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BOE Challenged By Teachers Union

Last week's board of education meeting was filled with accusation, confrontation and questions regarding fees paid to the law firm of attorney Nicholas Celso, III for negotiations and other ongoing litigation with the teachers union.

The meeting started with good news in the form of a joint press release by the teachers union and the board, saying they had agreed on all the terms of the contract and a vote would be taken by the teachers union on July 7 and ratified by the board on July 11. Board President Frank Mikorski thanked all those on both negotiation committees, especially Louise Mzur, president of the SPEA.

Several teachers attending the meeting asked for an accounting thus far of legal fees billed for negotiations and other litigation. Ellen Johnson, board business administrator, said she had already supplied much of what was previously requested and will try to compile the rest

in the near future.

Sue Peck, recently elected board member, also questioned the legal fees paid thus far and asked for an accounting. Peck also expressed her displeasure with the process used in selecting next year's board attorney. Fifteen applications from law firms were received, but the board only interviewed three and Nicholas Celso's firm was once again chosen.

Board member Ken LaFreniere explained that each board member received all 15 resumes and each voted on which ones to interview. Those receiving five votes were interviewed. He also added that Celso's firm was the most qualified to represent the board.

Peck then questioned the legality of the meeting in which the interviews took place, charging the meeting was not held under the Sunshine Law and said she would abstain from voting on the motion to hire Celso's firm.

Board president Frank Mikorski

countered that the meeting was publicized and the vote taken was only to recommend hiring the law firm. The actual vote to hire the law firm was actually to be taken that evening.

Also abstaining on the vote were Dan Smith and Jeffrey Seider. The motion passed with four yes votes. Peck then asked whether a majority of those present or a majority of the board was required to pass a motion. Board members Steve Bohn and Tom Delaney were absent from Tuesday's meeting. Marjorie Reedy explained that a majority of those present was needed to pass a motion.

Peck also introduced two motions concerning the hiring of a law firm, however both motions were not seconded and died.

Peck also questioned the hiring of Doyle Consulting Group as broker of record for health insurance, saying they did not have a good record. This motion did not pass.



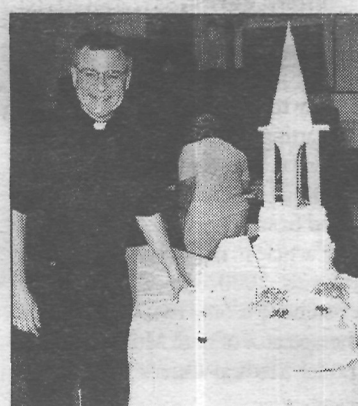
Rev. Thomas Ganley (left), temporary administrator at Sacred Heart Church, with Sacred Heart's new pastor, Father John Alvarado (right).

Sacred Heart Church Welcomes New Pastor

Last Friday evening parishioners from Sacred Heart attended services installing Father John Alvarado as the 12th pastor of Sacred Heart Church. Also attending were family, friends and parishioners from churches in the area.

Representing the bishop was Rev. Terrance Lawler, Episcopal Vicar of Middlesex County.

Father Alvarado was welcomed by the parish staff and trustees who presented him with symbols of his pastoral office. Some of the items he received were a baptismal shell, a stole, oil of the sick, a bible, chalice, flowers and cross.



Father John Alvarado at a reception in his honor.

Following the ceremony, the Rosary Society held a reception for those attending which filled the school's cafeteria. The Rosary Society prepared all the food and provided decorations for the reception. A huge cake with a church steeple, designed and baked by Bert Gartland, was the hit of the evening.

New Master Plan Before Council

The Borough's new Master Plan will be open for public discussion at next Thursday's regular council meeting.

The plan was recommended by the Planning Board for adoption. The public is invited to attend the meeting and ask questions and comment on the plan.

This Weekend in South Plainfield...

American Legion Summer Fest 2000

American Legion Chaumont Post #243 on Oak Tree Ave. will hold a Summer Fest on Saturday, July 8, 1 to 6 p.m. The cost: \$10, adults; \$5, children. Infants are free. All are invited. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.



Ralph Nacchio, pictured with wife Mary, was recently named Elk of the Year by the South Plainfield Elks. His service includes the feeding of 25 families during the holidays throughout the year. He had also served as a lodge officer for many years. His dedication to community service earned him the distinction as Elk of the Year.



Students in the SPHS Co-Op Education Program received \$158,699 in scholarships. According to teachers Deidre Falato and John Lartaud, this 10th anniversary of the program was the "best year ever." During the ten years, students have received over \$1 million in scholarships and awards. See more scholarship awards on pages 6 and 7.

Parade Comm. Seeks Grand Marshal Nominees

The Labor Day Committee has announced the theme for the 43rd Annual Labor Day Parade: "South Plainfield Celebrates Family, Fun and Community."

The parade is scheduled for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4. The festivities will include a 5K

run, a parade, activities and bands at Veterans Park all afternoon, and end with fireworks in Spring Lake Park.

If anyone knows an individual who they feel has contributed outstanding service to the community, they should send a letter stating the reason

why this person should be considered for Grand Marshal.

Include the candidate's name, address and telephone number and send the nomination to John Sorrentino, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Email: jmsorrentino@home.com or fax, (908)-753-4003.

In My Opinion

Letters

To The Editor:

Once again Carol Byrne is wrong. As of early May the SPEA submitted the salary guides to the superintendent of schools. As was reported in all local papers, the tentative agreement between the Board and the SPEA in late February included a "blackout" in which neither side is permitted to disclose any part of the agreement. Both sides of this ongoing negotiation met June 27. We agreed to present this to the SPEA membership on July 7. The Board also agreed to call a special meeting on July 11 to ratify the agreement as well. As a former Board member, Mrs. Byrne should know that these actions are by any standard, timely and appropriate.

Mrs. Byrne is confused about several other facts as well:

1. High school teachers never "threatened" to refuse writing college recommendations. In fact, more were written this year than in any other.

2. How does Mrs. Byrne know that every child in South Plainfield was insulted by our "green shirts"? The fact is that these shirts elicited no negative reaction from the kids and on the high school level, a good measure of support.

3. Mrs. Byrne should also be aware that complaining about such trivial things such as Halloween costumes seems as though she is just looking for something to criticize.

Mrs. Byrne, Do you really want to know the issues, or is this just a case of "Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up"?

DIANA JOFFE,
VICE-PRESIDENT, SPEA

Letter to the Editor,

Starting on Friday, July 7, 2000 the Advance Life Support (ALS) Unit also known as Mercy 7 will be eliminated from service according to a recent article in the *Courier News* dated June 28, 2000. Mercy 7 has been in existence for only two years. Solaris, the operator of both Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield

and JFK Hospital in Edison have decided that Mercy 7, the third Mobile Intensive Care Unit which serves some 14 towns in this area isn't needed any more. Solaris says it was only temporary when it was put in service and the need for this third unit no longer exists. The paramedics that staff these units were told last Monday of this decision. Solaris said populations have declined, but you will not see any documentation to support their argument. Although we will still have coverage from the two other Paramedic units, one from Muhlenberg and one from JFK Hospital, we will see a decline in response times and availability.

What was the call volume for the two units, Mercy 6 from Muhlenberg and Mercy 9 from JFK prior to Mercy 7 being activated in July 1998? How many calls do these ALS units respond to? Over the past two years how many calls did Mercy 7 get dispatched on and how many times did they render life saving treatment to patients? Why didn't Solaris inform the local rescue squads before a final decision was made to eliminate Mercy 7? Do they even know how many calls Mercy 7 rendered lifesaving patient care and treatment on during the past two years?

During this two-year period, a noticeable increase in pre-hospital treatment was rendered in South Plainfield by one of these Medic units. Our own statistics will confirm that we have experienced not only a 30% increase in ALS (squad calls) but an overall increase in the need for patient pre-hospital treatment given by these units. Our call volume has gone from 1,400 plus calls to over 1,800 calls per year during the past two years. The lifesaving intervention performed by these three ALS units is not a luxury anymore. Local rescue squads are not trained in the administering of drugs which are necessary during many types of medical emergencies. Any delay in treatment prior to arriving at an area hospital can affect the long-term recovery of the patient.

During the months of March

through April, we responded to 459 rescue squad calls in South Plainfield. In 173 instances, one of the three Mercy units (ALS) was also dispatched simultaneously along with the squad, based on the information given to the 911-dispatcher when the call came in. They treated 96 of these patients at the scene and en route to the hospital. If you remove one of these units from the system, someone is going to suffer. Will it be you or a member of your family? Can we afford to be without Mercy 7 in service? As a 12-year-squad member, the answer is NO! With the increase in both the volume of calls and the population, cutting back on emergency services isn't a reasonable or responsible decision by Solaris.

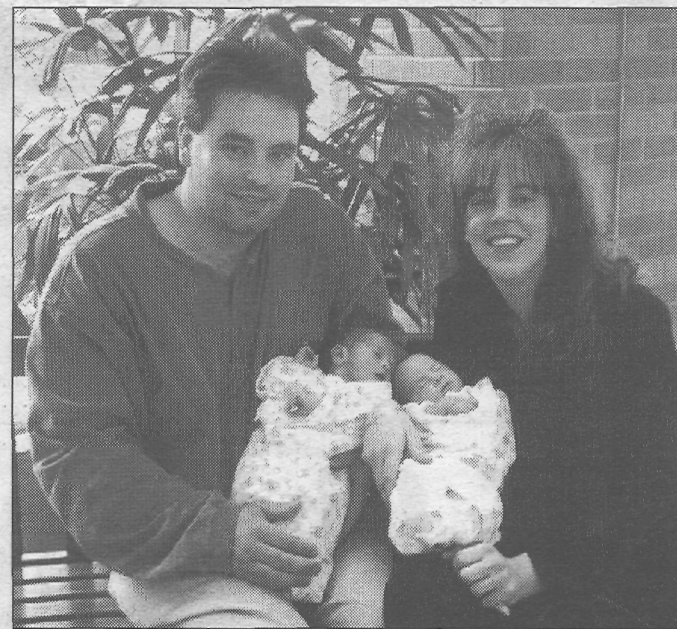
The decision needs to be put on hold until Solaris meets with the squads and reviews the situation. If July 7 passes without a change in the decision to disband Mercy 7, life will never be the same for some of us. Solaris can be contacted by writing to: Lou Amato, COO, JFK Medical Center, 65 James Street, Edison, NJ 08817.

SINCERELY,
GARY F. TOTH, 1ST LT., SPRS

Editors's Note: According to a story in Saturday's edition of the Home News Tribune, Mercy 7 has been given an extension and not discontinued. The article points out that Muhlenberg Medical Center's decision to retire one of their two mobile care units has caused such an uproar that the hospital pushed back the date of its removal from July 7 to Aug. 1. This is just an extension, so make sure you write your objections to the address above.

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Milestones



Stephanie and Ron Eodice, Jr. with newborn twins

Eodices Announce Birth of Twins

Stephanie and Ron Eodice, Jr. of Brick, formerly of South Plainfield, announce the birth of twins, Bryce and Brandon Eodice.

They were born on May 3 at St. Peter's Hospital in New

Brunswick. The twins weighed in at six pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19½ inches long each.

The very happy and proud grandparents are Marie and Ron Eodice, Sr. of South Plainfield.

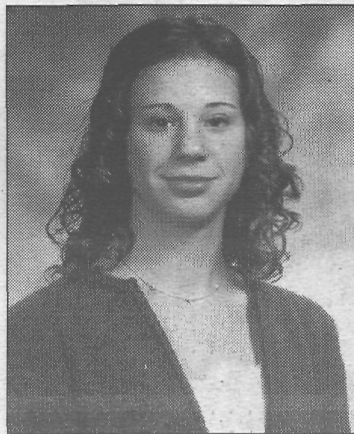


James and Judy Garcia Renew Wedding Vows

In celebration of their 10 years of marriage, family and friends joined James and Judy Garcia as they renewed their wedding vows on July 1 at their home.



Going to Kansas City; Kansas City Here I Come!



