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This Weekend in South Plainfield

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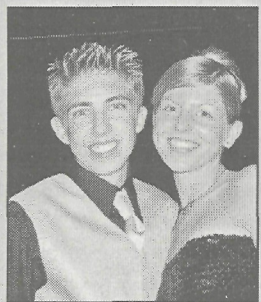
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Watch for Next Week's Observer...



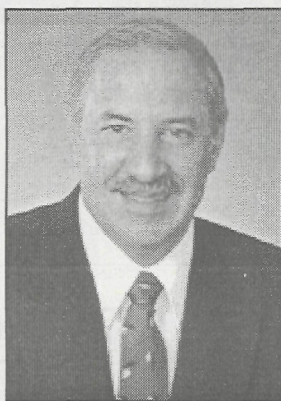
South Plainfield High School held Heritage Day last week. It was a great hit!

See next week's Observer for pictures and story covering this big event.



Assistant Principal Helen Gottlieb noted: "The Junior Ball was an exciting and glamorous event! The students looked elegant and behaved beautifully as young adults. Everyone had a GREAT time. What will next year's class do?"

See next week's Observer for complete coverage or the Jr Prom



Dennis Cerami seeking re-election



Charles Butrico



Marjorie Reedy

Borough Council Candidates Set

Democrats Incumbent Dennis Cerami and Charles Butrico; Republicans Candidates are Marjorie Reedy and Jerry Harris

The South Plainfield Democratic Committee have unanimously endorsed incumbent Dennis Cerami and newcomer Charles Butrico as candidates for Borough Council this November. Dennis Cerami is completing his second term on the Borough Council and has been previously elected by a 2 to 1 margin. Councilperson Cerami is the Chairperson of Public Safety, which includes the Police Department, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Department of Emergency Management. Cerami lives at 125 Strong Place with his wife Michelle and his three children, Jessica, Joseph, and Dennis.

In accepting the nomination, Councilperson Cerami said, "I am proud to once again run on the Democratic ticket in South Plainfield. During the last eight years, we have made our Borough a model of what government is supposed to be. I am particularly proud of our Police Department, Fire Department Rescue Squad and Department of Emergency Management. I can honestly say that the residents of South Plainfield are served by the best public safety groups in the State of New Jersey. I am honored to be their liaison and I am committed to working to keep them the best if I am fortunate enough to be re-elected."

Although a newcomer to politics, Charles Butrico is a lifelong resident of South Plainfield with a long history of volunteer activities. Butrico and his wife Sherri, are active

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The Republicans have chosen Marjorie Reedy and Jerry Harris as this year's candidates. Reedy just finished a term on the Board of Education, where she choose not to run for another term this year.

Marjorie Reedy, who lives on Oxford Ave. is a 25 year resident of South Plainfield. She and husband Michael have three children, Sandra, 20, who is a sophomore at Westminster Choir College, James, 17, who is a senior at South Plainfield High school and Patrick, 14, who is an eighth grader at the Middle School.

Reedy served as a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education from 1988-1991 and 1995-2001 and was elected as president for two years during those terms.

Reedy was an active member of the Riley School PTSO while her children attended school there, serving as treasurer for three years. She was also a member of the PTA at both the middle and high school and a member of Project Graduation. She has been a member of the South Plainfield Music Boosters Club since 1995 and is currently Treasurer.

Reedy is employed at Lynn/Hudd Steel Corp. in South Plainfield as an Office Administrator. She graduated Union County College with a degree in business.

When asked why she is running for council, Reedy said, "I have served the community of South Plainfield as a Board of Education Member for a total of nine years. I ran for

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Yardwaste Sticker's Available at Clerk's Office

Starting next Friday, May 18, your old stickers will not be accepted at the yardwaste site, no exceptions.

Every resident must obtain a new window sticker. The new Yard Waste Site/Compactor decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall on Plainfield Ave., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, the Clerk's office will be open this Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon to issue the decals.

Residents should bring their driver's license and the registration for the vehicle they intend to use to bring their yard trimmings.

The Yard Waste Site, at the end of Kenneth Ave., is open to residents for brush, grass clippings and leaves on Tuesdays, 12 noon to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you are not using your own vehicle or a have a vehicle with commercial plates, you must obtain a one day pass from the Borough Clerk's Office in order to utilize the yardwaste site.

Violators could be fined up to \$1,500.

Soil Ordinance Is Withdrawn

After complaints from area businesses and members of the Business Advisory Group, the council has withdrawn Ordinance #1565 from a final vote at Thursday's meeting to make changes in the wording.

Mayor Dan Gallagher said this shows the need for the Advisory Group. They read the ordinance, found that it might prove to be a problem and the mayor and council agreed.

J.F. Kennedy Student Council Recognized as Hometown Heroes

Congratulations to Mrs. Friedman, Mrs. Luck and the John F. Kennedy Student Council on winning recognition as the Hometown Heroes, United Way Recipients for 2001. Our Student Council this year is responsible for extending themselves by raising over \$3,000 in October with their Harvest Fest. This contribution represents the hard work of Mrs. Luck, Mrs. Friedman, parent volunteers and the members of the Kennedy Student Council. The Student Council has been actively involved this year in so very many projects that have benefited earthquake victims of El Salvador, needs families of Middlesex County and the St. Jude's Children Hospital. The Hometown Heroes Award was presented at a dinner held in East Brunswick on May 25. The contest was sponsored by the Home News Tribune.

The Student Council Members are responsible for weekly recycling, placing announcements on the outside board, announcements on the PA system, and also the welcoming committee for new students.



John F. Kennedy Student Council members are: President Brian Hanley; Vice President Jared Czech; Treasurer Jorge Alvarez; Secretaries Nicole Listori and Ashley Prete; Representatives are Sean Tamzke, Megan Nigro, Christopher Uribe, Jenna Kanaley, David Queroga, Katie McGee, Alyssa Sutherland, Dominic Papa, Danielle Ranger, Erik White, Sara Johnston, Joseph Mennut. Mrs. Friedman and Mrs. Luck are co-advisors.

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meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

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

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, May 21 Thursday, May 24

Monday, June 4 Thursday, June 7

Monday, June 18 Thursday, June 21

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

May 22, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11 and Dec. 25 (no meeting).

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

May 15, May 29, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 7, August 21, Sept. 4 (no meeting), Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6 (no meeting), Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18.

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

site places sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 (no meeting), December 27.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Monday of the month, except July and August

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

May 14, June 11, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, 2002

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, May 15, 7 p.m., Regular Board Mtg., May 22, 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, June 12, 7 p.m., Regular Board Mtg., June 19, 8 p.m.

July -- No Meetings

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

May 23, June 27, July 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.

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Unity Bank Hold's Business Reception

On Tuesday, April 17th Unity Bank, located at 2426 Plainfield Avenue, held a Business & Cocktail Reception of which 30 people from area businesses and the township attended. "We felt it was important to reintroduce ourselves to the business community and talk to them about the many ways in which we can serve them" said Jacqueline Hancock, Vice President and Manager of Unity's South Plainfield location.

Anthony J. Feraro, President of Unity Bank, took the opportunity to announce to those in attendance that the South Plainfield branch would begin having Sunday hours in June. "We want to make ourselves available to all the businesses and residents of this town and prove that Unity Bank can take care of all your business and personal needs. For your convenience, starting in June, we will be open on Sundays and we've also extended our late night hours on Thursday evenings in which the drive-up will be open until 9 p.m."

Other attendees included Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher, Councilman Rob-



Pictured right to left are Unity Bank Teller Sonia Martinez, Assistant Branch Manager Dee Inman, Vice President Jackie Hancock and Unity Bank President Anthony J. Feraro.

ert Cusick, Police Captain John Ferraro, Acting Chief of Police Robert Merkle and Ed Kubala, Chairperson of Administration, Finance and Public Information.

Unity Bank, headquartered in

Clinton, has 12 retail service centers located in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties in New Jersey. For additional information about Unity call 800.618.BANK or visit www.unitybank.com.

In My Opinion

To the Editor,

On behalf of the students of South Plainfield, I express my thanks to the voters for approving the referendum and budget for the district. This is a major step in developing our infrastructure to meet the future educational needs of our students.

Special thanks to the four committees of parents and students who worked on Architectural, Curriculum, Technology and Public Relations. Mrs. Tracey Hartmann and Mrs. Pam Murcharski worked diligently with public relations issues to bring to the public as much information as possible to help voters and increase voter turnout.

Deputy Superintendent Guy Ferri and Business Administrator Ellen Johnson deserve recognition and also thanks to Carol Byrne for her work on the Newsletter.

Assembly Speaker Jim Collins was instrumental in proposing legislation that helped our board and community obtain \$6,647,000 in State Construction Aid which reduced the cost of the referendum to local property tax payers. His efforts made it possible for Non-Abbott school districts to participate in the states School Construction Bond Financing program.

You, as voters, should be proud that you voted to support education. The students now and in the future will be beneficiaries of your vote.

On another note, the district has lost a very valuable member who did not seek re-election. Marge Reedy has served the school district as a board member and a number of years as President. On behalf of the students and community, I thank her for years of dedicated service and wish her success in any future endeavor she may undertake.

FRANK A. MIKORSKI
SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

To the Editor:

It was recently announced that as of July 16, 2001 Bishop Breen of the Catholic Diocese of Metuchen will be replacing the entire Rutgers University Catholic Campus Ministry. The two Dominican priests and the two Dominican sisters who have many decades of combined campus ministry experience will be replaced by three diocesan priests who have little or no campus ministry experience. I have lived near Rutgers for about thirty years and I have observed the Catholic Campus Ministry mature from a struggling sprout to a thriving vineyard. The ten o'clock p.m. mass at St. Peter's RC Church in New Brunswick is filled with enthusiastic Rutgers students. They actively participate in the mass and respectively hear the insightful, uplifting homilies of Father Kleran and Father Ron.

Because of the commitment and foresight of these four spiritual leaders Rutgers has experienced a Catholic Spiritual Renaissance. Their labor is bearing much fruit and they have undeniably established a Catholic presence on the Rutgers campus. Their leaving Rutgers would create an irreplaceable loss not only to the Rutgers students but also the community at large.

DENNIS P. CONNELLY

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, May 5, the Special Olympians of South Plainfield took part in the 2001 Middlesex/Union County Track & Field Day at Carteret High School. The results of this day were amazing.

