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## School Kids At Risk

In March the *Observer* printed a story about ongoing problems with the absence of school crossing guards at their posts, sometimes at very busy intersections.

Sgt. Ken LaVerne, South Plainfield's Traffic Safety Officer, has since met with officials of Labor Management Concepts, Inc. (LMC), the company awarded the contract to provide

proved. However, in the past few weeks, guards again are frequently missing.

At one point last week, four guards were reportedly missing in one afternoon. The SP PD has to assign police officers at school crossings almost every day.

Parents say they are not blaming the police department, but rather LMC for being unable to fulfill their contract to supply guards.

Last week Sacred Heart School, too, had trouble with missing crossing guards. Thursday morning, police were notified that a crossing guard did not show up. A police officer did not arrive at the crossing until 8:15. By that time school was already in session. Parents worried about their children's safety, showed up at dismissal to fill in. Their attempts at crossing children resulted in chaos.

Councilwoman Darlene Pinto has been called several times by Sacred Heart School parents and the principal asking for her help. Pinto reported the trouble to Mayor Gallagher at last week's council meeting. The mayor suggested they ask a representative from LMC to come to an agenda meeting and discuss these ongoing problems.

Meanwhile Sgt. LaVerne asked that anyone who notices the absence of a guard at a school crossing to call 226-7688.



crossing guards during this school year. Although LMC, located in North Arlington, NJ, sends replacements for absent guards, they either get lost or arrive too late to be effective.

As a result of the meeting with Sgt. LaVerne, LMC agreed to assign a floating guard to fill the gap. Anytime a school crossing is unmanned, a police officer is sent to fill in and LMC is fined \$50 an hour.

After the recent meeting between the SP PD and LMC, the efficiency of the service im-



The Paskowitz Family is grateful for the help of Home Depot.

## Home Depot Helps Local Boy Access Home

By Patricia Abbott

Civic-minded Home Depot once again came through with a generous gift which makes life for four-year old Mark Paskowitz, his parents Cheryl and

Glenn and his seven-year-old brother Steven, a lot easier.

In January, South Plainfield Home Depot received a letter from Janet Tracy of West Paterson. Tracy described

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## BOE Faces Overcrowding

By Patricia Abbott

The defeat of two school referendums has forced the South Plainfield Board of Education to make decisions on how to deal with a projected 24% increase in student enrollment.

Last resort options are being considered, including split sessions, the reduction of the school day to four hours, as well as the elimination of select programs such as home economics and music lessons. In addition, some sixth grade classes may be relocated.

The school board is exploring other options, including rental space to relocate the administrative offices in order to use as much of Grant School for students as possible. Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri said, "Our first priority is to open up seven classrooms in Grant School. They can be opened for use by having administration double up offices. Anything beyond those seven will require a referendum approval. I

hope to have all decisions made by the June board meeting."

Additional measures have been taken to alleviate overcrowding. In February, class sizes were capped based on grade level, 20 students per kindergarten class, 22 in grades one and two and 25 in grades three through five. Open enrollment has also been discontinued.

Once a cap has been reached the district will bus students to schools with available space. While this may solve some of the overcrowding, Ferri noted that it will create serious transportation problems.

A pending third referendum may provide solutions to some of the potential problems. The public is being urged to attend the June BOE meeting to participate in the decisions being made about the future of South Plainfield schools.

The next scheduled regular school board meeting is next Tuesday, May 23.

### THIS WEEKEND

#### "Michael's Kitchen" Wine Tasting Dinner

Enjoy a sampling of superb wines selected by Witty's Liquors and a seven course menu prepared by Michael's Kitchen Friday night, May 19 at the Elks Lodge on Market Rd. For tickets call 908-757-5734 or 908-561-1663.

#### Ham Dinner at VFW Post #6763

VFW Memorial Post #6763 on Front Street is holding a 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.

#### Vision 2001 Car & Truck Show

Vision 2001 Education Foundation and Northwest Jersey Camaro Club will hold the Annual Car and Truck Show on Sunday, May 21 (raindate: May 28), 9 a.m. in the high school parking lot. Donation is \$2 for spectators.

For information, call Tom at (908) 755-6276. No alcoholic beverages, pets, bikes or skateboards allowed.

#### Republicans Roast Jim Eckert

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will "roast" Jim Eckert, retiring borough clerk, on May 19 at the Willows Restaurant on Washington Ave. in Green Brook at 7 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

For info, call Linda (908) 756-6519 or Mary Ellen (908) 755-4014.

#### Sacred Heart's Funstival 2000

It's time once again to come and enjoy family fun at Sacred Heart Church. Enjoy home-made foods, games and rides now through Saturday.

Pay-One-Price rides on Pay One Price rides on May 20, \$12, 2-5 p.m.

Friday night enjoy music by BackSplash. Call Parish Center for discount advanced rides tickets-\$12 for 8 rides at (908)756-0633.

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View of the rear parking lot of Services Plus shows blocked access.

## Blocked Entrance Is Strangling Services Plus

Services Plus located on South Plainfield Ave. is struggling to keep business alive. Owner Brenda DeSantis reported that about four weeks ago a Belgium block border was placed along the rear of the lot along with a telephone pole blocking the side. This prevents vehicle access to the rear parking lot. The only way to enter the rear lot is to

through a very narrow alley between the buildings.

UPS, helium and garbage trucks have been unable to access the rear entrance of her business. Services Plus is a UPS drop off site and also sells lots of balloons. Parking in front of the store on South Plainfield Ave. is at a premium and can be dangerous to

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### councilmeetings

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

### planningboard

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

### zoningboardofadjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

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)

### recyclingcommission

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

### recreationcommission

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

### environmentalcommission

Meets once a month

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

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  
Committee of the Whole, June 13, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., June 20 & 27

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telephone number.

## In My Opinion Letters

### Letter to the editor

I would like to personally thank all involved in the Bicycle Rodeo held on Saturday at Spring Lake Park. Both of my sons—Christopher age five and James age three—had a wonderful time. They enjoyed getting their bicycles registered, going through inspection, like their mommy does with her car, and going through the obstacle course. Even my three-year-old understood and followed all of the course directions, which amazed even myself and proved you are never too young to learn about safety.

But most of all—their bike drivers' license with their picture on it—they treasure and have been showing everyone and saying, 'See I have my own license like my mommy and daddy and I had to earn it.' Lunch and ice cream were an extra treat. My appreciation to the South Plainfield Police Department for organizing this event and to all participants. Most of all James and Chris, thank you.

**MARIE MARKEY**



South Plainfield postal workers load donated food into a truck for delivery to the local food bank last Saturday.

### South Plainfield Residents,

Postmaster Mike Diegman and the carriers of the South Plainfield Post Office would like to say thanks for making this past Saturday's Food Drive a success. Approximately 4,000 pounds of food was collected for the local food bank.

Special thanks to our local spon-

sors, Hall's Warehouse, Innovative Folding Carton Co., Cub Scout Troop 324, Girl Scout Troops 116 and 318, Grand Slam Baiting and LPB Graphics of Iselin.

**THANK YOU AGAIN,  
CARRIERS OF THE SOUTH  
PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE,  
HARRY SCHAIKERT, FOOD  
DRIVE COORDINATOR**

## Our Lady of Czestochowa Holds May Crowning

Our Lady of Czestochowa held a May crowning on May 7, followed by an evening mass.

Crowning Mary was Robin Stayvas, daughter of Dee and Walt Stayvas. Her court included Amanda Bertrand, Kim Bulla, daughter of Beverly and Ken; Sheryl Ciwikalo, daughter of Susan and Michael; Brittany DeNitzo, daughter of Bill and Mary Jane; Joanne Michaleski, daughter of Lucy and Andy; Danielle Skoba, daughter of GiGi and Rich; Carly Yulick and Lauren Yulick, daughters of Michele and Charlie.

Following the crowning and the mass the girls and their families enjoyed refreshments at the church hall.



### MEETING NOTICE

## Council Meeting Rescheduled

The Borough Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000 has been changed from to Monday, Sept. 18, 2000 at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

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## VFW Post 6763 Installs Officers

Last Friday evening VFW Post 6763 held their annual installation of officers. Installation of officers of the Women's Auxiliary were also held.

Officers sworn in were Commander Rudy Poczak, Sr. Vice Commander Hal Katz, Jr. Vice Commander Robert Disch, Chaplain Michael Panza, Post Advocate and Officer of the Day Arthur Bullwinkle, Post Surgeon George Jepsen, Three Year Trustee Philip Cortese, Two Year Trustee Thomas Adams, One Year Trustee and Adjutant Carl Zaksewski and Three Year House Committee Member Metro Kapchak.

The Women's Auxiliary officers for the year are President Joan Jepsen, Vice President Tammy Jepsen, Jr., Vice President Viola Gratta, Secretary Marilyn Bird, Treasurer Mary Ann Rauer, Conductress Marlene Poczak, Chaplain Harriet Square, Guard Mary Zak, Third Year Trustee Alice McHugh, Historian Dawn Fallon, Second Year Trustee Jean Youngman, One Year Trustee Dorothy DeWolf and Installing Officer Harriet Square.

