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Police Arrest Suspect In Area Burglaries

Last Tuesday, South Plainfield PD received two warrants for credit card fraud issued by Readington Twp. Police Department for the arrest of a 24-year-old South Plainfield resident, Gil Rodrigues, Jr.

Detective James Foran conducted a surveillance of Rodrigues' home and saw Rodrigues enter his vehicle and drive northbound on Park Ave. When he was about to enter Dunkin Donuts on Park Ave., Rodrigues was approached and arrested without incident.

Police charged Rodrigues with burglarizing the Exxon Service Station on Park Ave. on May 1. The burglary occurred between the hours of 3:50 and 4:45 a.m. Entry was gained by smashing the

front glass door. A cash register drawer containing a reported \$120 was taken. The money has not been recovered.

Rodrigues was also charged with one count of criminal mischief regarding the burglary of the Exxon station as well as one count of criminal mischief regarding the burglary of Getty Service Station, also on Park Ave. The incident at Getty occurred approximately the same time as the burglary of the Exxon Station and involved a window being broken on the front door.

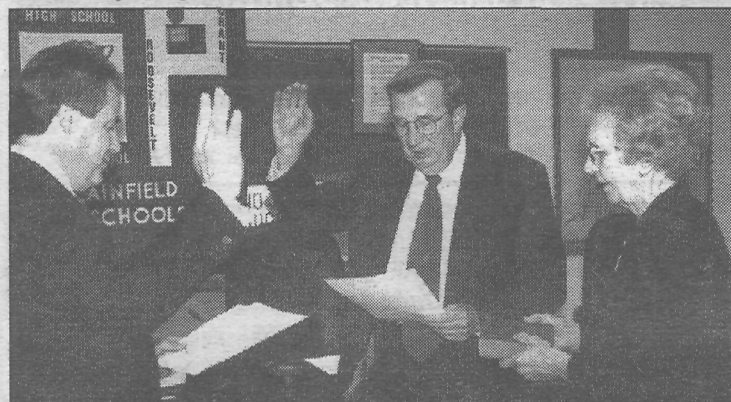
Bail for Rodrigues was set at \$3,000. He was taken to Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in No. Brunswick after failing to post bail.



Last week the South Plainfield Board of Education held their first meeting since the recent board elections. Pictured above is the 2000 Board of Education, (seated) Susan Peck, Frank Mikorski and Dawn Jeffreys; (standing) Steve Bohn, Daniel Smith, Marge Reedy, Jeffrey Snider, Tom Delaney and Ken LaFreniere. Frank Mikorski was voted board president and Dawn Jeffreys, vice-president.



Pictured left is Susan Peck, with her children Alan and Jennifer. On the right is Tom Delaney taking the oath.



School board attorney Nicholas Ceoso swears in Frank Mikorski as his wife, Florence, holds the bible.



Lt. Robert Bender with wife, Pat, and Commander Phil Cortese of VFW Post 6763.

Ceremonies Honoring Lt. Robert Bender Held

Last Friday night the VFW Post 6763 Hall was filled with well wishers, including Mayor Dan Gallagher, members of the borough council, Police Chief Merkler, members of the police department, as well as family and friends, to witness the award ceremonies naming Lt. Robert Bender, "Outstanding Officer of the Year."

The VFW will now enter Bender's name for New Jersey State Outstanding Officer of Year.

Bender, a 26-year veteran of the South Plainfield Police Department, worked his way up from a patrolman to the rank of

lieutenant, which he now holds. Chief Merkler, who nominated Bender, said that during Bender's years as a police officer, on nine different occasions he earned commendations and awards, some of which included apprehending suspects with handguns.

Bender is also an airforce veteran and served in both Thailand and Vietnam.

After accepting the award, Bender said he has always had two wishes in life. "I always wanted to become a police officer and to serve my country. I am blessed to have realized both."

Annual Bicycle Rodeo Set for This Saturday

The South Plainfield Police Department will be once again host their annual bicycle rodeo this Saturday in Spring Lake Park. The rodeo is intended to teach bike safety to children, runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date is May 20.

Featured this year will be an obstacle course presented by volunteer employees of State Farm Insurance. Proper riding techniques and rules of the road will be emphasized during this phase of the program. There will be a guided safety course for youngsters to ride, complete with traffic signs, along with an On Bike Skills Development Course. Helmet wearing cyclists will negotiate a moderately challenging course to improve their riding abilities.

For cyclists 14 years of age and younger who don't have bicycle helmets, a limited supply of donated helmets will be provided. Participants who wear their own helmet and register their bicycles will be entered into a drawing to win a new bicycle donated by Ron

Sward, director of the Physical Therapy Center of South Plainfield.

This is an opportunity for bike owners to register their bicycles with the police department through a unique bicycle safety registration program called "Baron Von Pedaloff." The program, which was designed by retiring Officer William Frink of the Special Problems Unit, is designed to reduce bicycle thefts. "This program really does work," said Councilman Dennis Cerami. "The police can identify stolen bikes and return them to the rightful owner much faster."

Safety-oriented literature will be provided by AAA and the South Plainfield branch of the N.J. Division of Motor vehicles to all participants. Bike N Gear in Middlesex will be on location to conduct safety inspections on all bicycles as well.

Don't forget to bring your bicycle and helmet and be ready for a fun filled day. Questions? Contact the police department at 908-226-7693.

THIS WEEKEND

VFW to Install New Officers

The VFW Post 54th installation of post and auxiliary officers will take place Friday at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies.

Music will be provided by Billy Phillips. The event is free and open to the public.

For information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m.

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Mother's Day Flower Sale

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is sponsoring a Mother's Day flower sale on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the PAL parking lot and also at Roosevelt School parking lot.

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Elks Lodge Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

Elks Lodge #2298 on New Market Ave. will hold a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon.

The cost is adults, \$6; children \$2.75; under 5 are free.

Menu offerings include eggs any style, bacon, sausage and pancakes, french toast, homefries, toast, coffee, tea and juice.

A free carnation will be offered to all mothers.

The event is sponsored by the Handicapped Children's Committee.

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Post Office Collects Food, Holds Health Fair

South Plainfield letter carriers will collect nonperishable food along their routes this Saturday to help stock local food banks for the needy.

Residents are asked to place nonperishable food in their mailboxes. The carriers will pick up the food when the mail is delivered.

The drive is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The post office is also sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday 1-4 p.m. in the parking lot as a tribute to the breast cancer research stamp.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, May 22 Thursday, May 26
Monday, June 6 Thursday, June 8
Monday, June 19 Thursday, June 22
Monday, July 10 Thursday, July 13
Monday, August 14 Thursday, August 17

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

May 23, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25,
August 8, August 22, September 12, September 26,
October 10 (No Meeting), October 24, November 14,
November 28, December 12, December 26

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

May 16, May 30, June 6, June 20, July 4 (No Meeting),
July 18, August 1, August 15, August 29, September 5,
September 19, October 3, October 17, October 31,
November 8 (Thursday), November 21, December 5, December 19

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28,
October 26, November (No Meeting), December (No Meeting)

recycling commission

Meets Thursday, once a month

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28,
October 26, November (to be announced), December 28

recreation commission

Meets once a month

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

Tues. June 6, Tues. September 12,
Mon. October 2, Mon. November 6, Mon. December 4

environmental commission

Meets once a month

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13,
October 2, Mon. November 6, Mon. December 4

board of education meetings

Board Conference Room at Administration Building, on Cromwell Place

Committee of the Whole, May 16, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., May 23

In My Opinion

Letters

To the Editor,

On Saturday, May 6, the South Plainfield PTA sponsored an Auction/Raffle which supported Project Graduation for the Class of 2000. This event was a culmination of months of work by a small but dedicated committee.

There were over 280 gifts won by the people who came out to support this event. These gifts were all solicited from SPHS parents, local businesses, teachers and staff of the South Plainfield Board of Education, high school clubs and organizations and corporate businesses. The proceeds of this event went totally toward Project Graduation.

We could not have pulled off this event without the help of Janet Kravetsky Miller, Donna Tierney, Karen Stahura, Gina Zarra, Sharon Padula, Debbie Bishop, Rosemary Muglia, Joan Reach, Eileen De Biase, Angela Prybella, Nancy Regan, Marge Reedy and others who actively went out and solicited donations of gifts from businesses and families. They made this a success!

Also, we want to thank the high school students who came to work on May 6. There were approximately 15 high school seniors and another 15 underclassmen. There were a number of parents who have worked and donated gifts for this auction/raffle for the past three years. They have given us their time as well, and we would like to thank Connie Palmer, Lina Infante, Nancy Reagan, Wayne and Joanne Otlowski, Neva and Mike Jankoski, Shirley Pedersen, Kathy Winner, Linda Dec, Joe Campana, Kathy Smith and Melanie Dambrowski. We also had 35 parents of seniors who were generous and contributed gifts to this event. We are so grateful for the support we had this year! Thanks to all of you.

Besides the dedication of the people listed above and the students, there were the many small businesses in South Plainfield that deserve our special thanks and appreciation for their support. They have come through for so many organizations in our town and with Project Graduation, it was no different. These businesses give so much to our students in town and WE MUST ALL GIVE THEM THANKS.

Please take time to shop in our community and don't forget our South Plainfield businesses. They need our support and they deserve our loyalty.