For the past six weeks the athletes put in countless hours of training and preparation for their events. In the end, the bus was loaded for home with numerous medals. The athletes managed to bring home nine gold medals,

seven silver medals, seven bronze medals, five fourth place ribbons, and one fifth place medal. With the help of the unified team, which included some students from the high school, the athletes won four more gold medals. This is truly a remarkable feat for such dedicated individuals. Throughout the day, not only did the athletes show determination to win, but also a willingness to do their best and have fun. South Plainfield should be proud of how well their athletes did, not only on the day of the competition, but also during the hours of practice time.

Without the heartfelt dedication of their coach, Mr. Addison Williams, the athletes would not have been able to participate, nor have so much fun. Mr. Williams prepared all students to compete by holding practices weekly and making sure the athletes were enjoying their events to the fullest. His caring manner helped all the athletes do their best. The athletes definitely appreciate his dedication.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped from the high school, especially Mrs. Petrocelli. Your support and enthusiasm in practice and on the day of the event sparked all the athletes to win.

Once again I would like to congratulate all the Special Olympians from South Plainfield for an exceptional job at the 2001 Middlesex/Union County Field Day. All of the athletes did extremely well and qualified for the New Jersey State Special Olympics, which will be held at The College of New Jersey June 1-3. Each athlete should be proud of their accomplishments. You are all great athletes and I was again impressed by your dedication and talent. It was an honor to see all of you crowned champions!

SINCERELY,
KEVIN HAJDUK,
VOLUNTEER



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Fontana Sushi Grand Opening Friday

On Friday, May 11, Fontana Sushi, located at 3600 Park Ave. will be celebrating their Grand Opening. The restaurant was established in 1995, with the first two located in Brooklyn, NY. It started off with four good friends looking for a good Japanese restaurant and turned into those same friends opening a restaurant of their own and it was an overnight success. In 1997, their second restaurant was opened and they received many suggestions to open a third restaurant in New Jersey. It seems a lot of customers were traveling from New Jersey all the way to Brooklyn to eat at Fontana.

The four friends started looking for a prime location, with a lot of traffic, in New Jersey. It took them a while to find their third restaurant, but they found a spot in South Plainfield.

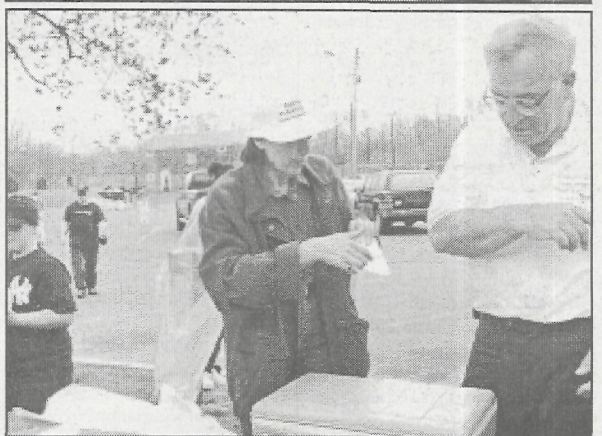
The restaurant features many delicious dishes that have gotten a lot of people's attention, such as the House Special Oyster (baked oyster with flying fish roe, topped with their special house sauce). Shark Fin and Jelly fish are also customer favorites.

Fontana also features an All-You-Can-Eat Sushi Bar. The kitchen foods have a large variety of tempura, teriyaki and gourmet boxes. You can also order combinations to fit your needs.

Fontana is open seven days a week, Sunday through Thursday until 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. Catering off premises and corporate accounts are also welcome.

A coupon in their ad on this page gives you 10 percent off on your first visit. Most major credit card are accepted.

For catering inquiries or to make reservations, call (908) 668-1808.



Volunteer Litter Clean-up Bags Mounds of Trash

A break in the cool, wet April weather favored Volunteer Litter Pickup Day, which was held on Saturday, April 21. More than 150 Borough residents turned out on one of the first pleasant days of spring, in response to Mayor Gallagher's "Earth Day - Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week" proclamation. They cleaned litter and trash from nineteen public places. These comprised of 43 acres of parks, streams and school grounds, and over three miles of roadside.

Using bags, gloves, rakes and brooms provided by the Borough's New Jersey Clean Communities Grant, the volunteers removed about four tons of accumulated debris. Several groups that could not make it on Saturday did their cleanups later in the week. The town roads were lined with filled orange bags. The Public Works Department picked the bags up for disposal throughout the week. Recycling Program staff picked up recyclable litter that volunteers had bagged separately.

About half of the volunteers returned to Borough Hall at noon for the annual Pickup Picnic. Domino's Pizza donated pies, A&P donated soda and Angelo's Ice Company donated ice for the tired, hungry and thirsty workers. A free raffle distributed environmentally friendly door prizes, such as recycled-plastic travel mugs, canvas shopping bags, plants and tree saplings. Volunteers traded war stories and shook their heads in disbelief at some of the trash they had unearthed, such as bed frames, a patio table umbrella and an intact boat. Despite heat, scratches, dirt, traffic and ticks, the people enjoyed the morning and felt good about doing something for the community.

For information about how you can get involved in the Clean Communities Program, call the Coordinator at 226-7621.



Arbor Day Celebrated With Library Tree Planting

The South Plainfield Environmental Commission and the Friends of the Library donated an Edgar Allen Poe Hackberry Tree and planted it directly behind the library on Arbor Day, Friday, April 27. The tree was planted on the property between the library and the rescue squad building.

With more tree plantings planned in the future, it is hoped this space will eventually become shady, allowing some of the children's programs at the library to be held outside. The tree will

grow to about 70-feet in height.

The tree planting was attended by Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Bob Cusick, Sandra Fenn, library director, Dorothy Miele, a member of both the Environmental Commission and the Friends of the Woods, a dozen children with their parents and library employees. The children took advantage of the beautiful day and spread out on blankets to hear the story of Johnny Applesseed, read by Tim Lawlor, librarian.

Andrew Falocco and Troop 309 Adopt Cedar Brook

Andrew Falocco, an Eagle Scout candidate in Boy Scout Troop 309, has joined in the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Adopt-A-Spot program. He has organized his troop to adopt the Cedar Brook at Lakeview Ave., across from Spring Lake Park. The group kicked off its adoption with a major cleanup on April 21, which was South Plainfield's Volunteer Litter Clean-Up Day.

The stream channel had become overgrown by weeds and brush. Litter accumulates there continually as it washes out of Spring Lake and blows in from the street. Fourteen people removed fifteen bags of trash, over 60

pounds of recyclable litter, and twenty five bags of leaves and brush. Andrew is planning to maintain the site with monthly mowing and litter removal. A larger group will do an extensive clean-up quarterly.

Andrew asked to adopt this spot because the highly visible site had become a community eyesore. He felt that once the Senior Citizen Center was built on the adjacent lot, it would be even more important to keep the area clean.

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

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Business Association Meeting Next Thursday

The South Plainfield Business Association will be holding their monthly meeting next Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner.

This month's guest speaker will be Jack Peterson, who will talk about improving collections in today's market. This topic could be of interest to any business having problems collecting from customers. Peterson will list things you can do to get your money faster and with less pain.

The Business Association would like to invite all present and past members and anyone else who may be interested in finding out more about the group, to come out and enjoy a morning of getting to know your South Plainfield business neighbors.

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Events

Around Town

Music Boosters to Hold Car Wash

May 12

Have mom's car washed for Mother's Day and bring dessert home to her.

The South Plainfield High School Music Booster Association will be holding a Car Wash/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. The cost for having your car washed is \$5 per car/\$8 per van or truck.

Cakes and other baked goods will also be available for purchase.

Funds from this event will be used for scholarships and the various music and band programs offered at the high school.

Anyone willing to bake for the sale or seeking additional information, call Maribeth Quinn, (908) 754-1518 or Diane Boyle, (908) 753-7859.

GFWC Flea Market is Looking for Vendors

May 12

The GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will sponsor a flea market on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Oak Tree Road. The club is seeking vendors.

Vendors are needed to make the market a success. Cost is \$10 for one space and vendors must supply their own tables. It will be possible to set up prior to the 9 a.m. opening for the public. Raindate will be the following Saturday, May 19.

Money raising activities contribute to scholarships, donations and other charitable works supported by the club throughout the year.

If interested, or for further information, call Grace at 908-753-5753.

Elks Lodge to Hold Mother's Day Breakfast

May 13

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 will be hosting their annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 13 at the Elks Lodge located on

New Market Ave. The breakfast runs from 8 a.m. until noon.

All moms will receive a free Mother's Day carnation. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children 5-12 and children under five are free. For additional information, call (908) 668-9750.

Bird Watching Adventure Planned

May 13

The Friends of the Woods and the South Plainfield Environmental Commissioner are co-sponsoring a birdwatching excursion on Sunday, May 13 beginning at 7:30 a.m. A car-caravan will travel to four local birding "hot spots" in South Plainfield on this "World Series of Birding" weekend.

No fee or registration is required. Scout groups are encouraged — this will satisfy some badge requirements. For more information, call Dr. Alice Temple at (908) 226-7621 or Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073.

Reiki Classes At South Plainfield Adult School

May 16

Area residents who are curious about Reiki or wish to take a course in this latest holistic healing art have a rare opportunity. The South Plainfield Adult School will sponsor an evening long free seminar on the origins and practical application of Reiki.

Reiki Master Gina Barbosa will both lecture and give hands on demonstration of the therapeutic benefits of Reiki. An explanation will be given about Reiki's transcendence from ancient Tibet to Japan and its arrival in contemporary American Society. The one night seminar on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. is open to any practicing Reiki student or the general public. (Please note although free of tuition, a \$5 registration fee is required).

On May 23, a four session Beginning Level I class will be given. The course is a more intensive journey into this method of stress reduction, pain alleviation and enhancement of well-being. For more information

and/or registration, please call the Adult School Office at 908-754-4620 ext. 213.

Fourth Annual Police Bicycle Rodeo Coming

May 19

On Saturday, May 19, the SP Police Department will be hosting a bicycle rodeo. This takes place in Spring Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured will be an obstacle course presented and conducted by volunteer employees of State Farm Insurance. Proper riding techniques and rules of the road will be emphasized during this phase of the program. Helmet wearing cyclists will negotiate a moderately challenging course of cones to improve their riding abilities.

