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BOE CALLS SPECIAL MEETING

After an all day meeting by the buildings and grounds committee, members of the Board of Education voted to call a special meeting next Monday, July 31. They realize that opening Grant School as a central sixth grade is just a temporary fix to overcrowding in the schools and plan on asking the residents to take an active role in the decision making process.

According to Board member Ken LaFreniere this is the time to become involved, while plans are still in the early stages. The board is contemplating several

options on creating additional classroom space. The actual cost for each option will also be discussed during Monday's meeting. "The more people that become involved in the decision making, the better the outcome," said LaFreniere.

Options the board is considering include reviving the original plans submitted earlier at the first referendum; creating a new school at the Middle School site, housing a centralized fifth and sixth grade with the existing elementary schools becoming K-4 facilities; creating an addi-

tion to Grant School centralizing the fifth and sixth grades and building a new school at the Roosevelt site; or building additions to all the existing elementary schools and making them K-6 facilities. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and offer their input on the plans the board is considering. Volunteers will be needed to help on the committees that will be formed. They are architecture, finance, curriculum and public relations.

In the past, the public criticized the board, complaining

that they didn't listen to their suggestions. The last two school bond referendums were defeated and the board wants the next referendum to be fully supported by both parents and voters.

The firm of Scott Prisco, Prisco & Edwards has been hired to provide a cost analysis of the options for a new building program and to provide public relations services for the bond referendum. The board also plans to hold a meeting every Thursday evening in Grant School to bring the pub-

lic up to date on the progress of the various committees.

The board will be putting a new bond referendum on the ballot in December; what it will encompass and the exact dollar amount depends on what is decided during the next few months.

The New Jersey Legislature recently passed a school aid bill to help school districts fund the costs of improving and/or building new facilities. The amount of aid South Plainfield will receive will also impact the actual cost of a bond referendum.

Council to Host Public Mtg. July 31 on Redevelopment of Cornell-Dubilier Site

On Monday, July 31, at 8:15 p.m. the borough council will host a community forum to present a proposal by two of the former owners to develop the Hamilton Industrial Park, located on Hamilton Blvd. After a presentation at the last council meeting, a suggestion was made that a public forum be held and property owners, along with members of the boards and commissions in town all be invited to attend.

The two companies, Cornell-Dubilier Electronics and Dana Corporation, no longer own the property, but are responsible for cleaning up of the site.

A spokesman for the companies said, "The goal of the presentation is to inform the public about the redevelopment potential of the site."

The 27-acre property was designated a Superfund site in 1998 by the EPA. Redevelopment of the site would happen only after the cleanup is completed or during the site's redevelopment.

The proposed development would consist of retail stores along Hamilton Blvd., a mini-storage area and flex office space. The balance would be devoted to open space. It would also consist of a 100-foot landscaped buffer between the site and Spicer Ave. The buildings now located on the site would be removed and replaced with modern buildings.

The mayor and council responded positively when the plan was presented and agreed it could only be a win, win proposition. By having a plan in place, the developers feel they can go to the EPA and accelerate the

cleanup process.

Recently, the EPA has favored supporting Superfund sites under their "Brownfields" program, which calls for a timely cleanup focused on the future reuse of the property. Through the redevelopment process, the site would be cleaned and redeveloped within the next two years. Under the standard Superfund process, cleanup and redevelopment could take a minimum of six to eight years.

The public is invited to attend the meeting on Monday, July 31 at Borough Hall at 8:15. Your opinion is welcome; so come out and get involved.



South Plainfield resident Cindy Brinks won the title of Mrs. New Jersey-America at last Saturday's pageant held in Bayville, NJ. Fourteen other contestants competed for the title. See full story in next week's Observer.

Board Turns Down Proposed School Opening Date Change

After hearing from teachers and parents at Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting, the board voted not to change the opening day of school, keeping intact the board-approved school calendar voted on last May.

A proposal to delay school opening by three days (Sept. 11), was introduced and withdrawn during the meeting. It was thought that those extra days might be needed to get the new Grant School classrooms ready

for incoming sixth graders.

Joann Haus, a teachers who voluntarily transferred to the Grant School, said that she was speaking for all of the teachers who would be at Grant School. Haus said they were all excited to be teaching at the new school and were anxious to get going. She added that it would be better for the students to begin the school year in the middle of the week. Students would be able to get oriented and then the next

week be ready to get to work.

Haus said she and the rest of the teachers would be happy to come in early and start preparing the classrooms. She added they would all be available to help unpack books and other materials needed to open the school. The parents also said they would be available to help teachers with moving or unpacking.

Members of the board thanked the teachers and removed the resolution from the agenda.



A petition asking to save Mercy 7 was signed by those who attended the Rescue Squad Pig Roast last Saturday.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month

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AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING : July 31

Monday, August 14 Thursday, August 17
Monday September 11 Monday, September 18
Monday, September 25 Thursday, September 28
Tuesday, October 10 Thursday, October 12
Monday, October 23 Thursday, October 26

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

August 22, September 12, September 26, October 10 (No Meeting),
October 24, November 14, November 28, December 12, December 26

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

August 1, August 15, August 29, September 5,
September 19, October 3, October 17, October 31,
November 8 (Thursday), November 21, December 5, December 19