A thank you from all the students at SPHS and especially the CLASS OF 2000 goes out to AKA Inc., ATA Karate, A&P, Acme, American Martial Arts, Armpco Office Machines, Audio-Tel, Walter Bauman Jewelers, Bagel

Pantry, Bennigan's, Bruno's, Brush Stop, Burger King, Buttrico's Auto Body, Buy-Rite, Caffè Piancone, Carmen's Trattoria, Ciccio's, Cindy Michael's, Closeout Corner, Columbia Savings Bank, CQI Carpets, D&D Auto Supply, Dante's Tuxedo, Dollar Tree, Domino's, DRS Inc., Drug Fair, Eckerd's, Elaine's Hair & Nails, Embassy Suites, European Hair Design, Eyekrafters, Fairway Golf, Flanagan's Restaurant, Frank's Automotive, Gikas Cleaners, Goodyear, Haisch's Bakery, Heidi's Hair & Nails, Here's The Scoop, Holly Park Video, Imperial Deli, Innovative Folding Carton Co., K-Mart, KC Corner, Krauszer's, Learning Express, Le Nails, Linda's Nails, Lynn Steel, Medicine Shoppe, Michael Anthony's, Munchie's, Modern Nails, Mohn's Flowers, Moore's Stone & Garden Center, Nischwitz & Co., Noville, Inc., Opticare, Park Travel, Party City, Paul's Stationary, Pep Boys, Peter Pan Pharmacy, Pizza Uno, Plainfield Animal Hospital, Prestige Portraits, Quick Food, Radio Shack, Ray's Sports Shop, Regal Cinema, Ricochet Racquet & Health Club, Sat's Spirit Shoppe, Salerno's, Sczechuan Kitchen, Sears Hardware, Services Plus, Sherban's, Sherwin-Williams, Small's Tuxedo, South Plainfield Music Store, Sportsworld, Spring Lake Florist & Garden Center, Spring Lake Texaco, Subway, Tobacco Outlet, Twin City Pharmacy, Vail's Hardware, Village Salon, Von Graf's, Wal-Mart, White Star Restaurant, Witty's and 1-800-Flowers.

We have a special message to all parents of high school students. Your help and support is needed to keep the tradition of Project Graduation alive in South Plainfield. We are living in times when alcohol and drugs are becoming an everyday part of life to a lot of teenagers. The purpose of

Project Graduation is to show our students that they can have a great time partying with their friends in a drug- and alcohol-free environment. Project Graduation costs a lot of money and fundraising is becoming very difficult. The party for the graduating seniors involves continuous food and entertainment and The South Plainfield High School PTA pays the entire expense, with exception of some donations of food. The auction/raffle is our major fundraiser. We thank you for coming out and supporting us at this year's auction/raffle and for making it a huge success.

**PAT ANDERSON AND
ELLEN MELANSON
AUCTION CHAIRPERSONS**

To the Editor,

I think the new police cars look great as black and whites. They look like real police cruisers now! Plus, I think they make a better presence and can be seen better than the white cars with just a blue stripe on them.

I also think that all fire cars, including the fire chief's truck should be RED! They will be much easier to see coming.

The rescue squad vehicles are hard to determine. I noticed that less people pull over for a rescue squad rig than any other vehicle. People should remember that someone's life may be in the balance waiting for these people to come and save them; pull off the road when an emergency vehicle is coming!

I have seen plenty of near misses because people don't bother to pull over for emergency vehicles; even though a life could be at stake here!

Again, the new police cars look like real police cruisers, cheaper or not, they should all be black and white!

**THANK YOU,
TONY PISANIELLO**

VOTE!!

Democracy Day Ballots Due

The mayor and council would like to remind residents that all completed Democracy Day ballots must be either dropped off at Borough Hall or postmarked no later than Friday, May 19. A ballot can also be found on southplainfieldnj.com webpage.

If your household has more than one eligible voter the **Democracy Day ballots may be reproduced!!** Ballots are also available at Borough Hall.

In order to vote you must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen and a permanent resident of South Plainfield.

All eligible voters should take the time to cast their ballots. South Plainfield is a government for and by the people and your input is extremely important to the mayor and council.

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South Plainfield High School National Honor Society inductees.

National Honor Society Inductees Announced

Last Tuesday evening the induction ceremony for the students nominated to the National Honor Society took place at SPHS. The National Honor Society reflects four basic principals, scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Applicants had to submit recommendations from individuals on the four basic principals, meet those qualifications, have written responses to questions

and hold a required GPA in order to be accepted into the society.

The inductees for this year are: Nicole Adoma, Jessica Arndt, Jason Bataille, Shannon Bishop, Kyan Bowman, Allison Butrico, Kayo Danno, Kelly Doerr, Joshua English, Rachel Feller, Emma Fulton, Shail Gala, Angelique Ganiaris, Richard Gebauer, Alissa Gittens, Melissa Jameson, Nicole Luthman,

Joanne Michalski, Adrienne Nagy, Armi Navasca, Cathy Nguyen, Huy Nguyen, Huyen Nguyen, Lam Nguyen, Joseph Nicolay, Gregory Oganowski, Julie Palmer, Millie Patel, Roohee Patel, Heather Pederesen, Lauren Perry, Milady Pichardo, Stephanie Prybella, Matthew Pulomena, Ashley Rettberg, Joseph Scotto, Alison Tietjen, Eman Younes and Veronica Zappi.

Residents Are Asked to Use Breast Cancer Research Stamp for Mother's Day

Remember a Loved One With This Special Stamp

The South Plainfield Post Office has joined a nationwide campaign to raise funds for breast cancer research by encouraging the use of this special fundraising stamp for Mother's Day cards and letters.

The Breast Cancer Research "semipostal" stamp is the first in U.S. history to have its net proceeds above the cost of postage earmarked for research organizations. If the entire print run of 280 million stamps is sold out, an estimated \$20 million will be raised for breast cancer research. To date, about \$11 million has been raised.

"The self-adhesive Breast Cancer Research stamps is now available," said Postmaster Michael Deignan. "The Postal Service has a proud tradition of issuing stamps to help raise

awareness of social issues. This stamp continues our active role in the fight against breast cancer, one of the deadliest diseases among women. We encourage everyone to purchase and use the stamp before it goes off sale July 29."

The South Plainfield Postal Service is sponsoring a Health Fair on May 13 as a tribute to the Breast Cancer Research Stamp.

The 40-cent, self-adhesive Breast Cancer Research Stamp is valid for postage at the 33-cent First-Class letter rate, with up to 7 cents per stamp sold going to research. Seventy percent of net proceeds above the cost of postage is given to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Thirty percent goes to the Medical Research Program

of the Department of Defense (DOD). The NIH and DOD, which both conduct breast cancer research, were identified as recipients of the funds by legislation.

To see an image of the Breast Cancer Research stamp, or to order stamps, visit the Postal Service's web site at www.stamps.online.com. The stamps are also available toll-free at 1-800-STAAMP-24.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

With the weather outside finally spring-like and the unofficial start of summer only a couple of weeks away, let's take some time to check out news from the South Plainfield Library:

The Library will be closed on Sunday in observance of Mother's Day.

We've got our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. The programs each last about an hour, feature stories and a craft activity and are for children ages three and over. No pre-registration is needed. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. In addition, this month's Kidcraft program for children ages six and over is coming soon. It's scheduled for Friday, May 26, at 4 p.m. Space is limited so you must sign up in advance. Please check with Children's Librarian, Linda Hansen for more information.

Of course, we feel that adults shouldn't be left out of the whole program thing. On Tuesday, May 23, Herbert Frank will be leading class on how to save money and be a good consumer. The program will run from 7-9 p.m. We'd like participants to please sign up in advance so we can tell how many people will attend.

We have a new display in place. This month, it's a women's history display, featuring an assortment of antique women's clothing

and accessories. They're from the period of the Civil War to the 1920's. The display has been provided by local resident and antiques enthusiast Alice Dinizo. You can see the display throughout May.

At the risk of sounding like the classified section, we'd like to announce a job opening. We're looking for part-time help, Monday - Friday, from 2-6 p.m. The applicant should be an adult with basic computer skills and the have ability to do moderate shelving. If you're interested, please stop in for an application or check with our director, Sundra Fenn.

We'd like to repeat an advisory we've given before: The Library is definitely a place to bring your children. However, it isn't a place to leave your children. We're not a daycare center and our staff has neither the time nor ability to effectively watch your kids. Please be sure to keep an eye on your children while you're visiting with us and please don't leave the building while they're with you. We appreciate your help in the matter.

You'll notice another change in our internal arrangement. We've recently had to move a lot of items on our shelves in the main area, so we've put up new signs on the stacks to reflect those changes. Now, if you need to find a specific section (like the 500 section, or the folio area, perhaps), the new signs should point you in the right direction.

That'll just about do it for this week. Thanks for stopping by.

Feigley's Spring Fling News

Feigley's School of Gymnastics on So. Clinton Ave. will have a week long open house starting with a boys sleepover on May 13, a mini carnival on May 19 and 20 and a girls sleepover on May 20.

Activities will include games and prizes, face painting, food, characters, nail art, trampoline, facility tours and more.

For more information, call Feigley's at 561-888.

Borough Notes

Council

- Public Works will be hiring 10 seasonal employees to work from June 1 through Sept. 1 at the rate of \$8.22 per hour.
- John Siddons has resigned as part-time communications operator.
- Aislynn Stern will be hired as a full-time communications operator effective May 15 at a salary of \$27,453.
- The Recreation Department will be hiring seasonal workers to work at both the community pool and the summer parks program. The rate of pay will vary with the positions.

