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Memorial Day ceremonies were held all over South Plainfield. Pictured above are the closing ceremonies held at the American Legion Hall. See additional pictures and story on page 16.

Borough Hires Administrator/CFO

Borough Saves \$70,000 by Combining Positions

Frank Derosa was unanimously appointed Administrator/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) by the mayor and council during the May 25 council meeting.

Derosa has served as Business Administrator for Edison Town-

ship since 1995. He had previously served as administrator/chief financial officer for Clark Township and administrator and chief personnel officer for the Borough of Franklin Lakes. He holds a BA degree in Business

Administration from Bloomfield College.

Council President Jim Vokral commented on Mr. Derosa's appointment, "The governing body is thrilled that South Plainfield has attracted an individual with Derosa's credentials and experience. We are doubly pleased because we are able to accomplish one of our primary goals, that of merging the positions of administrator and chief financial officer. In addition to saving the taxpayers over \$70,000 per year in salary and benefits, it makes sense to merge the responsibilities of these two jobs. It will enhance performance and accountability."

The borough has been without an administrator since last December when John Corica resigned. CFO Ron Zilinski also resigned his position as of last week. Derosa's appointment becomes effective on June 26.



More than 200 members of South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club attended last Friday's Patriot's game. These smiling kids were the lucky 15 who were picked to go into the dugout with the Patriot players. More photos on page 11.

Will Sixth Graders Stay at Riley?

One of the many plans the BOE has been considering was the topic of conversation at last week's special meeting. Overcrowding in the schools, and especially the overcrowding in the middle school, brought out scores of parents from Riley school.

The special meeting was called after rumors started circulating that the board may have sixth graders remain in Riley, instead of sending them to the Middle School. Riley parents spent the evening expressing their opposition to this idea.

The board is faced with a huge

enrollment in the middle school next year. The largest fifth grade class, 81 more students than last year, will be graduating this year, and entering an already overcrowded middle school.

Suggestions were made that the administration offices, along with the Future Stars Preschool, find new homes. This would free up Grant School for the sixth grade. Some also felt an addition to Grant School would provide additional classrooms to house both fifth and sixth grade classes in future years. To convert the

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Borough Hopes to Derail "Trash Train"

Residents may still sign up to oppose the 'Trash Train,' according to Councilman Jim Vokral. Just log onto South Plainfield's Webpage (southplainfieldnj.com) and add your name to the long list of residents who don't want the 'Trash Train,' with over 100 cars, traveling through South Plainfield twice a day.

Linden plans to build a waste transfer site with a capacity of 10,000 tons a day. Garbage barges from New York City will pull into Linden and the trains will pull out, filled with trash containers, making their way through several Middlesex County towns, includ-

ing South Plainfield. Linden will be making \$4 to \$5 million from this venture, while the towns the train passes through will see only long trains filled with New York garbage.

The garbage, packed into containers and sealed will be taken by train to Midwestern and Southeastern landfills. One of the two possible proposed routes skirts the backyards, parks and school athletic fields of Metuchen, Woodbridge and South Plainfield. The mile-long garbage train will travel the route twice a day, pulling out of Linden full and returning empty.

**Tuesday, June 6 is Primary Day.
Get Out and Vote!**

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

This Weekend in South Plainfield...

Women's Evening Circle 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.

Fashions 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.

VFW Country Breakfast

VFW Post 6763, 155 Front Street, will sponsor a Country Breakfast on June 4 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The donation is \$4.

The event is sponsored by Pup Tent 4L, Military Order of the Coo-

(908) 668-9751.

Community Pool Opens This Saturday

On Saturday, June 3, the South Plainfield Community Pool will open its doors for the summer season.

The Community Pool is open to members and daily visitors. Anyone can enjoy the facility. Daily passes cost \$8 on weekdays and

\$10 on weekends for non-residents and \$10 on weekdays and \$12 on weekends for residents.

Passbooks are available to pool members at a 50% discount. Swim lessons are available for anyone interested.

No memberships can be purchased at the pool. The PAL offices are open every weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and every Saturday in June from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Daily passes can be purchased at the pool.

Feigley's Holding Mini-Olympics

Feigley's Gymnastics School will be holding mini-Olympics in honor of the Sydney 2000 Games on June 4. The gymnasts will be competing for medals based on their skill and technique. All levels will be competing, including recreational, pre-team, team and levels 1-9.

The event starts at 1:30 p.m.

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meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month

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

AGENDA MEETING	PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, June 5	Thursday, June 8
Monday, June 19	Thursday, June 22
Monday, July 10	Thursday, July 13
Monday, August 14	Thursday, August 17
Monday, September 11	Monday, September 18

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

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

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

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:

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

recycling commission

Meets Thursday, once a month

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

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

recreation commission

Meets once a month

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

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

environmental commission

Meets once a month

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

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, June 13, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., June 20 & 27

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In My Opinion

Letters

Dear Editor:

My area humane society is the Plainfield Humane Society on Rock Ave. in Plainfield. I have been there many times, all were good experiences. Today however, I had a cruel experience which will stay with me for life.

To begin, let's look at the definition of *humane*, "Having what are considered the best qualities of mankind; kind, tender, merciful, sympathetic, etc." (according to Webster's). That is quite the opposite of what happened to me this morning, May 25, 2000.

A litter of kittens was discovered up against my place of employment Wednesday morning. I could hear them crying and one approached me. I picked it up and put it back with the others. Assuming the mother would take care of them, I told the staff to start asking around for potential homes. The staff was concerned as severe storms were predicted that night. Late afternoon, the staff went out to check on them and found them trembling, wet and three out of five almost lifeless. Concerned, they put towels under them and pleaded with me to do something or they weren't going to make it.

We obtained a phone list of over 50 adoption agencies around New Jersey. The list was split and they started calling. They had no luck reaching anyone. By now it was after five p.m. and in desperation they called the South Plainfield Police. The police helped them get in touch with the Plainfield Humane Society, which was on the list of adoption services. The humane society said they were closed for the day and would call us at 9 a.m. Thursday morning. The staff asked what would happen to the kittens if they took them, specifically if they would euthanized them. They said they do not euthanized, but they would try to find homes and Thursday morning would send someone out to pick them up. We asked how to ensure the kittens live through the night. Following their advice, we left the kittens in the same place they were found, in case the mother came back, but with towels and protection from the rain. Thursday morning they were still there, no sign that the mother had returned, wet, shaking and hungry. We made some other last minute phone calls from our list and left messages, hoping someone would call who would provide a foster home until they could be adopted.

At 9 a.m., the Humane Society called. This was the first conversation I personally had with them, regarding the kittens. I asked Melissa, who seemed to be an extremely concerned volunteer, what

the process was. She said that they would first try to find a foster home for them to be raised and then permanent ones. She did not say anything negative to me whatsoever. She stated that she had a flat tire and she couldn't come right away, so I offered to drop them off. She said that would be great.

This is where my experience went sour. I had the five kittens in a tall plastic garbage container. I walked in and the lady behind the front desk (a tall, thin blonde, who claimed she "ran" the place) gave me five fill-in-the-blank forms to sign, one for each kitten. As I filled them out, I apprised her of the status of the kittens and told her we didn't have the proper facilities at work to feed them and that they were extremely hungry. She told me, "That's why we tried to tell you people that they had a better chance of life if you left them where they were." She added, "How do you know the mother abandoned them. They aren't skinny?" I told her that we had let them be all of Wednesday and Thursday morning, still no mother and that the kittens were wet, shaking and hungry. She asked me how we could be sure the mother hadn't come; were we watching them 24 hours a day?

Then she picked up four of the kittens and put them into a cage. She closed the cage door leaving the runt in the garbage receptacle and said, "That one will probably put down." I realized this one was weak, but she just left it in the garbage can. I said that I'd be happy to help someone feed them before I go. She stated, "You don't get it do you, there is no one. There is no one to take care of these kittens, we only have volunteers. That's why we didn't want you to bring these kittens in. They will be left in a cage, put in the back with over 200 cats that we already have, quarantined for four weeks and may get a respiratory infection and have to be put down."

I stated that was not what Melissa told me on the phone. The lady

answered that all foster homes were filled and that's why I shouldn't have brought the kittens in.

By now, I couldn't even speak. I was in tears. I thought we were helping to give these kittens a chance and this lady was telling me we had basically given them a death sentence. I asked her if could I try and feed them before I left. She then said, "You don't get it, once you signed those papers, you have no responsibility for those kittens."

I am and will be, for quite some time, devastated. I went back to work in tears and had to relay this story to the rest of our staff. On the advice of my superiors, I am writing to you, in hopes of opening everyone's eyes. Please, if you value an animal's care and its life, don't take them to the Rock Ave. Plainfield Humane Society. Try every other adoption agency. If we had known, these kittens would not have been taken there. In fact, upon my return to work, two other agencies had telephoned, offering assistance.

Hopefully, this letter will shine some light onto just how inhumane this society can be.

CANDACE HAMRAH

To the Editor,

By the Numbers:

- 80 years ago women won the right to vote. That vote was won by one vote.

- 60 years ago, in both the war and defense work, women helped win the war.

- 40 women are presently serving in congress, yet women make up more than half the population. Let's add one more woman's name to the fight for social issues.

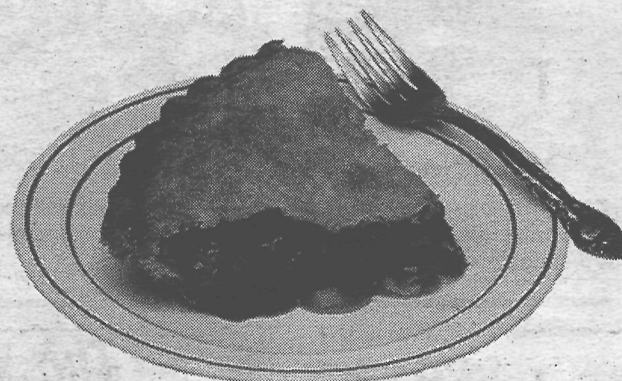
- 20 seconds to vote for Mary Ann Connelly on June 6.