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

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

recycling commission

Meets Thursday, once a month

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

August 24, September 28, October 26,
November (to be announced), December 28

recreation commission

Meets once a month

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

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

environmental commission

Meets once a month

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

August 9, September 13, October 2,
Mon. November 6, Mon. December 4

board of education meetings

Board Conference Room at Administration Building, on Cromwell Place

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

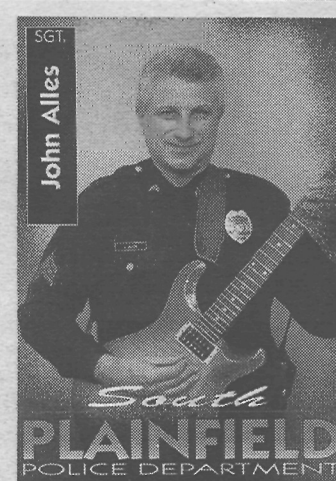
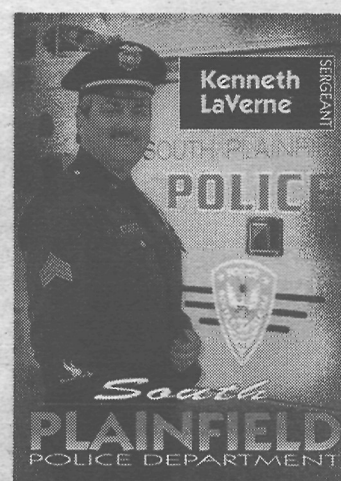
Parade Grand Marshal Nominations Still Sought

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 parade committee is still accepting applications for Honorary Grand Marshal. The marshal will be named the third week of August. Anyone who knows an individual who 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.

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.



South Plainfield Police Department's Sergeant Kenneth LaVerne (left) and Sergeant John Alles's (right) trading cards are just part of the complete 30-card set available. Visit the South Plainfield Observer office to add to your collection.

Collect All 30 Police Trading Cards and Win a T-shirt

The South Plainfield Police Trading Card Program is underway. Officers participating in the program are distributing their trading cards to borough children. Cards can be obtained by approaching officers or visiting police headquarters. Those who collect the full set will be given prizes.

In fact, the Observer will present a free t-shirt to the first 20 kids who have completed their sets with at least half signed at the Labor Day Parade. So start collecting your set today.

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 started with 1,000

cards for distribution. The cards are paid for by local businesses, which 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 cards, will distribute them on a first-come basis, some of them already signed. 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 by leaving a message at (908) 226-7688.

OMISSION

In the listing of High School Honor Roll students, ninth grader Lauren Brobeck's name was omitted. We regret the error.

meeting notices

BOE Special Public Meeting

The Board of Education has announced that a special public meeting will be held on Monday July 31 at 7 p.m. in the Grant School gym located on Cromwell Place to discuss the building program. The public is invited to attend.

Council Meeting

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.

Town Meeting

The mayor and council of the Borough of South Plainfield will hold an open forum on Monday, July 31 at 8:15 p.m. in the Municipal Building to discuss the possible redevelopment of the Cornell Dubilier site, located on Hamilton Blvd.

All residents are invited to attend. Representatives of Cornell-Dubilier, Danna Corporation and Beacon Planners will be in attendance to explain the proposed plan for redevelopment and answer questions.

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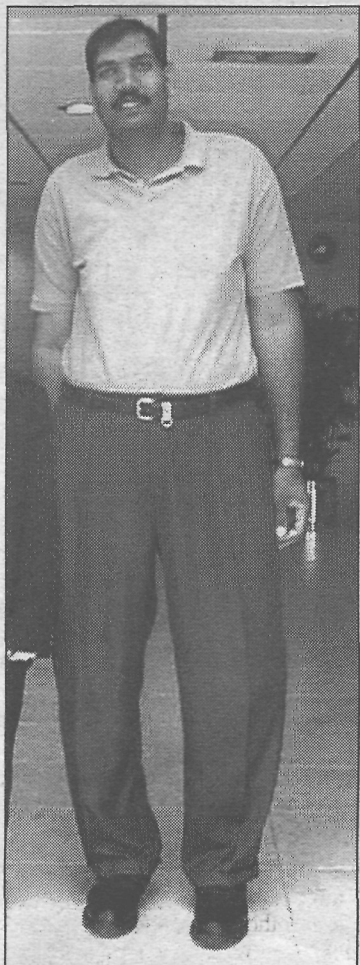
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Aurangzeb Khan, world's tallest man, is staying at South Plainfield's Ramada Inn.

World's Tallest Man Visits

Last week the Ramada Inn, located on Hamilton Blvd., had a special guest staying at the hotel.

Aurangzeb Khan, the world's tallest man, was in Central Jersey promoting the Sterling & Reid Bros. Circus. The circus was appearing over the weekend in Edison and Khan used South Plainfield as his base.

Robert Oplinski, manager of the Ramada, said that Kahn and his wife were given a room with a king size bed and it still needed an extension. Watching him walk around the hotel, Kahn just about touched the ceiling and he had to bend down to pass through a door or enter the elevator.

Kahn, who will appear in the next issue of Guinness Book of World Records, is eight feet tall and wears a size 20 shoe. His clothes are all custom made and he drives a van that is also fitted for his long legs and body.

He has been called 'The Gentle Giant' because of the way children react to him. They see him as a giant and aren't afraid when talking him.

Kahn visits many schools as he travels around the country promoting the circus. He has an album of pictures showing him with kids from all over the country.

You can email Kahn at talkhan@yahoo.com or visit his webpage: <http://talkhan.paklinks.com>.

Local Scout Spends Eleven Days On New Mexico Adventure Trip

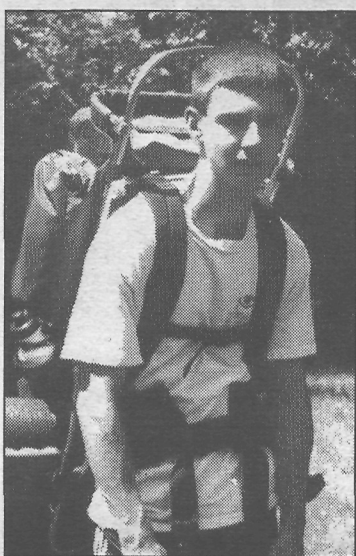
Joe Reach, a Life Scout with Troop 207 in South Plainfield, has gone on many camping trips over the last four years - weekend canoe trips down the Delaware River, hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail and a five-day canoe trek on the lakes of the Adirondack Mountains. This summer Joe experienced the ultimate high in adventure trips. He spent 11 days backpacking in the mountains of northern New Mexico.