Board of Adjustments

- Home Depot was granted a preliminary and final site plan approval for the display of outdoor seasonal merchandise. They were also granted approval for an addition to the garden center.

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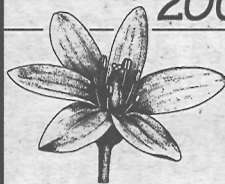
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Around Town

Vision 2001 Golf Outing June 28

The South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation, Inc. will be holding their annual golf outing on Wednesday, June 28 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Somerville.

Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, green fees and cart, coffee/golf range, on course beverages, lunch at the turn, beer/wine hour and a buffet dinner. All gratuities are included. Casual attire and rubber spikes only.

Hole-in-one prizes include a new car, a vacation, antique golf clothes, radio and pot of gold. Prizes also awarded for low net, low gross, longest drive, closest to hole, closest to the line, corporate team net and corporate team gross.

If you would like to become a sponsor, need more information or want to sign up, contact Eric Radell at 755-9555 or Emil Leporino at 756-8038.

VFW Post #6763 Holding Ham Dinner

VFW Memorial Post #6763, located on Front Street, will be holding Ham Dinner on Friday, May 19 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Donation is \$6 per person. For more information, phone (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m.

Singles After Work Social Planned

A 'Single Professionals' after Work Social' is planned for Thursday, May 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Inn at Mount Bethel located at 161 Mount Bethel Road in Warren. The cost is \$10 at the door and includes refreshments. Contact KISMET at 908-232-9927 or visit www.thatkismet.com.

Rec Trips to Broadway Musicals

The Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to Broadway musicals:

- *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Thursday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. performance. Bus leaves PAL at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per person.

- *A Christmas Carol*, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. performance. Bus leaves PAL at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$66 per person.

Only 48 tickets per trip are available. Purchase at the PAL, 8:30-4:30 p.m. First come, first serve. 226-7713.

Visit Lake George This September

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Lake George for 3 days/2 nights. Bus transportation, deluxe hotels, four meals, boat cruise, shopping. Sept. 13-15. \$245 per person. Only 40 tickets are available. Purchase at the PAL on Maple Ave.

Submit your Events Around Town

Mail or drop off your stories and photos: The South Plainfield OBSERVER, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Fax (908)668-8819; email GGNAN@aol.com.

Musical Performance

Violinist James Graseck is back by popular demand with his unorthodox style, accompanied on piano by Doris Stevenson. He will be performing on Sunday, May 21 at 2:30 p.m. at Kennedy Library located at 500 Hoes Lane in Piscataway. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by Piscataway Cultural Arts and the Kennedy Library. For information call (732) 563-4117 or 463-1633.

Rec Department Sponsors Yankee Trip

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox on Tuesday, June 13. Bus leaves the PAL lot at 4 p.m. Ticket price is \$37 per person. Call the PAL, 226-7713.

Vision 2001 Car & Truck Show Planned

Vision 2001 Education Foundation, along with the Northwest Jersey Camaro Club, are planning to hold their Annual Car and Truck Show to benefit the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation. The show is planned for Sunday, May 21 (raindate: May 28), 9 a.m. and will take place in the high school parking lot.

Donation is \$2 for spectators. Door prizes, 50/50 drawings, food and beverages will be available. Miss New Jersey and Wacky Wayne the DJ will be there.

Reserve your space early. All show cars must be in the parking area by noon. Preregistration is \$12 and \$15 on the day of the show. Registration closes at noon on the day of the show. Vendor cost is \$20 and the Car Corral is \$15.

For information, call Tom at (908) 755-6276, Dorothy at (973) 584-1542 or Ed at (609) 586-5222. No alcoholic beverages, pets, bikes or skateboards allowed.

Senior Trip to See The Student Prince

Seniors are planing to go to the Papermill Playhouse to see *The Student Prince* on Thursday, May 25. The bus leaves from the PAL building on Maple Ave. at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Purchase tickets at the PAL.

Car Rally Planned in Downtown Area

The Northwest Jersey Camaro Club will hold a car rally on Saturday, June 17 in the downtown area. This is the first of many events planned by the newly formed Downtown Activities Committee.

Plans are still in the early planning stages, but the car rally will include a DJ, vendors, plenty of food and special events for the kids. South Plainfield Ave. and a portion of Hamilton Blvd. will be closed to traffic to accommodate the cars and the pedestrians.

Vendors who would like to participate should call 756-8038 for further information.

Circle Players Present Arthur Miller Play

The Circle Players of Piscataway proudly announce the opening of Arthur Miller drama "A View From The Bridge," directed by Elaine Wallace.

The show runs Friday and Saturday evenings through May 20 at 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12. Students and seniors receive a \$1 discount at all performances with ID.

For reservations and information, call (732) 968-7555.

Plainfields' Unico 3rd Annual Golf Outing

Plainfields and Clark's Unico will be co-sponsoring their annual golf outing on Monday, June 12. The event will be held at Beaver Brook Country Club in Clinton. The outing will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration is 11:30 to 1 p.m.

There will be a \$10,000 putting contest, prizes on all par threes for a hole-in-one, closest to the pin, as well as longest drive, closest to the line and many more. A banquet dinner will follow the outing and many door prizes will be awarded.

Prizes will be awarded for men and women for low gross and low net. Calloway scoring system. Entrance fee is \$125 per person. Call Roxanne Cortese to sign up or information at (908) 561-1539.

Jim Eckert to be "Roasted"

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will hold a "Roast to Jim Eckert," retiring borough clerk, on May 19 at the Willows Restaurant on Washington Ave. in Green Brook. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket info, call Linda (908) 756-6519 or Mary Ellen (908) 755-4014 no later than May 12.

Rescue Squad Auxiliary Holding Open House

The Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary is seeking individuals who may be interested in joining their organization. There will be an open house on May 17 at the Rescue Squad building on Plainfield Ave., starting at 8 p.m.

Meet current members, see how meetings are conducted, learn what the auxiliary is all about. Interested parties can come out and get answers to questions about the organization, and enjoy cake and coffee.

Mets vs. Pirates Trip Planned

Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring a trip to see the Mets vs. Pirates on Saturday, June 24.

The cost of \$50 per person includes game ticket in lower lobe, transportation and driver gratuity. This is also kickball day and all children 13 and under will receive a kickball. The bus will leave Sacred Heart parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and return immediately after the game.

For additional information and reservations, call Helen at the Parish Center at (908) 756-0633 ext.11 or Mary Ann (908) 226-1222.

Sacred Heart's Funstival 2000

It's time once again to come and enjoy family fun on South Plainfield Avenue right across from Drug Fair. Enjoy homemade foods, games and rides on Tuesday, May 16 through Saturday, May 20.

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Red Cross Holding Area Blood Drives

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If you are interested in becoming a blood donor or would like additional information, contact Rosi Merg at ARC (908) 353-2500.

The following is a list of hours and locations Blood Banks will be open for May in the area:

- May 12, 3-8:30 p.m., Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Rd., Scotch

Plains
• May 15, 3-8:30 p.m., Elks, So. Plfd., 1254 New Market Ave.

Cruise on Big Red Boat II Planned

Dunellen Recreation is sponsoring a cruise on the NEW Big Red Boat II to New England and Canada. A seven nights cruise leaves on Aug. 5 and returns Aug. 12, with ports of call of Newport, Boston, Halifax and St. John New Brunswick Canada.

Rates for the cruise range from \$875 per person for an inside stateroom to \$1,075 for an ocean view stateroom. Cost includes port charges, transportation to and from the pier in New York from South Plainfield, driver gratuities. Third and fourth passengers sharing cabin rate is \$565 per person.

For information, call Mary Ann at M.H.A. Travel, (908) 226-1222 or Clem, Dunellen Recreation (732) 752-2466.

Future Kindergartners Invited to Kennedy

The John F. Kennedy School PTSO will be holding Get Acquainted classes for all students entering kindergarten at the school in September. The purpose is to familiarize the students with the school and staff. Some of the activities during the program are visits to the school nurse, the principal and taking a none-bus ride.

The remaining session for Get Acquainted is Tuesday, May 15 from 9:30-11 a.m. and Wednesday, May 17 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

For information, call Rosann Copi at (908) 757-8174.

Kindergarten Orientation At Roosevelt School

Children entering kindergarten in September, 2000 are welcome to join us to explore Roosevelt School and meet the teachers and staff.

The orientation program will meet on Wednesdays, May 17, 24 and 31. There will be two sessions offered, mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and afternoons from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Questions? Contact Denise Kelly at 753-3714.

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Scouts Hold Blue and Gold Dinner

Story and photos by
Patricia Abbott

On May 6 Riley School's Cub Scout Pack 224 held their annual Blue and Gold Dinner. Dens two and five worked together to present the flag ceremony. Food fare included salads, sub sandwiches, fried chicken and the boy's favorite, pizza. Desserts disappeared just as quickly as dinner did.