VFW Post 6763 is a very active group of veterans in South Plainfield. Even though they have been struggling with a dwindling number of active members, each year this group of men and women sponsor a Democracy Essay Contest at both the middle and high schools as well as at Sacred Heart School, awarding prizes to the top



the three winners at each school. They also contribute to the Jr. Baseball Club, the Ponytail League and award scholarships to graduating seniors. Just a few weeks ago they named Lt. Rob-

ert Bender Outstanding Officer of the Year and in a few weeks they will be participating in the Memorial Day Services at local cemeteries and Veteran Park as well as placing flags on each veterans'

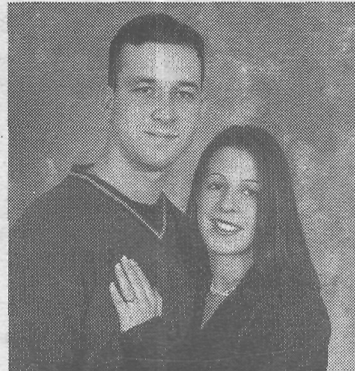
## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Pellegrino and Yuill Become Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Guaraci, Jr. of South Plainfield are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Andrea Pellegrino** to **Kevin Michael Yuill**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Yuill Sr., also of South Plainfield.

The bride-to-be is a procurement agent for Pharmacia-Upjohn in Bridgewater. Her fiancé is a pipe line technician for Williams-Transco Gas Pipe Line in Linden.

The wedding is planned for October 21, 2000.



Kevin Yuill and Andrea Pellegrino

### Errico Graduates Summa Cum Laude

Lori Errico, daughter of Gene and Janet Errico of South Plainfield, will graduate Summa Cum Laude from Rutgers University on May 23, with a double major in English and Women's Studies.

In addition to successfully completing the Rutgers College Hon-

ors Program, Lori was a Henry Rutgers Scholar and a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

A 1996 graduate of South Plainfield High School, Lori has accepted a position working for *The Princeton Review* in Princeton, NJ.

## Gas Leak and Fire Halts Rush Hour Traffic Tuesday

Tuesday morning rush hour traffic became a nightmare on the south side of town when Scott Specialty Gas, located on Hamilton Blvd., reported a gas leak/fire in their building at 7:35 a.m.

The leak and fire consisted of a lone cylinder of leaking silane gas. The fire was isolated to the valve area of the cylinder. Silane gas is commonly utilized in electronics manufacturing and burns on contact with air.

South Plainfield units responding to this emergency included 12 personnel from the police department, 15 from the fire department, the office of emergency management and the rescue squad. Also responding were Middlesex County HazMat and New Market Fire Department.

Hamilton Blvd. was shut down and traffic was diverted around the site. This caused a major traffic nightmare to the already heavy morning rush hour. To add to the traffic slowdown, Middlesex County was painting traffic lines in the middle of South Clinton Ave. Rail traffic on the Raritan Valley Line was halted because Scott's building is situated close to the tracks. Twenty Scott Specialty Gas employees, as well as 10 from Mardee and two from General Spice, were evacuated.



## Grand Opening of "Blue Comet" at Car Show

Work on the restored railcar known as the "Blue Comet" is just about finished. For almost three years the railcar has been undergoing major renovations. On Saturday, June 17, official grand opening ceremonies will be held. This is also the date the Downtown Custom Car and Truck Show will be held. The streets in the area will be closed to traffic and numerous festivities are scheduled all day in the downtown area.

The railcar was brought to the site nearly three years ago and placed behind Sherban's Diner. Since then it has undergone a complete makeover. The railcar got a sand washing and gallons of paint was applied (all donated), bringing the it back to life.

Earlier this year the railcar was moved closer to the Hamilton Blvd. overpass, its permanent home. A bridge was built and donated by Harris Steel and steps were custom made at each end of the railcar. Landscaping has brightened up the area around the

car — planted by the students from Middlesex County College horticulture class. Plants, trees and flowers were planted. A sidewalk was put place, donated by Crisdel Construction Company, leading from the bridge to the railcar.

Originally the Historical Society was going to use the railcar to display some of its memorabilia, but they have since decided it is not a suitable home for artifacts. The South Plainfield Business Association is now overseeing the project to its completion.

Many people and businesses have contributed time, money and supplies working on the railcar. Students from Middlesex County College have been busily restoring the interior mahogany walls, ceiling and tiles on the floor. Art Muglia, a member of the Business Association, has been at the site numerous times a week working and overseeing the many volunteers. Home Depot has donated numerous supplies, along with many other businesses in town.

**Democracy Day Ballots Due...** Completed Democracy Day ballots must be either dropped-off or postmarked no later than Friday, May 19. A ballot can also be found on southplainfieldnj.com webpage. 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.

## GYMNASTICS & CHEERLEADING

### OPEN HOUSE

**JUNE**  
Wed. 7th, 14th  
Fri. 9th & 16th  
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Sat. 8pm-8am Sleepover

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## Around Town

### Kindergarten Orientation for Parents

A Kindergarten Orientation Program will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 7 p.m. in Franklin School for the parents/guardians of the children who will enter the South Plainfield Kindergarten Program in September. This orientation will provide important information concerning various aspects of the kindergarten experience, including the curriculum, health and transportation services, the latchkey program, special summer programs, and tips for helping parents to prepare their children for kindergarten.

Parents who have not yet registered their children for kindergarten in September are urged to do so immediately in the Enrollment Center of the Administration Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Children who will have reached the age of five by Oct. 1 are eligible for enrollment.

Parents having questions concerning the registration process may call Mr. VanKleef at 754-4620, Ext. 222.

### Culturally Speaking

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission is committed to presenting the artistry of our young people from time to time.

On Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. the Cultural Arts Commission will present, "Piano Skills," a piano recital featuring the young students from the Flo's Piano Studio. This recital will be held in the "Fellowship Hall" of the Wesley Methodist Church on Plainfield Ave.

We would appreciate everyone coming out to give support to these young folks. As always, the admission is free and refreshments will be served. It will be a pleasant way to spend a little time with us.

For more information, contact Gordon Fladger at (908) 561-9557.

### Pilgrim Covenant Plans Garage Sale/Flea Market

Come one, come all to Pilgrim Covenant Church's Garage Sale/Flea Market at 3121 Park Ave., South Plainfield on Saturday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Crafts, home baked goods, antiques, collectibles, baby accessories, clothing, furniture, jewelry, tools, knick-knacks and kitchenware will all be available for purchase.

Space is available for crafters/garage salers. Call Diane at 756-6830 to sign up.

Proceeds help send our kids to camp. Rain date is Saturday, June 3.

### Celebration of Married Couples At Wesley United Methodist

The Wesley United Methodist Church of South Plainfield will be having a celebration of married couples on Saturday, May 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Wesley Methodist is located at 1500 Plainfield Avenue.

This is a special occasion honoring couples for their love, faith and commitment to one another and to the church. The reception will include dinner, millennium wedding cake and music, including the couples' own wedding songs. Couples are invited to renew their marriage vows in the sanctuary prior to the reception.

### Sacred Heart Plans Dinner Theatre Trip

The Caring and Sharing Group of Sacred Heart is sponsoring a trip to Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre on Sunday, June 4. The cost of \$50 per person includes the bus, show (*West Side Story*), dinner and driver gratuity.

The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the parking lot of South Plainfield Borough Hall and return about 5 p.m.

For reservations, call Lydia at (908) 755-1596 by May 25.

### Connected Heart's Adoption Triad Meeting

The Connected Heart's Adoption Triad Support TRIAD SUPPORT (CHATs) will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, May 22 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://community.ni.com/cc/chats> for information.

### 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, long-

est 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.

### Women's Evening Circle Holding Fashion Show

The Women's Evening Circle will be presenting their second annual Spring and Summer Fashion Show on Saturday, June 3 at 2 p.m. It will be held in Hendersen Hall at the First Baptist Church on Hamilton Blvd.

Fashion will be by Dress Barn. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance by contacting Mrs. Elise Webster at (908) 754-3862. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

### 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. Stu-

dents 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.

