

South Plainfield Observer

VOL. 3, NO. 50

50 CENTS

AUGUST 18, 2000

Spraying Not Planned In South Plainfield For West Nile Virus

The Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission has informed the *Observer* that they are not planning to spray for the West Nile Virus anywhere in the South Plainfield area at the present time.

However, last week the Mosquito Commission did spray along the border of Metuchen and Edison, near the wetlands area. This is a regular part of their nuisance mosquito control program.

According to Rod Schmidt of the Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission, no dead birds have tested positive in South Plainfield as of this date. Only birds from Carteret (which is scheduled for spraying this week), Woodbridge and Sayreville have tested positive.

Schmidt stressed that if the need should arise and South Plainfield would need to be sprayed for West Nile, residents will be fully informed about when and where it happens.

Residents are reminded to eliminate standing water from their property, clean clogged roof gutters and empty plastic swimming pools.

Observer Joins in Labor Day Celebration

Once again the *Observer* will have a booth in Veterans Park to greet the residents and parade participants.

This marks the third year we will be in Veterans Park. The *Observer* published its first edition and distributed it at the Labor Day Parade in 1997. It is our official birthday and we plan to celebrate it at the parade.

We will be giving away balloons and other gifts. We will also be awarding t-shirts to the children who have collected all of the police trading cards and have at least 10 signed.

Of course we will be busy taking pictures of all the activities, starting early with the 5K run, the parade, the contests and games planned for Veterans Park, the bands, the fireworks and of course all of the people who come out for the festivities.

Stop by our booth. We look forward to meeting all of our readers and getting their input into where the paper should be heading in the future.



South Plainfield's Summer Recreation Program, with 437 registered children, ended last week with a Field Day at Veterans Park. See pages 6 and 7 for more pictures.

Sixth Graders Will be Attending A Newly Renovated School

By Caroline Reilly

That time of year has come once again. The leaves start to turn and school shopping begins. Students in South Plainfield are gearing up for another year of school, eager to return to the classroom. But for many residents, including parents and students, a feeling of uneasiness lurks. Starting in September, all students entering the sixth grade will not be roaming the familiar halls of South Plainfield Middle School. Instead, they will be going back to where many of them may have started their earliest education—the Administration Building on Cromwell Place, where the Future Stars program was held.

South Plainfield Middle School will be home to only seventh and eighth graders, while the Grant Central Sixth Grade School is now home to all students entering the sixth grade. A newsletter from the Board of Educa-

tion will be sent out later this month to all residents of South Plainfield, explaining the changes taking place throughout the school system.

On August 29, a special board meeting will be held to approve new faculty members and to establish the transfer of 1/3 of the Middle School staff to Grant Central Sixth Grade School. Robert Doggett, current principal of SPMS, will take over duties as principal of Grant School. Interviews are being conducted this month to find a replacement principal for the seventh and eighth grade middle school. Assistant principals William Beegle and Phylis Savage will remain at the middle school.

Not only will Mr. Doggett be coming to Grant School, but he brings with him many new ideas and plans geared towards an elementary-based age group. The new school will have its own activities, clubs and dances, separate from the Middle School.

Referendum Committee Meetings are Underway

Four committees serving in an advisory capacity to the South Plainfield Board of Education met three times this month. The Architecture, Curriculum, Technology and Public Relations Committees are working through issues such as enrollment increases and lack of classroom space that is confronting the school district. The evening concluded with a technology presentation to the group by Mark J. E. Shapiro, director of technology for Prisco & Edwards, AIA, the district's architect.

The board announced that two

more public forums on the building program are scheduled for Thursday, August 24, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m.

Small group meetings will start at 7 p.m. and the full board may convene to hear committee recommendations at 8 p.m. on each of these forums. The meetings take place in the Grant School gymnasium, located on Cromwell Place.

Any resident with an interest in helping to develop a new plan to improve South Plainfield's schools is encouraged to attend and/or participate.

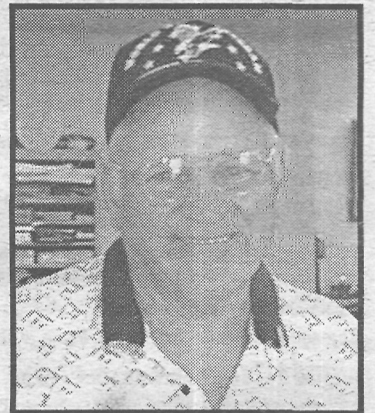
Charles Decker Chosen as Parade Grand Marshall

This year's choice of Grand Marshall for the Annual Labor Day Parade was not an easy one for the members of the celebrations committee.

They received numerous nominations this year, all of whom were more than qualified to lead the 43rd Annual Labor Day Parade. According to members of the committee, anyone of the nominees would have been a good choice.

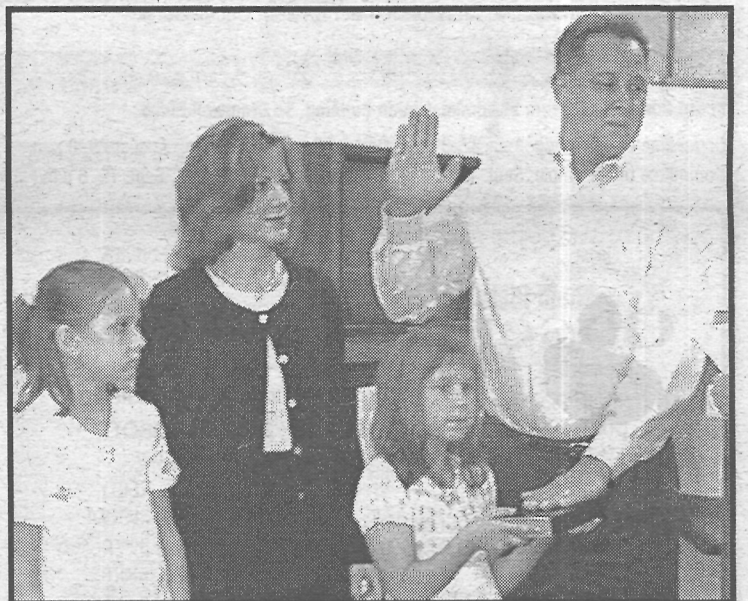
The choice of Charles "Charlie" Decker definitely goes with this year's theme, "South Plainfield Celebrates Family, Fun and Community."

Charlie, a longtime resident, is a family man, who has volunteered in many activities through the community. He and his wife, Lois have three children, two sons John and Charlie, Jr. and a daughter, Ellen. They also have three grandchildren, Charlie III, Cody and Alex.



Charles "Charlie" Decker

He has been actively involved in many organizations in town for years. In 1994 Charlie was named a Life Member of the South Plainfield Boosters Club and in 1998 a Life Member of the Junior Baseball Club. Next week's *Observer* will have more on Charlie's accomplishments.



During a special meeting held on Monday night, the council accepted the resignation of Board of Adjustment members Joseph Abate and Richard McCriscin. To fill the vacancy left by their resignations, two new members were appointed. Pictured in top photo is Don Alexa, with his wife Terry and daughters, Rachel and Dana, bottom photo Joseph DeFrancesco, Jr. taking the oath from Mary Blue and his sister Councilwoman Darlene Pinto holding the bible.

mark your calendars

Log on to
southplainfieldnj.com
for the latest
meeting agenda

council meetings

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

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

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 (NJSA 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 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:

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

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, 8 p.m.
Committee of the Whole, Sept. 12, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., Sept. 19, 8 p.m.

South Plainfield Observer

The South Plainfield Observer is published every Friday except Thanksgiving Week

G&G Graphics, Inc.
1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

(908) 668-0010 • FAX (908) 668-8819

Web page at <http://www.spobserver.com>

For subscriptions, advertising or information, call (908) 668-0010.

The publisher is not responsible for typographical errors.

NANCY GRENNIER
Publisher/Editor

WAYNE GRENNIER
Associate Publisher

SUSAN KANEPS
Art Director/Associate Editor

PATRICIA ABBOTT
Staff Writer

CAROLINE L. REILLY
Production Assistant

CAROL GRENNIER
Editorial Assistant

BRIAN COCHRANE
BOBBY HUNTER
Sports Writers

KENNETH MORGAN
Correspondents

ROXANNE CORTESE
WILLIAM TUTHILL
Advertising Sales

The South Plainfield Observer (U.S.P.S. 018253) is published weekly, except Thanksgiving week, by G&G Graphics Inc. 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-2004. Second class postage paid at South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080-9998. **POSTMASTER:** Forward change of address orders to G&G Graphics Inc. 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-2004. Subscription rates \$25 per year in South Plainfield; \$30 per year out of town. To subscribe: 908-668-0010.

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES

We look forward to hearing from all of you and encourage you to send in your stories and photos. The *South Plainfield Observer* is your paper. Please let us know what you would like to see in it.

To get an article published in South Plainfield Observer:

1. Type (double spaced) the article you wish published.
2. Mail, fax or drop it at: Editorial Department
South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or drop it in the box at Mohn's Flowers on Plainfield Ave. or Twice Is Nice, Front St. or fax us at (908) 668-8819 or e-mail us on our web page at spobserver.com or ggnan@aol.com or ngrennie@ix.netcom.com. Include your name, address, telephone number.

In My Opinion Letters

To the Editor and staff,

In the June 23, edition of the *South Plainfield Observer*, an article appeared about "Summer Miracles." This is a program looking for summer host families for orphan children visiting from Russia. Intrigued, I called the phone number listed in the article. That phone call has changed the lives of my entire family.

On August 3, my fiancé, Frank Panella and my daughter, Chrisann Zushma and I went into New York to JFK Airport to greet a beautiful 6½ year old little girl, named Yulia, who will stay with us for six weeks. After that, she will return to her orphanage until we can complete the necessary papers to adopt her.

I would like to acknowledge and thank South Plainfield Police Officer Ted Malecki, who very courteously expedited our necessary finger-printing process. Without his help we would not have qualified in time.

I would also like the citizens of South Plainfield to know of the generosity of our local consignment shop, Twice Is Nice, on Front Street for donating much needed clothing and shoes which will benefit our little visitor and all the other children who are visiting New Jersey families. These donations will then be sent back to the orphanage with the children when they leave in September.

We expect this summer to be

quite an adventure. I hope other New Jersey families will look into this "Summer Miracles" program for next year. It can change the life of a very unfortunate child.

God willing, if all goes well, Yulia will be able to return to us permanently.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you, the editor and your staff, for running that news release on June 23. I understand that very few other local papers picked up the story.

Thank you very much.

JANET WAGNER

To South Plainfield residents:

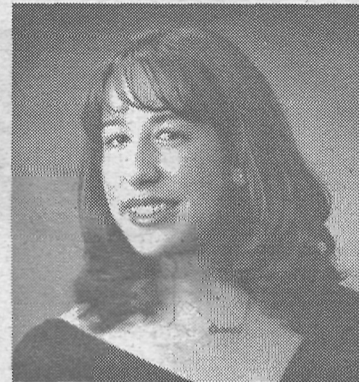
The 11-year-old traveling All-Star Baseball Team have been playing fantastically and are having a great season once again. The team outscored the Edison Boys in nine innings to win the championship 6-5 in Linden. They also won the South Plainfield Championship defeating South Brunswick 7-4 and took third place in Carteret.

Congratulations to Garrett Lake, Chris Stallone, Mike Stallone, Chris Pollin, Billy Ashnault, Danny McCreesh, Anthony Cassano, Anthony Niemcyck, Anthony Dorey, Justin Baslione, Kevin Crilley, and Joey Turrisse.

Also a very special thanks to the coaches; John Stallone, Tom McCreesh, Tony Cassano and Bill Ashnault for a great job.

PROUD PARENTS

Caroline Reilly Joins Observer Staff



Caroline Reilly

The *Observer* is pleased to announce that Caroline (Carrie) Reilly has joined our editorial staff.

Carrie, who will be a senior at South Plainfield High School this year, is gearing towards a journalism career and hopes to gain some newspaper experience working with the *Observer*.

She will be working in the *Observer's* office, helping in the production of the newspaper and she will also be writing feature articles for the paper.

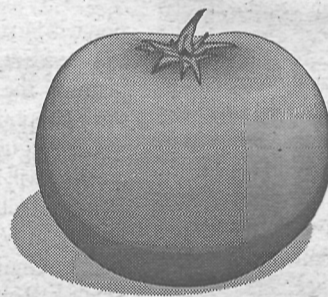
Carrie is the head copy editor for the SPHS *Tiger Times* newspaper. She is also a member of the Emeralds, the Traveling Choir, the Concert Choir, has managed the boys tennis team for three years and has been a member of the Spanish Club since 1997.