Level advancement awards and Pinewood Derby trophies were distributed. Although the Tiger Cubs were officially advanced to Cub Scouts during the

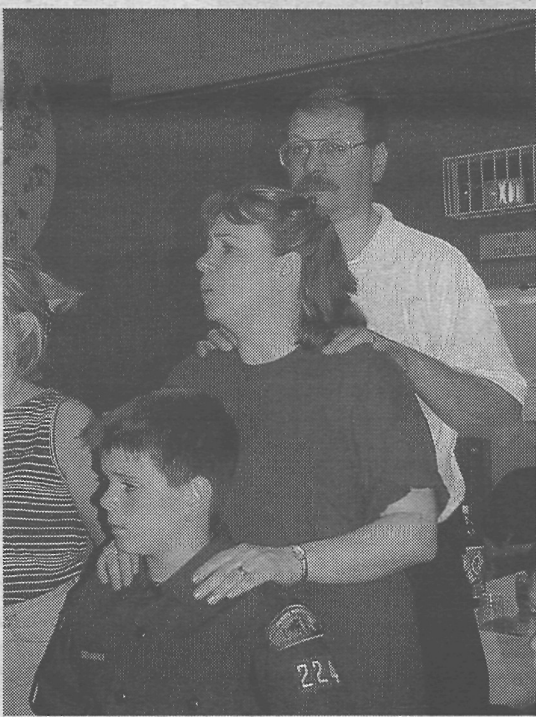
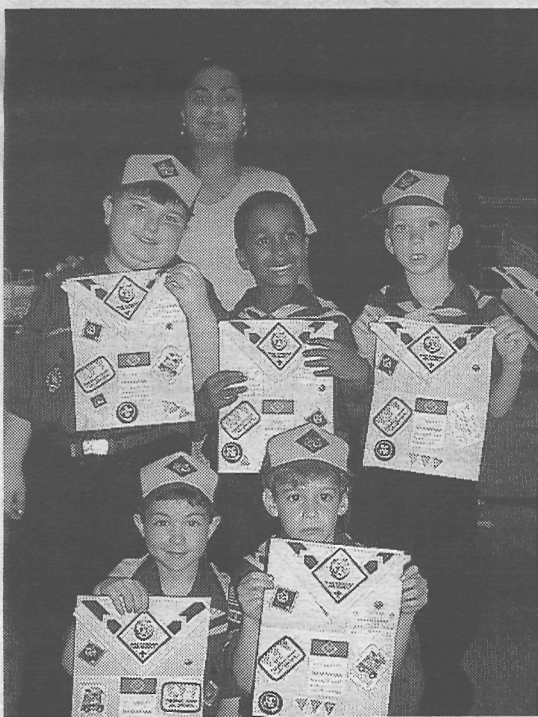


evening, they had already taken the first steps into Cub Scouts.

School Custodian Artie Sabino was presented with a gift and a number of parents and leaders were recognized with special

awards.

A raffle for prize baskets and a 50/50 were held. The event was enjoyed by the scouts, parents, brothers and sisters.



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SPHS Notes

● Big news from the high school over the past week. Because of two very successful blood drives, SPHS has won the **Yankee Tickets Contest** for the category of Most Improved School. The game that we will be attending is scheduled for either June 13 or 14. In addition to the aforementioned, SPHS is still in the running for the category of Most Pints Donated. The **South Plainfield Volunteer Rescue Squad** will be running a blood drive in the near future and will be using our high school's donor name. This way all the blood donated will go toward our school for the contest. The winner of this category receives Yankee tickets for a second game. Details of the rescue squad blood drive will be coming soon.

● Due to a lack of interest, the **Volleyball Tournament** scheduled for May has been cancelled.

● The **SPHS 2000 Prom** is scheduled for June 2 and will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Woodbridge. A reminder to all seniors, **Graduation** is scheduled for Friday, June 23, with **Project Graduation** taking place that night at 10 p.m.

● Future activities include the first ever **Powder Puff Football Game** and the **Third Blood Drive** of the year. Both are sponsored by the Student Council.

Dave Johnson, senior at SPHS, is a contributing writer for Tiger Times. High school students or faculty who would like to submit copy for **SPHS Notes** should contact Dave at the high school.

SP High School Honor Roll

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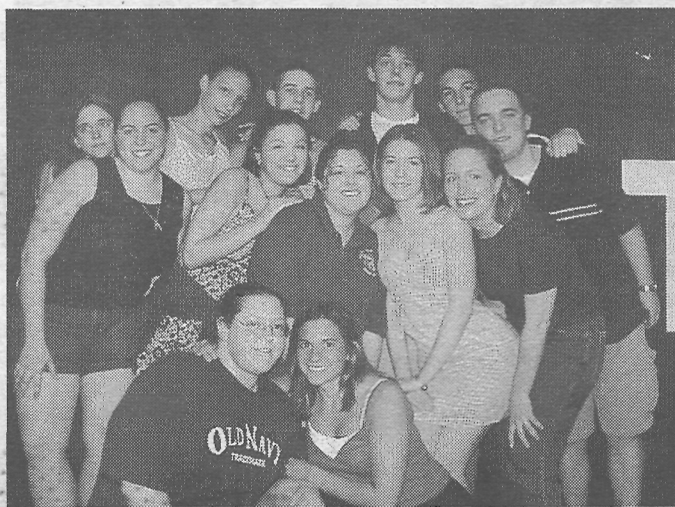
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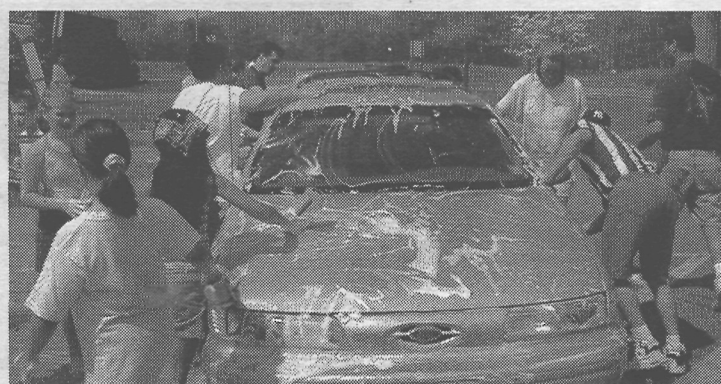
Events Around South Plainfield Last Saturday



The Third Annual Project Graduation Auction/Raffle

once again proved to be a highly successful event. Over 250 people attended. Newcomers to the auction took many trips around the room before deciding where to deposit their tickets. Those returning quickly scoped out the competition and the prizes they coveted. Many tables had coolers ready to provide cold drinks. Some brought a spread of goodies with them, while others stared in amazement at the food-laden tables surrounding them. Once the Project Graduation committee began calling the numbers, the volume in the room dropped dramatically and all ears were trained on the voice from the front of the room. Shrieks and yells were heard amidst applause as winning numbers were called. Student council and national honor society members were on hand to check tickets and deliver prizes. Beverages, nachos and cheese, and more were being sold in the hallway. SPHS 2000 T-shirts were also offered for sale. More than a dozen teachers were on hand to lend support to the fundraiser.

Lady Luck visited some tables more frequently than others. A rambunctious table of 10 people boasted 18 wins. Smaller groups had a number of prizes stacked before them. Across the room a table that held just three people who had never met before, quietly kept adding to the pile of prizes that started on top of the table then overflowed to fill the space under the table. All around them people sighed or laughed as Lady Luck visited them over and over again. Roxanne Baita smiled as she displayed her eight wins and table-mate Joan Russell literally beamed at her acquisition of twenty prizes. The evening ended with the calling of the seven grand prizes. Alice Eustice won the camcorder; Melanie Dombrowski, prom package; Susan Ricci, 27 inch TV; Marie Scotto, Yankee tickets. Other grand prizes included a microwave oven and cart, a refrigerator with a supply of Snapple and bottled water and a DVD player. The 50/50 winner received over \$300.



Riley School Car Wash—Last Saturday, Riley School students held their annual car wash to benefit the Fifth Grade Stokes trip. The weather may have been hot, but the work was cool as students doused more than the cars with water and suds. Parents worked alongside the students in an efficient line that moved steadily along. Each car was wet down by one team and went through two wash teams before moving on to the next group for drying. A final group of students washed the windows removing the water streaks. A bake sale set up near the end of the line enticed drivers to stop for a bite to eat. The successful day is just one of many fundraisers to help defray the expense of the overnight trip.

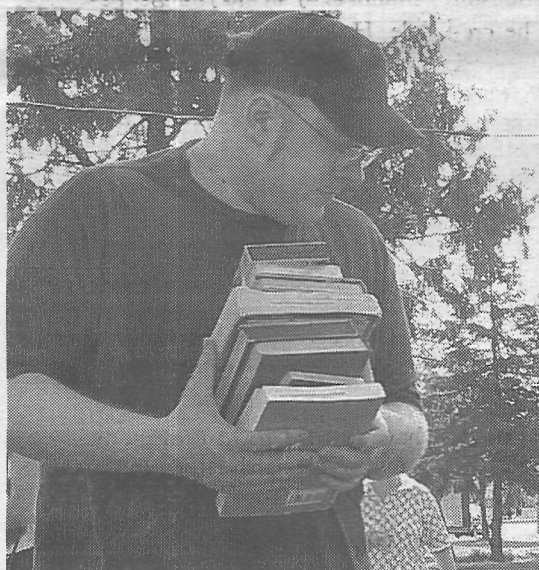


Suburban Woman's Club Flea Market—The G.F.W.C. Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield had a perfect, if somewhat hot, day for their flea market held last Saturday at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Rd.