For cyclists 14 and younger, who don't have bicycle helmets, a limited supply have been donated by the South Plainfield Traffic Safety Advisory Commission. Participants wearing their own helmet to the rodeo and registering their bicycle with the SPPD, will be entered into a drawing to win a new bicycle or a locking device for their bicycle. Ron Sward, the director of the Physical Therapy Center in Woodbridge and a member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, has donated a bicycle for this event.

Safety oriented literature supplied by AAA and the So. Plainfield branch of the N.J. Div. of Motor Vehicles, will be provided to all participants. Bike N Gear from Middlesex will be on location to conduct safety inspections on all bicycles as well.

In conjunction with our bicycle safety program, a unique bicycle registration/theft prevention program will be available to the public. The "Baron Von Pedaloff" program, designed by Officer William Frink of the Special Problems Unit, is specifically designed to reduce bicycle thefts. By encouraging bicycle owners to register their bicycle and taking anti-theft precautions, we can reduce the amount of bicycle thefts that occur in South Plainfield. "Baron Von Pedaloff" literature will be provided in an effort to remind all those in attendance, not to give anyone the opportunity to "pedal off" with their bicycle.

Don't forget, May 19, bring your bicycle, your helmet and be ready for a fun filled day. Any questions? Contact (908) 226-7678.

Columbiettes Plan Trip to Bingo World in Baltimore

June 2

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a bus trip to Bingo World in Baltimore on Saturday, June 2.

The bus will leave the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. at 7:30 a.m. and return after the last game of the afternoon session.

Cost is \$55, which includes driver gratuity and admission pack for the main session. We will arrive in time to purchase discount early bird packs. For information and reservations, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

This trip is open to Bingo lovers.

Trip to The Lion King

July 5

The Rec Department is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see *The Lion King* on July 5, 2001.

The cost is \$95 per person and includes your ticket and the bus. Purchase your ticket at the PAL. The bus leaves at 4 p.m.

Elks to Hold Outdoor Chinese Auction

June 9

The South Plainfield Elks Club will be holding an outdoor Chinese Auction on Saturday, June 9. Doors open at 1 p.m., auction starts at 3 p.m.

There will be plenty of food and refreshments available, including hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill. Rain date is June 10.

Prizes include Diamond Club Mets, Yankee and Somerset Patriots tickets and many gift certificates. Admission is \$5. For ticket information call Lisa at (908) 668-9750.

Trip to Cape Cod, Taking Reservations

September 10-14

The PAL 5-day, 4-night trip to Cape Cod has been sold out, but according to Mike English, a second bus is being hired. The trip is Sept. 10-14, 2001.

Prices are \$325 per person double, triple and quad occupancy. Single supplement is \$78. For more information and reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714.

The package includes four night accommodations, four breakfasts, four dinners, including a lobster bake, fully escorted tours of the Hyannis area, the historic Massachusetts towns of Sandwich, Boston, Quincy Market, Plymouth and Provincetown and the Hyannis Harbor Cruisean evening of entertainment, a welcome reception, baggage handling, all taxes and standard gratuities.

—Out of Town—

Theology Course

May 17, 24, 31;

June 7, 14, 21, 28

Searching for answers? Learn about philosophy and theology for ten weeks, starting April 26. This is a free event to be held at the Long Hill Chapel, 525 Shunpike Rd., Chatham. A buffet dinner and dessert will be served each night at 7 p.m., followed by a presentation and group discussion.

For more information, call (973) 377-2255, please reference course name of alpha.

Carteret WOWs Social

May 11

The Middlesex East WOWs Carteret Chapter will hold a dance for widows and widowers on Friday, May 11, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for guests. Live music and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

KISMET After-Work Social

May 11, 18

KISMET, a community organization for singles, will hold a "Single Professionals' After Work Social" on Friday, May 11 and 18, from 6:30

to 10 p.m., at The Inn, 161 Mount Bethel Rd., Warren. \$10 at the door includes refreshments. For more information, contact (908) 232-8827 or www.thatskismet.com.

Brainy Boro Antiques Show

May 12

The Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Brainy Boro Antiques Show, on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church Social Center, Woodbridge Ave., Metuchen. Donations are \$3, and verbal appraisals are \$5 each, with a limit of 3 items. Food and beverage will be available, and the show features a variety of quality antiques. For more information, contact the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce at (732) 548-2964.

Alliance Bible Church Hosts Coffeehouse

May 18

Get a taste of Seattle right here in New Jersey! On Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m., the Young Adult Fellowship of Alliance Bible Church will be hosting a Coffeehouse, which features acoustic guitarist, John Reilly. John is a recent Rutgers graduate and is known for his smooth guitar stylings. Cover charge is \$3 which includes unlimited coffee, food and fun. All ages are invited. Alliance Bible Church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Road in Warren, NJ. For directions or more information, call (732) 469-1425 or email at ABCWarren@aol.com.

McDonald's Presents Gospelfest 2001

May 20

McDonald's presents Gospelfest 2001: A Musical Odyssey, the 18th Annual celebration of one of African-American culture's greatest gifts to America. There will be a performance of this celebration on Sunday, May 20, at 4 p.m., held at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For ticket information and group scales, call toll free 1-877-771-7772. Tickets can also be purchased by calling (732) 499-8226.

Adoption CHATS Meeting

May 21

Adoption Support CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 on Monday, May 21 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., N. Plainfield. "The Stories We Tell: Adoption in American Literature." Dr. Carol Singley, our speaker, is an associate professor at Rutgers in Camden and is parenting two biological brothers adopted domestically in an open adoption. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607.

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Mail or drop off stories and photos to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax (908) 668-8819; email ggnan@aol.com.

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Photos by Bill Tuthill

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

You did mail out that card for Mother's Day, right? If you haven't, go mail it right away. If you have, relax and check on the latest news from the South Plainfield Library.

The Library will be closed on Sunday in observance of Mother's Day.

Our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs is in place for next week. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, music and a craft activity. The programs are for children ages three and over; there's no need to register in advance. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Also, there's this month's Kidcraft program. It's set for next Friday, May 18, at 4 p.m. This program is for children ages six and older. All craft materials are provided; space is limited for this program, so you must pre-register. If you need more information, call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Linda Hansen, the Children's Librarian.

We've just added two new displays. Our display cabinet now features an assortment of rare paperweights, provided by local resident Dominick Valentino. The paperweights come from many places across the country and are made of a variety of materials, mainly glass. Meanwhile, the display wall features artwork in a variety of media by Denise Vita, a 10th grader from South Plainfield High School. Her art teacher is local resident Dorothy Miele. You can see these displays throughout the month.

Here are a couple of notes from the magazine section. First, copies of *Consumer Reports* may now be found in our regular magazine area; back issues may be borrowed for two weeks. (As in the past, issues are also available at the Reference desk.) Secondly, we've learned that *McCall's* magazine is no longer being published. However, we now subscribe to *Rosie*, featuring Rosie O'Donnell, the magazine that has replaced *McCall's*.

This is probably a good time to review our roster of overdue fines and charges. (Be advised: Overdue fines are levied on a per day, per title basis.) The standard fine for overdue books and magazines is 10 cents, the exception being Reference books, where the fine is \$5. Overdue audiobooks and compact discs carry a fine of 25 cents. Late videocassettes and DVDs incur a fine of \$2. The charge for a missing case or insert for an A/V item is \$5. Replacing a lost Library card costs \$2; however, renewing an expired card is free. There is a charge of 50 cents to cover postage and materials for mailed overdue notices. 50 cents is also the charge for reserved books; that charge is payable upon pick-up of the reserved item. On the other hand, there's no charge for items obtained via Inter-Library Loan. Finally, turning to computer usage, there's a charge of 10 cents per page for printouts from the word processors and the Internet terminals. If you have any questions about these charges, don't hesitate to ask.

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

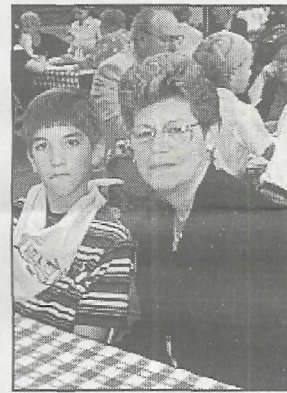
Kennedy Third Graders Host Grandparents Day



The third graders at Kennedy School hosted a breakfast for their grandparents recently. The theme was western, with kids in cowboy hats and western decorations covering the tables. There was even a saddle in the lobby.

A photo of each student with their grandparent was taken as a souvenir. The grandparents were also invited to tour the third graders classrooms and see some of their work.

Afterward they presented a special program to the delight of each grandparent in attendance.



Juniorettes Bring Easter Cheer To Cancer Patients

by Carrie Reilly

Having cancer isn't something too many people would want to be faced with, but sometimes life hands you a situation that you just have to get through. But, imagine you are the parent of a child, who is faced with this type of illness. You want to do anything in your power to make sure that your child is getting the best type of treatment and support out there.

Flo's Piano Studio Presents 2001 Piano Recital

On Sunday, May 20, Flo's Piano Studio will present their 'May Music' recital, to be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bridgewater Commons Mall. Michelle Walsh, Marketing Coordinator of Bridgewater Commons and Bridgewater Commons Mall are hosting this Piano Recital Concert in grand fashion. Arrangements have been made for the Concert Pianists to be on the Bridgewater Commons' webpage, interviewed and critiqued by the music reporters from the *Star Ledger*, *Courier News* and Nancy Grennier from the *South Plainfield Observer*.

Upon arrival at the mall, pianists will be whisked off to a private room to freshen up, rest and reflect before the performance.

The performance will take place on the lower level, center court, at the Concert Grand Piano on stage in front of the glass elevator.

At Overlook Hospital's Children Cancer Ward, people do just that. And recently, the South Plainfield Juniorettes had the opportunity to bring a little more cheer to some of these children.

As part of their project for this year, the Juniorettes sold specially made pins to benefit the Valarie Fund, which helps to support children with cancer. To complete that project, the girls, along with "Petunia Bunny" (aka Juniorette member Erin Mackey) and advisor Kathy Winner, visited the Center in Livingston and handed out fun Easter Stickers and goodies. The Juniorettes spent the afternoon playing and talking with the kids. Petunia was also on hand to sit and take pictures as well.