Joe went with six other boys and two adults from Chatham. Referred to as a crew, the group of nine trained for months preparing for the trip.

The crew left June 29 and flew to Denver to get acclimated to a higher altitude. They enjoyed two days of sightseeing, visiting the U.S. Air Force Academy and traveling up Pikes Peak.

They took a bus to Philmont's base camp in New Mexico where they received supplies and food for their trek. On Sunday morning the crew set out into the mountains, carrying their worldly possessions on their backs. The hikers' backpacks weighed as much as 50 pounds, and contained tents, camping tools, clothes, food and water.

"My biggest concern was safety," said Joe. "The two most common reasons a hiker goes back to base camp for medical assistance are dehydration from the heat and hypothermia from the cold nights." Bears



Joe Reach, Life Scout with Troop 207 in South Plainfield.

were another safety issue to be concerned about. All the food and scented items were placed in a large sack and tied to a tree branch 15 to 20 feet above the ground.

During the 11 days, Joe experienced 30.06 rifle shooting, archery, rock climbing and rappelling. The crew climbed Mt. Phillips, 11,600 feet above sea level. "The scenery was beautiful. You could see four states from that vantage point, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado," Joe said. "It was an experience I will never forget. I recommend it to any scout who enjoys high adventure."

Dunkin Donuts Robbed Twice in One Week

This past Tuesday, Dunkin Donuts on Park Ave. was robbed by a suspect who claimed he had a gun. The suspect demanded cash. An undetermined amount of cash was surrendered to the suspect, who fled on foot down East Hendricks Blvd.

The suspect is a black male, approximately 5'10", stocky build, dark complexion, short, curly hair,

38-40 years of age.

Authorities believe the suspect is the same individual who committed a robbery at this establishment approximately one week ago.

Anyone with information regarding this crime should contact either South Plainfield Police Det. James Foran at (908) 226-7665 or Det. Gary Kline at (908) 226-7669.

Free Wood Chips, No Compost at Yard Waste Site

The Yard Waste Site at the end of Kenneth Ave. currently has wood chips available free of charge. Bring your own containers and shovels.

However, no compost is available and probably will not be available until next spring.

The Yard Waste is open on Tuesdays from noon to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call the Recycling Coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail her at atempe@southplainfieldnj.com.

Calling All Residents...

We Need You!

The South Plainfield Board of Education is asking all residents to take an active role in determining the scope of their facility improvements for the upcoming Bond Referendum.

All interested people are asked to participate in joining a committee to help design the future of our school system.

Please join us in the Grant School gym on July 31, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. and become involved in your children's future.

WE NEED YOU!

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Engagement Announced

Joseph Hamilton, son of Richard and Betty Lou Hamilton of South Plainfield and Kimberly Pasinski, daughter of Dennis and Christine Pasinski of Jersey City, became engaged on April 22.

A party celebrating the event was held on June 19 at the Rescue Squad. No wedding date has been set.



Serago Named to Dean's List

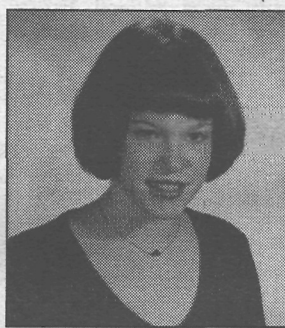
Elizabeth A. Serago, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serago of South Plainfield, has been named to the spring term Dean's List at Hartwick College.

Inclusion on Hartwick's Dean's List is an indication of excellent academic work, including the completion of a full course load with at least a 3.50 grade point average,

based on a 4.0 scale.

Hartwick College is an innovative, private, coeducational liberal arts institution of 1,450 students. Hartwick is a leader in integrating advanced technology into the classroom and its study abroad program is ranked in the top 20 nationally. The college is located in Onondaga in the foothills of the Catskills.

Janiszak First Runner-Up in Pageant



Pamela Janiszak

Pamela Janiszak, age 13, daughter of Ruth and Steve Janiszak of South Plainfield, has been selected to represent New Jersey-Middlesex County at the 2000 Miss American Preteen Pageant. Pamela is currently a student at the South Plainfield Middle School.

Pamela represented South Plainfield in the New Jersey Miss American Preteen Pageant at the Parsippany Hilton, where she took first place in the talent competition singing Puccini's, *O Mio Bambino Coro*.

In the speech competition Pam presented two speeches and placed in third and fourth, respectively.

Overall Pam finished first runner-up in the entire pageant. She will represent New Jersey at the National Competition at the Disney World Hilton during Thanksgiving week, competing in talent, speech, photogenic, modeling and acting as well as the national queen's contest.

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Events

Tenth Annual 5K Labor Day Run and Family Fitness Walk

South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and Ricochet Health and Racquet Club will host the Tenth Annual 5K Labor Day Run and 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk on Monday, Sept. 4 starting at 9:15 a.m.

The race will begin and end at Veterans Park. The entry fee for the 5K Run is \$10, if received by August 28; \$12 on the day of the run. Entry fee for the Fitness Walk is \$5 for individual or family. For information or an entry form call Bill Beegle at (908)754-4620.