Mary Otlowski

Mary Otlowski, daughter of Joanne and Wayne Otlowski, was one of 34 girls from across the country

chosen to spend the month of July at Juliette Low Camp 2000. Mary, currently a senior scout with Troop 259 in the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community, part of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, was selected for this unique opportunity. The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is operated by the Mid-Continent Council of Girl Scouts in Kansas City, Missouri and sponsored by the Kansas City Rotary Club.

After a rigorous screening and interview process, Mary was the only girl selected from the South Plainfield area. She will stay with a host family while she receives six days of intensive training in the area of physical disabilities and with 31 other girl

scouts, she will serve 60-80 girls for two, eight-day camp sessions.

The physically challenged girls will have a rare out-of-doors adventure while the senior girl scouts will get first-hand experience for possible future careers. Extensive pre-camp assignments are being completed by each selectee. When she returns home, she will be prepared to share her experience with her sister girl scouts and community friends.

Mary is very excited about her trip and her upcoming experience. It represents the first time she has traveled a great distance alone and the first time away from home for an extended period of time. We all wish her good luck and a safe trip!

Correction

In the June 23 issue of the *Observer*, we reported the incorrect name of the delegate chosen by the Suburban Woman's Club as delegate to the Career Girls Institute. Cathy Nguyen will be the delegate. We regret the error.

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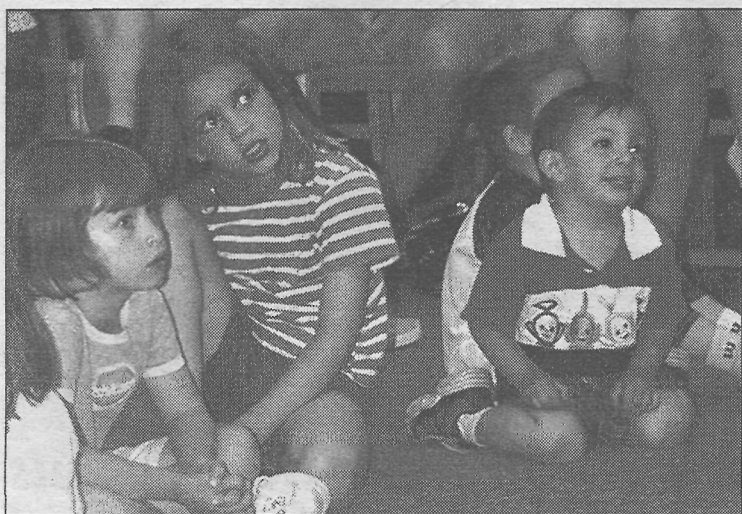
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Author Performs at Library

The library officially kicked-off the Summer Reading Program with a musical performance by Daniel Adlerman.

Adlerman is the author of several children's books, such as *Africa Calling*, *It's Raining, It's Pouring*, and *Hey Diddle Diddle*. He has



Daniel Adlerman

written music to his books and performed them along with other popular children's songs.

Adlerman has written many children's book. His wife, Kimberly, illustrates them. He is also releasing a CD of his songs in the near future.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

During the summer, most people try to kick back and relax a bit more than they usually would. That isn't the case here at the South Plainfield Library. And here's the proof:

Things are really busy in our Children's department. First up, we're bringing back our summer movie showings, once a staple of our summer schedule. They're on video now, but that's not too big a difference. The movies will be run Fridays at 11 a.m. starting today; no registration is needed. On Monday, we've got a special Kidcraft program at 6:30 p.m. for children ages six and over. The programs will be held every Monday night for the rest of the month; please sign up for this program. Next, there's the usual schedule of Storytime programs: Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The Storytimes are for children ages three and up; no registration is needed. Wednesday morning at 11:00 sees the return of our Game Gang program. Children can bring in their favorite board game, or play one of ours. And, for Harry Potter fans, we'll holding a public reading of the new book *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* on Thursday nights at 7:00. Finally, mark your calendars: On Wednesday, July 19, our usual 6:30 p.m. Storytime program will feature our one-time Children's Librarian Nancy Cornell. If you have any questions about any of these programs, contact our present Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

We'll be switching to our summer Saturday schedule starting tomorrow. Until after Labor Day, we'll be open on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. And don't forget that we're closed on Sundays

throughout the season.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday night at 7:30. The public is invited to attend what promises to be an informative meeting. There will also be a presentation marking the start of the Edith Goodrich Homebound Program. The Program will bring library materials and services to those unable to come here themselves. Watch for a special announcement about the program itself very soon.

There's still some open space available for the Babysitting Seminar we're co-sponsoring with the County Department of Health. It's for young people ages 11 and up. The seminar will be held next Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. across the way in Borough Hall. Participants will learn about nutrition, child safety and basic first aid. However, space remains limited for this program, so be sure to register ASAP.

This month's Circuit videos are now ready for borrowing. Titles this month include, *Bats*, *Deep Blue Sea*, *The Winslow Boy*, *Thumbelina*, the silent film *Wings* and, on DVD, *You've Got Mail*.

Finally, we've done a bit of weeding in the craft and hobby areas of our non-fiction section. Discarded books include works on quilting, papier-mache and floral crafts. Those books are now available at the book sale area. See the posting for the updated price list.

Believe it or not, that's just a sample of what's going on around here. If you'd like to know more, just call us at (908) 754-7885 for information. And, of course, we'll have more in next week's column.

And they say summertime is when the living is easy.

TUMI Celebrates 25 Years of Innovation

Tumi Inc., located on Durham Ave., recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a week long celebration which included a "Dress for Charity Day," a "70's Dress Day" and ended with a dinner/dance cruise around Manhattan.

Employees paid for the privilege of wearing sloppy, grungy and normally deemed 'inappropriate' clothing for a day. The proceeds were donated to Elijah's Promise, Inc. with Tumi matching the amount the employees raised. Employees also dressed in 70's outfits to celebrate the founding of Tumi's in 1975.

Tumi is a contributor to the United Way of South Plainfield, the Red Cross and sponsors a corporate matching program for its employees that has resulted in donations to national charities such as the American Heart Association and AMFAR.

Tumi Inc. is a leading manufacturer of luggage, business cases and accessories.



From left to right are TUMI employees Gwen Stone, Diane Jeffrey, Griffin Mayer, Sharon Marguiles and Kearen Kertesz.

Special Meeting Notices

Borough Council

A special public meeting has been called by Mayor Gallagher and the entire governing body on *Monday, July 10, 2000 at 8 p.m.* in Borough Hall to **introduce Ordinance #1543**. This is an ordinance regarding the Senior Citizen Housing Project.

A special public meeting has been called by Mayor Gallagher and the entire governing body on *Monday, July 31, 2000 at 8 p.m.* in Borough Hall to **adopt Ordinance #1543**. This is an ordinance regarding the Senior Citizen Housing Project.

Board of Education

Please be advised of the following special meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education regarding negotiations. Formal action will be taken.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Administration Building on Cromwell Place.

Please be advised of the following special meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education. Action will be taken.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Administration Building on Cromwell Place. This meeting was changed from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Borough News

Council Notes

- Michael Zushma was reappointed for three more years as Emergency Management Coordinator.

- Matthew Anderson was appointed as a member of the South Plainfield Fire Department.

- La Costa Plaza located on Plainfield Ave. has applied for and been granted the sum of \$5,500 toward the facade improvement program offered from the borough.

- Eleanore Haines, Walter Kalman and Barbara Pleasant were appointed representatives to the Community Housing Development Organization with regard to the Senior Citizens Housing Project.

- An agreement has been reached with Summit Bank for the purpose of accepting credit cards for police department and recreation department fees and payments.



Michael Zushma is sworn in to a new term as Emergency Management Coordinator as wife Linda holds the bible.

- The council authorized the purchase of new playground equipment for Pitt Street Park from GameTime at an amount not exceed \$13,000. Funds from developers agreement money will be used for the purchase.

- The old basketball court at Pitt Street Park has been converted to accommodate 20 or more cars to help the parking situation at the softball fields.

Planning Board

- David DeLuccia, who is proposing to build Durham Plaza, a retail shopping center on Durham Ave., will be in front of the board on July 11. This case has been carried forward several times, because of traffic studies and other matters that need more study. DeLuccia is proposing to build the shopping center on the property between Valley National Bank and Seagrave. He requesting a variance because the lot is under the required size for a shopping center according to the zoning requirements.

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Around Town



Flo's Piano Studio Students Excel at Father's Day Recital

Flo's Piano Studio of South Plainfield presented their Annual Recital of Beautiful Music at Watchung Arts Center in Watchung on Father's Day. The recital included classical, jazz, Broadway, pop and gospel music by

Ashley Chryka Emmett played *Minuet in G Major* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Shiffon Monet James, played *Minuet in G Major* and a medley of *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/This Little Light of Mine*.

Kandice Nicole Peterson, performed *Minuet in G Major*, and *The Greatest Love of All*.

Korey Elizabeth Watson, played *Minuet in G Major* and *Ode to Joy (Symphony #9)*.

Ashley Renee DeShields performed *Canon in D* and *Deliver Us (Prince of Egypt)*.

Karel Andrea Marshall performed *Surprise Symphony* and *When You Believe (Prince of Egypt)*.

Amber Rae Scott, performed *Minuet in G Major* and *Chicken Dance*.

Jumba Mugwanya performed *Solfegietto in C minor* and *I Believe I Can Fly*.



Flo's beginning and early intermediate students.

The recital began with special guest pianist, Ciona McCalman-Forsythe. Ciona was formerly a student at Maxon Middle School in Plainfield and was inducted into the New Jersey Honor's Society in 1999. She earned a scholarship to Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, Pa. and just finished ninth grade.

Performing at the recital were:
Britteny Faye Watkins played *Minuet in D minor* and *This Little Light of Mine*.



Danielle Ogunbodede performed *Habanera* (from the Opera Carmen) and *But Not For Me*.

Nassali Migwanya performed *Fur' Elise* and *Memory* (from Broadway Show - CATS).

Jasmine Sherie Spann played *Moonlight Sonata* (Opus 27, No. 2-first movement) and *Solfegietto in C minor*.

An awards ceremony was held after the recital.

SPHS Class of 1985 15th Reunion-Family Picnic

South Plainfield High School Class of 1985 will hold its 15-Year Reunion-Family Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 3, at Forrest Lodge, Warren.

Please return your response ASAP. If you'd like information, please contact Lisa Baunach Rojas at 732-836-9235 or Wesley Spear at wspear@bns.nec.com.

Rescue Squad To Host 'Pig Roast 2000'

Tickets are being sold for the South Plainfield Rescue Squad's "Pig Roast 2000" fundraiser, which will be held 1-6 p.m. on Saturday, July 22 at the squad building on Plainfield Ave.

The event will feature roasted pig, chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers, soda and beer and also include live music and many raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$7 for children under age 10.

The rain-or-shine event will help offset the all-volunteer organization's day-to-day operation costs.

For tickets, stop by the building (next to the library) or call (908) 754-2343 and leave a message.

Rev. Stephenson to Perform at Sacred Heart Church

He's one part maestro, one part comedian and one part priest. That description can only apply to Rev. Alphonse Stephenson when he leads his orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea.

He conducts a program of light classics and seasonal favorites, sprinkles mots among the notes and entertains with his good cheer and charisma.

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society proudly presents Rev. Stephenson and his orchestra on Sunday, Sept. 17. He will perform at four o'clock p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church.

General admission is \$25; for students and seniors, \$20. Ticket information can be obtained by calling either (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.

Area Blood Drives

American Red Cross Greater Union County and Plainfield Area

Chapter and New Jersey Blood Services have announced several community blood drives and urges residents to donate a pint of blood.

Currently there is a critical blood shortage in the New Jersey Area, which has resulted from lower than expected blood donations. Our region has less than a two day supply.

To be a donor you must be between the ages of 18 and 75 years old, in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. When donating please bring identification.

The following is the Open Blood Drive Schedule for July:

- July 11, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Kosciusko Ave., 3-8:30 p.m.
- July 13, United Church of Christ, 220 W.7th Street, Plainfield, 2-9 p.m.
- July 16, Our Lady of The Mount, 167 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- July 23, St. Joseph RC Church, 41 Plainfield, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Annual Outdoor Concert Features "Golden Oldies"

This year's Annual Outdoor Concert sponsored by the Piscataway Cultural Arts Commission will present "Golden Oldies" performed by the vocal group Test of Time.

