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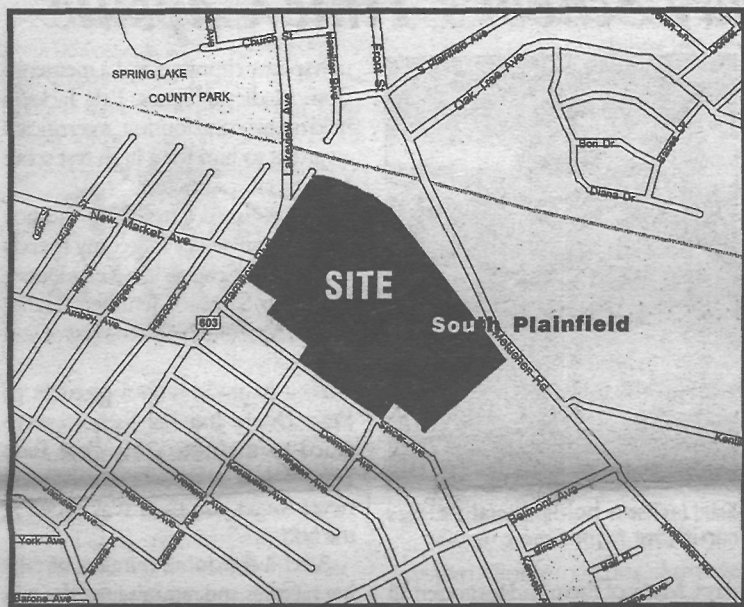
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## Developers Seek Public Input on Superfund Site

### EPA-Approved Cleanup Required for Redevelopment



Hamilton Industrial Park is located on Hamilton Blvd. just before the overpass.

Two former owners of the Hamilton Industrial Park located on Hamilton Blvd. are asking borough officials to lend their support for plans to redevelop the contaminated site. The companies, Cornell-Dubilier Electronics and Dana Corporation, no longer own the property but are responsible for the sites cleanup. The 27-acre property was designated a Superfund site in 1998 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Redevelopment of the site would happen after or during of the cleanup of the site.

A presentation of the redevelop-

ment concept will be made at an informational briefing during the July 13 council meeting. The companies are seeking both the council's and the public's input and opinions on their redevelopment plans. A spokesperson for the companies said, "The goal of the presentation is to inform the council and the public about the redevelopment potential of the site. The concept we are presenting is designed to provide community benefits and be consistent with the borough's master plan."

The proposed mixed-use development would consist of neigh-

borhood type retail stores along Hamilton Blvd., with parking for more than 100 cars. There would also be a pedestrian bridge crossing the railroad tracks, allowing access to both the railcar and the downtown area. Also planned for the site is a mini-storage near Spicer Ave. and office/light industrial flex space. The balance of the property, about 40 percent, would be devoted to open space. The concept would provide a 100-foot landscaped buffer between the site and the residential neighborhood on Spicer Ave. There would also be two retention basins for rain water runoff.

The present 18 structures in the complex would be taken down and replaced with modern buildings. The complex is much in need of repair and the buildings are an eyesore to the area. The redevelopment plans are in the preliminary stages and are subject to change depending on the input of the council and the public.

This proposal is based on EPA's recent policy supporting Superfund site redevelopment under the EPA's "Brownfields" program. The Brownfields program calls for a timely cleanup that focuses on

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## Teachers, BOE Ratify Contract

Last Friday, members of the teachers union (SPEA) voted to ratify the contract tentatively agreed upon last February. On Tuesday the Board of Education held a special meeting and also voted 'yes'. The negotiations, which started well over a year ago, resulted in a tentative agreement in February, with the help of state mediator, Richard Qwen. Since then both sides have been working on the salary guides. Qwen returned on June 27 to get both sides to reach a final agreement.

The board vote was six 'yes', with two abstentions. Ken LaFreniere and Steven Bohn both abstained because they have relatives who will be affected by the settlement. Daniel Smith was absent.

The teachers will receive a 3.8 percent increase for the next three years. The contract runs until 2003.

Both sides seemed to be very pleased with the final results and thanked those who helped in the negotiations.

## Parade Committee Looking for Grand Marshal Nominations

The 43rd Annual Labor Day Parade theme this year is "South Plainfield Celebrates Family, Fun and Community." The parade committee has announced several of the day's festivities.

The Labor Day Parade takes place on Monday, Sept. 4, starting at 10 a.m. Festivities begin earlier in the morning with a 5K run and 1.5 mile family fitness walk.

Activities start in Veterans' Park immediately following the parade and include a contests for the largest tomato and zucchini. So get out your Miracle Grow, pick your best specimen and bring it down to Veterans' Park. Back by popular demand are both the pie- and watermelon-eating contests, which were a

big hit last year. There will also be plenty of food, fun and games for the entire family during the afternoon. The day's festivities will conclude with a concert and fireworks display in Spring Lake Park.

The parade committee is accepting applications for Honorary Grand Marshal. Anyone who knows an individual they feel has contributed outstanding service to the community should write a letter stating the reason why this person should be considered for Grand Marshal. Include the candidate's name, address and phone number and send the nomination to John Sorrentino, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Email: jmsorrentino@home.com or fax (908) 753-4003.

## Police Trading Cards Available

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

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

Each officer is provided with 1,000 cards for distribution. The cards are paid for by local businesses, who sponsor the officers. The officer's photograph and



name appears on the face of the card. The back of the card lists the officer's biography, a personal message or safety tip and the sponsor's name.

The Observer, which has a limited supply of the police cards, some signed, will distribute them on a first-come basis. Our office is located at 1110 Hamilton Blvd. One card per officer, please.

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

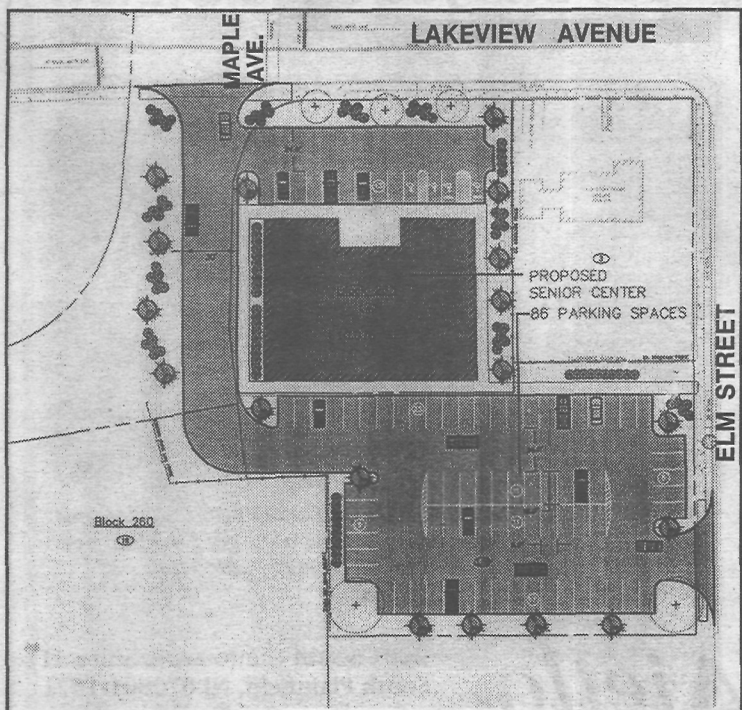
## Borough Administrator/CFO Welcomed

South Plainfield's Borough Administrator/CFO Frank Derosa officially started in his new position last Monday. He was introduced and welcomed at the Borough Council agenda

meeting.