Tables lined the driveway and the lawn and offered a wide selection of merchandise. The Woman's Club sold hot and cold drinks and desserts. Proceeds from the flea market will go toward a scholarship and other charities.



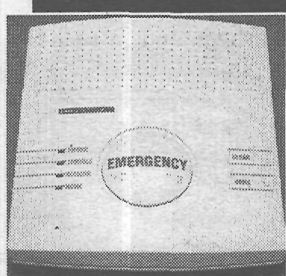
Photos and stories by Patricia Abbott



Book Sale by Friends of the Library—The South Plainfield Library recently held their Fifth Annual Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. In addition to books, the sale offered records, videos and books on tape. Baked goods were also available for purchase. The sale raised over \$600. The proceeds will be combined with other Friends-sponsored fundraisers to purchase a gift for the library at the end of the year. Library Director Sunni Fenn presents the Friends with a "wish list" of items that the library would not be able to pay for out of the regular budget. In recent years Friends of the Library have purchased shelves and donated money towards children's programs and items used in the children's room.

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Pictured above are students from the Pilgrim Covenant Church Learning Center's 4 Plus Class. With them are Greg and Lisa Stasenko. The Stasenkos joined their son Corey's class to teach them how to make a birdhouse and bird feeders. The children all got to use different tools in the making of the projects which included a hammer, saw, sanding tools and a measuring tape. The afternoon treat, made by Lisa Stasenko, was a bird's nest made from rice crispy treats and bird eggs (jelly beans) topped with an Oreo cookie. Everyone had wonderfully creative time.

Fun in Education at Pilgrim Covenant Church Learning Center



Pictured above are the students from Pilgrim Covenant Church Learning Center's 4 Plus Class. Jack Maniaci, instrumental and vocal teacher for Colts Neck High School, visited the class for the day and brought along his many instruments for a lively demonstration. All of the students were treated to a turn playing a guitar, a flute, a trumpet, a bass trumpet, a slide whistle, a recorder and the drums. Mr. Maniaci also sang the students a variety of songs.

"Beethoven" Pays a Visit To Riley School



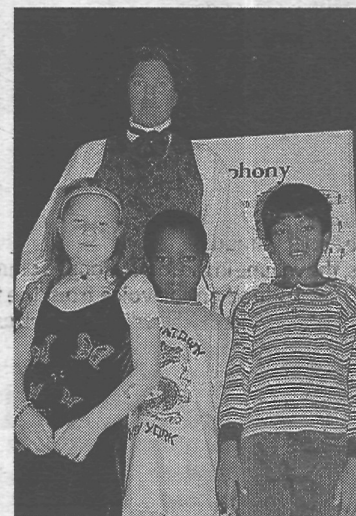
David Korbay as "Beethoven."

By Patricia Abbott

The "Meet the Musicians" cultural program sponsored by the Riley PTSO was a hit with students and teachers alike. Riley School students took a journey into the past as they watched Ludwig van Beethoven, played by David Korbay, cross the stage and seat himself at a modern day keyboard. Despite the new-fangled device, "Beethoven" burst into a piece from one of his famous works and then fascinated students with the story of the renowned composer/musician's life. He described firsthand his troubled early years with a father who suffered a horrible disease with no name and no cure. A debilitating disease that caused the entire family pain. In this day and age the disease is known as alcoholism. As "Beethoven" spoke, he created a vivid picture of music as his life's dream. He craved music-learning, understanding, creating and learning more.

"Beethoven" explained that while he gave his all, it was not enough. His greedy father plotted to turn his son into the next Mozart. He explained that at the time Mozart was a favorite with monarchs throughout Europe. They lavished gifts and money upon the young genius. As the students listened with rapt attention, "Beethoven" noted that he loved the music and the piano but lived in fear of his father's rage. He faced endless hours of practicing as a young child. His father slapped his hands when he made a mistake. The young audience's faces showed concern for the larger-than-life character before them. "Beethoven" spoke emotionally of the day his music teacher told him he could teach him no more. The students witnessed the sadness of knowing his family could not afford to send him to Austria to study and then the joy of discovering his teacher would provide the necessary funds.

Dennis Korbay, portraying "Beethoven," conveyed awe as he described meeting and playing with his idol, Mozart. The actor played taped examples of



the music of the time, Mozart's music. Then he played the astounding trademark music of Beethoven, emotional and moving music that was often shunned, by all but younger people. He continued with the ups and downs of Beethoven's life, including the onset of his hearing loss and subsequent deafness; his move from musician and conductor to musician and composer of great symphonies. As bits of music were played, the students were asked, "How many know this music?" Hands shot up throughout the audience, even in the K-2 grades.

Beethoven closed by reminding the children that he might have learned to hate music because of his harsh father, but instead he fought back. He used life's lessons to make himself stronger and to overcome all obstacles in his path.

Korbay removed his wig and introduced himself to the audience, bringing them back to the present. He once again pointed out the lessons that are as useful today as in Beethoven's era.

Korbay is a gifted actor and musician who began piano lessons at age five. He created *Meet the Musicians* program in 1986 and is a recognized performer with state and regional arts councils throughout the Northeast.

Other famous musicians he recreates on stage are Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, Brahms, the more modern day George Gershwin and "a friend of Scott Joplin."

Library Hires Firm to Help Recover Lost, Overdue Materials

By Kenneth Morgan

The South Plainfield Library has announced that it will use the services of a materials recovery service.

Beginning in May 2000, the Library will use the services of Unique Management Services to attempt to recover lost or overdue materials, or collect large overdue fines. The service will be used in conjunction with the library's standard overdue no-

tices.

When a patron's account totals \$35 or more for a period of 60 days, and the normal overdue notices have yielded no results, UMS will be contacted and a \$15 processing charge will be assessed the patron. UMS will send notices to patron advising them to settle their account as soon as possible.

If no response is received, information on the patron's account will be turned over to sev-

eral national credit reporting agencies. They will keep that information on file. However, if the patron contacts the library and arranges to settle their account, UMS will be notified immediately.

The library hopes that the use of this service will encourage patrons to return outstanding items on time or, failing that, to settle their accounts as quickly as possible. It is also the Library's hope that the services of UMS will be used as little as possible.

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Sports



The New Jersey Stars from left to right (back row) are Erin Rose Murphy, Crystal Daulhaus, Tara Broyels, Lauren Karbowski, Elise Falcicchio, Vicki Boley, Jill Kehoe, Coach Monica Amendarez. Seated (front row) are Coach Dina D'Aquino, Erin D. Murphy, Kaitlin Kirby, Emily Rosenthal, Candice Pastore, Jackie Tarulli-Fisher, Jonna Malhalchik. (Visit the New Jersey Stars website at www.njstars.org)

Middle School Student Selected to Elite Team

Vicki Boley, of South Plainfield, has been selected to play for the New Jersey Stars 14-U softball team during the summer 2000 Olympic Tournament tour. Vicki has played several seasons with recreation sponsored softball, five times on the summer traveling All-Star Team and two seasons of Fall Ball. Boley, who is an honor roll student at South Plainfield Middle School, will be playing third base for the Stars and batting in the fourth position in the line-up. "A powerful hitter, Vicki is a dangerous presence each time she is at the plate. We are looking to get her as much batting time as

possible with players on bases," said Coach Larry Rosenthal of the Stars.

The New Jersey Stars is an organization of outstanding athletes from all over New Jersey, ranging in age from 13 to 14 years old competing in Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.), National Softball Association (N.S.A.) and (PONY) tournaments throughout the tri-state area. Winning these national qualifier tournaments held in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut or Pennsylvania insures an invitation to play in the National Tournament in either Ohio (N.S.A.),

Virginia (PONY) or Florida (A.S.A.).

Selection as a New Jersey Star means a player was selected from an elite group of players. The athletes come from as far west as Lake Hopatcong to as far south as Sayreville. As the team members advance in age, the whole team advances to the age group of its oldest players. This keeps the team together each summer through their high school years.

Ponytail Softball Results

A League
Flanagan's 15-Polish Home 10—Lisa Sniseak and Eileen Milcarek had three hits each to lead the Flanagan's attack. Jackie Kaufman had a homerun to lead Polish Home.

DeFrancesco 12-Carpet 6—Caitlin English lead DeFrancesco Paving, reaching base three times during three at bats, scoring three runs and earning three RBIs. Melissa Hansen, Amanda Rastelli and Heather Loenser were the hitting stars for Carpet Bazaar.

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Traveling All-Stars—The managers for this year's tournament teams have been announced ... eight-year-old is Larry Hughes; nine-year-old is Pat Muglia; 10-year-old is Bret Giakas; 11-year-old is John Stallone; 12-year old is Frank Hanley and 13-year-old is Dave Spayder. Players and parents should watch for notices posted around the club for team meeting and try-out information. Contact Tournament Director Danny White with any questions.

SPJBC Annual Tournament—The club is pleased to announce that it will be holding its annual All-Star Tournament this year beginning in late June. Teams from all over the state have been invited to attend. This year, the format in all age groups has been changed to a "round robin" style.

Raffle—The books are due back on June 5. The raffle will be drawn on June 17.

Woman's Auxiliary—The Woman's Auxiliary will hold their annual dinner-dance, a "Casino Night," on Saturday, June 3 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the VFW hall. Tickets are \$45 per person. Tables of 8 to 10 may be reserved. Contact Cindy Eichler at 769-4047 for tickets and information. There are a limited number of tickets available.