Voting is not a spectator sport.

- Elect Mary Ann Connelly to Congress in the 7th Congressional District.

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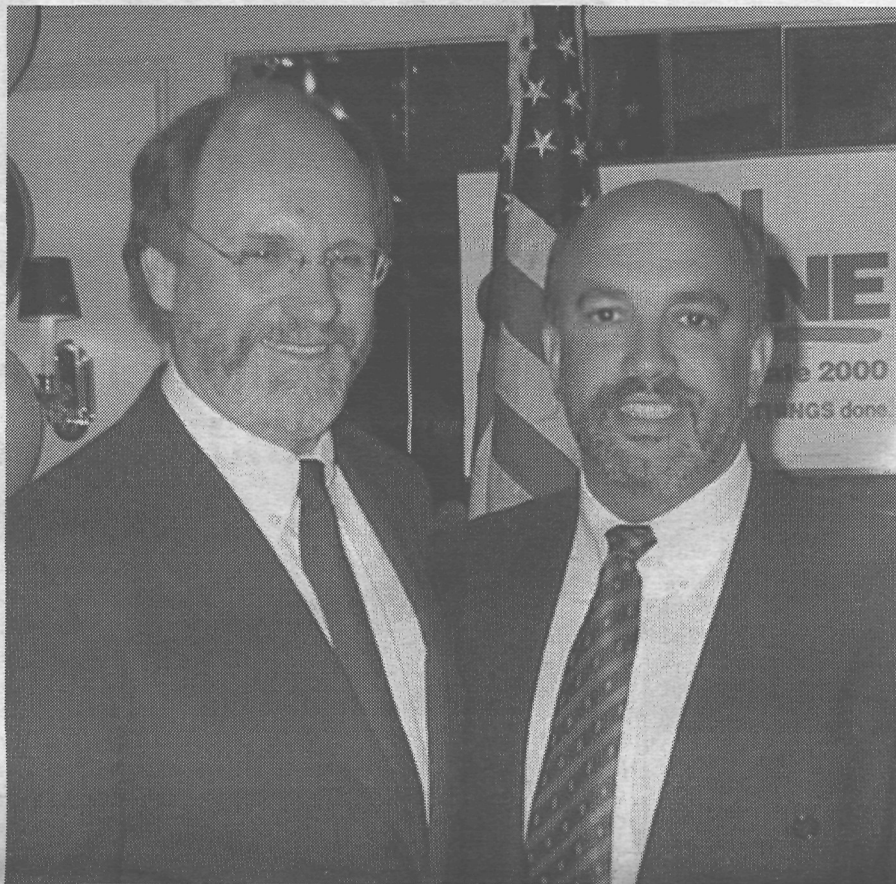
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Next Tuesday's Election is Important for South Plainfield Democrats!



Jon Corzine

John Pulomena

Vote The Corzine / Pulomena Line

John Pulomena, South Plainfield's first elected Freeholder, is being challenged by a rebel slate led by Jim Florio. Think of all that has been accomplished over the past three years under the leadership of our Freeholder, John Pulomena.

This election is too important to take for granted. On Tuesday, June 6th get out and vote for the entire Middlesex County Organization Slate led by Vice President Al Gore, future Senator Jon Corzine and our Freeholder John Pulomena.

**On Tuesday, June 6th, Vote Line B
"Middlesex County
Democratic Organization"**

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Robert Prongay "Senior of the Month"



The Edison Rotary Club has chosen **Robert Prongay**, a senior at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, as "Senior of the Month" for the month of May.

Each month, two students from five area high schools are recognized for their quality of service and attitude.

Prongay was honored at a breakfast which was held May 3 at the Victorian Manor in Edison.



Lazar Earns B.A. in Political Science

Tracey Lazar has graduated from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J. with a B.A. in political science.

Her parents are Joseph and Colleen Lazar of South Plainfield. Tracey received her diploma May 17 at ceremonies on the West Long Branch campus.



VFW Post 6763 Commander Phil Cortese presents a \$1,000 donation to the South Plainfield Soccer Club. Accepting the donation are players Kevin Bolier and Matt Gross, Vice President Wally Bolier and President Glenn Gross. The money will be used to renovate the Spicer Ave. fields, which are presently unusable.

Volunteer Litter Clean Up Bags Mounds of Trash

Unusually cool and wet April weather gave way to bright sunshine on Volunteer Litter Pickup Day, Saturday, April 29. Over 100 borough residents turned out in response to Mayor Gallagher's "Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week" proclamation. They cleaned litter and trash from fifteen public places, including parks, roadsides, streamsides and vacant lots.

Using bags, gloves, rakes and brooms provided by the borough's New Jersey Clean Communities Grant, the volunteers removed about four tons of accumulated debris. Several groups that could not make it on Saturday did their cleanups later in the

week. The town was filled with orange bags lining the roadsides. The Public Works Department picked up the bags for disposal throughout the week. The Recycling Program staff picked up recyclable litter that the volunteers had bagged separately.

About half the volunteers returned to Borough Hall at noon for the annual Pickup Picnic. Domino's Pizza donated pies, A&P donated soda and Angelo's Ice Company donated ice for the tired, hungry and thirsty workers. A free raffle distributed environmentally-friendly door prizes, such as recycled-plastic travel

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TAG Study Concludes Area Sidewalks Are Not Handicapped Accessible

Members of the Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) have completed a study researching what physically challenged pedestrians face as they traverse local streets and sidewalks. The study shows that South Plainfield has a long way to go in providing access for the handicapped moving about in town.

The TAG survey team studied existing sidewalks and access ramps along the main streets in town. The purpose of the survey was to investigate allegations that sidewalks and access ramps are not in accordance with acceptable standards.

The team's primary objectives was to record the existence or non-existence of ramps and sidewalks and their physical condition. The

team viewed each scenario as if they were trying to travel the streets in continuous travel, unassisted, using crutches, prosthetic devices or a wheelchair, from point A to some other point.

The study followed someone who lived X number of blocks away from a friend, a local store or a public building and found that it was impossible to travel there on a continuous basis. (The word continuous meaning uninterrupted travel.) If a pedestrian were in a wheelchair and wanted to travel from point A to point B, the study found they were unable to do so because a sidewalk in their pathway stopped and then started again some distance away, preventing their progress.

The report concluded that a physically challenged pedestrian who is wheelchair bound could not travel for any appreciable distance along any main street in the borough, with the exception of Maple Ave. A physically challenged pedestrian at some point during travel would be forced to travel in the street, with the exception of Maple Ave.

Although the survey team did not study every street, it became obvious that independent travel for the wheelchair bound isn't possible. In addition, physically challenged pedestrians using crutches or wearing a prosthetic device would have varying degrees of difficulty traveling from one point to another. Accessibility ramps serve no functional purpose if there is no way to get to or from them.

In fact, while the survey was in progress, TAG members witnessed pedestrians not physically chal-

lenged, forced to walk on the edge of several roadways. A young woman was seen struggling in front of the Middle School with a baby carriage, attempting to ease it over the curbside. What is even more ironic is the South Plainfield Municipal Building has no accessibility ramps at the parking lot entrance or exit. There is however a ramp in the parking lot for those in motor vehicles.

The TAG committee concluded that these conditions are unfair to South Plainfield's citizens who are physical challenged and are asking the mayor and council to follow the example of Maple Ave. when working on the other main roads in the town.

One of the most misunderstood concepts that those not physically challenged overlook is the fact that the majority of those handicapped want to be independent and have a right to take a leisurely trip, enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut or go chat with a friend a couple blocks away without depending on someone else to assist them.

Feast of St. Anthony's Starts Next Week

The Annual Feast of St. Anthony will be held from Tuesday June 6 through Saturday June 10 at Our Lady of Czestochowa on Hamilton Blvd.

There will be rides, games and plenty of homemade food to enjoy. Tuesday through Friday the feast starts at 6 p.m. and on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Bring the family and enjoy the fun.

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Mike Lapolla Knows South Plainfield



Mike Lapolla with South Plainfield Mayor and Borough Council Members

MIKE LAPOLLA FOR CONGRESS

Mike Lapolla knows South Plainfield; his brother lives here. He has many friends in South Plainfield and he has even attended our Borough Council meetings.

Won't it be nice to have a member of congress who cares about our Borough?

**Tuesday's Election Is Important To
South Plainfield**

Vote Line B - June 6th

**MIKE LAPOLLA
For Congress**

Events

AARP Chapter 4144 Plans Trip to Catskills

Meetings will resume on the third Friday in Sept. (Sept. 15), for AARP Chapter 4144 at the PAL Bldg. in South Plainfield on Maple Ave.

A trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills is planned from July 10 through July 14. The price is \$370 per person, double occupancy. Singles add \$60. Price includes all expenses paid, plus transportation.

For more information, call Mary at (732)752-3764.

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.

Vision 2001 Golf Outing June 28

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

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

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

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

Calling All Artists

A call has gone out for artists to submit their work for entry into Piscataway's Tenth Annual Juried Art Exhibit.

Artists 18 and older are invited to submit their work on Friday, June 9, 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 10 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. The contest and exhibit is open to all forms of visual art. Winners will be announced at a reception on June 16 at the Municipal Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m.

For an application with rules and regulations send a stamped self addressed envelope to: Piscataway Cultural Arts Commission, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854, Attention: Juried Art Show.

Single Professionals' After Work Social

A single professionals' after work social is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30-10 p.m. at Punera's, 143 East Broad Street, Westfield. The cost is \$10 at the door and includes refreshments. Contact KISNET at 908-232-8827 or visit www.thatskismet.com.

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.

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 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.

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 Tues-

day, June 13. Bus leaves the PAL lot at 4 p.m. Ticket price is \$37 per person. Call the PAL at 226-7713.

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.

