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## BOARD SAYS YES!

The South Plainfield Board of Education approved a plan to reconfigure Grant School as a centralized elementary sixth grade school for the 2000/2001 school year. The vote was taken at the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night.

Grant School was inspected on June 14 by officials from Middlesex County Superintendent's Of-

fice and the State Bureau of Facilities Planning and the board received temporary approval to reopen Grant as a central elementary sixth grade, contingent upon a number of modifications and upgrades. It is also contingent upon the board working toward a permanent solution for the anticipated student growth.

Sixteen teachers will be trans-

ferred from the Middle School. A principal should be announced by next week's board meeting. Approximately 324 students will be enrolled in sixth grade next year. Plans call for 12 academic classrooms and rooms for art, music and computers.

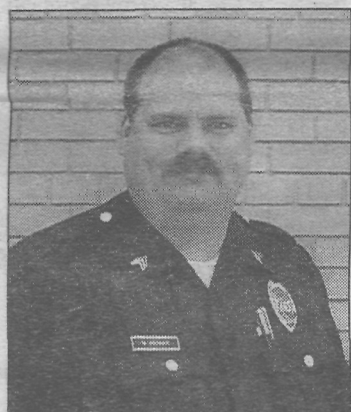
This will provide immediate relief for overcrowded conditions at the Middle School for the next

school year and beyond and it will also keep sixth graders together.

Last month the board discussed the possibility of keeping some sixth grade students in their elementary schools for one more year. Parents strongly opposed the idea, saying sixth graders would suffer emotional damage if separated and segregated from their classmates for any length of time.

Work will now begin in earnest to prepare the Grant facility for student occupancy by September, 2000. Parents of sixth graders attended an orientation meeting hosted by the middle and elementary school principals. Also on Wednesday, during school hours, the middle school staff visited the elementary school to provide students with orientation.

## Police Department Promotes Two Officers, Hires Four More



Lt. Michael Grennier



Sgt. Kevin Murtagh

Ceremonies were held at Thursday's Borough Council meeting to promote two police officers and hire four new patrolmen. Three of the new officers were hired through a new inter-governmental transfer program. The transfer program allows officers from other communities to transfer

without losing their civil service benefits.

Receiving promotions were Sergeant Michael Grennier and Detective Kevin Murtagh who move up to lieutenant and sergeant, respectively.

The four new police officers joining the South Plainfield Po-

lice Department are Daryl Strother, Robert Vega Jr., Mathew Mahoney and Michael Molinaro.

Sergeant Grennier became a South Plainfield police officer in September of 1981. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. He graduated from the Essex Police Academy and was promoted to Sergeant in 1997. Hired at the age of 18, Mike holds the record as being the youngest police officer ever hired in South Plainfield. He will head up staff services, including records, communications, training, community policing and administration.

Detective Murtagh joined the South Plainfield Police Department in December of 1988. He graduated from Edison High School and attended Middlesex County College. Kevin graduated first in his class at Somerset County Police Academy. Presently

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Councilwoman Darlene Pinto presents Art Muglia with a plaque of appreciation, on behalf of the mayor and council. Art has been involved with each phase of the restoration of the Blue Comet railcar since it arrived in South Plainfield three years ago. He has spent hours working on the railcar, recruiting volunteers and soliciting donations from businesses all over town.

### *This Weekend in South Plainfield...*

#### Ralph Nacchio to be Named Elk of the Year

The Elks Club will be honoring Ralph Nacchio as the 'Elk of the Year' at a dinner on Saturday, June 25 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elks Club on New Market Ave.

Michael's Kitchen will be catering the dinner. Anyone interested in attending should call Scott Adams at 756-1785.

## Father John Alvarado Named Sacred Heart Pastor

Father John Alvarado officially became pastor of Sacred Heart Church this week. Father Alvarado was named pastor after the death of Father Michael McGuire.

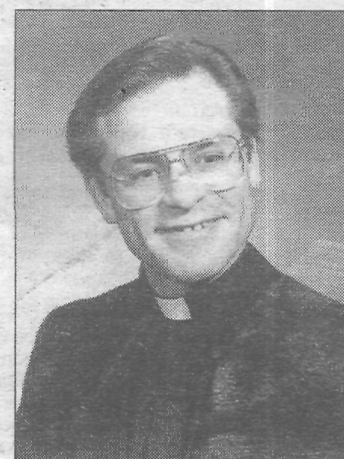
Father Alvarado will be installed in a ceremony to be held on the June 30, which is also the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The installation will be held in the church at 7 p.m. and a reception will follow in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

Father Alvarado has served as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Perth Amboy since 1996. Prior to that he served as associate pas-

tor at St. Matthew the Apostle in Edison, Immaculate Conception in Somerville and St. Mary in Perth Amboy. Parishioners in Perth Amboy are sad to see him leave and say he will be greatly missed.

Father Alvarado, one of four children, was born in Newark and attended Most Holy Rosary School in Perth Amboy, Sacred Heart School and St. Mary High School, both in South Amboy. He received a bachelor's degree in art history, with a strong background in the biological sciences from

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Father John Alvarado



Kennedy School fifth grader Stephanie Hansen is congratulated by her teacher Mr. Miller for receiving the perfect attendance award this year. In fact, Stephanie has never missed a day of school in five years at Kennedy. Congratulations!



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### council meetings

Meets twice a month

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

#### AGENDA MEETING ..... PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, 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 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

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:

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

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. 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

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

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

Committee of the Whole, August 22, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., August 29, 2000.



Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Constitution William F. Foster, Jr. spoke to the fourth graders of Roosevelt and Kennedy Schools on May 18, in a program entitled "True Tales of U.S.S. Constitution." Role playing activities to learn about life on "Old Ironsides" were enjoyed by all the children. The presentation was the result of the cooperative efforts of Catherine Loupos of Roosevelt School and Janice Urcioli of Kennedy who had previously attended a workshop, "All Hands on Deck: Learning Adventures Aboard 'Old Ironsides', at the Morris Museum to learn about the U.S.S. Constitution's 202-year career. Roosevelt and Kennedy Schools in South Plainfield were two of only five schools in New Jersey privileged to experience this program.

## In My Opinion Letters

Dear Editor,

On the weekend of June 3 and 4, the New Jersey State Special Olympics took place at the College of New Jersey in Trenton. Numerous athletes from around the state took part in the fun-filled weekend, including seven athletes from South Plainfield. These athletes put countless hours of dedication and practice into their events. The results were superior. At the end of the weekend the athletes from South Plainfield loaded the bus with nine gold medals, eight silver medals, eight bronze medals and one participation ribbon. These accomplishments are truly exceptional and South Plainfield should be proud of their athletes.

Without the heartfelt dedication of their coach, Addison Williams, the athletes would not have been able to participate, nor have so much fun. Mr. Williams ran practices in order for the athletes to be prepared for the competition. His great personality and caring manner contributed to all the athletes being relaxed and in shape for their successful weekend. I would personally like to thank Mr. Williams for his time. Even though recognition is not important to such a caring person, I feel that he should be appreciated for what he has done for the athletes of South Plainfield.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Pine for her help on the first day of events and coordinating the transportation for some of the athletes. The athletes truly appreciated your support!

Once again I would like to congratulate the athletes from South Plainfield for an exceptional job at the State Special Olympics. You are all great athletes and I was personally impressed by your dedication and talent. It was an honor to see all of you crowned champions!

SINCERELY,  
KEVIN HAJDUK, VOLUNTEER

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to address a serious and potentially deadly problem. I live across the street from Pitt Park and starting in spring it is used by the Ponytail Softball organization. Even though the numerous parents feel that the whole street belongs to them, it is tolerable and I support the activities.

My problem is with the non-organized use of the park, mainly when the older boys (teenagers) play baseball on the "B" field and/or golf. Ev-

ery year my house and my cars, which are parked in the driveway, get hit and damaged by the impact force of these balls. At times they have come only a few inches away from family members. I can only imagine what the impact force can do to someone's head.

Throughout the years I have filed numerous complaints with the police department, but the problems continue. It is a disgrace to my community when I cannot sit or play in my own yard, when I fear the safety of my wife, my children, my grandchildren, and myself. It is unacceptable that a few teenagers are forcing me out of my home. I have lived in this community for thirty years, and I have lived 24 years in this house—the house where I have raised my children and my grandchildren.

I urge the township to post rules and regulations regarding the use of the park, and in turn to enforce the

rules. I ask to evaluate better solutions to these very serious and potentially deadly problems.

Let's not wait until someone dies.  
SINCERELY,  
RESIDENT OF 651 PITT ST.

To the Editor:

The Lions Club of South Plainfield is a very special group of men. I say that not only because of the scholarship they presented to me on Awards Night at South Plainfield High School, but also because of the way they care about others, especially those with hearing problems. The Lions' concern makes it possible for others to have a better life.

Thank you, gentlemen, for helping me get started as I begin a new part of life.

SINCERELY,  
DANNY WALLISO

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Fishermen vie for prizes in last Saturday's Annual Fishing Derby at Spring Lake Park, sponsored by SP Recreation Dept. and SPHS S.A.F.T.E. Fishing Club. Prizes were awarded in each age group. Every person who caught a fish won a prize.

