexler, 69

Richard H. Trexler died at home on Sunday, June 8.

Born in Newark, Richard resided in East Orange and Bloomfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1970.

Richard served his country in the United States Army National Guard. He graduated from William Patterson University with a bachelor's degree. Retiring in 2000 from Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Edison, Richard was employed for over 36 years as an art teacher.

He was a member of the South Plainfield B.P.O.E Elks Lodge #2298, a former member of the South Plainfield Historical Society, an avid watercolor painter and enjoyed spending time gardening. Richard also coached baseball for Edison schools and girls varsity basketball for Edison High School.

Richard is survived by his wife, Carol (Warren) Trexler; two daughters, Karin Trexler of Atlanta and Kathleen McCann and husband Dou-

glas of Piscataway; a son, David Trexler and Amanda Normoyle, along with their daughter Grace of Boston and a sister, Marilyn Molinaro of South Plainfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the South Plainfield Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave. or to South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

### George H. DeLago, 87

George H. DeLago of Westfield passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, June 7.

Mr. DeLago was born in Plainfield and resided in North Plainfield before moving to Westfield 35 years ago.

George proudly served as a mechanic in the United States Army Air Corp during WWII, stationed in England.

Mr. DeLago was employed by Bruce Amusements in Clark as a revenue collector and retired after 25 years of service.

George was a member of the Plainfield VFW and the Plainfield Rod and Gun Club for many years.

Mr. DeLago was an avid hunter and enjoyed his many trips to Bangor, Maine on his hunting adventures with his friends from the Rod and Gun Club.

George will be sadly missed by his family and all those who were fortunate to have known him.

Mr. DeLago is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Margaret "Peggy" Mazur-Puciloski-DeLago of Westfield; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debi and Michael Cestare of Monroe Twp. and Patt and Al Rossi of Fuquay Varina, N.C.; two sisters, Betty Kelly of Bridgewater and Anne Scribner of Sea Girt; four grandchildren, Michael and wife Stacey Rossi, Lisa Marie Rossi, Jennifer and husband Craig Smithline and Noel Marie and fiancé Kenny Palmer; four great grandchildren, Lauren, Jake, Zachary and Karli Rose and his lifelong friend, John Pellegrino of South Plainfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made in Mr. DeLago's name to The Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, N.J. 07092.

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# Ann Brown Retiring from District After Teaching Two Generations

By Libby Barsky

"I remember you. You're the lady who made us read books!" a hitchhiking student told high school English teacher Ann Brown when she picked him up on his way to school.

It's in character for Ann Brown to give students in her classes a lift. She has also added books written by living authors including Amy Tan, Gloria Velesquez and Americo Paredes to the curriculum and

her classroom lending library. Enthusiastic readers in her classes created a Web page for Valerie Wilson, author of the Tamara Hayle Mystery Series.

After 36 years of encouraging high school students to read books and write research papers, Brown is retiring from the district.

A graduate of Caldwell College who received a masters from Seton Hall University, Brown taught seventh and eighth graders in a small private middle school

in Newark, before being hired to teach English at South Plainfield High School.

She recalls starting in January 1972 when the high school was on split session because the existing high school could not hold all the students.

Teaching in the new open space high school building was "interesting and noisy, because kids would yell over to each other on the other side of the wall. It wasn't educationally sound," she explained.

Although methods of teaching may

have changed, Brown believes students haven't. "The kids have become better writers. With the technology available they turn out a better finished product in less time. They've become better researchers, but kids still want to please adults and do well in school. Society has changed, but the problems are the same as years ago—parents who care and parents who don't care," she said.

To spice up her teaching, Brown applied for a Fellowship from the National

Endowment of the Humanities competing against 300 applicants and was one of 28 selected to be in a six-week Hispanic Immersion Program at The University of Texas the summer of 2003.

Brown was the chair of the Middle States Accreditation Committee in 2000 and a member of this year's Middle States for Growth Committee in reviewing SPSHS's evaluation and accreditation by Middle States Association.

During the time Brown taught here, she did not live in the borough. However, after September 11, she chose to attend the vigil held at Spring Lake Park.

"I felt this was my community. I wanted to be back with the people of South Plainfield. I didn't know the people of Branchburg in the same way. Even though I have never lived here, I have always felt part of the community," said Brown, whose students are now the children of the students she taught.

The girl who told Brown "I'm so happy to have you! My mother and father both had you and also my two brothers. Now I'm the fifth one," makes Brown vow, "The first person who tells me 'you taught my grandmother,' that will be the day I quit!"