Cruise on Big Red Boat II Planned

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

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

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

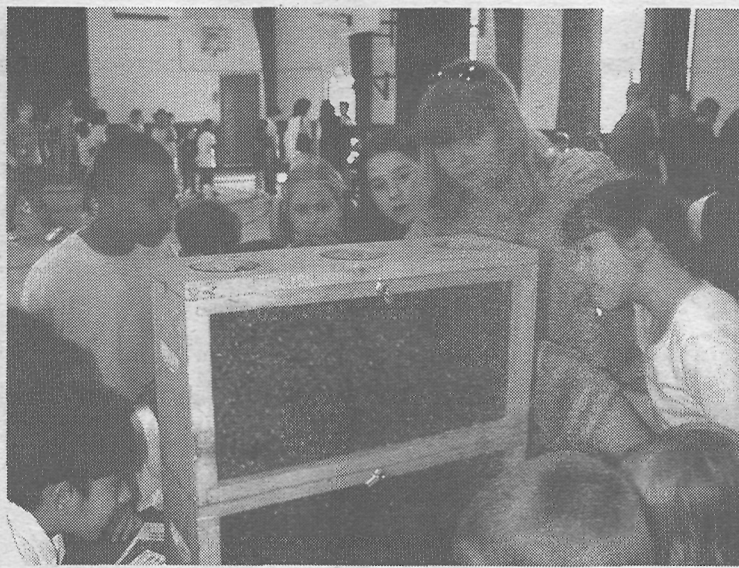
Mets vs. Pirates Trip Planned

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

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



Sacred Heart School students observe a working beehive.

Sacred Heart Students 'Dance With the Honeybees'

Cliff Wright-Sunflower, master beekeeper, master environmental educator and a master performer, visited Sacred Heart School last week to host his program, "Dancin' With the Honeybees."

Cliff brought the scientific magic of the beehive to life by demonstrating the precision of a beekeeper and working a beehive aided by eager volunteers from the audience dressed in beekeeping equipment (including coveralls, veil, gloves, hive tool, and smoker.) He turned the Sacred Heart School children into a working hive, complete with queen, nurse-maids, brood, construction workers, drones,

guards and flowers.

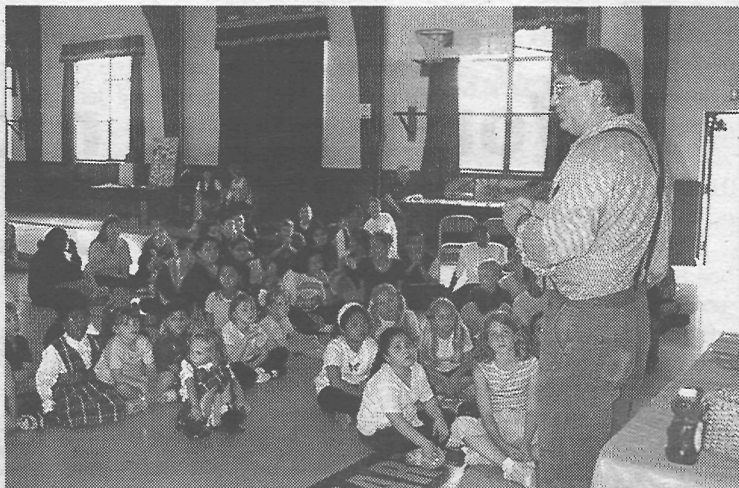
Students learned that bees are not so scary and that because of their integral part in the ecological balance, bees have a purpose, and thus, they are accepted.

With 20 years experience as a beekeeper working the 100 beehive Bear Honey Farms, Cliff has gained a hands-on understanding of bees and their place in the natural world.

Cliff related the bee world he has come to know by weaving music, puppetry skills and scientific understanding into a program which made "Dancin' With the Honeybees" a sound interdisciplinary and educational event.



Sacred Heart School students (above) Jennifer Napolitano, Taylor Boosman, Nicholas Cruz, Sabrina Douge, Shane Howard, James Howard, William Whitefleet, Helena Cunicella with beekeeper Cliff Wright-Sunflower.



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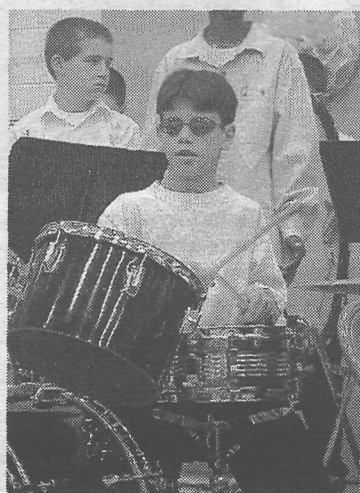
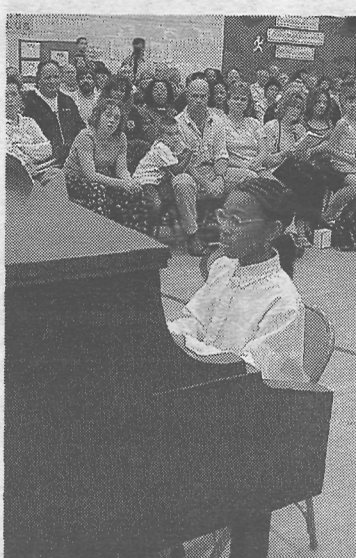
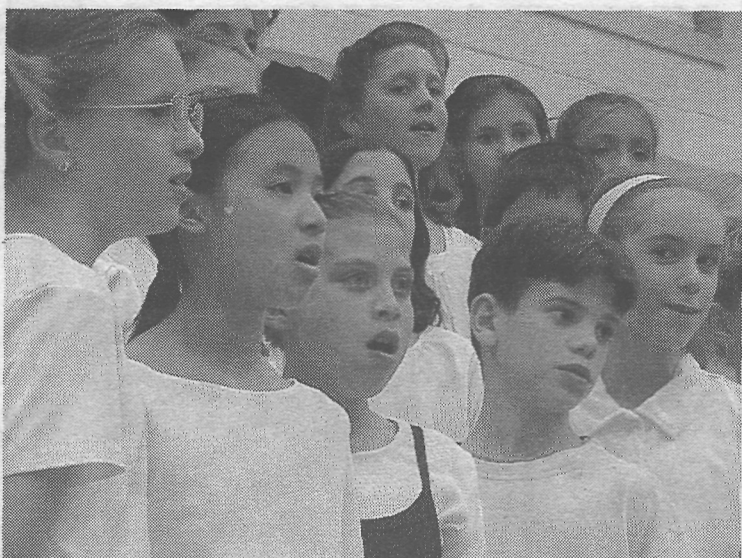
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Franklin School Spring Concert Held

Story and photos
by Patricia Abbott

Franklin School's Spring Concert opened with the string ensemble directed by Mr. Bruce Mikolon. The band was directed by Mrs. Joan Stasio and the chorus by Mr. Glenn Parisi. Before the music began there was a brief ceremony inducting the 2000/01 PTA officers. Former PTA President Angela Prybella, along with PTA President Linda Duquette, presented flowers to new officers Mary Cargill, corresponding secretary; Michele Billich, vice president and Jayne Mott, treasurer.

Participating in the school band were Gina Butrico, Susan Mott, Amber Berkowitz, Cherise Turner, Tiann Ward, Crystal Ghanam, Amanda Salib, Jessica Ross, Sarah Brooks, Katelyn Conrad, Samantha, Jasmine Silas, Tara Goitandia, Lillian Blanco, Jessica Brandes, Caryn Butrico, Kate Reichert, Erin McGill, Dorothy Cameron, Michael Oprysk, Jessica Lysszczasz, Valerie Moreno, Christina Mieves, Julia Zappi, Taylor Mandel, Amber Hartman, Sean Walsh, Matthew Emery, Katie Yon, Samantha Hogan, Corey Benson, William Morrison, Ryan Shello, Jesse Hay, Christina Slatky, Tara O'Keefe, Brittanie Wong, Tommy Pryor, Soham Gupte, Jeffrey Pryor, Daniel McCreesh, Nicholas DeSimone,

Jessica Pryor, Nicholas Giannakis, Paul Canterella, Kevin Varma, Jason Seigel, Joel Mastrian.

Performing on strings were Michelle Arancio, Natasha Catarino, Gina Curico, An Dang, Rebecca Deffler, Christian Donnelly, Osama Elarjoun, Chris Fulton, Jamie Giannakis, Caitlin Herriott, Catherine Krawiec, William Lamastro, Michael Maiorino, Gilbert McKimm, Victoria Nguyen, Samantha Rebimbas, Wilfredo Rosados, Alyssa Rutowski, Jessica Schmidt, Rachel Smith, Lark Stagnato, Kaleigh White, Darren Campbell, Taryn Billich, Alison Case, James Quesada, Brittany Santoro, Nathaniel Udell, Karen Werner, Kelly Downes, Nicholas Hogan, Matt Ramos.

The chorus consisted of Caryn Butrico, Katie Yon, Jason Seigel, Christina Nieves, Nathaniel Udell, Gina Butrico, Kimberly Marin, Cassandra Hoffman, Trudy Huynh, Victoria Plasse, Nicholas DeSimone, Alyssa Woodel, Kelly Downes, Amanda Salib, Jonathan Marcous, Amanda Miller, Sarah Brooks, Julia Zappi, Jerold Geczy, James Cox, Tara O'Keefe, Lauren Primavera, Sara Holbrook, Lauren Stoeckel, Brandee Brown, Ceaphas Stubb, Carrie Moore, Danny McCreesh, Esmeralda Silvoneck, Katelyn Conrad, Taryn Billich, Marjorie Restrepo, Britani Hatcher, Matthew Emery, Christopher

Pennisi, Vina Zychlinski, Christopher Ward, Melissa Carryl, Valerie Moreno, Desirae Davis, Katie Reichert, Taylor Mandel, Brittanie Wong, Angela Furka, Susan Mott, Soham Gupte, Jessica Ross, Samantha Smith, Jessica Mandes, Jessica Brandes, Jessica Lysszczasz, Jessica Hill, Ashley Mosher, Angela Carney, Jessica Pryor, Dorothy Cameron, Anthony Cassano, Hannah Levine, Tianna Ward, Gabrielle Nilla, Christopher Duquette, Crystal Ghanem, Ashley Sacks and Ryan Curtis.