The concert, which is free to the public, will be held on Sunday, July 9, at 4 p.m. in the Possumtown Park Gazebo, Possumtown Rd. in Piscataway. The group will perform tunes primarily from the 60's and 70's as well as some from the 50's era.

Bring a blanket or chair, picnic basket and your dancing shoes for an afternoon that is sure to bring back memories. Rain site will be the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane. For further information or directions call (732) 563-4117 or (732) 562-2301.

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.

Proceeds 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. Sign up for a tee time or find out about the corporate sponsor programs at www.spga.org.

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.

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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.

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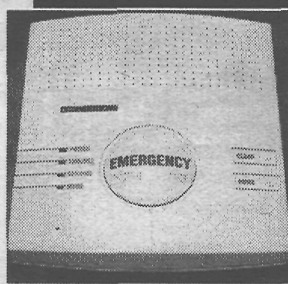
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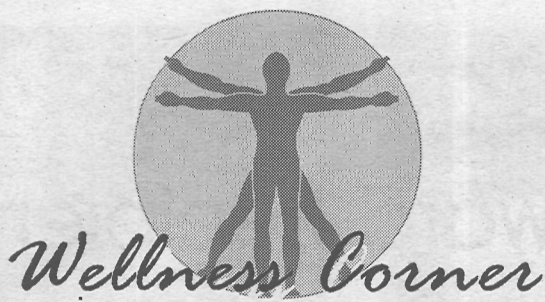
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Achieving True Wellness

By Dr. Patrick Aiello

What do former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, 1996 Cy Young Award winner John Smoltz and decathlete Dan O'Brien, the 1996 Olympic Gold medalist, have in common?



Dr. Patrick Aiello

If you answered, "Well, they're all world-class athletes," you'd be right—but that's not what we're looking for here. Let me add a wrinkle or two: What does each of them include in their training and conditioning regimen that may not be immediately apparent to the layman as particularly crucial to their success?

The answer? They all acknowledge, unreservedly, the assistance chiropractic has given them in the pursuit of their individual goals. As a matter of fact, all three have been on the cover of *Today's Chiropractic Magazine* sharing their enthusiasm for the benefits of chiropractic wellness care.

Holyfield, whose ring stamina and determination is legendary, stated in the December 1988 issue, "I found that going to a chiropractor three times a week helps my performance... in the ring." For him, chiropractic is an invaluable training tool.

Dan O'Brien is in complete agreement with him: "You obviously can't compete at your fullest if you're not in alignment. It was the holistic idea that I liked about chiropractic... I compete eight to ten percent better from regular chiropractic use, if not more. It is essential for me and my training routine." Obviously O'Brien, as a decathlete, is exposed to cutting edge techniques as an Olympic athlete, and would place no emphasis on a method that hadn't achieved enormously good results for him. His reliance on chiropractic speaks volumes

about its effectiveness.

Eight to ten percent is an enormous boost for an athlete—or anyone, for that matter. For Dan O'Brien, as a matter of fact, it would have been the difference between the gold medal and not even making the

team.

A runner who runs a 10 second hundred meter dash may win an Olympic race, while an 11-second hundred wouldn't even get you through qualifiers. The "Ten-Percent Rule" applies in other sports, too: A baseball player batting .330 might win the batting title; while one hitting .230 is often sent down to the minors. To extend the baseball metaphor, think about it this way: A player with an 86 mile per hour fastball better have a whole repertoire of pitches if he plans on staying in the big leagues for long. A guy with a 95 mph heater? Well, he doesn't need a lot more than that to be successful.

Can you imagine if your entire life improved by ten percent? What if your energy, sleep, hormonal balance, and immune function were all improved by that amount? How about a ten percent increase in healing ability and digestion efficiency? Even though most of us aren't world-class athletes, I think we'd all agree it'd be a huge difference for the better. We'd enjoy happier, healthier lives!

Chiropractic offers people the opportunity not only for an immediate boost in wellness, but a long-term gradual improvement of overall conditioning that's invaluable in improving the quality of life.

Aiello Chiropractic Center, Your Hometown Source for Health & Wellness, is located at 2201 South Clinton Ave. in South Plainfield.

Local Students Perform at Spring Recital

Three students from South Plainfield recently performed at the Rifino-De Sorbo Music Studio's Spring Recital. The studio is located in Dunellen. SPSHS student David Zebrowski performed *Broadway Beat* by Campbell and *Country Frolic* by Bober. He played a duet with his brother, Middle School student Matthew Zebrowski, entitled *Scherzo, Op. 149 No. 6* by Diabelli. Matthew also performed a solo, *Little Dance in A*

Minor by Miller.

SPHS student Laura Painton performed *Sunrise - a Movement from an Irish Suite* by Bober and *Fugue on a Russian Theme* by Miravitch. Piano teacher Anita DeSorbo gave all of the students medallions. David Zebrowski and Jose Rodriguez of Dunellen were presented with trophies commemorating ten consecutive recitals. Fourteen students performed at the event.

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Home Depot employee volunteers came to Pitt St. Park armed with paint and brushes and spent the day painting the bleachers around the Ponytail fields. This is part of Home Depot's community support program. Home Depot employees who helped paint the Pitt Street Park benches were John Gresco, Andrew Thress, Jackie Gordon, Fran Ruocco, Donna Gwin, Anthony Brown, Ruth Honacki, Cheryl Grant, Bob Silk, Jim Wagner, Robert Van Savage, Rodney Doran and Anastasia Makridis.



Superfund Update...

Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued this update to inform the community and local officials of the results of recent investigations and upcoming actions related to the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics site in South Plainfield.

Background

The Cornell-Dubilier Electronics site, located in a mixed industrial, commercial and residential area of South Plainfield, includes the Hamilton Industrial Park and contaminated portions of the Bound Brook downstream of the industrial park. In addition, some neighboring residential and commercial properties have been affected by the site.

Cornell-Dubilier Electronics operated at what is now the Hamilton Industrial Park from 1936 to 1962, manufacturing electronic components including capacitors. It is alleged that during its operations, Cornell-Dubilier Electronics released polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated materials and other hazardous substances to the environment. PCBs have been detected in soils and in building interiors at the industrial park, at adjacent residential and commercial properties and in the surface water and sediment of the Bound Brook.

The Cornell-Dubilier Electronics site was added to the final federal Superfund National Priorities List of hazardous waste sites in July 1998.

Previous Actions

The EPA ordered owners of the Hamilton Industrial Park to take action limiting the movement of contaminants from the industrial park and they were completed in September of 1997. They included paving driveways and parking areas in the industrial park, installing a security fence and implementing drainage controls.

The EPA conducted studies to determine the impacts of contamination of the Bound Brook on human health and environment. Elevated levels of PCBs were found in fish and in sediments of the Bound Brook. As a result of these investigations, the New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a fish consumption advisory for the Bound Brook and its tributaries, including New Market Pond and Spring Lake.

In October and November of 1997, the EPA collected soil and interior dust samples from residential properties on Spicer Ave. near the industrial park. The EPA and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) reviewed the data obtained from the sampling and concluded that exposure to PCBs in dust and soil posed a potential health concern for residents of several of the properties tested. To address these concerns, the EPA cleaned the interiors of seven homes and ordered potentially responsible parties (PRPS) for the site to remove contaminated soil from six of the residential properties. Interior cleaning of the seven homes and removal of PCB-contaminated soil at the six homes located on Spicer Ave. has been completed.

In April and October of 1998, the EPA collected soil and interior dust samples from residential properties located on Delmore Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. near the industrial park. PCBs were found in dust and soil at levels that posed a potential health concern for residents. To address these concerns, the EPA cleaned the interiors of eight homes on Delmore Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. and ordered potentially responsible parties (PRPS) for the site to remove contaminated soil from seven residential properties. Interior cleaning of the eight homes and removal of PCB-contaminated soil at the seven homes located on Delmore Ave. and Hamilton Boulevard has been completed.

In May 1998, the EPA expanded the soil sampling program to include areas surrounding

homes identified for remediation. PCBs at low levels were found in the samples collected. There is no immediate health concern from exposure to PCBs at the levels found. Further investigations in the community surrounding the site will be conducted as part of the on-going remedial investigation.

In October of 1998, the EPA collected interior wipe samples and surface soil samples from commercial properties located on Spicer Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. near the industrial park. PCBs were not found in the interiors of the buildings sampled.

PCBs were detected in soil samples collected at concentrations up to seven parts per million (ppm). PCBs at these levels are not a health concern for workers; however, the number of samples collected was not sufficient to fully characterize the extent of contamination at many of these properties. Additional sampling of commercial properties is planned as part of the on-going remedial investigation.

Current Actions

In April 2000, EPA began a comprehensive study of the site, called a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), to help determine the nature and extent of contamination and develop a remedy to mitigate threats to human health and the environment. The RI/FS will include sampling of the on-site soils, building interiors, groundwater and soil from the nearby residential properties. Field investigations began earlier this month and are expected to continue through most of this year. In June and July 2000, EPA will collect residential soil samples, as part of the PCB survey, in residential and commercial areas nearby the site. The results of this survey will be available in the Fall

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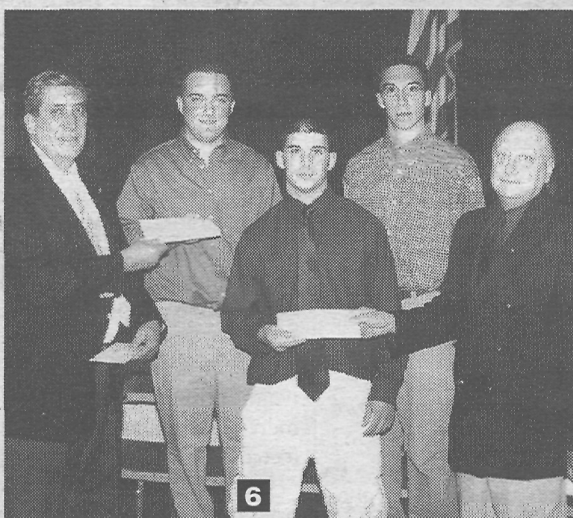
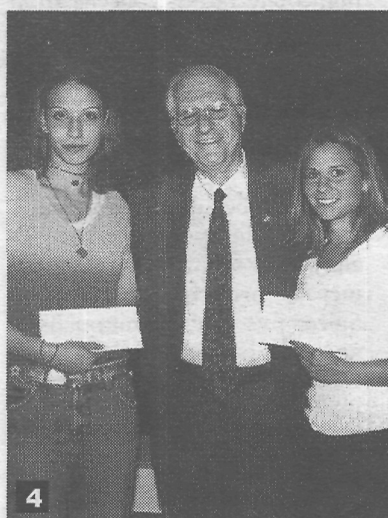
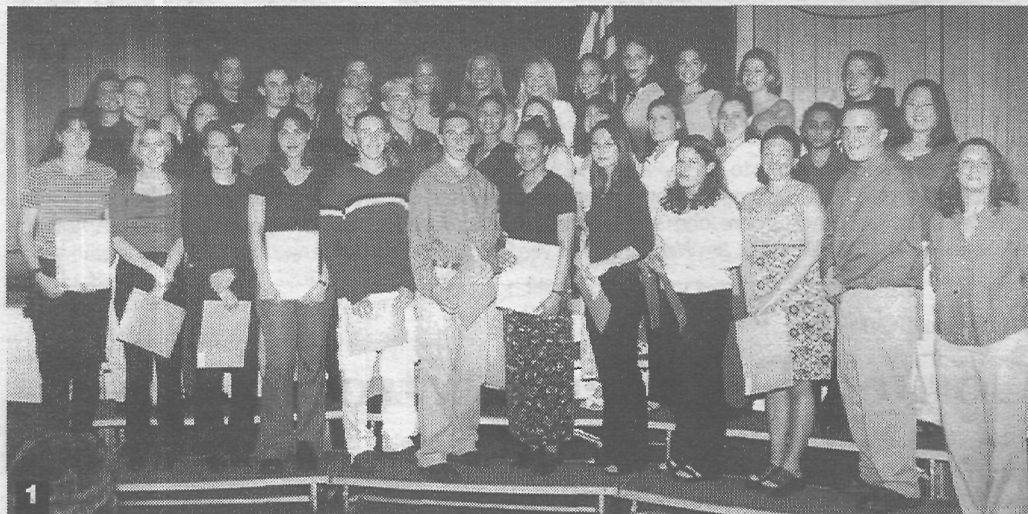
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South Plainfield Scholarship & Award Recipients



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The Scholastic Honor Society (pic #1) is comprised of seniors who have attained a 3.25 or higher grade point average by the end of their junior year. The following students have demonstrated academic excellence and were awarded membership in the South Plainfield High School Scholastic Honor Society.