## Przewoznik Family Renews Metuchen Road Adoption

Joseph Przewoznik has renewed his family's adoption of the stretch of Metuchen Rd. between Itran and the former Clayton Block property, now owned by Marino/Ware. Mr. Przewoznik and his brothers have been picking up litter and trimming weeds on both sides of Metuchen Rd. for over eight years, out of concern for the safety of people who jog and bicycle along the roadside.

The family joined the Clean Business Association's Adopt-A-Spot program in 1999. The adoption

was spearheaded by Mrs. Przewoznik Evans, their mother, who has been the caretaker of the property at 341 and 345 Metuchen Rd. Mrs. Evans was not able to renew the adoption herself due to illness and Joseph has stepped in to sign the agreement with the CBA. He will be assisted in weekly cleanups primarily by his brother Jeffrey.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

### From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

We've got several news items from the South Plainfield Library this week, so let's get right to them:

First up, we'll see what's going on in the Children's department. We'll follow the usual Storytime schedule next week. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. They're for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is needed. Turning to the Summer Reading Club, registration for the club began this past Monday; you may start checking in your books this coming Monday. Finally, this month's Homeschoolers meeting is scheduled for next Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's room. Parents who homeschool their children, or are considering doing so, are welcome to attend this informal meeting. If you'd like more information about any of our children's programs, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Monday will be the last day of availability for this month's group of Circuit videos. This month's titles include *License to Kill*, *The 13th Warrior*, *Fun and Fancy Free*, *Far from the Madding Crowd*, *The Limey* and on DVD, *Star Trek: Insurrection*. Videos and DVDs can be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

You still have time to see this month's displays. Our display wall features artwork by local teen Sarah Miele, while our display cabinets feature scrapbooking materials provided by Dayel Giammarino (who led last week's scrapbooking program). After this month, though, the next displays could be provided by you. There are open spaces for both the wall and the cabinets throughout the rest of the year. If you're interested, check with Mildred Condon, who coordinates

them.

Some of our patrons have been asking about our air condition system. Considering the last couple of mini heat waves of late, with the hottest part of the summer on the way, that concern is understandable. Please be aware that we're aware of the recent problems with the A/C. Those problems are being seen to; we hope to have things working well very soon.

As we understand it, today is the last day of school in South Plainfield. (Hold your applause, kids.) But, while summer fun is certainly a priority, it's never too early to prepare for the fall. We've obtained copies of the books featured in the upcoming grade 7/8 "Battle of the Books" reading list. Due to high demand, these books only go out for two weeks. Further, again due to high demand, the book you want may be out, so be prepared to put in a reserve. The books are located next to the Large Print Circuit books.

Turning to our Summer Reading Club, this month's theme is "Cosmic Connections at the Library." The kick-off program is set for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. It's for all ages and will feature "Kids at Our House" with Danny Alderman. Please sign-up at the main desk for this program. Also, you can begin checking in books for the club on Monday.

Finally, a tip. While renewing items via our Elvis system is very convenient, there is one drawback. Elvis will inform you if your item has been successfully renewed, but it doesn't give you the new due date. Be sure to call us ASAP during regular hours to confirm the new date.

As for news from the library, the date is always the same: every Friday in the *Observer*. See you next time for more.

# southplainfieldpeople

## Milestones

### Cerami Awarded Comcast Scholarship

Jessica Cerami, student at Bishop Ahr High School, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Comcast 2000 Scholarship. Jessica is the daughter of Dennis and Michele Cerami.

Her accomplishments, academic and extra curricular, are truly impressive.

Jessica plans to attend Villanova

University. We congratulate Jessica, her family, and all the teachers and others who made this possible.

This year more than 300 worthy applicants applied for the 71 available scholarships, and the total awarded to college-bound students was \$100,000.



Jessica Cerami

### Alles Awarded Top PBA Scholarship

On June 8, David Alles represented South Plainfield at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Scholar Athlete's awards luncheon held at the Pines Manor in Edison.

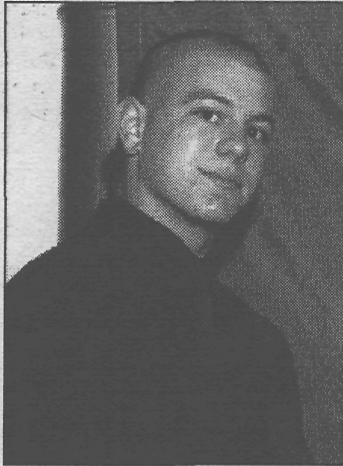
Dave is among the top students in his senior class at South Plainfield High School with a 4.5 G.P.A. and a S.A.T. score of 1500.

On June 13, Dave received the top scholarship award from the New Jersey State PBA at a luncheon held at the Shore Casino in the Atlantic Highlands. The PBA schol-

arships are awarded to senior students who have a parent who is a present or retired PBA member.

Dave also lettered in varsity track and soccer during his career at SPHS, playing fullback on the soccer team and drawing the assignment of marking the best offensive player on the opposing team.

Dave is the son of Denise and John Alles. He will be attending The College of New Jersey this fall on a full academic scholarship and plans to study law.



David Alles

### Suburban Woman's Club Awards Scholarship to Kim Lam

Kim Lam, South Plainfield High School senior, was recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield. The scholarship was presented by Mary Ann Iannitto, education and scholarship chairperson, at the May 31 SPHS awards assembly.

Kim is the daughter of Thien and Dung Kim Hua of Tremont Ave. She has three older brothers and one younger brother.

She also received a Vision 2001

scholarship and numerous awards in the literary field as well as in the fine arts program.

Kim will attend Rutgers College in the fall, taking courses in pharmacy.

The Suburban Woman's Club annually awards the scholarship to a deserving South Plainfield High School senior. The club also sponsors a high school junior to attend the annual Career Girl Institute Seminar during the month of June.



Mary Ann Iannitto of the Suburban Woman's Club and Kim Lam

### Habeeb Named Singer-Songwriter of the Year

Barbara Habeeb, general and vocal music teacher at John F. Kennedy School, whose stage name is Barbara Harley, was named New Jersey Country Music Association Female Singer-Songwriter of the Year for 1999. She was awarded a plaque in February of this year.

On Saturday nights Barbara performs with the trio *Flat, Broke and Busted* at the Publick House in Chester. Along with her teaching responsibilities, Barbara is also pursuing her songwriting career in Nashville. Her songs are currently played on WFDU-FM 89.1.



Barbara Habeeb

### Stephanie Stahlin named to the Dean's List

The School of Health Sciences at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., has named Stephanie Ann

Stahlin to the Dean's List for the Spring 2000 semester.

Stephanie, the daughter of Frank

and Barbara Stahlin, has just completed her sophomore year and is majoring in Respiratory Therapy.

### Local Student Graduates from Westminster Choir College of Rider University

Anthony Otlowski, son of Wayne and Joanne Otlowski of South Plainfield, recently received a Bachelor of Music degree from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, N.J. Anthony previously graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1995.

Located in Princeton, Westminster is a professional college of music offering a Bachelor of Music degree in music education, organ performance, piano pedagogy, piano performance, accompanying, sacred music, voice performance and theory/composition. In addition, the college has a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree program with concentrations in voice, piano, theater/

literature, psychology/sociology, religion/philosophy and arts administration.

Its graduate program offers a Master of Music degree in choral conducting, sacred music, composition, organ performance, piano

performance, accompanying and coaching and voice or piano pedagogy and performance.

Westminster is the home of the Westminster Choir, renowned as one of the world's leading choral ensembles.

The public is invited to  
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on Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m.



# Events

## American Legion Summer Fest 200

The American Legion Chaumont Post #243, located on Oak Tree Ave. will be holding a Summer Fest on Saturday, July 8 from 1 to 6 p.m.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and infants are free. Everyone is invited. Proceeds will go toward the benefit scholarship fund.

## CHATS Meeting Set for June 26

CHATS, Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support, will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, June 26, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Jane Nast, adoptive mother, president of the American Adoption Congress, adoption educator and legislative activist and her son, Dr. David Nast, Director of Disabilities at Monmouth University, will speak. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or [bo://community.ni.com/cc/chats](mailto:bo://community.ni.com/cc/chats) for information.

## 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.

## SPHS Tigers to Host Sixth South Plainfield Open

The South Plainfield Golf Association announces plans to hold the **SOUTH PLAINFIELD OPEN** on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. This is the sixth annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team.

The entry fee of \$75 includes greens fee, cart, prizes, food and beverages. There will be prizes for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin and a special hole-in-one prize.

All proceeds go to support the

activities of the High School Golf Team. Registration deadline is July 24. Tee times are assigned on a first come basis.

For more information and tee times contact Lynn Gaspari at 908-668-1867 or Dick DeAndrea at 908-755-1700. This year you can also sign up for a tee time on line or find out about the corporate sponsor programs at [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org).

## After Work Social for Single Professionals

An after work social for single professionals will be held on June 23 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at The Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Rd. in Warren. The cost is \$10 at the door and includes refreshments.

For future information, call KISMET at 908-232-8827 or at [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## 'Basics of Investing' for Singles

"The Basics of Investing: Surviving Market Volatility" will be held on June 24 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Pain Webber, 109 North Ave., in Westfield. There is ample parking. The cost is \$10 at the door and includes presentation and refreshments. Contact KISMET at 908-232-8827 or visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.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 available. Purchase at the PAL, 8:30-4:30 p.m. First come, first serve. 226-7713.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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](mailto:GGNAN@aol.com).