Special Meeting to Meet Borough Administrator Planned by TAG

Frank Derosa, the newly appointed Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, will be the guest speaker at the South Plainfield Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meeting to be held on August 3.

Chairperson Harry Kuhn has extended an invitation to all members of the following municipal bodies, Board of Adjustment, Business Advisory Group, Cultural Arts Commission, Environmental Commission, Library Board, Planning Board, Recreation Commission and Traffic Safety Advisory Commission.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring the community together to hear Mr. Derosa speak on his administrative role and to ask questions about his role and relationship to community life in the borough.

The meeting is open to the general public and will take place on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Everyone is welcome 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"!

SPHS Class of 1985 Plan 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.

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.

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.

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. The cost is \$245 per person. Only 40 tickets are available. Purchase tickets at the PAL on Maple Ave.

Singles Events

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

• Tuesdays, Aug. 1 and Aug. 15 at Panera's, 143 East Broad Street, Westfield, 6:30-10 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 2 and Thursdays, Aug. 3 and 17 at 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.

"The Basics of Investing: Surviving Market Volatility" will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 8-10:30 p.m. at Paine Webber, 109 North Ave., Westfield. There is ample parking. The cost is \$10 at the door and includes the presentation and refreshments.

Contact (908) 232-8827 or www.thatskismet.com.

Third Annual Somerville Carnival

The Somerville Area Kiwanis Club will hold its Third Annual Town Carnival through July 29 at the Somerville High School Main Parking Lot on Davenport Street in Somerville. Hours are 6-11 pm daily.

The carnival will feature rides, fun and games for all and food galore. Proceeds go 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.

Craft Festival Planned, Crafters Wanted

Crafters are wanted for the 15th Annual Autumn Craft Festival at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church located on Rt. 206 and Homestead Road in Belle Mead. The festival takes place on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

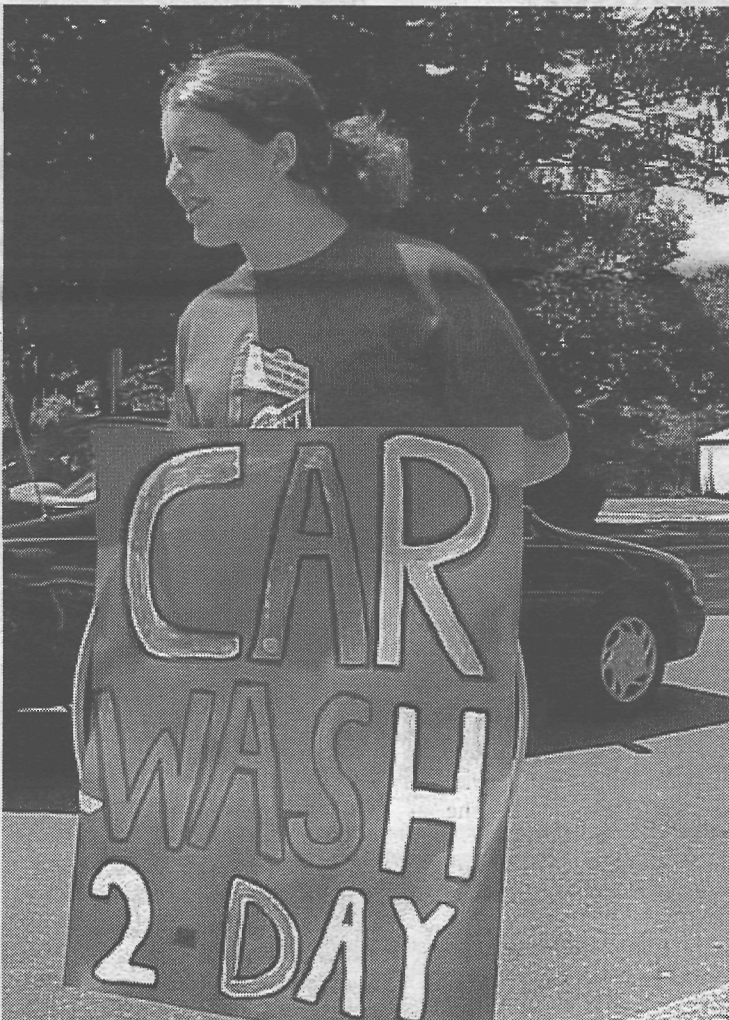
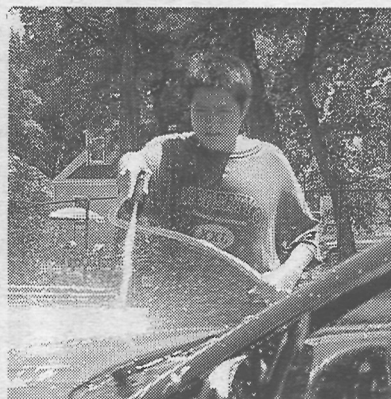
For more information call Nancy (908) 369-7910 or Kathy (908) 371-1941.

Submit your Events for Around Town

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

SDW's 42nd Street Opens Next Week

Pictured are the cast and crew of the Summer Drama Workshop at their fundraising car wash held last week. Tickets to South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop's production of *42nd Street* are currently on sale. The youth theater group, which was formed in 1972, features South Plainfield students ages 12-19 in a musical extravaganza every summer. This year's show features incredible tap dancing as well as memorable songs such as *Lullabye of Broadway* and more. The show opens next week on Thursday, Aug. 3 at the SPHS auditorium at 7 p.m. and continues on the 4th and 5th, also at 7 p.m. A Sunday matinee will be held on Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from the Friday, August 4, show will benefit the local United Way. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. A ticket special offers four tickets of the same price for the price of three. For more info, call Jan at 561-4416 or the *Observer* at 668-0010.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

If you've been putting off having some fun this summer, you'd better get it in gear. July is winding down and August starts in just a few days. Next thing you know, it'll be Labor Day. In any case, let's take a few moments for news from the South Plainfield Library:

The July meeting for Home-schoolers is scheduled for this morning at 10:30 in the Children's Room. Those who homeschool their children or are interested in doing so, are invited to attend this informative meeting. Due to the meeting, there will be no movie showing today. It'll be back next Friday at 11 a.m.