Students receiving certificates are Jennifer Rayho, David Stoeckel, Admy Wullur, Alison Barrett, Stefani MacDougall, Lisa Mocerino, Maria Hudak, Jillian Stokes, Nicole Wrublevski, Margaret DeRosa, Jane Nguyen, Tejal Patel, Joseph Scotto, Carol Ann Serago, Dina Diaz, Roohee Patel, Katherine Skoba, Ruben Mera, Ashley Rettberg, Kelly Doerr, Pamela Eng, Yolanda Toca, Lauren Perry, Laura Colicchio, Christine Buteas, Laura Walter, Eric Toth, Shinee Person, Justin Benford, Lauren Yulick, David Alles, Michelle King, Lynda Hepburn, Shannon Cassidy, Eric Jackson, Robin Stayvas, Cindy Carlson, Rebecca Horn, Johanna Alzate, Michael DeMatos, Raymond Brandes, Rania Younes, Brian Donnelly, Rebecca Perez, Brad Tierney, Krissy Brooks, Krista Gundersen, Beth Gold, Kim Lam and Nicole Massiah.

Myra Blank—Isidore Blank Memorial Scholarship, presented by Myra Blank.

David Johnson (pic #3)—Susan Hayes Beith Memorial Scholarship (\$500), presented by Carol Boyer, Pegg Ponzio and Janis Smith.

Carol Ann Serago and Jennifer Infante (pic #4)—UNICO Scholarship (\$500 each) presented by Joe Cappuccino.

Nicole Scovone (pic #8)—David Pasacrita Memorial Scholarship (\$500), presented by Walter and Renee Pasacrita and John Graf.

Danny Wallis (pic #2)—The South Plainfield Lions Club (\$2,500) presented by Dr. Patrick Aiello.

Eric Jackson and Brad Tierney, (\$2,000) and Tejal Patel and David Johnston, (\$1,000) (pic #6)—South Plainfield Rotary Club Adele deLeuw Scholarship, presented by Richard De Andrea.

Lisa Mocerino—American Association of University Women, presented by Anita Moehler.

Jennifer Infante (pic #5)—North Plainfield Italian American Club (\$750) presented by Bernice DiLello and RoseAnn Kilpatrick Kelly Doerr and Michael Loenser (pic #9)—Kennedy School Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship (\$500 each), presented by Sandra Doyon and Gregg Papp.

Jennifer Rayho—Kennedy School PTSD (\$500) presented by Donna Helgensen and Elaine Viola.

Jane Nguyen—South Plainfield Middle School PTA Christian DeRose Memorial Scholarship (\$500), presented by Debra Bishop.

Laura Colicchio and Alison Barrett—South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association (\$500 each), presented by Kathy

DiMeglio and Debra Bishop.

Alison Tietjen—Xerox Award, presented by Cheryl Fox

Jane Nguyen, Roohee Patel, Laura Butrico and Tejal Patel—Peer Leadership Club Certificate.

Brian Fasolo and Shinee Person—Jerusalem Masonic Lodge No. 26 of Free and Accepted Masons—Jerusalem Charities Foundation (\$1500), presented by Cheryl Fox.

Kelly Werrlein, Latricia Cofer, Carolyn Hoffman, Adrienne Parks, Shinee Person, Heather Hearne, Richard Drumbore, Kerri Howells, Michael Grasso, Kim Warren, Michael Spangler, Anthony Pacifico, Terri Jackson, Aleisha Jones, Melissa Diller, Katie Kittell, Lorena Guevara, Tamala Carter, Nick DeFalco, Anthony Sorrentino, Dan Kunst, Matthew Colquhoun, Margaret Hankiewicz, Tiffany Nichols, Danielle Zacek, Dirk Guberhan, Natalie Kipila, Ronald McCall, Jennifer Booth—Cooperative Education, presented by Dee Falato and John Lartaud.

Marco Migliaro (pic #22)—South Plainfield Italian American Progressive League, (\$500) presented by Richard Durso and Frank Appavato.

Lisa Mocerino—South Plainfield V.F.W. Memorial Post 6763, (\$1,000) presented by Rudy and Marlene Poczak.

Lisa Mocerino—South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club, (\$1,000) presented by Mary Ann Iannitto.

Katherine Skoba and Rania Younes (pic #21)—South Plainfield Senior Citizens (\$250 each) presented by Joe Zekas and Agnes Ficorilli.

Dominique Pender—Flanagan's Breakfast Club (\$300 Kevin Leavitt Memorial Scholarship) presented by Betty Leavitt.

Kelly Doerr, Dan Kunst, Glen Barlics, David Stoeckel, Kim Wilcox, Nicole DeBlase, Brian Donnelly, Colin Hunter (pic #16)—South Plainfield Wrestling Club presented by Jim Conroy.

Tracy Regan—South Plainfield Junior Women's Club, presented by Dawn Jeffreys.

David Alles—NJSSAA Interscholastic Athletic Association Scholar Athlete, presented by Michael Bugey.

David Alles and Sheryl Cwiekal—New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association—Education Testing Service—Scholar Athlete.

Brian Donnelly (pic #7)—Marines ROTC, presented by Captain Olaverri and Sgt. Karger.

South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation, presented by Emil Leporino and Richard Regan to the following:

Johanna Alzate—Drew Forgash Memorial Scholarship, (\$1000).

Carol Ann Serago, Kim Lam, Jane Nguyen, Roohee Patel, Rania Younes (\$1000 year each) and Paul Lee, Lisa Mocerino, Maira Hudak (\$1000 per year for 4 years)—Vision 2001 Scholarships.

Yolanda Toca—Francis N. Bellew Memorial Scholarship (\$565).

Michael DeMatos, Kerri Howells—Kevin Reitz Memorial Scholarship (\$580 each).

Laura Walter, Brad Tierney, Joe Scotto (\$1000 each), Becky Perez (\$5000)—Robustelli Family Foundation Scholarship, presented by Stacy Robustelli.

Justin Benford, Lisa Mocerino, Brad Tierney, Tracy Regan, Paul Lee (pic #19)—Giakas Family Scholarships (\$2000 each), presented by Brett Giakas.

Lauren Yulick, Kim Bulla (pic #17)—Historical Society Scholarship (\$100 each), presented by Bill Tuthill.

Jessica Ardis—Henry A. Zelehoski Memorial Scholarship (\$250), presented by Donna Timko.

Michael Loenser, Christine Buteas, Chris Francis, Kim Wilcox (pic #12)—James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship (\$500 each), presented by MaryAnn Boyle, Debbie Boyle, Meghan Boyle.

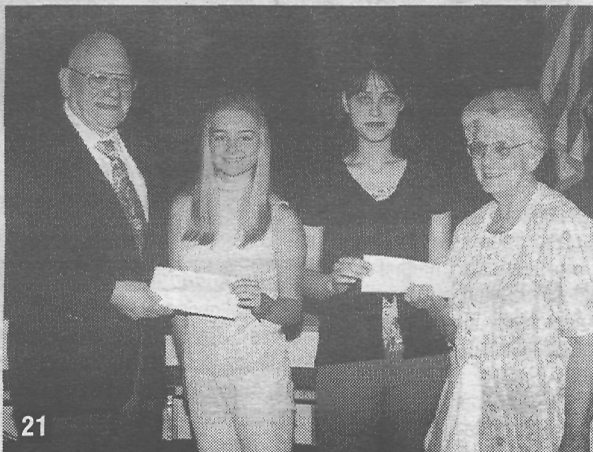
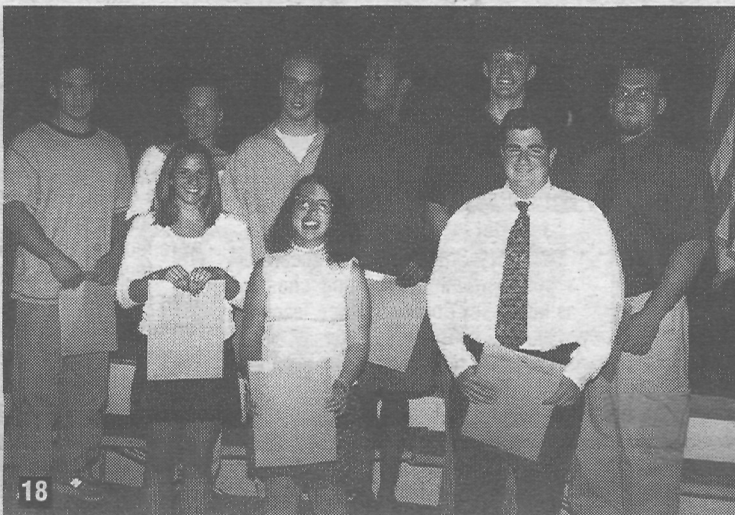
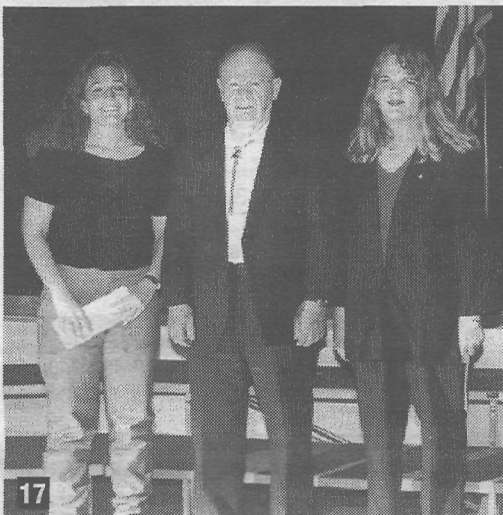
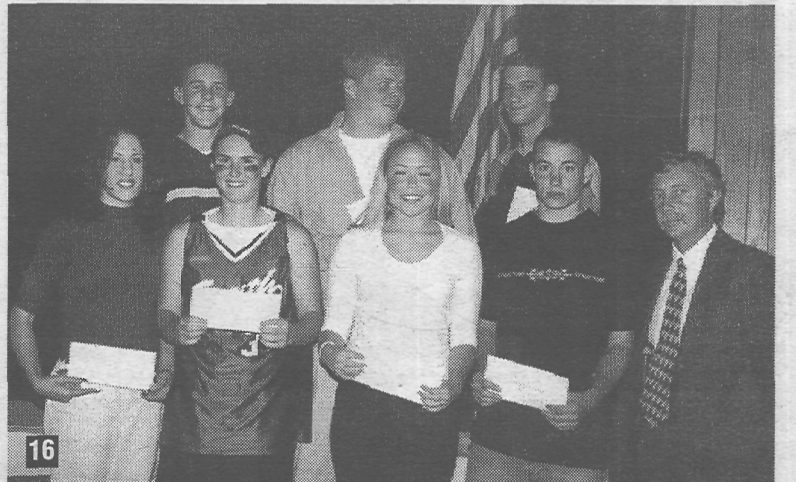
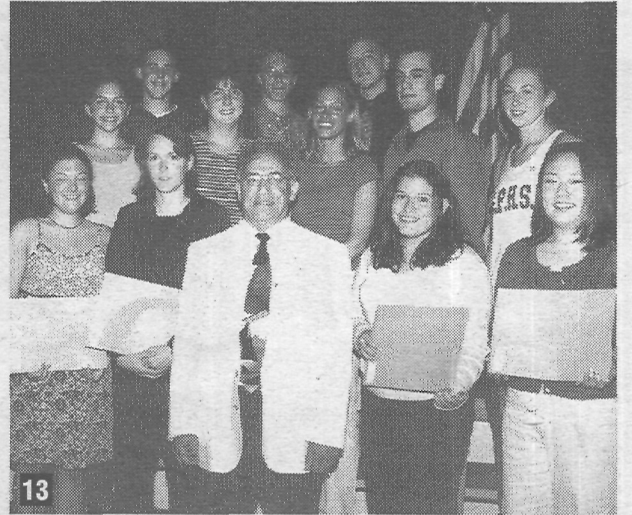
Kerri Howells, Laura Colicchio—KOB Products Scholarship (\$500 each), presented by Pam Nuso.