Her community activities include the South Plainfield Juniorettes and the Girl Scouts.

Save Your "Prize" Tomato or Squash For Contest Held on Labor Day

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee want to remind residents to save those prize tomatoes and squash and enter them in the contest held immediately after the Labor Parade. You could win a blue ribbon for your prize entry. The judges have been picked, we just need your tomato or squash.

Other activities planned are a pie eating and a watermelon eating contest, along with a water balloon toss. This was a popular contest last year. Make sure you sign up at the reviewing stand for the contest you want to



enter. Announcements will be made when each contest is about to begin. There will also be recreation-sponsored games planned for the kids of all ages.

Also in Veterans Park, immediately following the parade, the band *Backsplash* will again entertain the community for several hours.

These are just a few of the many activities planned for Veterans Park. The festivities continues on into the evening with music performed by *Sound Investment*, in the gazabo at

Spring Lake Park, followed by a fireworks display.

Everyone should plan to spend the day in the town and celebrate "Family, Fun, and Community."

Submit Letters to the Editor:

South Plainfield Observer,
Editorial Dept.,
1110 Hamilton Blvd.
Suite 1B
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Letters may be submitted by email at our website at spobserver.com or faxed to 908-668-8819. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. We reserve the right to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject we will publish.

Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the *Observer*.

How You Can Be a Part of the South Plainfield Observer.

ENCOURAGE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO SEND US THEIR UPCOMING EVENTS. We want to add them to AROUND TOWN. It can make your event more successful. Send them to us by mail, fax or e-mail.

SEND US INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MILESTONES, i.e., promotions, births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, graduations. Include photos. Share your good news with the community!

IF THERE IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE in South Plainfield? Thank them by letting us know.

USE THE OBSERVER AS AN ADVERTISING TOOL. Introduce your business to the community. Promote your specials or sales. Residents would rather patronize local businesses than travel out of town. It is more convenient and it's good for the local economy.

SUGGEST A BUSINESS FOR US TO SPOTLIGHT. If you have had great service in South Plainfield share it with your neighbors through the newspaper.

SUBMIT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR to allow readers to discuss and react to issues.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS. If you have an event, take a photo, write a caption identifying the event and people and send it to us via mail. The best photos record action and don't include so many people that it is impossible to identify anyone. Please don't send us photocopies or laser prints. They don't reproduce well.

HOW TO CONTACT US. By mail: 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080; By phone: 908-668-0010; By fax: 908-668-8819; By email: ggnan@aol.com.

SUBSCRIBE. It's \$25. per year for 52 issues!!

Freihofer's Bakery Moving

Freihofer's Bakery, which has been located on Montrose Ave. for the past six years, will be relocating both their warehouse and outlet store to a newly constructed building. They have outgrown their present space.

The warehouse/outlet will be staying in the borough, but will be moving from their present location to Hamilton Blvd. at Easton Blvd.

Architect Richard DeAndrea appeared in front of the Board of Adjustment to present the plans for the new building. The site of the proposed new building is now a vacant lot.

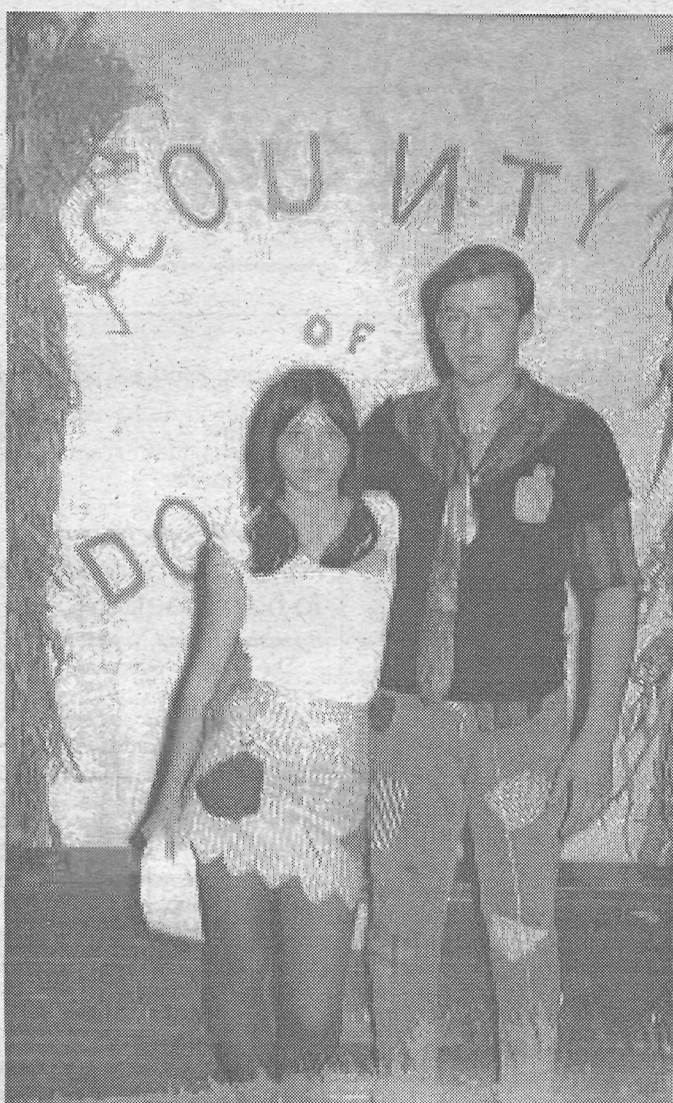
Leonard DeBlack, branch manager of Freihofer's, explained they receive about six trailer deliveries a day. Trucks would be entering and leaving the facility early in the morning, during the day and in the evening and should not affect rush hour traffic. The last delivery would be at 11:30 pm.

He added that no repairs of the trucks would be done on the site, nor any would fuel be stored on the premises.

Freihofer's hopes to be in the new facility within six months. They must still be granted a site plan by the board.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS!!

If you have news about South Plainfield people or events, send us a note or give us a call (908) 668-0010. We would like to include your story in the paper.



Do You Recognize This Couple?

This picture was taken at a Sadie Hawkins Dance held SPHS in 1968. Let's have a little fun and see if you know this young couple, who fell in love, got married and still live in town. The first person to guess who they are will win an *Observer* T-shirt. Call the *Observer* at 668-0010. If you are related to this couple, don't give them away. Pattie Abbott found this picture on the internet, on a site that has lots of South Plainfield alumni. We'll tell you more about it next week, after we identify this couple.

Ricochet/SPASA 10th Annual Labor Day 5K Race; 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk

This year marks the celebration of the 10th Annual Ricochet Health and Racquet Club and the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness sponsoring of the 5K race on Labor Day. Held prior to the parade on Labor Day in Veteran's Park, the 5K race featured

its first group of 40+ runner's back in 1991. Last year over 200 runners completed the 3.1 mile course that covers the parade route up and back.

The race would not be possible if it were not for the many local South Plainfield sponsors, especially the Ricochet Health and Racquet Club. Gary Hamrah, owner and the staff at Ricochet offers a wide variety of health and fitness activities along with the 5K race and the recently incorporated 1.5 Family Fitness walk. Either getting into shape through running or working out at the club, Ricochet offers programs such as New Jersey's #1 aquatic program in its Olympic size indoor pool. Additionally Ricochet has a Spinning Studio, FITLINXX Interactive Fitness Network weight/exercise fitness center, Rainbow Room for kid fitness and a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and

soccer. An aerobic studio features nationally certified instructors and the racquetball and squash courts are all climate controlled. Cardiovascular and free weight centers, along with a children's nursery round out Ricochet's fitness offerings. Registration at Ricochet can be accomplished by stopping by the club or by accessing their website at www.ricochethealthclub.com.

Ricochet supports substance awareness activities with the South Plainfield Alliance as well as the Project Graduation program through South Plainfield High School.

Applications for the 5K race can be obtained at Ricochet on St. Nicholas Ave., the PAL building or the South Plainfield Middle School. Bill Beegle, assistant principal at the middle school and race coordinator can provide additional information by calling 754-4620, ext. 310.

Find what **you're looking for** in the

Business & Professional Section

As South Plainfield's official newspaper, residents look to the *Observer* as a source for local businesses and services.

Advertise your business for as little as \$11.50* per issue.

To advertise, call 908-668-0010.

*Advertiser must commit to 10 issues.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Fenn

The South Plainfield Historical Society's quilt is hanging in the library display area. This quilt will be raffled off on Labor Day. Come in and see the beautiful quilt, then buy some chances from a member of the Historical Society.

It is only a couple more weeks until school starts. Those students who haven't read the books on their reading lists or Battle of the Books books, there is still time. These books are available to be checked out for two weeks.

REMINDER: If you have long overdue library materials, lost a library book or not paid your outstanding fines, the library is sending out notices with municipal court notices attached. If you do not pay your outstanding fees/fines, the library can take you to municipal court to recover the cost of the items and fees. Please do not make us resort to such drastic measures. Please return all library materials on time. Call the library during business hours (908-754-7885) or call Elvis, the Virtual Librarian (908-757-3280) to renew library materials. You may also use Dial Pac for many library functions such as placing and canceling holds, renewing items, viewing a list of items you have checked out, and check your fines. To use Dial Pac you must have a computer with a modem to dial into the library's automation system, (980-754-9151). For more information on Dial Pac stop by the library and pick up a Dial Pac brochure with instructions on how to get connected.

The Children's department will follow the usual story time schedule next week. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The last Monday evening craft program for kids six years old and older will be on August 21. Please register for this program. The Game Gang will meet on Wednesday morning at 11

a.m. Come and play some board games. Thursday evening at 7 is the dramatic reading of the latest Harry Potter book. Even if you missed the first readings, the reader will give a summary of the plot up to that point.

There are many new fiction books available for adult summer reading. Some that I recommend are *The Summoning God* by Kathleen O'Neal Gear, *Riptide* by Catherine Coulter, and *Dust to Dust* by Tami Hoag.

Stop by the library and browse the Friends of the Library book sale trucks. There are many fiction and non-fiction books available for purchase. The library staff has been going through the library's non-fiction collection and discarding books that are no longer useful. Many of these books are on the sale carts. Stop in and take a look. We found some Ralph Nader books from the 1970's in the collection. Some of you may want to read these since he is running for President.



This quilt will be raffled off on Labor Day after the parade. Drop by the South Plainfield Library to see how beautiful it looks in full color. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Historical Society or by calling Bill Tuthill at 756-9654. The second prize in the raffle is two tickets for a brunch cruise on the Cornucopia Princess.

Rescue Squad is Looking for Associate Members

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad is looking for new members. EMTs and First Responders from other emergency affiliates in other municipalities are encouraged to apply.

If you are an emergency volunteer in another town and work in South Plainfield, the South Plainfield Rescue Squad is asking that you become an associate member. With your employers permission you can answer calls in South Plainfield.

This year calls have increased over 10%. In 1999, calls January through July totaled 1,002; this year calls are already up to 1,120 so associates are needed. For information, call (908) 754-2343.

Super 50/50 tickets are now on sale. The drawing will be held after the Fireworks on Labor Day.

South Plainfield Recycling Commission Meeting Canceled

The Thursday, August 24 meeting for the South Plainfield Recycling Commission has been canceled.

To contact the Recycling & Environmental Commissions call 226-7621.

Celebrating our 23rd year
In South Plainfield

Jo-Ann's Dance Studio

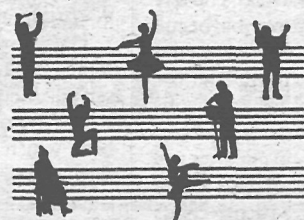
The Performing Arts Centre

4475 South Clinton Avenue, S. Plainfield, NJ 07080

(908) 561-5094

E-Mail JoANNinNJ@aol.com

Four climate controlled studios



A complete line of dancewear available

Classes available in all areas and levels of dance

BALLET • POINTE • TAP • MODERNE • JAZZ
• PRESCHOOL CLASSES • COMBINATION CLASSES •
MUSICAL THEATRE • ADULT CLASSES

This year's special programs:

EmPower YOGA with Kim Miller, CYT

Dance Babies (mommy & me) 18 to 23 months old
Toddler Time Dance for 2 year olds

JO-ANN FAULKNER,
DIRECTOR

*Official dance training
for Feigley's School of
Gymnastics
South Plainfield, NJ



TARA FAULKNER-CATALINA,
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

*Home of the
award winning
LeCentre Dance Ensemble
(membership by audition only)

Walk in - Dance Out
Visit our web site

<http://www.joannsdancestudio.bigstep.com>

Around Town

Ninth Annual NJ State PBA Golf Tournament

August 28

The South Plainfield P.B.A. Local #100 will be holding their **Ninth Annual Golf Tournament** on Monday, Aug. 28. Shotgun starts at 12 p.m. at the Gamblers Ridge Golf Course, Burlington Rd., Cream Ridge. One low price of \$85 includes all green fees, golfcart, lunch at the turn, a chance to win one of numerous prizes including a television and an awards banquet (following the tournament and featuring a buffet barbecue). The tournament will also offer prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, low score and more.