Derosa was previously the business administrator in Edison since 1995.

Let's all join in welcoming Mr. Derosa to South Plainfield.



SENIOR CENTER—Pictured is a preliminary drawing of the proposed new Senior Center. Robert Russo from CME Associates, was given the okay to move forward by the council on Monday. He also appeared before the Planning Board on Tuesday and received their approval with a some minor parking space changes.



# In My Opinion

## Letters

Dear Editor,

I have read your paper for the last two weeks since the Class of 2000 graduated. Students remarked in their speeches about not having the support of the teachers and one student commented on being self taught (as if they went through basic training without a drill sergeant!).

I believe the behavior of the teachers this past year was a disgrace. The leaving of pencils, the "green shirts," the hearts, and the two elections by the Board of Education was an insult to the residents of South Plainfield. It was money wasted on nothing!

I asked the question exactly eight times—what happens to the surplus money left over from one year to the next? I never got an answer! But when the ballots were cast and the Board of Education lost twice, it was brought out on how much the students were losing. Again, they ruined one school and then wanted more administrative space and to build another school? Plus, who came up with the idea of selling Grant School? Anybody with a mind would have sensed the town would grow and we should keep all the available space we had for classrooms! No, they destroyed Cedarcroft School, and sold Grant School. That was smart! Now after the first election loss, they lowered the number of students in each class to cause an overcrowding.

I have contacted a few agencies from the Census Bureau to the State of New Jersey and South Plainfield class size is below the average in New

Jersey schools! I also listed the high salaries paid in South Plainfield compared to other schools, and the transfer rate. I have talked to parents who have children that attend other schools in South Plainfield and all agree that Roosevelt School is the worst school in the borough! Maybe that should be looked into, not because of the age of the building but how the programs are run.

If any student or parent believes that their son or daughter was cheated out of anything this past year, please send your letters to: State of New Jersey Department of Education, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500; Attn: Mr. David C. Hespe, Commissioner of Education. Let him decide on who was cheated during this past year! He will reply to all letters.

THANK YOU,  
ANTHONY PISANIELLO

### More Vandalism at the Railcar

Sunday morning at about 9 o'clock, the police received a call that someone had broken into the rail car, again! This time only the hasp on the one door was pried open. There didn't seem to be any other damage as happened before.

On the outside of the railcar spray paint graffiti was painted in several spots.

This is an historic railcar. It was built in 1926, the same year that South Plainfield was incorporated as a borough. Many people have spent hundreds of hours and donated time and material to refurbish the car to bring it back to looking like it did in its glory days.

The railcar was an observation car for a special train called "The Blue Comet." It was a Central Rail Road of New Jersey train which ran from Jersey to Atlantic City, until the 1930s.

It is a crying shame that a few thoughtless people who have no respect for these kinds of things can ruin the good efforts of other people.

WILLIAM TUHILL

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High school graduates gather at John F. Kennedy School to open the time capsule that was filled seven years ago.

## High School Graduates Take a Look Back at Kennedy School's Time Capsule

By Patricia Abbott

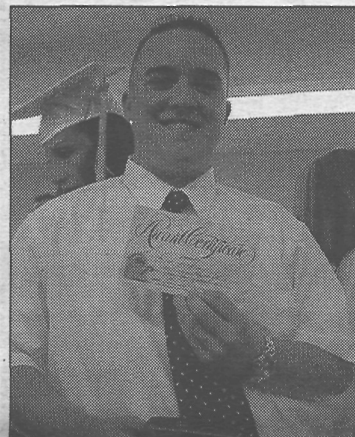
In 1993 fifth grade John F. Kennedy's School students placed various items into a time capsule to be opened on high school graduation day 2000. Donations to the capsule represented the present year and memories of their years and friendships at JFK.

The students locked the box and looked to the future; moving on to the middle school and then high school. Their teacher, Connie Barca, coordinated the program. The next seven years flew by.

On the eve of their high school graduation, approximately 20 of the original 42 students assembled at Kennedy School for a glimpse of their past before taking the final step that would end their school years in South Plainfield.

Photographs of the JFK Class of 1993, as well as candid photos of the youngsters, were scattered across the table in front of the closed red chest.

Former Principal Mr. Slavoski, along with a number of parents, viewed a video made by the students during their last year at Kennedy. The young adults laughed as they watched themselves at age 11. Some stood with a best friend from their Kennedy



Eric Jackson holds Social Studies certificate from time capsule.

days. Many of them had forgotten all about the time capsule and did not recall what they had put in it.

As the capsule was opened there were gasps of recognition along with laughter. There were pictures, books,

newspaper clippings and a memento from Medieval Times. Eric Jackson held up his contribution, a certificate awarded to him for a high test score on a social studies test.

An unsigned letter from the box read: "I will never forget my friends at Kennedy School, like Kelly Doerr, Elizabeth Santoro, Jennifer Rayho, Stefani McDougle and the rest of you people."

Fourth grade school pictures of Kelly Doerr and Liz Santoro were glued to the note. "My Best Best Friends" was written above and "I will never forget you two" was added at the bottom.

After a few more minutes of taking pictures and reminiscing, the students, clutching a little piece of their grade school days, headed out to their high school graduation, a day they dreamed of when the box was sealed seven years ago.

meeting

### BOE Special Mtg.

Please be advised of the following meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education. This meeting will be held in the Board Conference Room, Administration Bldg on Cronwell Place.

Monday, July 17, 2000 11 a.m.

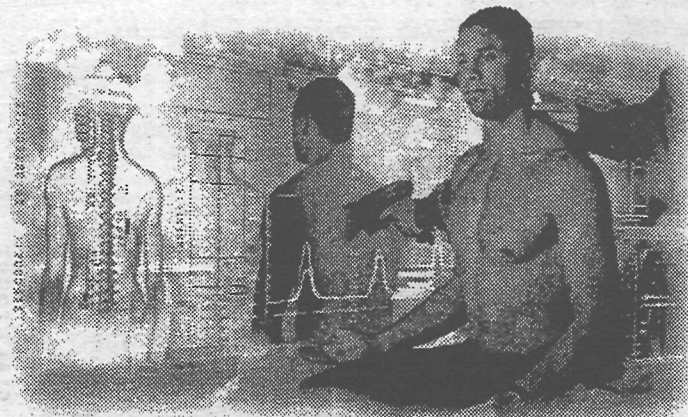
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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for more news from South Plainfield Library:

First up, here's a rundown of our Children's programs. This morning at 11, we'll have this week's video presentation, title to be announced. (Sorry, no Raisinettes allowed.) The Summer Reading Kidcraft program on Monday, for children ages six and up, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Please register for the program, so we'll know how many kids to expect. Our usual roster of Storytime programs for children ages three and over is in place next week. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The Wednesday program will feature a special appearance by our onetime Children's Librarian Nancy Cornell. That morning, at 11:00, kids can participate in our Game Gang program; bring in your favorite board game or play one of our own. And Thursday night at 7:00, there's our live reading of the somewhat popular (to put it mildly) *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. (By the way, copies of the book will be available for borrowing ASAP. Be prepared to wait, though, as people have already reserved it.) For more information, check with Linda

Hansen.