Safety Town Offered This Summer

A program to teach young children how to be safe at home, at play, at school, with friends and strangers for children ages five through seven.

The program will be held at the Administration Building on Cromwell Place.

The first session runs from July 5 through 14, 8:30-10:15 a.m. The second session offered runs from Jul 17 through 28, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

The cost is \$35 per child. Register at the PAL. For further information, call 226-7713.

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Carolyn Hoffman

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here it is, Friday again and time for more news from the South Plainfield Library:

Don't forget that we're now closed on Sundays until September.

Next week's children's Storytimes will follow the usual schedule. The programs, all for children ages three and over, are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. No registration is required. Plus, here's an advance word: The Summer Reading program is on the way! We'll have more information for you ASAP. If you've got any questions about our children's programs, the person to ask is Linda Hansen, the Children's Librarian.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is set for Tuesday night at 7 p.m. The public, both members and non-members, is welcome to attend. This will be their last meeting before their summer break.

The Circuit video group for June is now in place. Videocassettes can be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. This group will be available until June 26.

As promised, here's some more information about our next craft program. Dayel Giammarino of Creative Memories will lead a scrapbooking program on Friday, June 16, at 7 p.m. Participants will learn how to safely store and display their family photographs. Be sure to bring your photos and a pair of sharp scissors; all other supplies will be provided. There's a charge of \$8 for this program; also, space is limited, so pre-reg-

istration is a must. To sign up, stop by our main desk or call us at (908) 754-7885.

We've done some updating of our "Upcoming Books" flyers. Some of the books on the way include, *Murder in Foggy Bottom* by Margaret Truman, *Move to Strike* by Perri O'Shaughnessy, *Nightshade* by John Saul, *Cradle and All* by James Patterson, and *The Bear and the Dragon* by Tom Clancy. If you're interested in these or any of the books we're expecting, just stop in and we'll put in a reserve on the title you want.

Here are a couple of notes for your information. First, when you renew an item using our automated Elvis system, be advised that, while it will confirm the renewal, it won't tell you the new due date. For that, you should call us during regular hours and we'll look it up for you. Second, here's a reminder about our Internet terminals. Patrons are not allowed to access chat rooms or other similar conversational websites. Those sites have a tendency to foul up the software in our terminals. And, while patrons may access e-mail, don't forget that these are public terminals. Thus, we can't guarantee the security of your correspondence. So, be careful what you write or read on them; we won't be watching, but you never know who will. Also, due to the number of destructive computer viruses floating around, be extra, extra careful when you access e-mail.

That'll just about do it for now. See you next Friday. (You could almost set your watch by this column.)

Leaf Compost Available At Recycling Center

The Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. currently has leaf compost available, free of charge, to borough residents. Bring your own containers and shovels.

The compost bins are located behind the shed at the Recycling Center and are open Tuesdays from 12 to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the Recycling Coordinator at (908) 226-7621 if you need more information.

Compost is a good soil amendment, improving drainage in

heavy clay soils and water-retention in sandy soils. It helps buffer the soil acidity, so you don't have to add lime as often. Used as mulch, it smothers weed seedlings and keeps the soil moist.

This compost was made from the leaves collected fast fall from residents in municipalities throughout Middlesex County. You can make your own compost at home easily. Call the recycling coordinator or email her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com for more information about composting.

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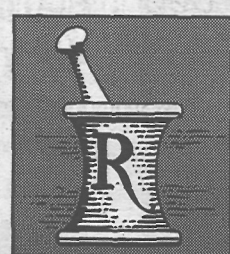
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

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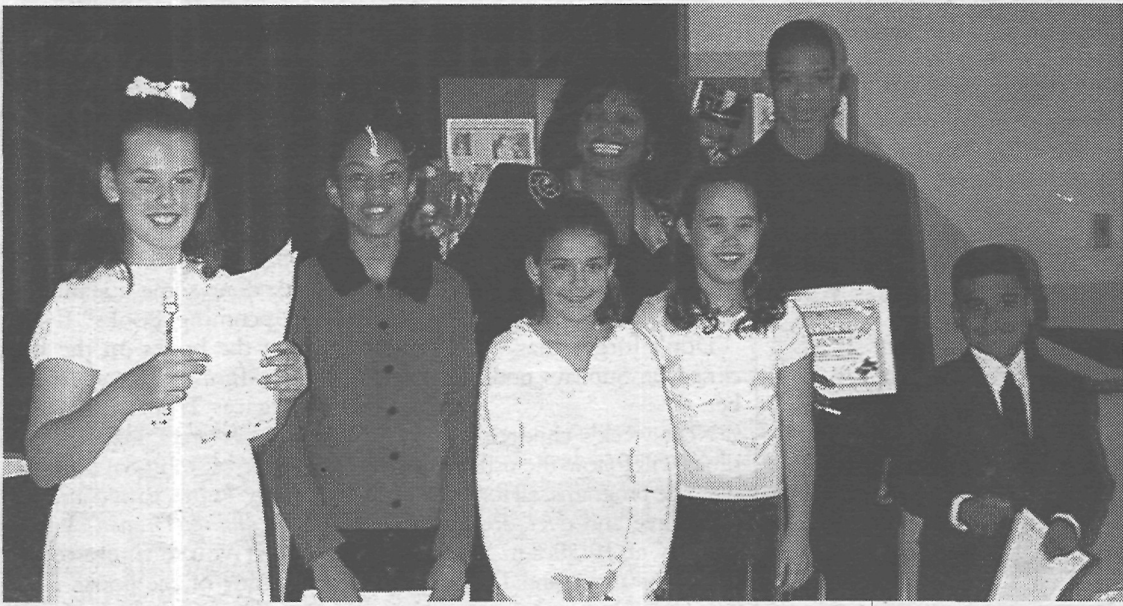
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Flo's Participates in Cultural Arts Series

Flo's Piano Studio took part in a Concert Series for the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission on May 21 at Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Plainfield Ave.

The concert/recital represented various levels and styles of artistry and musicianship from the concert pianists.

The theme of the recital was "The Best of the Best Keys Flowing."

Recitalists were concert pianists Julia Zappi, David Ernest Walton, Catherine Marie Krawiec, Britney Danielle Holloway, Kimberly Ann Galinsky and Andre Michael Boomer.

Julia Zappi is a 10-year-old student at Franklin School. She also plays the clarinet. Julia's musical attributes extend into jazz and modern dance.

David Walton is a seven-year-old second grade honor student at Knollwood Elementary School in Piscataway. David also plays third base and catcher in baseball and won a bronze medal in wrestling.

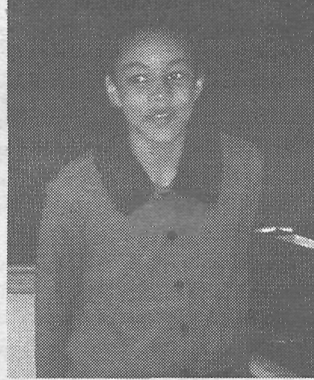
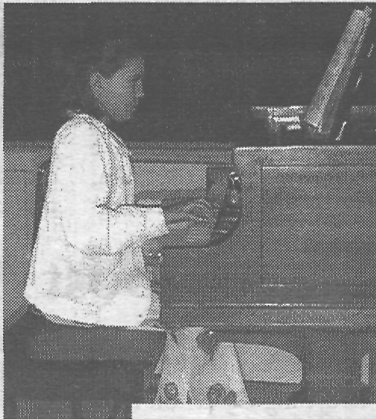
Catherine Krawiec is a third grade student at Franklin School and participates in the school orchestra playing violin. Catherine is also involved with musical dance theatre, plays ponytail softball and is a brownie.

Britney Holloway is a fifth grade student at John F. Kennedy. Britney has been playing since she was two years old and is the only student at Flo's to receive the 'Meredith Marie Brown Piano Award' twice.

Kimberly Galinsky is a fifth grade honor student at John E. Riley. Kimberly was awarded the "Meredith Marie Brown Piano Award" at Flo's Prom Recital hosted by Nordstrom's, in Menlo Park.

Andre Boomer is a freshman at Franklin High School in Somerset. He started playing piano by ear at the age of eight. Andrew's played so well at the Nordstrom's Prom Recital, he was offered a summer job playing at the store.

Flo Powell, owner of Flo's Piano, is also a talented and versatile musician. She has been schooled since the age of three in classical music and earned degrees in music education and music performance. Flo also played the keyboard for SPHS's production of *Tommy* in April.



For the first time in almost 30 years, a flag was raised at the Winfield Scott Post No. 73, Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Burial Site, during a brief ceremony held on Memorial Day. The burial site is in Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

The flag was raised by Floyd Austin and officers of Custer Camp No. 17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Those in attendance were Commander Clark McCullough, Daniel Lynch, Frank McGonigle, Harry and Beverly Douglas and Floyd Austin. Taps was played by Daniel Sierzega, an eighth grade student at South Plainfield Middle School.

The restoration of this site will be complete when the two Civil War Howitzers are refinished and remounted on the granite bases. At that time a formal rededication will take place. Contributions to this project are welcomed, needed and tax deductible. They may be sent to Custer Camp No. 17 Memorial Fund, 98 New Monmouth R., Middletown, NJ 07748.

Red Cross Looking for Help

The need for blood in this area is critical, especially since only five percent of the population donates, while 95 percent of all people will have used at least one blood product by the time they reach age 72.

Anyone between the ages of 17

and 75 can donate who is in good health.