To register, call Kevin at (732) 294-8530, Matthew at (908) 561-6937 or Brad at (908) 412-8328.

Rec Trips to Broadway Musicals

August 31 & December 17

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.

Trip to Three Bakers Dinner Theater

August 27

The Caring and Sharing Group of Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring a trip to Three Bakers Dinner Theater to see *The King and I*.

The trip is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 27. Bus will leave from the South Plainfield Borough Hall parking lot at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 7 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person and includes bus, dinner, show and driver gratuity.

For information and reservations, call Lydia at (908) 755-1596.

Attention All South Plainfield Alumni!

September 3 • 7 p.m.

The Class of 1985 is inviting all South Plainfield Alumni to a Family Fun Day, on Sunday, Sept. 3, held at Forest Lodge in Warren. The day includes all-you-can-eat barbecue type foods, desserts, beverages and four hours of beer on tap. The use of the inground pool facilities, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and picnic games for adults and children will also be provided. The cost to attend is \$40 per adult and \$10 per child.

Send your check with number of

adults and children to 1985 Reunion Committee, 143 Lafayette Place, South Plainfield.

For questions, contact Lisa Banauch at (732) 836-9235 or Wesley Spear at wspear@bns.nec.com. Questions will be answered through www.toymgr@gowebway.com.

Tenth Annual 5K Labor Day Run and Family Fitness Walk

September 4 • 9:15 a.m.

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.

VFW Post #6763 to Host Annual Picnic

September 9

Memorial Post #6763 VFW will hold their annual picnic, at the Post grounds, located at 155 Front St., on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 12 noon until 5 p.m.

There will be live music, door prizes and plenty of food and beverages, with a menu consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbas with sauerkraut, chicken, sausage and peppers, corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon and beverages. Clams will be available for an additional fee. Entertainment for children will be featured as well, including a moon walk and a clown.

Admission tickets can be purchased in advance, with children up to 5 years old free, 6 years to 12, \$5; 13 and older, \$10. Admission paid at the gate will be children 6 to 12 years \$6, all others are \$12.

For more information, phone (908) 668-9751 daily after 3 p.m., and weekends after 12 noon.

Italian American Club Will Hold Member's Picnic

September 9

The Italian American Club of South Plainfield will be holding its member's picnic on Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 1 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, clams, free tap beer and more will be served. Members with paid-up dues will be free of charge. Guests of members, which include wife and immediate children, will be \$5 each. Non-members will be \$15 each. Please call the club at (908) 668-0865 to

let us know if you will attend, or stop down at the club to get your free ticket.

Republican Organization Will Hold Annual Fashion Show and Brunch

September 10

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will be holding their Seventh Annual Fashion Show and Brunch on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Metuchen Country Club from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Fashions will be presented by B.J.'s Dressing Room in Scotch Plains and The Answer in Menlo Park.

Tickets may be reserved by calling Maryellen at (908) 755-4014 or Linda at (908) 756-6519. Tickets are \$35 per person. Ticket deadline is September 2.

Visit Lake George

September 13-15

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.

Cruise Planned on the Cornucopia Princess!

September 17

The South Plainfield Historical Society will be sponsoring their Second Annual Brunch Cruise on the Cornucopia Princess. Sailing takes place on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 12 noon out of the Perth Amboy Smith Street Dock. Boarding begins at 11 a.m. and cruise returns at 2:30 p.m.

A buffet-lunch will be served with a large selection of items, such as broiled salmon, a carving station with roast beef and chicken, cooked to order—while you watch—omelets, shrimp, a variety of salads, fruits, pastries, coffee, tea and a cash bar.

For tickets or more information, call Bill Tuthill at 756-9654; Arlene Anthony at 753-7852 or Dot Rotola at 753-2519. The cost is \$49, tax and gratuities are included. Mail your check or money order to the South Plainfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

SPHS Class of 1980 Reunion Slated for November

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1980 will holds its 20 year reunion on Sat., Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at The Martinsville Inn in Martinsville, NJ.

We are presently trying to locate classmates. Invitations will be sent out in late Sept. Contact Jim Insel at 908 713-0193 or Susan Graves Metz at susanmetz@worldnet.att.net.

Events In Surrounding Towns

CHATS Group to Meet

August 28

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield.

"Both Sides Now" Mary Gilroy will share, first as a birthmother who found and reclaimed her teenage son and then as an adoptive mother, discussing how her experiences affect her parenting. Open sharing of adop-

tion-related stories and light refreshments.

Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> for information.

Tourette Syndrome Family Support Group To hold meetings

September 12 and November 14

The Tourette Syndrome Association-Middlesex/Union County Family Support Group Meetings will be held at JFK Medical Center's Neuroscience Institute in Edison, from 7-9 p.m., on Sept. 12, and Nov. 14.

The speaker for the Sept. 12 meeting is Adam Pearlman, a physician with extensive expertise in conventional and complementary medicine. He will present an overview of both and its application for Tourettes patients.

The scheduled speaker for the Nov. 14 meeting will be Adam Bloom, a psychologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of tourette syndrome and related disorders.

For more information, contact Debbie after 6 p.m. at (732) 283-1439 or www.tsanj.com

Ship Model Exhibit and Workshop Planned

The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey will be presenting a model exhibit and workshop free to the public at the Federal Aviation Administration Building, 200 Fred Wehran Dr. at Teterboro Airport from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. Anyone who is interested in joining the Society or is just interested in ships, ship models and other nautical topics is invited to attend.

The exhibit will feature ship models of all types, from all eras, crafted by the Society members. In addition, members will be present working on current projects and demonstrating ship modeling techniques and tools. This is a great opportunity for people new to modeling or experienced modelers who are new to ship modeling to learn more about the hobby and to talk to some of the finest ship modelers in the Northeast.

The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey has more than 70 members. It meets at the Milburn Free Public Library on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Each meeting includes a display and discussion of models completed or under construction, reviews of nautical books and publications, technical talks and demonstrations, discussions on maritime history and events and announcements of upcoming events of nautical or modeling interest. Guests are always welcome at the meetings.

For more information about the Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey or the Sept. 23 exhibit and workshop contact one of the following: Dave Watkins at (973) 822-1312 e-mail: david-watkins@worldnet.att.net; Jeff Herne at (973) 586-6666 e-mail: jherne@hotmail.com or Nick Starace at (973) 376-9026 e-mail: nstarace@aol.com.

Information is also available at the society's website at <http://www.smsnj.simplenet.com>.

Renunion Planned for Crew of Seven Ships

A reunion is being planned in Newport News, Virginia, for Oct. 19-22, for the former crew members of the seven ships of the DeSoto/Suffolk County Class LSTs. The ships are the USS DeSoto County, LST-1171, USS Suffolk County, LST-1173, USS Grant County, LST-1174, USS York County, LST-1175, USS Graham County, LST-1176, USS Lorain County, LST-1177, and the USS Wood County, LST-1178.

An effort is underway to acquire the USS Lorain County as a memorial by the Ohio War Memorial, Inc. of Lorain, Ohio. For further information contact: Charles C. Patton, Ohio War Memorial, Inc., P.O. Box 307, Lorain, Ohio 44052. (440) 284-2621 or OWMI@excite.com

Submit your Events for

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

Exciting Opportunities

Right under your nose.

Attract prospects where they live... right here in South Plainfield—where 21,000 people reside who are ready and willing to spend.

South Plainfield
Observer

Call 908-668-0010 for details on advertising rates and discounts.

Congratulations — 'You're One of the Best!'



Weichert of Warren recently received the prestigious *Courier News* Reader Choice Award and was named "One of the Best" Real Estate Offices in Central New Jersey.

WEICHERT ONE STOP.
Homebuying, Home and Title Insurance, Mortgages, and Relocation, through the Weichert Family of Companies

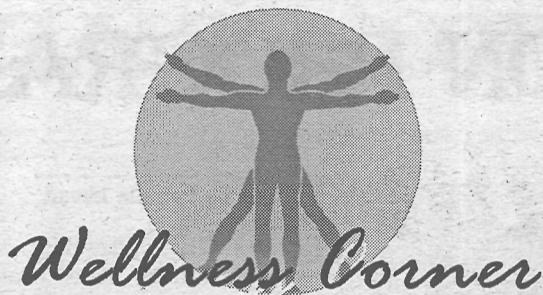


Thank you South Plainfield for your valued business!

Weichert Realtors

We Sell More Because We Do More

OFF: (908) 757-7780
EVES: (908) 756-9197
FAX: (908) 756-5696



Wiggle Your Fingers

Though the very beginning of this article may sound like you've gone back in time and are watching Romper Room, I'll ask you to bear with me.

Wiggle your fingers and toes.

How did you do that?

Well, as many of you know, your brain sent signals containing the proper instructions down your spinal cord. All motor function — in fact, all movement, including balance and coordination — is controlled by your nervous system.

Pull a hair on your arm and then pull another one within an inch of the first. Did you feel the tugging sensation in the same place each time? Every hair follicle has its own distinct and unique nerve supply connected to your brain. All feeling and sensation is controlled by your nervous system.

How do you digest your food to get the maximum intake of nutrients your body needs to function properly? How does your heart know to beat faster when you are exercising in order to supply appropriate oxygen to all the cells of your body? How does your body know what hormones to produce — or even when it's time to go to the bathroom?

I think I've made my point.

Every function of your body is controlled and regulated by your nervous system. Your brain takes in all the information from the environment and sends out signals along the pathways of that system, which trigger the appropriate response from your body. As long as there is no interference to this system, the brain receives the correct sig-



Dr. Patrick Aiello

nals, and in turn sends out the correct response. The result is a healthy human being with unlimited abilities and potential.

Unfortunately, if there is interference along these pathways, it acts like static on a telephone line. Signals are misinterpreted by the body — or, in some cases, don't get through at all.

Dr. Chung Ha Suh, a researcher at the University of Colorado, found that 45 mm. of mercury pressure on a particular nerve — that's roughly the weight of a quarter, by the way — is enough to reduce the function of that nerve to 40 percent of its original value. That's a 60 percent reduction. Ouch.

Hard to believe such a small amount of pressure could do that?

Think about the kind of reaction a tickle can provoke, and you'll see what I mean.

Removing, or at least minimizing, this interference is a serious health issue. Your wellness is at stake.

The Random House Dictionary defines "wellness" as: "The fact or condition of being in maximum mental and physical health."

In the same way one regularly gases and checks the fluids of a high performance vehicle, runs the engine at greater speeds to "blow out" the junk that accumulates, and provides regular tune-ups, a human being needs to acquire good eating habits, engage in regular exercise, and receive chiropractic care.

You're a high performance machine, too. Treat yourself like one with regular chiropractic care!



Terra Nova Garden Club Cares For Flowers at Borough Hall

Flowers planted at the South Plainfield Municipal Building by the Terra Nova Garden Club this spring have thrived with the rainy weather this summer, but so have the weeds.

Gail Sulinski and Mary Mazepa (pictured above) took their turn at maintenance recently and found HUGE monster weeds, but the petunias are holding their own. Our thanks to all the people who

have complemented us on the gardens this year. (If you would like to see a color photo of these flowers, log onto our web page, spobserver.com.)

Members of the club have been holding workshops throughout the summer, preparing for the Metuchen Craft Fair in October. Their cookbook, *Recipes for all Seasons* is expected to be ready in time for the fair also.

Poetry Contest Open to South Plainfield Residents

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the South Plainfield area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Nov. 30. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Fran Campos, contest director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they realize that their own poetic works of art can

win cash prizes, and gain national recognition," continued Campos.

To enter, send one original poem on any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19909, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by Nov. 30. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com. The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Concert by Father Alphonse Stephenson On Sale

Sacred Heart Rosary Society tickets are now on sale for Father Alphonse Stephenson and his 45-member symphony orchestra, *St. Peter by the Sea*. He will give a performance at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Sept. 17. This concert is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Society.

