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Junior Class Goes Out for "A Night in the City"

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Council Cuts \$143K from BOE Budget

The Borough Council formally passed a resolution at their Monday meeting, cutting the Board of

Education budget by \$143,000 or approximately one tax point.

The 2004-2005 budget was defeated in last month's board election, which meant the council could either okay the budget as it was presented or make cuts. They chose to make cuts, none of which affected any programs, teachers or administrative positions.

Included in the resolution was an itemized list of where the cuts were to be implemented and most of them included teachers' aids costs. Six items listed were areas in the budget which apparently "overstated" the costs for hours worked by teachers' aids, as well

as a reduction of \$86,241.91 taken from hours worked by 35 aids, which were also overstated. The next largest single item was for \$43,000, which was a reduction in health, dental and prescription premiums.

Attending the council meeting were Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, Board President Pio Pennisi and Board Member Steve Bohn. After the vote, Pennisi personally thanked Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, who chaired the Education Committee, as well as Councilmen Charlie Butrico and Ray Petronko, and CFO Glen Cullen for their professionalism while working alongside members of the Board of Education in examining the budget.

No employee will lose their job as a result of the projected cuts. Two aid positions budgeted for 2004-2005 are no longer needed, and two aid positions were eliminated by other means.

Pennisi said his only worry was the unforeseen costs which might occur in the future, since this year's budget is so lean. He added that the board will be hiring a new insurance broker, and the board hopes that will result in additional savings in future insurance costs.

At Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting, the board unanimously passed a resolution accepting the changes made by the council.

Family Carnival Runs Through Sunday



Come out with the kids and have a great time at Sacred Heart Family Carnival which runs through May 23.

There will be rides, food and games on the Sacred Heart school grounds off South Plainfield Ave.

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Pictured at right is Mayor Dan Gallagher with Sergeant Nick McDonald, retired police officer and guest speaker at SPHS "Pride in South Plainfield" Week. See page 6 for story.



U.S. Factory Outlet Opens in Golden Acres Shopping Center

South Plainfield's newest store, U.S. Factory Outlet (USFO), officially opened its doors on Thursday morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Borough officials and guests.

U.S. Factory Outlet is filling a large portion of the vacant space once occupied by Bradlees. Since Bradlees closed, Golden Acres Shopping Center has undergone a complete renovation and facelift.

USFO targets middle and lower-middle groups, and specifically caters to the family. One of their many bargains include a blowout price of \$3.99 for Blair Catalog items. Opening sales

include a computer for only \$99, pillows for only \$2.75 and much more. See their ad on page 16.

More than half of the USFO merchandise will consist of apparel, but the other half of the store will contain a variety of merchandise, such as stationary, home furnishings, automotive, seasonal items and hardware. New inventory arrives daily with thousands of items at savings up to 80 percent.

USFO operates 22 stores nationwide. They are the exclusive outlet for approximately 500 manufacturers, catalog companies and mail order companies. This will be USFO's first store located in New Jersey.

An invitation

The public is cordially invited to remember and honor Sue Mischka and Agnes and Gene Ficorilli at a Dedication Ceremony and Reception on Sunday, May 23 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, June 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, June 21	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, July 12	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
May 25, June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20, Aug. 10 and 24,
Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
May 27, June 10 and 24, July 8 & 22,
Aug. 12 and 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12,
Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, 2005, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5.
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, (Monday) Oct.
18, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
June 1, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8
January 12, 2005.

business advisory group

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

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month (last Tuesday) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt
Administration Building on Jackson Ave.
May 28, June 22, (No meeting July), August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23,
December 28, January 25, 2005, February 22 and March 22.

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor;

This past week, South Plainfield lost a former borough resident who contributed quite a lot to the town which he loved. Rich Ardowski was a former member and past president of the Lions Club, a life member and former director of the Polish National Home and a past president of the Community Fund (one has to be an "oldie" to remember that one)! As a self-employed contractor in his spare time and through his own generosity, Rich helped many residents with repairs to their homes who couldn't quite afford it and also helped convert some to be handicapped accessible, without asking for a dime. One of the things that Rich was proud of was to have been elected to the South Plainfield Borough Council in the late 60's. He received the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award and was a member of the South Plainfield Democratic Organization.

The most important thing of all is the fact that he was my uncle. When I was elected to the Borough Council, I remember Uncle Rich telling me two things. One was to always remember where I came from. The second were his stories of how when he was on the Council, the Mayor and Council would argue their differences in the Council chambers, but after, both Republican and Democrat were able to leave the meetings as friends and even share dinner when attending the League of Municipalities Convention. The first I have never forgotten, the second I have never seen.

When I drove into town to attend the wake, I glanced at the flag in front of Borough Hall to see it at half-mast, a tribute usually made to a former elected official. Quite to my surprise, there wasn't even a flag flying! I had hoped to ask one of our present elected officials why there wasn't a flag, but none came to pay their respects, if not for the fact of him being a former elected official, at least to his wife Barbara, who worked at Borough Hall for many years. When I questioned a borough employee, I was told that the flag was old and tattered, so it was taken down. I believe in everything our flag stands for, as well as honor all of the men and women who have served and continue to serve. I also understand that the flag should be kept in good condition and if it is not, it should be taken down and disposed of in the proper manner — but replaced, especially for the reason that it is a government building if not for anything else.

It would take minutes to drive over to Vail's Hardware to purchase a new flag; I'm sure there is also a business or civic group willing to donate one. In fact, as a good faith gesture, if you contact me, I am willing to donate a flag in memory of my Uncle Rich.

I am impressed with the new memorial that has been erected honoring all of the armed forces, but with Memorial Day approaching, let's not embarrass the Borough by having an empty flagpole in the front of Borough Hall.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
LINDA DASHUTA

To the Editor:

The time has come to take down the Parkway tolls.

I want to commend Governor McGreevey for his proposal to take down two of the Parkway toll plazas. It's a good start, but it is only a start. Now is the time to commit to take down all 11 toll barriers and 21 entrance/exit ramp barriers. This is a crucial period because the state is about to install high speed Express E-Z Pass at a cost, which could reach \$100 million. It is absurd to continue

to invest in this inefficient and dangerous system of toll collection. Every driver knows the frustration of; on the one hand, sitting in traffic at a toll plaza or, on a good day, trying to line up in the confusing numbered aisles when traffic is not backed up. One of my favorite comedians, Bill Cosby, has made a career out of making jokes about Parkway tolls. It's time that we bring the curtain down on this routine.

Let's review the facts: The Parkway is 172 miles long and collects about \$200 million per year in tolls. Between \$75 million and \$90 million of that revenue pays for the operation of the tollbooths. As E-Z Pass has become more popular those costs are also increasing every year. In fact, it is estimated that for all toll roads the state will pay overall costs of \$68 million in 2004 for the E-Z Pass program as compared with \$45 million in 2003 and that doesn't include the ongoing debt payments. Therefore using conservative numbers we will need to cover an approximate \$150 million revenue loss when we take down the Parkway tolls.

I have introduced Assembly Bill A2609, which provides for a three-cent increase in the gas tax to cover the annual cost. Each penny on the gas tax raises \$50 million in revenue. Therefore the proposed three cents equals \$150 million, which may in fact be more than the net revenue now raised by the tolls. How does three cents equate to an average driver? Here's the calculation: If you drive 10,000 miles per year and your vehicle averages 20 miles per gallon, you will pay \$15 more per year. In addition, New Jersey is not now eligible for federal highway funds for the Parkway because it is a toll road. When the barriers come down, we can apply for dollars that we do not now receive to offset the gas tax increase.

I can't stress strongly enough that if we are ever going to make this happen we have to act now before we throw good money after bad by installing high speed E-Z Pass. It costs \$8.1 million dollars to install Express E-Z Pass at just one toll plaza in Washington Township. The signs alone cost almost a half million dollars! I ask everyone who agrees with me that this craziness must end to please contact their Assemblyperson and State Senator and ask them to support A2609. Let's take down the Parkway tolls now!
ASSEMBLYMAN PATRICK J. DIEGMAN, JR.

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my concern over the lack of maintenance at Cot-

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ton Street Park. This morning as I walked through the park, I was amazed that the grass around the basketball court is 12 to 18 inches high. There are also piles of old tree branches that have been there since last year. No new mulch has been placed around the toys in two years and the garbage receptacles are overflowing.

Last week I witnessed the employees from the public works department mowing the lawn, but they only cut certain sections in the middle and did a rather poor job. They also drove into the park with a big truck to pick up a broken toy and left two deep muddy tire tracks that fill with rain water and attract mosquitoes. I have a few photographs to support this letter.

I was curious about the condition of the parks in our town, so I drove to Putnam, Pitt, Walnut and Shadyside parks and found them to be in good condition. So why is Cotton Street being neglected?

Next weekend is Memorial Day and with the park looking like it does, I am embarrassed to invite my out-of-town guests here.

A CONCERNED RESIDENT

To the Editor,

Piscataway Public Library would like to thank Melody Petrone, co-president of Ruff Around The Edges Dog Obedience Training, for devoting her Saturday to sharing her expertise with other dog lovers. Melody held two sessions of training and education for dogs and their owners at the library at no cost to anyone.

She helped everyone in the audience better understand the reason behind their dogs' behaviors and offered methods of modifying any behavior that needed it. Everyone enjoyed her presentation and fell in love with Zeke, her canine helper.

Thank you, Melody and Zeke, for donating a whole day to helping improve the relationship between canines and their humans!

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Left to Right are South Plainfield AARP #4144 President Mary Stevens, Community Service Chairman Bill McAllister and speaker Pat Stilo with newly elected officers Jerry Mendel, Virginia Atkinson and Anne North.



AARP volunteers (l to r) Natalie Bergen, Georgina Wilkinson, Sylvia Boyd, Eleanor Haines, Jean McAllister and Chris Vanderhelm.

South Plainfield AARP #4144 Elect New Officers

The South Plainfield AARP Chapter #4144 held their new officer elections at the Senior Citizen Center on Maple Ave. at the monthly meeting held on May 17.

The new president-elect is Virginia Atkinson, who will be replacing Mary

Stevens after seven years of service. Also elected to serve were Jerry Mendel as treasurer and Anne North as secretary.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Pat Stilo, the director of volunteers at Muhlenberg Hospital. Those members elected will be installed on June 25 at The Willows in Green Brook. The guest speaker will be Senator Barbara Buono, who will talk about scams and fraud on consumers.

After the formalities of the election, chapter volunteers were recognized with cake and coffee in their honor.