The funds raised from their pin and

flower pen sales went to the Valarie Fund and to purchasing a Lazy-Boy type recliner chair for the hospital to add to their Cancer Unit. All of the rooms in the Children's Cancer Unit are painted to look like a different season, and all are equipped with the cushy, comfortable chairs for parents or the children themselves to sit in.

The South Plainfield Juniorettes are a younger branch of the South Plainfield Junior Women's Club who are dedicated to making a difference in their community. The group is comprised of girls ages 13-18 who meet to plan volunteer services and other ways to help out in the community. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member, contact Juniorette Club President Julie Palmer at (908) 755-5260.

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Bridgettes Headed For Regional Championships

Feigley's School of Gymnastics located in South Plainfield, home of the Bridgettes National Gymnastics Team, is proudly sending all of their level 8/9 and 10 gymnasts to the United States Regional Championships, at the Baltimore County Gym, in Baltimore, Md.

Based on event scores achieved in

various State Championship meets throughout the US, the best gymnasts from each state qualify and compete in the United States Regional Championships.

The success of the Feigley's program, is clearly indicated by the percentage (100%) of Feigley's level 8/9 and 10 girls qualifying for Regionals.



Kids Place Crawling With Reptiles

By Patricia Abbott

The kids at YMCA Kids Place got the dirt on scaly things that slither and crawl in the dirt, as well as in water. The educational and fun program, Bill and Diane Boesenberg's 'Snakes-N-Scales and Turtle Tales' was presented by Karen Longo. The children in pre-K and kindergarten got a close-up look at a variety of animals in assorted sizes from a tiny gecko and a small alligator, to the common box turtle and two snakes.

While a few of the children recoiled from the creatures, most of them sat enthralled with the reptiles.

Several staff members insisted on viewing the program from the safety of the hallway, behind the closed door

and looked on as the youngsters eyed an 11-foot albino Burmese python. The huge snake wrapped itself around Longo's waist and legs, while the upper part of its body coiled around her arm. She encouraged the students to touch the snake and feel the muscles that help it move and coil, while explaining that the snake was not hurting her, but using her body to hang on, just the same as it would a tree limb. The constant movement of the tongue fascinated the children, Longo told them the snake used the tongue to gather information about the surroundings.

Many of the animals were creatures rescued after being abandoned or no longer wanted once they reached full size.

Parade Committee Bands and Activities

The South Plainfield Public Celebration Committee is proud to announce the following line up of bands for the Labor Day Parade as well as some of the activities which will follow in Veterans Park and later in the day, Spring Lake Park.

The Parade will be led by the South Plainfield High School Marching Band and will be accompanied by the South Plainfield High School Cheerleading Squad.

In the line of march will be the Westfield Fife and Drum Corps, the Legionnaires Senior Marching Band, the Oriental Band of the Salaam Temple, the Funny Factory, the Atlantic Watch Pipes and Drums, the Ragtime Band, and the Motor Corps of Salaam Temple.

Immediately following the parade, the band known as 'Backsplash' will be performing in Veteran's Park. The evening activities will begin with entertainment provided by 'The Sound Investment' at the Gazebo in Spring Lake Park. The fireworks will begin at dusk.

If you are interested in marching in the parade or entering a float, please contact Councilwoman Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1517.

Let's all celebrate South Plainfield's 75th birthday!

Friends Plan Special Program

The Friends of the South Plainfield Library will present a special program on "Portrait of a Century: A Photographic Retrospective of New Jersey", the latest exhibition at the Cornelius Low House Museum, on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

The program will be hosted by Hillary Murtha, Curator of Exhibitions at the Museum, which is located in Piscataway. Ms. Murtha will give information, including a slide presentation, on the Museum and the exhibit, which examines New Jersey's first full century on film. She will also answer questions from the audience. No pre-registration is required; refreshments will be served.

The program will be held at the South Plainfield Free Public Library, located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave. in South Plainfield, NJ.

For more information, contact Natalie Bergen at (908) 756-8679.

Parade Committee Accepting Grand Marshal Nominees

The Labor Day Committee is asking residents to send in nominations to this year's Labor Day Parade. The parade is scheduled for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3.

The festivities include a 5K run, a parade, activities and bands at Veterans Park all afternoon, and end with fireworks in Spring Lake Park.

If anyone knows an individual who they feel has contributed outstanding service to the community, they should send a letter stating the reason why this person should be considered for Grand Marshal.

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



First grade Brownie Troop #428 from Roosevelt School, celebrated secretaries Day by honoring their favorite secretary "Miss Pat" with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Middle School Honor Roll

Grade 7.

High Honor Roll: Samantha A. Deffler, Zachary E. Gray, Ramit K. Kalia, Gina M. Severini, Kevin R. Siedenburger, Natalia T. Tamzoke

Honor Roll: Hamed Ahmed, Nicole M. Aiello, Gaelle Amazan, Ashley E. Bodner, Ashley Britton, Kodi Butler, Eileen Cameron, Melissa Caraballo, Jenny Cheng, Dana Chepulis, Jennifer Chiang, Angelica Cirilli, James Conroy, Mallory Cooper, Jeffrey Robert Cupo, Kazuki Daimo, William Daly, Amanda Deba, Nicholas DeCillis, Joseph DeNitzio, Daniel Domzalski, Patrick Ryan Driscoll, Sandia Dundi and Daniel Erhardt.

Breanne Fore, Gabrielle Franco, Brittany Frazer, Dunia Galarza, Charles George, Aisha Monique Gray, Kristen Gualano, Julianne Hudak, Shivani Itwaru, Beverly Jamieson, Guilianna Kay, Carlie Kazimir, Victoria Kedmenec, Kathryn Koury, Stephen Lindgren, Kristi Lombardi, Bryan D. Milicia, Rebekah Moore, Samuel Mootoo, Alexander Nau, Anthony Niemczyk, Jr., Ryan O'Shea, Kelly Orlandini, Heather Palitto, Dipal Patel, Harshel Patel, Satyam Patel, Alishah Rahemtulla, Micheal Ray, Andrew Roibal, Anthony Romano and Angelique Rualo.

Courtney Sacco, Brian Schulte, Devance Sewdat, Ryan Smith, Joseph Stasio, Melissa Szeliga, Lee Tetrault, Heather Thompson, Stephanie Troia, Daryl John Valerio, Amanda Veinott, Jesse Ventura, Bryan Wagner, Morgan Walter, Christopher Weakley, Krystal Williams, Megan Wilson, Keith Winsmann, Carla Zappi, Matthew Zebrowski.

Grade 8

High Honor Roll: Justin Buendia, Pasquale Cantarella, Fabian Casteblanco, Timothy Cheng, Nicholas Curcio, Cassie D'Urso, Michael Downes, Colleen Kamen, Ryan Kenny, Johnathan Lopez, Aimce Maiorino, Alyssa Maiorino, Jessica

Manning, Stefanie Miller, Kathleen Morgan, Cynthia Nguyen, Jean Pagdonsolan, Deep Patel, Daniel Piwowar, Dwight Quicha, Jaret Shelton, Justin Shelton, Stephanie Stellakis, Sara Sukenik, Kelly Thomas, Vincent Velez.

Honor Roll: Darshan Amin, Shakellah Aminim, Peter Aquino, Christopher Bakazan, Michael Benak, Dawn Besser, Shakera Beverly, Erika Blaszk, Christopher Bojarski, Kyle Bostick, Vijay Budhan, Gerry Butrico, Nicholas Cesare, Mallory Christ, Toni Ciccia, Janine Clemente, Kristin Coffey, Paul Corrado, Leonard Cursi, Jr., Seichi Daimo, Lauren Darr, Louana DeLosSantos, Peter DeAndrea, Alissa DeCarlo, Stacey Diana, Douglas Dietzold, Christina DeFrancesco, Allison DiMeglio, Kaitlynn Disch, Jonathan Donahue and Michael Duquette.

Jeffrey Eng, Caitlin English, Shawn Ferguson, Anna Ferrer, Melanie Foscolo, Jordan Garner, Keenan Gaynor, John George, Allia Ghanim, Kendall Green, Nicholas Grego, Sara Grillo, Jeffrey Grubesch, Melissa Hansen, Emily Harkins, Lauren Haus, Crystal Holloway, Phu Doung Huynh, Jamie Jakubik, Latoya Johnson, Katherine Kelliher, Thomas Kiczula, Jr., Jessica Kizmann and Veronica Konya.

Kevin Lahey, Linda Lee, Jonathan Liebl, Christine Manfredo, Ashley Martin, David Martinez, Allan Mazurak, William Merkle, Andrew Miller, Samantha Mitchell, William Moares III, Rosanna Mootoo, Jacqueline Muglia, Brian Murtagh, Huan Khoa Nguyen, Thao (Annie) Than Nguyen, William Padula, Valerie Pasquarella, Dhruvi Patel, Amanda Prybella and Patrick Pryor.

Patrick Reedy, Justin Reid, Jeremy Rodas, Jessica Senz, Lesley Sideck, Melissa Silva, Alisha Stassenko, Melissa Stico, Darshan Suthar, Marybeth Tran, Ashlen Udell, Jennifer Vasquez, Coral Willis, Brian Zielinski

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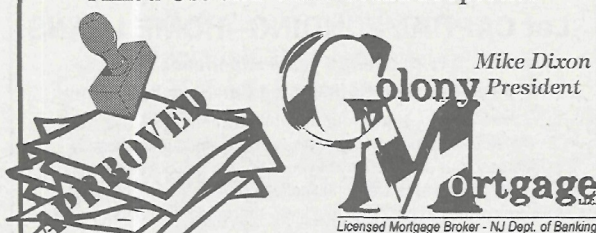
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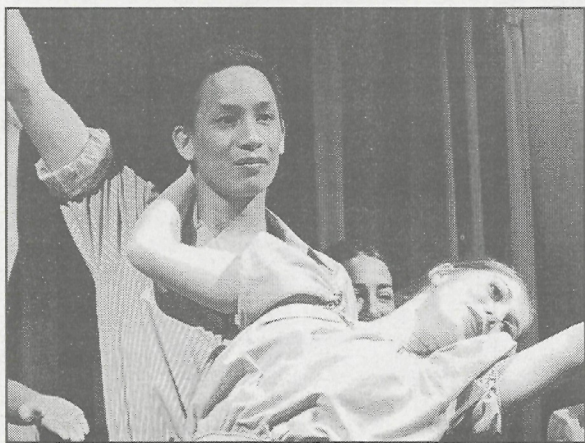
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SPHS Damn Yankees Production Is Rated 'Darn Good'



By Patricia Abbott

The 2001 SPHS Spring Musical, *Damn Yankees*, was damn good if the three nights of a packed theater were any indication. Many people returned to see the show a second and even a third time.