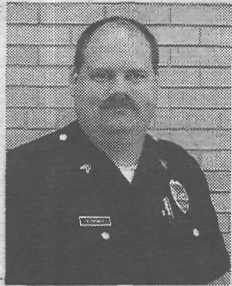
Last Saturday's activities in the downtown area included the Downtown Car Rally (above) and the dedication of the Blue Comet Railroad Car. Below Mayor Dan Gallagher cuts the ribbon for the official opening on the car.



# MICHAEL GRENNIER

## congratulations!

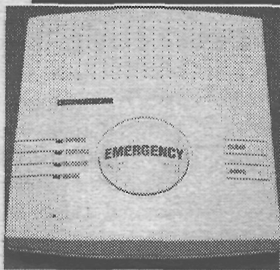
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# Congratulations South Plainfield Graduates

Each of South Plainfield's five elementary grade school's held a ceremonies promoting students to the sixth grade. Due to serious overcrowding the class of 2000 will find themselves in a class of their own come September in Grant School.

Each school held their own unique ceremony. Some schools followed traditions set years before while others sought out new ways to present the class of 2000.

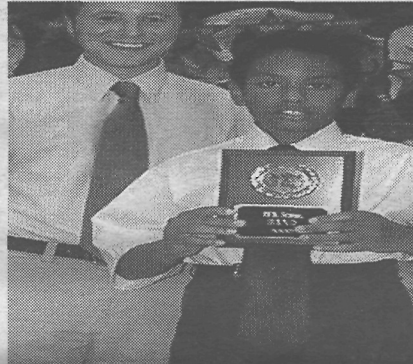
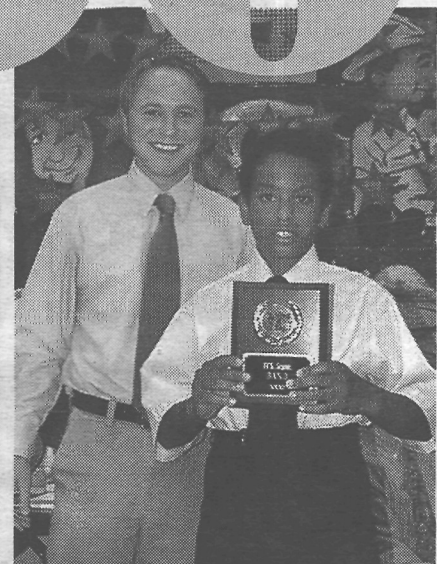
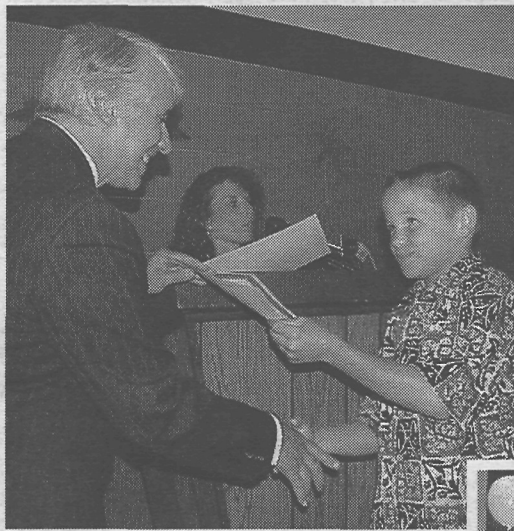
At Franklin School, poems reflecting memories and their move to sixth grade were read by several students. Students sang their school song written by music teacher Mrs. Joan Stasio, who was once a student at Franklin.

At Roosevelt a slide presentation beginning with kindergarten class photos and progressing through six years with class photos, candid school shots and family photographs.

Riley school had the traditional ceremonies. The gym was decorated with balloons and the walls were lined with each students picture and a symbol of what career they wanted to follow.

Kennedy students were given a personalized canister containing their diplomas and a tee shirt, donated by the mothers of the graduating class. Students read a special poem and presented a special book of memories to Principal Al Czech.

Sacred Heart held a special mass in the morning for the graduation class. Their graduation ceremonies were held the church and graduating certificates were presented by Father Thomas Ganley ceremonies.



## Franklin School Fifth Grade



William Ashnault  
Amber Berkowitz\*  
Paige Berkowitz\*  
Sara Brooks  
Brandee Brown  
Christopher Burke\*  
Gina Butrico\*  
Dorothy Cameron  
Angela Carney  
Melssa Carryl\*  
Anthony Cassano  
Katelyn Conrad  
Kyle Corrado  
Ryan Curtis  
Desirae Davis  
Nicholas DeSimone\*  
Harrison Donahue  
Kelly Downes\*  
Jack Duong  
Matthew Emery  
Angela Furka  
Raul Garcia

Jerold Geczy  
Robert Gentile  
Crystal Ghanem †  
Nicholas Giannakis  
Erick Gonzalez  
Amber Hartman  
Jessica Hill †  
Cassandra Hoffman\*  
Nicholas Hogan\*  
Sara Holbrook\*  
Trucly Huynh  
Steven Joaquim  
Tovannai Kelly  
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Hannah Levine  
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Marjorie Restrepo

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Caylee Ross  
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Ceaphas Stubbs  
Toan Tran  
Cherise Turner  
Anthony Valle  
Sean Walsh\*  
Tianna Ward  
Britanie Wong\*  
Alyssa Woodel  
Ashley Woodel

Thomas E. Lenahan Memorial Award to  
Susan Mott and Sean Walsh

\* Presidential Academic/Fitness Award

† Presidential Outstanding Improvement Award



# John E. Riley Fifth Grade

# Congratulations Graduates



## Mrs. Elster's Class

Kimberly Barletta\*  
Stephanie Bartalvi  
Samantha Bowser †  
Megan Boyle  
Ryan Bovee †  
Jesse Butynski †  
Jeffrey Cianfrocca  
Lauren DiFrancesco  
Alexandra Fodor †  
Frank Fugazzi\*  
Michael A. George †  
Carolina Guardado  
Jennifer Herrera  
Fred Hooks  
Jason Joy  
Benjamin Milcarek  
Travis Noll †  
Leslie Quichua\*  
Stephen Parelo\*  
Kelly Piwowar †  
Heather Prokopiak †  
Tabitha Ramnath  
Jessica Rousseau †  
Michael Troia †  
Lauren Vanderhelm

## Mrs. Gaffney's Class

Julianne Bosse\*  
Derika Catalano  
Louis DeLosSantos  
Tina DeStefano  
Matthew Doell †  
Jessica Flood-Crisitello †  
Melissa Franzson †  
Michale J. George †  
Matthew Gigantino\*  
Ronald Guancione  
Matthew Krupit  
Christine Lanza\*  
Jennifer Little †  
Samuel Martin †  
Nicole Mathew †  
Kyle Mathews  
Robert Mather  
Jennifer Mocerino  
Krista Natale  
Phy Nguyen\*  
Justin Panzarella †  
Nicole Scott  
Christopher Stallone\*  
Gary Stark †  
John Sullivan  
Jessica Vasquez\*  
Brian Wieckowski †

## Miss Matticola's Class

Ryan Egan\*  
Karla Dubon  
Stephanie Falzarano  
Ryan Fredericks\*  
Nicole Freitas †  
Kimberly Galinsky\*  
Crystal Gorman †  
Matthew Gross †  
Meghan Hartmann  
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Sherif Moharam †  
Katheryn Noonan\*  
Robert Parillo  
Karla Reyes\*  
David Sangster  
Maria Soto †  
Michael Stallone\*  
Geovana Toca  
Lina Toca

\*President's Award for Educational Excellence

†President's Award for Educational Improvement 2000

# Roosevelt School Fifth Grade

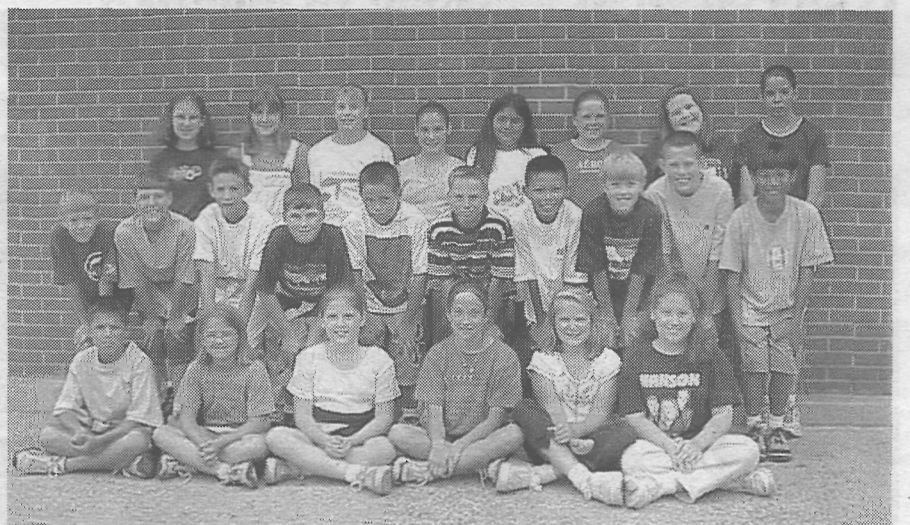


Mrs. Allen's Class—Michelle Alcantara\*, Michelline Anim †, Angela Benko, Kiran Budhan\*, Amit Chandler\*, Zakiya Clarke\*, Rebecca Dacchille, Bryant Draper, Thomas Deschaine, Angelica Hebreo\*, Leticia Johnson, Kasandra Joyner, Brittanni Kennedy\*, Garrett Lake, Richard Le, Phuong Le\*, Yazmine Muno, Viridiana Rivas, Esteban Rodriguez †, Daniel Sambat\*, Abdussami Sheikh\*, Shawn Smith, Sabrina Tantillo, Joseph Turrise\*, JaLisa Williamson †, Chaz Wrobel