Before we leave the Children's section, here's a somewhat related item: We're now offering T-shirts bearing the logo of our Summer Reading Club. They come in all sizes and cost \$8 each. You can place your order at the main desk; you must leave a \$4 deposit with your order. You can see a sample of them on our display wall.

This brings us to this month's other displays. At the table and case near the display wall, we have detailed models of local houses and landmarks made by local resident Alan Graziano. Our main display case, in keeping with the Summer Reading sci-fi theme, features a variety of toys ("Star Wars" toys, primarily) provided by Sayreville resident Freddie Colon and library staff member Cheryl Keraga. You can see these displays throughout July.

The latest group from the Audiobook Circuit is now available. Titles in this group include *The Way Through the Woods* by Colin Dexter, *Inner Harbor* by Nora Roberts, *The Perfect Storm* (the basis for this summer's movie) by Sebastian Junger, *A Man in Full* by Tom Wolfe and *The Testament* by John Grisham. Audiobooks can be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

On the video front, fans of the summer movies *Chicken Run* and *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle* are in luck. In our children's video section, we feature the acclaimed *Wallace and Gromit* short films (from the creators of *Chicken Run*) and several volumes of cartoons from the original *Rocky and Bullwinkle* series. You can borrow these popular tapes for two days.

Finally, here's a word about reserves. At present, we normally notify people that their reserved books are available via a call from our Elvis system. Some patrons, however, would prefer not to get calls from the computer. So, at your request, we can make a note to notify you via a mailer. In each case, the reserve fee will be 50 cents to cover costs. (We're working on notifying you via e-mail, if you'd prefer it, but it's not ready, yet.)

That's all for this week. We'll be back next Friday with more.

## The Quilt Is Here!

Officers of the South Plainfield Historical Society went to Kutztown, Pa. last Saturday and purchased a hand-sewn queen-size quilt. The quilt will be raffled off at Veterans' Park Park at 2 p.m. on Labor Day.

This is one of the most beautiful quilts the Society has ever had for their annual fundraiser—a "log cabin" design.

Second prize again will be two tickets for the Brunch-Cruise on the "Cornucopia Princess."

The quilt will be on display in the South Plainfield library after August 1.

## Lions Install New Slate of Officers



Outgoing Lions President Dr. Patrick M. Aiello (right) hands over the gavel to incoming president Bob Desch.

During the Lions Annual Installation dinner, held on June 21 at Twin Brook Country Club in Watchung, the Lions Club of South Plainfield installed a new slate of officers.

The new officers are: Bob Desch, president; Peter Walsh, secretary and Steve Cecchetti will continue as treasurer. Exiting officers are President Dr. Patrick M. Aiello and Secretary Roy Kaplan. Dr. Aiello is the first club member in the 53 year history of South Plainfield Lions to be a three-term president.

The Lions Club of South Plainfield is a service organization which helps raise funds for the visually and hearing impaired as well as other charitable endeavors.

For more information on Lionism, write to: South Plainfield Lions Club, P.O. Box 721, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

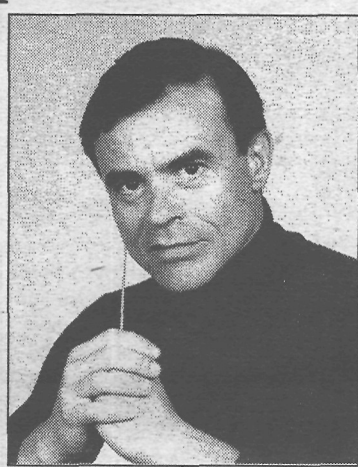
## Sacred Heart Presents Rev. Stephenson and St. Peter by the Sea on Sept. 17

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society has announced that Father Alphonse Stephenson and his 45-member symphony orchestra, *St. Peter by the Sea*, will be performing at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Father Alphonse Stephenson is well-known for his versatility—part maestro, part comedian and part priest.

Born in Paterson in 1950, Father Alphonse has a long and impressive background in music, studying under George Schick of the Metropolitan Opera and Dr. Robert Abramson of Juillard School. He has served as guest conductor at Fresno Philharmonic, Delaware Valley Philharmonic and many other orchestras.

Stephenson's first orchestra was formed in New York's Theatre District while he served at St. Malachy's,



Father Alphonse Stephenson

the Actors' Chapel. In 1980, Michael Bennett, the late Broadway director and choreographer, hired him as conductor and music director for his smash hit, *A Chorus Line*. He conducted nearly 3,000 performances of the famous musical.

He is also the founder and conductor of the *Festival of Atlantic* in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey's largest outdoor music festival. The Sept. 17 concert will consist of light classics and seasonal favorites. Father Alphonse also entertains his audience with his good cheer and charisma.

*St. Peter by the Sea* consists of 45 members who have 750 years of study and performed over 57,000 concerts and recitals.

The Sept. 17 performance will take place at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. The concert promises to be a big hit; get your tickets now.

General admission is \$25; students and seniors are \$20. Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society will be selling tickets after all Sunday masses. Ticket information can be obtained by calling either (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.

## Victim of Assault Sustains Severe Head Injury

Early last Sunday morning, police received a 9-1-1 call reporting a disturbance involving about five people in front of 1207 Foster Ave.

Police arriving at the scene found a victim of the assault in front of

the residence. Walter Avelar, 38, a resident of Piscataway, had sustained a severe head injury. He was taken by ambulance to Robert Wood Johnson Trauma Center where he underwent emergency surgery.

Jose Pineda, age 20, who lives at the Foster Ave. address was located at the scene and subsequently arrested for the assault. Avelar and Jose's mother, Patricia Pineda reportedly had a previous dating relationship. Witnesses to the incident report that Avelar, who had been drinking, arrived at the scene and had an argument with Patricia Pineda. When she decided to leave with the victim, Jose Pineda intervened in an attempt to prevent her from leaving and an argument ensued between the parties.

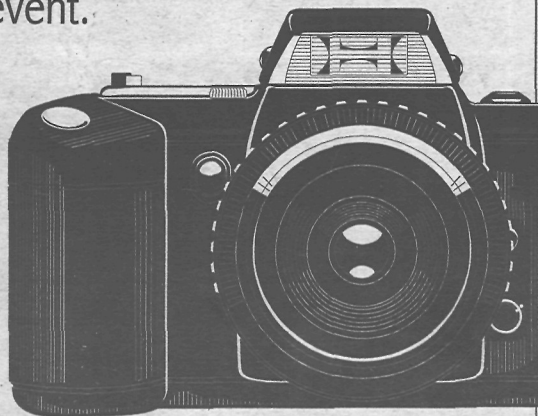
Jose reportedly retrieved a baseball bat from the porch area of the home and struck Avelar in the head while a juvenile suspect punched and kicked him.

The victim is reported to be in serious but stable condition following surgery.

Jose Pineda has been charged with aggravated assault, unlawful possession of weapon and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes. Bail was set at \$100,000. Jose Pineda was unable to post bail and has been held at Middlesex County Adult Correction Center. The South Plainfield PD and the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office are conducting the investigation jointly.

## Capture the Moments

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# Around Town

## Polish Home Plans Events

The Polish National Home's **Eighth Annual Golf Outing** is set for August 13. For more information call the bar at (908) 668-9442. The Polish Home will also hold their **Annual Family Picnic** on Sept. 16 (raindate Sept. 17). For more info, call (908) 668-9442.