Beyond that alteration, we'll be following our usual round of Children's programs. On Monday evening at 6:30, we'll have our Kidcraft program for children ages six and up; please sign up in advance, so we'll know how many will be attending. Then, there's our schedule of children's Story-time programs for kids ages three and up. These programs are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. No registration is required. On Wednesday morning at 11, we'll be holding Game Gang, where children can play one of our board games or bring in one of their own. And, Thursday night at 7, we'll have the next installment of our live reading from the best-selling book, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Any questions? The person to check with is Linda Hansen, the children's librarian.

Before we move on, something else from the Children's section. The Summer Reading Club will

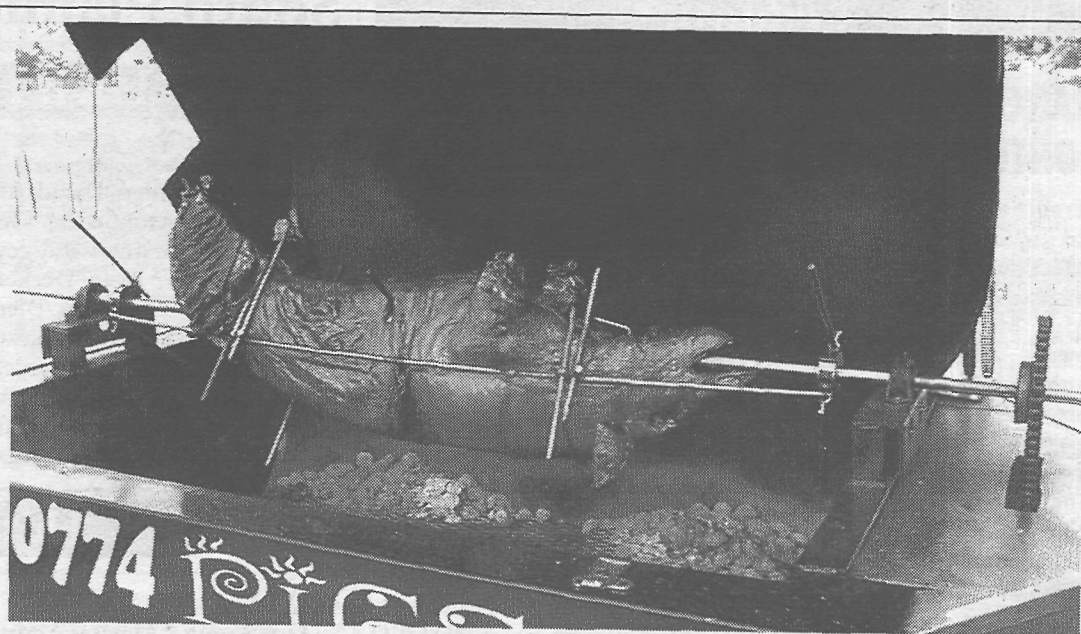
be ending for the year on August 5. That'll be the last day you can check in books for the club. However, you don't have to turn in your Club booklets. Meanwhile, you can still order Summer Reading T-shirts for \$8 each. Details are available at the main desk.

From children, we move towards young adults. Like it or not, school will be starting again in about six weeks, which isn't all that long a time. So, before the big rush starts, students from South Plainfield High School might want to check on books from the reading lists for the Honors and Advanced Placement courses in English and History. Those books have been set aside and can be found next to the Circuit Large Print books. Reading list books circulate for two weeks.

Turning to audio/visual items, we now have the new group of Circuit CDs ready for borrowing. Artists in this group include the Beatles, Gloria Estefan, Patsy Cline, Clint Black and John Tesh. You can borrow compact discs, four at a time, for two weeks. On the other hand, Circuit Videos aren't available, as we're between groups. They'll be back in a few days.

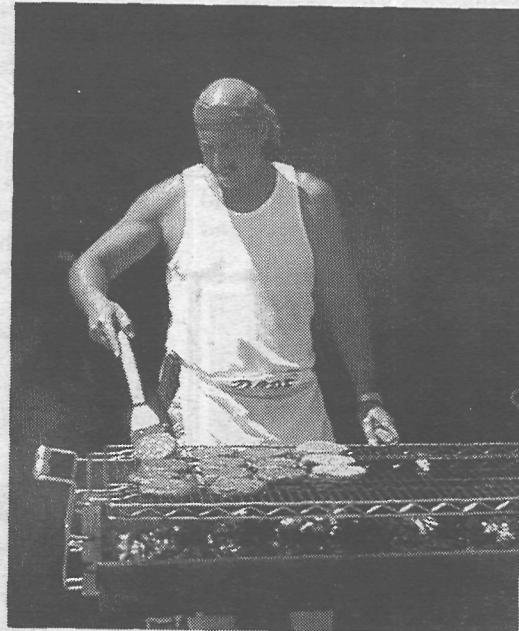
Finally, we're still looking for volunteers to help us with our Homebound Program. If you'd like to get involved, give us a call at (908) 754-7885 or stop by. Ask for Mrs. Fenn, the director. Also, if you are homebound and would like to make use of the program, let us know and we'll set it up.

That's about all for this week. See you next month.