### 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 loge, 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.

### Cruise on Big Red Boat II Planned

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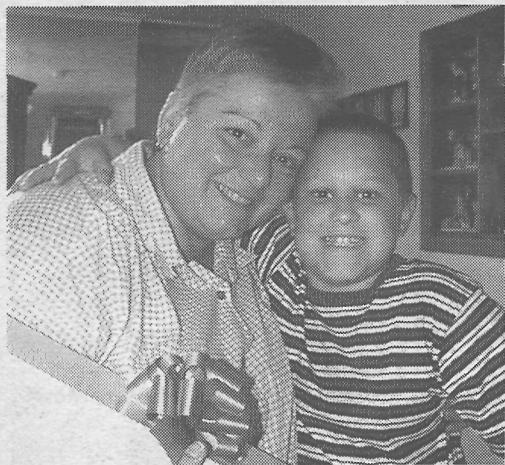
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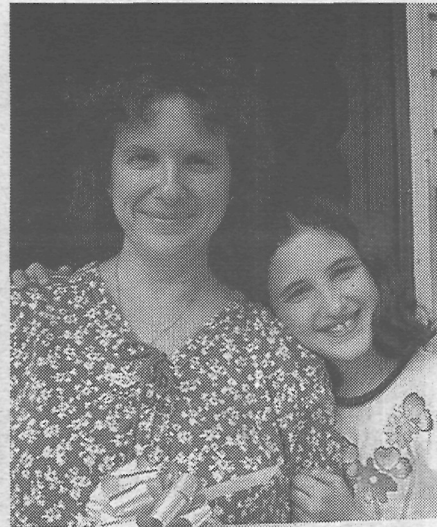
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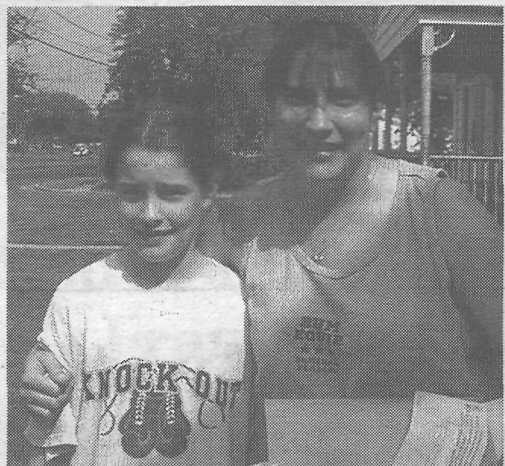
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Deborah Chabak with daughter Amber



Luanne Severini and son Rocco



Lorraine McHugh and daughter Megan



Arlene Santos and son Matthew



Bernice Ward, son Christopher Anthony not pictured

## Mohn's Flowers and Essay Winners Surprise Moms

Mohn's Flowers brought huge smiles to a dozen mothers in South Plainfield as part of their annual Mother's Day Essay Contest.

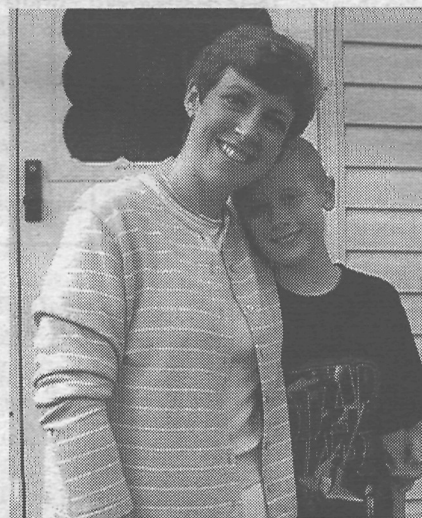
Elementary school children were asked to write essays about their moms. Each school picked three winners and gave the winning names to Mohn's Flowers, who delivered roses, along with the winning essay, to each winner.

In the past couple of years, the *Observer* has had the privilege of riding along with what we've nicknamed the "Rose Patrol."

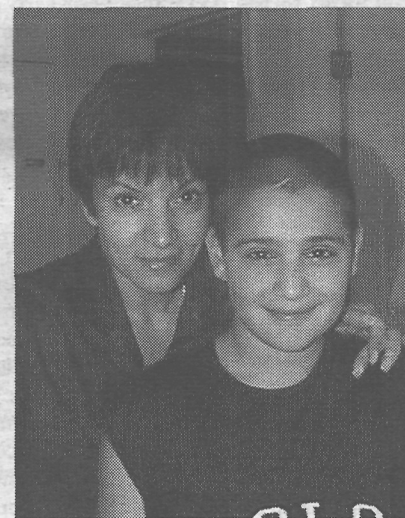
This year was one of the most successful ever. Of the 12 houses we visited, 10 moms were at home and each mom was beaming with pride when we left. Those moms could not have received a better gift from their child.

When we arrived at Mohn's to ride along, co-owner Georgeann DiGrazi was in tears reading the winning essays and poems. Delivering the flowers again this year was co-owner Bill Cochrane. Georgeann and Bill donate both their time and the roses for this special Mother's Day contest. Mohn's Flowers deserves recognition for sponsoring this annual contest, as Mother's Day is one of the busiest days in the flower business.

Winning essays and poems were written by Michael Marks, Stephanie Falzerano, Matthew Santos, Brian Amigzoni, Rocco Severini, Megan McHugh, Takia Nash, Michael Ciccarelli, Amber Chabak, Christopher Anthony Ward, Susan Mott and Stephanie Kelly. Congratulations to all the winners.



Deborah Marks and son Michael



Suzanne Ciccarelli and son Michael

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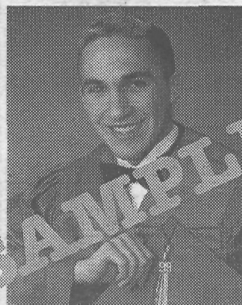
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## Summer Drama Auditions for "42nd Street" Announced

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold auditions for the song and dance extravaganza "42nd Street" on June 5 & 7, with callbacks on June 8.

"42nd Street" tells the backstage story of a dancer who goes on stage as a chorus girl, but has to come back as a star. Based on the 1933 movie of the same name, the show was reworked as a Broadway hit in 1980.

The show features the memorable tunes "We're in the Money," "Shuffle off to Buffalo," "Dames," and "Lullaby of Broadway." Other songs showcase individual performers and a large ensemble cast.

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The fun and spectacle of "42nd Street" is in the music, costumes and dance, with highlights of tap. Cast members do not have to know tap to audition—they will be taught during this year's workshop. Those with tap and other dance experience are encouraged to audition and get a chance to work on a great show like "42nd Street."

Auditions will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m., June 5 and 7, at SPHS. Registration will take place outside the chorus room.

Casting is open to South Plainfield residents and students who are entering seventh grade in the fall, through this year's high school graduating class.

There is a registration fee for participants and a parental time commitment is required.

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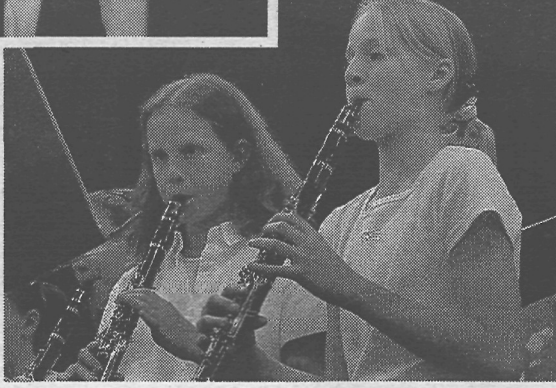
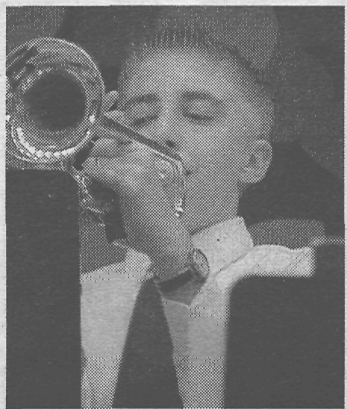
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## First of Three Annual Middle School Concerts Held on May 11

Story and photos by Patricia Abbott

Each year the Middle School presents an annual concert featuring choral and instrumental groups. While the evening has always been an enjoyable one, often the various groups have to give abbreviated performances because of time constraints.

The May 11 Spring Instrumental Concert featured the sixth grade concert band conducted by Paul Sturm, the stage band conducted by Andrew Veiss and Sturm and the seventh and eighth grade concert band conducted by Veiss.

The sixth grade concert band showed great promise as the youngest class at the Middle School performed four numbers. The stage band drew much applause with various solos and featured instruments. The five pieces ended with *Chicago's* "25 or 6 to 4." The seventh and eighth grade concert band filled the entire stage. The evening ended with the students singing happy birthday to teacher/conductor Andrew Veiss.

The Orchestra and Chorus Spring Concert will be held on May 24 at 7 p.m. On June 5 the Annual Solo and Ensemble Concert will be held in the Middle School cafeteria at 8 p.m.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's some more news from the South Plainfield Library.

We're going to follow our standard Storytime schedule next week. For those who haven't been taking notes, that means programs on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. The programs are for children ages three and over. Also, there's still open space in this month's Kidcraft program, which is set for next Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. Please call ahead to reserve a spot. For more information, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Next Friday is also the day for this month's Homeschoolers meeting. It'll be held in our Children's Room at 10:30 a.m. The meeting is for parents who currently home school their children or are interested in doing so.

And, for grown-ups, there's the good consumer program led by Herbert Frank. That program will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. While there isn't a limit on attendance, we'd like participants to sign up in advance. We've also got an adult craft program coming in June. We'll tell you about that ASAP.

We've added some new videos to our permanent collection. Tapes include "Stepmom", "Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace" and a special edition copy of the classic mystery, "The

Maltese Falcon." We're also adding several new travelogues. In the juvenile section, we've got more tapes in the Arthur, Franklin and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles series, as well as the "Pokemon" movie. Videos can be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. We're also adding some more DVD's; details on those are forthcoming.