Shannon Cassidy—Franklin School PTA—Thomas B. Lenahan Sr. Memorial Scholarship (\$1000), presented by Jayne Mott and Linda Duquette.

Brian Dziomba—Rutgers University Army ROTC presented by Lt. Colonel Nick Arston.

Krista Gundersen (pic #20)—Outstanding Achievement in English, presented by Donna Timko.

Dina Diaz, Diana Algoos, Eric Johnson,



Matt Brooks, Jennifer Rayho, Krista Gundersen, Carol Serago (pic #15)—Outstanding Achievement in Journalism, presented by Alissa Pecora.

United States Marines Award Program: Cindy Carlson—Distinguished Athlete, **Jesse Larsen**—Scholastic Excellence, **Michael Loenser**—Music Excellence, presented by SSGT Karger.

Kerri Howells—Roosevelt School PTA Austin Huslage Memorial Scholarship (\$500), presented by Diane Gualano.

Kim Bulla (pic #11)—South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department (\$1,000), presented by John Calvey and Edward Silhanek.

Lauren Perry—South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (\$300) presented by Kathy Winner and Jan Scelsa.

David Johnston, Robin Stayvas, Jennifer Infante—South Plainfield Football Eagles (\$500 each) presented by Gary Prendergast and Tom Gratta.

Jane Nguyen, Kim Wilcox, Kerri Howells, Nicole DeBiase, Sandra Marin, Laura Colicchio—Curcio Family Girls Soccer Scholarship (\$100 each) presented by Marjorie Kopacsi.

Tracy Regan—Betty Street Scholarship (\$250) and **Eric Toth**—Tina Kellerman Scholarship—South Plainfield High School PTA (\$250) presented by Nancy Regan.

Nicole Scavone—South Plainfield High School Players' Drama Club—(\$250) pre-

sented by Gloria Naso.

David Alles—South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (\$1000), presented by Tony Cassano.

Justin Benford—William Gady Scholarship, **Johanna Alzate**—Richard Conklin Scholarship—South Plainfield Police Athletic League (\$700 each) presented by Capt. Robert Merkler.

David Alles, Brian Dziomba—New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Assoc. (\$750 each) presented at June 13 PBA Luncheon.

Cindy Carlson—Alice Boffa Memorial Scholarship; **Brad Tierney**—Jim Tierney Memorial Scholarship—John E. Riley School PTSO, (\$500 each) presented by Janice Gray.

Kim Wilcox—South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club—Scott Ribar Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) presented by Mrs. Mickey Wrublevski.

Brian Donnelly and Lisa Mocerino (pic #23)—South Plainfield Education Association (\$1,500), presented by Lois Crespy. **Frank Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program:** Dr. Edward J. Bloustein, for whom this Distinguished Scholar award is named, is the seventh President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He served as President of Rutgers for more than eighteen years and directed the University's development into one of

America's premier public institutions for undergraduate and graduate education.

This award is given to a select number of students who are ranked in the top 10 of their class and who have combined SAT scores of 1260 or higher. They will receive \$1000 annually if they attend a New Jersey college or university—(pic #13) **David Alles, Johanna Alzate, Raymond Brandes, Cindy Carlson, Sheryl Cwiekal, Michael DeMatos, Brian Donnelly, Krista Gundersen, Lynda Hepburn, Stefani MacDougall, Rebecca Perez, Robin Stayvas, Brad Tierney.**

Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame "Wall of Fame" plaque and certificate:

Kim Lam, art presented by Helen Gottlieb.

Jason Kollarik and Nicole Scavone, vocal music presented by Tracy Murray.

Social Studies Department Award: Brian Donnelly and Robin Stayvas—Outstanding Social Studies Students presented by Anthony Barca.

Foreign Language Department Award: Johanna Alzate—Outstanding French Student, **Maria Hudak**—Outstanding Spanish Student, presented by Sue Goldey

Business Education Department Plaque: Roseanne Bottone, Tara Czeluscinski (pic #15)—"In appreciation of their Outstanding Contribution to Business Education."

Physical Education Department Awards:

Cindy Carlson and Eric Jackson—Outstanding Physical Education Students presented by Bettianne Meeker.

Mathematics Department Awards: David Alles and Lynda Hepburn—Outstanding Mathematics Student, presented by Lois Crespy.

Science Department Awards: Lynda Hepburn and Roohee Patel—Outstanding Chemistry Students, **Cindy Carlson**—Outstanding Biology Student, **Alison Tietjen**—Outstanding Physics Student, presented by Thomas Seiz.

ESL Awards: Alexandra Llerena and Jigar Patel—Academic Excellence and Achievement Improvement, presented by Barbara Boyer.

United States Navy—Cindy Carlson—science, Joseph Scotto—academic, Dominique Pender, Brad Tierney, Sheryl Cwiekal, Brian Donnelly—athletics, presented by Dave Johnson, USN.

Danielle Schweers—University of Rochester Young Leader Award, presented by Marjorie Kopacsi.

Sheryl Cwiekal—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute—Mathematics and Science Award, presented by Marjorie Kopacsi.

Presidential Award for Educational Improvement—In recognition of outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development, presented by Helen Gottlieb, (pic #18) **Teresa**

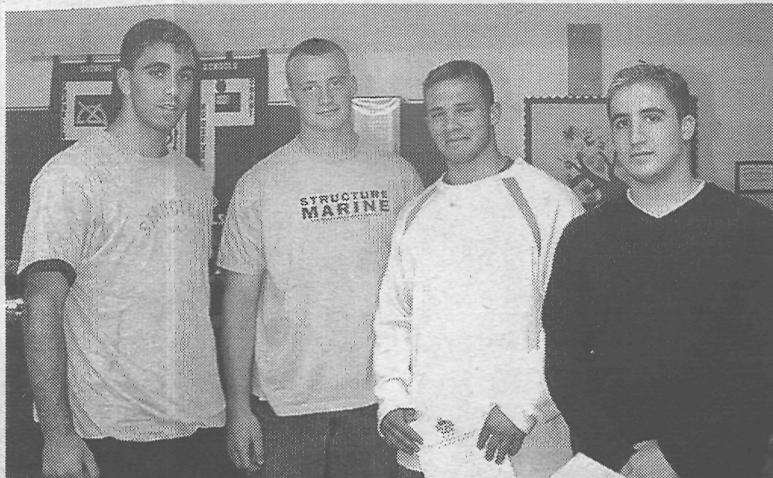
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Presidential Award for Educational Excellence—Presented to students who have attained a 3.5 or higher grade point average and achieve the 85th percentile or higher on SATs, presented by Frank Vatalare

Stefani MacDougall, Tejal Patel, Carol Ann Serago, Beth Gold, Nicole Massiah, Jillian Stokes, Kim Lam, Lisa Mocerino, David Stoeckel, Shannon Cassidy, Michael Dematos, Jennifer Rayho, Robin Stayvas, Rania Younes, Rebecca Perez, Krissy Brooks, Brad Tierney, Krista Gundersen, Brian Donnelly, Johanna Alzate, Cindy Carlson, Sheryl Cwiekal, Lynda Hepburn, David Alles

Jesse Larsen, Kimberly Warren, Jennifer Infante and Vernon Shepard (pic #10)—Principal's Award (plaque and \$500), presented by Anthony Massaro

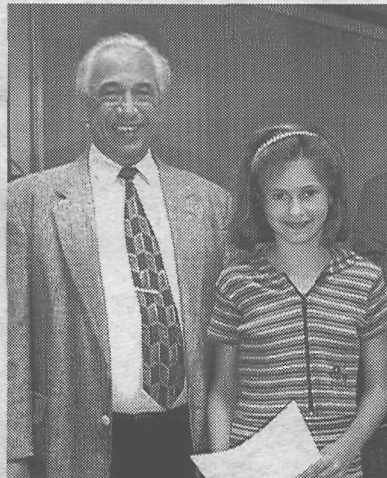
South Plainfield Board of Education presents 2000 Awards & Commendations



SPHS wrestlers who were Individual State Winners are David Fiore, Chris Francis, John Foscolo and Daniel Kunst.



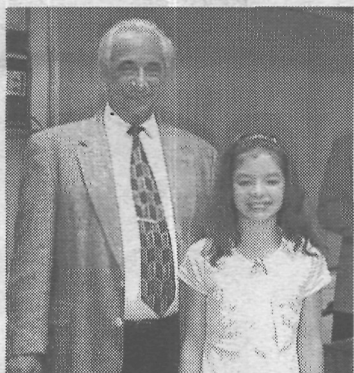
GMC Swimming Championship participants Mary Otlowski, Lauren Kaczka, Shannon Dabrio and volunteer supervisor Joanne Otlowski.



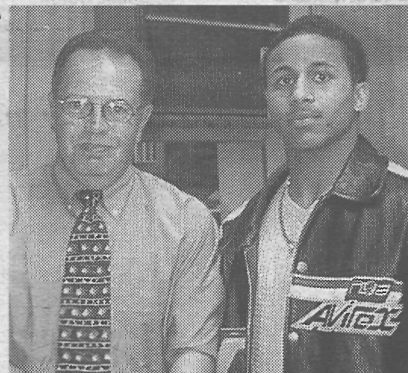
Superintendent Guy Ferri with Taryn Billich, writing contest winner.



This year's participants in the Special Olympics



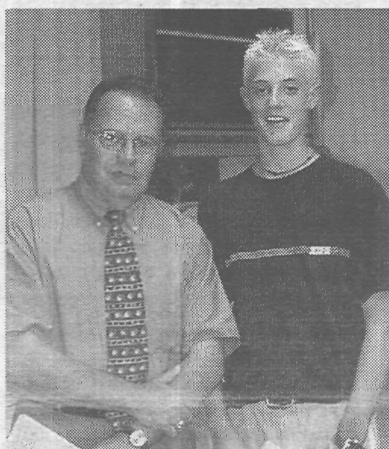
Superintendent Guy Ferri and Samatha Smith, poetry winner.



Dominique Penter, basketball boys captain with Athletic Director Michael Buggy.



Matthew Square, right, named 1st Team All-Conference, pictured with Wrestling Coach Ralph Fetch, left, and volunteer coach, Lori Gerst, center.



Athletic Director Michael Buggy with State Wrestling Champion (103) Matt Anderson.



New Jersey State Wrestling Coach of the Year, William Pavlak.

During last month's Board of Education meeting commendations and certificates were presented to teachers and students for their special achievement in academics, fine arts, athletics, school and community service and special programs.

Special Achievement Awards

Jennifer A. Szemborski, a John F. Kennedy School teacher, received a commendation for being chosen as Middlesex County Science Teacher of the Year by Rutgers University. Mrs. Szemborski was honored at a dinner on April 25 at the Rutgers Club.

Phyllis E. Savage, Assistant Principal, South Plainfield Middle School received a commendation for being selected a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar to study in Japan. This program is fully funded by the Japanese government.

Elementary Schools, Grades K-5

Donna Marie Garcia and Kimberly Russell, fifth graders at Kennedy School and Gina Butrico and Brittany Wong, fifth graders at Franklin School, were recognized as winners of the Comcast, The Learning Channel & The National Association of Elementary School Principals, "Everyday Heroes Contest - National Computer and Sports Camp."

Taryn Billich from Franklin School placed first in the statewide YWCA International Women's Day Student Writing Contest.

Samantha Smith from Franklin School won with her poem, *My Vacation at the Sea*, in the Celebration of Young Children's Poems and Stories Anthology.