Rescue Squad Sponsors Pig Roast

The place to be last Saturday in South Plainfield was the Rescue Squad Pig Roast. For those who missed it, the event—a fundraiser for the Rescue Squad, had something for everyone. Mother Nature provided a perfect day for an outdoor picnic. Tables and chairs were covered by canopies offering shade for hungry picnickers. In addition to the sumptuous roasted pig, the menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, a mountain of chicken and much more. Birch beer and Budweiser flowed throughout the day. The Copper Heads, a local band comprised of South Plainfield's finest, and a fellow officer from Highland Park, entertained with a variety of music. A few even braved the sun to dance to the band's tunes. A young drum enthusiast joined the band briefly as his friends and family watched from the sidelines. The kids enjoyed prancing in the cooling sprays of a fire hose. Two 50-50s were called and a number of additional raffle prizes were awarded. The Pig Roast was attended by over 100 people, some from as far away as Secaucus.



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South Plainfield Free Public Library has just instituted a new service called the Edith Goodrich Homebound Delivery Program. Through this new program, the library offers a delivery service to those unable to come to the library, due to illness or disability.

When a person signs up for the program, they can inform library staff of their preferences in books and audio/visual items and those items will then be selected. A staff member or a volunteer will deliver the items to the homebound person and will pick them at a later date.

Funding for this program was

provided by a generous donation from Edith Goodrich, a former library employee and her husband, George. The program should be in full operation by the fall.

If you or know of anyone who would benefit from this program, contact the library at (908) 754-7885. Those who wish to volunteer to help with deliveries are encouraged to contact the library and ask for Sundra Fenn, library director.

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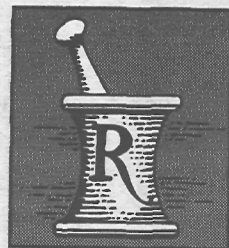
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Judge Rules Golfer Earned Car

A Superior Court Judge has ordered South Plainfield Business Association to pay Keith Lewis \$36,870 for failing to come through on a promised a free Cadillac for making a hole-in-one at the association's-sponsored golf tournament in May 1999.

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Obituaries

FRANCES (BALSAMO)
MONTINO, 86

Frances (Balsamo) Montino died on Tuesday, July 18, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Montino was born in Newark and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 45 years. She had worked for many years as a beautician in the Newark and Millburn areas before retiring 30 years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jack Montino, in 1971 and by her sister, Eva Orton and her brothers Jack and Joseph Balsamo.

Surviving are two daughters and sons in law, Rose Mary and Lewis Rinker of South Plainfield and Frances and Joseph Mastrobattista of Toms River; a sister, Josephine Cuzzo of Edison, three grandchildren, Janice and Michael Mastrobattista and

Diane Eagle and by three great grandchildren, Brendan and Michael Eagle and Myles Mastrobattista.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

ALLEN R.
PANZARELLA, 58

Allen R. Panzarella of South Plainfield died on Friday, July 21, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in South Plainfield and had been a life long resident.

Mr. Panzarella was a vinyl wall covering operator for Stauffer Chemical Company in South Plainfield for ten years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. He is survived by his mother, Connie Fratesi and his stepfather, Michael Fedirko, both of South Plainfield; his brother, Richard Panzarella of South Plainfield and his nephews Peter, Richard and Justin Panzarella, all of South Plainfield.

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

KATIE ALLISON YUILL, 3

Katie Allison Yuill, three year old daughter of John F. and Catherine E. Yuill, died on Thursday, July 20, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, following a sudden illness.

Katie was born in Plainfield and, for the past year, had attended the Sunshine Pre-School Program in South Plainfield.

In addition to her parents she is survived by six brothers, Kevin, John, Robert, Timothy and Joseph Yuill, all at home and Daniel USMC, stationed in San Diego, Calif.; her maternal grandparents, Robert and Catherine Eustice and by her paternal grandparents, Dorothy and Leroy Yuill, all of South Plainfield.

Services were held at McCriskin Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Valerie Fund Childrens Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

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New Jersey Taking Active Action
To Prevent School Violence

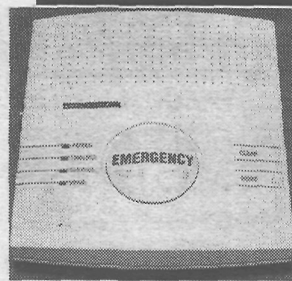
New Jersey State Department of Education is taking an active action to prevent school violence, to improve education and to benefit students and teachers — it has officially ordered a newly published book titled *Complete Conduct Principles for the 21st Century* by Dr. John Newton.

Recently school violence has produced many headlines that have astounded Americans. Some experts believe this is the most important national crisis the U.S. is facing. "Research shows that gun

control and school security actions, can not solve the problem; worse, they may increase the resistant minds of some students," said Dr. Newton. "The most effective and proper way to solve the problem is appropriate conduct education."

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• An English couple staying at the Days Inn, New World Way, reported the theft of \$180 from a dresser by their bed. They left the room for several hours and the money was missing when they returned. The cleaning woman had been there before they left, but did not have any time alone in the room.

• Ahmed Abdel Rehim of Plainfield reported receiving harassing phone calls at his place of employment. A man who identified himself as "Adel" has called repeatedly telling him not to hang up on his wife's family. He told to police he has had ongoing problems with his in laws and has filed a report in Plainfield as well.

• Police responded to a report of an assault at A&P, Stelton Rd. The victim stated that Bernardo Breniz, New Brunswick, had attempted to hit him with his vehicle twice. The suspect stated that the victim had punched him in the face. Two witnesses confirmed that Breniz had attempted to hit the victim with the car.