## Korean War Vets Association to Meet

The Middlesex County Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) will meet Monday, July 17 at 8 p.m. at the VFW Post 6763 located on Front St. All veterans of the Korean War are invited to attend.

## First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., invites children entering kindergarten through those entering fifth grade to attend their Vacation Bible School from August 7 to 11. The theme is "2000 Ark Avenue: God's Great Get-Together." VBS will run from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$5 per child with a \$10 per family maximum. For more information or registration form, call 908-753-8224. Join us at the "Ark"!

## CHATS Support Group to Meet

CHATS, (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, July 24, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield. "Adoption Through the Years" Brenda Mirly, MSW with Spence-Chapin Adoption Agency, will speak. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> for info.

## Rescue Squad To Host Pig Roast

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.

## SPHS Class of 1985 15th Reunion

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](mailto:wspear@bns.nec.com).

## 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 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.

## 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 So. Plainfield Open

The South Plainfield Golf Association announces plans to hold the **SOUTH PLAINFIELD OPEN** on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Entry fee of \$75 includes greens fee, cart, prizes, food and beverages.

There will be prizes for men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to pin and 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 Mike Kavaka, 908-753-6578 or Dick DeAndrea, 908-755-1700. Sign up for a tee time or find out about becoming a corporate sponsor at [www.spga.org](http://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.
- *A Christmas Carol*, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. performance. Bus leaves PAL at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$66 per person.

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.

## Singles Events

"Single Professionals' After Work Socials" are scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Panera's, 143 East Broad Street, Westfield, 6:30-10 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2 and Thursday, Aug. 3, The Inn at Mount Bethel, 6:30-10 p.m.

The cost for each event is \$10 and includes refreshments.

- Saturday, Aug. 5, "Culinary Seductions" Full Participation Cooking Class for Singles at Classic Thyme Cooking School, 161 East Broad Street, Westfield.

Contact (908) 232-8827 or [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## Third Annual Somerville Carnival

The Somerville Area Kiwanis Club will hold its Third Annual Town Carnival from July 25 - 29 at the Somerville High School Main Parking Lot on Davenport Street in Somerville. Hours are 6 - 11 pm daily. The carnival will feature fabulous rides, fun and games for all and food galore, with proceeds going to local Kiwanis-sponsored programs. Advance discount ride tickets are available at \$7 for 15 tickets (regular price at the carnival is \$11.25 for 15 tickets). For advance ticket purchase, contact Jane Kobuta at the Somerset Valley YMCA, (908)722-4567.

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## Grant Ave. Holds Block Party

Last Saturday afternoon residents of Grant Ave. from Franklin Ave. to Tomkins Ave. got together for their second annual block party. The event was organized by Nancy Hoffman and Diane Zekas. Festivities, which began about 12:30 p.m., included tubs filled with cool refreshments, charcoal and gas grills for cooking burgers, hot dogs and sausages and many varieties of salads. Barbara McLaughlin, Lenny Santoro, and Neil and Helen Towey were among the early arrivals. The fire department brought the big snorkle truck and pumper and the kids were allowed to

climb all over the trucks, have their pictures taken and check out what the rigs looked like up close. Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese, who agreed to set up the snorkle truck, turned on the fine spray so the kids could run in and out of the water. DJ, Bill Brown-Sounds to Go, arrived at 3:30 and offered a good selection of music through the evening. There was a water fight, with water-soaked sponges and balls. Parents, as well as kids, got soaking wet. A few got a Gatorade shower. An ice cream truck arrived in the afternoon to the delight of the kids.

## Food Network Stars Come to NJ

Bring your appetite and your autograph book when you come to "Food Network Live" at the Meadowlands Exposition Center on Sunday, July 16, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. "Food Network Live" is the nation's most popular celebrity chef tour, where fans can enjoy an intimate, day-long escape with their favorite Food Network stars, like Sara Moulton, Chez Ray and Jacqui Maoof. Food Network chefs will conduct cooking demonstrations that bring their shows to life, share some tricks-of-the-trade and more.

Visit the tasting stations of New Jersey's hottest restaurants and sample their specialties. Enjoy live music, meet Food Network's celebrity chefs and collect their autographs, purchase this year's newest and most popular cookbooks, and register to win valuable prizes. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available by calling (800) 949-CHEF (2433). Or tickets can be purchased in person at participating Pathmark stores, for a \$2 discount. Meadowlands Exposition Center is located at Harmon Meadow, 355 Plaza Drive in Secaucus, NJ.

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**GUESS WHO'S OLDER?**





Some residents of the The Woodlands, Genesis Elder Care facility with Gird Scouts (kneeling) Melissa Franzson and Kimberly Barletta. Standing is Allison Harty.

## Girls Scouts Record Books on Tape

Representatives from South Plainfield Girl Scout Community Troops 42 and 91 present children's books on tape and an audio cassette recorder to the residents of The Woodlands, Genesis Elder Care Network as part of badge requirements for the Junior "Books" Badge.

Each of the 13 girls recorded a book on tape, and met with a local author and an illustrator to learn about the process of publishing a book. They also learned, during class-time lessons, the workings of a library from their school librarian/Girl Scout Community Manager Joanne Otlowski.



SPHS student Tammy Dombrowski, who portrays Peggy Sawyer in 42nd Street, SDW choreographer Pattie O'Brien and Emma Fulton, who plays choreographer Andrea (Andy) Lee.

## Rehearsals Underway for 42nd Street; Musicians Needed

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop cast of 42nd Street will hold their annual "canning" fundraiser at strip malls and stores throughout town on Friday, July 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Show your support for this youth theater group by stopping by and making a donation.

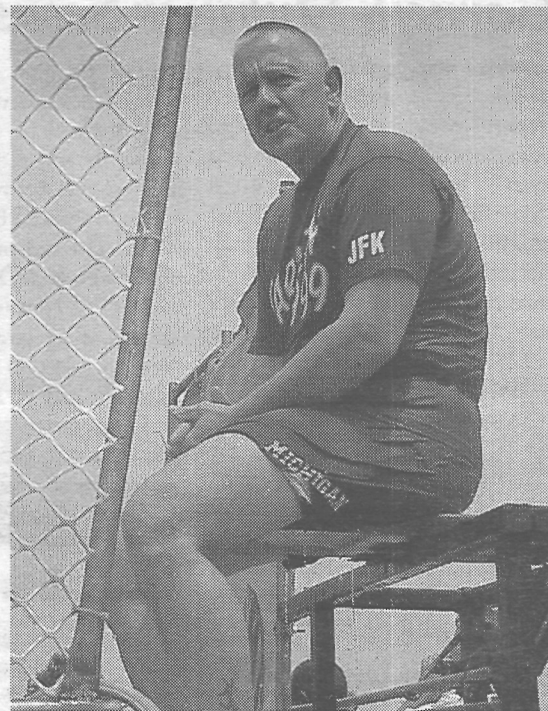
The annual Summer Drama Workshop car wash is scheduled for Saturday, July 22 at the Middle School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$5 for cars and \$7 for vans. Advance car wash tickets are available by calling 756-6461, rain date is July 23.

Advance ticket sales will be available at the car wash or can

be ordered by calling (908) 561-4416.