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

Miss NJ Opens Car Rally

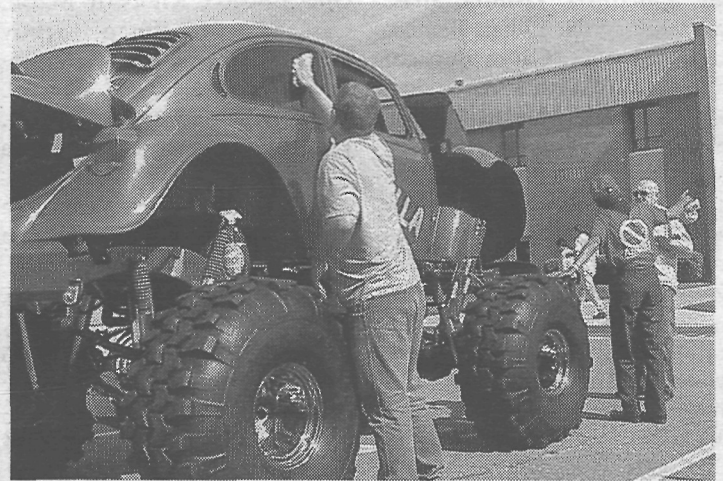
The Third Annual Car Show sponsored North West Jersey Camaro Club and Vision 2001 was held on Sunday, May 28 after a week's postponement due to rain. Proceeds from the show benefit Project Graduation 2000.

The 40 trophies were sponsored by local businesses in South Plainfield and the surrounding area. Food prepared by Marriott Corp. was available for patrons. Square dancers performed just after the show officially opened. A DJ added

to the party atmosphere.

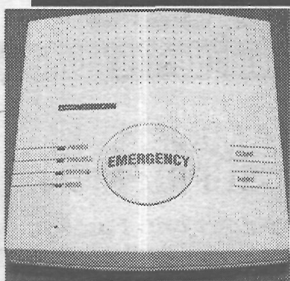
Miss New Jersey, Victoria Andrews Paige, was on hand for the event. Miss Paige was very active around the grounds and helped present trophies to the winners. She officially opened the event at noon with the National Anthem.

Director of North West Jersey Camaro Club Tom Franklin noted the day was very successful and hoped that people would return again next year. Franklin, a retired teacher, taught math at SPHS for 32 years.



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Dave Street Brings Environmental Show to John F. Kennedy School

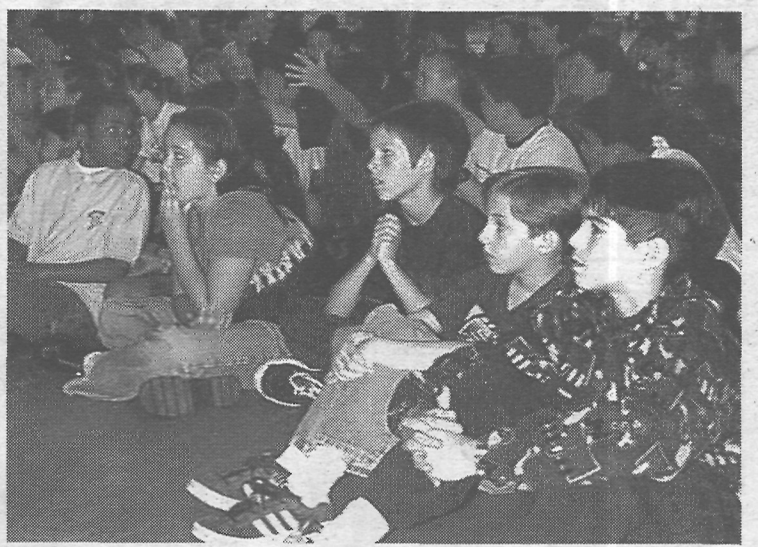


Environmental Educator/Entertainer Dave Street visited Kennedy School last week to talk to students about the environment.

Dave explained what happens to the some of the "stuff" that goes into the our storm drains and where it ends up—polluting rivers, streams and oceans.

He also explained about what is happening to the Rain Forest and what effect is has on all of us in South Plainfield as well as the entire world. The Rain Forest is a great medicinal source and its destruction would be detrimental to humanity and the environment.

Dave spent most of his visit talking to students about the environment. In his unique way of relating to students, he inspires students and raises their con-



sciousness about protecting the environment.

Most of all, he provides suggestions to students on concrete

ways of alleviating pollution, such as recycling and using different materials that don't come from the Rain Forest.

South Plainfield Middle School Honor Roll

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Grade 6—Samantha Deffler, Joseph DeNitzio, Zachary Gray, Beverly Jamieson, Ryan O'Shea, Eric Reiner, Angelique Rualo, Courtney Sacco, Gina Severini, Kevin Siedenburgh, Ryan Smith, Natalia Tamzoke and Lee Tet-reault.

Grade 7—Peter Aquino, Michael Benak, Justin Buendia, Nicholas Curcio, Peter DeAndrea, Michael Downes, Cassandra D'Urso, Jeffrey Eng, Lauren Haus, Phu Doung Huynh, Alyssa Maiorino, Jessica Manning, Stefanie Miller, Rosanna Mootoo, Kathleen Morgan, Brian Murtagh, Valerie Pasquarella, Jessica Senz, Justin Shel-ton, Stephanie Stellakis, Sara Sukenik and Marybeth Tran.

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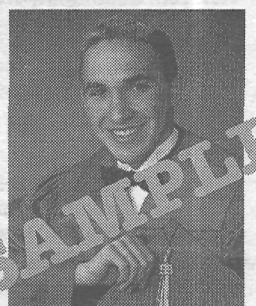
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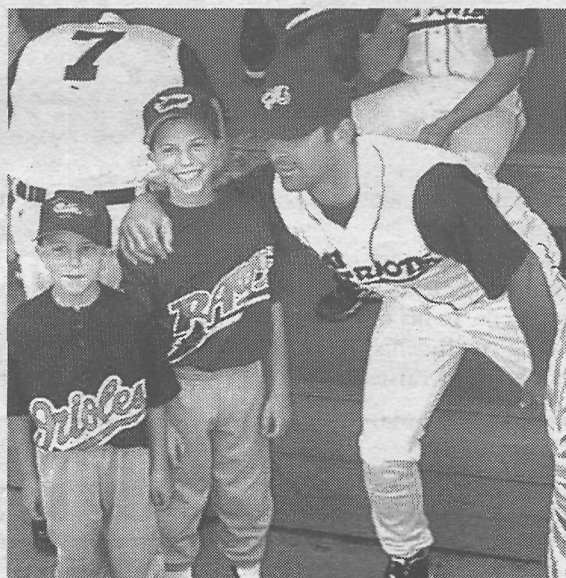
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Sports



South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club members attended the Patriots game last Friday night and the kids got to mingle with the Patriot players before the gaming.

South Plainfield Girls' Junior Varsity Softball

By Denise DiMeglio

South Plainfield 15, Ridge 0

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

South Plainfield 8, Colonia 4

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

winning pitcher.

South Plainfield 7, Bishop Ahr 2

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

South Plainfield 13, North Brunswick 4

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

High School by Brian Cochrane

Tiger Girls Start Tourney With a Pair of Wins

The Tiger Girls Softball Team were finally able to get back on the ball field last week and begin the post season tournament portion of their schedule with a pair of victories. After almost a two week layoff, the Tigers showed little rust in opening the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group II State Tournament with a 3-0 victory over the Falcons from Monroe.

The Tigers got two early runs thanks to a pair of fielding errors by the Falcons. Those runs were all Alison Barrett would need as the Tiger defense, which has been a huge contributor to this year's 16-6 record, once again shutout their opponent with fundamental softball.

Shortstop Kelly Ritchey

knocked in the third run in the seventh inning to add the icing as Shannon Bishop added two hits and Danielle Schweers swiped a pair of bases to send the Tigers into the semi-finals.

The first round of the Greater Middlesex Conference tournament and the Metuchen Bulldogs were up next for the Tigers and this time South Plainfield pounded out 13 runs and held Metuchen to just three to win going away 13-3.

Kelly Ritchey continued her hot streak by wrapping out three hits and scoring twice as Alison aided her own cause by getting a pair of hits to knock in three RBIs on the day. Results from mid-week games in next issue.

Tigers Take Fifth in GMC Golf Tourney

The South Plainfield Tiger Golf Team concluded their stellar season with a fifth place finish at last week's Greater Middlesex Conference tournament held at Tamarack C.C. in East Brunswick.

Jason Bataille just missed taking the individual title with his round of 75, as Nick Sinato from St. Joseph's bettered him by just

two strokes to claim the victory.

Matt Kurilew also recieved conference recognition as he shot a round of 80 to finish in the top ten overall.

The tournament of champions began this past Tuesday and an update on South Plainfield's lone participant Jason Bataille will appear in next weeks issue.

South Plainfield Fire Soccer Team Turns Up The Heat!

On May 14, the South Plainfield Fire battled the tough South Brunswick Comets.

The first quarter produced no score, but some outstanding defense by fullbacks Matt Cesare, Gregory Herbst and Anthony Baldassarre in as keeper.

The second quarter was an offensive battle. Midfielders Kyle Pompilio and Mike Wagner aggressively kept feeding the front line men the ball and Jonathan Llerena and Christian Arroyo were each able to score a goal

for the Fire.

In the third quarter Bissy Martin and Corey Hay masterfully controlled the midfield and a penalty kick was scored by South Plainfield.

The fourth quarter was a battle with both teams tie at three and neither team was willing to give up. Keeping the offensive pressure on were the front line men, Scot Bishop and Riley Hubner. Steve Coppi did a awesome job in goal, stopping two breakaways which looked like they

were sure goals. Late in the quarter the Fire was awarded a penalty kick which Riley Hubner didn't hesitate to make good and scored.

The final score was South Plainfield Fire 4 - South Brunswick Comets 3. The Fire gave all the moms a very exciting game for Mother's Day!

The Fires current record for this season is 6 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie.

GREAT GAME FIRE!!!

Submitted by Coach Baldassarre

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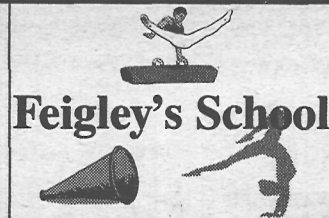
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Obituaries

Florence E. Randolph Myers, 95

Florence E. Randolph Myers of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, May 24, at the J.E.K. Medical Center in Edison.