Brown isn't going to wait because she herself is a grandmother. She is leaving the classroom to spend more time with her grandson, Hayden, who is one year old, the son of James and Priscilla Brown who live in Branchburg. Brown's daughter, Leigh, also lives in Branchburg.

# Council Clash Over Truck Route Continues

(Continued from page 1)

report to Midco. We strictly only service Monmouth and upper Ocean County," Bengivenga said.

Borough Attorney Joseph Sordillo was asked to give an opinion, but said he could not since he needed time to research the question.

Butrico repeated his request to table the two resolutions. This time Bengivenga voted 'no' to table, citing his desire to wait for Sordillo's opinion. The council was then split, 3-3. The decision then fell to the mayor, who can only decide a split vote. Butrico voted to put the resolutions up for a vote by the council.

The council then voted 3-2, along party lines, to pass the resolutions. Bengivenga abstained from voting. Since the vote to override requires a two-thirds majority, the resolutions did not pass.

The council also voted 4-2 along party lines to abandon the New Market Extension. Butrico said a resolution was not necessary since the council won't approve any funds to continue the extension project. Bengivenga said the resolution was needed because there is the concern that the borough may be liable for environmental remediation costs.

According to former Republican Chair Bob Jones, who did not attend the meeting, "The mayor conveniently failed to read the entire statute to the public. As an attorney who has experience litigating ethics issues, I can state that there is no conflict of interest. One has to wonder why the mayor waited until the eleventh hour to spring this on the council president and why he only read part of the statute. He obviously knew what he planned to say before the

meeting, so why didn't he bring this to Councilman Bengivenga's attention so he could look into it? In addition, why skip parts of the statute that undercut your argument? This is partisan politics at its worst.

"The real conflict belongs to Mayor Butrico and Councilman Scudato. They live in the area that benefits from the truck detour. Their property values will increase and they will benefit personally by not having trucks in their neighborhood. If anyone should have abstained, it should have been them. Bengivenga does not get any personal benefit from the truck route, unlike Butrico and Scudato. It's ironic that these two would claim someone else has a conflict of interest," he concluded.

Mayor Butrico disagreed saying, "I read the entire statute and had it double

checked by an attorney to make sure my interpretation was correct. Subsection D is very clear and states: 'No local government officer or employee shall act in his official capacity in any matter where he, a member of his immediate family, or a business organization in which he has an interest, has a direct or indirect financial or personal involvement that might reasonably be expected to impair his objectivity or independence of judgment.' Clearly, Mr. Bengivenga has a direct financial involvement in the company as he draws a paycheck from them and therefore should have abstained from the vote. What bothers me is that he should have abstained from the ordinances as well."

The mayor concluded by saying, "I will continue to do everything in my power to keep trucks off of Hamilton Boulevard."

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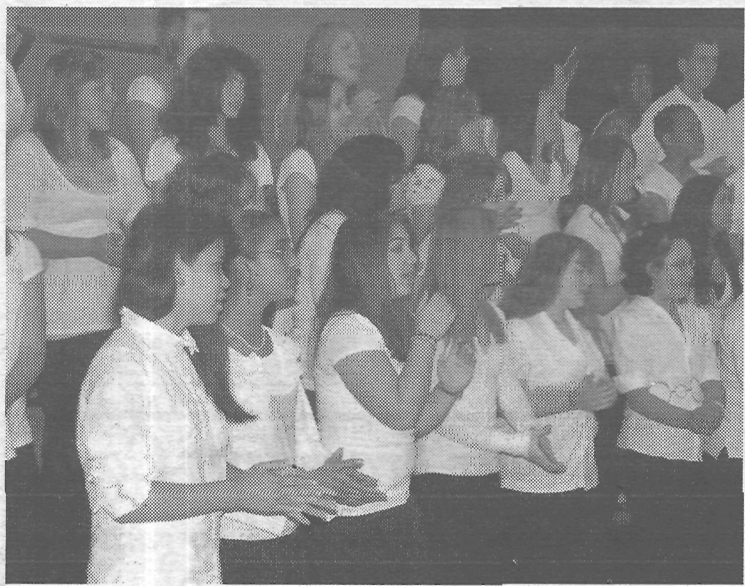
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### Middle School Spring Concert



The South Plainfield Middle School Principal Steve Novak welcomed the audience to the school's annual spring choir and orchestra concert on May 21. Kathleen Vincent led the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the Gems sang

"The Star Spangled Banner." The symphony orchestra kicked off the evening, playing "New World Symphony," "In the Fading Light of Autumn" with Allison Wagner on violin and Casey Butrico on flute and "Sorcerer's Apprentice" with James Conrad accompanying on the bassoon.