Summer Drama Workshop is also seeking musicians to play in the pit. They are looking for experienced musicians to play the following instruments, keyboard, alto/tenor/soprano/baritone sax, clarinet, bass clarinet, flute, trumpet, percussion, French horn, guitar and trombone.

The show runs Aug. 3 through 6 with limited rehearsals. Looking for volunteers, but there is possible pay for more advanced musicians. If you are interested please call the musical director, Shayne Miller, at (90) 565-0538 or e-mail him at ShayneAustin@aol.com.



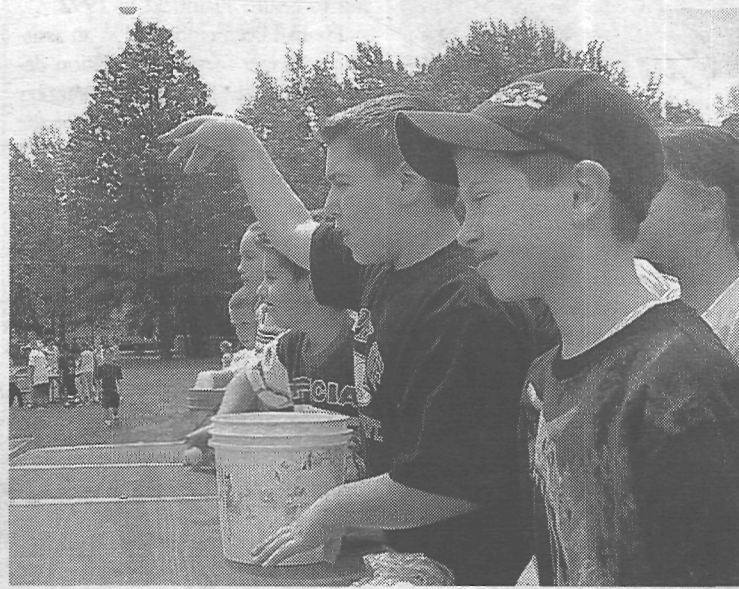
## Kennedy School Celebrates Summer

Just before the school year ended, John F. Kennedy School celebrated with a carnival.

The children enjoyed many jumping and sliding activity stations as well as an obstacle course. The big hit of the day was a 50-foot slide that resembled the sinking Titanic and there was a constant line waiting for this one!

The children had the opportunity to have their hair and face painted, made sand art sculptures and painted hats to take home. Another bit hit was the fishing booth where the children had to throw a ping-pong ball into a jar to win a goldfish. Of course, everyone was a winner and took home a "Goldie."

Principal Al Czech and some of the teachers took their turns in the dunking booth and the kids tried very hard to knock them in



the water.

Popcorn and cotton candy were the snacks for the day. Many parent volunteers took time from

their busy schedules to help with activities so the children could enjoy this special day!

Submitted by Pat Fabino

## South Plainfield Resident to Bike for Aids

Andrea Alpert of South Plainfield is taking part in the Boston to New York AIDS Ride 6, presented by Tanqueray on Sept. 15-17. More than 2,700 bicyclists will participate in the three-day, 275-mile bike ride from Boston to New York. The event is expected to raise more than \$7 million to provide vital services to those living with HIV/AIDS.

Last year's Boston/New York AIDS Ride was a tremendous success. More than 2,500 participants raised \$7.3 million for AIDS services.

Worldwide, 7,000 people between the ages of 10 and 24 contract HIV every day. In the last 18 years 410,800 people have died of AIDS in the U.S. Nearly 9,000 of those deaths have been children under the age of 13. In addition, it's estimated that over 1,000,000 Americans are infected with HIV right now. With your support, I hope to avert any more deaths

caused by this epidemic and to help those who are ill and in desperate need of care.

To participate in the AIDS Ride, participants must raise a minimum of \$1,700. Alpert's personal fundraising goal is \$3,000.

To help Andrea reach her goal, please call your nearest Ride office and let them know you'd like to donate to Andrea Alpert, rider #187. New York Ride Office: 212/242-7433. For more information, call 800/825-1000.

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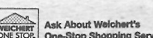
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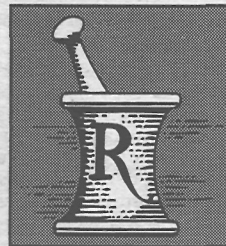
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# Cornell-Dubilier Seeks Public Input

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the future reuse of the property. The property could be cleaned up and redeveloped within the next two years, using the expedited Brownfields approach. Under the standard Superfund process, cleanup and redevelopment of the property could take a minimum of six to eight years. Cleanup of the site according to EPA standards, would take place as part of site redevelopment.

According to company spokesperson, "This proposal benefits all the stakeholders—EPA, South Plainfield, nearby neighbors and the responsible parties. The proposal is timely because EPA has made development of Brownfields a priority. The economy is strong and there is demand for commercial/industrial property in the

area at this time. Also, through the Brownfields redevelopment process, the site will be cleaned up more promptly and returned to productive use. We believe the community will be enhanced by the replacement of the old and outdated buildings with a new, clean and attractive ones.

DSC of Newark Corp., present owners of the property, has not yet formally joined in the redevelopment plan, but may do so in the future.

The redevelopment plans were drawn up by Beacon Planning and

Realty Advisors and unveiled by Gordon Gemma, who explained the plans will conform to present zoning requirements and the new master plan.

Support from the borough will encourage EPA to adopt a "Brownfields" approach for the site and communicate that support to EPA and other agencies. The borough will retain all of its rights to approve any of the specifics of the redevelopment plan under its zoning and planning authority.

## Obituary

### Jose J. Gracia, 48

Jose J. Gracia died on Sunday, July 9, in Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York City.

Born in Cuba, Mr. Gracia had come to the United States in 1966, living in Newark and Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield in 1992.

He had been employed as an assistant manager for the installation department and was a trouble shooter for Bell Atlantic in Plainfield for the past 25 years.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #6203, both of South Plainfield.

Mr. Gracia was also a member of the Gentleman of the Light in Newark and had been an activist for the freedom of Cuba.

Surviving are his wife, Briseida Gracia; his son, Julio Gracia and daughter, Aileen Gracia, both of South Plainfield; his father, Jose Gracia of Hialeah, Fla.; his mother, Leonor Gracia of Cuba; four sisters, Maria Gonzalez of Elizabeth, Mirta Garcia, Irainma and Lourdes Hernandez, all of Cuba; four brothers, Cesar and Antonio Gracia, both of Hialeah, Fla., Omar and Nelson Hernandez, both of Cuba.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

Take Notice that Harry Popik has applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield for approval of Site Plan, Bulk and Use Variance Applications to permit the construction of a three family dwelling on the property located at Block 267, Lot 27 and known as 139 Hamilton Boulevard.

Said application requests certain waivers or variances from the South Plainfield Borough Zoning Code as follows:

VARIANCES	REQUIRED	PROPOSED
704.1 OBC-2 District	Permitted Uses	Three Family Dwelling
704.2(A)2 Minimum Lot Width	100 feet	90 feet
704.2(A)2 Minimum Front Yard	30 feet	25 feet
704.(D)3 Minimum Side Yard	15 feet	10 feet

and such other variances and/or waivers as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Board.

A hearing on said application will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, at which time any interested person may be heard concerning said application.