Correction

In a caption in last week's story, "Residents Delve Into Local History at Reunion Sunday," John Curran was incorrectly identified as John Miele Kane. We apologize for the error.

PBA #100 Finalizes Three Year Contract

The members of South Plainfield PBA #100 have finally reached a three-year labor contract agreement with the Borough, which will run from 2003 through 2005.

The new contract calls for a 3.9 percent raise for each of the three years. A change was also made in the starting salary for future new hires, which will be lowered to \$33,000.

Health care coverage will remain, and the \$100 yearly clothing allowance will increase by \$100.

Memorial Day Services Announced

The Annual Memorial Day services co-sponsored by the American Legion and the VFW #6732 will be held on Monday, May 31.

The opening ceremonies will begin at the VFW, located on Front St., at 9 a.m. followed by visits to each borough cemetery, where wreaths will be laid and taps played. Cemeteries to be visited are the Jewish and Samptown Cemeteries, both located on New Market Ave. and Holy Redeemer Cemetery on Clinton Ave. A wreath will also be placed at the memorial in Veterans Park.

Closing ceremonies will be held at the American Legion Post 243, located on Oak Tree Ave., followed by free lunch. All are welcome to attend any or all of the services.

This would be a great opportunity for parents and their children to attend, especially this year. Without our Veterans, we could not enjoy the freedom we take for granted.

"The Youth of Today—Our Leaders of Tomorrow"

Labor Day Parade Theme Announced, Grand Marshal Nominees Sought

The Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal of the 47th Annual Labor Day Parade to be held Monday, Sept. 6. This year's theme is "The Youth of Today—Our Leaders Tomorrow."

If you know of an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, the committee is asking you to send a letter stating why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Please include the candidate's name, address, telephone number and accomplishments. Send your nomination to: The Public Celebra-



Golfers pose in front of a sign honoring former Business Association member Art Muglia, who died last year.

South Plainfield Business Association Holds Golf Outing

The South Plainfield Business Association held their Seventh Annual Golf Outing last week at the Cranbury Gold Club in West Windsor, with more than 85+ participants enjoying a beautiful day for golf.

Golfers enjoyed not only golfing, but a continental breakfast, beverages, open bar and a BBQ luncheon where prizes were awarded in several categories.

Prizes were awarded to Jerry Minlionico and Jim Ciprich for the longest drive, Jim Muglia and Pat Diegnan for closest to the pin, Jim

Muglia for low gross men, Jerry Minlionico for low net men and R. O'Connor for most honest. Wayne Molchan also won for getting a hole in one on hole 16.

Friends and relatives of Art Muglia were on hand to remind everyone to attend the first annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing, which will be held on Friday, June 25 at Spooky Brook Golf course. Proceeds will be donated to Matheny School in Peapack. For information on the tournament contact Jim Muglia, 37 Crescent Dr., Fairfield NJ 07004.

Girl Scouts Collecting Items for Victims of Domestic Violence

During the month of May, the South Plainfield Girl Scouts will be collecting donations for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

The scouts are requesting donations of personal care items, including toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs and hairbrushes, deodorant and shampoo. They're also asking for donations of

coloring books and crayons for the children. Only new and unused items will be accepted. The items will be distributed to local shelters via the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team.

Items may be dropped off at the South Plainfield Free Public Library, located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. The Library will also be hosting a display on domestic violence awareness throughout the month.

For more information, please call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit the Library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

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Around Town

Grant School presents "Once On This Island"

May 19 & 20

The Grant Elementary "5th/6th" School Drama Club will be performing the play "Once On This Island" on Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grant School Auditorium. Cost of the tickets are \$3 and can be purchased during lunch hours at Grant School on May 13, 14, 17 and 18 or by calling Grant School at (908) 754-4620. Tickets will be available at the door.

VFW Chicken Dinner

May 21

The VFW Memorial Post 6763 will be hold a chicken dinner on Friday, May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. The donation is \$7 per person and children 12 years and under are \$4. Take outs are an additional 50 cents.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 Noon on weekends. The VFW is located at 155 Front St.

First Baptist Spaghetti Dinner

May 22

The First Baptist Church, located on Hamilton Blvd. at Church St., will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner will include meatballs, sausage, salad and dessert. Proceeds benefit the purchase of a new piano and organ repairs.

Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and children 12 and under, \$3. Tickets at the door are \$7 and \$5.

For tickets and information, call Janis at (908) 753-8224.

Night at the Races to Benefit Frank Foundation

May 22

A Night at the Races/Monte Carlo Benefit will be held to raise money for the Jonathan Frank Foundation on Saturday, May 22 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Post 243 located on Oak Tree Ave. Frank has been battling lymphoma for the past few years.

The evening includes Vegas style games, black jack, roulette, craps, 10 horse races and a Chinese Auction. Ticket price of \$25 includes beer, soda, hot and cold hor d'oeuvres, food, music and door prizes. Cash bar available.

For tickets and information call Dick or Dianne or (908) 756-7549.

Chad Cook Memorial Basketball Fundraiser

May 22

A basketball game to raise funds for a scholarship in memory of Chad Cook will be held at the South Plainfield High School gym on Saturday, May 22 beginning at 7 p.m. Chad Cook, a graduate of SPSHS, was killed in an auto accident at the age of 20.

For tickets, t-shirts and information, call James Cook at (732) 309-7329 or Patrick Draper at (732) 407-3233.

What's happening in MAY

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
(908) 754-1047

Senior Center EVENTS

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 AM-12:30 PM—CREATIVE PAINTING 10AM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
EVENTS	May 23: Dedication & Reception honoring Sue Mischka, Agnes & Gene Ficorilli May 26: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Everyone Loves Opal" June 10: Le Miserables at NJ PAC			
Adult Crafts 9:30am 24 Yoga 10:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 25 Ladies Social Grp 10am Lunch Available Computer Class 12 or 2pm	Exercise 8:45-9:45 26 Line Dancing 10-11:30am Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am & 1pm Hunterdon Hills trip 10am	Weekly Shopping 27 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Pinochle Club 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 28 Pizza lunch available Bridge Club 12:30pm Men's Forum 1:30pm
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

Adult Tag Art Program at Library

June 7

There will be an adult craft program entitled "Tag Art" at the Library on Monday, June 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The program will give participants tips on how to make custom-designed "Tag Art" cards. It will be presented by "Practical Crafting" Instructor Ronda Wisniewski. Students are requested to bring a pair of scissors, a pencil with an eraser, and a glue stick. All other materials will be provided. Class size is limited, pre-registration is required.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the Library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Girl Scouts Holding Pancake Breakfast

June 12

South Plainfield Girl Scouts will be holding a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Elks Lodge #2298, 1254 New Market Ave.

The menu will feature pancakes, bacon, sausage, milk, orange juice, coffee and tea and will be prepared by the members of the Elks Lodge.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. For tickets call (908) 756-4530, or (908) 755-9251.

Baseball Club Chinese Auction

June 25

A Casino Royale and Chinese Auction is being sponsored by the SPJBC on Saturday, June 25 at the Italian American Club from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes an open bar and buffet. Each guest will receive \$500 in play money. Money must be redeemed for Chinese auction tickets, which can be used as chances to win one or more prizes.

For tickets contact Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531. Tickets are limited to the first 100 people. Get your tickets early, first come first serve.

Rec Plans Trip to New Orleans

Sept. 11-19

South Plainfield Recreation is planning a trip to Biloxi and New Orleans Saturday, Sept. 11 to Sunday, Sept. 19. The trip includes: A guided tour of New Orleans, eight nights deluxe hotel, including four nights in a luxurious Gulf Coast Casino Hotel, Jazz Cruise on a Mississippi Riverboat, a tour of NASA's Stennis Space center and much more! The price also includes deluxe motor-coach transportation, 14 meals, eight breakfasts and six dinners.

For reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714. Cost is \$560 per person based on double occupancy. Add \$219 for single occupancy. \$75 is due upon signing. Final payment is due July 6.

— Out of Town —

Art Auction for Leukemia Foundation

May 20

On May 20, at the Metro New Jersey Chapter of the Appraisal Institute will help raise funds for the Childhood Leukemia Foundation/Brick Morning Rotary by participating as a corporate sponsor in the CLF's Seventh Annual Art Auction at Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance by calling the CLF office at (732) 840-4997. The even includes art in all media and price ranges. Major credit cards accepted.

For further information on the event, please call Pat Wallace at: 732-840-4997 or visit the CLF website at www.clf4kids.com.

Antique Appraisal Show Fundraiser

May 23

The Manors at Somerset, assisted living communities in Somerset, announces an upcoming Antique Appraisal Show on Sunday, May 23 from 2-4 p.m. The show, which will be hosted at The Manor at Somerset North, will be a charity event benefiting the Franklin Park Fire Department. Cost is \$5 per person. Participants are asked to limit items to two per person.

The Manors at Somerset North is located on 473 Demott Ln. in Somerset. For more information call Robyn Siminske or Debbie Foley at (732) 873-4800.

Appraisers Institute Annual Conference

May 24

The Metro New Jersey Chapter of the Appraisal Institute will host its 68th Annual Princeton Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Rt. 1 in Princeton on May 24.

For information, contact Debra Miller, at (732) 494-4716, John J. Musnuff (908) 735-0009, Robert J. Bovasso, Jr., at (201) 867-2558 or visit the Metro New Jersey Web site — www.ai-newjersey.org.

CHATS Adoption Support

May 24

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, May 24 at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. The topic will be "The Developmental Stages of Adopted Children" presented by Jackie Lowe, LCSW, an adoption consultant and educator who has directed child welfare programs. There will be open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will be served. Check our new website at www.chats-nj.com or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

Depression/Bipolar Alliance Lecture

May 26

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA Morristown Area) monthly lecture meeting on Wednesday, May 26 will feature Jeffrey Wolff, M.D., a psychiatrist with a private practice in Morristown.

The organization's educational meetings take place monthly at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. and are open to the public.

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

Moonrakers Tall Club Social

June 8

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., a social and community service organization serving people of "taller-than-average" stature in the

New Jersey/New York metropolitan area, will hold its monthly "Meet and Greet" social at the Saddle Brook Marriott hotel, located between Route 80 and the Garden State Parkway in Saddle Brook on Tuesday, June 8 at 8 p.m.

Prospective members (women, 5'10" and taller and men 6'2" and taller and over 21-years-old) are encouraged to inquire.

For further information about the club, or for a schedule of our social events, call our 24-hour hotline service at (973) 267-3648 or visit our website at <http://www.njtall.org> or email at newjersey@tall.org.