The all-girls Gems choir sang "Festive Alleluia," "Emakhayeni" and "Behind These Hazel Eyes."

The chamber orchestra played "Carmen," "Ashokan Farewell" with Allison Wagner on violin and "A Knight's Quest."

The concert choir sang "Pachelbel's Canon of Peace," "Kenya Melodies" and a High School Musical II medley featuring a duet by Danny Sims and Kathleen Vincent.

The string orchestra concluded the night with "One Bow Concerto," "Shenandoah/Simple Gifts" and "Russian Sailors Dance."



## Bookmarks From the South Plainfield Library

By Chris Grippo

Summer Reading is coming! In a mere two weeks registration will start (June 30) for our summer reading programs. The theme this year will be "Catch The Reading Bug." All our prizes will be "bug" related as will our programs and special activities. Children can look forward to visits from magician Joe Fischer on Monday, July 7, Mr. Kurt on Thursday, July 17, the Lizard Guys on Wednesday, July 23, Judy Fischer on Thursday, Aug. 7 and Robert the Guitar Guy on Thursday, August 14. Insect related movies will be shown on Monday mornings at 10:30 (please see Miss Linda for specific titles), and there will be games for children on Tuesdays at 1:30 (this last activity will be restricted to children entering the first grade and older). Otherwise all children are welcome, in fact are encouraged, to participate. Remember involving a child in reading at an earlier age can turn them into a lifelong reader. The abil-

ity to read and write are very important skills in modern society and they can only be improved by using them during the summer when traditional educational settings are closed.

Furthermore we will also have reading programs for young adults and adults. Both programs will follow the children's program theme and the prizes will be age appropriate. Look for more information on activities in the library on our Web site (www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) and in the library.

Also, speaking of our Web site, this is a good time to check out which school summer reading materials are available as audio downloads. When you go to our Web site you will see an icon titled "Audiobook Downloads" which will take you to ListenNJ. There

you will find some of the books on the school summer reading list. You can download them to your computer/personal listening device, and in some cases burn them to cd, and get a head start on your summer assignments.

Finally, this week and next, June 16 through June 27 there will be no story times. Miss Linda and Miss Mija will be busy putting the finishing touches on the abovementioned summer reading program. However the children's room will be open and you can come in and check out materials.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit us online at the above Web site or in person at 2484 Plainfield Ave, next to Borough Hall. We look forward to hearing and seeing you!

### Volunteering Can Be Great

The Girl Scouts of the USA have entered an exciting and mutually-beneficial partnership with Six Flags. Between now and the end of June, anyone signing on the dotted line to become a girl scout volunteer will be entitled to one free ticket to Six Flags Great Adventure.

The ticket is non-transferrable and can only be used by adults over 18 years of age. To get started in the process, point your web browser to www.sixflags.com/gsfriends. Once you arrive at the Web site, you'll be given step-by-step instructions to begin shaping the lives of girls between the ages of five and 17 as part of America's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls.

Volunteers are always needed to help the council achieve their mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Positions range from troop leader to those of an episodic nature: delivering a fixed-term length program to girls in your area of expertise. To learn more about becoming an adult volunteer and the benefits that will result from your decision, be sure to call (908) 232-3236 or visit www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

### SPPD Crime Statistics

## May

The South Plainfield Police crime statistics for April 2008 are:

Crime Classification	No. of Cases	Crime Classification	No. of Cases
Homicide	0	Weapons	0
Agg. Sexual Assault	0	Prostitution	0
Robbery	0	Sex Offenses	1
Agg. Assault	1	Narcotics	13
Burglary	4	Gambling	0
Theft	36	Offense Against Family	0
MV Theft	1	DWI	7
Simple Assault	9	Liquor Laws	0
Arson	0	Drunkness	0
Forgery/Counterfeit3		Disorderly Person	6
Fraud	8	Vagrancy	0
Embezzlement	0	All Others*	38
Stolen Property	1	Runaway JV's	1
Criminal Mischief	12	<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>
		<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>697</b>

\*Includes found and lost property, harassment, missing adults, assists, general accidents, squad calls, etc.

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