Middle School, Grades 6-8

Jonathan Buggy, Taryn Carlton, Alexander Tierney, eighth graders and Marybeth Tran, seventh grader, were recognized as students who gained scores of distinction on the S.A.T. in the John Hopkins University Talent Search.

The following students were recognized for participating in the Middlesex County Middle School of Arts, Chelsea Falato in theater, Nina Byard in flute, Gregory Publik in Theater, Michelle Puskas in modern dance and Kenneth Wakefield in vocal music.

Ling Lin and Harsh Patel were recognized for participating in the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival.

Kaitlin Bundy, Wendy Kollarik, Angela Sivo, Toni Ciccio, Kristine Lopez, Stephanie Stellakis, Brittany Denitizio, Darleen Marin, Ashlen Udell, Allison Dicanto, Rosanna Mootoo, Jessaka Whitsitt, Amanda Domzalski, Katie Mott, Chrisann Zushma, Matina Ganiaris, Jacqueline Muglia, Sara Grillo, Shari-Liane Sangster, accompanist,

Adam Toth and percussionists Keenan Gaynor and Jon Rodger, were recognized for participating and performing in the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival. They also performed at the New Jersey School Board Association's Annual Dinner.

Daniel Agostino, Thomas Holowka, Katie Mott, Chaira Tomei and Jessaka Whitsitt participated in the Central Jersey Music Educators Association Region II Immediate Chorus.

Daniel Lammi and Susan Grillo participated in the Central Jersey Region II Concert Band.

Daniel Sierzega and Adam Toth performed in the Central Jersey Region II Jazz Band.

Daniel Sierzega, on trumpet, received the Music in the Parks Festival - Soloist Award.

High School, Grades 9-12

The following students were recognized for participating in the Middlesex County High School of the Arts, Dana Butrico, Pamela Cianfrocca, Lindsey Noonan, in theater arts, Sara Denno in vocal music, Heather Pedersen in dance, Brian Publik in jazz, Matthew Pulomona in music composition and Justin Woo in poetry.

Recognized for performing in the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival were Tiffany Boyle, Jason Kollarik, Jessica Ardis, Denise DiMeglio, Kristen Fredericks, Alissa Gittens, Melissa Jamieson, Michael Loenser, Jaimie Morris, Gregory Ogonowski, Allison Provoire and Billie Jean Sarullo.

Participating in the Rutgers University Honors Band were Lynda Hepburn on clarinet, Michael Loenser on saxophone, Melissa Jamieson on flute, Alissa Gittens on flute, Gregory Ogonowski, saxophone, Jason Kollarik and William Humber and Christopher Barorn on trombone.

Lynda Hepburn, William Humber and Melissa Jamieson were recognized for being chosen on the College of New Jersey Honors Band.

Athletes who participated in the Special Olympics-Twin County, Middlesex and Union Special Olympics Athletes and their Unified Partners were Ian Berberabe, Tamala Carter, Jason DeSantis, Sam Etwarroo, Steve Gopal, Heather Hearne, Rami Ibrahim, Paul Israel LaToya Posey, Liz Keppel, Jennifer Rhodes, Daniel Kunst, Jason Seay, Richard Leonardis, Lizzette Seay, Carlton Lovett, Michael Ta-

bachnick, David Micabalo and Thelma Morgan. Coaches were Janet Pine and Addison Williams, assistant coach was Kathy Boyle.

Athletic Awards

Michael Buggy for wrestling and Ralph Fetch for bowling, commended for their induction into New Jersey High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

This year's high school wrestling team commended for accomplishing a new school record with most wins in a season, recording a 17-0 undefeated season (also a school record). They were also the New Jersey Group 2 State Champions, were ranked #3 team in New Jersey All-Groups, were Central Jersey Group 2 Champions, Greater Middlesex Conference Champions, District 12 Champions, Morris Knolls Tournament Champions and GMC Red Division Champions. This year's team won everything they entered.

Wrestling team members were Matthew Anderson, Scott Doerr, Matthew Gati, Steven Johnson, Glen Barlics, David Fiore, Richard Gebauer, Daniel Kunst, Michael Buteas, John Foscolo, Glenn Gross, Roberto Ramos, David Butrico, Chris Francis, Colin Hunter and David Stoeckel. Staff were Mary Otlowski and Monica Vasquezas, managers; William Pavlak, head coach; Kevin McCann and William Hamilton, assistant coaches; William Ashnault and Charlie Frida, volunteer coaches.

David Fiore, Chris Francis, John Foscolo and Daniel Kunst were Individual State Place winners.

Matt Anderson (103) was Individual State Champion.

William Pavlak was named New Jersey State Wrestling Coach of Year.

Dominique Pender was named Third Team Group 2 All-State and First Team All-Conference in basketball. He set a new Middlesex County record for most three pointers - 94.

Matthew Square was named First Team All-Conference in bowling.

Chris Francis was named the Bill Denny Scholar-Athlete in football.

Shannon Dabrio, Lauren Kaczka and Mary Otlowski were recognized for their participation in the Greater Middlesex Conference Swimming Championships.

The following were recognized for their work as volunteer coaches, Michael Allocco in boys basketball, Joseph Apostol, William Ashnault, and Charles Friday in wrestling and Lori Gerst in bowling.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2000

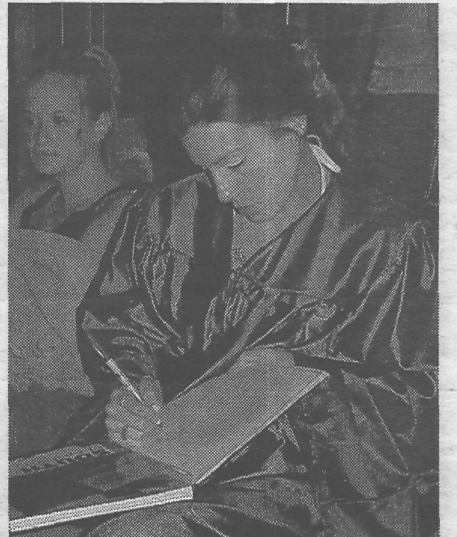
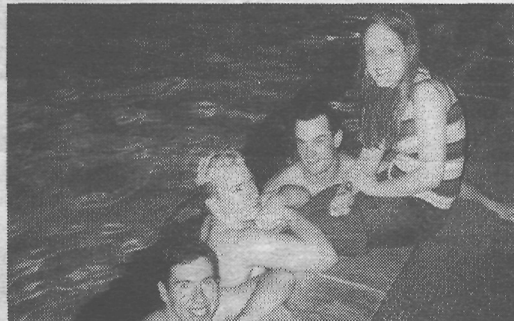
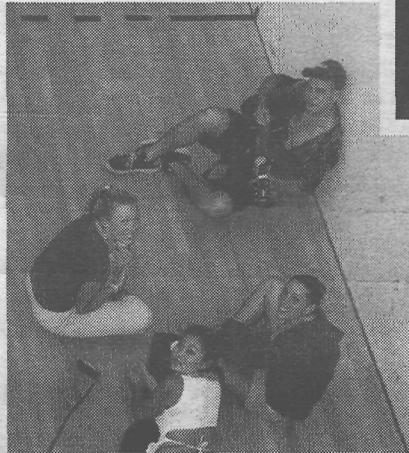
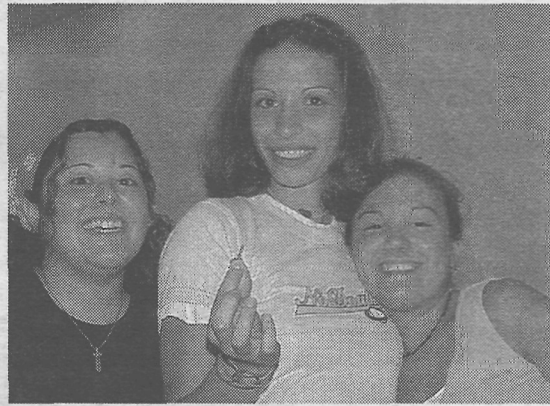
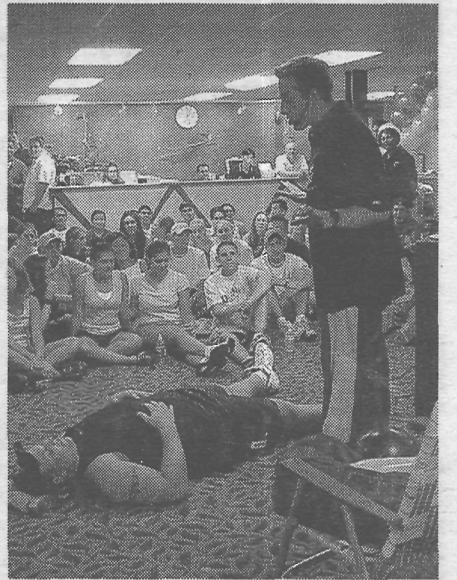
The 2000 Project Graduation Party was a resounding success. The event, a substance-free party for SPHS graduating seniors, is in its eleventh year.

The party ran from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. and was held at Ricochet Health & Racquet Club. Once a graduate is inside they must stay for the entire program unless a parent provides a note.

The Project Graduation committee works year round on this event. Often the plans for the following year's party are being made within a week of graduation.

The committee consists of approximately 25 members who meet once a month. They hold three major fundraisers during the year: a scoop dinner, talent show and the huge auction/raffle. In addition to fundraising, the members spend the night chaperoning the party and attending to the clean up in the morning.

The local community and South Plainfield businesses have annually offered extensive support for the program. Since Project Graduation was established, there have been no major accidents on graduation night.



SP High School Honor Roll 1999-2000

Academic Letter

Christopher Addvensky	Christina Furka	Chirag Patel
Joseph Adoma	Amanda George	Herry Patel
Alain Amazan	Jamie Glowacki	Kamlesh Patel
Heather Barrett	Dale Goberdhan	Rupel Patel
Jason Basile	Shelly Graziano	Gabriela Pineda
Quien Bowe	Nicholas Green	Antoneth Porter
Tiffany Boyle	Kristen Gumina	Cynthia Prybella
Eric Brandes	Thomas Haus	Brian Publik
Milton Bravo	Amanda Hen-nann	John Rayho
Jesse Brown	Alexander Huynh	Joseph Reach
Jenny Cai	Kim Huynh	Eva Rodriguez
Jody Chepulis	Appy Iyengar	Elayne Russell
Michael Chrysanthopoulos	Steven Johnston	Meaghan Schweers
Meredith Cooper	Lauren Kaczka	Danielle Skoba
Gary Curcio	Amit Kalia	Joseph Smalley
James Curcio	Michael Kasmer	Steven Sobel
Jay Cushner	Michelle Kravetsky	David Spayder
Kristina Cwiekalo	Brandon Lindgren	Allison Stoloff
Kristina DeLillo	Nathalie Londono	Stephanie Swierc
Nadia Deba	Sejal Mehta	Justin Toth
Christina Dematos	Daniel Melick	Janine Turrise
Martin Diamant	Richard Muglia	Denise Vita
Denise DeMeglio	Sherin Navasca	Ryan Vroom
Kimberly Dziomba	Tai (Thanh) Nguyen	Craig Warren
Nicole Esposito	Kristen Nietzer	Matthew Wells
Christina Ettore	Kristina Ogonowski	Michael Wiczorek
Kelly Eustice	Ellery Pagala	Frank Wrublevski
Abbalonia Falato	Laura Panton	Victoria Zappi
Kristen Fredericks	Avinash Patel	

Academic Letter

Johanna Camino	Megan Melanson	Shail Gala	Christopher Thalheimer
Erin Mackey	Thomas Daley	Daniel Novajosky	Than Huynh
Michael Cardona	Margaret Morales	Janet Golon	Brian Wilson
Joseph Maglaque	Jacquelyn DeAngelis	Milady Pichardo	Aanda Kress
Kayo Daimo	Huyen Nguyen	Shannon Hecht	

First Academic Pin

Kristyn Ciariariello	Michelle Dietzold	Robert Freeman	Michael Edgecomb
David Penyak	Jessica Persa	Jessie Spayder	Jennifer Pagala
			Ami Navasca