At the last meeting of our Board of Trustees, we decided to help out those who use our word processors. Since we don't allow patrons to save files on the computer's hard drive, they have to save them on their own discs. As a result, those who didn't have a disc have been out of luck...until now. Patrons may now purchase pre-formatted discs at the main desk for \$1 each. Hope this makes things easier.

The word is that the Friends of the Library Book and Bake Sale on May 6 went well. But, there is a bit of fallout. We received a very large amount of donations for the sale, resulting in a pretty good number of leftovers. As a result, we'd like patrons to refrain from donating books until further notice. Exceptions to this include new or best-selling books, or paperbacks and not too many of those, please.

Finally, we're still accepting applications for the open part-time weekday position. If you need more details, please ask our director, Sundra Fenn.

That'll just about do it for this week. Be sure to stop by next time.

## Girl Scout Council Presents Awards

The Annual Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Awards and Recognition Dinner was held Tuesday evening, May 2, at the Westwood in Garwood. The program recognized adult Girl Scouts and people, and businesses and organizations who consistently assist the Girl Scout movement in one way or the other.

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Service Unit (formerly S.P.G.S. Community) has always been well represented at this function and this year proved to be no exception. Receiving the Community Award (presented to a person, business or organization who assists the local Girl Scout community) were Nancy Grenier, publisher/editor of the *South Plainfield Observer*; Mike Jankoski; Riley School Principal Dr. Janet Munger, and Roma Foods.



Lisa Hahn-Gould receives Appreciation Pin from Arlene Kelly.



Neva Jankoski receives Appreciation Pin from Arlene Kelly.

Receiving the Appreciation Pin recognizing adult Girl Scouts who provide services above and beyond what's expected of them for a given geographic area, were Dede Barletta, Brownie consultant; Carrie George, S.P.G.S. Junior consultant; Lisa Hahn-Gould,

Daisy consultant and Neva Jankoski, Cadette/Senior consultant.

It's people, businesses and organizations like these who help to make Girl Scouting what it is today and what it will be in the future.

— Submitted by Wayne J. Otlowski

## VFW Members Distributing Buddy Poppies

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Memorial Post 6763 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be distributing Buddy Poppies in South Plainfield from May 20 to May 29. According to Post Commander Philip Cortese, "VFW by-laws require that the proceeds from the distribution of Buddy Poppies must be used to benefit disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans right here in the community."

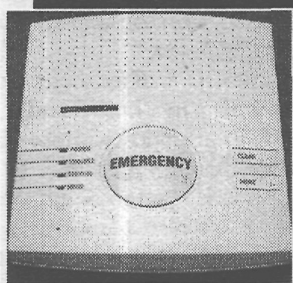
In 1923, the VFW was the first veterans organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled or hospitalized veterans. That tradition continued today, with more than 16 million poppies assembled by paid disabled and hospitalized veterans each year.

VFW members and the Ladies Auxiliary raise more than \$15 million annually from the distribution of Buddy Poppies.

The VFW, founded in 1899, is the nation's oldest major veterans organization. Its more than 2.1 million members include 1.1 million veterans of WWII, 426,000 Korean War veterans, 526,000 Vietnam veterans. The remaining members come from American military action in Haiti, Somali, the Persian Gulf, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon and Bosnia, as well as expeditionary and occupation forces.

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## Shake, Rattle 'N Roll

Sixties band *The Classics IV* recently appeared on stage at SPSHS in their Third Annual South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department concert oldies concert. The group performed their classic songs *Stormy, Traces, Spooky, Everyday With You Girl* and *24 Hours of Loneliness* as well as a host of other songs from that decade. A segment of the show paid tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and was performed by his younger brother, Bobby Valli.

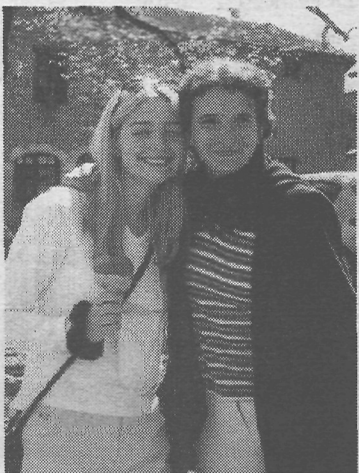
The successful fundraiser filled the auditorium. Audience members delighted in singing along with their favorite songs and held a contest to see who could sing louder, the men or the women.

## South Plainfield Student Travels To France to Meet Pen Pal

Four years ago, South Plainfield high school student Katherine Skoba agreed to participate in a pen pal program recommended by her French teacher, Mrs. Sicola. Katherine was given the name of a French girl about her own age with similar interests. The friendship clicked from the start! Unlike most of the other class participants in the program, Katherine established a lasting correspondence that has spanned four years and an ocean. Three weeks ago, Katherine realized her dream to meet her pen pal, Elisa, in person.

During their years of correspondence, Katherine and Elisa exchanged cards, gifts, maps and lots of information about their lifestyles and cultures. When a trip to France was offered by Mrs. Sicola, Katherine was eager to participate, knowing it was an opportunity to meet Elisa. The trip itinerary took the group of eighteen South Plainfield student participants from Paris to Switzerland and then to the South of France. Katherine noticed a stop in Lyon which was not far from Albens where Elisa lives. She wrote to Elisa, gave her the date she expected to be in Lyon and made arrangements to meet there.

Upon arrival in Lausanne, Switzerland, Katherine attempted



SPHS student Katherine Skoba (left) with French pen pal, Elisa

to phone Elisa to finalize the details of their meeting, but there were some last minute snags and it looked like the meeting would not take place. For one thing, the phone service in Switzerland was not cooperating. In addition, the tour guide had decided to re-route the group to visit the medieval town Pérouges, and skip the stop in Lyon. Even after Katherine finally made contact with Elisa's home, she was not there and her mother could not speak English. Katherine had to rely on her French to explain about the change in plans. Finally, Elisa's Mom agreed that Elisa would call back but she did not think that

Elisa could get to Pérouges the next day. When the call finally came that Elisa's dad would take the day off to bring Elisa to Pérouges, Katherine was elated!

The girls planned to identify each other by carrying white bags. It was a beautiful sunny day in Pérouges, France, when Katherine finally met Elisa. Both girls were delighted! They exchanged gifts, had lunch together and talked for a while. Elisa's dad had lunch with the American trip chaperones. There was a cultural exchange at both levels. Everyone was glad to make a personal connection with someone from the other country and was eager to share and compare cultural characteristics. What a wonderful experience! All 18 participants in the trip to France have wonderful memories—Paris, the Eiffel Tower sparkling at night, warm crêpes, the bateau mouche ride on the Seine river, a snowball fight in the Alps, a ride on the TGV, the castle at Chillon, fondue in Gruyère, the incredible vistas of Monaco, the beach in Cannes, the flower market in Nice, the Roman ruins in Nîmes, the warm Provence sun, perfume, nougat candy, chocolate, escargots, new friends. Katherine has one very special memory to add to the long list—a meeting with a very special friend, Elisa.



Home Depot of South Plainfield built this ramp to help out four-year-old Mark Paskowitz who suffers from Cerebral Palsy.

## Home Depot Helps Boy

*Continued from page 1*

her nephew Mark Paskowitz of South Plainfield and his struggle with Cerebral Palsy. This neurological disorder limits the use of his hands and legs and his ability to speak. He requires assistance with everyday tasks.

Tracey's letter continued, explaining that her sister Cheryl and brother-in-law Glenn discovered that their insurance company would not cover the cost of a wheelchair ramp. The expense of building the ramp would provide a further financial burden on a family which already faces extensive ongoing medical expenses. Tracey asked Home Depot if they could provide any assistance with the ramp, either in the form of materials or labor. Home Depot responded with the amazing offer of both.

The request was approved by the Bruce Adams, manager of Tracy's local Home Depot in Towtown. Due to the locale, it was logical to contact the South Plainfield Home Depot. Manager Todd McKendrick was advised of the venture. The gift became a local effort. The ramp, built by Joe Massa and Bobby Ruggerio of South Plainfield's Home Depot, was recently completed. Big brother Steven was adamant about pointing out the special message left in cement for Mark. Cheryl told of how the men took time out from their work, talking to Mark as he left for school. She displayed the old ramp they used just to get the adapted stroller inside; a wooden structure which was potentially unsafe.

Thrilled with the addition to their home, Cheryl noted that every time Mark hears these words "Mark's ramp" or "Home

Depot" his face lights up. Both Mark and Steven love walking up and down the ramp. Mark can walk if assisted by his parents and delights in 'his ramp.' Mark cannot speak, but his big smile is worth a fortune. When the *Observer* arrived to take photos, the excited youngster beamed at the camera. His smile clearly reflected what words could not, "Thank you, Home Depot!"