Damn Yankees is loosely based on the Faust legend of selling one's soul to the devil. The tables were turned on the devil by the power of love and the discovery that you don't realize how much you value a loved one until they are gone. Aging baseball fan Joe Boyd transformed into baseball hero Joe Hardy manages to beat the damn Yankees, save his team and outwit the scheming devil and return to his former self and to his wife Meg. During the course of the encounter with the devil, the diverse characters Joe meets along the way entertain with song and dance, giving the audience non-stop action.

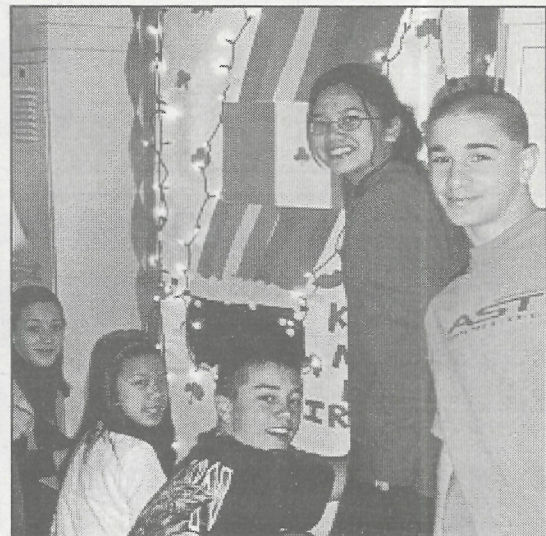
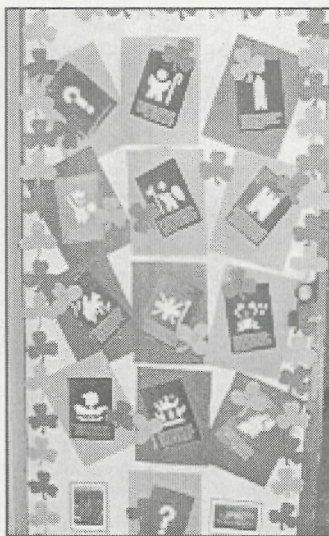
Producer Maureen Imbrosiano said, "I think Mrs. Naso did a remarkable job with *Damn Yankees*. Also, the feedback we received was very positive. Many people came up to us after the show telling us how much they enjoyed the play. Mr. Tweed did a great job, the orchestra sounded wonderful. The stage crew also did a really good job. And, of course, we had a very talented cast." Director Gloria Naso had this to say about the

successful production, "This production was a 27-year-old dream come true for me. These students performed as brilliantly as I knew they could. I was fortunate to have a cast that is so talented and a crew who worked above and beyond the call of duty!"

Principal Anthony Massaro was proud of the latest SPHS theatrical production. "I had the wonderful opportunity to see the play *Damn Yankees* on more than one occasion as portrayed by the students of South Plainfield High School. On each occasion, I was more than mildly impressed with the abilities and energy of our kids. My hat goes off to the students, to the staff members and to the parents who made such exceptional contributions to this production. Every time I think I've seen the best, another production comes along with it even better!" he said.

The cast celebrated their success with a party held at the rescue squad.

Damn Yankees was last staged at SPHS fifteen years ago in May of 1986.



Middle School Gets A Taste of Ireland

Submitted by Phyllis Savage

It seemed that the South Plainfield Middle School Irish reading program was never going to happen due to unfortunate circumstances. However, Mrs. Kardos, an eighth grade art teacher, was the recipient of a grant from the Printmaking Council bringing a professional printmaker to her class for two days, April 25-26. Stu-

dents learned Celtic heritage and design and working in wood relief printmaking. This seemed to be an opportune time to celebrate the Irish culture through school-wide activities.

Once again, the students, teachers, parents and other staff joined together in a concerted effort to effect a fun-filled and intellectual experience for all. The morning began with Mr. Makowski, our morning announcer,

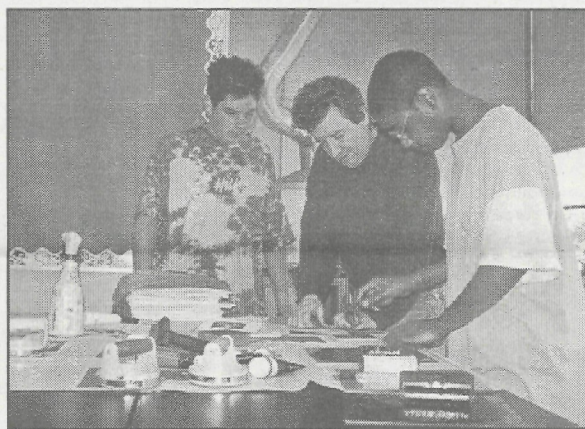
greeting everyone with "Top of the Morning," a few Irish sayings and a little Irish music. Then came our readers in each classroom, reading about Patrick, the Saint and an Irish folktale. We were honored to have former Middle School Principal Robert Doggett; Dir. of Adult Education James Lenox; Adult School Supervisor Sophia Domogala; Central Registrar and secretary Kenneth VanKleeef and Elizabeth McWilliams Linezyk; Chief Robert Merkler; Kathleen Shanahan Miller from the Business Office; Burke Schlactun from the Curriculum Office; Patricia Higgins from Special Services; student teacher Bridgette Callan and teachers Linda Schwebel, Jean Smith, Katherine Boyle, Betty McHenry, Maureen Barnett and Mrs. Merlo, Mrs. O'Shea and Mrs. Roberts, as our special readers. Parents, Mrs. Coury and Mrs. Kelly also set aside their busy schedule to assist with the program.

Special touches included teaching the Irish Jig, how to research their family tree, demonstrating an authentic Irish brogue, sharing knowledge gained from a trip to Ireland and serving homemade Irish cookies.

A seventh grade student, Ali Stath, reflected a positive thought on the day, "The fairy tale that we heard today was a wonderful summary of what Irish culture is like. It is a privilege to have one of Ireland's people come in today and let us know about this wonderful culture."

Another activity the students had been waiting all week for — the judging of the homeroom door-decorating contest! The hard work and creativity was evident on every door. Traditional Irish symbols and Irish facts were lit up in lights, pots of gold were made of candy, teachers' faces became the faces of leprechauns, and doors were decorated on both sides. The judges' scores were close. Winners were first place-Mrs. Schwartz; second place-Mr. Kavka; third place-Mrs. Smith; fourth place-Mrs. Kardos, Mr. Makowski, Mrs. Cocco and fifth place-Mrs. Schwebel.

As always, the Middle School students and staff are grateful for the support and another opportunity to involve the total school community in a fun-filled academic activity. We look forward to this continuing to grow.

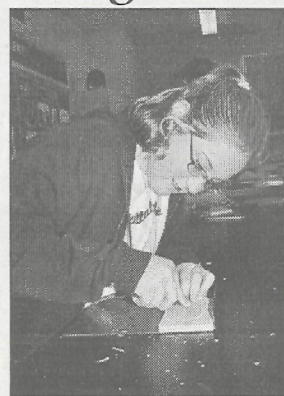


Students Attend Workshop; Learn Celtic Heritage

Patrick Gallagher, a member of the Printmaking Council and a professional artist, recently paid a visit to Mrs. Diane Kardos' eighth grade art classes. Gallagher ran a two day workshop on relief printing in wood. The students also learned about Celtic Heritage and Celtic Design. His visit was courtesy of a grant awarded to the Printmaking Council. The grant allows the council to provide supplies, blocks, ink and pay the instructor. Publicity on the workshop encourages additional grants that will hopefully provide more workshops.

The students created their own designs with Celtic Knotwork. Knotwork is an ornamental design developed by the Celts, made up of interlacing paths which cross over each other. Students found that there were many meanings behind the origins of the designs. Many students were intrigued with the history lesson they received in the art room. Kardos noted, "This is an important factor, to combine disciplines such as art and history, providing an excellent method of learning!" After drawing the designs, they were transferred to wood blocks using tracing paper. The next step involved carving the designs into the wood using special tools. They completed the process by printing their original artwork using various colored inks. The work was displayed on the art room door, which was decorated for Celtic Heritage Day.

During the course of the workshop Gallagher talked to the students about



his career as an artist. He showed them his professional portfolio and talked to them about how he got started in the art field. Patrick works in wood carving and wood block printing. His work reflects Celtic design and lettering. Working with the students were Diane Kardos and student teacher Bridget Callan.

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Boys Tennis Team Sharing A Spectacular Season

By Carrie Reilly

For the first time in many years, the South Plainfield High School Boys Tennis Team is having an extraordinarily successful season. Their current record stands at 7-2, and that is even after moving up a division, from blue to white this year. With an abundance of members and their spirits high, this team has set its sights higher than ever. The boys have pulled to-

gether through many matches to ensure these victories and have proven that hard work pays off. On Wednesday, May 2, the team very well might have established one of their proudest moments to date. Coming into a tough match against undefeated white division leaders North Brunswick, the team's only two losses were to the top team themselves, along with St. Joseph's, losing only 2-3. However, three years ago, when South Plainfield

was last in the White Division, the match up against North Brunswick was horrible. South Plainfield lost all 5 games, and were off the courts in about 20 minutes. Needless to say, those days are over and the team is much stronger and confident.

After their first loss this season to North Brunswick on April 2, the boys were bound and determined to hand a loss back to them, this time with the advantage of home court. Coach Marjorie Kopaci was definitely skeptical at first. "Going into the match, I thought that if these guys pulled it off it would be the closest thing to a miracle I'd ever seen. However, miracles do happen, and skill will doubt."

South Plainfield went on to upset undefeated North Brunswick with a score of 3-2. The last time North Brunswick had been beaten while they were in the White Division was 10 years ago, by Perth Amboy.