Contact the SPJBC—clubhouse phone: (908) 754-2090...email: spjbc@aol.com...Web Site: members.aol.com/spjbc/spjbc.html.

Events at a Glance

Somerset Patriots Game on Friday, May 26
"Casino Nite" Dinner/Dance on Saturday, June 3
All-Star Day on Sunday, June 4

Small Fry C Game Highlights

Yankees vs. Diamond Backs—Brian Pullen pitched well and scored a run. Joey Lacerda walked three times and scored once for the Yankees.

Red Sox vs. Orioles—Brian Hanley had an inside-the-park home run and Nick Vallone pitched well for the Red Sox.

Mets vs. Diamond Backs—Darric Fonti walked twice and played great defense. Ken Breslau had a single and caught well for the Mets.

Red Sox vs. Devil Rays—Nosa Ogbenoven caught a fly ball in center field and caught a runner off of second base for a double play for the Red Sox.

Yankees vs. Cardinals—Corey Hay was on base three times and scored a run. Mark Brindley scored one time and played good defense for the Yankees.

Yankees vs. Cubs—Tim Moskal had three hits, three RBIs and scored two times. Stanley Mitchell reached base twice and scored one run for the Yankees. Andrew McGee celebrated his birthday by reaching base three times and driving in one run. Kyle Schroeder went two-for-two, with four RBIs for the Cubs.

Cubs vs. Indians—Andrew Ritchie scored two runs and Lee Aboosamara smashed a bases-loaded single driving in one run for the Cubs.

Mets vs. Orioles—Chris Steger had one hit and scored twice. Bobby Sachs had one hit and played great defense for the Mets.

Mets vs. Reds—Lenny Casiero had hits and walked once. Jon Cursi tripled and walked twice for the Mets.

Braves vs. Diamond Backs—Eric White doubled and Dominic Papa had two hits and pitched well for the Braves.

Braves vs. Cardinals—Ryan Smith played great defense and Danny Smith hit a hard line drive for the Braves.

Braves vs. Reds—Scott Suleski hit well and Kyle Quail had two hits for the Braves.

NOTE—Last week we inadvertently omitted some of the C-League results. We are sorry for the omission. They results are as follows:

Mets vs. Reds—Lenny Casiero had two key hits and Ryan Flanagan reached base four times to increase his on base percentage to .647.

Orioles vs. Mets—Timmy Lester pitched a strong game for the Orioles and Alex Knight had two hits. For the Mets, Jonathan Cursi had a triple and Kenneth Breslau continued his hot hitting streak.

Junior Baseball Club

A League Standings as of May 7

Team	W	L
Reds	4	1
Red Sox	3	2
Orioles	3	2
Mets	2	2
Cubs	2	3
Yankees	1	3
Athletics	1	3
Grand Slam by Kevin Siedenburgh of the Cubs		
Home Run by Kevin Siedenburgh of the Cubs		
Home Run by Justin Huffsmith of the Cubs		

Pony League Standings not available

B League Standings as of May 7

Team	W	L
A's	7	0
Diamond Backs	5	2
Cubs	3	2
Mets	3	2
Devil Rays	3	2
Cardinals	3	4
Braves	2	3
Reds	2	4
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Orioles	1	4
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Sports

High School by Brian Cochrane

Girls Softball Team Takes Two More

The South Plainfield high school softball team chalked up two more victories last week to push their record to eight games over .500. On Tuesday the Tigers cranked out nine runs on 12 hits to blank J.F. Kennedy 9-0. Kim Wilcox knocked in three of those runs as Alison chipped in three hits while pitching a two hitter to record her ninth shutout. Then on Thursday the girls traveled to Colonia in hopes of avenging a 1-0 loss back in April. Avenge they did, as Kim Bishop laced a bases loaded double in the top of the sixth to clear the bases and break a 1-1 tie. The defense did the rest as So. Plfd. notched win #12.



Pictured are high school softball players (left to right), Kimberly Bishop, Allison Tietjen and Heather Roth. These girls pictures were inadvertently omitted when we published the girls team pictures in a recent edition of the *Observer*.

Laura Walter added two hits as Alison lowered her ERA to 0.29. The home schedule ended Monday with the regular season con-

cluding on the 15, but look for the girls to make some noise in the upcoming GMC tournament beginning on the May 17.

Golf Team Strings Four in a Row

After hiccuping in South Brunswick last week, the South Plainfield Tiger Golf Team strung four victories in a row and now have 13 on the season. Bishop Ahr visited last Tuesday and was once again dispatched with ease; this time by 27 strokes (193-220) and this time at home. Jason (34), Matt Kurilew (36), Frank Gaspari

(36), Joe Nicolay (43) and Mike Jankoski (44) led the charge in win #11.

Union was another repeat victim as the Tigers traveled to Galloping Hill to pound Union 160-190. Only four golfers were needed this day as Jason (35), Matt Kurilew (38), Frank Gaspari (42) and Frank Wrubeleski (45)

brought home win #12.

North Brunswick was next on the schedule and the Tigers thought they might be in for a tough battle after the Raiders threw a scare into South Plainfield in early April, losing by only three. Talk about flukes, this time the Tigers welcomed the Raiders to West Nine by shooting their best round at home this year and cruising to the 179-221 blowout. The combination this day saw Jason (34), Matt K. (36), Frank G. (36), Joe Nicolay (43) and Mike Jankoski (44) catapult South Plainfield to their fourth straight.

Tiger Boys End Slide

The South Plainfield High School Baseball Team ended their seven game losing streak last Saturday with a 6-3 victory over J.P. Stevens in Edison.

Stevens may have taken the visiting Tigers and their slump too lightly, but that changed right away as South Plainfield scored two quick runs in the top of the first. Then in the third Chris

Hewitt blasted a solo homer to make it a three run cushion that clearly set the Hawks back on their talons.

The Tigers never trailed in the game as David Butrico picked his second win of the year.

The final home game schedule is slated for May 15 vs. Johnson regional.

Fire Soccer Team Wins Against Undefeated Montgomery Eagles

On Saturday, May 6, the South Plainfield Fire Soccer Team beat the undefeated Montgomery Eagles raising their record to 4-1-1. The games momentum started when Elizabeth Martin scored a quick first-quarter unassisted goal. The offensive line kept the pressure on during the whole game. Corey Hay and Christian Arroyo made some great passes to Jonathan Llerena, who didn't hesitate to make shots on goal.

Midfielders, Stephen Coppi and Michael Wagner, controlled the midfield during the game, passing the ball to the front line. This paid off in the second quarter

when Elizabeth Martin shot in the second goal. Defensive players Kyle Pompilio, Gregory Herbster and Matthew Cesare played their best game all season. Playing with superior team work and great communication they would not let the eagles pass midfield. Anthony Baldassarre played a great game in goal, not letting any shots in.

The fourth quarter produced the final goal with an assist from Anthony Baldassarre to Jonathan Llerena, who headed the ball into the goal. The final score was Fire three, Eagles zero. Congratulations Fire, keep up the good work!

Submitted by Paul Baldassarre

JV Softball

Submitted by Denise DiMeglio

South Plainfield 15, Ridge 0

The JV softball team returned from Ridge victorious. Pitcher Denise DiMeglio threw a 2-hitter and fanned nine. No walks were allowed. Four out of South Plainfield's 15 runs were scored by Candace D'Aleo. Maria Leonardis scored three times and Meaghan Schweers, Janet Golon, and Julie Palmer each crossed the plate twice.

South Plainfield 8, Colonia 4

The girls traveled to Colonia and came away with yet another win. The 8-4 victory was the result of the Tigers' explosive hitting. Candace D'Aleo had a double and Maria Leonardis had a double, a single and came around to score three times. Meaghan Schweers and Janet Golon also had two hits. Denise DiMeglio was the winning pitcher.

South Plainfield 7, Bishop Ahr 2

In their second meeting of the season, South Plainfield beat Bishop Ahr 7-2. Jen Butrico helped the Tiger offense with a hit and two runs scored. Denise DiMeglio and Danielle Lytwyn each scored twice. The Bishop Ahr offense was held to only two hits, while striking out eight times.

South Plainfield 13, North Brunswick 4

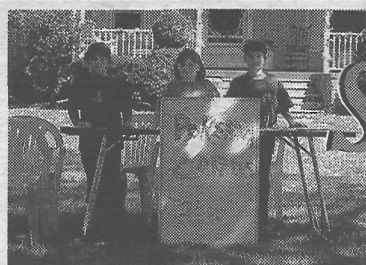
The Lady Tigers were successful once again. This time they defeated the North Brunswick Raiders. Candace D'Aleo led the offense with one hit, three RBIs and three runs scored. Danielle Lytwyn also had a hit and drove in three runs. Denise DiMeglio allowed three hits and struck out 11 while pitching for South Plainfield.

South Plainfield 2, Bishop Ahr 4

On May 1, the South Plainfield JV softball team traveled to Bishop Ahr to face their rivals. Despite the Tigers' great defense and nine strike outs by pitcher Denise DiMeglio, the opponents came up with four runs that South Plainfield was unable to match. Danielle Lytwyn's two hits, along with five others by the rest of the line up, gave the JV girls a total of only two runs.