The story really begins with the receipt of Mark's first wheelchair in late 1999; a power chair which will eventually provide him with more freedom. The wheelchair necessitated that a ramp be built to access the house. Mark's mother, Cheryl, noted that the chair is very heavy and could not be easily lifted into their home. The pint-sized chair is used to transport him to school at Lakeview School in Edison. Before the ramp was built, the chair was placed in the garage when not in use. In bad weather, they had to wait in the garage for the school bus. Mark is slowly beginning to learn to use the power chair. The family hopes to one day use it for regular family outings, but the chair is not an easy item to pack into a car trunk—a van is a future necessity. They are looking into the purchase of an accessible van to accommodate Mark's wheelchair. The ramp was the tip of the iceberg in their future expenses. A fully accessible van costs far more than a ramp. Yet the time approaches when transporting Mark via a car will become nearly impossible. For the time being Mark knows that this simple wooden structure was created for him. A single lane, one way private highway, leading to his future.

## Exchange Students Need Homes

Host families are being sought for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year, in a program sponsored by the American International Youth Student Exchange Program (AIYSEP).

The students, ages 15 through 18, will arrive late August, attend local high schools and return to their home country in June, next year.

The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by school representatives in their home countries and will have spending money and medical in-

surance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes.

If you are interested in hosting, contact the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Rd., Tiburon, CA 94920; 1-800-347-7575.

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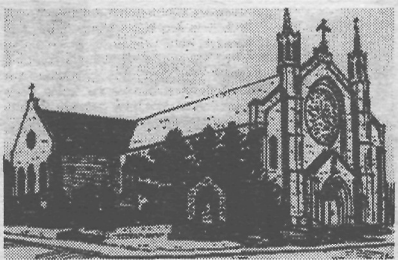
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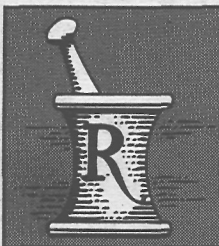
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# Sports

High School by Brian Cochrane

## Girls Softball Teams Closes Out Their Regular Season With Three Straight

The South Plainfield girls softball team concluded their regular season schedule by winning three straight road games. Last Tuesday Kim Bishop wrapped two hits and Christine Stranni knocked in two runs with a fifth inning single as the Tigers shutout North Brunswick 7-0. Alison yielded just a first-inning single while fanning seven en route to her 13th win.

On Friday it was Sayerville's turn to be shut down as the Tigers once again blanked the Bombers 6-0. Laura Walters (three hits) third inning single plated the Tigers first run and it remained 1-0 up until the seventh. That's when South Plainfield erupted for five more runs on RBI's by Kelly Ritchey (three hits) and Danielle Schweers as Alison struck out five and walked none.

The season finale was not too easy as the Tigers traveled to Old Bridge and gutted out a 5-2 win. South Plainfield scored two early runs but Old Bridge tied it in the sixth with two of their own. Three extra frames later, the Tigers were able to set the table for Christine Stranni and Kim Bishop, as they

registered back-to-back RBI singles and Danielle Schweers added a sac fly for good measure, sending the Tigers to win number 15, ending the season 15-5.

The Tigers will participate in the GMC tournament which began Wednesday with the State tournament scheduled for next week.

## Golf Team Tops Colonia And Sayerville Again

The Tiger Golf Team continued their winning ways with two more victories last week. On the May 9, the boys traveled to Colonia Country Club and once again defeated the Patriots, this time by 37 strokes 224-261. Frank Gaspari had the hot hand this day, carding a 41 as Jason (43) Matt K. (45) and Mike Jankoski (48)

brought up the rear at what proved to be one of the tougher courses this year.

Another repeat victim came to town in the form of Sayerville last Thursday and once again the Tigers had no problem sending them dejectedly on their way in the 201-250 rout. South Plainfield previously beat the Bombers by 39 strokes back in April. This time it was Matt Kurlew leading the way with a 34, Jason scored 37, Mike Jankoski's 39, Paul Herрман 42 and Frank Wrubleski's 49 proved once again the potency of the Tiger lineup with an array of golfers coming up big each match.

## Baseball Team Kicks Off Tournament With Win

The South Plainfield High School Baseball Team got off on the right foot last weekend by opening the Greater Middlesex Conference tournament with a 4-3 victory over host East Brunswick. Trailing 3-2 going into the eighth (games are 9 innings during tournaments), the Tigers battled back with two runs thanks to RBI singles off the bats of Sam Alexander and Gary LaFontaine. Both men along with Derek Staats ended the day with two hits apiece with Staats scoring two of the runs as well. Dave Butrico picked up the victory, mowing down seven Brunswick batters in the process.

### South Plainfield Soccer Club Tryouts

Soccer tryouts for Fall and Spring 2000/2001 will held May 26 and 27 and June 2 and 3 for boys and girls ages 8-14. The tryouts take place at the SPSHS field. For complete details and times visit the tryout section of their website: [www.soplfdsoccerclub.com](http://www.soplfdsoccerclub.com) or call Peter Kelly at 908 226-0387.

## PBA Sponsors Barbecue/Softball Challenge

The Middlesex County Corrections Officers have challenged their brothers and sisters of Middlesex County to a benefit softball game to raise money for the New Jersey State Special Olympics this Sunday.

Come out and join the fun and help support the 17th Annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

On Sunday, May 2, PBA Local 100 will be raising money and awareness for this great cause. The gathering and cheerful get together will begin at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in South Plainfield.

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### "C" League

*Pizza Stop vs. Spotlight on Dance*—Kelly Remsing pitched two strong innings. Katie Baldasarre batted in one. Alyssa Sutherland made a game ending line drive catch. All the girls played hard on a very hot night.

### "A" League

*Polish Home 20-Flanagans 11*—Heather Kaufman, Marissa Judd and Jessica Miller each scored three runs for Polish Home and Robin Zushma scored three times for Flanagans.

*Transways 13-DeFrancesco Paving 11*—A perfectly double play was executed by Jaime Jakubik to Vickie Boley to Allia Ghanim for DeFrancesco Paving.

*Polish Home 11-DeFrancesco Paving*—Chiara Tomei's 200 foot home run over the right field fence was the highlight of the game as Polish Home and DeFrancesco Paving battled to a tie.

*Polish Home 13-Transways 0*—Alicia Lehman and Chiara Tomei excelled in pitching and Marissa Judd had three hits, including a home run, which led Polish Home past Transways.

*Polish Home 16-Carpet Bazaar 11*—Allison DiMeglio had two hit, scored two runs and had 5 RBIs. Jessica Miller's two hits and three runs scored led Polish Home past Carpet Bazaar. Amanda Rastelli had two hits and scored three times for Carpet Bazaar.

*Sportworld 7-DeFrancesco Paving 4*—For Sportworld Lauren Darr allowed one run over four innings pitched, while Jessica Senz tripled and scored two runs. Johanna Hedler had two hits and made several key defensive plays. Kaithlyn English made several key defensive plays for DeFrancesco Paving.

## SOCCER

## Blaze Under 11 Sweeps Montgomery

The South Plainfield Blaze U-11 girl's soccer team won their fourth game this season, beating the Montgomery Starters and sweeping the season scheduled two-game series. Continuing to stick to our defensive game plan for the season our defenders played their hearts out.

Aggressively handling our defensive wing fullback positions were Ashleigh Gaspari and Allison Huffsmith. In as stopper and sweeper and shutting down the middle were Elizabeth Flannery

and Kate Hardy. Becky Keller in as keeper did an excellent job protecting our net. Our midfielders, consisting of Maria Lipnick, Lauren Fry, Tiffany Roth and Dorian Bishop, all did a great job winning and controlling the ball.

Producing our only score from the midfield and doing so with such fantastic ball control and individual skill was Dorian Bishop who really stepped up and dominated the game. Up front our strikers, Victoria Plasse and Clare Kelly, never gave up on trying to

score. Making minor adjustments at halftime and having no substitutes, our girls continue to battle and play the whole game. Final score South Plainfield Blaze 1 - Montgomery Starters 0. Great game girls! Keep up the good work.

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is holding tryouts for the 2000/2001-season visit our web site for details [www.soplfdsoccerclub.com](http://www.soplfdsoccerclub.com).

Submitted by Coach Tom Hardy

## South Plainfield Soccer Club Honors Its Own

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is proud to announce and would like to congratulate three players from our club for their outstanding effort and achievement. Three players from the South Plainfield Soccer Club traveled to Fort Dix New Jersey on April 29 and May 6 to compete in tryouts for the League Select Program.

The League Select Program gives talented players within the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association the opportunity to develop their skills and compete at higher levels of play, while providing a showcase for recognition of MNJYSA's most talented and committed players.