• A Park Ave. resident was robbed of \$63 at knife point as he walked back from A&P, Park Ave. and Oak Tree Rd. He heard someone behind him but did not pay attention until he was grabbed by the collar from behind, the suspect said "I am a cop, give me your wallet!" A knife was held in front of his face. The suspect took the money and ran. The victim tried to follow him. He described the victim as a black male, 23-24 yrs. old, about 5'11" with light brown hair. He called police when he returned home.

• John R Arroyo-Salazar of Passaic reported that someone had punctured both his rear tires while his car was parked at his place of employment, Odd Job, Helen St.

• An employee of Visiting Nurses reported an assault by a patient, a resident of Gubernat Drive. The suspect was described as paralyzed on one side and resentful. He had had a fall during the day and the victim, Miss Billie Recorr of Visiting Nurses, asked him to go to the hospital to get checked out. She reported that the suspect went crazy. He started to curse and swear at her and then punched

her in her right arm with his fist. He then pushed her up against the dresser where she twisted her knee causing a sprain. She noted that the suspect walked away from her after pushing her. She informed his wife of the incident the same day.

• A 2nd Place resident was arrested for shoplifting at Kmart. He is an employee. He attempted to purchase a \$159.99 bike for \$5.99. He conspired with another actor to underride the bike.

• A Fifth St. resident was arrested for shoplifting \$79.92 in merchandise from Home Depot.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Robert Bengivenga requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a one family dwelling. Proposed dwelling lacks the required 100' width, 50' existing and lacks square feet area, 10,000 required, 5,000 proposed; and any other such variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 278, Lot 4 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 15, 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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PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Pat and Mary Muglia requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a subdivision of Block 392, Lot 3 of 50' x 100' to a conforming lot of 100' x 100', and to increase Lot 4 to a conforming lot of 150' x 100'; and any other such variances that may be

required. Applicant will further seek any other variances or relief as required by the board. Subdivision approval required. Said property being located on Block 392, Lots 3 and 4 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 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 Zoning Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, any weekday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Attilio Grasso for public improvements at 824 Spicer Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 known as Lot #5, in Block #379 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 PM Monday, August 14, 2000 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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Weekly Horoscope

7/21-7/27

LEO 7/23-8/22 Group efforts are very favorable this week. This is a good time for conferences or any other situation in which you and others have to come to some conclusion. This is also a week that while at home, if you can rest your mind and body, you will be recharged for the month ahead.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 This is a good time to show you have an open mind. You can and should be intellectually more tolerant of other viewpoints, seeing them not as a threat to your views, but as away of enlarging them. Even beliefs that are quite different from your own will sound promising.

LIBRA 9/23-10/22 This is an excellent time to talk with someone about your feel-

ings of love and friendship, it will be easier than usual to talk about feelings. Often embarrassment or shyness prevents you from doing this, but that should not be a problem. Open your heart, you will be glad you did.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Power and control issues may arise and you are in no mood for limitation. Recognize that egos may be on the line and understanding yours may be an important key to creating a win-win solution. But understand that power over someone else, can be a win-lose situation.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 Your ability to think quickly will be an asset, and this week good ideas are more than likely. Also be ready to put your communication skills

to work for your best advantage to overcome obstacles. Be flexible, pay attention and be sure to listen before action.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 Ideas, information, and communications in general may be restricted because you either lack interest in learning, or in making contacts with others. Now, if you seek this information, the skills needed to become more experience may help you attain a seniority status.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 You should notice that changes are occurring in a relationship to which you will be forced to accommodate. They cannot be ignored, because a real breakdown in your relationship would result. Don't! Resort to manipulating feelings of guilt, you will cause

bitterness. **PISCES 2/19-3/20** Do not let overconfidence and the desire to take unnecessary risks get you into a losing situation. For the whim to gamble and the possibility to lose is in the forefront, just plan, if you do lose. Also someone will be coming into your life this week, they can act as a teacher or guide. And what you learn will work out for the long run. Hi Vicki.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Others may say things or use methods that provoke you to anger. It is to your ultimate advantage to avoid rash behavior and to make sure you understand the information you receive. And why, you say! Because judging, before all info is received, has you saying things that should not be said.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 In shopping now, you may spend more money than you originally intended, and if you must stay within

a budget, you would be well advised to postpone it until later. Those of you who been in a relationship now know that you are ready to take the next step. And you should!

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 If there's a matter that calls for serious analysis, set aside a day to tackle it, preferably alone. Don't run yourself in the ground over it, though. A relaxing stroll or a snack break might be just what you need for a useful perspective. Mental discipline and serious thinking is excellent.

CANCER 6/21-7/22 If you have any work that needs to be done, now is the time. You will be very careful and thorough in your approach. It's likely you will have to do it over which means other minor tasks can also be cleaned up. Any conversations you have contain them to important topics.