New Brunswick High School Reunion

June 4-6

New Brunswick High School Class of 1954 is planning its 50th Anniversary Reunion. It will be held on the weekend of June 4 through June 6. The main reunion be held on Saturday, June 5 at the Cook College Center, Rutgers. The committee is also planning a cocktail party for Friday, June 4 and a breakfast and memorial service on Sunday, June 6. As of this date, 150 people have indicated they will be attending the reunion. The committee has not been able to locate about 15% of the class.

Contact the following committee members for more information or to submit your name and address if you have not been contacted: Cliff Ellis at (609) 883-7992, Ida Kalman Whitcraft (609) 395-8416, Roger Locandro at (609) 397-3720, Loretta Coffaro Montgomery at (215) 489-0825, Charlie Piparo at (732) 821-9748 and Ruth Boelhouwer Pulda at (732) 422-0088, windmill904@aol.com.

Edison Art Exhibition

June 6

The Edison Arts Society is pleased to announce the opening/reception of the statewide juried art gallery exhibition Colors Schemes and Screams on Sunday, June 6 from 3-5 p.m. at the Sheraton Edison Hotel at Raritan Center.

This exhibit features artwork of 21 artist from all over the state of New Jersey, along with live jazz music by the John Asti Trio and hors d'oeuvres provided by our host, the Sheraton Edison Hotel. This reception is free and open to the public.

For more information on this event, please contact Nina Hand at the Edison Arts Society at (908) 753-ARTS, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This exhibit will be open until Oct. 30, 2004.

Handcraft Festival in Merchantville

June 12

The Annual Merchantville Downtown Handcrafts Festival will be held on Saturday, June 12 from 9-4 p.m. Join us all day in our beautiful historic downtown for a great show brimming with quality handcrafters. Quilting, jewelry, photography, painting, fiber art, sculpture, woodwork and lots more! Live music, amusements, kids' games, sand art, face painting and only 10 minutes from Philadelphia. Rain or Shine!

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Wieczorek Completes Internship With Connecticut Legislator

Kenneth Wieczorek of South Plainfield, a junior political science major at Quinnipiac University, completed a semester-long internship with Connecticut Sen. Win Smith through Connecticut's Legislative Internship Program. Interns in the program track bills, respond to requests from constituents, do legislative research and administrative tasks and observe the state budget process. The internship ran from Jan. 27 to May 5. Wieczorek earned nine credits for his work.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, non-sectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls nearly 5,500 full-time undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students in more than 50 undergraduate and 17 graduate programs of study in



Kenneth Wieczorek

Business, Health Sciences, Law, Liberal Arts, Education and Communications. Quinnipiac consistently ranks among the top universities master's Northern region in US News and World Report's America's Best Colleges.

Brittany DeNitzio Honored for Her Achievements

On Wednesday, May 5, the Middlesex County Principals and Supervisors Association honored students for academic and community achievement. One senior from every high school in the county was honored at a dinner at the Pines Manor in Edison. South Plainfield's recipient was Brittany DeNitzio. At the dinner, were her parents Bill and Mary Jane DeNitzio, Anthony Massaro, assistant superintendent of schools, Steven Katz, high school assistant principal and Dr. Mylissa Bauman, high school guidance counselor. Brittany received a certificate and a plaque for her academic excellence and her outstanding service to the high school and South Plainfield community.

Brittany was selected for this honor for numerous reasons. She is an outstanding student who is at the top of her class. In September she will be participating in the honors program at The College of New Jersey. Brittany



Brittany DeNitzio

has served the school as president of her class and as a peer leader. She has attended leadership conferences for women and has demonstrated it in organizing and coordinating activities at the high school. Brittany was truly deserving of this honor due to her intelligence, kindness, respectfulness and leadership skills. Congratulations, Brittany and continued success!

Grant Students Compete in Math Olympiad

Several students from Grant Elementary School were among the nearly 150,000 students worldwide to participate this year in the Math Olympiad. They participated in a series of five monthly contests of five problems each, from Nov. to March and weekly practice sessions under the supervision and coaching of Joanne Haus and Theresa Glowacki. They taught the children to solve unusual and difficult problems and to think creatively.

The students responded well and all were recognized with certificates for their participation. Thirty-three of the mathletes won national awards for excellence within the School Division.

The gold pin is awarded to those in at least the 98 percentile (top 2%). At Grant School, Alex Horn, with a score of 21 out of 25 points, was in this extraordinary group.

The silver pin is awarded to those in the 90th to 97th percentile, including the following students: Harrison Lee, Tommy Loalbo, Jimmy Bijlani, Jonathan Sukenik, Jillian Rutowski, Arham Jain, Matthew Galinsky and Alex Skula.

The embroidered felt patch is

awarded to those in the top 50% of all the participants, including the following students: Ryan Sacco, Ashley Aya, Morgan Bethea, Steven Grzenda, Gerald Squier, Richie Szeliga, James Seyffart, Stephen Coppi, Courtney Schaefer, Maher Khan, Ashley Pierce, Michael Sullivan, Freddy Almanzar, Logan Green, Kyle Kaczka, Valeria Rivera, Andre Williams, Ryan Harrington, Dylan Papa, Chelsi Melendez, Justin Sealy, Nick Heilmann, Ashley Zeccardo and Christopher Oprysk.

The team itself was named to the National Math Olympiad Honor Roll

for its score of 183 points. A team must be in the 90th percentile or better to win this plaque.

The Math Olympiads serves over 4,000 teams and 100,000 students nationally and about 1,800 teams and 35,000 students in 32 other countries. Since 1979, it has provided challenging, thought-provoking problems that stretch the abilities of students in grades four to eight and has required them to know their mathematics well. Our children have responded to the challenge with eagerness and enthusiasm.

Red Cross Offers Lifeguard Instruction

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Lifeguard Instruction Course for individuals who are 17 years of age. The Lifeguard Instructor course trains instructor candidates to teach Lifeguard Training (including First Aid), CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Lifeguarding Instructor Aid and Community Water Safety by developing their

understanding of how to use the course materials and methods of conducting training sessions and evaluating participants' progress. This course also includes the new upgrade for Lifeguard Management. The course will be held at the Plainfield YMCA and runs May 24 through June 5.

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McDonald Visit Highlights "Pride in South Plainfield Week"

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School recently hosted a distinguished guest speaker, Sergeant Nick McDonald, a retired police officer from Dallas, Texas. McDonald is one of the officers who arrested Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who allegedly fired the shots that ended the life of President John F. Kennedy.

While those old enough to remember may not recall the exact date the phrase, "The day the President was shot" immediately brings to mind November 22, 1963 the tragic day that President Kennedy was assassinated. The conflicting series of events believed to have occurred on that day have been told and retold in books and movies, with no two versions exactly the same. The day has been forever shrouded in controversy with cries of cover-ups and innumerable unanswered questions.

Sgt. McDonald spoke at SPHS on two consecutive days. On Tuesday, May 4 he spoke to students and on Wednesday, May 5, after a fundraiser spaghetti dinner, he presented his story to members of the community. On Tuesday afternoon, U.S. History and forensic science students, teachers and

administration filled the auditorium. The event began with a video detailing some of the events of 1963. The old black and white film clips were prepared by history teacher Bob Diehl and graphic arts teacher Rich D'Urso. As the film ended, a glance around the room showed many staff members with distraught expressions silently wiping away tears. McDonald was introduced by Principal Dr. Ken May. Without unnecessary preamble, he began to relate his part in the events of November 22.

The audience was amazed by McDonald's minute by minute detail and were stunned to learn that Officer Tippet, who was shot on the street minutes after the president, had been his former partner and neighbor. Emotions continually played across his face as he turned back time taking the audience with him to the day he entered the Texas Theater to arrest Lee Harvey Oswald. At the time of the arrest he did not know he had captured the alleged murderer of the President. McDonald continued, telling of Oswald's murder by Jack Ruby, a man he knew personally. As he presented the facts, theories of involvement by the Mafia, Cubans, Russians, and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson were laid



Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Retired Deputy Police Chief Tulio Capparelli, Police Chief Robert Merkler and Sgt. Nick McDonald.

to rest. After he concluded his story, students and staff had the opportunity to ask questions. One of the first questions was about his feelings on the well known Oliver Stone version of the president's demise. His reply was simple. A good movie but all fiction.

His visit to SPHS took root last year when retired South Plainfield Deputy Police Chief Tulio Capparelli spoke to then school principal Tony Massaro relating his friendship with McDonald. He had met McDonald years earlier when corresponding with him about the purchase of a packet of information about the assassination. The retired deputy chief, known affectionately as Cappy, had a portfolio of items that Sgt. McDonald had sent him over the years. Massaro and Dr. May were enthusiastic about arranging for him to visit the school and speak to the students. The effort was coordinated with Police Chief Robert Merkler and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan was contacted for input. Dr. May and history teacher Tony Barca coordinated additional class instruction to familiarize students with the tragic historic event prior to his visit and helped them prepare questions for Sgt. McDonald.

McDonald and his wife Daisy arrived at Newark's Liberty Airport from Hot Springs, Arkansas on Sunday, May 2. Chief Merkler arranged for transportation from the airport to the Holiday Inn. On Monday, the retired Sgt. and his wife visited the State Police Museum in Trenton with Chief Merkler and Tuesday morning they had breakfast with area judges. The



Detective Sgt. Nick McDonald.

McDonald's who have never been to New York, traveled with Chief Merkler to visit "Ground Zero," the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the United Nations. Wednesday evening Sgt. McDonald threw out the first pitch at a South Plainfield home baseball game. During the course of the visit Dr. May was surprised to learn that the old friends had never met in person. Their decades long friendship was the result of countless telephone calls and letters.

McDonald is truly a role model for today's youth. He is a friendly outgoing man with an amazing bit of important history to share. He does not see his actions as heroic, but those of an average American, who happened to be a police officer just doing his job.



Retired Deputy Police Chief Tulio Capparelli, Daisy and Sgt. Nick McDonald and Prudence Capparelli.

Memorial Services at American Legion

Dunellen American Legion Post 119 in planning their third annual 911 Memorial Service in Washington Park, Dunellen, Saturday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

They want to specifically honor the Central Jersey family members murdered on Sept. 11, 2001. Please send photos, which will be displayed in the pavilion during the ceremony.

We are also planning a permanent Central Jersey Memorial Walkway, with names of the dead etched in brick.

Please join us at our next meeting on June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Dunellen American Legion Post 119, 137 New Market Rd., Dunellen.

If you would like to participate in the Memorial or become a sponsor please contact American Legion Unit 119, 137 New Market Road, Dunellen 08812 or post119@optonline.net or call Lynn Giacomini at (732) 752-3808.