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

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

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; so pick up your tickets now.

General admission is \$25. Students and seniors are \$20. Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society are 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.

Copy deadline for the Observer is Monday, 5 p.m. for the following Friday's publication.

Please mail, fax or email your copy, (preferably typed in upper and lower case and double spaced). Send to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Fax to (908) 668-8819, email us on our web page at spobserver.com.

Sacred Heart School

South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Pre-School - Grade 8

Accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools

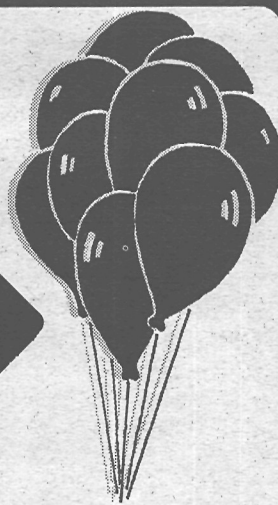
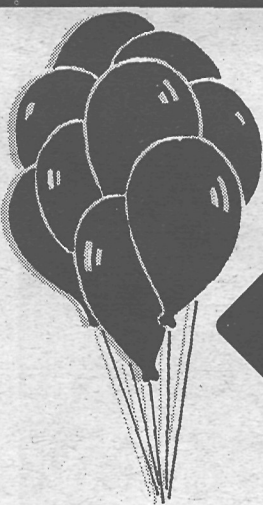
Program includes:

- Pre-K age 4 (full-time & part-time) • Full Day Kindergarten • After School Care (2-6 p.m.) • Computer Program • Children's Choir • Monthly Liturgies
- Counseling Services • Hot Lunch Program • Instrumental Music • Art
- Physical Education • Library • Cheerleading (Grades K-8) • Track (K-8)
- Basketball (Grades 3-8) • Girls Softball (Grades 5-8) • Compensatory & Supplemental Services • DARE Program (Grade 5)

Age Requirements: • Kindergarten-Age 5 by Oct. 1; First Grade: Age 6 by Oct. 1

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 7

For further information: School (908) 756-0632 (Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-12noon after July 12)
Convent (908) 756-0631



110 Maple Avenue
South Plainfield

908-756-3336

Customer Appreciation Month
August 1-31, 2000

One Large Pizza
with

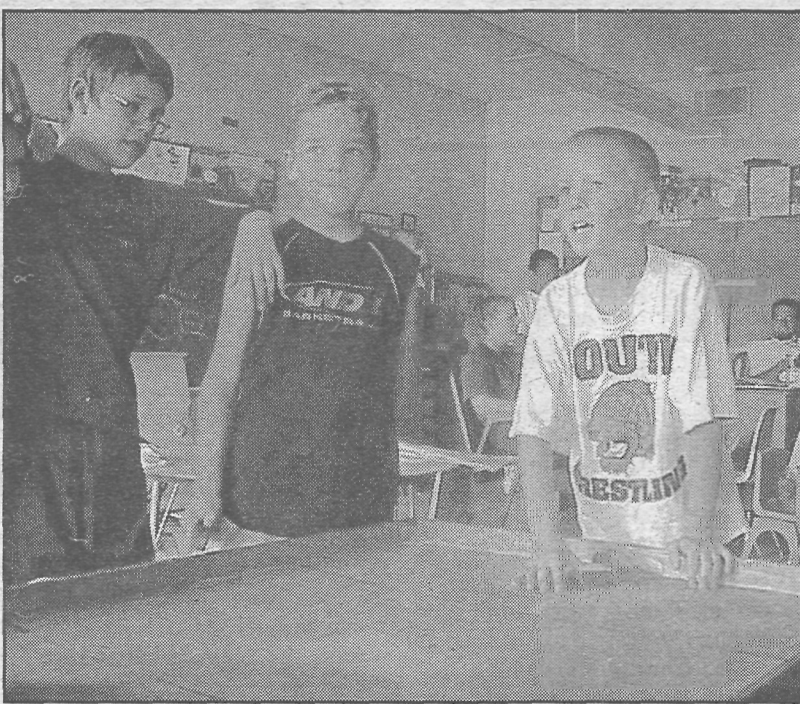
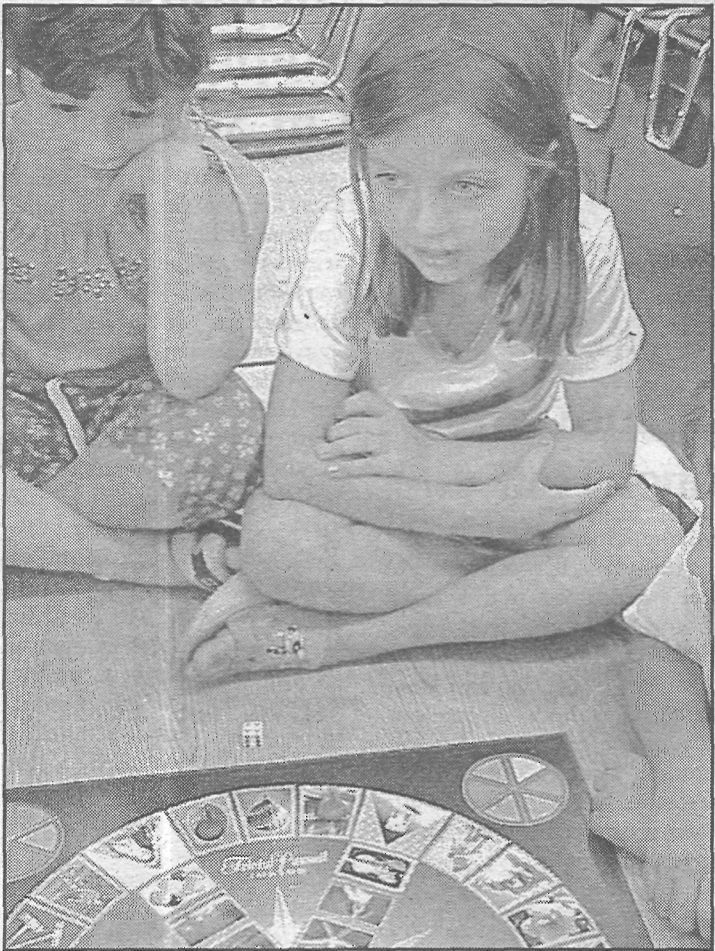
2 Delicious Toppings

ONLY \$7.99

Thank you South Plainfield for making us the #1 Domino's Pizza in NJ!! Our staff is so happy to serve you! Thanks!

Chris, Kelly, Orlando, Jenn, Adam, Jubencio, Pedro, Jose, Terry, Paul, T.J, Christina, Alan, Hassan, Jamal, Sam, Jorge, Jorge Jr., Natalia, Dan, Akeem, Odis, Geo, Martin, Mikey & Heather

2000 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM



By Patricia Abbott

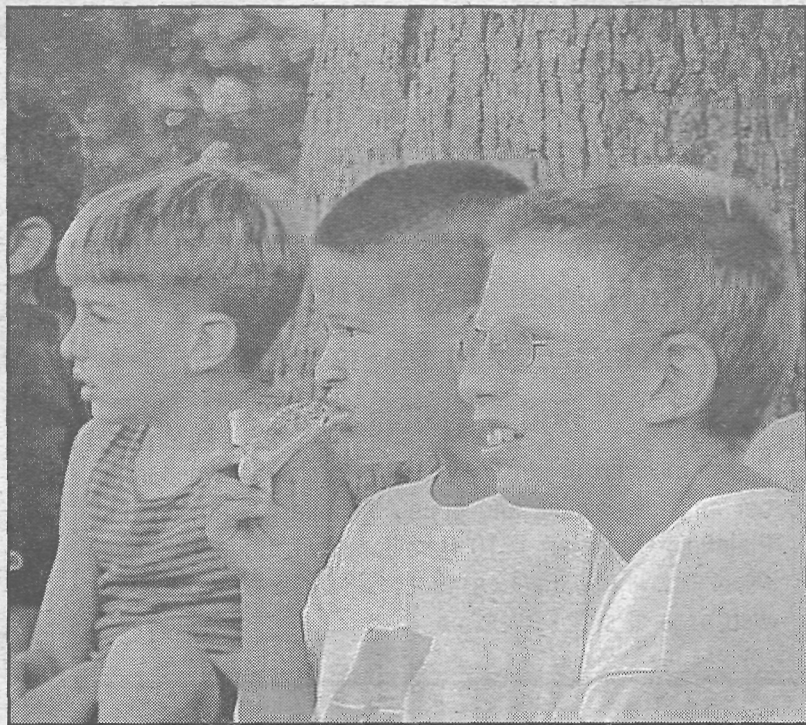
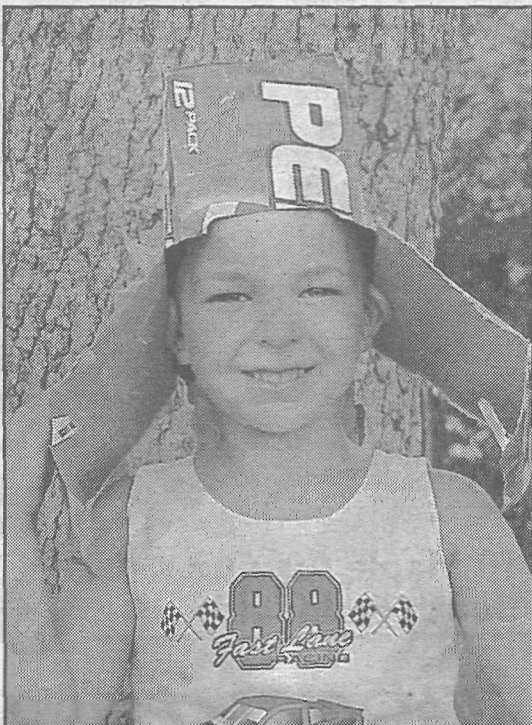
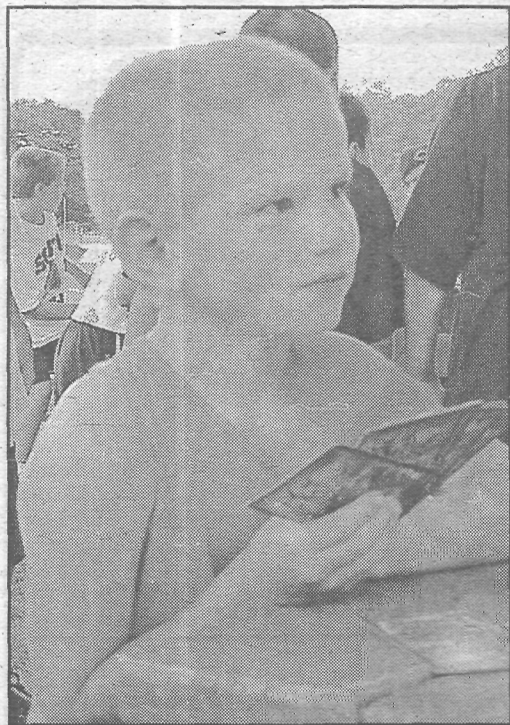
Last Friday the kids in the Summer Recreation program gathered at Veterans Park. During the summer months they had been meeting at the four grade schools. Friday they all met in the park for a Field Day, which officially marked the end of the summer program for this year.

Both counselors and their young charges met for a day of fun and food.

Counselor Patty Reach said the heat was a factor in how many events were held. She noted that they had begun a game of whiffle ball with all the children participating but the heat drove most of them off to cooler activities. The youths lounged on the swings and other playground equipment. They challenged others to final games of Knock Hockey and drew pictures or made paper fans.

The kids kept asking for the pizza they had been promised. The soda arrived, but the pizza was delayed. The sky began to darken and parents arrived to pick up their children. Just before the last child was picked up and the rain fell, the long awaited pizza arrived. Undaunted by the snafu, the counselors each took several boxes of pizza and returned to their schools to wait for the children. The pizza might not have been as hot but the pile of empty boxes at Franklin School was proof that the children did indeed enjoy the treat.

Photos by Patricia Abbott



ATTENTION TENANTS

Enjoy the Same Security
That Homeowners Do!

Lynx - Wireless Security System*

- No damage to home or apartment
- System can be moved if you relocate (Free re-installation if within 75 miles of present home or apartment)
- Central station monitoring

Security
Concepts
OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

908-757-7344
*Lease Option Available

Call 908-757-7344 for free demo and further information.