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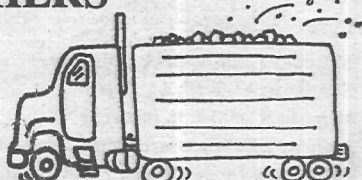
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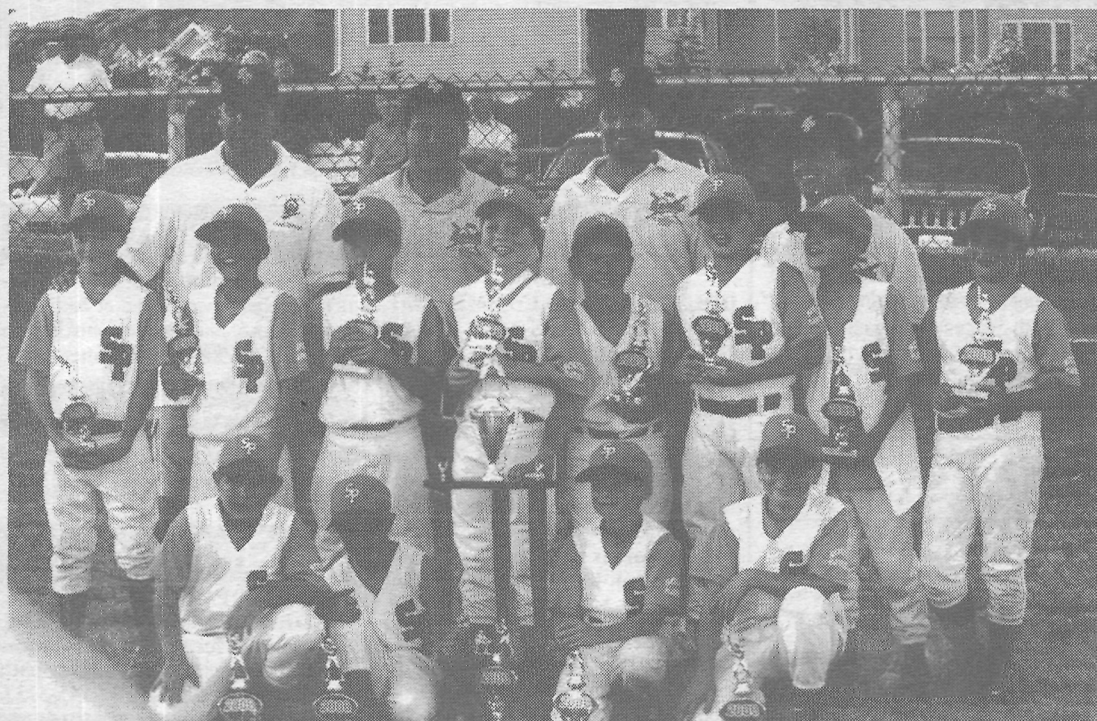
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S.P. Jr. Baseball Club 9 Year Old Traveling All-Star Team



The 9 Year Old All-Stars proudly show the trophies they received after placing first in the Bridgewater Tournament. They defeated Hillsborough 5-1. The boys played their best and it paid off, defeating Long Valley 21-0 and Warren 15-5. The boys and the coaches put in long hours and are commended for their dedication. Pictured *Back row left to right:* Anthony Niemczyk, Pat Muglia, Alan Kunie and Dominic Papa; *Second row left to right:* Taylor Curtis, Tramane Miller, A.J. Kunie, Michael Dezmin, Michael Niemczyk, Brian Hanley, Michael Muglia and Jeff Pryor; *Front row left to right:* Nick Levendusky, Doug Avery, Dominic Papa and Steven Wiczorek.

Tiger Sharks Break Two Records at Sprint Meet

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks team members broke two records at the Roycefield Sprint Invitational Meet held July 16 in Hillsborough, while competing against 32 teams from the NJ Swimming and Diving leagues.

Natalie Jones took first place in the 25-yard Butterfly for 13 year old girls, breaking a record for this event which had been held for 10 years. She also placed third in three other events: backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. All races at the Sprint meet were 25 yards in length.

Katie Kaczka broke the record for the girls 25 backstroke for 13 year olds, taking first place with a time of 14.81 seconds. She also took first place

in the 25 freestyle, second for 25 butterfly and 10th place for 25 breaststroke.

Two Tiger Sharks swimmers also claimed prizes for High Point Scorer at the meet: Calvin John Smiley for the 13 year old boys and Natalie Jones for the 13 year old girls. C.J. Smiley placed first in three events: butterfly, backstroke and freestyle and took second in the breaststroke for his age group.

It should be noted that 33 teams competed and some events had a large number of entrants.

James Sansone took fifth place in 25 breast, age 8. Michael Boyle placed seventh in both 25 back and 25 free, age 9.

Jill Rann took sixth place in the 25 free, age 9 girls, and 10th place

in the 25 butterfly. Jennifer Boyle took second place in the 25 backstroke.

Matt Moates, age 10, took third place in the butterfly and fourth placed in the breaststroke. He also placed sixth in both the back and free. His older brother, Billy Moates, age 13, took third place in butterfly, fourth place in both back and freestyle, and sixth in breaststroke.

Shannon Dabrio took first place in the 25 breaststroke, ages 16-18 and second place in freestyle. She also placed fifth in both butterfly and backstroke.

The Tiger Sharks are proud of the accomplishments of these individuals at the invitational meet.

—Submitted By Donna Egan

South Plainfield 14 & Under All-Stars

Results Week of July 17

Tri-County League:

July 17-East Brunswick 4, South Plainfield 2

July 18-South Plainfield 8, South Brunswick 2

July 21-Middlesex 4, South Plainfield 3 (8 inn.)

Coming this week:

Woodbridge Tournament
Tri-County Playoffs



Meaghan Schweers makes the tag at third.



Amanda Fugate doubles-up runner at first.



Shortstop Chiara Tomei catches a pop-up.

SPHS Fall Sports Physical Examinations to be Held

Workups for the Fall Sports' physical examinations will be conducted on 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)	1 pm Field Hockey/Gymnastics
9:30 am Football (9)	1:30 pm Tennis/Girls' Cross
10:30 am Boys' Soccer	Country
11 am Boys' Cross Country	2 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 August 15 *by appointment only*. The next school physical will be given on Sept. 12 after school has started. 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.

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Very Rev. Michael A. McGuire, Pastor

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Saturday Evening Mass 5:45 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

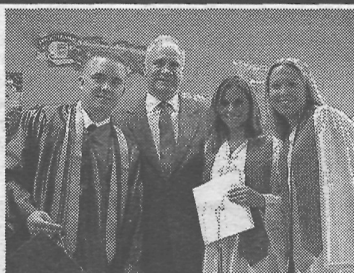
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

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

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