2nd Academic Pin

Nicole Adoma	FJoshua English	Joanne Michalski	Millie Patel
Jason Bataille	Emma Fulton	Adrienne Nagy	Heather Pedersen
Kimberly Benson	Angelique Ganizanis	Joseph Nappé	Evan Sims
Kyan Bowman	Richard Gebauer	Gregory Ogonowski	Allison Tietjen
David Cupo	Alissa Gittens	Sarah Oppelt	Eman Younes
Mark DiMacje	Nicole Luthman	Julie Palmer	QuiPing Zhang

Academic Letter

Kathy Almanzar	Victor Pichardo	Jonathan Fredericks
Jessica Honeywell	Christopher Catalfamo	Catherine Sylvester
Matthew Anderson	Richard Ringel	Rodney Gateau
James Nguyen	Christopher Cornish	Dwayne Walker
Marc Arancio	Michelle Socha	Colombino Headley

First Academic Pin

Mohammed Alli	William Olson	Sally Serago
Elliot Kaplan	Jenevieve Delossantos	Meghan Elsmar
Puj a Amin	Michelle Oppelt	Laura Sharbash
Janelle Kenny	Brian DeVito	Ryan Gianneschi
Brielle Anderson	Matthew Peloquin	Joseph Sierzega
Daniel Lahey	Joseph Dezmin	Alan Graziano
Cassie Bosse	Kimberly Pfeiffer	Thomas Sniscak
Danielle Lytwyn	Luis Dimacje	Norma Guevara
Jennifer Butrico	Billie Jean Sarullo	Thomas Troia
Jeffrey McKnight	Scott Doerr	Cheryl Hoh
Pamela Gianfrocca	Danielle Schweers	Stephanie Veerasammy
Gregory Moore	Tamara Dombrowski	Violet Huynh
Jaclyn Cox	Martin Seiz	Jacqueline Wong
Timothy Morgan	Gina Durso	Jessica Irber
Shannon Dabrio		

Academic Letter

Kimberly Bulla	Michael Grasso	Kim Lam	Nicole Massiah
Daniel Czaplinski	Heather Heame	Jesse Larsen	Matthew Square
Richard Drumbore	Jacque Herzog	Douglas Leigh	Amanda Stirling
Beth Gold	Kerri Howells	Julie Makowski	Kimberly Waton
			Admy Wullur

1st Academic Pin

Andre Harry-Penn	Latoya Posey	Sandra Marin	Samantha Staats
Dominique Pender	Michael Loenser	Jessica Rodrigues	Tejal Patel
Douglas Lauckhardt	Brian Raiti	Roohee Patel	Alina Viruet

2nd Academic Pin

Melinda Agostino	John Espin	Jessica Graisser	Kimberley Wilcox
Lisa Mocerino	Ashley Rettberg	Carol Ann Serago	Paul Lee
Margaret DeRosa	Christopher Francis	Theresa Lamastro	Danielle Zacek
Shanee Person	Heather Roth		

Grade 12 Plaque

David Alles	Dina Diaz	Eric Jackson	Joseph Scottto
Johanna Alzate	Kelly Doerr	David Johnston	Katherine Skoba
Alison Barrett	Brian Donnelly	Michelle King	Robin Stayvas
K.rissy Brooks	Pamela Eng	Stefani MacDougall	David Stoeckel
Christine Buteas	Cortney English	Jane Nguyen	Bradford Tierney
Cindy Carlson	K-rista Gundersen	Rebecca Perez	Eric Toth
Shannon Cassidy	Lynda Hepburn	Lauren Perry	Laura Walter
Laura Colicchio	Rebecca Hom	Jennifer Rayho	Rania Younes
Sheryl Cwiekalo	Maria Hudak	Tracy Regan	Lauren Yulick

Obituaries

Leroy Mackey, 84

Leroy Mackey died on June 27 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Newark, Mr. Mackey had resided in Roselle Park for 15 years and South Plainfield for 25 years before moving to Engelwood, Fla. in 1981. He returned to New Jersey, settling in Bedminster three years ago.

Mr. Mackey was employed as a machine mechanic for Hyatt Bearing Co., a Division of General Motors in Clark, NJ for 20 years before his retirement in 1981. Previously he was employed in the same capacity for the Singer Manufacturing Company of Elizabeth for 20 years.

He was a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2282 of Colonia and the United Auto Workers Union Local of Clark.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

Mr. Mackey was a Velodrome Amateur Bicycle Racer who competed in numerous Velodrome events and competitions. He excelled and had a great love for bicycle riding. Mr. Mackey was also member of the Bayview Wheelmen Bicycle Club of Newark.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine (Micko) Mackey, two daughters, Diane Janus of South Plainfield and Kathleen Nelson of Howell, Mich.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, Martin, Wayne and Shawn Nelson and Kimberly Janus and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Thomas E. Donahue, Jr., 32

Thomas E. Donahue, Jr. of Piscataway died on Tuesday, June 27 at Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in South Plainfield most of his life before moving to Piscataway two years ago.

Mr. Donahue was the manager of the seafood department at the A&P in Tinton Falls for the last 11 years.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. He loved fishing and was an avid bowler and golfer.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary Durner Donahue; his father, Thomas E. Donahue Sr. and his wife Sam of South Plainfield; his mother, Blanca Concepcion Donahue of Piscataway; two brothers David and Jake, both of South Plainfield; his paternal grandmother Vivian Donahue of South Plainfield and many aunts, uncles and cousins and his loving friends.

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

Mildred A. (DiCostanzo) Oprysk, 81

Mildred A. (DiCostanzo) Oprysk died on Thursday, June 29 at her home in Silver Ridge North of Toms River.

Mrs. Oprysk was born in Maplewood and had resided in Irvington. She lived in South Plainfield for 30 years before retiring to Toms Rivers 15 years ago.

She had worked in the distribution department of Revlon in Edison for 12 years before she retired in 1981.

She was a member of the AFL-CIO District 65 of Woodbridge and of the Silver Ridge North Women's Club.

She was predeceased by her sister Georgianna Dobyns and by her brothers, Lawrence Dixon and Salvatore DiCostanzo.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Edward W. Oprysk; her son and daughter-in-law, Gregory E. and Marie Oprysk of South Plainfield; three sisters, Ann Carrara of New Providence, Marie Dudzinski of Milford, Pa. and Angela deBerjeols of Berkeley Heights and two grandsons, Michael and Christopher Oprysk.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

EPA Update

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of 2000 and at that time be released them to the community.

Future Actions

When the RI/FS is completed, EPA will release a Proposed Plan that explains EPA's preferred alternative to address contamination at the site. The Proposed Plan will be subject to a 30-day public comment period. Public comments will be considered before EPA decides on which clean-up alternative to employ in the remediation of the site.

For More Information

For information about the

health effects from exposure to PCBs or other environmental contaminants, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) at (732) 906-6931.

If you have any questions about the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics site, please contact Pat Seppi, EPA's community relations coordinator at (212) 637-3679 or Peter Mannino, EPA's project manager at (212) 637-4395.

For more information about the Superfund process, feel free to access our web site at www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/superfund.htm

Teachers, Support Personnel Retiring

Several teachers and educational support personnel have retired this year from the South Plainfield school district. The six teachers include Bruce Bertucci, Maria LaSalvia-Seliga, Catherine Loupos, Judith Rudnick, Maureen Rydarowski and John Yartz. Natalie Berson was a member of the Child Study Team. The aides are Joanne Levine, Maudrie (Ann) Hutchinson, Frances Gula and Jeanne Smith. Secretaries Kathy Bisci and Virginia Goldstein have also retired.

Bruce Bertucci began his career as an educator in Stroudsburg 33 years ago. He came to SPHS the following year. Lately he has taught Honors and Advanced Placement Biology, but has also taught General Biology and Physical Science. At the high school he has been active in Project Acceleration (Seton Hall), and in the past has advised the Ski and Ecology Clubs. He has also been active in NJEA. Outside of school he used his love of sailing to instruct eight-year-olds in the sport. His other athletic interests include cycling, yacht racing, fly fishing, skiing and motorcycling. Bruce received his undergraduate degree in Secondary Education and an MS in Biological Science (Ecology) from East Stroudsburg.

Maria LaSalvia-Seliga retired from teaching eighth grade English at the Middle School. She has been an educator for 32 years, 30 of them in South Plainfield. She has also taught sixth grade English and English at the Adult School. Maria received her undergraduate degree in English from Newark State College (Kean University) and a Masters in Education from Rutgers University. She has received many awards and recognitions. Maria was named Middlesex County Citizen of the Year 1983, Walter Reuter Scholar, and Governor's Teacher Recognition Award recipient. She has also been honored by the Academy of the NJ Commissioner of Education. At the Middle School she was the advisor for peer mediation and promotion. In her community she is a lector at her church, and has chaired the Middlesex County Coalition for School Funding for four years. Professionally she was past president of the South Plainfield Education Association and Middlesex County Education Association, and an NJEA and NEA delegate. Maria is also a member of United Auto Workers Local 1263 and was a state, county and local PTA

delegate. Her other interests include collecting antique jewelry, gemology and travel.

Catherine Loupos, a veteran teacher, spent her entire teaching career at Roosevelt School. She attended Beaver College and graduated from Upsala with a B.A. in English Literature and a minor in Sociology and Psychology. She received her Teaching in Elementary School Certification credits from Kean. During her tenure in South Plainfield, she has been a member of a myriad number of district-wide and school committees. She initiated the Read-Aloud Program at Roosevelt and has been honored by her school as a Governor's Teacher Recognition Award recipient. Her future plans include traveling.

Judith Rudnick, third grade Franklin School teacher, has been an educator for 25½ years. She began her career in South Plainfield as an aide, followed by a position as a supplemental teacher. She also taught fifth and sixth grades at Franklin and Kennedy (for one year). Judy received her undergraduate degree in Psychology/Elementary Education from Rutgers University, and a Teacher of the Handicapped Certificate from Kean. She is a member of NEA, NJEA and MCEA, and served as SPEA building representative. This year Judy received a Governor's Teacher Recognition Award as an outstanding New Jersey educator. She is looking forward to traveling and reading everything she hasn't had time to read.

Maureen Rydarowski taught sixth grade Reading and Science. During her 25 years of classroom teaching she also taught third grade at Franklin School. For six years prior to that she was a substitute teacher. Maureen graduated from Kean College with a B.A. in Elementary Education (K-8). She is a member of NEA, NJEA, MCEA, and SPEA. She has served her school as a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee and the Student of the Month Committee, and in her community has been involved in Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. Mrs. Rydarowski states, "Teaching has been a most important part of my life. My years of service to the children of South Plainfield have been both rewarding and enriching. For this I am most thankful. I now plan to spend some time traveling and more time with my family—my husband Julian, son Joseph, and daughter Susan Guiazda, who teaches first grade at Roosevelt School."

John Yartz was the Computer teacher at Riley School, but had also taught fourth and fifth grades. He spent his entire teaching career, 34 years, serving the children of South Plainfield. John graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a degree in Elementary Education, and is a member of SPEA, NJEA and NEA. In 1999 John was a Governor's Teacher Recognition Award honoree.

Kathleen C. Bisci was the secretary to the Middle School principal for the past ten years. During her 20 year career in South Plainfield Kathy was also the secretary to the maintenance supervisor at the administration building. She is a member of SPEA and NJEA. Kathy has been involved in many Sacred Heart Church activities, including Pre-Cana, Family Life, Marriage Encounter, and Genesis/Lighthouse Program for Teens. Her other outside interests include reading, traveling, dancing, crafts and playing with her grandchildren.

Maudrie Ann Hutchinson was a duty aide at Franklin School for the past 23 years. She is a graduate of Williamsport School of Commerce. Ann's hobbies include gardening and crafts, but her most important interests are her "two dear little grandsons"!

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

June 29, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on June 27, 2000.

Case No. 633/V-Superseal Manufacturing Co., Inc.—Block 477; Lot 15; M-3 Zone; 125 Helen St.—Applicant's request for final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Case No. 99-8-Jonathan Homes, Inc.—Block 363; Lot 3.01; R-10 Zone; Delmore Ave.—Applicant's request for classification and preliminary and final two lot subdivision, with waivers, was hereby GRANTED.