It was second singles Lam Nguyen's match that clinched the victory for South Plainfield. After first singles Eric Ambielli won (6-2)(2-6)(6-4) in a tough three set match, and third singles Huy Nguyen defeated his opponent (7-5)(3-6)(6-4), it was up to Lam to ensure the win. He came back to win (7-5)(7-6) tie breaker (9-7).

"In the middle of the match, after both our doubles teams lost tough games, I didn't think it was going to happen. And, with Lam down 2-5 in his second set, I thought no way. Winning this match was definitely the highlight of all my coaching careers," said Coach Kopaci.

The other surprise of the night, besides the victory itself, was mostly for Kopaci herself. No win against North Brunswick could ever be complete without having her team douse her with the entire contents of the team's water cooler.

Second singles Lam Nguyen said, "Three years ago, who would have ever thought we would come this far. I can only say that our practice has definitely paid off, and that I'm glad we get to go out with a bang."

The rest of the season is as follows:

5/9 St. Joseph's - (Away) - 3:45
5/11 Colonia - (Home) - 3:45
5/16 JFK - (Away) - 3:45
5/18 Monroe Twp. - (Away) - 3:45
5/21 Boundbrook - (Home) - 3:45

Come out to the courts to support this successful team and to cheer them on to victory!

TRACK

Boys Track: The Finish Line

Submitted by Tim Morgan

So far this season, the boys spring track team has had a promising start. The Tigers did exceptionally well at the Homdel Relays on April 21, scoring 36 points, the highest amount in a relay in over 10 years. There were also some decent placing at the Milburn Relays on April 28.

As far as dual meets go, the Tigers are 3-1. There have been several standout individual performances that could reach State Group and GMC placement caliber as well. On May 2 and 3, the GMC relays took place and the Tigers delivered some notable performances. There were also a significant number of second and third places which helped the Tigers pave the road to victory. Coaches Rich Fonti, Drew Smith and Scott Horowitz are pleased with the results so far and expect more great things to come from the team.

Results of Meets and SP Winners:
So. Plifd. 97½, Perth Amboy 37½
400H: John Foscolo-60.3; 100: Sean and Chris Grevious-11.9; 1600: Tim Morgan and Mike DeSimone-4:49; 3200: Mike DeSimone-10:40; 4*400: Chris Grevious, John Foscolo, Mike Raynes and Jeff Williams-3:44; Long Jump: Chris Grevious-18 ft. 6½ in.; High Jump: Mike Raynes-5 ft. 6 in.

South Plainfield 81, JFK 50
100: Phil Thomas-12.2; 1600: Tim Morgan-4:50; 400: Jeff Williams-0:54; 800: Jeff Williams-2:13; 200: John Rayho-24.5; 3200: Mike DeSimone-10:40; 4*400: John Foscolo, Brian Wilson, John Rayho and Jeff Williams-3:48; Pole Vault: Miguel Garcia-8ft. 6 in.; Javelin: John

Rayho; Shot put: John Foscolo; and Discus: John Foscolo

Colonia 75, South Plainfield 56

This meet took place the same day as JFK, so the winners of the events were the same as above, but not in all of the events listed.

So. Plainfield 113, Bishop Ahr 18

400 IH: John Foscolo-62.1; 100: T.K. Ahmed-11.7; 1600: Tim Morgan-4:56; 400: Jeff Williams-55.6; 110 HH: Phil Thomas-17.1; 800: Jeff Williams-2:16; 200: John Rayho-24.5; 3200: Tim Morgan-10:37; Long Jump: Sean Grevious-17 ft. 4 in.; High Jump: Sean Grevious and Mike Raynes; Javelin: John Rayho-128 ft. 9 in.; Shot Put: John Foscolo-39 ft. 1 in.; Discus: John Foscolo 113 ft. 3 in.

Homdel Relays

5th Place: 3*400 IH (Alan Dummett, Chine Okparakee, Brian Wilson); 4th Place: Distance Medley (Tim Morgan, John Rayho, Jeff Williams and Mike DeSimone); 2nd Place: Distance: 4*100 HH (Dummett, Wilson, Okparakee, and Phil Thomas); 3rd Place: 4*800 (DeSimone, Rob Hoffman, Morgan and Jeff Williams); 5th Place: Sprint Medley (Wilson, Rayho, Sean Grevious, and Williams); 2nd Place: Javelin (Thomas, Rayho); 3rd Place: High Jump (Mike Raynes, Sean Grevious)

Milburn Relays

3rd Place: 4*110HH (Brian Wilson, Chine Okparakee, John Foscolo, and Phil Thomas); 2nd Place: 4*800 (Mike DeSimone, Rob Hoffman, Tim Morgan and Jeff Williams) and 3rd Place: Distance Medley (Williams, John Rayho, Morgan and DeSimone)

Sacred Heart Track Team Wins Big

The South Plainfield Sacred Heart School Spring Track Team competed in the 2001 Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference Relay Championships on Saturday, April 28, at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen. Seventy-one K through eighth grade Sacred Heart runners grouped into teams of four participated in 18 events against eight schools capturing eight firsts, two seconds, four thirds, five fourths, and one fifth. The team took home 32 gold, 8 silver, and 36 bronze medals and 4 honorary pins. In addition, three of the Sacred Heart relay teams set new conference records in their event. Congratulations to all runners!

Proud medal/pin winners are:

Boys K, 1, 2 4x100, second place, Frank Cem, Kyle Whitaker, Anthony Cardoso, Juan Edney-1:19.33. Girls 3, 4, 5 4x100, first place, Gerianna Pinto, Kaitlin Muglia, Celina Campos-Marquetti, Marika Simons-1:05.79.

Girls 3, 4, 5 4x100, third place, Allison Whitefleet, Olivia Gerlitz, Heather Thomas, Camille Romano-1:13.42. Boys 3, 4, 5 4x100, second place, Zachary Sikanowicz, Joseph D'Addario, Michael McHugh, James Howard-1:07.47.

Girls 6, 7, 8 4x100, fourth place, Zaida Castillo, Cathryn Avery, Tiffany Smith, Kiersten Whitaker-1:04.15. Boys 6, 7, 8 4x100, fourth place, Joe Cem, Jason Brubaker, Kyle Thomas, Sal McClain-1:03.70.

Girls 3, 4, 5 4x200, first place, Gerianna Pinto, Kaitlin Muglia, Celina Campos-Marquetti, Marika Simons-2:22.43. Girls 3, 4, 5 4x200, fourth place, Allison

Whitefleet, Olivia Gerlitz, Heather Thomas, Camille Romano-2:38.78.

Boys 3, 4, 5 4x200, first place, Zachary Sikanowicz, Joseph D'Addario, Michael McHugh, James Howard-2:26.37.

Girls 6, 7, 8 4x200, first place, Zaida Castillo, Cathryn Avery, Kiersten Whitaker, Alicia Presley-2:08.8. Boys 6, 7, 8 4x200, fourth place, Joe Cem, Kyle Thomas, Matthew Revolinski, Sal McClain-2:11.55.

Girls 3, 4, 5 4x400, first place, Camille Romano, Olivia Gerlitz, Megan McHugh, Jacqueline Dougherty-6:02.98-New Record. Boys 3, 4, 5 4x400, third place, Alfonso Muglia, Michael Muglia, Ryan Hohner, Joseph D'Addario-5:53.72. Girls 6, 7, 8 4x400, first place, Caitlin Monroe, Julia Dougherty, Diane Romano, Alicia Presley-5:11.75-New Record. Boys 6, 7, 8 4x400, first place, Jeffrey Pierik-Page, Matthew Revolinski, Kevin Hohner, Robert DiDario-4:39.94.

Girls 3, 4, 5 Sprint Medley, third place, Kaitlin Muglia, Gerianna Pinto, Megan McHugh, Jacqueline Dougherty-6:05.87. Boys 3, 4, 5 Sprint Medley, fifth place, Joshua Howard, Jason Bolton, James Howard, Ryan Hohner-6:02.54. Girls 6, 7, 8 Distance Medley, third place, Caitlin Monroe, Julia Dougherty, Alicia Presley, Diane Romano-12:15.33. Boys 6, 7, 8 Distance Medley, first place, Sal McClain, Joe Cem, Jeffrey Pierik-Page, Kevin Hohner-10:49.17-New Record. Boys 6, 7, 8 Distance Medley, fourth place, Jason Brubaker, Kyle Thomas, Matthew Revolinski, Robert DiDario-11:33.48.

By Tony Cassano



juniorbaseballclubnotes

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY - COMPLEX CLOSED - THIS SUNDAY—The SPJBC complex will be closed this Sunday, May 13th for Mothers Day. There are no games scheduled. We will re-open on Monday May 14.

EXECUTIVE BOARD/TRUSTEES ELECTIONS—As discussed at our monthly meeting this past Monday (and at previous meetings), our annual elections will be held at the next Monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, June 4. Any interested club member should submit their name and position of interest to me by the mid-month meeting scheduled for Monday May 21.

SNACK STAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We are still looking for two Snack Stand captains for Saturday and Sunday nights. In addition we need volunteers and captains for our annual July All-Star Tournament that we hold at the club. The Snack Stand is very important to the club and raises a lot of income for us. Our goal is to put out a consistent food product and serve our baseball community with an inexpensive but enjoyable food experience. See Tom or Sally Curtis for details or contact any Board Member for information.

WORK DETAIL—THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY—Our standard scheduled weekend work details start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. on Sundays. We're very close to finishing several pre-season projects and need volunteers to finish them. If you have an hour or two, come by on either day.

SOMERSET PATRIOT TICKETS FOR JUNE 8 ON SALE THROUGH MAY 11—Tickets are on sale for our annual trip to the Somerset Patriots. This years game, set for Friday June 8th is against the Newark Bears. Former Yankee great and Seton Hall Alumni, Rick Cerone is the owner. The team features Jose and Ozzie Canseco along with recently signed x-Yankee Jim Leyritz. Tickets are reasonably priced at \$8.00 a piece. Come share in a great time with your friends and family. Contact John Rayho at 908-754-8904 to purchase tickets or pick up a form at the SPJBC clubhouse.