South Plainfield 6, J.E.K. 5

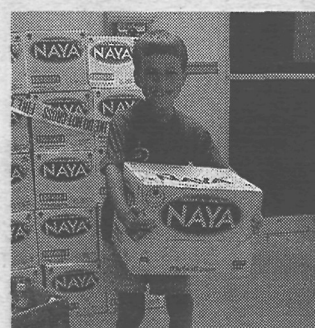
The Lady Tigers followed up their loss the previous day with a 6-5 win over J.E.K. of Iselin. The tiger defense was outstanding once again, led by Danielle Lytwyn, Maria Leonardis and Julie Palmer, who turned a 6-3-2 double play to end the fourth inning. Jessica Irber and Leonardis each had two hits and scored twice, while Janet Golon contributed with a double. The girls rallied for a total of ten hits.



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Obituaries

Harry E. Cisz, 77

Harry E. Cisz died on Monday, May 8, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson.

He was born in Brooklyn, where he grew up and was a member of the "Fighting 69th." He has lived in South Plainfield since 1940.

During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army with the 2nd Search Attack Squadron as an airplane and engine mechanic.

After his discharge from the army, he had worked in construction and then worked for Ford Motor Co. in Edison as a material handler for 20 years. He retired from Ford in 1965. In 1964, Mr. Cisz founded Harry's Liquors in South Plainfield, which he owned and operated the business with family. The store had been located on Park Ave. and later on Hamilton Blvd. until the business was closed in June of 1999.

Mr. Cisz was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield, where he had been a member of the Holy Name Society and was a longtime benefactor of the Church. He was a charter member of the South Plainfield Council #6203 Knights of Columbus and was a member of the Watchung Council 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

In his earlier years, he had been a founding member of the South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club, where he coached and managed little league teams for many years.

During the 1960's, Mr. Cisz had been appointed to the South Plainfield Recreation Commission, where he held the position of commissioner. He was a former member and Past Municipal Chairman of the South Plainfield Republican Club and had been appointed by Gov. William Cahill to the NJ State Hotel-Motel Commission.

Mr. Cisz was one of the founders and organizers of the Labor Day Parade in South

Plainfield, which today is the largest Labor Day Parade Celebration in Central Jersey.

In addition, he was a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 of South Plainfield, an honorary member of the Pulaski Assoc. of the New York City Police Dept. and a former member of the Polish National Home in South Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, the former Stella Dolashe-wich and his children and their spouses, June and Daniel Ventriglia and Stephen and Diane Cisz, both of South Plainfield and Kathy and James Supinski of Port St. John, Fla.; two sisters, Olga Baierlein of Beth Page, NY and Kay Roberts of South Plainfield; 11 grandchildren, Theresa and Ralph Montuori, Lisa, Denise and Danie (Jr.) and Vicki Ventriglia, Stephen (Jr.) and Jason Cisz and James (Jr.), Michael and Christopher Supinski and four great grandchildren, Jessica, Nicole and Amanda Montuori and Alicia Ventriglia.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be sent to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or to the Hemodialysis Center at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center would be appreciated.

Jane Finck DaSylva, 77

Jane Finck DaSylva died on Wednesday, May 3, at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

She was born and raised in Elizabeth. Mrs. DaSylva had resided in Roselle Park and for many years and Edison before entering Cedar Oaks Care Center in 1993.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert DaSylva.

Surviving are two daughters, Jane L. Samson and Lauren DaSylva, both of Somerset; a son, Robert D. Leonard of Stockton, California and five

grandchildren, Bob and Nicole Leonard and Dorsey J., Rebecca L. and Megan K. Finn.

Funeral services were held privately.

Arrangements were under the direction of the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Peter Charles Tabisz

Peter Charles Tabisz passed away in Dallas, Texas on April 16.

He is survived by his wife, Dorma Tabisz of Dallas; a son, Matthew Tabisz of Newport News Va.; two daughters, Jennifer Smith of Franklin, Tenn. and Amanda Tabisz of Dallas; a grandson, Ryan Smith; a granddaughter, Linda Anne Tabisz; his parents, Peter and Irma Tabisz of South Plainfield; a sister Marcella Martin of Neptune City; and many other nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on April 19 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Dallas. Arrangements were by the Sparkman-Dickey Funeral Home, Dallas.

Albert W. Pugh, 78

Albert W. Pugh died on Friday May 5, at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy.

Born in Leipsic, Del., Mr. Pugh had resided in Vermont, Connecticut and North Carolina before moving to South Plainfield in 1968.

He was employed as an engineer for General Electric of Whippany for 25 years where worked with the installation of turbines for steam, gas and electric power for various utility companies through out the area before his retirement in 1985.

Mr. Pugh served in the United States Navy during WWII aboard the USS OWL in the Atlantic, where they supported the invasion of Normandy and assisted with conflicts in Cuba. He was a member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763, a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Burlington, Vermont and a former member of the Dover, Delaware EIKs Lodge.

Mr. Pugh was predeceased by his wife, Anita M. (Cook) Pugh, who died in 1993 and a brother, Horace Pugh, Sr.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Sherri D. Pugh and Mark R. Brown of Old Bridge and a brother, James Pugh of Winston Salem, N.C.

Funeral Services were held privately with a memorial service to be held at The Unitarian Society of New Brunswick, 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick, at time to be announced by the family.

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By Cyrus N. Moon Weekly Horoscope 5/12-5/18

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 You may have the opportunity to make a relationship you've been working on happen. Mind you this is just an opportunity and not a sure one. But you must be willing to take this advantage of the situation and aggressively follow through. Success can happen in legal matters and joint matters.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 This is a fantastic time to inject valuable intuitive or instinctive elements into ideas or into the expressions of ideas in order to make them more appealing and effective. Also do not be insulted this week if you get the feeling that you are being ignored, you are in peoples thoughts!

CANCER 6/21-7/22 Expect the unexpected and be ready for it. If you can, plan something to break from the normal routine. Try a change of scenery. Visit some place new. Open your mind to learn new things. Being inquisitive makes you stimulate your mind with new ideas at work.

LEO 7/23-8/22 Around Monday the spotlight is on your duties and responsibilities. It can be a satisfying week if you attend to them. If you are given new responsibilities that you must take on, do it! It could mean professional advances. Good time to take on detailed work also.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 This can be a tricky time. Even though luck is on your side, there is no guarantee that you will make proper use of the information, ideas or activities that can come your way. Although, you are inspired by your instincts try to add a little cold logic to current circumstances.

LIBRA 9/23-10/22 Go ahead with a new love relationship. The warm feelings that you are capable of have a good effect on that love interest in your eye. This is certainly an excellent time for a wedding that is going on this week. And self-discipline will be low but who cares? Its not needed now.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 You will be making new interactions with all kinds of new people. For instance, you may be wearing a certain style of clothing and find yourself among those dressed in fashions that differ strikingly from your own. But if you go about yourself, pleasant circumstances will happen.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 If there's a matter that calls for serious thinking analysis, set it aside this week to tackle it, preferably

alone. Don't run yourself in the ground about it, though. Taking a relaxing stroll or a snack break might be just what you need to get a useful perspective

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 Your ability to think quickly will be an asset, and this week good ideas are more than likely. Also be ready to put your communication skills to work to your best advantage to overcome obstacles. Be flexible, pay attention and be sure too listen before acting.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 You are unlikely to be able to control your life's circumstances this week. Your normal schedule or the plans you have made may be disrupted by weather, or other forces in your outer environment. So do not get angry! Not thinking can lead to accidents that could have been avoided.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 There is an increased tendency for self-pity and despair; do not let this drag you down further than is necessary, remember this is short lived. Avoid incurring debt or lending money to others. Payments will be harder to meet later; plus you may not get paid in a timely manner, if at all.

ARIES 3/21-4/20 Actions can have unusual or unexpected results this week. It is difficult to predict what will happen, but the potential is for a beneficial outcome. If your schedule needs to be changed or updated there should be no conflict of interest. Also this is a good time to start an exercise program.

LEGAL NOTICE

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May 9, 2000

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Case No. 56-99/S-Home Depot, USA, Inc.-Block 472-Lot 36, 3096 Hamilton Blvd.-Applicant's request for a use variance and preliminary and final site plan, was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 23-99/S-Home Depot, USA, Inc.-Block 472-Lot 36, 3096 Hamilton Blvd.-Applicant's request for amended final site plan was hereby GRANTED.

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• A Kaine Ave. resident reported the theft of two dogs. The dogs, Yorkshire terriers, had been placed in their cage and left on the front lawn so that the resident could vacuum. The dogs are valued at \$600 each. When the resident's wife returned home and inquired about dogs, the resident realized he had left them outside. When he went to retrieve them, they were gone. The male dog answers to the name Butch. He is black with a rust colored face and legs, white stomach and weighs 15 lbs. He was wearing a blue collar. The female, named Shasha, is grey, white and rust and weighs 9 lbs. The cage is 3x4.

• A S. 10th St. resident reported the theft of CDs and a cell phone from her unlocked vehicle. The car had been parked in the resident's driveway. Value of missing items was \$305. A neighbor reported seeing a possible suspect in the area and supplied police with a detailed description.

• A So. Central Ave. resident reported the theft of a bike from her garage. There was no sign of forced entry.

• Kohl's Department store on Stelton Rd. reported the theft of \$300 from a cash register. Kohl's security witnessed an employee remove the cash from the drawer and place it in the back of her pants to conceal it. The employee was arrested and transported to headquarters. The incident is on videotape. Kohl's security reported to the police department to sign a complaint.