A copy of the proposed plans are on file in the office of the Building Inspector for public inspection Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

JAMES M. CAHILL, ESQ.  
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An appeal has been filed by Ken Buckley requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 24' x 26' detached garage. Proposed garage constitutes a second principal structure, not a permitted use and other variances that may be required; said property being located on Block 142, Lot 1 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, August 1, 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.

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## policereport

• Elizabeth Doris Cuevas of Piscataway was robbed as she got out of her car at Middlesex Mall. The victim had parked between Pathmark and Division of Motor Vehicles. As she exited the car she was punched in the face and fell to the ground, where she was punched in the face, ribs and side repeatedly. A male took \$20 from her pocket. She heard a voice behind her saying, "Hurry up, hurry up!" She drove home and told her son. Piscataway Police were contacted and she was advised to report to SP HQ. The victim was taken to Muhlenburg Hospital for treatment. She gave police a description of the suspect.

• ABB Control Valve, Sylvania Place, reported the theft of a mailbox. The box was found hanging in a tree. They noted that it is not the first time a mailbox has been removed.

• A Sims Place resident reported tomatoes had been thrown at his home breaking two shingles. He noted that eggs had been thrown at his house on three occasions over the past year.

• An unknown suspect attempted to pass a counterfeit \$100 dollar bill at Home Depot. The suspect offered the bill as payment for bug spray valued at \$11.94. When the suspect was approached by security, he fled the store.

• An anonymous person reported to police that they had just left the Historical Society train located behind Sherban's diner. Police were told

it appeared someone had attempted to gain entry into the car. Police were dispatched and found the front door open. It appeared that the hasp and lock on the door had been pried off. There were pry marks on door and jamb. Graffiti was located on the outside of the car near the door. The inside was empty except for some pieces of wood. Bill Tuthill, president of the Historical Society, was contacted. He confirmed that nothing was missing and that the graffiti had not been there the last time he had been at the car.

• A Tompkins Ave. resident reported her home was burglarized. A rear window was found open. A cabinet in front of the window had been moved. A television and jewelry was removed from the home.

• A New Brunswick Ave. resident reported his home was burglarized. Entry was gained by removing a screen and pushing up an unlocked window. \$1900 in cash, a TV, Sony Play Station and seven games valued at \$45 each were removed.

• A Morton Ave. resident reported the theft of his CD player from his car while it was parked at his place of employment. The window had been partially open and an unknown suspect had reached in and unlocked car.

• Tiffany Lewis, owner of ATA Blackbelt Academy, Maple Ave. reported that flyers from American Martial Arts Tae Kwon Du, Oak Tree Rd. had been placed on cars in the parking lot at Lakeview Plaza, a violation of Borough ordinance.

## By Cyrus N. Moon Weekly Horoscope 7/14-7/20

**CANCER 6/21-7/22** How about falling in love with love itself. And what I mean here is you don't need to put a definition to it. Enjoy the moment, without wondering what it all means. And let go of that past love you had in your life, why carry around sad memories. Fitness classes can clear your head and get you into shape.

**LEO 7/23-8/22** Meetings at work or presentations for your projects will go wonderfully as you showcase the talents you had on a project. Recognition will come though, a little slow, but it will be there. Family matters will need more of your time so get all the facts as control issues come into play.

**VIRGO 8/22-9/22** You are moving into the high tech field. If you do not own a computer yet, you may be ready to buy one. Gadgets may not have been your game but you now see the potential of these time saving machines. Set some time aside for that special person in your life.

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22** How about a vacation? Stress and fears over finances and work will set trying times for you. At minimum a long weekend vacation. During the full moon deep emotional bonds can be made with a love one, even intimate playfulness will show you how romantic you can really be.

**SCORPIO 10/23-11/21** A platonic relationship looks like it can take on a new added dimension. And why not this relationship started out as friends. Also colleagues will back you up at work on a tricky situation. If someone hurts your feelings speak up. If contemplating a gift for you make it electronic.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** Problems need a closer look by you. You need to play the detective so elimination of these ongoing problems can be eliminated once and for all. And how about a little pampering for you. It can be a source of great pleasure to get you out of any doldrums you are in.

**CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19** A loved one

is acting uncharacteristically romantic towards you, why question their motives. Their transits can be acting in your favor. Try to compromise on discussions and you may find out that the other person will listen to more of what you have to say. Do not make promises you cannot keep.

**AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18** Make a new priority list. You will find some of the projects you had, worked themselves out on their own. If you are not happy at work you may need something that will be more challenging. Maybe a new job! New people will be entering your life now be open-minded.

**PISCES 2/19-3/20** A loved one may be driving you crazy. But let's face it you wouldn't have it any other way. Do not back off on a financial dispute you can walk off the winner of this one. Set aside time to clean up or at least organize your home, make it more comfortable. And now is a good time to call a truce with a family member.

**ARIES 3/21-4/20** Avoid anything high risk, you have the capability of spending more money than you make. There is the possibility of love at first sight, this person can be utterly wrong for you, but their personality intrigues you. It will be an interesting and insightful relationship if you let it happen.

**TAURUS 4/21-5/20** Be alert for anyone trying to deceive you, but do not overreact. When you confront this person the embarrassment will be reward enough. Also at this time you do not want to follow rules and this could mean speeding tickets. Are your finances up and down? You need steady work.

**GEMINI 5/21-6/20** Long distance chats are the rule here. Write family members or go on line with e-mail. And who knows, while checking out the chat rooms you can find some interesting people. Travel also rules here for long distance. And last but not least, avoid getting into arguments about politics and religion.

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### YOUNG AT HEART

If you are looking for guidance regarding a preschooler's response to the illness and/or death of a parent, there is evidence to show that children between ages 3 and 5 years have little understanding of the irreversibility of death. Even when they are told about impending death ahead of time, they are still likely to ask when the deceased will return, for weeks or months after the death. Once young children receive a concrete explanation of death, they are likely to display signs of grieving. Young children are also easily overwhelmed by the intense emotional reactions of the remaining parent. With all this in mind, we should remain attentive to the emotional needs of young children who are grieving.

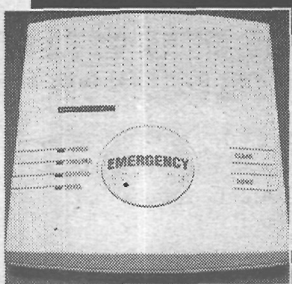
Our many years of experience helping families cope with the loss of a loved one has shown us the wisdom of keeping explanations of death brief and simple when discussing the matter with children. Allow them to open the subject when they are ready to know more. To learn more about our wide range of end-of-life services, or to schedule a private consultation, please call the JAMES W. CONROY FUNERAL HOME, conveniently located at 2456 Plainfield Avenue in South Plainfield, at 756-2800. Preplanning arrangements available.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Ordinance #1543 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OF THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD GUARANTEED REVENUE BONDS (SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' HOUSING PROJECT), SERIES 2000 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION THEREOF** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 14, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Monday, July 31, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

The guaranty ordinance published herewith was introduced and adopted upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, held on July 10, 2000, and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, in said County, on July 31, 2000 at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

Mary Blue, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Borough of South Plainfield

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 1543**

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WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by resolution of the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "County"), duly adopted September 6, 1990, as a public body corporate and politic pursuant to the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting chapter 183 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined pursuant to the Act to finance a portion of the costs of the construction of 101 units of low/moderate income senior citizens' housing within the Borough of South Plainfield (the "Initial Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs issued positive findings on the Initial Project on May 10, 2000; and