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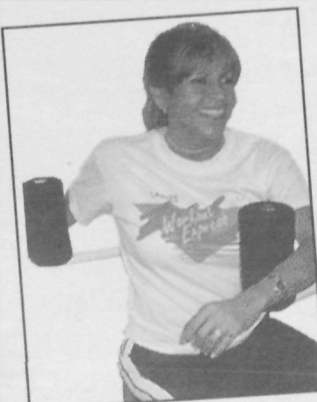
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Alles Promoted to Lt and Jazikoff to Sergeant



Lt. John Alles takes the oath as wife Denise and children David and Amy look on.

Two South Plainfield career police officers, John Alles and Raymond Jazikoff, were promoted at Monday

evenings council meeting. Lt. John Alles, a 25-year veteran of law enforcement, began his career

with the Plainfield Police Department in 1979. In September of 1981, he joined the South Plainfield Police Department. Lt. Alles has previously served in the patrol section of the Operations Division, as well as both a general assignment and juvenile detective in the Service Division. Alles was South Plainfield's first D.A.R.E. and community policing officer and was responsible for opening a satellite police station at the Middlesex Mall. He has also served as a departmental defensive baton instructor and field training officer. For the past five years, he has served as a patrol shift supervisor. He was promoted to Sergeant in January of 1998.

Allles has been married to his wife, Denise, for 24 years and is a longtime resident of the Borough. He has two adult children, David and Amy. Prior to becoming a police officer, John worked for the security departments of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and JFK Medical Center. He is the son of Frank and Margaret Alles and he has two brothers, Frank and Robert, as well as four sisters, Linda, Susan, Diane and Barbara.



Raymond Jazikoff is sworn in as Sergeant, while his wife, Angel, daughters Destiny and Jessica look on and son, Raymond holds the Bible.

Sergeant Raymond Jazikoff is a 17-year veteran of law enforcement, having joined the South Plainfield Police Department in November of 1987. In addition to serving in the patrol section of the Operations Division, Jazikoff was assigned to the Special Problems Unit for one year. He has also served as a departmental field training officer, a CPR instructor and a defensive baton instructor. Jazikoff has been married to his

wife, Angel, for 13 years and has three children, Destiny, Raymond and Jessica. Prior to becoming a police officer, Raymond worked as a roofer. He is the son of Ray and Pauline Jazikoff and has two brothers, Michael and Robert and a sister, Donna. Except for a brief period of time, Raymond is a lifelong resident of the Borough. Jazikoff attended Georgia College for two years.



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Heavy rains and hail last Wednesday caused extensive flooding on East Hendricks Blvd., between Park and Woodland. The intersection of Park and Maple avenues was closed, as well as most Maple Ave.



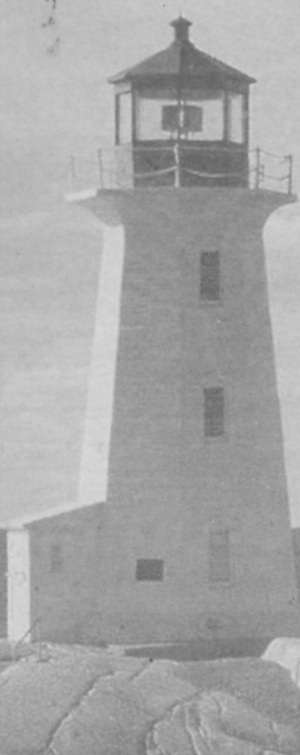
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4-H Small Animal Club Seeks Volunteers

Do you enjoy working with kids? Are you interested in small animals or perhaps you have a biology background? If so, the Middlesex County 4-H Small Animal Program needs you. 4-H is seeking out adult volunteers to serve as leaders for 4-H clubs in the small animal project area. Volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

The Small Animals club allows kids to learn about rabbits, guinea pigs, snakes, turtles and other small animals that kids often have an interest in. While 4-H is a youth development program, this club will welcome the full participation of parents' in meetings and activities, in order to provide an opportunity for parents and children to work together. The club meets at different locations throughout Middlesex County. 4-H volunteers are taught how to provide a safe environment for youth so they can experiment and grow.

To become a volunteer in the Middlesex County 4-H program, call (732) 745 3446 or email bovtz@acsop.rutgers.edu. For more information on this or any 4-H Club in Middlesex County visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices/4hclubs.asp.

4-H offers educational programs to all youth grades K through 13 on an age appropriate basis without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

Do you walk on a treadmill at the gym or do you walk in a park? Reading a good book, especially large print ones, while you walk on the treadmill or listening to a book on tape while you walk outdoors could inspire you to cover more miles. Large print books are not just for people with vision problems. The larger words, with fewer on the page, are better for reading from a distance. Books on tape or books on CDs come in fiction and nonfiction titles. You will never be bored when walking and listening to a good story. The South Plainfield Public Library has a large selection of large print books and books on tape or books on CD. When you are looking for one of the books on the New York Times bestseller list and there is a long library reserve list, there may be a copy available as a book on tape or in large print. Ask the library assistant or reference librarian to check for you.

The Library will be having a BOOK SALE on Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The proceeds from this book sale will go toward the new library building. If you are spring cleaning and have any books or videos you would like to donate for the sale, please bring

them to the library when the library is open. We also need paperback books for the paperback exchange. Lately people have been taking the paperbacks to read but not returning as many as are taken. This leaves the rack short on paperback books for everyone.

Regular story times resume with week. There are programs Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., Thursday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. and Books n-Babies on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.. Please call the library for more information. No registration is required.

If you are planning a garden this year, whether vegetable or flowers, the library has a large selection of new books on plants, herbs and flowers. The library also has books on building walls, patios, gazebos and decks. Once you have your yard fixed up, you can barbeque outside. The library has a number of books on cooking outdoors — everything from fish, vegetables, meat and desserts on the barbeque. Too hot to cook? The library has many cookbooks featuring salads and other cool summer recipes.

The library will be CLOSED on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Junior Journalist Corner



O'Sullivan Named "Junior Journalist"



Kennedy School fourth grade teacher Cynthia Severino with Michelle O'Sullivan.

Kennedy School fourth grader Michelle O'Sullivan is this week's winner in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "Spring is Born," has won her dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Winners and their parents receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be invited to a banquet on June 2.

The contest for this year has ended, but will resume again in October.

We thank all the "junior journalists" who entered, and encourage all student to keep on writing!

Spring is Born By Michelle O'Sullivan

Little creatures come out of their homes,
Running free away from the cold.
Butterfly wings glisten under the hot beating sun.
Birds sing their little spring songs,
To remind everyone that spring is born.
Puddles are left behind from winter.
And sparkle like crystals,
Under the spring sullen moon.
Flowers are painted in plain green valleys.
Gardens start growing like babies just born.



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SPHS Junior Class Steps Out for "A Night in the City"

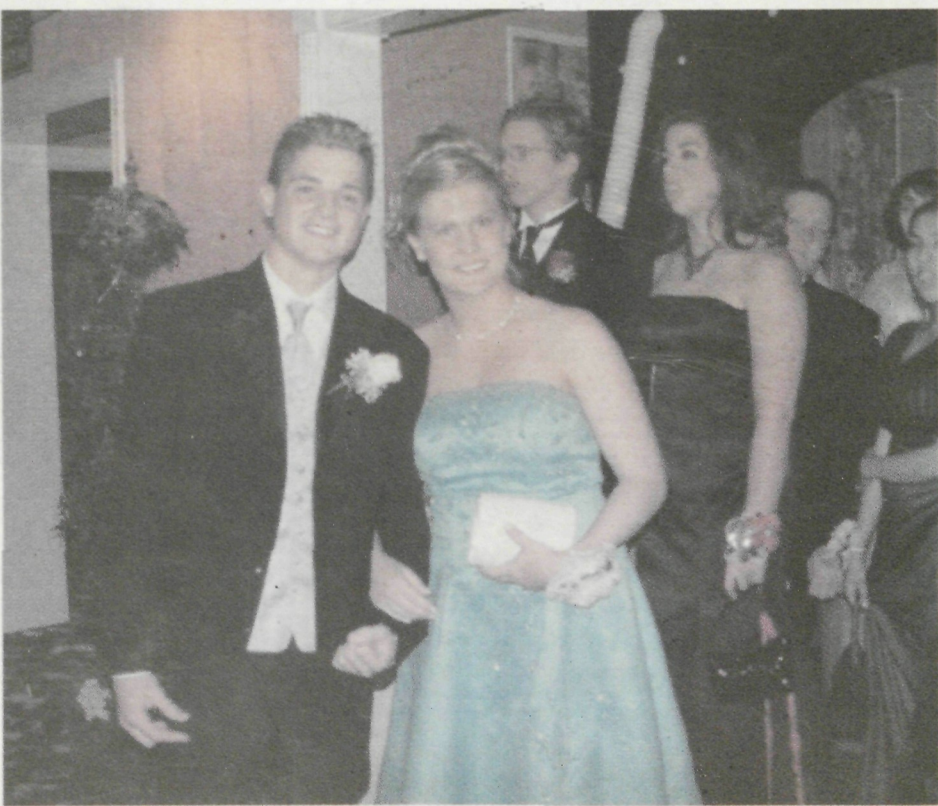
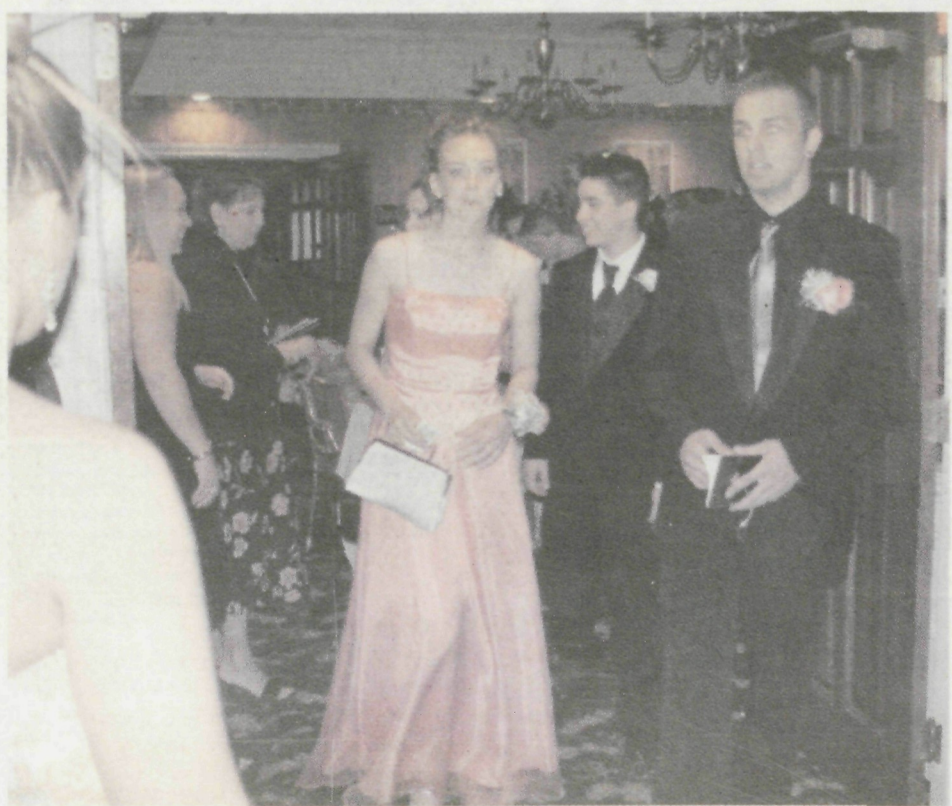