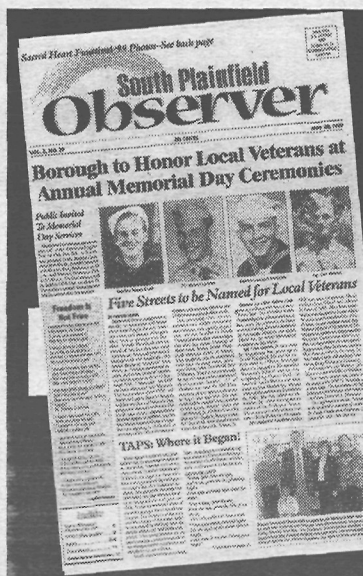
We are very proud and honored that these three so gallantly represented our club and our town. The three that will be representing the league and competing in various tournaments throughout the country are Kevin Bolivar, a forward for the South Plainfield

United U-11 boys team; Pete Kelly, a goal keeper for the South Plainfield Galaxy U-13 boys team and Michael Atehortua, a midfielder for the South Plainfield Galaxy U-13 boys team who will be playing in the U-12 category.

On behalf of the South Plainfield Soccer Clubs. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Visit our web site at [www.soplfdsoccerclub.com](http://www.soplfdsoccerclub.com).

Submitted by Tom Hardy



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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on Monday, June 5, 2000 at 10:00 AM prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

FORD 2000 ECONOLINE E350  
SUPER DUTY EXTENDED VAN

Specification and other bid information may be obtained at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building at the above address during regular business hours 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (NJAC 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, NJSA 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works NJSA 10:2. EOE, ADA.

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk  
\$24.00 1T May 19, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Ordinance #1540 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 362, PART OF LOT 6.01 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO GEISS RENOVATION INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, May 11, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk  
\$15.00 1T May 19, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Orlando Ventura requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 16' x 20' wood deck and an 8' gazebo, proposed structure lacks required 20' rear setback, 11.9' proposed and any other variances that may be needed, said property being located on Block 429, Lot 6-06 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2000, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspectors Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00.

\$35.00 1T May 19, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by David Bavosa requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 13' x 13' wood deck, proposed deck lacks required 30' rear setback from Arlington Ave., 7' being proposed, said property being located on Block 343, Lot 12 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2000, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspectors Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00.

\$35.00 1T May 19, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

May 12, 2000  
Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on May 9, 2000.

Case No. 99-10/V--John Falzarano & George Boghossian--Block 404.02; Lots 1 & 31; R-10 Zone, Harvard Ave.--Applicant's request for a five lot subdivision was hereby DENIED.

Janice J. Muccilli  
Recording Secretary Planning Board

\$16.00 May 19, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE  
RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE  
TO TONSAR, INC.

FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT  
Kenneth Ave.; Lot 3 Block 368

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of Performance Guarantee posted by TONSAR, Inc. for public improvements at Kenneth Ave. known as Lot 3, in Block 368 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 PM Monday, June 5, 2000 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

TONSAR, Inc.  
147 Union Ave.  
Middlesex, NJ 08846

\$35.00 1T May 19, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Ordinance #1539 entitled: **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREFOR TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER THEREON, A LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSE, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, May 11, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Mary G. Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
OF BOND ORDINANCE

STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of South Plainfield on May 11, 2000, 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.

ATTEST:  
MARY G. BLUE/Deputy Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE #1539

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREFOR TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER THEREON, A LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSE, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$400,000, said sum being inclusive of moneys in the amount of \$366,000 received or to be received from the Middlesex County Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG Moneys") and a down payment in the amount of \$20,000 now available for said improvement or purpose required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law") by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$400,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$380,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in the aggregate principal

amount of \$380,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds or notes are to be issued is the acquisition of land within the Borough, such land being designated as consolidated Block 263, Lot 4, on the official tax map of the Borough, also being known as 90 Maple Avenue, and the payment of the purchase price therefor, said parcel being acquired to construct a new senior citizens' center thereon, including, as applicable, all work, materials, equipment and appurtenances necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all in accordance with the plans therefor on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved.

- (a) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$380,000.
- (b) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$400,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the amount of the down payment equal to \$20,000 available for said improvement or purpose.

**SECTION 4.** In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Middlesex and/or any other person or entity shall make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby, including the CDBG Moneys, and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Middlesex and/or such person or entity. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Middlesex and/or any other person or entity, including the CDBG Moneys, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

**SECTION 5.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon, if any, from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained

and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 6.** The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is on file in the office of the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

**SECTION 7.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- (b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is forty (40) years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$380,000 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.
- (d) An amount not exceeding \$80,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, including, without limitation, costs of site inspections, land and title surveys, appraisals and searches and title insurance, is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvement described in Section 3 hereof.

**SECTION 8.** The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

**SECTION 9.** The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Borough, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This

Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d), (ii) to create, within one year, following the reimbursement of any expenditures of bond proceeds, "replacement proceeds" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the bonds, or any other bond issue, or (iii) to reimburse the Borough for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough (other than borrowing by the Borough from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e)). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$380,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This provision will take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

**SECTION 10.** The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** The Borough is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase and acquire the real property described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance for the purposes stated in such Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a contract of purchase (the "Contract of Purchase") to the seller of such real property which provides for, among other things, the purchase of such real property by the Borough, which Contract of Purchase contains such other customary terms and provisions as are approved by the Borough attorney. The execution of the Contract of Purchase by the Mayor shall be conclusive evidence of such approval. The Mayor, the Clerk of the Borough, the Chief Financial Officer and any other proper official of the Borough, be and each of them is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this bond ordinance.

**SECTION 12.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

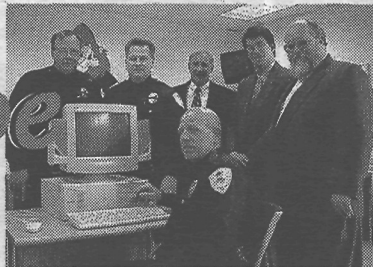
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Approved May 11, 2000 Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

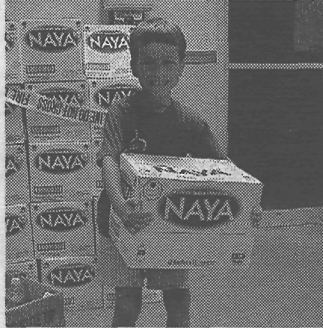
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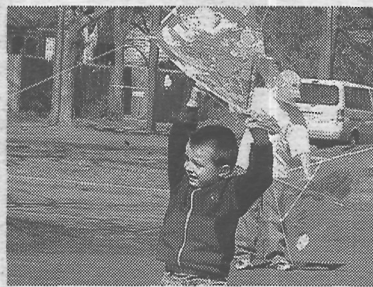
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Ordinance #1508A entitled: **BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1508 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ("THE BOROUGH"), ON MAY 13, 1999 ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE RECREATION CENTER OF THE BOROUGH, A LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSE, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ("THE BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$260,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$247,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"; TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$400,000 THEREFOR AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$380,950 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, May 11, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

/s/Mary G. Blue  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

## BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of South Plainfield on May 11, 2000, 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.

MARY G. BLUE  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

### ORDINANCE NUMBER 1508A

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1508 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ("THE BOROUGH"), ON MAY 13, 1999 ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE RECREATION CENTER OF THE BOROUGH, A LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSE, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ("THE BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$260,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$247,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"; TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$400,000 THEREFOR AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$380,950 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

**SECTION 1.** The bond ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), heretofore adopted by the governing body thereof on May 13, 1999, number 1508, entitled, "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Expansion of the Recreation Center of the Borough, a Lawful Public Purpose, by and in the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"); Appropriating \$260,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$247,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof" (hereinafter the "Original Ordinance"), is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent and with the effect as follows.

**SECTION 2.** For the improvement described in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance, there is hereby appropriated the additional sum of \$400,000, said sum being exclusive of an appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 pursuant to capital ordinance number 1509, finally adopted by the Borough Council on May 13, 1999 (the "Capital Ordinance"), but inclusive of an additional down payment in the amount of \$19,050, as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. §40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law") now available by virtue of an appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget of the Borough, making the total appropriation of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, equal to \$680,000, including the sum of \$32,050 as the total amount of down payment available therefor. The total appropriation for the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance is \$810,000, equal to \$660,000 from the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, plus \$150,000 appropriated to such purpose in the Capital Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. (a)** In order to finance the costs of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the additional down payment in the amount of \$19,050 or the appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 pursuant to the Capital Ordinance, additional negotiable bonds or notes of the Borough in the amount of \$380,950 are hereby authorized to be issued by the Borough, such that the total authorization of negotiable bonds or notes to be issued by the Borough for the improvement and purpose stated in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, shall equal \$627,950.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose as stated in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is equal to \$627,950.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is \$810,000, being equal to the sum of the amount of the appropriation set forth in Section 2 of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, equal to \$627,950, plus the amount of \$150,000 appropriated to the improvement or purpose pursuant to the Capital Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance and to the extent of any inconsistency herewith, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division

of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

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

(a) The improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this amendatory and supplemental bond ordinance by \$380,950 and the said obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by law.

(c) For the improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, the additional sum of \$140,000 is hereby included for the items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. §40A:2-20, making the total amount for such items of expense \$200,000, such total amount being included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby.