WHEREAS, to provide funds for, among other things, payment of the costs of the Initial Project, the Authority will issue its Borough of South Plainfield Guaranteed Revenue Bonds (South Plainfield Senior Citizens' Housing Project), Series 2000 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 (the "Bonds") as more fully described and authorized in a Trust Indenture, by and between the Authority and Commerce Bank, National Association, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, as trustee (the "Trust Indenture"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80, the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex (the "Borough") is authorized to unconditionally guarantee the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on any obligations issued by the Authority pursuant to the Act, by ordinance duly adopted by the Borough Council in the manner provided in the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"); and

WHEREAS, the County is required to consent to the undertaking of the Initial Project by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested the County's consent to the undertaking of the Initial Project and the financing thereof by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County has consented to the undertaking of the Initial Project by resolution duly adopted May 4, 2000; and

WHEREAS, to provide an inducement to the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same and to provide security to the holders thereof, the Borough desires to provide for the guaranty of the Bonds issued by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80, the Borough is hereby authorized and does hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on any Bonds issued by the Authority, which Bonds shall be in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 at any one time Outstanding, to be issued for the purpose of undertaking the financing of the Initial Project, as described in the preamble hereof, such Bonds to be dated, to be in such form, to mature, to bear such rate or rates of interest and to be otherwise as provided or established in or by the Authority's Trust Indenture in a manner which is consistent with the exercise of its public responsibility. The guaranty authorized herein shall be given solely in accordance with the guaranty agreement (the "Guaranty Agreement") to be executed by and between the Borough and the Authority, which Guaranty Agreement shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein and which form of Guarantee Agreement is hereby approved. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged for the full and punctual performance of said guaranty and, unless paid from other sources, the Borough shall be obligated to exercise its power

to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the Borough to meet its obligation to make such payments, without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to execute on each of the Bonds, by manual or facsimile signature, and to affix the seal of the Borough, language evidencing such guaranty by the Borough of the full and punctual payment of the principal of and interest thereon. The Guaranty shall be in substantially the following form:

"GUARANTY OF THE BOROUGH  
OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF  
MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to the provisions of the County Improvement Authorities Law referred to in the within Bond, the payment of the principal of and interest on the within Bond is hereby FULLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, and the Borough of South Plainfield is unconditionally liable for the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on said Bond in accordance with its terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, has caused this Guaranty to be executed on its behalf by the manual or facsimile signature of its Mayor of the Borough, and the seal of the Borough of South Plainfield to be impressed, imprinted or otherwise reproduced hereon, all as of the date of the within Bond.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

By: Daniel Gallagher, Mayor"

SECTION 3. The Mayor of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Guaranty Agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein containing, the additional terms and conditions as may be agreed to between the Authority and the Borough as reflected in this Guaranty Ordinance, and the Mayor of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Guaranty Agreement on behalf of the Borough and the Clerk or the Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Borough are each hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signatures and to attest to the seal of the Borough thereon, and each of said officers and the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all further instruments and documents and to do and perform such other acts and things as may be necessary and advisable to secure the performance by the Borough of its obligations under the Guaranty Agreement and to fully effectuate the same and the purpose of this Guaranty Ordinance. Upon execution and issuance of the Bonds, the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer shall report in writing to the Borough Council setting forth the terms of the Bonds so executed and issued.

SECTION 4. The following additional matters are hereby found, determined and declared by the Borough:

(a) the maximum principal amount of Bonds of the Authority hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the payment of principal of and interest shall not exceed \$6,000,000;

(b) the purpose described in this Guaranty Ordinance is not a current expense of the Borough and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefited thereby;

(c) the Bonds shall mature within thirty (30) years of the date of issue;

(d) the guaranty authorized herein shall remain effective until all the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall have been paid or payment duly provided for in accordance with their terms and pursuant to the Trust Indenture notwithstanding the occurrence of any other event; and in such event, the Guaranty authorized herein will cease to exist to the extent that such Bonds cease to be outstanding under the Trust Indenture;

(e) upon the introduction of this Guaranty Ordinance, a supplemental debt statement of the Borough shall be duly made and filed by the Chief Financial Officer in the office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof shall be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey prior to the final adoption of this Guaranty Ordinance, and such debt statement shall show that while the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this Guaranty Ordinance by the amount of the Bonds issued by the Authority, which principal amount shall not exceed \$6,000,000, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the Borough is not increased by this Guaranty Ordinance, and the obligation of the Borough authorized by or incurred pursuant to this Guaranty Ordinance is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations of the Local Bond Law, which exception is contained in the Act; and

(f) the Borough hereby consents to the entering into the Guaranty Agreement with the Authority.

SECTION 5. This Guaranty Ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory or other debt limitation, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of Bonds guaranteed pursuant to this Guaranty Ordinance, being an amount not in excess of \$6,000,000, shall be reflected in the debt statements of the Borough in the manner provided in N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80.

The principal amount of Bonds guaranteed pursuant to this Guaranty Ordinance and included in the gross debt of the Borough shall be deducted from, and is deemed to be a deduction from, such gross debt under and for all purposes of the Local Bond Law (a) from and after the time of issuance of the Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the acquisition of the Initial Project being financed from the proceeds of the Bonds, and (b) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law, as of the end of such fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority relative to the Initial Project in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance, including the expenses of administration of the Initial Project, in such year and all amounts which are payable in such year on account of the principal of and interest on all such guaranteed Bonds, all bonds of the County, the Borough or any municipality issued as provided in N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79, and all bonds of the Authority issued under the Act, or shall be deducted as otherwise provided by law, are duly and timely paid in

accordance with their terms.

SECTION 6. The Clerk or the Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Borough are each hereby authorized and directed to cause the publication of the text of this Guaranty Ordinance in full after introduction and final adoption in accordance with applicable law and to arrange for the public hearing thereon and final adoption thereof.

SECTION 7. The Borough hereby covenants and agrees to comply with the secondary market disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and agrees to covenant to such compliance in the Guaranty Agreement. The Mayor, the Clerk of the Borough, the Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Borough, the Chief Financial Officer or any other Authorized Borough Representative are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver all certificates, documents and agreements to the Authority in connection therewith, including a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events as required to comply with and in accordance with the provisions of the Rule.

SECTION 8. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Trust Indenture.

SECTION 9. Subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance, the Clerk or the Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Borough are each hereby authorized and directed to send originally certified copies of the authorization proceedings reflecting the adoption of this ordinance and an originally certified copy of this ordinance to representatives of the Authority.

SECTION 10. The execution of the Certificate of Guaranty by the Mayor of the Borough on any Bonds issued by the Authority shall create a conclusive presumption that such Bond is unconditionally guaranteed as to the payment of principal thereof and interest thereon in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by law.

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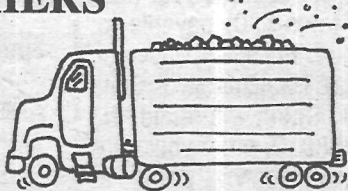
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## SOUTH PLAINFIELD 14 & UNDER ALL-STARS

Results-Week of July 3



### Tri-County League

July 5  
East Brunswick 6-So. Plfd. 3

July 7  
So. Plfd. 15-N. Plainfield 7

### Sayreville Tournament

July 8  
Woodbridge 4-So. Plainfield 2  
South Plainfield 10-Hazlet 3

July 9  
South Plainfield 7-Sayreville 5

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK: Amanda Rastelli delivers the pitch (left); Marissa Judd safe at home (top left); South Plainfield's Jaime Gaughan applies the tag (top right).