Miss McGrath's Class—Joseph Attanasio, Nicole Benak\*, Christopher Bizup\*, Stacie Carrasca\*, Jonathan Clary, Kamal Darji, Charles Decker\*, Diane Dimayuga †, George Doyle\*, Mark Hankiewicz, Samantha Horvath, Brieana Jennings, Jillisa Jones\*, Alan Maglaque, Dale McCook\*, Jessica Montuori, Anthony Moretti\*, Denise Nazario, Aarti Patel\*, Jenna Pein\*, Joseph Pope, Love-E Raynes, Christina Schuetz †, Alex Zeccardo

\*President's Award; †Outstanding Effort



Mrs. Frederickson's Class—Justin Basilone, Caitlyn Brindley\*, Michelle Butrico, Ashleyanne Chosney\*, Samantha Cihanowyz\*, Dana DeCillis\*, Nicholas Dorey\*, Kayla Eckel, Lauren Frazzano\*, Samantha Gaughan †, Cagney Gonzalez †, Daniel Hubner\*, Bryan Hunt\*, Michael Jakubik\*, Andrew Keraga\*, Shannon Kertes, Marissa Kline\*, Brittany Marino\*, Breanna Miyasato\*, Brittany Moloughney, Julian Pantaleon †, Christopher Pollin\*, Trevor Rastelli\*, Christopher Stoeckel\*, Dean Tuwaidan



Mrs. Martin's Class—Karylann Baker\*, Arun Balkaran, Kevin Bolivar, Courtney Breland †, John Carigma\*, Adam Cruz †, Joseph Cupo\*, Ashlee Cybulski\*, Krystal Dougherty, Samantha Fiore\*, Padmani Itwaru †, Alexander Kress\*, Shalini Mangra, Heather Martin\*, Melvin Martinez, Thomas McCullen, Domingo Orellana, Martily Ramagado\*, Stephen Richard, Jessica Ruiz, Heather Thalheimer, Luisa Velez



# John F. Kennedy Fifth Grade *Congratulations Graduates*



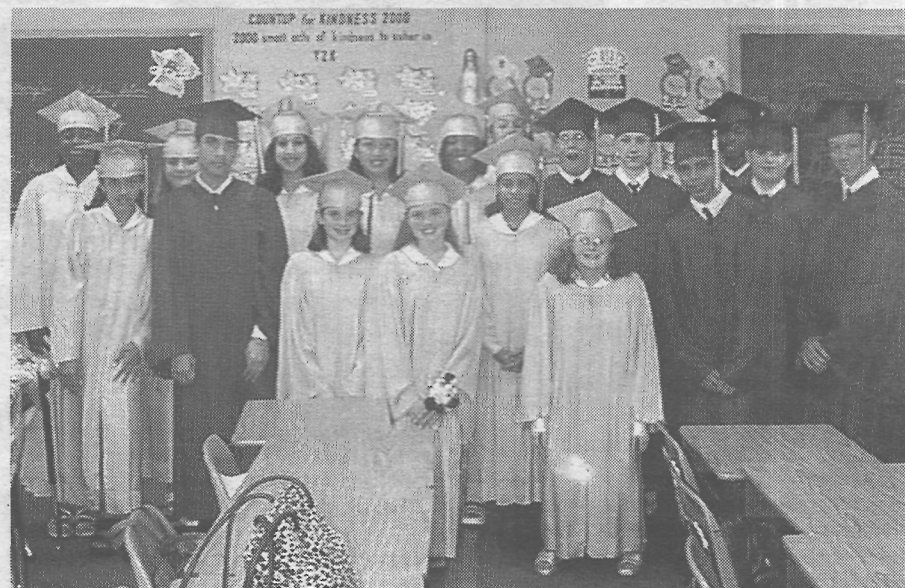
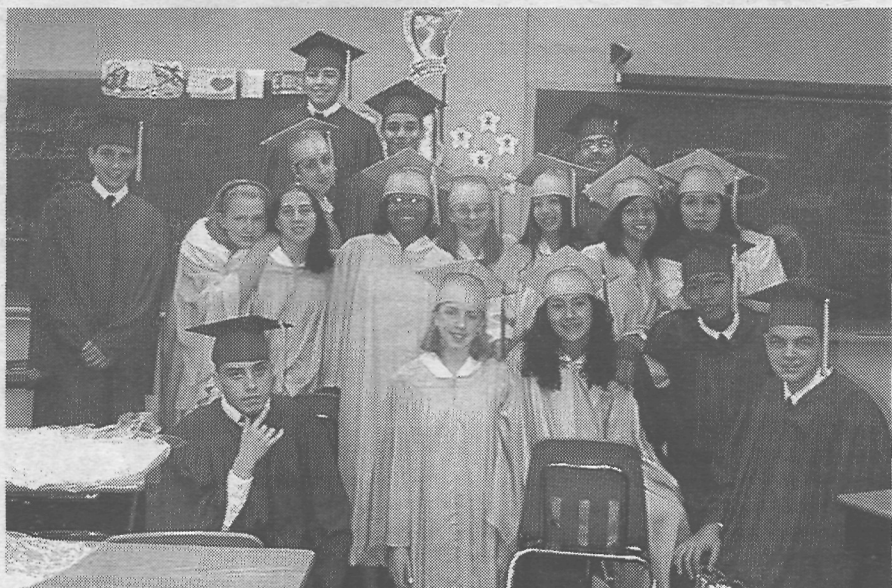
Quran Ali  
David Alston  
Nicholas Baldassarre\*  
Sean Battison  
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Stephanie Brizak  
Melissa Budhan  
Dana Cacciatore\*  
Cynthia Carlson  
Michael Carney  
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Samantha Corveleyn  
Kristina Cursi  
Kathryn D'Aleo  
Jenna DeLillo  
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Kathleen Eder\*  
Anthony Ettore  
Matthew Fabino\*

Lauren Fry\*  
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Jennifer Garzon  
Ashleigh Gaspari\*  
Garrett Gianneschi\*  
Samantha Granski\*  
Stephanie Hansen  
Dondray Hardin  
Katie Hardy\*  
Amanda Harzula  
Britney Hollaway  
Danielle Hunt  
Barney Johnson\*  
Maxwell Johnston  
Gauri Joshi  
Rebecca Keller  
Devin Kile\*  
Charles Loiacono  
John Lopez  
Philip Luzny  
Jaliz Marrero  
Joy Maszczak  
Stephanie Mazurak

Kory McGovern  
Tricia Merryman  
Ryan Miller\*  
Jacquelyn Miller  
Chintan Mody  
Sampson Nguyen  
Brittney O'Brien  
Nicholas Pasquale\*  
Sonali Patel  
Justin Pauls  
Elizabeth Pisack  
Jessica Ranger  
Selene Rayho\*  
Tiffany Roth  
Kyla Rouse  
Kimberly Russell\*  
Joseph Scarpitto\*  
Lori Sepkowski\*  
Rohanda Sharbash  
Steven Tran  
Alexandra Viscosi\*  
An Vo  
Timothy Williams

\* Presidential Award Winners

## Sacred Heart School Graduates



Jessica Arisniendi  
Alexander Edward Barletta  
Kimberly Brana  
Marisa Campanaro  
Mario Campo  
Shaun M. Casey  
Danielle Patrice Counts  
Alexander Cruz

Claudino A. Cruz  
Kelly Anne Daley  
Kimberly Ayne Daniels  
Angela Maria Garzon  
Kaitlyn Gregory  
Christopher Grzan  
Salvatore Gullace  
Nicole Roxanne Gutierrez

Tyson Jerome Johnson, Jr.  
Raymond Peter Kardos  
Matt Kopf  
Katie Marie Lang  
Kristina Josephine Latonio  
AndresR. Campos-Marquetti  
Stefeny Vanesa Medina  
Shakira Mitchell

Aileen Bridget Monroe  
Micielle R. Najjuma Musoke  
Tiffany Dawn Ogradnik  
Marsia Anina Palma  
Saniqua Chanel Pitt  
Megan L. Polifka  
Jessica Anne Regenye  
Valerie Rojas

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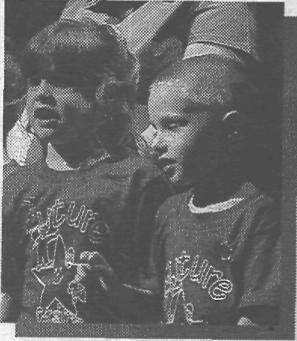


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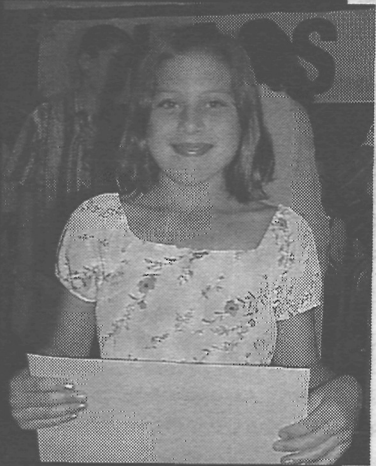
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## South Plainfield Police Trading Cards Available

The South Plainfield Police Trading Card Program is underway. Officers participating in the program will begin distributing their trading cards to borough children. Starter packs of cards will be distributed to elementary school children, who then can complete their sets by approaching officers or visiting police headquarters. Those who collect the full set will be given prizes.