Janice J. Muccilli
Recording Secretary
Borough of South Plainfield Planning Board

\$20.00 1T July 7, 2000

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 Tuesday, July 18, 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:

2000 - 163" Type III - Class I Ambulance

Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building at the above address during 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 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.) EOE, ADA.

Mary Blue, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Borough of South Plainfield

\$30.00 1T 7/7/2000

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Thomas M. O'Connor requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a second story addition and front porch. Proposed front porch lacks the required 30' front setback, 28.58' being proposed; and any other such variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 138, Lot 18 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 1T July 7, 2000

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police report

• Markita Arrington of Perth Amboy was arrested for shoplifting six VCRs valued at \$639.94 from Kmart, Hadley Rd.

• An Elise Ave. resident reported an unknown substance had been poured over her entire car, damaging the paint. The car had been parked on Front St.

• John Ziminski of Piscataway reported the theft of his car from the parking lot of Flanagan's, Plainfield Ave. A tow truck was seen removing his jeep from the lot. Edison police located the tow truck. The operator had picked up the wrong jeep and was in the process of returning the jeep. The jeep that was to be picked up was located n Lane Ave. by the SPSHS parking lot.

• A Nassau St. resident reported to police that unknown suspect(s) had removed the rails from a footbridge and placed them nails up on the path.

• A So. Madison Dr. resident reported the theft of a bike and bike pump from her unlocked shed. The bike was removed from the yard via a back gate.

• An Orchard Drive resident reported vandalism to his car while it was parked in front of his home. There was damage to the outer chrome molding at the top of the door and to the interior rub-

ber molding. It appeared an attempt was made to gain entry via a metal coat hanger. Several CDs were in plain sight.

• Clifford Johnson , Middlesex, owner of American Concrete & Masonry, Hollywood Ave., reported the theft of equipment. An employee loaded the equipment to be used for a job. He never returned the equipment nor did he return to work. Johnson made several attempts to contact him by phone and letter but received no response. The total value of the property is \$3,800.

• A Front St. resident reported the theft of her wallet from her vehicle while it was parked in a driveway on New Market Ave. She was there to pick up her daughter and left the car running while she went inside for approximately 20 minutes. She didn't notice the wallet missing until she received a page on her pager. Missing are \$583 cash, a Visa card and her daughter's social security card.

• A Camden Ave. resident reported a tire was slashed on her car while parked in her driveway.

• A John St. resident reported that someone had removed a plant from her yard over night. Value of plant was \$150.

• A Merchants Ave. resident re-

ported the theft of a bike from the side of her house.

• Jose Fernandez reported an assault at his place of employment, Tingley Rubber. He reported that he was assaulted by a coworker, Jose Arbelaez of North Plainfield. He stated he was on his way to the lunch room when the suspect attacked him. He added that suspect was not scheduled for lunch at that time and had been there to seek him out. The victim believes the suspect was mad about a work related issue. The victim suffered a black eye, contusion to his elbow and a sprain to lower back. Jose Arbelaez of North Plainfield came to the police station to give his version of an assault. He stated he was enroute to the lunch room at Tingley Rubber when he was struck in the arm three times with a piece of wood by co-worker Jose Fernandez.

• A Hancock St. resident was arrested for possession of a syringe, possible narcotic paraphernalia and contempt of court.

• A Maple Ave. resident reported the theft of her daughter's bike from her yard. The bike was unlocked at the time of the theft.

By Cyrus N Moon Weekly Horoscope July 7-13, 2000

CANCER 6/21-7/22 This is a wonderful time for love relationships to be established. So if any plans come up for having a good time with others you will be a fool not to go. There is magic in the air! And you will be able to feel it. And those of you together already, possessiveness will disappear!

LEO 7/23-8/22 Hard work and planning result in a valuable opportunity. If you are in a business or profession, your maturity and expertise can mean new clients and invitations to consult or lecture. So if you are a hard worker this is a good time to get jump-started. Sunglasses please! The future is bright!

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING. This is a reality if you wish it to be. And what can you do with this? How about making plans for the future (your life) and creating organizational systems (a business)? You are in a positive mind set, so skills rather than luck is the.....

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LIBRA 9/23-10/22 If you ever wanted to take a chance on something, now is the time! Trust your instincts and intuition—they can lead to some fortunate as well as pleasurable situations. You are highly favored in bonds of kinship and may be called to improve a troubled relationship.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Emotions run very deep. If you are lucky enough, Scorpio, to know a Pisces, the flow you have always felt but didn't give a chance to can come bubbling up. A lot of times what you see on the outside is let by, and what's on the inside you have missed. Make a creative change!

SAGITTARIUS 11/23-12/21 You will be stimulated this week! What you do this week contributes to positive growth, so long as you also integrate your activities with ethical principles. Also in your exuberance you could be tempted to overextend yourself and in turn take an unnecessary risk.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 You are not likely to feel in a playful mood this week, but your ability for concentrated mental discipline is excellent. If there's a matter that calls for serious analysis, this is the time for it. You have a critical eye and can change without getting down about it.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Friends at this time can provide opportunities for advancement or for getting away from your usual scene for awhile. Look for an old friend to come back into your life unexpectedly. And female friends will play a big role in this. Think of new ways to arouse your fancy.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 It may be hard to

grasp the true meaning or accuracy of information this week. Trying to get to the bottom of a situation ends in confusion and raises more questions than answers. But you need to remember that this is temporary and the confusion will clear up for you to present a case.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 You may possibly encounter a problem in projected form—that is, someone else will act defensively toward you. When this happens, think about whether you have something real to defend before you fight. Certainly you should not run away from defending a valid position.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 What a good time to show love to those dear to you. Their mood will make you feel very sentimental. This tends to reawaken memories of the past and causes you to feel very attached to your history. Be careful, too much food and drink will have you starting that diet a little earlier.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 Now is the time to appreciate the organization you have worked to achieve and the knowledge you have managed to acquire. You may find someone is willing to reward you nicely for your advice and consultation. So if your needed to travel do it, a wealth of info will advance your cause.

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Tiger Sharks Win Meet, Break Records

By Donna Egan

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team won its second straight victory and team members broke four records at the June 28 meet at the Community Pool. The South Plainfield team swam against Chatham Colony and will face them again on their home turf later in July.

Emily Piekarski earned a team record coming in first with a time of 28.98 for the 8-and-under girls 25m breaststroke, Jacqueline Dougherty placed third and Maggie Valentino took fourth.

Matt Moates shaved 8.99 seconds off his best time for a team record in boys 9-10, 50m butterfly, taking first in a time of 49.71. Michael Boyle placed second.

Lauren Reed broke two pool records in the 15-18 age group in girls 200 meter freestyle, taking first with a time of 2:34.97 and in girls 100m backstroke, again taking the top spot with a time of 1:21.79. In the freestyle event, Nina Byard placed third and Shannon Dabrio took third in the backstroke. Lauren Kaczka took fourth in both events.

In the boys 8-and-under fly: James Sansone took first place and Christian Leguizamon placed second. Leguizamon also took the first place spot in the boys 25m freestyle in their age group and Sansone placed fourth. Sarah Konops placed second in the girls 8-and-under 25m backstroke and Emily Piekarski placed third.

Danielle Atcachunas took first place in the girls 9-10, 50m breaststroke; Jill Rann placed third and Talya Gunasekara took fourth.

Matt Moates was the winner of the top spot in the boys 50m freestyle, age 9-10 and Drew LeDet took second place. In the girls 9-10, 50m backstroke, Jennifer Boyle took first place and Talya Gunasekara placed second.

Jill Rarin took first place in girls

10-and-under 100m freestyle. Jessica Manning placed first for the 11-12 girls in that event and Lisa Primavera took third. Shawn Ferguson was the first place finisher for the boys 11-12 50m fly, Matt LeDet took second place and Philip Luzny took third. In the boys 50m free event for their age group, Chris Reed took first place, Ferguson placed second and Ryan Egan took fourth.

In the girls 11-12 age group, Katie Koury placed second for 50m breaststroke, Lisa Primavera took third and Julia Dougherty took fourth. Koury placed fourth in the 50m backstroke and Jessica Manning won the event for their age group, taking 4.61 second off her best time.

Billy Moates took first in the boys 11-14 100m fly and Devin Gunasekara placed third. In the 100m freestyle, Calvin John Smiley took second placed for their age group, Christopher Egan took third and Billy Moates placed fourth.

Natalie Jones won first place in both 13-14 girls 100m breaststroke and backstroke events. In breaststroke, Becky Brzozowski took third and in backstroke, Nina Byard placed third. In the girls 15-18 category, Shannon Dabrio took first place in the 100m breaststroke and Sarah Blessing placed second. For the boys in their age group, Karim Motani took two second place finishes, one each in 100m fly and in 100m freestyle. In the boys freestyle event Timmy Keller placed third and Randy Petronko took fourth.

In the boys 100m Individual Medley events, Drew LeDet took second for the 10-and-under age group. For ages 11-12, Tiger Shark swimmers took the top three places with Chris Reed taking first place, Matt LeDet in sec-

ond and Philip Luzny placing third. For the 13-18 boys 200m IM, Calvin John Smiley placed second and Devin Gunasekara took third.

All Tiger Sharks swimmers are either South Plainfield residents or from nearby towns and all are members of South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool. There is still plenty of time to join the pool for the summer and sign up for the swim team, which is free to pool members. No previous swim team experience is necessary. Practice sessions with coaches are available free upon joining the team.

South Plainfield
14 & Under All-Stars
Results Week of June 26



Tri-County League

June 28
Middlesex 11-So. Plainfield 10

June 30
So. Plainfield 12-Watchung 6

North Edison Tournament

July 1
Long Valley 10- So. Plainfield 0
So. Plainfield 6 -Fire & Ice 4
S.J. Bandits 10-So. Plainfield 3

July 2- Playoffs

1st Round
So. Plainfield 6- Long Valley 4

Quarter Final
E. Bruns. 10-So. Plainfield 4

New Jersey Stars 14-U Win New York State Championship

The New Jersey Stars 14-U won the New York State ASA Championships this weekend in Staten Island, N.Y. The tournament was preceded by the U.S.A. Gold Metal Olympic teams appearance at the ASA complex. The National team, playing their New York to Sydney tour, played an exhibition double header in front of a 1200 fan turnout on Thursday evening. The U.S.A. National team played the Staten Island Challengers, defeating them 8-0 and 11-0.

The ASA Championship competition began Saturday morning and ran through Sunday. The New Jersey Stars 14-U comprised of athletes from all over New Jersey were undefeated throughout the two days with a 5-0 record. Saturday's competition pitted them against the Central Jersey Rebels whom they defeated 11-3. Tara Broyles of North Brunswick had three hits and Vicki Boley of South Plainfield had four RBI's. Emily


Rosenthal allowed only three hits. The Midnight Thunder fell to the Stars 8-3 under a barrage of hits by Elise Falcicchio of Middlesex and Jackie Tarulli-Fisher of Basking Ridge, behind the pitching of Lauren Karbow-ski of Sayreville.

On Sunday the hosting Staten Island Saints fell to the two hit pitching of Erin Murphy of Belle Mead. Kaitlin Kirby of Lake Hopatcong had two hits and two RBI's in the 7-2 win. The Championship game played late Sunday afternoon saw the Morris County Belles get caught up by the excellent hitters of the Stars, 6-2. The Stars broke the game open with four straight hits in the fifth inning by Candice Pastor, Emily Rosenthal, Jackie Tarulli-Fisher and Vicki Boley. The inning was capped off by a long drive to center field by Elise Falcicchio. Emily Rosenthal of Basking Ridge allowed only three hits and the New Jersey Stars walked off with the New


York ASA 14-U State Championship.

"I brought the whole team to see the National Team play on Thursday night. They were awed by the play of these Olympic athletes and I truly think it inspired their play throughout the tournament," said Larry Rosenthal, coach of the Stars. The New Jersey Stars now have a tournament record of 31-6 and will be playing in the NSA World Series in Columbus, Ohio and the Fast-pitch ASA Challenge at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.


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