## Tiger Sharks Lose Meet But Win Ribbons

By Donna Egan

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks lost a dual meet for the first time this season, swimming against the Sandpipers of Crystal Springs, at their home pool in East Brunswick July 1.

Even though Crystal Springs won the meet with 157 points, Tiger Shark swimmers still racked up many points individually for their team and took home winning ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in varied events.

Among those scoring for the Tiger Sharks were Michael Boyle who took a first place in the boys 10-and-under 100 meter freestyle and Christopher Reed, who placed first in the 11-12 event, swimming the same stroke.

Jessica Manning finished in first place for the girls 100 Individual Medley, ages 11-12 and Jill Rann took second place for girls in the 10-and-under age group.

For the girls 200 IM, ages 13-18, Shannon Dabrio placed first and Natalie Jones placed second.

James Sansone placed first for the boys 8-and-under, 25m breaststroke and Christian Leguizamon took third. Emily Piekarski took a second place for the girls 8-and-under, 25m butterfly.

Danielle Atcachunas took second for the 9-10 girls, 50 butterfly and Matt Moates took second for the boys 9-10, 50 breaststroke.

For the 11-12 boys 50 breaststroke, Christopher Reed took first place and Shawn Ferguson took third. For the girls 11-12 50

butterfly, Katie Koury placed first.

Natalie Jones took first place and Nina Byard placed third in the 13-14, 100 butterfly. Christopher Egan took third in boys 100 breaststroke, 11-14 age group.

Tiger Sharks took first, second and third place in the girls 15-18, 100 butterfly: Lauren Reed placed first, Sarah Blessing took second and Mary Otlowski placed third.

In the girls 8-and-under 25 freestyle, Emily Piekarski placed first; James Sansone placed second for the 8-and-under boys 25 breaststroke.

For the 9-10 boys, 50 backstroke: Matt Moates took first place and Michael Boyle placed third. Jill Rann took a second in the 9-10 girls 50 freestyle.

Jessica Manning took second place in the 11-12 girls 50 freestyle and Shawn Ferguson took third in the same age group for the boys, swimming 50 backstroke.

Calvin John Smiley took first place for the 13-14 boys 100 backstroke and Devin Gunasekara placed third. For the same age girls, 100 freestyle: Katie Kaczka took first place and Nina Byard took third.

For the 15-18 girls 100 freestyle: Lauren Reed took first place and Shannon Dabrio took second. For the boys 13-18, 100 backstroke, Karim Motani took third.

The Tiger Sharks will swim against Crystal Springs again in a few weeks at the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool and have another chance to beat them in total points and races won.

## SPHS Sports Physicals to be Held

Workups for the Fall Sports' physical examinations will be conducted on July 17, July 24 and Aug. 10, in the health office at SPHS. Students must bring a completed Medical History Questionnaire with them. Times for each sport are as follows:

8:30 am	Football (10-12)
9:30 am	Football (9)
10:30 am	Boys' Soccer
11:00 am	Boys' Cross Country
1:00 pm	Field Hockey/Gymnastics
1:30 pm	Tennis/Girls' Cross Country
2:00 pm	Cheerleaders/Girls' Soccer

Athletes should attend on these dates at their designated time.

Appointments for your physical examination will be given at the workups. Physical exams will be given from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on the following dates by appointment only: July 18 (girls), 19 (boys), 25 (boys), 26 (girls) and Aug. 15 (boys and girls). The next school physical will be given on Sept. 12 after school has started. Remember, no athlete may practice without a physical. It is your responsibility to attend the workup and the physical examination.

All necessary forms needed for the workup may be picked up in the athletic office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, during July and August. If you choose to go to your own doctor, at your own expense, please pick up our physical forms to take with you and return them to the athletic office prior to the first day of practice.

### South Plainfield Ponytail All Stars

## 12-and-Under All Stars Win North Edison Tournament

In an exciting extra inning final, South Plainfield beat the South Jersey Bandits 5-4 to capture the championship in the North Edison Fastpitch Firecracker Softball Tournament.

South Plainfield was seeded second in the tournament playoffs after defeating Hillsboro 9-0, Central Jersey Rebels 6-3 and losing to South Jersey Bandits 6-4.

In the semi-finals, South Plainfield defeated Freehold 2-1. Jessica Senz pitched a strong game, allowing only one run and three hits. Caitlin English had three hits for South Plainfield. In the bottom of the seventh inning, Melissa Szeliga had a double to ad-

vance Kim Gaub to third base. Then Kathleen Morgan hit in Kim Gaub to win the game.

### Championship Game

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Lacey Santone grounded to shortstop with the bases loaded and Darice Bishop beat the throw home to win the game. Darice also had three hits in the game to lead the South Plainfield attack. Sparkling plays on defense by Morgan Walter, Kathleen Morgan and Jessica Miller supported the strong pitching performances of Kim Gaub and Jessica Senz. Mallory Cooper and Stefanie Miller did a great job behind the plate sharing the catching duties.

## 10-and-Under All Stars Win North Edison Tournament

Going undefeated and out scoring their opponents by a combined score of 61 to 10, the South Plainfield 10-and-under All Stars won the championship of the North Edison Fastpitch Firecracker Softball Tournament.

South Plainfield was seeded first in the tournament playoffs after defeating the Indian Hills Mystics 16-1, Jersey Nightmare 12-0 and Livingston Thunder 11-0 in round robin play. In the quarter-finals, South Plainfield beat Livingston Thunder 9-3.

In the semi-finals against Iselin, Rachel Senz pitched a complete

game, striking out seven, as South Plainfield won 6-3. Christina Schuetz led the offense with three RBIs and a home run. Tiffany Roth led the defense with several key defensive plays.

In the championship game, Rachel Senz and Kelly Downes combined for a five hit, eight strikeout pitching performance to pace South Plainfield to a 7-3 victory over the Jersey Nightmare. Elizabeth Flannery, Christina Schuetz and Julianne Bosse each drove in runs during a four-run first inning which propelled South Plainfield to the championship. Allison Huffsmith and Jackie Kukuch made key defensive plays in the outfield to lead the defense.

Submitted by Ken Rastelli

## 10-and-Under All Star Tri-County League Results

In the first game of the season, South Plainfield defeated Plainfield 28-0. Kelly Downes pitched a no hitter, allowing one walk and striking out eleven. Elizabeth Flannery had four RBIs and Stephanie Szeliga and Katie Hardy had three RBIs each.

South Plainfield beat North Brunswick 17-1, behind Rachel Senz, who pitched a one-hitter with 10 strike outs. The offense was led by Kelly Downes with a home run and four RBIs. Christina Schuetz and Tiffany Roth also contributed with three RBIs each.

## Fiore Takes Second, Stoeckel Takes Third in Tourney

Dave Fiore took second place at Garden State Games Wrestling Tournament in the 162 lb. weight class on July 1. Kyle Stoeckel took third place in the 125 lb. weight class. Scott Doerr at 152 lb. also wrestled and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Fiore, Stoeckel and Doerr all won their regions to advance to the finals held at Toms River East High School.



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