The purpose of the program is to provide a reason for children to approach officers. They will be asking officers for their cards in order to collect the full 30-card set. This provides an opportunity for both the children and officers to initiate conversation and establish a positive rapport which will encourage children to approach any officer for advice or help in the

future.

Each officer is provided with 1,000 cards for distribution. The cards are paid for by local businesses, who sponsor the officers. The officer's photograph and name appears on the face of the card. The back of the card lists the officer's biography, a personal message or safety tip and the sponsor's name.

The *Observer* has a limited supply of the Sgt. Michael Grennier's card and will distribute them on a first-come basis.

Throughout the summer, there will be card signings at various locations that will be announced at a later date. Any questions regarding the program may be directed to Lt. John Ferraro at (908) 226-7681 or by leaving a message at (908) 226-7822.



American Legion Post #243 2000-2001 officers.

## American Legion Installs 2000 Officers

Last Saturday American Legion Post #243 held their 2000-2001 Installation Dinner. The dinner was attended by many American Legion members.

Guests included Councilman Ed Kubala, who spoke of the many things the Legion does for this community, such as the picnics, scholarships, veterans and memorial services. He also noted the many improvements that the Legion has made to their building both inside and out. They received the Glitter Award for all of their work. They are still in the process of renovating another section to be used for parties. Also attending were the two Republican candidates running for council, Dave Guoth and Edward Lyons.

Outgoing Commander Joe Penyak presided as master of ceremonies. He officially handed over the gavel to the 2000-2001 Commander Donald 'Doc' Austin. This is the fourth time 'Doc' Austin has held the office of Commander at the American Legion. This is the first time someone has served the post four times.

Other officers installed for the 2000-2001 were Vice Commanders-Louis A. DeFillipo, Joseph McConville, Al Mateyka and Tony Mann; Finance Officer-John E. Blanchard; Sargeant-at-Arms-Louis R. Dauber; Adjutant-Richard A. Magri, Jr.; Service Officer-Michael Peterscak; Chaplain-John F. Roser; Judge Advocate-Edward J. Santoro, Jr. and Bar Chairman-Joseph T. Penyak.

Members of the executive board are William C. Ruha, Fred Bladon, Jr., Lou Dauber, Joseph T. Penyak, Donald L. Austin, John E. Blanchard, Richard A. Magri Jr., John F. Roser and Leonard G. Rowlands.

Dinner and decorations were supplied by the Legion's Women's Committee and the buffet dinner was catered by Beth Austin and Brenda Richman.



Outgoing Commander Joe Penyak hands over the gavel to the 2000 Commander Donald 'Doc' Austin.

## "Summer Miracles" Brings Children to US

Approximately 175 children will be arriving in New York, Dallas, Seattle and various cities around the United States starting on July 1. These children are part of a group of 250 children from Eastern European orphanages who will be staying in 34 cities across the U.S. this summer, living with families and attending day camp with American kids.

"Although this may look like a typical foreign exchange program, it is much, much more," explained Kidsave International Founder and adoptive mother, Terry Baugh, "We want to help take the fear and risk out of adopting an older child by letting people experience how these kids can enrich their families and by giving parents a chance to love, help and parent an abandoned child.

Research has shown that children are healthier — physically, emotionally and developmentally — when they grow up in a family setting and our goal is to find each child a permanent family before the summer ends."

The children, who range in age from five to eleven, live in orphanages in Russia and are all legally available for adoption. "Summer Miracles" is sponsored by Kidsave International and seventeen adoption agencies around the country. In New Jersey, the "Summer Miracles" program is co-sponsored by Rainbow House International adoption agency.

Approximately 30 children will be arriving in the New Jersey/New York area starting in early July. Some families hosting are interested in adopting the children

themselves, while others are not interested in adopting, but are hosting them as "advocates" and will introduce them to families who may want to adopt.

What makes the "Summer Miracles" program unique, according to Kidsave Executive director Randi Thompson, is its mission to place older children in permanent homes. "People love to adopt babies, but they are often afraid of the unknowns and challenges they will face if they adopt an older child," said Thompson. "Our Summer Miracles program gives families a chance to meet and get to know these kids, to see and evaluate firsthand the challenges and rewards of adopting an older child."

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### Ryan Woods Wins Scouting Award

Boy Scout Ryan Woods was presented with the 'God and Country Award' on June 5 at Linden United Methodist Church. Ryan is a scout with Troop 124 in South Plainfield.

## Summit Bank Held Up by Lone Bandit

Last Thursday, June 15 at about 2:30 p.m., Summit Bank located on the corner of Park and Oak Tree was robbed by a lone bandit.

The bandit was described as a black male, approximately 6'2", stocky build, wearing an orange vest and orange hat. The suspect entered the bank, approached a teller and passed a note demanding money. The teller gave him an undetermined

amount of currency. The suspect then walked out of the bank. No vehicle was observed.

The South Plainfield Police Department and the FBI are jointly investigating the robbery. There were no injuries as a result of the robbery.

If anyone has any information that may aid this investigation, they should call the South Plainfield Police Department at (908) 755-0700.

## Nguyen Chosen as Suburban Woman's Club Delegate

Jane Nguyen, South Plainfield high school junior, has been chosen by the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield to be their delegate. Nguyen will be attending the citizenship seminar, known as Career Girls Institute, for several days at Douglass College, New Brunswick.

She will be able to hear speakers discuss career choices and related topics of interest to high school students. A crafters workshop and recreational activities

will also be available to attending students.

Miss Nguyen will be a guest speaker for the Suburban Woman's Club at their Sept. 7 meeting in the American Legion Chaumont Post located on Oak Tree Rd. She plans to discuss her experiences at the seminar as well as the programs and activities in which she will have participated. Chairwoman for the Career Girls' Institute is MaryAnn Iannitto, education chairperson for the SWC.

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26th day of June, 2000 at 10:30 am  
In the Court Room at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ

expose for sale the several parcels of land hereinafter specified to make the amount chargeable against said lands respectively together with interest on that amount to the date of sale and including costs of sale.

The said lands will be struck off and sold to such person as will purchase the same

subject redemption at the lowest rate of, but in no case in excess of eighteen (18) per cent per annum. The payment for the sale shall be made in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 237, PL. 1918 and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), The Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial State Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1k-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

Parcels are to be sold subject to rollback taxes under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964, improvement assessment installments not yet due and any omitted or added

assessments for improvement as provided in N.J.S.A. 54:1-63.2 and 54:4-63.3.1.

Any said tract of land may be redeemed before the sale by the payment of the amount due thereon to date of such redemption including the interest and costs to such date.

The names shown are as they appear in the tax duplicate and do not necessarily mean that the parties are the present owners of the property.