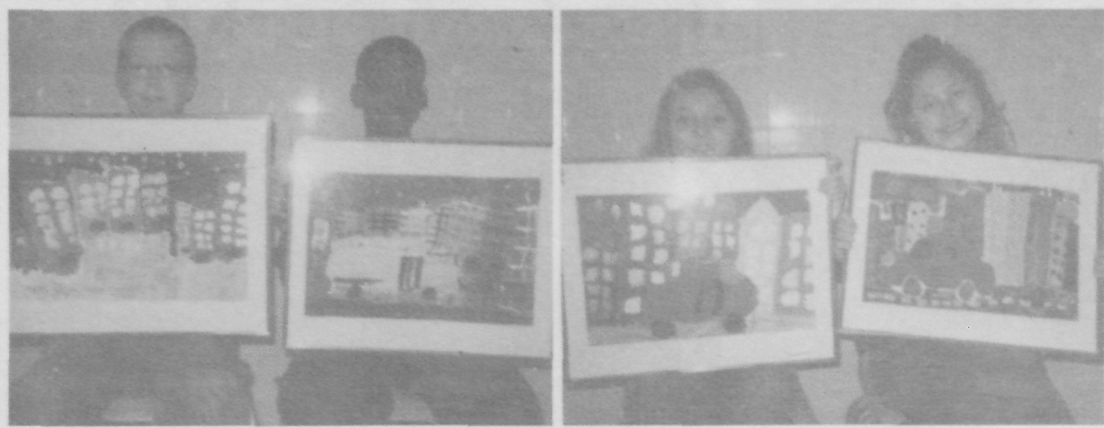
More than 200 members of the South Plainfield Junior Class enjoyed "A Night in the City" on May 7 at LáAffaire in Mountainside. This year's theme was all glitz and glamour, starting with the grand entrance the ladies and gentlemen made when they arrived at the prom. Glittering gowns, tuxedos, top hats, elaborate hairdos, flowers and boutonnieres reflected the theme of the evening.

Chaperones welcomed the juniors for their grand entrances. Name cards for guests directed them to their respective tables – Up-town or Downtown – which were named after streets in New York City and decorated with candles, confetti, top hats and canes.

The evening included dinner and dancing, with music provided by K.O Productions, the coronation of the prom court and plenty of picture taking.

Junior Class officers are: President Cassie D'Urso, Vice President Caitlin English, Secretary Gerry Butrico and Treasurer Jean Pagdon-solan. Junior Class advisors are Mylissa Bauman and Bonnie Vigneri.





Left to right are Quinn Cochrane, Joshua Jones, Alison Ratti and Natasha Tomala.

“Art for Main Office” at Riley School

The latest installation of “Art for the Main Office” is currently underway at John E. Riley School. The display will continue through the summer and into the opening months of the new school year. Barbara Harris, the art teacher, is the founder and organizer of the program, which seeks to highlight groups of students and their work in a special way. The young artists, all third graders, are Quinn Cochrane, Joshua Jones, Alison Ratti

and Natasha Tomala.

The art works that were created are paintings of urban scenes. These cityscapes are the third in a series of urban images that the children produced since the start of third grade. They learned that artists can use the same theme but the results can be very different.

The projects were inspired by two related units of study: early 20th century European Art, where the chil-

dren learned about the development of skyscrapers (called the International Style), along with the art movement called Futurism and early 20th century American Art, especially the Ashcan School of painting by New York City artists.

In addition to the urban paintings, earlier the children also created Futurist cityscape drawings and mixed media urban collages with printed details.



Jenna Karcher, daughter of John and Susan Karcher will attend kindergarten at Franklin School beginning Sept. 8 and will be in the high school graduating class of 2017. Enrolling Jenna is Beth Linczyk, enrollment secretary for the South Plainfield Board of Education.

Middle School Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

8th Grade—Brooke Denitzio, Karan Desai, Robert Harrington, Taylor Harris, Przemyslaw Lasota, Raymond Lee, Kristen Partesi, Christopher Pennisi, Ashley Peterson, Daniel Pompilio, Hosnia Qayum, Mitul Rena, Sarah Schulte, Rachel Senz, Anthony Simone and Alison Smith.

7th Grade—Jorge Alvarez, Audrey Cupo, Jeannine DeAndrea, Catherine Krawiec, Lyndsey Murtagh, Allyson Paterek, Kathryn Paterek, Heather Stoloff and Erik White.

Johnathan Schurr, Saira Sheikh, Richard Sierzega, Rachel Smith, Taheem Smith, Christine Snogans, Mark Sprenger, Nora Stasio, Kara Thomas, Susan Tian, Loan Tran, Victoria Tran, Nicholas Vallone, Andrea Vedutis, Isabel Vordzorgbe and Kristen Yorkanis.

8th Grade—Peter Adorna, Amanda Amezohu, Dana Alexa, Francis Alfano, Scott Barton, Kristin Billich, Lillian Blanco, Rebecca Bosse, Erica Bowden, Nicole Brooks, Paolo Cantarella, Vanessa Castebianco, Grey Coppi, Jonathan Cursi, Joseph Dacchille, Christopher Delaney, Danielle Dembia, Christopher Deoliveira, Elizabeth Diamant and Christopher Duquette.

Daniel Espin, Brian Fabino, Meredith Ferguson, Elizabeth Flannery, Sydney Gentile, Tara Goitiandia, Andrew Gray, Jessica Gray, Hakim Hardy, Matthew Helgesen, Kelsey Hoffman, Justin Howarth, Theresa Huber, Subanie Jaikaran, Christian Johansen, Mantesh Kaur, Gina Lampasona, Kimberly Le, Jeffrey Licato and Erica Linick.

Jonathan Marcoux, Robert Moreira, Diana Naser, Daniel Nastarowicz, Christina Nieves, Katie Nuber, Lauren O'Day, Sarah Oglesby, Jamie Okosko, Michael Oprysk, Dora Orellana, Anjani Patel, Shivani Patel, Vinal Patel, Stephanie Penny, John Polizzano, David Quiroga, Kelly Remsing, William Rickert, William Ritchey, Alyssa Roibal, Ashley Sacks, Leslie Samayoa, Simone Sealy, Jasmine Silas, Ginarose Siringo, Olivia Smith, Samantha Smith, Chelsea Soisson, Kathleen Sullivan, Stephanie Szeliga, Amanda Thorn, Anh-Phuong Trinh, Nathanael Udell, Brandon Ullom, Jonathan Villamarin and Christopher Ward.

Honor Roll

7th Grade—Daphne Aguinaldo, Daniel Alligier, Michelle Arancio, Arielle Armand, Francesca Bayak, Cori Black, Michael Boyle, Michael Bumback, Danielle Butrico, Kurt Carlson, Alex Cihanowyz, Sean Coffey, Ian Collins, Christina Cornelius, Sara Crane, Jared Czech, Rebecca Deffler, Michael Dezmin, Lauren Diana, Quynhnhu Doan, Tina Foscolo, Lindsay Fredericks, Kelliann Friday and Christopher Fulton.

Jaime Giannakis, Viktoriya Glushko, Marcela Gonzalez, Jennifer Gustafson, Jessica Handwerker, Caitlin Herriott, Nicholas Jeglinski, Alan Kasmer, Michelle Kobolis, Jaelyn Kukuch, Alexa Kunch, Joseph Lacerda, Phong Lai, Stephanie Lanza, Jacqueline Laverne, Zane Lesky, Christopher Lesniak, Sheryl Lipuma, Anthony Louise, Jeremiah Magpile, Daniel Maistickle, Kelly McCormack, Joseph Mennuti, Jessica Murtagh, Joanna Nastarowicz, Patrick Noly, Eric Nuber and Emily Orlandini.

Michael Pachtyel, Dominic Papa, Sandra Pleeter, Douglas Porzio, Timothy Ratti, Jacqueline Rogozinski, Anthony Salerno, Parvatan Sami,

(Want to Know) Where's Your Tax Refund?

Are you anxiously awaiting your tax refund from the Internal Revenue Service? If it has been three weeks since you mailed your return, or three days if you filed electronically, the IRS has an Internet-based service that provides a quick, easy and safe way to check the status of your refund. The service called “Where's My Refund?” is available on the IRS Web site - www.irs.gov.

The three million New Jersey taxpayers who get refunds can use this service to check the status of their refunds. The average refund this year is more than \$2,000 with more than \$6 billion in refunds going to New Jersey's taxpayers. The IRS estimates that it received 1.2 million tax returns from New Jerseyans during the final

two weeks approaching the April 15 deadline. Approximately 400,000 file their returns after the tax deadline.

“Whether you file before April 15 or after, there's no better way to check on your refund than visiting IRS.gov,” said Gregg Semanick, IRS spokesperson in New Jersey. “Using IRS.gov gets you the information you need whenever you want it. With ‘Where's My Refund?’ taxpayers get the information they need quickly, efficiently and safely.”

Taxpayers using the IRS.gov feature can avoid the need to call the IRS. Checking on refunds ranks as the most frequent question the IRS gets through its phone system. The refund website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Simple online instructions guide taxpayers through a process that checks the status of their refund after they provide identifying information shown on their tax return. Once processed, results can include one of several responses, including:

- That a return was received and is in processing;
- The mailing date or direct deposit date of the taxpayer's refund; or
- Whether a refund has been returned to the IRS because it could not be delivered.

Taxpayers without Web access can get refund information by using the new IRS refund hotline at 1-800-829-1954 or by calling the automated Tele-Tax Service at 1-800-829-4477.