She was born in South Plainfield and has been a life long resident of the borough.

Mrs. Myers was an assembler for Spicer, Inc. in Plainfield before her retirement.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Myers, who died in 1970.

She is survived by her daughter, Irene Hamilton of South Plainfield; two grandsons, Richard and Kenneth Hamilton, both of South Plainfield; three great grandsons, Joseph, Kenneth and Jerome Hamilton, both of South Plainfield.

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

Dorothy Ann Perrine, 90

Dorothy Ann Perrine died on Tuesday, May 23, at Cystal Lake Health Center in Bayville, NJ.

Born in Perth Amboy, she had resided in South Plainfield and Whiting for many years before moving to Bayville four years ago.

Mrs. Perrine was employed as a binder for the Art Color Printing Company in Dunellen for 20

years.

She is predeceased by her husband, Harry Perrine, who died in 1998; her daughter, Doris Perrine, who died in 1937 and her brother Hans Kuhlthau, who died in 1997.

Surviving is her sister-in-law, Elizabeth (Betty) Perrine of Piscataway and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Patricia M. Albano, 49

Patricia M. Albano died on Monday, May 29, in the Hagen Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison, following a long illness.

She was born in Brooklyn and as a child moved to North Plainfield, where she graduated from North Plainfield High School in 1968. She had also resided in South Plainfield and Plainfield before moving to Edison three years ago.

After high school, she attended the Taylor Business Institute in Plainfield and received her proficiency certificate in 1969. She began her working career at the *Plainfield Courier News*, later the *Courier News*, as a secretary to the editor. She was with the newspaper for eight years.

For the the past 13 years, she had worked as a medical secretary for the Warren Radiation Therapy Center. Prior to that, she had worked 10 years as the medical secretary to Dr. Johnson at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her parents, Dorothy Albano and Michael V. Albano.

Surviving are her brother and sister-in-law, Michael J. and Kerry Albano of Flemington; her step brother and his wife, Dan and Joni Walsh of Old Tappan; her step mother, Mary Albano of Milford, Pa.; a niece, Jennifer A. Albano and two nephews, Michael Albano and Danny Walsh.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered in St. Matthews RC Church in Edison at a day and time to be announced.

Arrangements were by McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to the Seeing Eye Institute of Morristown, NJ.

Litter Clean-Up Bags Mounds of Trash

Continued from page 4

mugs, plants and tree saplings. Pathmark donated movie videos and a multi-band radio. Volunteers traded war stories and shook their heads in disbelief at some of the trash they had unearthed from out-of-the-way places, such as a patio table and an intact boat.

For information about how you can get involved in the Clean Communities Program, call the Coordinator at 226-7621.

The following individuals and organizations participated in 2000 Volunteer Litter Clean-up Week:

Planning and Coordination: Emil Leporino, *Clean Communities Advisory Board Chairman*; Joe Diegnan, *Clean Business Association President*; Larry Randolph, *Environmental Commission Chairman*; Alice Tempel, *Environmental Specialist and Clean Communities Coordinator*.

Belmont Avenue cleanup was handled by Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Vincent Buttiglieri, Bob Cusick, Rob Cusick, Patrick Diegnan, Joe Diegnan, Councilmen Ed Kubala and Raymond Petronko, James Vokral, Steven Vokral and Jim Vokral, Jr.

Cedarbrook Ave. stream crossing was cleaned up by Cub Scout Pack 224.

Cotton Street Park was cleaned up by Cub Scout Pack 202: Nicholas Montuori, Karen Pieranti, Allyson Pieranti.

Durham Ave/Hamilton Blvd.

overpass was cleaned up by Joe Diegnan.

The Franklin School perimeter was cleaned up by Cub Scout Pack 207. They are: Billy Bori, Adam Buck, Kyle Buck, Bob Buck, Christopher Burke, Patrick Burke, Daren Campbell, Matthew Emery, Doug Fulton, Chris Fulton, William Lamastro, Kathy Lamastro, Shawn Parisi, Glen Parisi, Dennis Ramos, Peter Salib, James Seyffart, Paul Seyffart, Debbie Simoff, Kathie Slattery, Colin Slattery, Lisa Smith, Ann Marie Terranti-Seyffart, Eileen Tiffenbach, Brian Tiffenbach, Sean Walsh and Bob Walsh.

Garfield Ave. at Arlington Ave. was cleaned up by Girl Scout Troop 958, including the following: Stephanie Hansen, Elizabeth Pisack, Doris Sepkowski, Lori Sepkowski and residents Mike Pisack, Elizabeth Pisack, Charlie Ripley, Carrie Tuyp, Nicolaus Tuyp and Allison Tuyp.

Hadley Rd. was cleaned up by residents David J. Guoth, Richard Sullivan and Ricky Sullivan.

Metuchen Road was cleaned up by residents Bob Cusick, Bob Jr. Cusick, Gabbierella Cusick, Garrett Cusick and Shane Cusick.

The Nature Reserve at Elsie Ave. was cleaned up by resident Maria Brostovski.

New Market Ave. and Carmine Ave. vacant lot was cleaned up by Carmine Ave. neighbors Shawn McCarthy, Carol Olson, Jimmy Olson and Bill Olson.

New Brunswick Ave. and Nature Reserve at New Market Ave. was cleaned up by residents Lisa Roseo, Emily Roseo and Lucille Roseo.

Putnam Park was cleaned up by Cub Scout Pack 324 and Tigers Billy Brown, Ray Coletta, Frank Gianneschi, Garrett Gianneschi, Matthew Nigro, Matthew Praul, Jeffrey Praul, Scott Suleskiand Ricky Walton.

South Clinton Ave. was cleaned up by Boy Scout Troop 124, including Bill Ball, Harry Chovaron, Justin Heffernan, Tony Sarao, George W. Smith and Ryan Woods.

Willow Avenue Park was cleaned up by Wesley Methodist Church members Debbie Apgar, Michelle Biggs, Ryan Biggs, Joshua Biggs, Laura Biggs, Ryan Bunting, Judy DiLeo, John Held, Laura Held, Eliza Held, Paula Kowalski, Henry Leono, Don Palmer, Michael Piazza, Chris Pineand Dave Walter.

Veterans Park Nature Trail was spruced up by South Plainfield High School volunteers Diana Algoo, Marilyn Millard, Nicole Cuthman, Kyan Bowman, Alissa Gittens, Dave Johnston and resident Jay Scovronek.

To get involved in the Clean Communities Program, call the Coordinator at 226-7621.

Because We Care

by Robert Hunter

THE SURVIVOR'S AFFAIR

"A man's dying is more the survivors' affair than his own." With those words, writer Thomas Mann summed up an essential facet of the grieving process. That is, the deceased's work is done, and now it is the work of the survivors to come to terms with his or her death. It is important for friends and family of the departed to realize that their tears have no bearing on those who are no longer able to see them. We who remain behind shed tears, instead, out of our own sorrow and loss. As our tears help us to face our loss, they may be replaced with the clear vision of acceptance.

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"Though lovers be lost love shall not; And death shall have no dominion."

— Dylan Thomas

By Cyrus N. Moon

Weekly Horoscope - Personalities

LIBRA - September 23-October 22 You Libras are easy to like. You make anyone you come in contact with comfortable. Venus is your planet ruler here—the goddess of love and beauty. Your symbol, the Scales, show you are a person of balance and justice. Your stone, the Opal, can bring financial success. A visit to Charleston in the U.S. or to Japan will bring adventure. Be careful, though, not to anger or disappoint them you love. Friday is your day.

SCORPIO - October 23-November 21 Intense, persistent, imaginative and emotional—these are some of your qualities. Your planet ruler, Pluto, is the ancient god of the nether world and the dead. This represents the beginnings and end phases in our life. You have a sixth sense

that works for you. You are clever with money and know how to culminate wealth. Do not use your secretiveness and jealousy to hurt others. Your stone is Topaz; it brings serenity of the mind. The color to go with is burgundy. Your numbers are 2 and 4.

SAGITTARIUS - November 22-December 21 You are ruled by the planet of fortune. You always seem to be in the right place at the right time. Jupiter, which I am speaking of, was the most important Roman god of all. He ruled the heavens. Some traits you may show are ambition, energy and freedom lover. Turquoise is your stone; it can help you attract love. If I were you I would visit Acapulco and Spain. Plant an oak tree in the yard. Your strong feelings about freedom can make people jealous and possessive.

CAPRICORN - December 22-January 19 Ambition that seems to be the goal for most goats who is a sure-footed animal. You have a motivating structure for success in the areas of money, status and authority. Saturn is your ruling planet, which governs limitations, obstacles and discipline. Your lucky day is Saturday along with numbers 2 and 8 being lucky for you. The stone that helps you attract true love and high esteem is the garnet. Secrets in your past can be used against you. A city to visit is Boston; a country, Mexico.

AQUARIUS - January 20 - February 18 Off on your own path. This is a trait for this sign. Unorthodox and original are a couple of others. After all you're ruling planet is Uranus the ancient Greek

sky god, first ruler of the universe. The planet represents change and the unexpected. Your symbol is the Water Bearer who represents the giving of life or representing life. Your stone is the amethyst, with this brings the gift of prescience. City that you should visit is Buenos Aires. Be careful of unusual situations. Electric blue is your color.

PISCES - February 19 - March 20 You are ruled by Neptune, ancient god of the sea. This installs the illusion, glamour, and mystery of this sign. Symbol is two fish tied together in opposite directions. This signifies hidden depths, shifting emotional currents. Aquamarine is your stone, which can bring serenity of the mind. You should visit Portugal and the city of Dublin. Be careful not to let drugs and alcohol be your downfall. Pisces end the circle of the signs and is believed to be a link to the spirit world. With your imagination you can make wonderful poets. Your day is Friday.