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3	4		CHARLES, ENOCK & JOSEPHINE	150.20 S
3	6		FORDE, PHILIP & JESSIE	2,223.69 T
3	23		BANKERS TRUST CO. OF C.A., N.A.	238.89 S
3	37		WERSIUS, EDWARD	906.25 T
3	38		WERSIUS, EDWARD A.	2,423.89 TS
5	7		MUSA, LINDA & DIANE	241.36 S
7	4.01		GATEAU, JEAN & MARCELLE	2,637.70 T
7	16.02		SANCHEZ, RUBEN & YOLANDA	246.24 S
7	25		NELSON, JAHMAL	990.80 T
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7	59		SCHOTT, DAVID & DIANE	1,053.20 T
7	63		POWELL, WINSTON & CINDY O	241.36 S
7	66		PEDERSEN, ALVIN C & SHIRLEY A.	1,027.62 T
8	2		CICCIA, BARBARA	150.20 S
9	16		ARMAND, EDWIDGE & JEAN M.	1,044.70 T
9	19		HERNANDEZ, JAIRO E. & ANTONIO	2,543.34 TS
10	4		PHIFER, BETTY M. C/O TAYLOR	1,348.46 TA
12	21		HENSPERGER, THOMAS & DEBRA	3,865.20 TS
14	4		TACKACH, DOUGLAS & JANET	1,112.16 T
14	19		ZITSCH, ROBERT W. & COLLEEN V.	150.20 S
14	39		IACULLO, LUCILLE	134.48 T
14	41		NEWMAN, WILLIAM J.	882.30 T
15	2		GHIGLIOTTI, MIGUEL A. & BARBARA L.	150.20 S
15	12		MORETTI, FREDERICK K & JUDITH	241.36 S
15	13		ANTHONY, MILTON JR & ARLINE	1,520.67 T
16	15		CAMPBELL-WRIGHT, MARCIA S.	150.20 S
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22	4		BROWN, THEODORE C. & ROBIN L.	150.20 S
24	7		HUNTER, DAVID M. & TERESA A.	1,094.25 TS
24	38		GENTILE, ELLEN M. & ROBERT J.	1,039.33 T
25	8.03		PICARD, VICTOR & MARIA	1,131.60 T
25	13		NOLTY, RICHARD F SR & CAROL N	239.26 S
32	3		MOREIRA, DEBRA & FERNANDO	239.38 S
36	9		LARKIN, LORI T.	238.89 S
37	9		DIPASQUALE, PHYLLIS	986.47 A
38	10		MAKAREWICZ, GEORGE & BETTY L.	1,454.73 T
38	20		ESPOSITO, JOANNE	7,316.11 TS
40	2		BURNS, RICHARD C.	241.36 S
42	11		COLVIN, FRANK JR & KAREN	3,895.75 TS
51	2		CISZ, HARRY F & STELLA	910.25 T
54	4		SANCHEZ, ROSARIO B. & RENE	238.89 S
57	4		MOORE, MICHAEL J. & TOWANA	245.95 S
57	21		PARADES, EDDY R.	954.80 T
58	15		GERACITANO, BERNARDINE & MARY	230.68 T
61	25		SHARMA, NANDINI	894.53 T
65	8		SEFEROGU, ALI	1,506.31 TS
65	16		FOX, MARK W.	1,326.46 T
71	13		HALLSTORCK, PAMELA	150.20 S
72	1		CASAIN, CARMEN S. & JOSEPH A.	239.41 S
75	1		VEDUTIS, WILLIAM & DEBORAH	679.41 T
75	11		YERMAN, EMIL A.	3,370.59 TS
81	11		WILHELM, RICHARD W. & SYLVIE D.	227.39 S
82	13		STRAZ, FRANCIS M. & LISA M.	245.65 S
90	1		WOODS, GAIL F.	1,175.19 T
97	12		RIVERA, JR., OCTAVIO & CEBALLOS, DEBORAH	113.56 TS
101	1.01		PARK AVE. DINER REALTY, LLC	4,146.49 TS
101	5		SEVERINI, SALVATORE & LOUISE	1,130.23 TS
109	18		PHILLIPS, PATRICIA & ROSEANNE M.	241.36 S
114	2		CABELL, COLLEEN M.	150.20 S
118	1		MADINAH, ALONZO & QAYYIMAH	1,383.64 T
120	7		WILSON PAUL R & TONYA P.	2,030.47 T
121	2		FONTI, RICHARD C.	150.20 S
121	10		STEINMANN, R. E. & LAURER, B. A.	919.65 T
122	11		LEE, KYU SUN & NAM HEE	150.20 S
122	37		MOSIER, WILLIAM & CLAIRE	1,988.75 T
122	77		PAULS, SAMUEL J. & HEIDI H.	241.36 S
122	78		BARRY, JAMES P. & DEBORAH A.	239.60 S
128	33		BOFFA, SAL J. & ALICE R.	995.63 T
128	38		NGUYEN, THANH V. & DANG, DUNG T.	875.28 T
136	2		HETTMANN, PETER J. & ELIZABETH	150.20 S
136	12		COOPER, GERARD A. & ELAINE P.	242.48 S
136	20		CARY, JERRY L. & SHARON	531.48 T
137	7.03		ARMSTRONG, DIANE E.	4,733.80 TS
137.02	18		SMITH, RAYMOND	160.12 S
139	20		GUERRON, JUAN H. NESTOR & MORA, CARL	238.89 S
140	9		LECHOWSKI, EDWARD & KAROLE	1,007.54 T
144	12.01		HEINE, RUSSELL & MARY LOU	1,152.78 T
145	10		THE SEC OF VETERN AFFAIRS	830.24 T
146	14		DONNELLY, JOHN J.	111.65 S
147	5		KELLER, MARY	1,009.98 TS
147	8		FOSCOLO, JOHN A. & ELYNE	241.36 S
147	9.01		RAMOS, JULIO & CECILIA	982.43 T
148	13		DRYJA, JOSEPH J. & DARLENE A.	238.89 S
148	27		HUMBER, DENISE C.	3,444.16 TS
149	26		FREDERICKSON, MATH. JR. & DECKER, EL.	246.33 S
151	12		SMITH, GARY & LISA	941.40 T
153	12		WAGNER, HARRIET A.	3,157.40 T
154	1		GIANNAKIS, ERNIE J. & LINDA J.	149.27 S
157	6		GRASSI, THOMAS J. & JANET M	1,971.76 T
161	11		SEIGEL, STEVEN & JO ANN	239.64 S
164	8		AIELLO, DANIEL & LAURA	1,159.88 T
164	18		COLLINA, ARLINE & THOMAS	3,929.63 T
166	13		MUNOZ, TEODULO & CLIA & GERMAN	821.71 T
167	11		MAINO, KENNETH A. & LAURA F.	151.95 S
169	5		HEACOCK, ROBERT S. & MARLENE A	1,111.14 T
169	7		VASQUEZ RAMOS, NANCY	906.20 T
170	9		CONRAD, RUSSELL K. & LISA A.	238.89 S
170	34.01		CONTERAS, ROBERT & WENDY	1,016.74 T

Block	Lot	Qual	Owner Name	Amount
172	30		CURTIS, ROLAND T. & SALLY	3,887.40 TS
174	17		GITTO, ROBERT	2,041.82 T
182	4		HONDO, RICHARD & LINDA S.	238.89 S
184	5		CASEY, PAMELA & JOSEPH	150.20 S
188	9		GARCIA, ADRIEN F. & CLEODILDE	1,086.22 T
188	60		STELLAKIS, JOHN & EILEEN	1,656.51 T
189	11		GRAVES, GEORGE & MARIE H	2,188.37 TS
191	6		ARMSTRONG, CHARLES E.	238.89 S
192	4.01		CHURCH-PEOPLES BAPTIST	468.60 T
193	6		ROSEMONT EQUITIES	150.20 S
193	12		MOORE, JAMES G. & SHARON D.	911.63 T
193	14		CAGA, JOHN & BOWKER, MICHELLE	341.13 T
194	9		MOSS, ROBERT & KATHERINE	3,252.44 TS
195	26		HEILMAN, JAMES L. & BARBARA A.	1,661.93 T
195	53		GONZALEZ, CARLOS M. & JENNIFER D.	154.64 S
198	8		MEJIA, JAIME & GLORIA	846.82 T
198	16		BERSIN, GARY & BERNADETTE	150.20 S
199	3		HEYBOER, HOWARD S.	750.56 T
199	7		HENAO, JAIR & DIANETTE	239.30 S
200	10		ROSSI, ALBERT R. & PATRICIA K	814.17 T
200	23		ZERECONSKI, DONNA	150.20 S
201	55		BUCKLEW, JAMES F.	5,143.31 TS
203	7		URIBE, RAMON & MARIA & BUILES, J	150.20 S
211	2.02		SLOAN, JAYNE A.	973.22 T
214	9		PALITTO, ROSS & CAROLYN	238.89 S
222	1		KIR OAK PARK LP P.O. 5020	156.27 S
222	5.03		HARRISON, MICHAEL	8,085.23 T
222	26		ETTORE, REGINA	8,034.30 TS
225	1		WILLIAMS, TIFFANY M. & PHYLLIS	241.36 S
227	16		MATTICOLA, JOSEPH J. & CHARLOTTE J	1,191.36 T
229	52		CROWE, MILDRED G. C/O ROBERT	711.21 T
231	5		SCALISI, JOSEPH & MARILYN F	76.96 S
233	11		HOH, ANTONIA J.	150.20 S
234	43		THOMAS, PETER & JACQUELINE	238.89 S
238	11		MASTER, JOHN & LEONE W	2,226.08 T
238	24		STAFFIN, ARTHUR S. JOYCE	1,163.23 T
242	13		WILLIAMS, MARVIN B. & ALMA D	1,220.59 T
244	14		STEELE, AMZIE	424.86 A
249	35		AMERICAN LEGION/CHAUMONT POST #243	615.63 T
249	71		COPPOLA, JOHN N. & POLIDORI, BARBARA A	969.87 T
249	75		KOUSOLIS, THEODORE P. & ROSEMARIE	926.72 T
254.01	16		VYAS, PANKAJ	2,075.94 T
254.02	1		WORRELL, SAMUEL A. & LINDA C.	920.56 T
254.02	7		EVANS, JR., WILLIAM C. & LINDA A.	241.36 S
254.02	12		JOHNSON, WILLIAM & CHARLOTTE	132.69 T
254.02	15		MURTAGH, JOSEPH J. & SUSAN W.	2,065.77 T
254.03	3		CANES, RAYNARD & BETTY	2,526.76 T
254.03	4		LEO, STEVE & JACEY T.	4,701.97 TS
254.03	9		CRAWFORD, MINNIE	1,228.71 TS
254.04	8		MENSAH, JOSEPH & DORCAS	241.36 S
255	13.01		P.S.M. REALTY, L.L.C.	29,251.66 TS
255	13.03		ANGLIN CONSTRUCTION CO.	5,931.72 T
255	23.02		STEWART, RBT.C. C/O AMER. ST. ERECTOR	2,848.65 T
255	28		SQUIRE CORRUGATED CONTAINER CORP.	139.60 S
255	33		ABRAMSON, JACK & OLIN, MARTHA A.	18,282.04 T
256	1		D S C OF NEWARK CORP.	115,632.05 S
256	5		CISZ, HARRY & STELLA	3,217.71 TS
260	11.01		BHIRO, JAMES & BADEWATTIE	235.40 S
261	2		BAYMAN, D. & E.	2,459.71 TS
262	5		CAREY, STEVEN	2,784.69 T
262	6		CAREY, SR., STEVEN	3,511.71 T
263	4		LAGUNA, MONA E.	156.27 S
264	1.01		HALL, DAVID & ROSE M. C/O WHITE STAR	119.04 S
265	13		KENSINGTON PROPERTIES LLC	2,891.10 TS
265	22		SOUTH PLAINFIELD LIQUOR STORE INC	1,887.26 TS
266	6		CASSETTA, R.A. & GIFFORD, V.H.	10,257.17 TS
269	10		KONYA, CHERYL & RON R.	764.82 TS
270	5		PENDER, ELIZABETH ANN	1,027.09 TS
276	2		BROWN, OLIVER & CARRIE	157.07 T
276	3		DE MARTINO ET UX THOMAS	410.36 T
276	4		CHERNYK, WILLIAM & ALEXANDRA	157.07 T
276	8		COHEN, GUSTAVE	326.11 T
276	10		CHERNYK, WILLIAM & ALEXANDRA	643.41 T
277	10		HESSINGER, MARIA C. & LORNA MAE	1,881.59 T
279	3		PATRUSEVICH, BRIAN D. & SUZANNE D.	239.00 S
280	10		BARCA, JOHN G.	235.40 S
281	6		LA SPINA, JAMES F.	698.66 T
282	27		PURI, CHESTER	908.44 TS
282	30		FYFFE, WILLIAM J. & CATHERINE J	238.89 S
282	78		MOSIER, JAMES R. & MAUREEN A.	244.02 TS
282	79.02		PASCUAL, JOSE & FRANCESCA	84.55 S
282	82		LOPEZ, ANGEL B. & GLORIA C.	925.31 T
284	5		PORCHETTA BROTHERS	4,420.23 T
285	6		CHARLESTON, MELVIN SR. & JACQUELINE	77.18 S
286	7		LEMMO, JOSEPH JR.	831.24 T
300	1.01		CARSAN REALTY, INC.	4,264.16 T
306	1		NAGY, JOHN & INGE	4,297.57 T
308	6		CRISAFULLI, JR., FRANK A. & CAROLE J.	1,182.53 T
308	8		CRISAFULLI, JR., FRANK A. & CAROL J.	2,111.51 T
308	17		AN ANGEL'S TOUCH, PHILLIPS, N	571.45 T
308	25		MIELE, BARBARA A.	1,801.46 TS
308	30.04		GLEN GALYA, INC.	957.64 S
308	41		HMIELESKI TRUCKING CORP	46,897.17 TS
311	9		BLACK, MICHAEL P. & DENISE L.	1,434.44 T
313	14		BEHARRY SINGH, MARGARET	4,597.59 TS
314	12.03		CHO, YONG-UN & HYONSUR	4,017.58 TS
315	25		PENDOLINO, EUGENE & MARGARET	670.84 T
315.02	5 C0002		JANOWICZ, STEVEN	91.47 S
317	2		FERNANDEZ, ERIC & ADA	884.10 T
319	1		LEIGHTON, ROBERTA D.	760.55 S
319	3		ORTIZ, MARK J.	238.89 S