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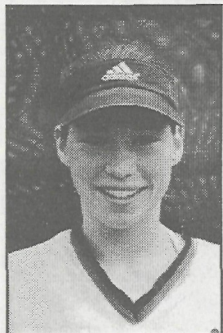
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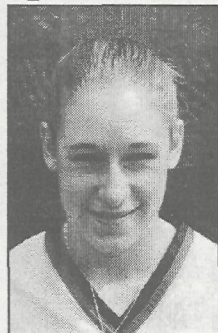
Kelly Eustice, left field



Christine Strani, pitcher



Danielle Schweers, 3rd base



Shannon Bishop, 2nd base

The Girls Softball team lost for only the second time this season on Tuesday to a tough Bishop Ahr team. Danielle Schweers scored the only run on a sacrifice fly by Christine Strani.

Last week they beat Kennedy by a score of 4-2. Kelly Eustice lead the charge, going 1 for 3, with a double and two RBI's. The girls defeated North Brunswick 6-1 on May 2. Sh-

annon Bishop was 4 for 5, Danielle Schweers was 2 for 4, Kelly Eustice was 2 for 3 with three RBI's. Christine Strani pitched a four hitter with five strike-outs. Their record is 15-2.

Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller



Recreation Tag Day—May 10, 11 and 12

Our annual tag day will take place on May 10, 11 and 12. We need the participation of all players in order to make this fundraiser a success. Coaches will advise team of the scheduled date and time.

Pool Party on June 8

The Ponytail Parents' Association will be sponsoring an end of season pool party. This event is open to all Recreation Ponytail softball players so please join us on June 8, at the South Plainfield Community pool. In the event of rain, the end of season party will be held indoors at the PAL Recreation Center.

All-Star Tag Day—June 9

All-Star tag day will take place on Saturday, June 9. It is a mandatory requirement that every All-Star player participate in two tag days. The tagging requirement can be fulfilled by participating in any two of the four tag days. If a player is unable to tag on June 9, they will be permitted to tag during any two of the three recreation tag days.

SOCCER

Blaze U-12 Girls Extinguish Fire and Sparks

South Plainfield Blaze U-12 girls traveling soccer team netted two wins last weekend. Victories in a make up against Metuchen Fire on Friday night and a regularly scheduled game vs. Montgomery Sparks on Sunday boosts our record to 6-0-1, with sole possession of first place.

With a commanding defensive performance from our keeper Becky Keller, sweeper Elizabeth Flannery, stopper Jackie Miller and fullbacks Ashleigh Gaspari, Tiffany Smith, Megan Boyle and Jenna DeLillo, Blaze clearly dominated both games. Controlling the middle and playing so well. Midfielders Dorian Bishop, Lauren Fry, Katelyn Conrad and Ashley Little had great games as they have all season.

Friday's scores vs. Metuchen came in the 24th minute when right striker Kate Hardy blasted in a shot from the eighteen. In the 43rd minute Jenni-

fer Copeland headed in a beautiful shot on a well-placed corner kick. Capitalizing on a defensive mistake, Metuchen gave us the third goal. The fourth goal in the 54th minute, came when left striker, Joy Maszczak tapped in a nice shot with an assurance touch from Ashley Little. Final score Blaze 4-Fire 1.

Scores in the Montgomery game came early and quick. The first two of the game came in the 5th and 14th minutes, when our talented center midfielder Jennifer Copeland scored two of four goals of the day. The third score in the 19th minute came from inside the box, when left striker Kate Hardy found the back of the net. The fourth in the 27th minute and fifth in the 55th minute, a third and fourth for Jennifer Copeland, who came off well placed crossing feeds and passing from Jackie Miller, Megan Boyle and Kate Hardy. Final score Blaze

5-Sparks 1.

Congratulations girls and well done!

On a more personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to let our parents and all of South Plainfield know how proud I am of the performance these girls give. Their total team effort, hard work and determination from week to week is second to none and I consider it a privilege to know and coach these girls. GO BLAZE! Visit the South Plainfield Soccer Club at www.sopflsoccerclub.com.

Submitted by Coach Hardy

Jr. Baseball Club Annual Outing to Somerset Patriots

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is holding its fifth annual baseball outing to see the Somerset Patriots on Friday, June 8. The time of the game is 7:05 p.m. at the Patriots ballpark located at 1 Patriots Park, off East Main Street at I-287, in Bridgewater. The ballpark is approximately 15 to 20 minutes from South Plainfield with plenty of parking available.

The Patriots opponent this evening will be the Newark Bears featuring a roster that includes former Major Leaguer Jose Canseco, Yankee World Series hero Jim Leyritz, along with Jose's twin brother Ozzie, who

led the Atlantic League with 48 home runs last season. Other former Major League players on the roster include Lance Johnson, Jaime Navarro, Jack Armstrong and Alonzo Powell.

Tickets are still available for this great family outing. The cost is \$8 per ticket and can be obtained by calling John Rayho at 908-754-8904 or by obtaining the ticket form from the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's Clubhouse and mailing it to 3301 Brenda Place, South Plainfield.

All requests MUST be received by Friday, May 18. Payment must be included with each order. Checks should be made payable to SPJBC.

Blast U-10 Improve to 5-1-1

The Blast U-10 Soccer team improved their record to 5-1-1 this weekend, with an 8-4 win over a tough Watchung Hills Rangers team.

The Blast scored first in the 5th minute by Nick Pauls, off a nice feed from Joseph Gonzalez. Mike Dezmin was next on the scoreboard, scoring on a perfectly placed corner kick. Kenny Breslau completed the first half scoring for the Blast by angling in a nice left footed kick off of a pass from James Seyffart.

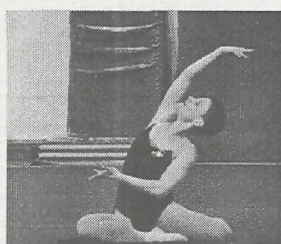
The second half began 3-2 for the Blast, when Mike Dezmin struck again off of a corner kick. After Watchung come back to tie, the Blast

opened the floodgates. First Kenny Breslau scored, after beating three defenders down the right side. Then Nick Pauls sped away from two defenders on a breakaway pass sent by Joey Lacerda. Pauls scored again two minutes later on a rebound from Allen Garcias hard shot from the 18.

Kenny Breslau rounded out the scoring three minutes later off of a fine pass by Ian Collins.

Nick Jeglinski and Stephen Kelly made many acrobatic saves in goal on this shootout in the Hills of Watchung. Keep up the good work guys!

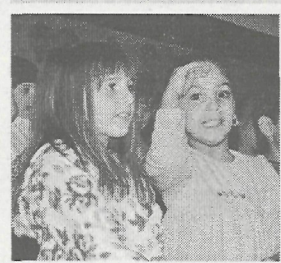
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Obituaries

Charlotte M. Giles, 78

Charlotte M. Giles died on Wednesday, May 2, at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Born in Jamestown, N.Y., Mrs. Giles resided in Newark and then later in Edison where, she had resided most of her life, before settling in Piscataway 15 years ago.

Mrs. Giles was a homemaker and had devoted most of her life to raising her children.

She is predeceased by her husband, John J. Giles who died in 1988.

Surviving are six daughters, Marietta Giles, Patricia Land and her husband Doug, Joanne Giles, Janice Ruzicka, and her husband Joseph L., Jr., with whom she had resided, Kathie Clark and her husband William; and Karen Giles; two sons, Bob and his wife Maureen and Kevin and his wife, Michelle; two brothers, Jack Harrington of Pittsford and Don Harrington of Clearwater, Fla.

Also surviving are 28 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Charlotte had great love for children, therefore, the family is requesting memorial donations in her memory be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Mary T. "Mae" Mogolinski, 87

Mary T. "Mae" Mogolinski died on Monday, April 30 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, she had resided in South Plainfield since 1971.

Mrs. Mogolinski was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, where she was a member of the church's senior citizen club.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1970.

Surviving are her son, Ronald, his wife Francis Mogolinski of Lake Hopatcong; a daughter, Lee Barry and her husband, Don, of South Plainfield; a daughter, Carol Mogolinski of Ramsey; and a brother, Anthony Jezorski of Jersey City.

Also surviving are her grandchildren, Karen Sammartino, Linda and

Brian Huttman, Lauren and Keith Goyer, and Tracey Barry, her great grandchildren, Vincent, Matthew, Ryan and Samantha and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main St., Fords, NJ 08818 would be appreciated.

Jeffrey M. Sheridan, 60

Jeffrey M. Sheridan died on Monday, April 30.

Born in Astoria, Queens, Mr. Sheridan had resided in Hillsborough before settling in South Plainfield 30 years ago.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in the Philippines.

He was employed as Senior Sales Representative for the past five years with DiFeo Lexus of Bound Brook.

Mr. Sheridan was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

He is predeceased by his mother, Anna (Keller) Sheridan.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia (Walsh) Sheridan; two daughters, Sandra Sheridan of South Plainfield, and Kellianne Sheridan of Arlington, VA; his father, Ormond Sheridan, Sr., of Hillsborough, a sister, Kathleen Loreti of Branchburg and two brothers, Ormond, Jr. of Milford, and James of Whitehouse Station.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Kathy McCriskin Cerebral Vascular Fund, C/O Neuroscience Institute, JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

Carmella C. (Muccigrossi) Scalera, 80

Carmella C. (Muccigrossi) Scalera died on Tuesday, May 1, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Scalera was born in South Plainfield and was a long time resident of the community.

Over the years, she had worked for various companies in the area including Cornell-Dubilier Co., Favorite Spot Luncheonette, Standard Plastics, MSB Co. and Garden State Manufacturing Co., all of South Plainfield. She also worked for Two Guys in Watchung. She retired in 1987.

Mrs. Scalera had been a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and was an active supporter of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Her husband, Dominic Scalera, died in 1993. She was also predeceased by her son, Richard Scalera

and a brother Nicholas Muccigrossi.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Mike Izzo of Cape Coral, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas "Bubba" and Sharon Scalera of South Plainfield; two sisters, Lena Toth of Pa. and Eileen Schmidt of Neschanic Station; five grandchildren, Dominic, Nicholas and Gemma Scalera, Patty Griffith and Dominic Izzo; and three great grandchildren, Ashley, Michael and Nicolette Izzo.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad would be appreciated.

Maria Ozcypok Klymec, 80

Maria Ozcypok Klymec of South Plainfield, died on Sunday, May 6 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in the Ukraine and came to the United States in 1950 settling in New York before moving to South Plainfield 44 years ago.

Mrs. Klymec was a machine operator for the former Standard Plastic's in South Plainfield for 20 years, before retiring in 1983.