Wayne Grennier
Sales Associate



Ask About Weichert's
One-Stop Shopping Services

I'M THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXPERT!THANKS TO STATE-OF-THE-ART REAL ESTATE TECHNOLOGY, "KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD."™

"Know the Neighborhood" gives me access to an amazing array of information – recent home sales, the school system, climate and crime statistics, community demographics – for every neighborhood in the country. And because it's constantly updated, the information is accurate and timely.

I can tell you things you never knew about your own neighborhood – or any place you're thinking about making your next home. Give me a call or stop in to my office for a free demonstration.

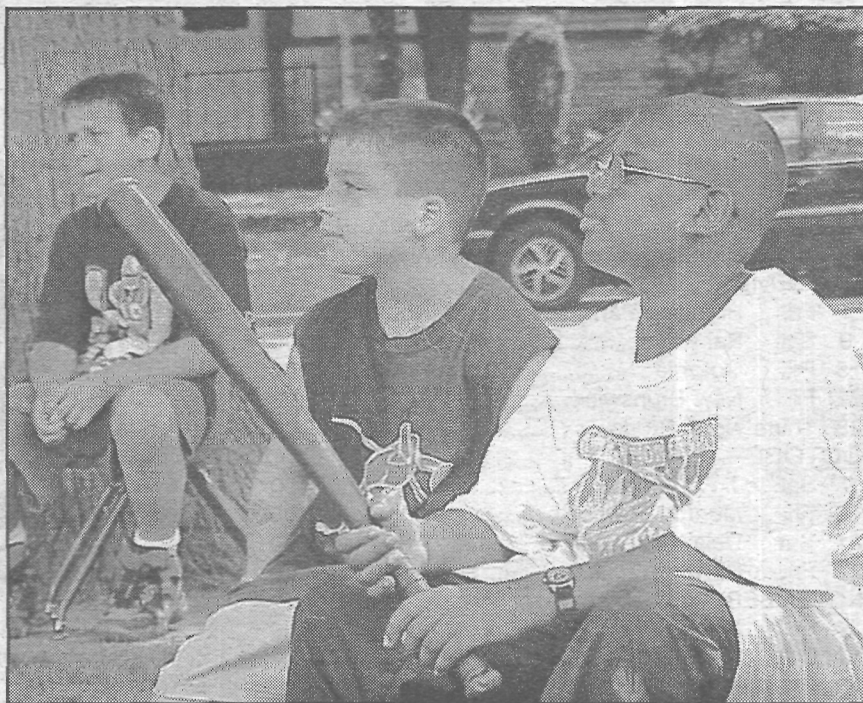
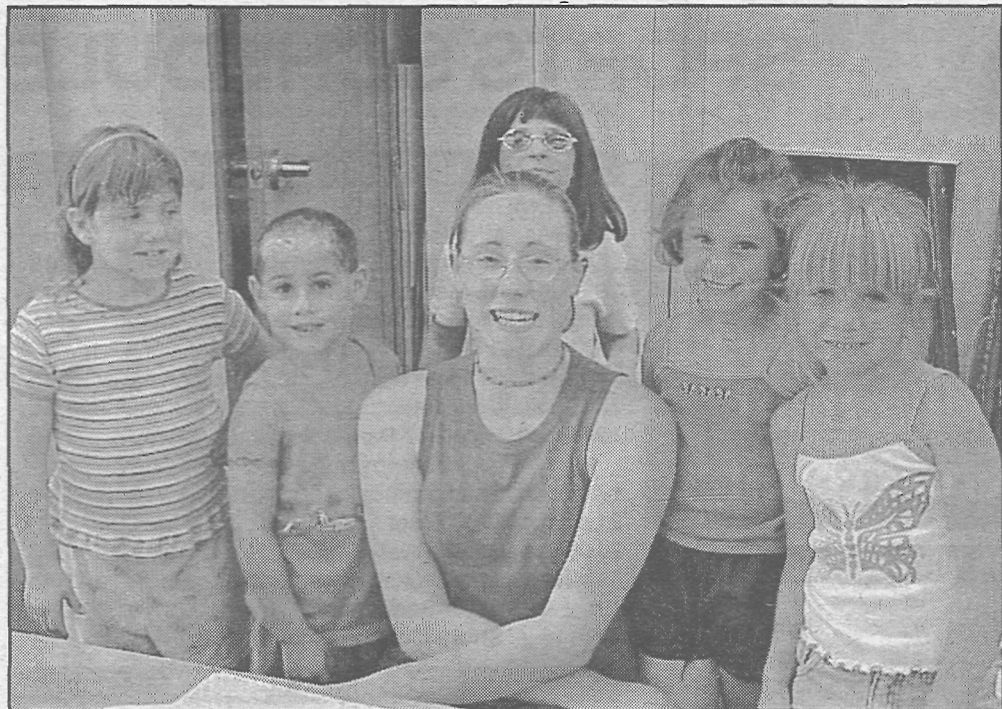
Weichert, Realtors
640 Middlesex Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Office: 732-906-8200
Eve: 908-755-8565
Pager: 908-581-4470

**Weichert
Realtors**

We Sell More
Because We Do More

GAMES, CONTESTS, READING AND FUN!



This year the Summer Recreation Program was held at Riley, Kennedy, Franklin and Roosevelt schools. According to Receptions Director Mike English 437 kids registered this summer. Thanks to the dedicated counselors at each school, the kids had plenty of activities to keep them busy.

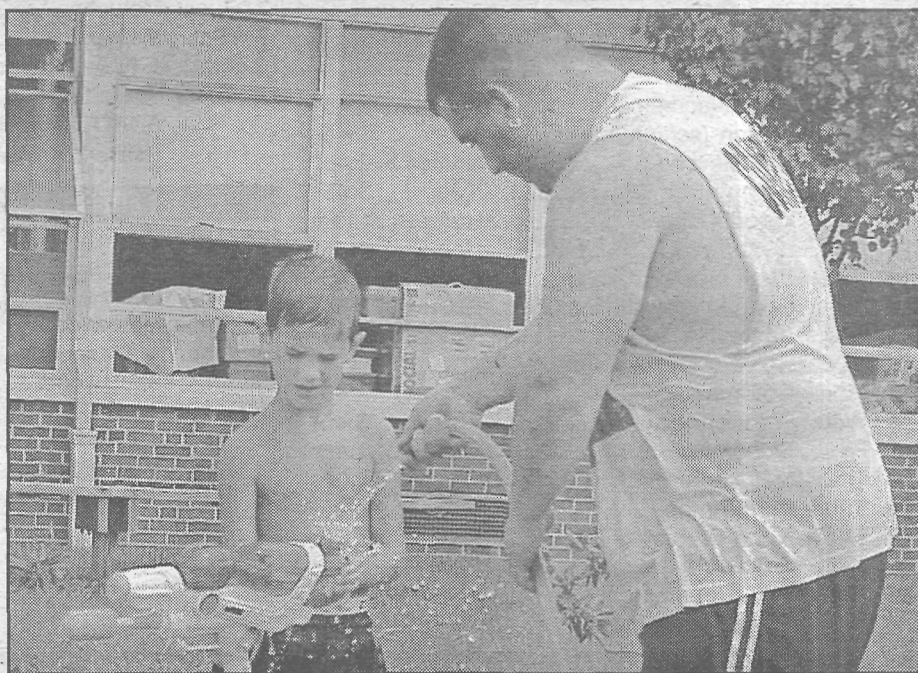
Franklin school counselors were Michael Geremia, Kelly Hall, Raymond Del Nero, Shawn English, Chad Lacon and Kelly Schnyderite.

Roosevelt School counselors were Devon DiMaria, Lindsey Aiello, Joshua English, Victor Kurilew, Erin Mackey, Joseph Nicolay and Alison Tietjen.

Kennedy School counselors were Kiley Jackson, Chris DeCosta, Michael Delucca, Eric Johansen, Stacie Sesok, Kimberly Wilcox and David Zebrowski.

Riley School counselors were Patricia Reach, Stephen Cisz, Matthew Cleary and Richard Drumbore.

Counselor for golf was Michael Kavka and tennis were Khanh Le and Judy Wang.



Fall 2000

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL

AUGUST

29 Tues. Hightstown (scrimmage) Away

SEPTEMBER

1 Fri. Highland Park (scrimmage) Home 3:45

9 Sat. Rahway Home 1:00

15 Fri. Colonia Home 7:00

22 Fri. New Brunswick Away 7:00

28 Thurs. North Brunswick Home 7:00

OCTOBER

7 Sat. J. F. Kennedy Away 1:00

13 Fri. Monroe Township Home 7:00

21 Sat. Delaware Valley Away 1:00

27 Fri. Carteret Away 7:00

NOVEMBER

3 Fri. Bishop Ahr Away 7:00

10/11 Playoffs

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER

11 Mon. Rahway Away 3:45

18 Mon. Colonia Home 3:45

25 Mon. New Brunswick Home 3:45

OCTOBER

2 Mon. North Brunswick Away 3:45

9 Mon. J. F. Kennedy Home 3:45

16 Mon. Monroe Township Away 3:45

23 Mon. Delaware Valley Home 3:45

30 Mon. Carteret Home 3:45

NOVEMBER

6 Mon. Bishop Ahr Home 3:45

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER

8 Fri. Rahway Away 3:45

15 Fri. Colonia Away 3:45

22 Fri. New Brunswick Home 3:45

28 Thurs. North Brunswick Away 3:45

OCTOBER

6 Fri. J. F. Kennedy Home 3:45

13 Fri. Monroe Township Away 3:45

20 Fri. Delaware Valley Home 3:45

27 Fri. Carteret Home 3:45

NOVEMBER

3 Fri. Bishop Ahr Home 3:45

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER

1 Fri. J. F. K. (scrimmage) Away 3:45

6 Wed. Edison (scrimmage) Away 3:45

11 Mon. J. P. Stevens Home 3:45

14 Thurs. Colonia Away 3:45

16 Sat. Woodbridge Home 11am

18 Mon. Bishop Ahr Home 3:45

22 Fri. Perth Amboy Home 3:45

26 Tues. North Brunswick Home 3:45

28 Thurs. Sayreville Away 3:45

OCTOBER

2 Mon. Colonia Home 3:45

4 Wed. Woodbridge Away 3:45

6 Fri. Bishop Ahr Away 3:45

10 Tues. Metuchen JV/5:30 Home 7:00

12 Thurs. Perth Amboy Away 3:45

13 Fri. North Brunswick JV/3:45 Away 7:30

16 Mon. Sayreville Home 3:45

21 Sat. GMC Tournament

State Tournament

• football • soccer •
tennis • gymnastics •
cross country • field
hockey • football •
tennis • cross country

FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER

6 Wed. Edison (scrimmage) Home 3:45

11 Mon. J. P. Stevens Away 3:45

14 Thurs. Colonia Home 3:45

16 Sat. Woodbridge Away 11am

18 Mon. Bishop Ahr Away 3:45

21 Thurs. Middlesex Home 3:45

22 Fri. Perth Amboy Away 3:45

26 Tues. North Brunswick Away 3:45

28 Thurs. Sayreville Home 3:45

OCTOBER

2 Mon. Colonia Away 3:45

3 Tues. Middlesex Away 3:45

4 Wed. Woodbridge Home 3:45

6 Fri. Bishop Ahr Home 3:45

12 Thurs. Perth Amboy Home 3:45

13 Fri. North Brunswick Home 3:45

16 Mon. Sayreville Away 3:45

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER

9 Sat. Edison Away 11am

13 Wed. Spotswood Away 3:45

15 Fri. Metuchen Home 3:45

21 Thurs. Mother Seton Away 3:45

25 Mon. J. F. Kennedy Home 3:45

27 Wed. South River Away 3:45

29 Fri. Spotswood Home 3:45

OCTOBER

2 Mon. J. P. Stevens 3:45 (JV) Away 7:00

3 Tues. Metuchen Away 3:45

7 Sat. Mother Seton Home 11am

13 Fri. J. F. Kennedy Away 3:45

17 Tues. South River Home 3:45

GMC Tournament

State Tournament

FRESHMAN GIRLS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER

9 Sat. Edison Home 11am

13 Wed. Spotswood Home 3:45

21 Thurs. Mother Seton Home 3:45

25 Mon. J. F. Kennedy Away 3:45

29 Fri. Spotswood Away 3:45

OCTOBER

2 Mon. J. P. Stevens Home 3:45

7 Sat. Mother Seton Away 11am

13 Fri. J. F. Kennedy Home 3:45

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER

12 Tues. Middlesex Away 3:45

15 Fri. Metuchen Home 3:45

19 Tues. St. Mary's Away 3:45

26 Tues. Highland Park Home 3:45

OCTOBER

3 Tues. St. Peter's Away 3:45

10 Tues. Dunellen Home 3:45

12 Thurs. Highland Park/Edison Away 3:45

@ Thompson Park

17 Tues. South Amboy Away 3:45

21 Sat. GMC Meet Away

24 Tues. South River Away 3:45

31 Tues. New Brunswick Home 3:45

State Sectionals

Shore Coaches Invitational

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER

12 Tues. North Brunswick Away 3:45

15 Fri. J. F. Kennedy Away 3:45

19 Tues. Colonia Away 3:45

26 Tues. Carteret Home 3:45

OCTOBER

3 Tues. Bishop Ahr Away 3:45

10 Tues. Monroe Township Home 3:45

12 Thurs. Highland Park/Edison Away 3:45

@ Thompson Park

17 Tues. Spotswood Away 3:45

21 Sat. GMC Meet Away

31 Tues. Perth Amboy Away 3:45

State Sectionals

Shore Coaches Invitational

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

SEPTEMBER

2 Sat. Workshop Scrimmage Home 9 am

7 Thurs. Union Home 3:45

11 Mon. Piscataway Away 3:45

13 Wed. Middlesex Home 3:45

15 Fri. Metuchen Home 3:45

18 Mon. East Brunswick Home 3:45

20 Wed. Old Bridge Away 3:45

22 Fri. Monroe Township Away 3:45

26 Tues. Sayreville Home 3:45

28 Thurs. Piscataway Home 3:45

OCTOBER

3 Oct. Middlesex Away 3:45

5 Thurs. Metuchen Away 3:45

6 Fri. Cranford Home 4:00

10 Tues. East Brunswick Away 3:45

12 Thurs. Old Bridge Home 3:45

16 Mon. Monroe Township Home 3:45

18 Wed. Sayreville Away 3:45

24 Tues. **GMC Tournament**

State Tournament

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY

SEPTEMBER

14 Thurs. Orange Ave. (Cranford) Home 4:00

18 Mon. Hillside (Cranford) Away 4:00

27 Wed. Union Away 4:00

OCTOBER

18 Wed. Union Home 4:00

GIRLS TENNIS

SEPTEMBER

5 Tues. Bound Brook (scrimmage) .. Home 3:45

6 Wed. Sayreville Away 3:45

8 Fri. Colonia Home 3:45

11 Mon. Monroe Township Home 3:45

15 Fri. Perth Amboy Home 3:45

18 Mon. Bishop Ahr Away 3:45

20 Wed. J. F. Kennedy Home 3:45

22 Fri. North Brunswick Away 3:45

23 Sat. Edison Away 11am

25 Mon. Carteret Away 3:45

27 Wed. Sayreville Home 3:45

OCTOBER

2 Mon. Colonia Away 3:45

4 Wed. Monroe Township Away 3:45

6 Fri. GMC Tournament

7 Sat. GMC Tournament

11 Wed. Woodbridge Home 3:45

16 Mon. Perth Amboy Away 3:45

18 Wed. Bishop Ahr Home 3:45

20 Fri. J. F. Kennedy Away 3:45

23 Mon. North Brunswick Home 3:45

25 Wed. Carteret Home 3:45

26 Thurs. Bound Brook Home 3:45

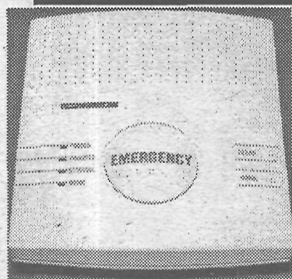
State Tournament

Gymnastics Will Appear

in Next Weeks Observer

PERS-2400

**24-hour
Personal emergency
reporting system**



Press the button and a trained operator will speak to you through the console and summon medical aid.

• Great for the disabled, elderly or injured

• Victims of domestic violence can obtain help with the press of a button

\$34⁹⁰
per month
NO OTHER FEES

Call for a free demonstration

For a little more than a dollar a day and we supply the system for free*

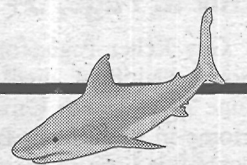
Security Concepts
OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

908-757-7344

Locally Owned & Operated

*3-Month minimum commitment required

Sports



By Tony Cassano

juniorbaseballclubnotes

SPJBC ANNUAL ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT NOTES

On August 1, the 27th Annual All-Star Tournament came to a successful close when our South Plainfield 11-year-olds defeated South Brunswick and defended their title with a exciting extra inning victory. This years tournament attracted over 90 teams from around the tri-county area and ran from June 29 through August 1. The Club wishes to thank the Tournament Committee, the volunteers, umpires, parents and players for helping make this years tournament one of the best in club history.

TRAVELING ALL-STAR NOTES

This summer, the club supported eight different traveling All-Star teams in seven age groups. Each age group was in a minimum of two tournaments and each played a host of games in various round robin/double elimination tournaments. The SPJBC is proud to share their success. Our 8-year-old team took first place in the Colonia Tournament. Our 9-year-olds took first place in the Bridgewater Tournament. Our American 11-year-old team took first place in South Plainfield and Linden and third in Carteret. Our 12-year-olds took fourth place in Linden.

And last but certainly not least, our 14/15-year-old team took second place in Edison and third place in our own tournament. Congratulations to all players and their family and fans in all age groups.

WOMEN AUXILIARY

URGENT! New volunteers are needed for all four executive board positions for the upcoming 2001 season. Please call the club for details at 908-754-2090

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Sept. 8—Coaches Old Timer game at 6:30. In addition, volunteers are needed to help set up for our annual post-season picnic which will be held the next day. Please come and support the SPJBC and have some fun watching the coaches "try" to play baseball.

Saturday Sept. 9—Annual Picnic at noon. Our season ending annual picnic starts at 12 noon and goes all afternoon. The SPJBC invites all players and their family for a day of fun. Its our way of honoring the players by awarding trophies to all 'C' League players along with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in all other leagues. Come join in and enjoy the festivities.

Monday Sept. 11—September General Membership Meeting at 7:30. Regularly scheduled monthly meeting held in the clubhouse. Join in and be part of the club. All men and women are welcomed. Come and be part of the decision making process of the club. Your opinion and your vote will count. Get involved and help out, your kids and the youth of South Plainfield depend on you.

Aerobics and Body Toning Classes offered through P.A.L.

Shape up beautifully with exercises and dance routines choreographed to popular music. Aerobics is designed to condition the heart and lungs and body toning will trim and fit the body, as well as promote flexibility.

South Plainfield residents, ages 18 and over are eligible to register for classes to be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Classes begin on Sept. 11 and the cost is \$35. Instructing the

class will be Maureen Noll, certified aerobics instructor.

Registration forms can be picked up and returned to the Recreation Office, located in the P.A.L. Building on 1250 Maple Ave. Fees must be paid at time of registration. Registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Make checks payable to South Plainfield Recreation.

For more information, call 226-7714.

Swimmers Represent Tiger Sharks at Championship

Tiger Shark swimmers competed in the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference Championships, held on Aug. 1 and 2 at the Metuchen Municipal Pool and hosted by their swim and dive team.

Swimmers competed in preliminary timed trials and those 13 and older returned for a second day of competition if they made the top 12 spots in each event. Younger swimmers competed on Aug. 2 only and in some events, as many as 25 swimmers battled each other for the best times. Teams from all over New Jersey and at many levels of ability competed head to head.

In the girls 8-and-under 25 yard Breaststroke, Emily Piekarski took seventh place. She also placed 10th in the freestyle event for her age group. James Sansone placed seventh in the boys Breaststroke event for 8-and-under and 15th for Freestyle.

Jill Rann placed 12th in two events, the girls 10-and-under 100 yard Freestyle and the 50 yard Freestyle. Jennifer Boyle placed 20th in the 50 yard Freestyle, but took 5th place in the 50 yard Backstroke event for the 9/10-year-old girls. Talya Gunasekara placed 19th in the same backstroke event.

Michael Boyle took 8th place in the boys 10-and-under 100

yard Freestyle and Matt Moates took 8th place in the 9/10 boys 50 yard Breaststroke.

Danielle Atcachunas placed 7th in the girls 9/10 50 yard Butterfly and took 12th place in the Breaststroke for that age group. Talya Gunasekara took 18th in the Breaststroke event.

For the 9/10 boys 50 yard Butterfly, Matt Moates took 4th place and Michael Boyle placed 15th. Boyle also placed 19th for his age group in the 100 Individual Medley.

Jessica Manning nabbed third place in the girls 11/12 50 yard Backstroke, with Megan Boyle taking 25th place. However, Ms. Boyle upped her finish to 20th place in the 100 yard Freestyle. Ms. Manning also took 18th place in the girls 11/12 Individual Medley.

For the girls 9-12 200 yard Medley Relay, the team of Jessica Manning, Danielle Atcachunas, Talya Gunasekara and Jill Rann took 10th place.

In the 10-and-under 100 yard girls Individual Medley, four Tiger Sharks competed. Jill Rann placed the highest in 9th place, followed by Jennifer Boyle in 17th; Danielle Atcachunas in 20th and Emily Piekarski in 27th place.

For most of these young swimmers, it is the first time they have

competed in a conference championship, against stiff competition.

Tiger Sharks were represented by several swimmers in the division for swimmers 13-18 years of age.

For the boys, Calvin John Smiley took fourth place in both the 13-14 200 yard Freestyle and the 100 yard Backstroke. He also took seventh place in the boys 100 yard Freestyle event for his age group.

Christopher Egan took 10th place in the 13-14 boys 100 yard Breaststroke.

For the girls, Natalie Jones took second place in the 13-14 100 yard Butterfly and third in the 100 yard Breaststroke, with Becky Brzozowski taking fifth in the Breaststroke event. Ms. Jones also placed fourth in the 200 yard Individual Medley for her age group.

Tiger Shark Shannon Dabrio placed fourth in the 100 yard Breaststroke for 15-18 year old girls and took sixth in two events, the 200 yard Individual Medley and the 100 yard Freestyle for her age group.

Overall, Tiger Shark swimmers worked hard to represent their team and did very well against strong competition.

Submitted by Donna Egan



There's
a lot
going on...



... In
South
Plainfield!



Subscribe
to the
Observer!



South Plainfield
Observer
908-668-0010



SOUTH PLAINFIELD LOCATION NOW OPEN

Physical Therapy Center of Woodbridge & South Plainfield

- Orthopedic Rehabilitation • TMJ
- Back & Neck Pain
- Most Insurance Plans Welcome
- Most HMO's / PPO's Accepted
- Medicare Approved

Serving Union And Middlesex Counties For Over 15 Years

Lynne Glasser-Sward P.T. Lic# QA02309

888-216-9100

(908)668-1951 (732)750-9286

1110 Hamilton Blvd. • South Plainfield 1500 St. Georges Ave. Avenel

Send a check or money order for \$25/one year (out-of-town-\$30) payable to: South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Or order your subscription via email at nancyg@spobserver.com and send your check to the above address.



Please send me home delivery of the Observer.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Obituaries

Guy K. Page, 54

Guy Keller Page, formerly of South Plainfield, died Saturday, June 24 at Manor Care Nursing Home in Bethlehem, Pa.

He was born in Plainfield and had lived in South Plainfield before moving to Catasauqua, Pa. He was a graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Mr. Page had worked for the Easter Seals and was an active member of the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade Committee.

He was predeceased by his parents, George W. and Marie D. Page; two sisters, Mary Ellen Page and Alice E. Blue; three brothers, Joseph W. Page, Henry W. Page and Felix Pettit Page.

Surviving are five sisters, Helen MacIndoe of Catasauqua, Nancy Hopper of Morris, N.Y., Shirley E. Snyder and Betty Hopewell, both of Edison and Marie Clancy of Springdale, Maine; two brothers, Bruce J. of New Lisbon, N.Y. and Charles Z. of Mount Vision, N.Y. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Pennsylvania in October. A date will be announced later.

John Fech, 92

John Fech of Perth Amboy, died on Wednesday, Aug. 9 at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy.

Born in Ford's, NJ, Mr. Fech moved to Czechoslovakia with his parents, where he lived from the age of 5 to 18. He returned to the United States and settled in Perth Amboy, residing there for the past 74 years.

He was employed as a millwright for General Cable/Alpha duct wiring cable of Perth Amboy in many important roles. He was a maintenance supervisor, was involved with the rigging of equipment and even invented machinery and ingenious ideas for different situations for the company. He retired at the age of 68, after fifty years of dedication. Mr. Fech had also worked for Brunswick Rubber Co. in Deans in many of the same capacities.