Block	Lot	Qual	Owner Name	Amount
319	11.02		CISSON, GREGORY J.	150.20 S
322	2.01		WELLS, JILL ANN	989.96 T
324	3		BENSON, HAROLD & ALETA	1,772.48 TS
328	11		CALLAND, BEVERLY P.	150.20 S
332	8		MURRAY, MICHAEL	1,197.75 T
336	1.03		MAZZEI, MICKEY R.	239.11 S
336	2		ALVAREZ, MARGARET T. & MERCEDES A.	789.18 TS
337	7		HOGAN, WILLIAM	150.20 S
337	12		CHAVARRIAGA, AUGUSTO & EDILMA 1	,011.72 T
337	13		RUIZ, JULIO C. & IRIS	412.78 S
338	5		DURFEE, RICHARD & BARBARA	2,109.33 TS
341	8		DI GIAN LAND & DEVELOPMENT CO, INC	363.70 T
341	9		CAMPBELL, JOHN C.	316.51 T
342	1		HOWELLS, PAUL A. & DEBRA A.	241.36 S
343	7		KOZIEL, BERNARD J. & JOAN H	9,492.83 TSA
365	18		GEIS, MARINA	152.89 T
367	2.06		MOCCI, ANTHONY	741.27 T
367	2.07		ANTHONY MOCCI	741.27 T
368	3		AMERILAND, INC.	359.18 T
368	4		AMERILAND, INC.	235.76 T
368	5		TONSAR, INC.	381.16 T
368	7		AMERILAND, INC.	240.41 T
368	8		TONSAR, INC.	381.16 T
372	3		ZERECONSKI, DONNA	1,091.24 T
378	4		PEREIRA, NELSON & MOREIRA, CESAR G.	152.05 T
388	12		DON SMALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	1,287.10 T
388	13		DON SMALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	1,345.12 T
390	3		DONALD SMALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO. INC	1,786.20 TS
391	6.01		WRUBLEVSKI, F J JR & DE LUCCIA, M M	150.20 S
397	21.00		GUARRACI, THOMAS A. & PATRICIA A.	1,207.60 T
400	3		MILLS, JOHN LEE & ROSLYN THOMAS	133.85 S
402	1		CONE, JR. GEORGE A. & DOREEN M.	238.65 TS
404	5.03		GRAY, WILLIS A. & LEIGHSA M. PATE	6,306.49 TS
404	13.01		SUMULONG, JOCELYN	5,324.23 T
404.02	27		KERTES, FRANK M. & L.	5,736.86 TS
406.02	2		POLLOCK, LAWRENCE D.	75.78 S
406.02	16		BARDEN, HERBERT & DELLA	4,150.02 TS
407	4		BOLIVAR, WALTER E.	225.45 S
407	14		SALAVARRIETA, IVAN	760.55 S
407	29		HALDAR, SOUMENDRA & MANISHA	241.36 S
407	62		PHAM, TRUNG H. & NGUYEN, HUE THI	1,090.40 T
420	3		HILL, ROSCOE, JR.	
246.33 S				
420	7		REINCKE, ELIZABETH E % R LEINCKE	824.57 T
420	8		SANZALONE, RICHARD & LISA	238.89 S
420	10		J.L.SULLIVAN'S AUTO BODY, INC.	583.84 S
426	8.01		JANIUS, RONALD & DIANE	1,171.41 T
427	8		MILLER, LORRAINE A.	5,430.41 TS
427	9.01		EL-RAYESS, TAMER & MAHASSEN	412.78 S
427	14		BURNHAM, JR., JOHN	1,236.89 T
427	17		BURNHAM, JOHN	907.93 T
427	24		HOGAN, WILLIAM	901.63 TS
437	201 C0002		APPROVATO, FRANK A.	150.20 TS
437	6		GUERRA, RICHARD E. & NADIA & VICTOR	2,026.13 T
438	2.02		CONNOLLY, DAVID M.	166.44 T
445	7		SUNSET ACRES REALTY INC.	5,101.86 T
446	1.04		ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS INC.	5,184.60 T
448	4.05		EL-RAYESS, SAMI & MAHASSEN	238.89 S
449	11.01		CISSON, JIMMIE LEE	779.37 T
449	11.02		CISSON, WILLIAM	1,073.13 T
456	1		STEWART, JR. RBT C/O AMER.STL ERECTOR	3,381.00 T
456	2		STEWART, ROBERT C. JR.	279.29 T
457	4		STEWART, ROBERT JR	339.56 T
467.01	32		DENTE, ROSEANNE	2,519.22 TS
470.01	1.03		SANTO V.SORCE	165.41 T
472	7.03		J.H. REID GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC	7,330.53 T
472	19		GRYGO, ANDRZEJ J. & ZOFIA	1,809.47 T
472	36		THE HOME DEPOT TAX DEPT B11	20,027.49 S
472	36.01		BPR CO.C/O POLIZZI BLDRS.	80.03 T
473.03	7		OMASTER, JOHN S & SOPHIA C	1,218.03 T
487	1		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	406.72 T
487	2		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	2,795.69 T
487	3		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	403.26 T
487	4		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	382.54 T
487	5		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	2,189.47 T
487	6		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	382.54 T
487	7		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	910.62 T
487	8		TUFARO, NICHOLAS J. & VINCENT J.	11,406.36 T
494	2		EDISON-TYLER ESTATES, INC.	1,713.05 T
528	26		VIJH, VIJAY	6,314.07 T
528	47.01		USLR-NEW DURHAM RD. C/O OENSTEIN	1,349.55 S
528	47.09		HSP CENTER, L.P.C/O REGAL CINEMAS	305.48 T
528.01	45.05		HADLEY PROPERTIES ASSOC.C/O ALFIERI	4,376.79 S
528.04	1		YINIGUEZ, BING R. & MERCEDES	8,697.40 TS
528.04	8		PATEL, KAPILABEN K.	161.85 TS
528.04	42		FRANCO, DON M. & TWYLA D.	235.40 S
531	1		D'AMORE, THOMAS J. & LISA A.	155.14 S
538	9		JSM AT WEST END AVENUE, LLC.	263.82 T
538	10		JSM AT WEST END AVENUE, LLC.	978.24 T
538	11		JSM AT WEST END AVENUE, LLC.	236.64 T
541	1		TBSTD, INC.	10,281.23 T
552.01	5		VALERA, MILAGROS	244.11 S
T - Property Taxes				
S - Sewer				
A - Special Assessments				
M - Miscellaneous Charges				
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# policereport

• A Brenda Pl. resident reported being harassed by unknown suspects. The resident told police that someone bangs on the front door and eggs are thrown at the house. Incidents have occurred repeatedly since early May. Neighborhood juveniles are suspected. Neighbors experienced similar incidents but have not reported them.