**SECTION 7.** The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Borough, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 7 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d), (ii) to create, within one year, following the reimbursement of any expenditures of bond proceeds, "replacement proceeds", within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the bonds, or any other bond issue, or (iii) to reimburse the Borough for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough (other than borrowing by the Borough from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e)). The bonds or notes authorized in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This provision will take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

**SECTION 8.** Except as expressly amended and supplemented hereby, the Original Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING  
April 13, 2000

ATTEST:  
James V. Eckert/Municipal Clerk

Approved May 11, 2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk

\$249.00 1T May 19, 2000

## Joan A. (Yankevicz) Starr, 57

Joan A. (Yankevicz) Starr died on Friday, May 12, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, she resided in Union for nine years before moving to South Plainfield in 1972.

She was the bookkeeper for Starr Radiator & Air Conditioning in South Plainfield for the past 10 years.

Mrs. Starr was a graduate of Union High School and the Franklin Beauty School in Elizabeth.

Surviving are her husband Gerald "Jerry" Starr; her sister Carol Wasilak of Readington and her brother Robert Yankevicz of Green Brook.

Also surviving are two nieces and two nephews.

Private funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

## Helen (Pohira) Esolda Harabin, 76

Helen (Pohira) Esolda Harabin of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, May 10, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in South Plainfield and was a life long resident.

Mrs. Harabin was an assembly worker for Dranetz Engineering of South Plainfield for 15 years before retiring in 1989.

She was a member of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Plainfield.

## By Cyrus N. Moon Weekly Horoscope 5/19-5/25

**TAURUS 4/20-5/20** There is a possibility that you may be saying goodbye to a loved one, either because of a temporary separation or because of the breakup of the relationship. If you do not show restraint in expressing love you can turn this around. Seek advice from an older person.

**GEMINI 5/21-6/20** Do not attempt tasks that require great discipline or care this week, because you probably won't be able to maintain the discipline. You may become impatient and restless and start making mistakes. Keep to a systematic approach and keep strictly to a system to minimize mistakes.

**CANCER 6/21-7/22** This is a time when your energy level is high and you are able to take initiative or assert yourself with confidence. You will be able to both work with others well when appropriate, or to compete effectively when appropriate. Also, show care and concern for others.

**LEO 7/23-8/22** Others will stand firmly in your way if you try to get to the bottom of things this week. Save investigation and power plays for another time. This is not a period to dig up the past. Others may be intimidated by any power you have. It will not be to your advantage to inspire such feelings.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22** Unexpected personal benefits may be gained though the information you pick up as a result of the people you impress with your knowledge or ideas. Success these days will favor work or other activities that involve scientific and technical projects, computers and sociological issues.

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22** The softer and more ethereal the physical quality of love, the more you will respond to it. However, you also appreciate being told how much you are loved, and the more verbal your partner is, the better you will reciprocate. Just show how much you appreciate it, by your words.

## Obituaries

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Anthony Esolda, who died in 1985.

She is survived by three daughters, Janice Mancuso of Robbinsville, Diane Walp and Sandi Ronzo, both of South Plainfield; four sisters, Ann Zampella of Bridgton, Maine, Mary Yaczyn of South Plainfield, Pauline Zahuta of Ft. Lauderdale Fla., and Margaret Lewkow of Littleton, Colo.; three brothers, Michael Pohira of South Plainfield; Charles Pohira of North Plainfield; and John Pohira of Winter Park, Fla. and by her grandchildren Kevin, Joseph, Kristen and Nicholas.

Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

## Antal (Tony) Magyar, 70

Antal (Tony) Magyar of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, May 10, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Hungary and came to the United States in 1956, settling in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 28 years ago.

Mr. Magyar was a machinist for A&A Corp. in South Plainfield for five years before retiring in 1977. Prior to that he worked for Desnoyers Appliance and Televisions in North Plainfield for 10 years.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Magyar was an avid motorcyclist and was a member of the Dawn Patrol Motorcycle Club of Bradley Gardens.

He is survived by his wife Con-

cetta Leonardis Magyar; his niece and nephew Marta and John Leonardis of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

## Ruth (Fritz) Hoehler, 74

Ruth (Fritz) Hoehler of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, May 10, at Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

She was born in Plainfield and was a life long resident of South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her brother William M. Fritz, who died in 1992.

She is survived by her beloved husband Charles Walter Hoehler; her daughter Doreen and her husband James Wallace of Spotswood; her son Gary Hoehler of Sailsbury, MA; her brothers Arthur Fritz of Branchburg and Fred Fritz Jr. of Bennington, VT; her sister Audrey Lewis of Toms River and four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

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## SAVING GRACE

In the end, let it not be forgotten that death confers a certain dignity upon the dying. If birth is a raucous and somewhat untidy entrance into Life, death is a quiet exit from it. Nowhere is the dignified nature of death more eloquently described than in the words of Pearl S. Buck. In the book *Fighting Angel*, she wrote: "The body was so little part of him that its final stillness seemed nothing of importance. He was half out of it anyway and death was only a slipping out of it altogether and being at last what he always was, a spirit. We buried the pearly shell upon the mountain top."

The quiet and stillness which accompanies death can impart a feeling of completion; a sense, perhaps, that a purpose has been accomplished, an objective reached. And while a thorough comprehension may not be given to us, we should not be too quick to refuse the comfort inherent in such thoughts. The staff at the JAMES W. CONROY FUNERAL HOME, located at 2456 Plainfield Avenue, in South Plainfield, are committed to helping area residents to arrange affordable end-of-life services which reflect their values and beliefs. To schedule a consultation, please call 756-2800.

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## policereport

• A Dumas Ave. resident reported the theft of the car stereo from his vehicle. The locked vehicle had been parked in his driveway. There were no pry marks and the windows were not smashed. The resident noted that it must have happened while it was raining because the seat belt was wet.

• East Fairview Ave. resident reported the theft of license plates from his vehicle.

• A Middle School student reported the theft of her purse from her locker in the girl's locker room. She placed her purse in the long locker and when she returned the purse was missing. The student noted that once the locker room is clear of students the doors are supposed to be locked. The student originally reported the theft to the school but was not satisfied with their cooperation.

• Sprague Ave. resident reported an abandoned vehicle in front of his home.

• Vincent Liu president/owner of OVA, USA, Hadley Rd., reported the theft of four cartons of "jaton" video display graphics adapters. The cartons had been on a pallet in warehouse. All visitors that pass through the warehouse are escorted by an employee. He stated he has five employees and has no idea who could have taken the items. The theft was discovered during an

inventory. Value of the adapters \$7,800.

• A So. Clinton Ave. resident reported seeing a dump truck with a load of what looked like dirt drive to the end of Anderson St. and leave shortly thereafter minus the contents. The witness copied down the license plate number and the business name. A check of the area located a freshly dumped pile of dirt mixed with what appeared to be remains of an underground metal tank and its contents. The fire dept., OFM and HazMat were notified. The plates were registered to a truck that belonged to Grygo Construction, Demerest Place, Piscataway. A notification was attempted by the Piscataway PD but the vehicle was not there. A check located the truck at Shevchenko Ave. along with the driver, Andzej Grygo. He stated that he knew the property owner on Anderson Ave. and had permission to dump there. OEM attempted to contact the owner but there was no answer. The dirt and tank are the remains of an underground septic tank.

• Chris Llewellyn of Piscataway reported the theft of his bike from his place of employment, KCs Korner. The bike was left unlocked near the kitchen door.

• An Oakmoor Ave. resident reported that his wife had taken his black and silver 1987 Ford F-150 pickup truck without his permis-

sion. He stated that they are going through a divorce and she had started moving out with her things. He last saw her on May 12. He doesn't know where she is staying. He notified police that she has two driver's license numbers and her name is spelled incorrectly on both of them. He also supplied police with her maiden name.

• Hamilton Blvd. and New Market Ave. residents reported that they had been threatened with physical harm at their place of employment, Innovative Folding, Durham Ave. The threats were made by an Oak Tree Rd. resident who is also employed by Innovative. The victims reported the threats to their immediate supervisors and the suspect was terminated when he arrived for work the following day. The victims fear for their safety as they live nearby. The suspect spoke to police and said he is upset at being terminated. He admits to threatening to slap them.

• Unknown suspects vandalized the Tigermobile by breaking eggs and pouring melted cheese, cooking oil and what appears to be Goya powered corn meal over the front of the vehicle's windshield. Several items were collected at the scene for possible fingerprints.

• A Puha Rd. resident reported the theft of her purse from CVS, Oak Tree Rd. parking lot. She stated she locked the doors and entered CVS. Upon her return 5-10 minutes later she found the driver's side door ajar and her purse missing. The purse held her cell phone and checkbook. A security guard on duty did not observe the incident.

## Services Plus Strangled

*Continued from page 1*

the elderly when they exit the their cars. Since the driveway was blocked, business had dropped off dramatically and UPS business is almost nonexistent.

DeSantis, who said her customers complain there is no place to park, recently purchased the business from Tom and Faith Gaul, said she was unaware of any access problems and there was no problem entering the parking lot in the rear of the building. "Had conditions been like this, I would never have purchased the business," she says. She also said that

sometimes cars block the entrance at the alley and she cannot get out of the lot. She also questioned how emergency vehicles can to get into the back of the building.