Hey there, wake up!

Yes, we love to cover and publicize local events. But let's face it, whether or not, we like it, we work in a business of rotating deadlines. And in order for us to meet our printing deadlines, we must receive your copy by 5 p.m. on Monday for your event to be included in the following Friday's paper.

(Please call us at least one week in advance if you would like coverage of your event. Our calendar fills up quickly!)

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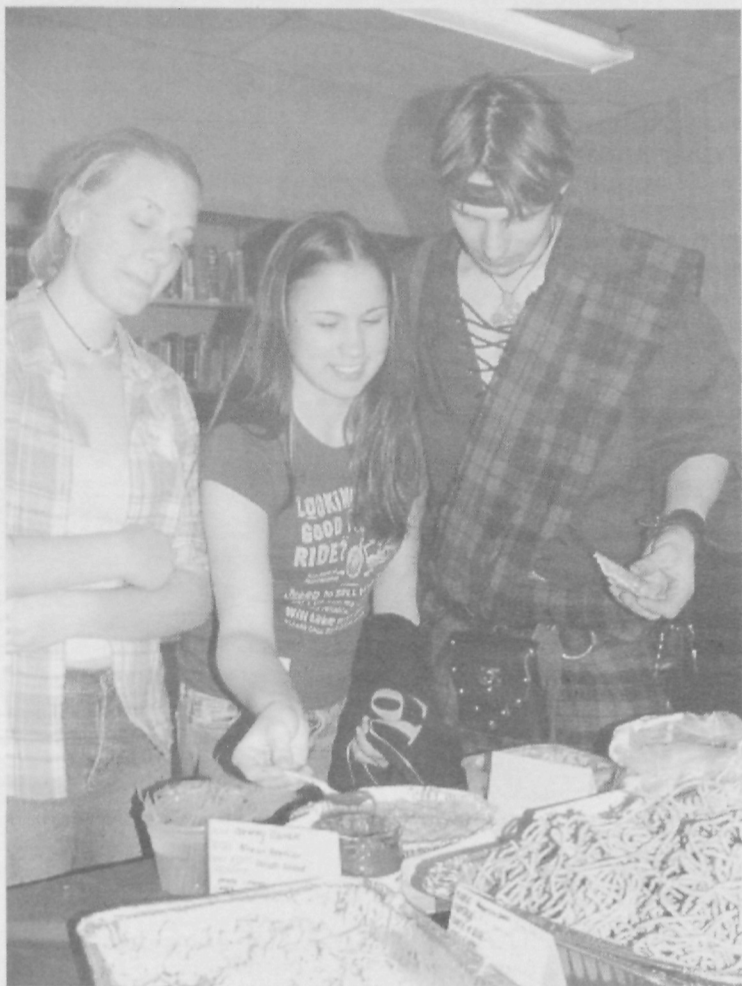
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A Look Around the World at High School Festivities



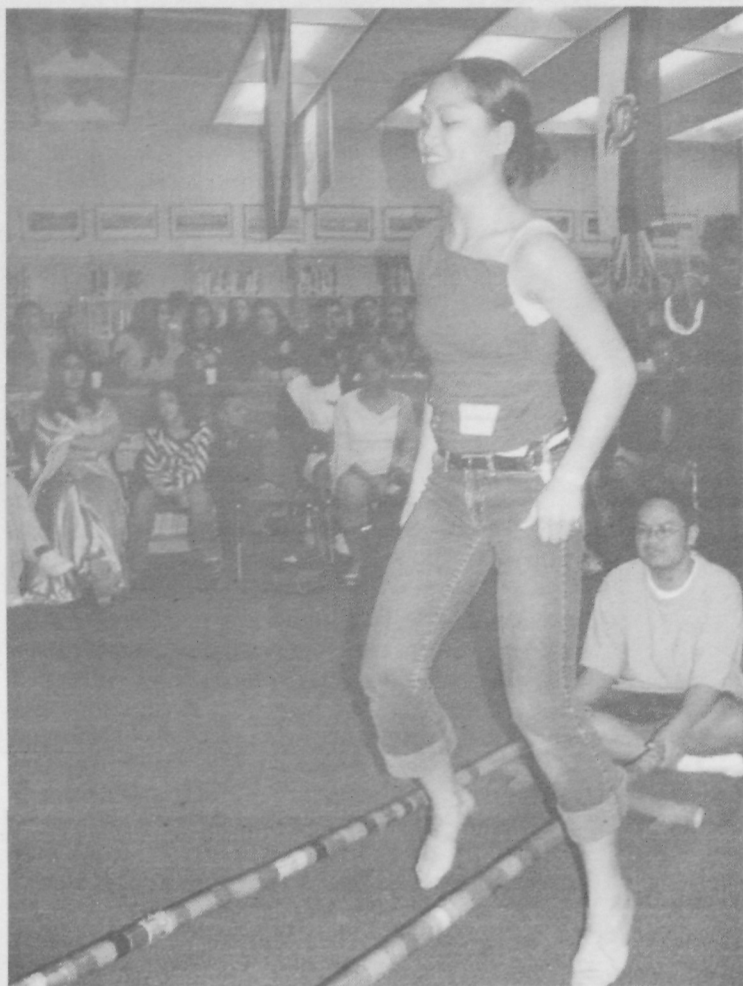
Gina Butrico, Katie Noonan and Chris Abbott sample food.



Devanee Sewdat, Grade 10



Sanda Dowlat, Grade 10



Kristina Latonio, Grade 12

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School recently held their 4th annual Cultural Heritage Day taking 1,000 students and teachers around the world in a single class period. The event was sponsored by the Jerseyan History Club, advisors Tony Barca and Fran

Flannery, The International Club, advisors Barbara Boyer and Tony Encinas and the Social Studies Department. Emcee for the afternoon was Bob Diehl.

The afternoon featured food and fun while celebrating the school's diverse cultures. Along walls of the library were tables filled with an aromatic array of over 300 hot food dishes prepared by students and parents. Entertainment consisted of 12 groups of performers singing and dancing. Visitors enjoyed watching stick dances, salsa, folk songs and more. Other highlights included detailed displays and artwork by Jennifer Martinez. There were photographs

by Ms. Schweitzer and Rich D'Urso's photography students. Forty-five countries and every continent except Australia were represented in some form. Many students wore costumes adding to the international flavor of the day. Jerseyan advisors praised many students for their assistance with the

event including: Kristina Latonio, president of the Jerseyan Club, Amanda Prybella, Kristin Coffey, Jennifer Martinez, Peter Aquino, Jerry Butrico, Kelly Thomas and Elvis Diaz.

The goal for next year is to expand the event to include an evening program for parents and the community.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

ORDINANCE No. 1662

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

Ordinance #1662 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE LEASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE
LEASE ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY**

The lease ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on May 17, 2004 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such lease ordinance follows:

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

Purpose(s): Lease certain capital equipment from and approve the entering into of a Lease agreement with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority

Appropriation: Amount sufficient to amortize the lease payment obligations

Bonds/Notes

Authorized: None

Grants (if any)

Appropriated: None

Section 20 Costs: Costs of issuance to be allocated pro rata

Useful Life: In accordance with the equipment being purchased

SCHEDULE B

Description	Estimated Cost
Bucket Truck - DPW	\$135,000
Ambulance - Rescue Squad	\$150,000

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$81.00 May 21, 2004

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

ORDINANCE No. 1666

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

Ordinance #1666 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S PERSONNEL POLICY TO INCLUDE "DONATED SICK LEAVE POLICY" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 21, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey

ORDINANCE NO. 1666

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "DECLARATION OF PERSONNEL POLICY" ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 1983, AMENDED APRIL 22, 1993 AND APRIL 13, 1995 AND OCTOBER 23, 1997.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD THAT THE "DECLARATION OF PERSONNEL POLICY" AS AMENDED, BE FURTHER AMENDED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING PROVISION:

DONATED SICK LEAVE PROGRAM

A. A Borough employee shall be eligible to receive donated sick leave if the employee:

1. Has completed at least one year of service with the Borough.
2. Is suffering from a catastrophic health condition or injury which is expected to require a prolonged absence from work by the employee.
3. Has exhausted all accrued sick, vacation and personal leave and all compensatory time.

B. The donated sick leave program shall be administered, on behalf of the Borough, by the Borough Administrator. Donated Sick Leave Forms will be made available through the Borough Administrator's Office and will be distributed to each Department when an eligible employee is in need of donated time.

C. All sick leave donations are on a day-to-day basis.

D. A sick leave donor can donate to any Borough employee who meets the eligibility criteria, as set forth in paragraph A.

E. A Borough employee may request that the Borough Administrator approve his or her participation in the program, as a leave recipient or leave donor. The employee's supervisor may make such a request on behalf of the employee for his or her participation in the program as a leave recipient.

1. The employee or supervisor requesting the employee's acceptance as a leave recipient shall submit to the Borough Administrator medical verification from a physician or other licensed health care provider concerning the nature and anticipated duration of the disability resulting from serious health condition or injury.

2. When the Borough Administrator has approved an employee as a leave recipient, the Administrator shall, with the employee's consent, post or circulate the employee's name along with those of other eligible employees in a conspicuous manner to encourage the donation of leave time, and shall provide notice to all negotiations representatives in the Borough.

3. If the employee is unable to consent to this posting or circulation, the employee's family may consent on his or her behalf.

F. A leave recipient must receive at least five (5) days from one or more leave donors to participate in the donated leave program. A leave donor shall donate only whole sick days and may not donate more than ten (10) such days to any one recipient.

1. A leave recipient shall receive no more than 180 sick days and shall not receive any such days on a retroactive basis.
2. A leave donor shall have remaining at least 20 days of accrued sick leave.
3. A leave donor shall not revoke a leave donation.

G. While using donated leave time, the leave recipient shall accrue sick leave and vacation leave and be entitled to retain such leave upon his or her return to work.

1. Any unused, donated sick leave shall be returned to the leave donors on a prorated basis upon the leave recipient's return to work, except that if the proration of leave days results in less than one day per donor to be returned, that leave shall not be returned.

2. Upon retirement, the leave recipient shall not be granted supplemental compensation on retirement for any unused sick days which he or she had received through the leave donation program.

H. A Borough employee shall be prohibited from threatening or coercing or attempting to threaten or coerce another employee for the purpose of interfering with rights involving donating, receiving or using donated leave time. Such prohibited acts shall include, but not be limited to, promising to confer or conferring a benefit such as an appointment or making a threat to engage in, or engaging in, an act of retaliation against an employee.

I. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$138.50 May 21, 2004

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

ORDINANCE No. 1663

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

Ordinance #1663 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 347, LOT 8.08 (HARVARD AVENUE) TO HARRY POPIK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.50 May 21, 2004

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

ORDINANCE No. 1667

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

Ordinance #1667 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEARS 2002 THROUGH 2005 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 21, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE No. 1667

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2003, 2004 AND 2005.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.

POSITION	2003	2004	2005
PBA 100	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%
SENIOR PATROLMAN	70,530	73,281	76,139
CLASS A OFFICER	68,632	71,309	74,090
CLASS B OFFICER	62,516	64,954	67,487
CLASS C OFFICER	56,394	58,593	60,878
CLASS D OFFICER	49,143	51,059	53,050
CLASS E OFFICER	44,115	45,835	47,623
ACADEMY OFFICER	33,000	33,000	33,000
AFSCME			3.50%
SECRETARY BOARD/COMMISSION (effective 4/17/04)		26,150-36,150	27,065-37,415
NON-BARGAINING			3.50%
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE (effective July 1, 2004)		40,854	42,284
BOROUGH PROSECUTOR (effective July 1, 2004)		36,419	37,694
MAYOR (effective July 1, 2004)		7,500	7,762
COUNCIL PRESIDENT (effective July 1, 2004)		6,000	6,210
COUNCIL (effective July 1, 2004)		5,000	5,175

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$115.50 May 21, 2004

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Line dancers take to the floor for an evening of Country Line Dancing.

Line Dancing Headlines Cultural Arts Commission Activities

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission has been exceptionally busy lately. Recent free activities include an evening of Country Line Dancing held on April 24 at the Senior Citizen Center.

Dancers of all ages took to the floor to learn the El Paso, 16 step, Cowboy Boogie and more. The Cultural Arts Commission provided beverages and snacks for the dancers. While some simply observed and enjoyed, others took to the dance floor with confi-

dence. Some displayed their expertise, while others worked hard to grasp the ever changing moves. Young and old, new and experienced, all had a fun filled evening courtesy of the Cultural Arts Commission.

Leading the dancers was Georgeanne Valis, head line dance instructor at the Colorado Cafe in Watchung. Valis and husband Glenn recently took third at the International Competitive Dance competition held in Nashville, Tenn. Georgeann heads up dance instruction at the Colorado Cafe, 154 Bonnie Burn Rd. in Watchung.

CMS Decision May Allow PAAD Recipients Medicare Discount

The head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently told U.S. Senator Jon S. Corzine that their agency was moving toward a decision that would allow New Jersey to automatically enroll seniors participating in PAAD, the state's pharmaceutical assistance program, in the new Medicare discount card program.

Senator Corzine and Senator Frank R. Lautenberg wrote to CMS in early January expressing concern that interim rules affecting the new Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card appeared to exclude states with pharmacy assistance programs like New Jersey's PAAD, from being eligible to receive the federal subsidy.

As many as 100,000 low-income NJ seniors will be eligible to receive transitional assistance subsidy authorized as part of the new Medicare drug law. But under NJ's PAAD program, seniors receive better benefits and were unlikely to enroll in the discount drug program on their own, creating a situation in which the state could lose out on as much as \$100 million in federal prescription drug assistance.

Officials are seeking the ability to automatically enroll PAAD beneficiaries in the new federal card program.

Corzine said CMS administrator Mark McClellan assured him that CMS is moving toward a decision to allow NJ to automatically enroll its seniors.



GRANT SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB will present a junior version of the Broadway show, "Once On This Island," on May 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The show is directed by teachers Joan Stasio and Lori Stolz. "Once On This Island" is the tale of two different worlds that are never meant to meet, but love finds a way to bring them together. There are approximately 55 students involved in the production. The youths have been rehearsing since early January. The children will be presenting shows for the school as well.

Sept. 11 Victims Families Invited to Camp Haze

September 11 affected everyone, especially the families of the victims. To help them cope with the loss of their son on that day, the Hazelcorn family created Camp Haze.

Camp Haze is a one-week, FREE camp for children between the ages of seven and 13 who lost families on September 11, 2001. The past two summers, over 100 children have participated in the camp and the are currently registering children for the 2004 session.

Camp Haze is currently registering campers for the 2004 camp season. Their first summer 47 children participated. Last summer 53 children were welcomed. Camp Haze will hold their third summer camp on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Camp Haze exists as the result of the hard work and generous contributions of Scott Hazelcorn's family and friends, and is entirely funded by The Scott Hazelcorn Memorial Children's Foundation. Scott Hazelcorn (also known as "Haze") was a broker for Cantor Fitzgerald at the World Trade Center.

At Camp Haze, campers are treated to one of the finest weeks they can imagine. Camp Haze takes place each year at Camp Kennebunk in Monticello, NY, one of the leading residential camps in New York. There are loads of sports (basketball, tennis, softball, soccer, hockey), arts and crafts, boating, challenge course, out of camp trips, campfires, Special Events, and lots of "Haze Hugs".

The purpose of Camp Haze is to provide a fun week for the kids and to create a network of support for the children, not to revisit the terrible day when their family members were lost. However, there will be counselors available if a child would like to talk about it

If you would like more information logon to their website at www.Camp-Haze.org.

Mt. St. Mary Academy Gets Re-accredited

The Middle States Association's Commission on Secondary Schools has announced that Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, has been re-accredited for the period ending 2011. The decision to re-accredit under the norms of *Accreditation for Growth* was made following a three and one-half day visit to the school in November 2003 by a visiting team of educators from member schools of the Middle States Association appointed by the Commission on Secondary Schools.

To be accredited by the Commis-

sion on Secondary Schools, a school must meet the Middle States Association's standard for each major are of a school's work and activity.

These areas include the school's philosophy/mission/beliefs/objectives, governance and leadership, organization design and staff, educational programs, learning media services and technology, student services, student life and activities, facilities, health and safety, finances, assessment of student learning, and planning.

South Plainfield Soccer Association Tryouts for Fall 2004 & Spring 2005

Boys and Girls Teams Ages 8 - 14

Tryout location, dates and times:

The location will be at the Kenneth Ave. Soccer Complex. It is highly recommended that your child attend both tryout dates. Tryouts begin at 6 p.m. and attendees must wear shin-guards. The teams will be announced sometime in June. For registration form and more info, please go to our website www.sopfldsoccerclub.com.



U- Age	Born Between	Day One	Day Two
U-8	8/1/96 - 7/31/97	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-9	8/1/95 - 7/31/96	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-10	8/1/94 - 7/31/95	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-11	8/1/93 - 7/31/94	Monday, May 24	Wednesday, May 26
U-12	8/1/92 - 7/31/93	Tuesday, May 25	Thursday, May 27
U-13	8/1/91 - 7/31/92	Tuesday, May 25	Thursday, May 27
U-14	8/1/90 - 7/31/91	Tuesday, May 25	Thursday, May 27

You must tryout according to your birthday. Players must wear shine guards. Soccer cleats are optional.



Junior Journalist Christina Naphor, (second from left), her sister Emily and mom Cheryl, receive dinner from Debbie and Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heros.

Junior Journalist

The Observer/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Contest will continue in the fall! To enter, watch the Observer for details.

END OF YEAR BANQUET FOR JUNIOR JOURNALIST WINNERS IS JUNE 2.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX, COUNTY
ORDINANCE No. 1665

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

Ordinance #1665 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 BONDS OR NOTES FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 273 LOT 4 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 21, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PENDING LEASE ORDINANCE
AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on May 17, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Borough Municipal Building, Council Chambers, Plainfield Avenue, in said County, on June 7, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such copies of

the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such lease ordinance follows:

Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH") TO BE USED FOR LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSES; APPROPRIATING \$353,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Payment of the purchase price of real property located on Block 273, Lot 4 on Plainfield Avenue within the Borough upon which a municipal public library will be constructed.

Appropriation: \$353,000
Bonds/Notes
Authorized: \$325,000
Section 20 Costs: \$50,000
Useful Life: 40 years

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$73.50

May 21, 2004

Sports



By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

At this time I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all those volunteers that have come forward in a time of need. People have been working long hours in preparing an outdoor snack stand so the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club can service the SPJBC families at the complex. We are moving forward in securing a general contractor to make the snack stand repairs at the baseball club. We are also currently awaiting the arrival of the borough insurance adjuster so the justification of costs for the repairs can be done. The snack stand is the main source of revenue during the season for the club.

A big thank you to the Recreation Commission for allocating monies to purchase two Jen-Air grills for the baseball club to use while we wait for the renovation of the snack stand. Ikea has donated a freezer box, hot dog machine, cash register, pizza warmer and ice cream cooler to keep us running. A relief fund has been set-up at Moretti Realty if anyone would like to assist the baseball club in anyway. Please send your donations to Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

On Monday, May 10, the South Plainfield Fire Department voted to donate a flag pole to the SPJBC. The baseball club is always looking to improve the grounds around the complex. This flag pole will be going be-

hind our sign out on Kenneth Ave. We are looking for two more flag poles to be put behind the sign, so we can display the American Flag, the New Jersey State flag and the Baseball Club flag together.

I am not happy to report at this time, that a SPJBC 13-year-old player has been suspended for the remainder of the season. He was carrying a pellet gun at the SPJBC complex and actually pulled it on a younger player. The SPJBC has a zero tolerance for any type of weapon. This is a baseball complex! Also bicycles need to be controlled around the complex; there are a lot of kids "hanging out"

with bicycles.

We encourage our youth of today to come out and support their friends and cheer them on, but not just to "hang out" and ride their bicycles all around the complex.

Our big Memorial Day Weekend Tournament is coming up the weekend of May 29, 30 and 31. Age groups that will be participating are; 10U, 11U, AND 13U. Teams from all over the state come to South Plainfield to participate in our tournaments not only local teams, but teams like West Milford and Elizabeth are coming to play. Come on out enjoy baseball and have a good time this weekend.

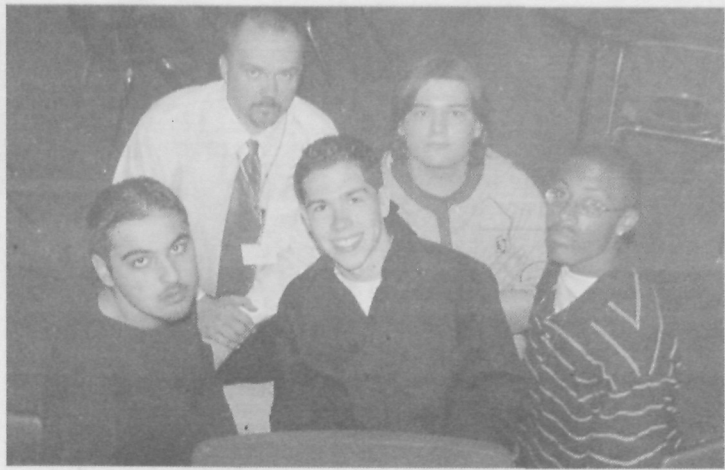


Photo by Christopher Abbott

SPHS Stock Market Club advisor and club members Rich Fonti, Walter Welches, David Amini, Mike Zeno and Jonathan Hammond.