INFO—This is just the tip of the iceberg of how we perceive ourselves. There are so many formulations that make up one's character that I can write till my fingers fall off. Remember "TIME, PLACE, and DATE" will map out your own individual personality. There are many books on the subject to be read and in the near future I will be available to map out individual horoscopes. Any questions may be forwarded to the Observer. So have fun with what you read. Be aware with what's going on so you can use a better thought process in the situations that we all encounter in our lives.

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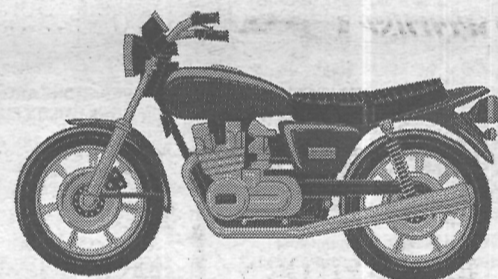
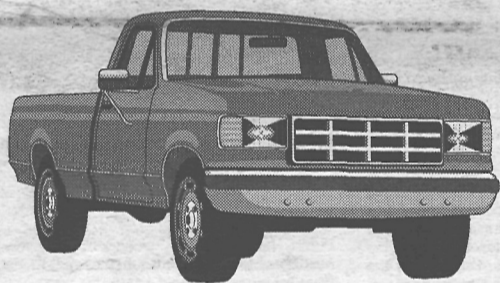
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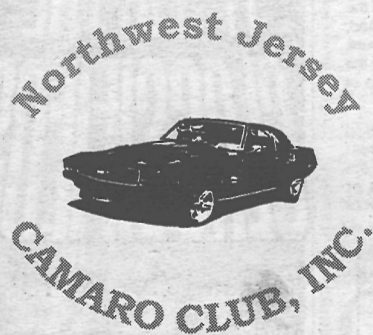
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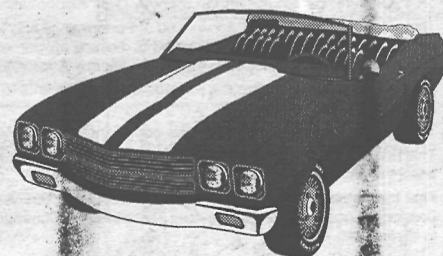
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 1999 REPORT OF AUDIT OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 1999	JUNE 30, 1998
Fund Balance Utilized	\$1,840,000.00	\$770,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other		
Than Local Property Tax Levies	7,371,763.82	7,956,758.66
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	118,736.54	674,385.12
Collection of Current Tax Levy	44,077,740.32	42,374,009.32
Total Income	53,408,240.68	51,775,153.10
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	16,869,593.26	16,988,728.31
County Taxes	7,401,502.06	6,988,977.27
Local School Taxes	26,893,413.00	26,102,593.00
Other Expenditures	9,693.60	11,549.79
Total Expenditures	51,174,191.92	50,091,848.37
Excess in Revenue	2,234,048.76	1,683,304.73
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,933,767.18	1,020,462.45
	4,167,815.94	2,703,767.18
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	1,840,000.00	770,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	\$2,327,815.94	\$1,933,767.18

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SEWER UTILITY FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 1999	JUNE 30, 1998
Fund Balance Utilized	\$175,000.00	\$
Collection of Sewer Service Charges	2,495,394.62	2,339,613.86
Miscellaneous - From Other than Sewer Service Charges	304,786.11	325,557.54
Total Income	2,975,180.73	2,665,171.40
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	2,230,574.44	2,024,080.13
Debt Service	342,923.29	353,658.66
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	24,251.46	17,262.07
Capital Improvements	150,000.00	100,000.00
Other Expenditures		1,119.35
Total Expenditures	2,747,749.19	2,496,120.21
Excess in Revenue	227,431.54	169,051.19
Adjustments to Income Before Surplus:		
Expenditures Included Above Which are by Statute, Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	100,000.00	
Statutory Excess in Revenue	327,431.54	169,051.19
Fund Balance - Beginning	180,982.14	387,930.95
	508,413.68	556,982.14
Less:		
Util. as Anticipated Revenue	175,000.00	
Util. as Anticipated Revenue - Current Fund		376,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	\$333,413.68	\$180,982.14

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SWIM POOL UTILITY FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 1999	JUNE 30, 1998
Fund Balance Utilized	\$12,682.66	\$30,000.00
Membership Income	141,936.84	150,964.12
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Rental Income	58,999.64	40,580.21
Total Income	213,619.14	221,544.33
Expenditures		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	137,811.44	146,994.84
Debt Service	57,509.61	61,030.65
Capital Outlay		19,645.42
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	27,415.56	8,844.83
Miscellaneous Expenditures		199.00
Total Expenditures	222,736.61	236,714.74
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	(9,117.47)	(15,170.41)
Adj. to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Amounts to Be Raised in Budget of Succeeding Year		20,000.00
Operating Deficit to be Raised in Budget of Succeeding Year	9,117.47	
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		4,829.59
Fund Balance - Beginning	32,669.40	57,839.81
	32,669.40	62,669.40
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	12,682.66	30,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	\$19,986.74	\$32,669.40

RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend the Following:

- That the Borough maintain and retain formal records regarding the determination of whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the fiscal year.
- That the Tax Collector continue to review all delinquent taxes to determine the status of the accounts for proper disposition.
- That interfund loan balances be cleared by cash transfers where feasible.
- That the Borough strengthen controls requiring the maintenance of permanent cash books, issuance of duplicate receipt forms and the depositing of funds collected within the 48 hour deposit/turnover rule, pursuant to Statute.
- That the Municipal Court maintain a proof of bail on deposit and properly reconcile with the computerized financial accounting and reporting system.
- That the Municipal Court perform monthly bank reconciliations on a timely basis.
- That a formal review of all Cash in Lieu of Performance and Maintenance Bonds, within the Borough Clerk's Office, be performed to ensure proper accounting and reporting, and monitoring for compliance with Developer Escrow Accounting Law.
- That the Borough centralize the management of its grants to insure full compliance with all grant program requirements.
- That overexpenditures be avoided for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- That Bond and Interest bank accounts be reconciled through June 30, 1999 and on a monthly basis thereafter and presented for audit.
- That the Borough comply with Technical Accounting Directive Number 85-2 issued by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, in all respects.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey for the fiscal year 1999. The financial data included in the summary or synopsis is presented in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Readers are cautioned that the summary or synopsis was prepared solely for the purpose of compliance with the public disclosure provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-76, and accordingly, the summary or synopsis should not be relied upon for any other purpose. The Report of Audit, submitted by Andrew G. Hodulik, Registered Municipal Accountant, is on file at the Borough Clerk's office and may be inspected by any person.

ATTEST:
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk
\$267.00

1T June 2, 2000

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 19, 2000 at 11:00 AM prevailing time in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICE SCHOOL YEAR 2000-2001

Specifications 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. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the **BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD** in an amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (NJAC 17:27 et seq) EOE, ADA

ATTEST: Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk
\$29.00 1T June 2, 2000

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 19, 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:

THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE CONTAINERS

Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. A fee of ***\$25.00*** in the form of a check payable to the Borough of South Plainfield will be required for each set of specifications. Bidders are required to comply with the Affirmative Action requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127, EOE, ADA.

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

ATTEST: Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk
\$28.00 1T June 2, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Ordinance #1337A entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1337 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR THE USE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT OUTDOOR FIRING RANGE** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, May 25, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST: Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk

\$12.00 1T June 2, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1541 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2000 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY** adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 2, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, June 22, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Mary Blue, Deputy Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The lease ordinance published herewith was introduced and adopted upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on May 25, 2000, and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Borough Council to be held at Borough Hall, South Plainfield, in said County, at 8:00 PM on June 22, 2000.

ATTEST:
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE #1541

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2000 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

MENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") is authorized to issue its bonds pursuant to the provisions of the County Improvement Authorities Law, chapter 183 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1960, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq.) (the "County Improvement Authorities Law"), and other applicable provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined to issue its revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition of capital equipment for the purposes of leasing the same to various municipalities located in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "2000 Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Municipality") has determined to participate in the 2000 Program and to lease certain capital equipment from the Authority; and

WHEREAS, there has been prepared and submitted to the Municipality the form of the Lease and Agreement (the "Lease"), to be entered into by and between the Authority and the Municipality, which Lease has been approved by the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "County") and which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, providing for the acquisition and leasing of certain items of Equipment from the Authority, which Equipment is described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. All terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms under the Lease.

NOW THEREFORE, 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. Pursuant to section 78 of the County Improvement Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 et seq., the Municipality is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and perform the Lease, which Lease provides for the leasing of certain items of Equipment acquired with the proceeds of County-Guaranteed Capital Equipment Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2000 (the "Bonds") to be issued by the Authority under a resolution of the Authority to be adopted by the Authority entitled, "Resolution of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority Authorizing the Issuance of County-Guaranteed Capital Equipment Lease Revenue Bonds" (the "General Bond Resolution"). The Lease, in substantially the form submitted herewith in Exhibit A (a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Municipality), is hereby approved with such changes, amendments or modifications as may be approved by counsel or bond counsel to the Municipality and bond counsel to the Authority and the County.

Section 2. The full faith and credit of the Municipality are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the obligations set forth in the Lease authorized by this ordinance, including without limitation, (i) all Basic Rent and Rent obligations of the Municipality under the Lease including, Authority Administrative Expenses and Additional Rent, (ii) all amounts due and owing to the County as a result of payments made by the County on behalf of the Municipality under the Lease pursuant to the County Guarantee, including County Guarantee Costs and (iii) all direct and indirect costs of the Authority and the County related to the enforcement of the Lease and the County Guarantee ((i), (ii) and (iii) collectively, the "Lease Payment Obligation"). The Lease Payment Obligation under the Lease shall be a direct, unlimited and general obligation of the Municipality, not subject to annual appropriation by the Municipality pursuant to the County Improvement Authorities Law, and unless paid from other sources, the Municipality shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Municipality for the payment of the Lease Payment Obligation thereunder without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Mayor or other Authorized Municipal Representative (as defined in the Lease) is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Lease on behalf of the Municipality in substantially such form as attached hereto in Exhibit A and the Clerk of the Municipality is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and affix the seal of the Municipality thereto and the Lease is authorized to be delivered to the Authority. All representatives, officials and employees of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to enforce and to implement provisions of the Lease.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(1) The maximum principal amount for which the Municipality shall be obligated hereunder for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds of the Authority shall not exceed the sum necessary to acquire the Municipality's Equipment described in Exhibit B which will be subject to the Lease and to pay the Municipality's share of the costs of issuance, Authority Administrative Expenses, Additional Rent, County Guarantee Costs and all other amounts required to be paid by the Municipality under the Lease.