• A South Plainfield Ave. resident reported the theft of his bike from outside Holly Park Diner. A waitress described two suspects to police and believes there is a bicycle chop shop in the area.

• A Thomas St. resident reported his wallet was removed from his unlocked vehicle parked in front of his home.

• A trailer was stolen from Odd Job on Helen St. The trailer was empty at the time.

• Salerno's Pizza reported a man entered and asked for bread. When he was told they did not have any he became agitated and slammed the door hard enough to damage the hinges. A plate number was

obtained on the vehicle he left in, but police have been unable to locate the suspect or the owner of the car.

• A Florence Pl. resident reported his daughter's mountain bike was stolen from the shed in his back yard. The shed was unlocked.

• A Ritter Ave. resident reported the theft of her wallet from her purse. The victim had been shopping at Pathmark and left her purse in the cart for five minutes to look around. When she returned the wallet was gone.

• A Norman St. resident reported a home burglary. She arrived home and found the bedroom window open. Dresser drawers had been opened and the contents were disturbed. A gold ring and camcorder were removed. The victim noted that she is separated from her husband and has a restraining order against him. The window appeared to have been pried open from the inside. Other areas showed signs of an attempt to make it appear as if entry was gained from outside.



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## Two Police Officers Promoted, Four Hired

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serving in the detective bureau, Kevin will be going back on the road and become a Field Supervisor. Kevin is also the official unofficial photographer for the police department.

Daryl Strother has been a police officer in Plainfield since January of 1997. He is a graduate of Essex of Catholic High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Trenton College.

Robert Vega Jr. has been with the Plainfield PD since July of 1997. He is a graduate of North Plainfield High School and has earned an associate degree from Union County College.

Mathew Mahoney joined the Plainfield PD in July of 1998. He graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and holds an associate degree in criminal justice from Union County College.

Michael Molinaro has been with the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department since January of this year. Prior to that he was a Class I Special Officer in the Seaside Heights Police Department.

All of the newly hired police officers are graduates of the Union County Police Academy. Since they are all presently in law enforcement, they will be on the road shortly after they finish the field training program.

## Father Alvarado Named Sacred Heart Pastor

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in the biological sciences from Rutgers University. He also attended evening classes in Middlesex County College, studying marketing, art design and graphic arts.

His spiritual career did not take the usual route most religious young men tend to follow. His chosen career was in graphic de-

sign and advertising, which he was very good at, working his way up the ladder to become a production manager.

When Father John reached his 30th birthday, he did some soul searching which ultimately led to his decision to pursue the priesthood, leaving behind his successful business career. He was accepted by his diocese as a seminarian and after spending five years of academic, emotional and spiritual challenges, he earned a master of divinity degree from Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y. He was ordained on May 28, 1988 in St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen by Bishop Edward T. Hughes.

Father John took an intensive five-month study of the language in San Antonio, Texas, studying Spanish language and culture.

The *Observer* would like to be one of the first to welcome Father John to South Plainfield.

## Shotman Basketball Camp

From July 31 to Aug. 4, the Shotman Basketball Camp will be taking place at So. Plfd. High School between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. All kinds of shooting, passing and ball handling skills will be given as well as games and contests. The camp is open to children 11-18 at a cost of \$125.

For further information, go to: <http://members.aol.com/moelanza/upcoming.html>.

By Cyrus N. Moon

## Weekly Horoscope - June 23-June 29

**CANCER 6/21-7/22** The focus this week is on your capacity to innovate and change, so if there are changes you need to make in your life, this is a time when you may be able to do so with more ease and harmony than at other times. Surprises could be in the air, most likely happy ones.

**LEO 7/23-8/21** You may experience some of life's little stresses this week, nothing serious, but one that forces you to pay more attention to what is happening. Are there people who you may have been taking for granted? You should take the time to correct little problems as they arise.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22** This is a good week to tackle old problems that you have not been able to resolve in the past. Perhaps you were trying the same solutions over and over again. Well now you have the opportunity to see fresh solutions, and finally be able to work these problems through at last.

**LIBRA 9/23-10-22** You will likely be feeling quite sociable during this week. Be ready to get out and be with people and make new friends. You might even meet a new love! It can even be a good time to give a party, now! You can spend money at this time but be careful of over indulgence.

**SCORPIO 10/23-11/21** This week you're likely to find yourself deeply preoccupied with a singular matter. Whether it is a mystery or secret, you're determined to unveil truths and you need to resolve it! But whatever it is you'll work hard to get to the bottom of it. And you will learn something of value.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** This week you may try to break free. You may no longer be able to accept barriers such as responsibilities that you have put up for years. A change of a job or residence or a breakup of relationships often accompanies this. If this happens it can work out for the best.

**CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19** This week your mood will most likely be serious and not particularly sociable, so if you're planning ahead, this is not the right week to pick an event where you must be outgoing and up! This is not the time to confront anyone, but to plan a way to improve a situation.

**AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18** This week compulsive behavior can get you in trouble. You may face a challenge this week to balance your desires with self-control. Power struggles in a relationship signal a time to sit down and talk out problems. Manipulation is ultimately destructive and must be avoided.

**PISCES 2/19-3/20** The fog may clear on a deception. But you will have the potential challenge that you want to escape from dealing with the ongoing situation. If you're feeling a bit tired be sure to rest, give yourself some time to dream a bit. And if ideas come to you write them down for the future.

**ARIES 3/21-4/19** There may be a conflict between what you want to do and what the structures of your life permit. Somehow you must balance the two. Blocking your desire or giving up on it could strain your health. Ask yourself: are you're perceived limitations truly absolute, or could they be changed?

**TAURUS 4/20-5/20** This is a time for pleasant times being with people. And it doesn't matter how and why. Go out and make new friendships. A relationship that is started at this time may very well lead to wedding bells, and any party that is planned will be one that will be remember for a long time.

**GEMINI 5/21-6/20** This may not be a good week for performing any task that requires great clarity and attention to precise detail. You will not feel like doing it, and if you do, it will in all likelihood not turn out well. This is a good time to study the occult, mysticism or spiritual metaphysics.

## Tiger Sharks Swim and Dive Teams Forming

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swimming and Diving Teams have recently begun practicing for their summer competitive season, which begins with a swim meet on June 24.

Both teams are based at the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool and are open to pool members between the ages of 4 and 18. No previous swim or dive team experience is necessary to join the award winning teams. No fee is charged to pool members who wish to join the team.

The competitive season runs approximately six weeks, with 10 regularly scheduled swim and dive meets. It concludes with a championship meet between teams who competed over the six week period. In addition, team members may also be requested to compete in several invitational meets.

Laurie Post, recreational director at the JCC, Oak Tree Road, Edison, is returning as head coach of the swim team and Nicole Moretti of South Plainfield is head coach of the dive team.

New members are always welcome. If interested, further information can be obtained by e-mailing the Tiger sharks at [sptsharks@aol.com](mailto:sptsharks@aol.com) or calling 908-753-0778.

## "Summer Miracles" Bring Kids to US

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gram will help people to see that adopting an older child can be a very positive experience, for both the child and the family. "Camp programs are very effective in finding homes for older children who otherwise have almost no chance of being adopted," she said.

Of the 195 children who participated in the program last year, 185 found permanent adoptive families.

Kidsave International is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending the harmful institutionalization of abandoned children and creating families for them. The organization is providing airfare and travel insurance for the children participating in the summer camp program. Anyone interested in adopting an older child or in learning more the "Summer Miracles" program should contact Ellen Hillman at 201-327-1595 or [Ehill106@aol.com](mailto:Ehill106@aol.com). Rainbow House International at 1-505-861-1234 or [www.rhi.org](http://www.rhi.org) or contact Kidsave International toll free at 877-330-1110.

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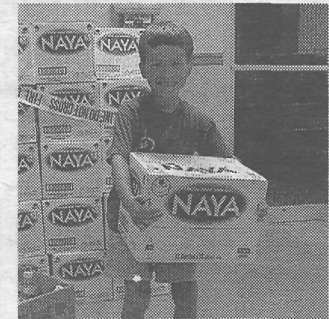
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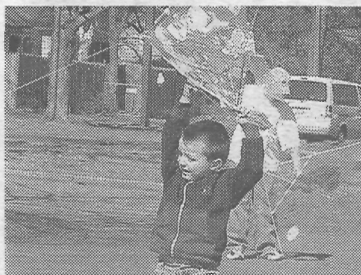
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