Mr. Fech was a communicant of Holy Trinity RC Church in

Perth Amboy.

He is predeceased by two brothers, Andy and Steve and a sister, Anna.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Mary (Hrehocsik), a daughter, Susan and son-in-law, Don Patton of South River and four sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph and Sandy of South Plainfield, Frances and Paula of Edison, John and Francine of Alexandria, Kentucky and Gary and Nini of Perth Amboy; a sister, Mary Fecz of the Slovak Republic.

Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Charles E. DeWolf, 68

Charles E. DeWolf died on Wednesday, Aug. 9, in his home in North Plainfield.

Born in Westfield, he had resided in South Plainfield for 20 years before moving to North Plainfield 15 years ago.

Mr. DeWolf has been employed for 50 years as a machinist for Howell Electric Motors in Plainfield.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 in South Plainfield and the American Legion Post #209 in Scotch Plains.

He was a caddy for the Plainfield Country Club in Plainfield and the Echo Lakes Country Club in Westfield.

His 10 brothers and sisters have predeceased him.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene H. DeWolf; two sons, Charles DeWolf of Belvidere and Robert L. Peardon, Jr. of Calif.; seven daughters, Kathleen Sheedy of South Plainfield, Deborah Sabik of Tobyhanna, Pa., Margaret Purcell of Lucerne, Pa., Cyndi Ademczyk of Belvedere, Sharon Pellerano of North Plainfield, Tracey Peardon and Denise Lamb, both of Calif. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.



The future of the business world get their start in the oddest of places. These two young ladies have their lemonade stand set up at the end of a driveway. Creature comforts include a rug to cover that hot asphalt on a hot day. The lemonade must be gourmet due to the asking price of \$1 a cup. Bill Gates move over! There is no place for waste with this fledgling business. They clearly recycle, the sign seems to be reused from another enterprising business, under the purple crayon advertising the beverage is a faded but readable sign "moon rocks for sale, \$1 each." A simple typo is turned into an eyecatcher with a few lines drawn through it and the real product, "lemonade" advertised below.

YMCA Invites Community To Join 2000 Week Without Violence Campaign

The YMCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield invited local groups and organizations from Plainfield and surrounding communities to join in the sixth Annual YMCA Week Without Violence campaign, October 15-21, 2000. The campaign, which is international in its scope, asks individuals and communities to focus attention on practical and sustainable alternatives to violence in an effort to bring forth a vision of a safer, healthier community.

The YMCA and its sponsoring partners will develop a week-long series of programs, beginning with A Day of Remembrance on Sunday; Protecting Our Children Making Our Schools Safer on Tuesday; Confronting Violence Against Women, Facing Violence Among Men, Eliminating Racism and Hate Crime, and ending with Replacing Violence with Sports, Recreation and Fun, featuring a 2 mile Walk Against Violence on Saturday, October 21.

If you are interested in participating in the planning process, you are welcome to attend a meeting on Friday, Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Union County College's Plainfield Campus, 232 East Second Street, in the Multipurpose room on the first floor, building 2, next to the cafeteria.

For more information, call the YMCA Week Without Violence information line at (908) 756-3500 ext. 115.

By Cyrus N. Moon

Weekly Horoscope

8/18-8/24

LEO 7/23-8/22 All forms of communication and mental activity are in focus for a few days this week. Get busy with those errands that have been stock piling up. And most likely you have a few phone calls to return not to mention e-mail or two. And speak up for yourself, others listen.

Virgo 8/23-9/22 Your mind will be mentally sharp this week. You will be alert as so no one can pull the wool over your eyes. Speak to others, this time they will listen. And you can gain respect for your point of view. If you can, travel so you can stimulate your mind.

LIBRA 9/23-10-22 Good week to talk things over agreeably with just about anyone. If you've had problems with someone, this is when you may be able to resolve them. Your mental capacity to absorb whether at work or home can work on the level you want. Plan a party or presentation.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Now listen up here! This is a time, which you can take significant steps toward

your major goals. If there are important changes that you need to make and these are major ones, involving your life as a whole, this week can be the springboard. Don't waste the opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 Any information, ideas, or methods can seem very interesting and even valuable this week. But trying to use or apply them proves to be difficult or restricted in some way. And even if you cannot at this time apply your ideas. At a later time perhaps it will come in handy.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 If you had not planned in the recent past, this may seem like a time that you had expected things in your life to come together and has not. The timing is off now, but continue to forge ahead the rewards will follow. And a chance meeting of a Pisces is the way to start.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 You may find yourself a little out of synch with those trying to communicate with you. So if you are not at your usual place or not following your normal schedule, communications will be

crossed. It is necessary to get in touch and discuss then no misinterpretation.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 This week at any time you can find yourself drifting off into a fantasy land at a moment's notice. THAT'S OK! We all need dream. And from an upside you may even gain from it. Especially if you're an artist. And if your psychic its tune in time...Hum a Cappy coming in strong!

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Do not bring any of your disruptions from work, home. While you may find it futile to coordinate groups at work and work disrupted. Your home will not be that way unless you take it with you. So leave those problems at the work door. And try not to act to spur-of-the-moment incidents.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 You need to be on your toes! Vulnerability to false flattery will have you suffering from disillusionment at a later time. So if you were expecting to gain from this, think again! This is not the best time to make agreements socially or legally with anyone. Hold off for now if you can.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 This week do not take things too seriously. Do not try to read between the lines when there is really nothing to find, and do not waste time looking for hidden motives in others when their actions may be perfectly innocent. If you manipulate a situation you can lose what was gain.

CANCER 6/21-7/22 Pick out that date this week for that party you was planning. Your optimism will be high so you may be a bit more extravagant than you should, or a little too demanding of others. So practice moderation. Spread your good feeling and see how infectious it can be.

Specialty Gift Baskets

Gourmet coffee, tea, popcorn, crackers and cheeses.

Mohr's
Flowers & Fancy Foods

2325 Plainfield Ave.
So. Plainfield, NJ (908) 561-2808
Corporate Accountants Welcome.
Major Credit Cards

Consideration

It is far easier for the family if a family plot is arranged prior to need. The considerate staff at Hillside Cemetery will assist your selection. All lots are in fully developed areas and include perpetual care. Located on Woodland Avenue in Scotch Plains, a non-profit organization. 908.756.1729

Hillside Cemetery

www.hillsidecemetery.com



James W. Conroy
Funeral Home

Serving the Area Since 1949

"Because We Care"

- Forethought Funeral Planning
- N.J.D.A. Choices
- Complete Care Financing
- Serving All Faiths
- Cremation Services
- Pre Arrangement Specialists.

ROBERT HUNTER JR.
Owner-Manager

756-2800

2456 Plainfield Ave.,
South Plainfield

"Consult the Families We Serve"



(908) 561-8000

McCriskin
HOME FOR FUNERALS

2425 PLAINFIELD AVENUE
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
FAX (908) 561-6744

RICHARD W. MCCRISKIN, Pres., Mgr.
William C. McCriskin, V. Pres., Dir.
James A. Gustafson, Dir.
James F. Connaughton, Assoc. Dir.

policereport

• A Newark man and a Pennsylvania man were arrested for possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the Holiday Inn, Stelton Rd. A hang up 9-1-1 call from a guest's room was investigated and the occupant of the room stated that marijuana could be smelled up on the third floor by room 319. The two men, co-workers staying at the hotel on business, admitted to possessing marijuana and paraphernalia.

• A Risoli Terrace resident reported his handicapped placecard stolen out of his vehicle. The unlocked vehicle was parked at Middlesex Mall at the time of the theft. The resident valued the placecard at \$30.

• A Sherman Ave. resident reported the theft or loss of his Mastercard debit card. Several fraudulent transactions had been made with the card.

• A Clinton Ave. resident reported receiving several harassing phone calls from a suspect whom identified himself as Terrence Smith, the suspect's daughter's ex-boyfriend. The man had not been heard from in several years. The suspect asked for the daughter and said he wanted to apologize pay her back for items taken by him in the past. The victim told him not to call back and he *continued to call several times*. The victim will pursue the matter if the calls continue.

• A Lane Ave. resident reported the theft of a Twenty bird lawn ornament from her front yard. The item is valued at \$60.

• A Calderone St. resident reported an attempted burglary to his apartment. Upon his arrival home, he noticed three pry marks on the door near the

deadbolt. There were no signs of gained entry.

• Kevin Vegneri, of American Martial Arts, Oak Tree Rd. reported the theft of a metal advertisement sign from the outside of the CQI Carpets Warehouse. The sign had been bolted to the side of the building. Vegneri suspects the rival karate school of taking the sign due to problems between the two schools in the past.

• A Park Ave. resident reported harassing phone calls that had been taking place for past three weeks. The suspect would call in the middle of the night and either hang up or repeat victim's name. The calls come at approximately 2:30-3 a.m. The victim believes the suspect may be a man the victim had signed a complaint against at the time the calls started.

• A Bullard Place resident reported the driver's side mirror broken off his vehicle. It had been parked in front of his home. The family heard a noise outside at 1:30 a.m., but did not see anyone.

• Middlesex County Park Ranger Sean Swieringa contacted police about damage that had been located throughout the park. The letters INC and PLFD along with profanity were spray painted on the refreshment stand, bathrooms, benches, basketball court and a raised manhole cover.

• Airborne Express reported the theft of two Dell computer, 12 pack of Playstation games and three American Express Travelers checks. The warehouse area is videotaped and the loss prevention specialist will review the tapes to narrow down a suspect of about 40 drivers.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Richard Fulton requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the 15' x 20' erection of an attached garage, 30' front setback required and 19' being proposed and any other such variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 132 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, September 5, 2000, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 1T August 18, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Michael A. DeCarlo requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the 11' x 24' addition, proposed addition lacks the required 8' side setback, 6.6' being proposed and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 243 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, Sept. 5, 2000, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 1T August 18, 2000

To place an ad call 908-668-0010.

Classifieds

Rates -- 3 line minimum-\$11, \$1 ea. additional line.

HELP WANTED

OPENING IN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR SENIOR DOCKET CLERK FULL TIME

Seeking ambitious, bright, self-starter for data entry, phone & general clerical. Good office, computer and people skills required. ATS/ACS experience a plus. Very busy office. Spanish speaking a plus.

Hours: 9 am to 5 pm
Monday thru Friday
Evening court session every Wednesday

Salary \$22,753. + benefits
Preference given to
South Plainfield residents.
Contact
Pat Vargo, Court Administrator
908-226-7656

Applications available at Municipal Court office

DRIVERS

HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL CDL CLASS A & B

Growing Moving Company seeks Drivers for both commercial and residential moves. Excellent pay (based on experience). Will train. Great opportunity for advancement. Excellent benefit package including major med, dental and 401k with match, paid vacations, sick days and holidays. Please call, mail or fax resume to Joe Dilauri at All Season Movers, 12 Breiderhoft Rd., Kearny, NJ 07032.

Phone: 800-323-0717 Fax: 201-998-2515

RECEPTIONIST/FRONT DESK
Hall's Warehouse Corp. has an immediate opening for a responsible person w/good communication skills to answer, phones w/data entry exp. Call (908) 756-6242, ext. 331 and fax resume to (908) 756-2199.

MOMS—Earn an extra income by being a crossing guard in your town! Call (201) 795-0931.

SECRETARY—Full or Part Time—Office Work, hrs, 9-4 or can be flexible. Ask for Jerry (908) 755-6424.

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME SALES CLERK 9-3 Days/3 days a week, flexible hours. Call Sandy at Twin City Pharmacy, (908) 755-7696.

MERCHANDISER

PT weekly/monthly service merchandising in retail stores. Must have strong interpersonal skills; be able to work independently and in a team environment.

Please call
1-800-328-3967 x142.

AUTO FOR SALE

1991 FORD WAGON LTD CROWN VICTORIA; 59,450 MILES. CALL 755-2678.

1993 SUBARU WAGON. Good cond. AC, AM/FM stereo, 100K highway miles. 5-speed manual, \$4,100 or make offer. 732-786-1306.

TWNHSE FOR SALE

FRANKLIN PARK/SOCIETY HILL, 3-BDRM, spacious twnhse, EIK, large garage, formal DR, MBR w/cathedral ceiling & deck, master bath w/soaking tub. \$170K. 732-545-3132.

PHOTOS FOR SALE

COPIES OF OBSERVER PHOTOS for sale.

Call Pattie,
756-8011 or 668-0010.

Submissions for
Classified Advertising
should be received no later
than noon on Tuesdays.