Mrs. Klymec loved gardening and spent her time tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. She loved swimming during the summer at the South Plainfield Community Pool.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Gregory Klymec, who died in 1988.

She was survived by a son, Jaroslav Klymec of Frenchtown; a daughter Ann Garelick of South Plainfield and her dear friend, Andrew Minarck of South Plainfield and her grandchildren, Adam Lloyd Klymec and Candice Klymec.

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

Mary Ann (Dronis) McGill, 70

Mary Ann (Dronis) McGill, died on Sunday, May 6 at her home.

Born in Girardville, Pa., Mrs. McGill settled in So. Plainfield 34 years ago.

She was a housewife for most of her life and had been a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. McGill; three sons, Robert J. of South Plainfield, John and his wife, Clare of Annandale, NJ and Kevin and his wife, Christa of South Plainfield; a brother, Walter Zubris of Oaks, Pa. and a sister, Anne Medricks of Frackville, Pa. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Amanda, Marie and John, Jr.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.



Moogie The Clown Relieves Fears in Children

by Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Public Library recently presented a unique program that acquainted children with Moogie the Clown. The program is geared towards youngsters who are afraid of

clowns. Moogie began the show in her street clothes as she chatted with the pre-school youths. Slowly she introduced make up asking if they had ever watched their mother put on make up. Before long she sported a white face and bright red cheeks. Out of her huge bag came various items of her clown costume. Each item was purposely put on wrong bringing gales of laughter from the children.

The children then coached her on the right way to put on a red nose, a huge shoe and the brightly colored clown suit and finally the silly hat. When the transformation into a clown was complete not a single child showed any fear of her. Many of them scrambled closer to touch the big shoes or inform her she had a paint brush on her hat.

She performed several magic tricks for the children then each child had their face painted. The program ended with Miss Linda being transformed into a clown with full makeup.



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To preregister, go to the recreation office, located inside the PAL Building. Proof of residency and parent's signature required. You will need to fill out emergency contact information, including participant's doctor's name and phone number.

For more information, please call the Recreation Office at (908) 226-7714 during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

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An appeal has been filed by Richard Romano requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 28' x 30.4' second story addition, with a 2' cantilever; proposed addition lacks the required 30' front setback, 28.7' being proposed from cantilever & 26' being proposed from roof over porch; and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 122 Lot 87 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 May 15, 2001 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

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Mark DeVito requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposing to erect a 28' x 20' wood deck, proposed deck lacks required a 20' rear setback, 12' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 122 Lot 75 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 June 5, 2001 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 May 11, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
May 2, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 1, 2001.

A. Case #12-01—David Martin—Block 22; Lot 7; 1200 South 9th Street—Applicant's request for a variance to construct an addition is hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #13-01—Nonnan Sumal—Block 137; Lot 10, 1208 Clinton Ave.—Applicant's request for a variance for existing deck is hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #18-01—Linda Nguyen—Block 278; Lot 3; 203 Sampson Ave.—Applicant's request for a use variance for a nail/hair salon in her home is hereby DENIED.

D. Case #19-01—Stephanie Walsh—Spicer Ave. Block 387; Lot 2-08—Applicant's request for a use variance to construct a mother daughter dwelling is hereby GRANTED.

E. Case #21-01—Strong Tower Development, Inc.—597 Arlington Ave.; Block 366, Lot 6;—Applicant's request for waivers from installing curbs and gutters on opposite side of their site was partially granted as to the opposite side of Green Place and is subject to applicant installing curb and gutter on the opposite side of Arlington Ave.

F. Case #52-00/S/V—AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.—330 Oak Tree Road—Block 254; Lot 27;—Applicant's request for a use variance, bulk variances and preliminary and final site plan approval to construct an equipment shelter and install twelve antennas on an existing tower was hereby GRANTED.

Janice J. Muccilli
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment
\$30.00 1T May 11, 2001

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BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on March 8, 2001 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Vincent Buttiglieri,
Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE NUMBER 1559

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$300,000, said sum being inclusive of a down payment in the aggregate amount of \$14,400 now available for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.) (the "Local Bond Law") by virtue of an appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$300,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$285,600 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$285,600 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are as follows:

Improvement or Purpose	Appropriation	Authorization	Payment Useful Life
(i) The widening of Durham Avenue south of Hamilton Boulevard and south of Bushwick Avenue within the Borough, with a roadway pavement having a useful life or durability at least equal to that of a Class B Roadway (as defined in the Local Bond Law) and also including, but not limited to, as required, milling, joint stabilization, pavement striping, installation of curbs and storm drains and all work, materials, equipment, and appurtenances necessary therefor and incidental thereto and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection and hereby approved;	\$125,000	\$119,000	\$6,000 10 years
(ii) acquisition of properties within the Borough for open space purposes, such properties being located (a) near the intersection of Clinton Avenue and Tompkins Avenue comprising 9.265 acres and described as Block 12, Lots 9, 12, 13, 16 and 17 on the official tax map of the Borough and (b) on Ralph Avenue near Sampson Avenue comprising 0.114 acres and described as Block 278, Lot 4 on the official tax map of the Borough, a lawful public purpose, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection and hereby approved; and	475,000	\$71,400	\$3,600 40 years
(iii) various capital improvements to the Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue in the Borough including, but not limited to, roof repairs, alteration, subdivision, expansion and furnishing of interior office space and the repair and/or replacement of components, as necessary, of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection and hereby approved.	\$100,000	\$95,200	\$4,800 5 years
TOTALS:	\$300,000	\$285,600	\$14,400

(b) The estimated aggregate maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$285,600.

(c) The estimated aggregate cost of said improvements or purposes is \$300,000, the excess thereof over the estimated aggregate maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate amount of down payment available for such improvements or purposes.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex. In the event however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the City as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance, and to the extent of any inconsistency herewith, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services will be on file in the Office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvement or purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15.833 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$285,600 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Borough, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof will be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d) of the Code, (ii) to create, within one year, following the reimbursement of any expenditures of bond proceeds "replacement proceeds" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the bonds, or any other bond issue, or (iii) to reimburse the Borough for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough (other than borrowing by the Borough from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e)). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$285,600. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This provision will take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

SECTION 10. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

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

Adopted on First Reading February 2, 2001

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield
\$360.00

May 7, 2001

Democratic Candidates

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in the P.T.A. He is a member of the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Producing Board and is the co-producer of the 2001 performance. He has been a T-ball coach and an assistant coach for his daughter's softball team.

Mr. Butrico lives at 2021 Sims Place with his wife, Sherry and daughters Dana, Kristie and Michelle. He graduated from the Rutgers University School of Business with high honors and is a computer application team co-coordinator for CSC Consulting.

In accepting his nomination, Butrico said, "I am honored to run with an individual as respected as Councilperson Dennis Cerami. I have observed South Plainfield government for years and I am impressed by the record of accomplishments of the Democratic Party. From repaving roads, to the new Senior Housing project on Morris Avenue, to the addition to the P.A.L., to the new Senior Recreation Center, to preserving open space and keeping taxes stable, the Mayor and Council in South Plainfield are in tune with the needs of our residents. I am excited to be a part of the Democratic Team."

Mayor Dan Gallagher commented, "The council slate of Dennis Cerami and Charles Butrico is outstanding. Dennis has been a terrific council member and the Butricos are one of South Plainfield's oldest and most respected families. Our residents will be well served by supporting the team of Dennis Cerami and Charles Butrico for Borough Council."

police report

• Tom Malinowski of Federated Fire on So. Clinton Ave. reported that the Pepsi Cola vending machine outside his building had been vandalized. The front of the soda machine, near the change slot had been smashed and the change had been removed.

• On Monday, a Palmer Ave. resident parked and locked his vehicle in his driveway overnight and returned the next day to find his car radio missing. His girlfriend's car, which was parked next to his, had its door left ajar, however nothing was missing.

• A Carmine Ave. resident reported that his passenger side mirror had been smashed.

• A Residents on Cumberland Ave. reported that someone had written the word "SALONBOR" on his boat, which was parked in his driveway. Other Residents on Cumberland Ave. also reported that the word "HOTO" had been written on the side of their house. The suspects are believed to be kids from a neighboring house.

• On Sunday, a Cherry St. resident reported her front window had been broken with a rock at 4 a.m.

• An Edison resident reported the front door of the house he is moving into on Day Ave. had been kicked in. The house is currently empty.

• On Saturday, the owner of Peter Pan Pharmacy on Park Ave. reported that \$900 in cash and \$1,500 in checks were missing from their unlocked safe.

• Penske Truck Rental reported that one of their trucks had not been returned. The truck had been rented on March 31 by a woman with a Plainfield and SC address. The truck was supposed to have been returned on April 1.

• On May 1 an Oakmoor Ave. couple reported being harassed and threatened by a neighbor.



T-Ball Season Underway

T-ball season is officially underway. T-ball is open to boys and girls who were five years old as of Oct. 1, 2000. Children at this age are taught sociability as well as structure. Games are played at Riley Field. The game in the above photo are the Giants versus the Cardinals.

Republican Candidates

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the school board because I wanted to make a difference and I believe that I have made a difference in the time I served this community."

Reedy thinks it is time for her to work in the community as a member of the Borough Council. Her background as a school board member and her work experience will help her become a good Council member.

She also feels that there is a need to have two sides to every issue. With the Democrats in control of council, Reedy feels that it is time the people of South Plainfield have two sides represented and her experience and proven record will be bring someone who will listen to both sides of an issue. "I have always put the students of South Plainfield first and I will do the same with the Council," she added.

"I have seen first hand what happened when the school board budget is defeated. The Council suddenly shows interest in the budget and to understand the details in just a few meetings. They have not once, in the last several years, attended a board meeting, especially during budget time. Mr. Cerami is supposed to be our liaison,

but has never attended any meetings."

Jerry Harris has lived in South Plainfield for 10 years. He and his wife, Rachel, have four children, twins Lanie and Justine, 7, Ryan 5 and Dillon, 2½.

Harris has served as Republican Committeeman for district one. He has also coached Little League T-ball for two years, acting as a head coach one year and an assistant this year.

He has owned Jer-Tex Computer Solutions, Inc., a computer consulting firm in South Plainfield, for six years.

Harris received an associates degree in Computer Technology from Texas State Technical College in Waco, Texas.

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