(2) The Bonds shall mature within ten (10) years of the date of issue.

(3) The Lease Payment Obligation authorized herein shall remain effective until all the Authority's Bonds shall have been paid in full in accordance with their terms and/or when all obligations of the Municipality under the Lease have been satisfied, notwithstanding the occurrence of any other event, including but not limited to the termination of the Lease with respect to some or all of the items of Equipment leased thereunder.

(4) The items of Equipment described in Exhibit B are hereby approved to be leased from the Authority in accordance with the terms of the Lease, with such changes, amendments or modifications as may be approved by counsel or bond counsel to the Authority.

Section 4. To the extent the Municipality is an "Obligated Person" (as defined under the Rule (as

hereinafter defined)), the Municipality hereby agrees to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, including the secondary market disclosure requirements contained therein, and agrees to covenant to such compliance in the Lease. The Mayor, Clerk, Chief Financial Officer or other Authorized Municipal Representative are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, approve and "deem final" the Preliminary and Final Official Statements of the Authority to the extent the information contained therein relates to the Municipality and to execute and deliver all certificates, documents and agreements to the Authority in connection therewith and to file budgetary, financial and operating data of the Municipality on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events as required to comply with and in accordance with the provisions of the Rule.

Section 5. The Mayor, Clerk, Chief Financial Officer or Authorized Municipal Representative are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all certificates, documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the execution and delivery of the Lease, the leasing of the Equipment which is to be the subject of the Lease and all related transactions contemplated by this ordinance.

Section 6. Upon the payment of all amounts referenced in Section 3(3) herein, the full faith and credit pledge of the Municipality as to its Lease Payment Obligations authorized herein shall cease to exist.

Section 7. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption and publication in accordance with applicable law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: MAY 25, 2000

ATTEST:
MARY BLUE/Deputy Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield

\$219.00 1T June 2, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

May 25, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the South Plainfield at its meetings, held on May 16, 2000.

Case, No. 10-00-Michael & Rose Marie Joe-Block 143 Lot 6; 108 Sussex St.-Applicant's request for a front yard setback variance hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 11-00-Matthew Ross-119 Ledden Terrace, Block 152; Lot 22; R-75 Zone;-Applicant's request for side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 5-00/1-Irsl Salazar-Block 528, Lot 46.22; M-2 Zone; 107 Corporate Blvd.-Applicant's request to DISMISS was hereby GRANTED.

ATTEST:
Janice J. Muccilli
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment
\$21.00 1T June 2, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

May 25, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on May 23, 2000.

Case No. 631-Squire Corrugated Container Corp. -Block 255; Lot 28; M-3 Zone; 111 Somogyi Court-Applicant's request for preliminary site plan, with waivers, was hereby GRANTED.

Master Plan-The Planning Board APPROVED the Master Plan and forwarded the same to Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield for implementation.

Janice J. Muccilli
Recording Secretary Planning Board

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• The Board of Education reported the theft of a CPU computer tower from a school classroom. The classroom is locked at the end of each day and was locked when the theft was discovered.

• Acme Park Ave., reported an attempted shoplifting. A manager observed a suspect reaching over a display wall and stuffing cigarettes into a bag. When the manager confronted the suspect he fled out of the store leaving the merchandise behind.

• A Highland Park resident reported a theft from his vehicle. The car was parked in the lot of AJ Jersey, St. Nicholas Ave. The suspect had unsuccessfully tried to pry the passenger side lock then smashed the passenger side glass to gain entry. Removed from the car were a Panasonic CD player, 25 CDs and a cell phone. An employee of AJ Jersey reported seeing a possible suspect in the area during the approximate time of the incident.

• An Irvington resident reported the theft of her cell phone from her purse. She was at her place of employment, Bell Atlantic, Hadley Rd. at the time of the theft.

• The Board of Education reported the theft of a Kodak digital camera from the Middle School. Teacher Andrew Veiss stated that the camera had been hooked up to a computer in a locked room inside the classroom. Veiss noted that a technician from the technology department had worked on that computer sometime between May 12 and May 16. He stated that the camera was there when he left school on May 11 and was missing when he returned on May 17. He contacted the technology department but was unable to obtain any information regarding the camera.

• A New Market Ave. resident reported the theft of her wallet from her kitchen counter. She stated that she was in the shower at the time and the exterior door was unlocked and open. She noted that there was a man on the

roof working because she could hear him. She gave his name to police. She doesn't believe he took the wallet but thinks he may have seen someone. The house is owned by Harris Steel and they had a few employees cleaning up shingles.

• A Hudson St. resident reported a suspicious person at his home. A white middle-aged male knocked on his door, insisting he had an appointment. The resident told the man he had the wrong house and closed the door. The man tried to open the door but the resident locked it. The man left in a late model black Nissan Maxima.

• A Trenton resident reported his car was burglarized while parked at Flex Pax, Hadley Rd. Entry was gained by smashing the passenger side window. Twenty dollars in change was removed.

• An O'Donahue Ave. resident reported that an unknown suspect had entered her unlocked vehicle and emptied the contents of the glove box and the console. The contents were on the floor of the car. Nothing was reported missing.

• Bell Atlantic, Hadley Rd., reported the theft of 2 VCRs, 2 TVs and 2 CD players from the Bell Atlantic training facility. The items were last seen on April 16 and were noticed missing on May 8. They were reported missing to company security on May 10.

• Perth Amboy resident reported the attempted theft of her car radio from her vehicle while it was parked at Innovative Folding Carton, Durham Ave. The victim noticed that the radio had been pulled from the dashboard when she returned to her car after work.

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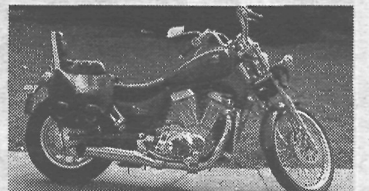
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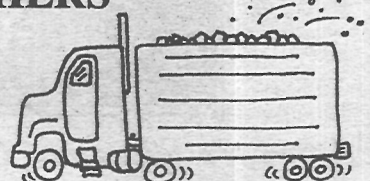
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Memorial Day Ceremonies Honor Those Who Served

South Plainfield paid tribute to veterans on Memorial Day with services in local cemeteries and at both the VFW and the American Legion. As in the past, the ceremonies were co-sponsored

by both American Legion Chaumont Post 243 and VFW Post 6763. In preparation for Memorial Day, over 2,000 flags were placed at the graves of veterans buried here.



Opening ceremonies started off at the VFW, then proceeded to the Jewish Cemetery, the Baptist Cemetery, Holy Redeemer Cemetery and Veterans Park. Closing ceremonies were held at American Legion Chaumont Post 243.

One of the largest groups participated in this year's ceremonies. It was rewarding to see so many people attend the beginning ceremonies, where the names of each local serviceman who died in World War II were named. The crowd then visited each cemetery and Veterans Park, ending up at closing ceremonies at the American Legion Hall. At each stop the crowd seemed to swell until finally totalling well over 100 at the closing ceremonies.

Afterwards, the American Legion hosted a luncheon for the large group in their newly renovated building. The American Legion has been busy over the past year making over \$100,000 in renovations to their building. Not only were improvements made inside, but the grounds outside had been spruced up for this special day.

Veterans from all branches of the service attended, many in uniform decorated with their medals. They came to honor and pay tribute to their fallen comrades. Also in attendance were Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Ed Kubala, Jim Vokral, Ray Petronko, Vinnie Buttiglieri, Police Chief Steven Merkler and Lt. Robert Bender, who was recently named Outstanding Officer of the Year.

Middle School students Pam Janizak and Joshua Jackson added a youthful touch to the ceremonies as Pam sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and Joshua played "Taps."

At each stop the group made, a prayer and a tribute was said, remembering those who had fought and died. Wreaths were laid and "Taps" was played to close the ceremonies.



During Monday's Memorial Day Ceremonies the American Legion presented a plaque to McCriskin's Home For Funerals in thanks for their contributions and support and McCriskin's presented the American Legion with an American flag. Pictured below are American Legion Commander Joseph Penyak, William McCriskin and James Guftafson. Pictured above are James Guftafson, Donald "Doc" Austin, Commander Joseph Penyak and William McCriskin.



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Sixth Graders May Stay at Riley

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entire Grant School into classes or to put on an addition, a bond referendum will have to be presented to the voters again. According to Superintendent Guy Ferri, a referendum cannot be put in front of voters until at least until July. Since many people vacation during the summer, he feels September would be a better date.

Most parents were concerned about where their children will be attending sixth grade next year. Converting some of classrooms over the summer, Grant School still won't have enough classrooms to accommodate the entire sixth grade. Parents objected to the idea of splitting up the sixth grade among Grant, Riley or the Middle schools. One parent suggested that Grant School could be used for kindergarten and first grade students.

The board said it will make a decision by their June meeting. Just about any decision the board makes will not make everyone happy.

"All options we present are terrible," said Ferri. "We want to house children, not to warehouse them."

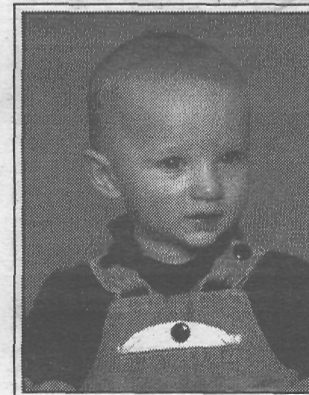
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