CHILDCARE PROVIDER

CHILDCARE PROVIDER & MORE. A loving energetic mom—certified 10 yrs. exper. Montessori Pre-school teacher. Caring for my own son in our enriching fulfilled So. Plfd home. You too can join us. Call Lisa at (908) 222-7656.

HOUSE FOR SALE

PISCATAWAY, 3 SPAC. BDRMS, EIK, formal DR, 3½ baths, fam. room with brick fireplace, LR, office, 2 car garage, 1+ acre, \$295K. (732) 985-8928.

HANDYMAN

HANDYMAN—MINOR PLUMBING, gutter cleaning, painting, odd jobs. Low rates. Call 732-926-8154.

LOST CAT

\$50 REWARD—LOST CAT, ON AUG. 7 IN GEARY Park on Orchard Dr. Sampson is a male, approx. 4 years old, all white and black on head. Declawed in front, very slender, pink nose and pink skin on bottom of paws. Family pet, never been outdoors and was not wearing a collar. Children and family misses him very much. Please call with any information. Contact Kristine at (908) 561-4115.

GARAGE SALE

**ADVERTISE YOUR
GARAGE/YARD
SALE IN THE
OBSERVER FOR
ONLY \$15.
CALL
908-668-0010**

Business & Professional

To advertise your business,
call 908-668-0010.

CONTRACTORS

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR

NJ DCA LIC #019771
Since 1981

Lordina Builders
908-753-3850

**ADDITIONS-KITCHENS-
BATHROOMS-
Office Renovations**

FREE ESTIMATES

PRINTING/TYPESSETTING

- Invitations
- Brochures
- Resumes
- Flyers

G&G GRAPHICS
1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
908-668-0010 • Fax: 908-668-8819
email: ggnan@aol.com

MUSIC LESSONS

DRUM LESSONS

Specializing in JAZZ, ROCK, and MARCHING BAND

High school band member available to give beginning or intermediate drum lessons at reasonable rates.

Call Brian
908-755-2709

SWEDISH MASSAGE

SOLARIS
Holistic Health Center

SWEDISH MASSAGE

"Specializing in Hot Stone Massage"

THE PERFECT GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR

Mother/Fathers Day • Birthdays • Anniversaries • Special Occasions

Roxanne Cortese, C.H.P.
Complementary Healthcare Provider
2701 Park Ave. So. Plainfield, NJ
(908) 561-1511

ROOFERS

J.T. PENYAK ROOFING CO.

COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL
RESIDENTIAL

908-753-4222
FAX 908-753-4763

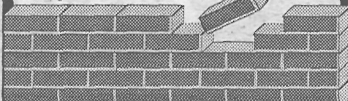
124 CAMDEN AVE.
SO. PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

MASONRY

GEM Masonry

Patios • Sidewalks • Driveways
Belgium Block • Cultured Stone

(732) 752-5549 Free Estimates
Fully Insured



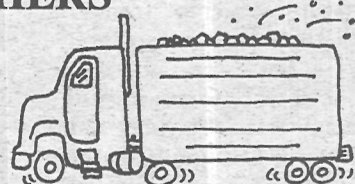
GARBAGE DISPOSAL

PINTO BROTHERS DISPOSAL

Andrew & Matthew Pinto
P.O. Box 263
So. Plainfield, NJ 07080

Phone 908-561-8231
Fax 908-561-9889
CONTAINERS FROM 1 TO 40 YARDS

Residential, Commercial & Industrial Service



"Still a Family Owned & Operated Business"

High School Seniors Paint the Halls of SPHS

By Patricia Abbott

Each year the incoming SPHS Senior class gives a gift of their time and talent to the school.

During the last weeks of summer a group of seniors went back to school a bit early to brighten the hallways with murals of their own design.

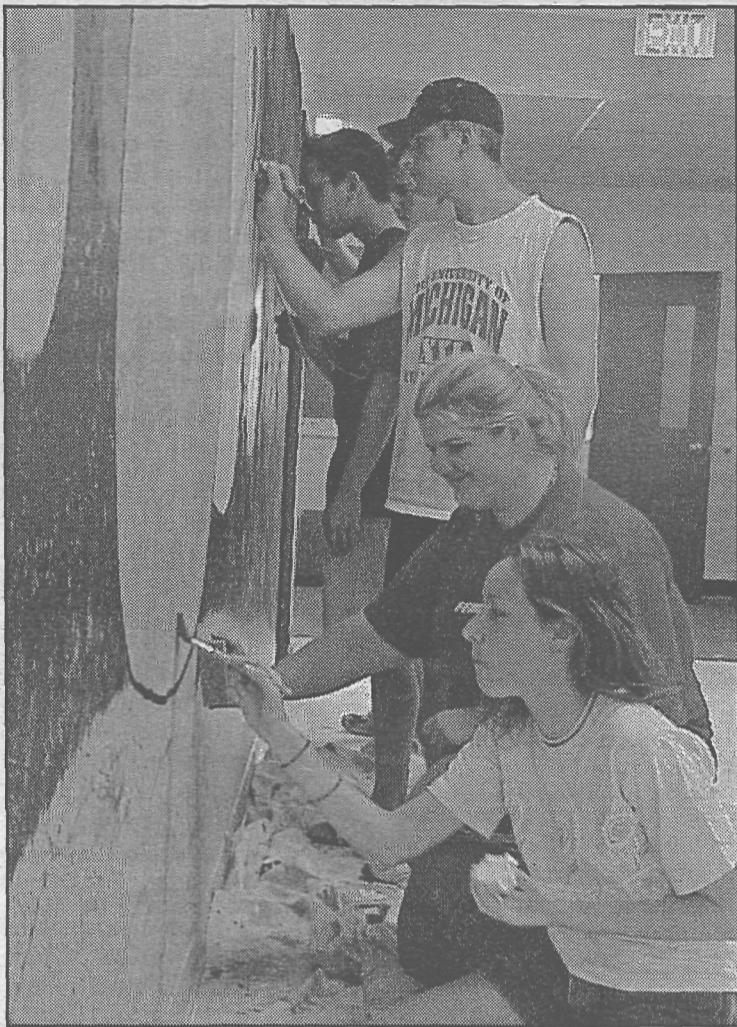
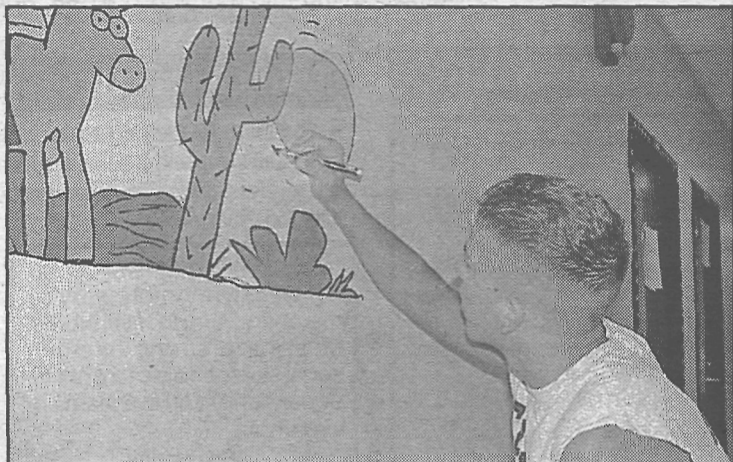
This year's project is the science hallway. A large mural of the universe was in the works, as well as several smaller works throughout the hallway. The project is still in progress, with 35 students working. Each day more students have been arriving to add their talents to the murals.

Tom Baker, co-advisor of the student council, is currently supervising the project. He de-

scribed the students as, "A great group of kids. Many of them are working and come in to paint on their lunch hour."

The students begin planning their contribution towards the end

of their junior year. The tradition for the Senior Project began in 1996. The *Observer* will publish a complete list of contributing seniors when the painting is completed.



Lowe's Takes Steps to Protect Endangered Forests; Stopping Sourcing From National Forests

North Wilkesboro, NC- Lowe's Inc., the second largest home improvement store in the world, announced major changes in its wood product procurement policies designed to protect endangered forests. These changes will significantly affect where the company sources its wood from and how it does business with the forest product's industry. The new policy includes detailed provisions for protection of endangered forests such as a ban on wood from the Great Bear Rainforest in British Columbia.

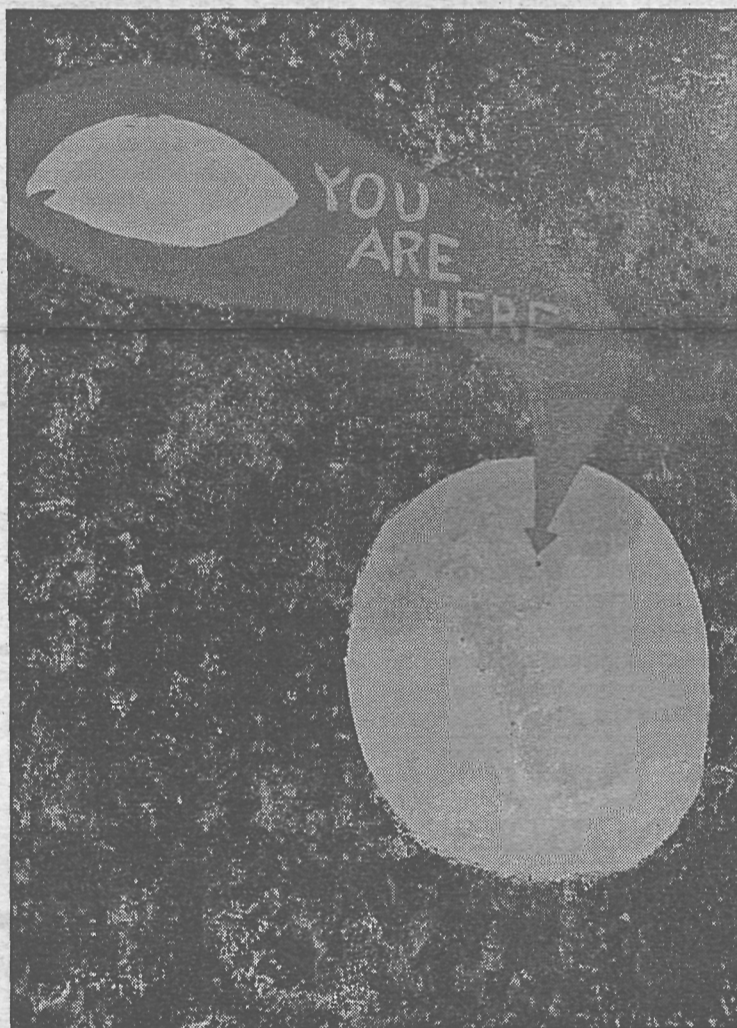
The initiative begins to address critical domestic forest issues such as commercial logging of National Forests and conversion of native forests to plantations. "Lowe's has taken a major step forward by releasing this policy," stated Jake Kreilick, Campaign Coordinator for the National Forest Protection Alliance (NFPA). "We are confident that once Lowe's examines the issue of national forest logging from an economic, environmental and social perspective, the choice will be easy to stop sourcing from our publically owned forests."

As a first step, Lowe's announced the formation of a "Healthy Forests Advisory Board" which will help guide the company through its policy implementation process. NFPA will work with the Advisory Board to evaluate the impacts of commercial logging on national forests and to

highlight all of the benefits to the company and to our society associated with adopting a policy of no commercial logging. Other important issues that the Advisory Board plans to address include the conversion of Southern forests to pine plantations and illegal logging concerns in certain foreign countries.

"We applaud Lowe's for showing the kind of environmental leadership and business decisiveness necessary to leverage change

within the logging industry, added Andrew George, executive director of the Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project. "Logging corporations like Boise Cascade, who is the number one purchaser of federal timber, who is investing heavily overseas and who is a big beneficiary of wood cut from British Columbia, is a prime example of corporate dinosaurs, unable to adapt in the new marketplace."



"Come Directly To The Source... Your 1-Stop Wireless Shoppe"

See Insert in Today's Observer for More Specials

WE NOW CARRY NEXTEL!!!

10% OFF

PURCHASE OF ANY CELLULAR PHONE IN STOCK

PAGERS

As Low As ONLY \$5.99 per mo. Tri-State Coverage w/ Unlimited Pages!!! We Now Repair Most Pager Models Free Activation w/This Coupon

10% OFF

Any Cellular Accessories In Stock Hands-Free Units, Chargers, Cases and MORE!!!

Phone & Fax Orders Welcome

INDEPENDENT CELLULAR

Phone (908) 668-6844 Fax (908) 668-4775

18 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE - DOWNTOWN SOUTH PLAINFIELD