Tony Juliano, owner of the building, said he is aware of the problem and had asked Frank Publik, the owner of the next building, to move the pole blocking entrance. Publik refused, saying he needs every parking space in his lot. Unless some agreement allowing access can be reached soon, DeSantis may not be able to keep her store open much longer.

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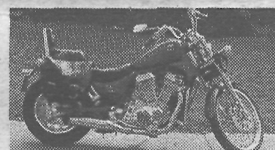
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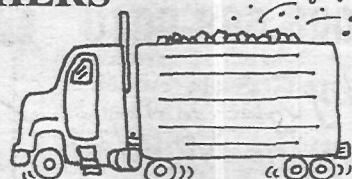
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## Kids Pedal to Safety at Bike Rodeo

By Patricia Abbott

Baron Von Pedaloff's® future was made more difficult by the Annual Bike Rodeo sponsored by the South Plainfield Police Department. Their job, to "ban the baron", the Baron being the despicable cartoon caricature that represents those who steal bikes.

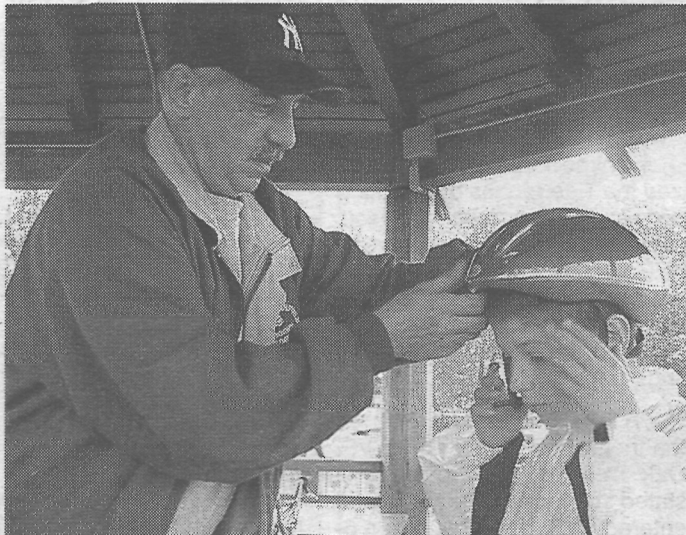
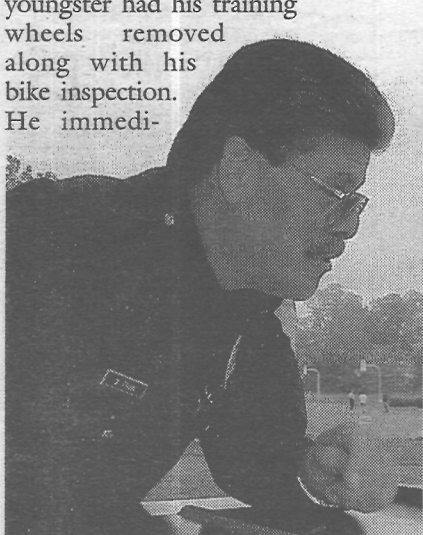
Participants attending the event had their bikes registered with the police department. The registration number, make and model of the bike were recorded and a registration sticker was affixed to each bike. A limited number of bike helmets was given to riders 14 and under. A second station offered a bike safety check. One youngster had his training wheels removed along with his bike inspection. He immedi-



ately began the task of learning to ride on two wheels instead of four.

An obstacle course was provided courtesy of State Farm Insurance. After completing the course, the young cyclists had

Polaroid photos taken and were given ID cards. Young and old alike brought bikes, old and new. To further sweeten the day, the rodeo offered free hotdogs, ice cream and soda.



## Broadway Comes to the Middle School

By Patricia Abbott

Middle School student recently got a thrilling glimpse of Broadway when *Theatreworks/USA* brought an abridged version of the acclaimed musical *Les Miserables* to the Middle School

stage. *Theatreworks* described the performance as "an original musical for young audiences based on the novel by Victor Hugo." Vastly different from the full Broadway musical, the small cast still brought to life the essence of Hugo's famous novel. Teachers

Diane Scarpulla and Donna Tierney have been instrumental in bringing this incredible theater group to the middle school for many years.

*Theatreworks/USA* was founded in 1961 and is America's largest professional not-for-profit theatre for youth and family audiences. They have received a number of prestigious awards in recent years. They perform in New York at the Promenade Theatre from October through March and present Free Summer Theater for New York area children.

After seeing the show, eighth grade student Samantha Gentile excitedly revealed that she had tickets to see *Les Miserables* on Broadway the same week. She noted that the *Theatreworks* show was very good; but she thoroughly enjoyed the full musical version of the show as well.

## Summer Parks/Pool Hires Part Time Employees

The Summer Parks Program which begins on June 26 and runs until Aug. 11 has hired the following:

**Senior Counselors III**, Kiley Jackson, Michael Kavka, Stacie Sesok, Michael Geremia and Nancy Mercurio.

**Senior Counselor I**, Kelly Hall, Matt Cleary, Patricia Reach, Chris DeCosta and Jonathan Sylvester.

**Junior Counselor III**, Devon DiMaria, Eric Johansen and Stephen Cisz.

**Junior Counselor II**, Erin Mackey, Victor Kurilew, Rich Drumbore, Michael DeLucca, Kim Wilcox, Ray DelNero, Lam Nguyen and Joseph Nicolay.

**Junior Counselor I**, Lindsey Aiello, Chad Lacon, Kelly Schnyderite, Allison Tietjen and Joshua English.

**Head Tennis Instructor** is Khanh Le.

**Assist. Tennis Instructor** is Judy Wang.

### Pool Hires Part-time Summer Help

The South Plainfield Swimming Pool Utility will be hiring the following be employed as seasonal employees commencing May 30 and ending September 100.

**Cashiers** Adrienne Nagy, Danielle Schweers, Elaine Ramos and Carolyn Schweers.

**Lifeguards** Mary Otlowski, Lacey Walter, Lisa Revolinski, Stephen Allora, John Foscolo, Joseph Dezmin, Christopher Francis, Jennifer Infante, Laura Colicchio, Sarah Blessing, Lauren Perry, Courtney English, Ryan Flannery, Monica Vasquez, Jennifer Otlowski and Michael Cleary.

**Food** Nicole Luthman, Daniel Occhipinti, Tom Haus, Megan Pulomena, Christina DeMatos, Kelly Harty.

**Swim Coach** Laurie Post.

**Assist. Swim Coach** Jennifer Otlowski, Robin Bauer.

**Diving Coach** Nicole Moretti.

**Assist. Diving Coach** Frederick Oberker.

**Receptionist P/T** Lauren Perry

**Swimming Lesson Instructor** Michael Cleary, Nicole Moretti, Ryan Flannery, Jennifer Infante, Christopher Francis, Michelle Cochran, Shannon Dabrio, Sarah Blessing, Monica Vasquez

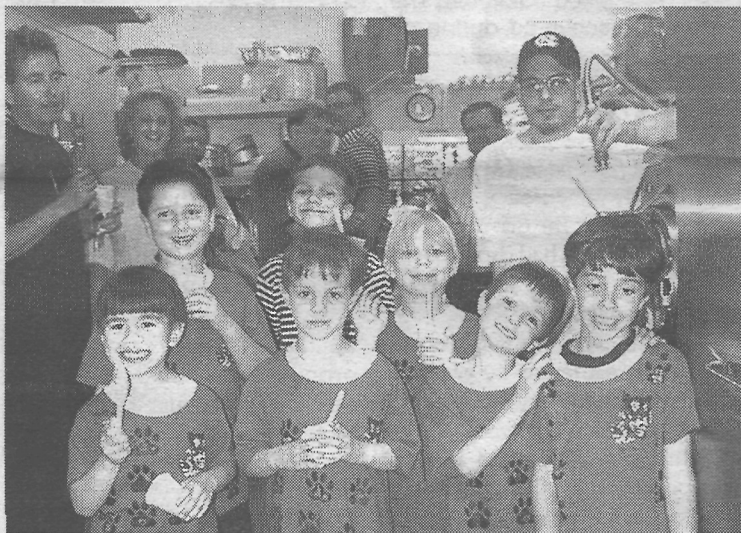
**Recreation Co-leader/aquatic** Daniel Cone, Maureen Flannery Barnett.

**Assist. Rec. leader/aquatic** Wayne Otlowski.

**Swim Lesson Coordinator** Elisa Sanchez.

**Concession Manager** Louis Colicchio.

**ALTERNATES, Food II** Allison Kravetsky.



Last week Tiger Cub Pack 205, along with leaders Ron Sward and Art Eckhardt, visited Here's The Scoop Ice Cream Store to learn how to make ice cream. The cubs watched as employee Anthony Sorrentino made 'chocolate chip cookie dough' and then they all enjoyed a sample of ice cream. Members of Cub Pack 205 are Joseph Ifrach, Jeffrey Bodyl, Matthew Sward, Jesse Englert, Eric Carrasca, Michael Eckhardt and Louis Esposito.



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