SPHS Stock Market Club Named Top Team in State

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School Stock Market Club's Team Mello was recently named the top team in the state in the Student Stock Market Championships. The eight-week contest was sponsored by the Gannett News Service. Team Mello competed against 1,413 teams throughout New Jersey. The winning team included David Amini, Jonathan Hammond, Walter Welches and Mike Zeno. Advisor for the club is teacher Richard Fonti.

Each team has a theoretical \$50,000 to invest in five stocks, \$10,000 per stock. They chose stocks from five separate companies. Stocks had to start at \$5 or more per share and to be a common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), American Stock Exchange (AMEX) Nasdaq National Market or Nasdaq Small Cap Exchange. Amongst Team Mello's stocks was Viisage Technology, a Nasdaq stock that deals in facial recognition technology. During the course of the game Viisage was awarded a multi-million dollar government contract from the

Department of Defense. The stock price rose from \$5.35 to \$13.00 at one point. According to Fonti this stock was the wise choice that gave the team a boost to stay on top.

A board in Fonti's class listed the stocks of each of the six SPHS teams. Stocks were tracked daily. On the final day of trading, April 30, Team Mello had a portfolio value of \$59,298.74, putting them in first place by \$1,744 over all other teams. There were three winners in each Gannett New Jersey newspaper market. The top in each group won \$300. An additional grand prize of \$500 went to the team who's portfolio had increased the most giving, Team Mello a pot of \$800.

Team Mello are students from Fonti's Personal Financial Management Class. The class prepares students for real world personal financial tasks. They learn about saving, investing, checking, budgeting, leasing and buying, applying for loans and preparing a resume. Fonti said, "The skills that the students learn in this class are life skills, and will be practical to them in their daily lives."

KC's Korner boldly stated its claim as a strong contender for first-place honors this season in the South Plainfield Golf League by knocking off last year's champion, Plainfield Animal Hospital, 12-8. KC's Korner now has sole possession of the top spot in the American League with a 2-0 record. Mark Dugan and Rich Steele both had 39's to lead KC's Korner while Mike Sikanowicz's 38 was low score for PAH. Dugan also won the closest-to-the pin competition on the third hole.

Aiello Chiropractic downed Hank's Hackers, 14-6, as Ed Banach led the way for Aiello with a 39. Kevin Boyce fired a 36 for Hank's, the low-round for the night, in a losing effort.

Harold Adier's 38 earned him medalist honors for Witty's as they went on to defeat Masters, 13-7, with Al Szumski posting a solid round of 39 for Masters.

In the National League, Patti's Construction is off to a good start, winning its second match in a row, 14-6, over Pornovets. Last season's Most-Improved-Player, Mike Behr of Patti's, led his team with a round of 40 while Frank Oades turned in the low score for Pornovets with a 41.

VFW pulled off the biggest surprise win of the night by hammering Twin City, 16-4. Jay Coppola of Twin City shot another fine round with a 39 but got no support from his teammates. Bob Hilan of VFW again earned medalist honors for his team with a 40.

Bob Besser recovered from his opening night problems and posted a 41 to lead Sport & Social to a 17-7 victory over the South Plainfield Elks. Chris Nuzzo's 39 was the best

round for the Elks who seem to be having difficulty putting together a solid team effort as they dropped to a tie for last place with Twin City with winless records of 0-2.

KC's Korner weekly closest-to-the-pin program finished in a bizarre way last week. Playing in one of the last four-somes, Fred Kirchofer of Aiello Chiropractic knew, as he stepped to the tee, that Sal Severini of Twin City, at that point, had the best drive of the night. Kirchofer then semi-skulled his ball that bounced once before the greenside bunker on hole #5, hit the closest-to-the-pin sign that was in the rough, then skidded towards the flagstick, close enough to win the luncheon-for-two prize for the night. Kirchofer said he invited Severini to join him for lunch, but Sal declined "with all due respect."

Low Scores for the Night:

Kevin Boyce 36, Mike Sikanowicz 38, Ed Banach 39, Harold Adie 38, Rich Steele 39, Mark Dugan 39, Al Szumski 39, Jay Coppolla 39 and Chris Nuzzo 39.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

American Division			
	W	L	T
KC's Korner	2	0	0
Aiello	1	1	0
Witty's	1	1	0
Plfd. Animal Hosp	1	1	0
Masters	0	1	1
Hank's Hackers	0	1	1
National Division			
	W	L	T
Patti's	2	0	0
Sport and Social	2	0	0
Pornovets	1	1	0
VFW	1	1	0
Twin City	0	2	0
Elks	0	2	0

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FACTORY

policereport

- On May 13 Kecia Monique McCracken, 33, of New Brunswick was arrested at Red Lobster for theft of services and four outstanding warrants. She attempted to leave without paying her bill.
- Harold Antonio Ruiz-Monge, 31, of South Plainfield was arrested at Commerce Bank for exhibiting a fraudulent social security card.
- On May 14 Christopher T. Curran-Hogrelus was arrested on Matis St. for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Oscar D. Hurtado-Jimenez, 30, of Piscataway was arrested on Oak Tree

- Rd. for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- 1-800-Flowers on Oak Tree Rd. reported that a large glass pane on the side of the store had been shattered.
- A Middle School student reported the theft of his locked bicycle from the bike rack.
- Carmen's Trattoria & Pizza on Oak Tree Rd. reported that three company vehicles windows were broken. Nothing was taken.
- On May 15 Bravo Supermarket on W. 7th St. reported that a man had tried to purchase a package of cherries with a counterfeit \$20 bill.

- On May 16 Galo L. Plaza-Supe, 22, of Edison was arrested on Clinton Ave. for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle accident.
- Joseph L. Powell, 20, of Piscataway was arrested at Regal Cinema for the theft of a wallet.
- An Ivy St. resident reported that theft of a purselike bag with cash, credit cards and keys from a shopping cart at Pathmark.
- A Tompkins Ave. resident reported that a downstairs window had been damaged with a rock.
- A Chambers St. resident reported the theft of two mountain bikes from

- their open garage.
- A crossing guard reported the theft of his handheld stop sign that was resting near his vehicle.
- Best Western on New World Way reported that a customer had left without paying a \$60 phone bill.
- A McDonough St. resident reported that two of vehicles had been keyed while parked in front of the house.
- On May 17 a Richmond, Texas resident reported that 120 gallons of fuel had been removed from Mack truck that was parked in the lot at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd.

GARAGE SALE



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May 22 & 23
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Grant Students Raise \$24,250 for Diabetes

Grant School recently held their third annual Walk for Diabetes. This year, over 500 student participated in the event and they raised an unprec-



ented \$24,250 for the cause. Even though it began to rain at the start of the walk, students boldly walked two circuits around Spring Lake Park. During the walk, they had an opportunity to learn more about Diabetes by reading signs posted along the route with facts about the disease created by the high school graphic arts classes.

Student Council advisors Kara Giorgio and Kelly Panuzzo were pleased with the outcome of the walk. Giorgio said, "We are very proud of all the students who helped to make this fundraiser so successful. We would like to thank all the faculty and staff at Grant School for all their help and support, as well as the community for donating so much to this worthwhile cause."

Obituaries

Joyce A. (Capraro) Siegel, 58

Joyce A. (Capraro) Siegel of Plainsboro, formerly of South Plainfield, died unexpectedly on May 13.

Born in Plainfield, she had resided in Florida, North Brunswick and in South Plainfield for most of her life before settling to Plainsboro a year ago.

Ms. Siegel has been a long time AT&T employee who most recently was their project manager of Revenue Assurance. Previously, she held various positions within the company in-

cluding executive secretary to the CIO and a special reports clerk. Her career with AT&T began in 1988 when she transferred from Lockheed Electronics Co. of Plainfield where she was an executive secretary.

Her education began in North Plainfield at the Drake College of Business. She later attended Middlesex County College, Broward County College and various training seminars and classes through AT&T.

Ms. Siegel was a Movie Theater aficionado who had a great love for children and animals.

She is predeceased by her parents, Leonard C., Sr. and Mary (Kostura) Capraro and by a nephew, Richard Lenskold.

Surviving are a sister, Elaine M. Lenskold of Readington Township; two brothers, Leonard C., Jr. of Oklahoma City, Ok. and Richard T. Capraro of Stanford, Conn.; two nieces, Amy and Lori; four nephews, Daniel, Brian, Stephen and Robert and eight great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Arthritis Foundation NJ Chapter C/O, 200 Middlesex Turnpike, Iselin, NJ 08830.

Antoinette M. Buck, 88

Antoinette M. Buck died on Wednesday, May 12 at Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home in Green Brook.

Born in New York City, she had resided in South Plainfield for the past 83 years.

Mrs. Buck was employed by the South Plainfield Board of Education as a cafeteria worker in the high school for six years before retiring in 1978. Previously, she had been employed, in the same capacity, by the Plainfield Board of Education in their Hubbard School.

A communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church, she was also a member of the Somerset Aerie #2137 and the Fraternal Order of the Eagle of Bridge-water.

She is predeceased by her husband, John E. Buck who died in 1994; a son, John E. Buck, Jr. who died in 2000; two brothers, Rocco and Joseph and three sisters, Frances, Mary and Katherine.

Surviving are a daughter, Antoinette Day of South Plainfield; a brother, Michael Mastropietro of South Plainfield and six grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in her memory to the UCI Institute for Brain Damage, Aging & Dementia.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

ORDINANCE No. 1664

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

Ordinance #1664 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 347, LOT 8.09 (HARVARD AVENUE) TO HARRY POPIK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$21.00 May 21, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

May 12, 2004 Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on May 11, 2004.

A. Case #675/Amended—Carole Media, Block 528.01, Lot 45.04, 500 Hadley Road. The applicant's request for site plan and conditional use approval was hereby **DENIED/NOT APPROVED**.

B. Case #682—CNC Associates, Inc. Block 255, Lot 10; Kentile Road. The applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval with bulk variances was hereby **GRANTED** with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

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