• Burlington Coat Factory reported a shoplifter in custody. The suspect, Ruth Stewart of Piscataway, under rang \$89.94 in clothing for a cousin who was unaware of the transaction. The suspect was arrested.

• The manager at Burger King on Park Ave. reported a rock had been thrown through a side window leaving a hole in the glass. The rock was found on

the floor inside. There are no witnesses or suspects.

• A Sherman Ave. resident reported the theft of a 10-speed mountain bike from her garage. The suspect also attempted to gain entry to an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway. The alarm was activated scaring the suspect away. The passenger door was found ajar but no entry was gained.

• A Baker Ave. resident reported the theft of a CD player from the dashboard of her unlocked vehicle. The CD player was in a temporary mount. Also taken were six CDs. The car was parked in the driveway of the residence.

• An employee of Keystone located on Front Street reported the theft of a plastic envelope containing \$350. The envelope was removed from the living room of the Middlesex apt. section of the building. The victim did not come to headquarters, because he is incapable of filing a report. The employee delayed reporting the theft in hopes that the money would be found. The employee does not feel that any of the residents took the money.

• A Bullard Place resident reported both left side tires of his vehicle had been punctured. The victim's mother reported hearing the dog bark at 1 a.m., but did not see anyone in the area. Two other Bullard Place residents reported tires punctured the same evening.

• Harry Pepe of Metuchen was arrested for shoplifting three radios from Kmart on Hadley Blvd.

• A South Plainfield Ave. resident reported that an unknown suspect rang his doorbell after setting fire to a piece of paper with dog waste on it. The victim reported seeing three unknown persons on skateboards heading into the Sacred Heart Church parking lot towards the VFW. There was no damage to the house.

• A Borman Rd. resident reported an unknown suspect had smashed the driver's side front window of her car while it was parked near her place of employment, Ciccio's Pizza on Maple Ave. The radio was removed from the dashboard. The car was parked in the Lakeview Plaza lot in a space closest to Maple Ave. near the White Star Diner. The car was for sale and had been parked there for a few weeks.

• A Kenyon Ave. resident reported her shed was broken into. The wooden shed had been secured with a padlock. The door had been forced open

and two mountain bikes were removed.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of her credit card on May 6. She had used the card at Staples and left it on the counter. When she realized the card was missing, she called the store and they reported they had not found it. The victim did not cancel the card until May 10. When she received her statement, she found approximately \$500 charged to the card from QVC.

• A Radio Shack manager reported the theft of a satellite dish and receiver. He was helping a couple with cell phones when a

woman shouted, "He just stole that box!" The manager saw a black male run out of the store and enter a vehicle driven by another black male. The manager was able to get a license number of vehicle. The car was registered to a Thomas A. Varcadipone Jr. of Paterson, NJ.

• White Star Diner reported three customers walked out without paying their bill of \$21.96. Five people had entered together and two paid with separate checks before leaving.

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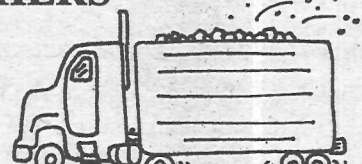
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Police Arrest Suspect In Area Burglaries

Last Tuesday, South Plainfield PD received two warrants for credit card fraud issued by Readington Twp. Police Department for the arrest of a 24-year-old South Plainfield resident, Gil Rodrigues, Jr.

Detective James Foran conducted a surveillance of Rodrigues' home and saw Rodrigues enter his vehicle and drive northbound on Park Ave. When he was about to enter Dunkin Donuts on Park Ave., Rodrigues was approached and arrested without incident.

Police charged Rodrigues with burglarizing the Exxon Service Station on Park Ave. on May 1. The burglary occurred between the hours of 3:50 and 4:45 a.m. Entry was gained by smashing the

front glass door. A cash register drawer containing a reported \$120 was taken. The money has not been recovered.

Rodrigues was also charged with one count of criminal mischief regarding the burglary of the Exxon station as well as one count of criminal mischief regarding the burglary of Getty Service Station, also on Park Ave. The incident at Getty occurred approximately the same time as the burglary of the Exxon Station and involved a window being broken on the front door.

Bail for Rodrigues was set at \$3,000. He was taken to Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in No. Brunswick after failing to post bail.



Lt. Robert Bender with wife, Pat, and Commander Phil Cortese of VFW Post 6763.

Ceremonies Honoring Lt. Robert Bender Held

Last Friday night the VFW Post 6763 Hall was filled with well wishers, including Mayor Dan Gallagher, members of the borough council, Police Chief Merkler, members of the police department, as well as family and friends, to witness the award ceremonies naming Lt. Robert Bender, "Outstanding Officer of the Year."

The VFW will now enter Bender's name for New Jersey State Outstanding Officer of Year.

Bender, a 26-year veteran of the South Plainfield Police Department, worked his way up from a patrolman to the rank of

lieutenant, which he now holds. Chief Merkler, who nominated Bender, said that during Bender's years as a police officer, on nine different occasions he earned commendations and awards, some of which included apprehending suspects with handguns.

Bender is also an airforce veteran and served in both Thailand and Vietnam.

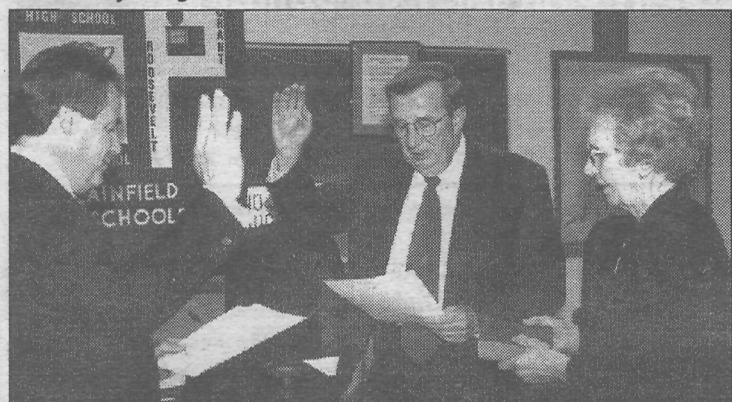
After accepting the award, Bender said he has always had two wishes in life. "I always wanted to become a police officer and to serve my country. I am blessed to have realized both."



Last week the South Plainfield Board of Education held their first meeting since the recent board elections. Pictured above is the 2000 Board of Education, (seated) Susan Peck, Frank Mikorski and Dawn Jeffreys; (standing) Steve Bohn, Daniel Smith, Marge Reedy, Jeffrey Snider, Tom Delaney and Ken LaFreniere. Frank Mikorski was voted board president and Dawn Jeffreys, vice-president.



Pictured left is Susan Peck, with her children Alan and Jennifer. On the right is Tom Delaney taking the oath.



School board attorney Nicholas Ceoso swears in Frank Mikorski as his wife, Florence, holds the bible.

Annual Bicycle Rodeo Set for This Saturday

The South Plainfield Police Department will be once again host their annual bicycle rodeo this Saturday in Spring Lake Park. The rodeo is intended to teach bike safety to children, runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date is May 20.

Featured this year will be an obstacle course presented by volunteer employees of State Farm Insurance. Proper riding techniques and rules of the road will be emphasized during this phase of the program. There will be a guided safety course for youngsters to ride, complete with traffic signs, along with an On Bike Skills Development Course. Helmet wearing cyclists will negotiate a moderately challenging course to improve their riding abilities.

For cyclists 14 years of age and younger who don't have bicycle helmets, a limited supply of donated helmets will be provided. Participants who wear their own helmet and register their bicycles will be entered into a drawing to win a new bicycle donated by Ron

Sward, director of the Physical Therapy Center of South Plainfield.

This is an opportunity for bike owners to register their bicycles with the police department through a unique bicycle safety registration program called "Baron Von Pedaloff." The program, which was designed by retiring Officer William Frink of the Special Problems Unit, is designed to reduce bicycle thefts. "This program really does work," said Councilman Dennis Cerami. "The police can identify stolen bikes and return them to the rightful owner much faster."

Safety-oriented literature will be provided by AAA and the South Plainfield branch of the N.J. Division of Motor vehicles to all participants. Bike N Gear in Middlesex will be on location to conduct safety inspections on all bicycles as well.

Don't forget to bring your bicycle and helmet and be ready for a fun filled day. Questions? Contact the police department at 908-226-7693.

THIS WEEKEND

VFW to Install New Officers

The VFW Post 54th installation of post and auxiliary officers will take place Friday at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies.

Music will be provided by Billy Phillips. The event is free and open to the public.

For information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is sponsoring a Mother's Day flower sale on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the PAL parking lot and also at Roosevelt School parking lot.

Elks Lodge Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

Elks Lodge #2298 on New Market Ave. will hold a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon.

The cost is adults, \$6; children \$2.75; under 5 are free.

Menu offerings include eggs any style, bacon, sausage and pancakes, french toast, homefries, toast, coffee, tea and juice.

A free carnation will be offered to all mothers.

The event is sponsored by the Handicapped Children's Committee.

Post Office Collects Food, Holds Health Fair

South Plainfield letter carriers will collect nonperishable food along their routes this Saturday to help stock local food banks for the needy.

Residents are asked to place nonperishable food in their mailboxes. The carriers will pick up the food when the mail is delivered.

The drive is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The post office is also sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday 1-4 p.m. in the parking lot as a tribute to the breast cancer research stamp.

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