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Mario Barbiere Appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools



Mario Barbiere

Roosevelt Principal Mario Barbiere, has been appointed as Assistant of Schools. This is Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer's

Mario Barbiere first appointment. Barbiere will officially become Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Personnel effective July 1. His salary is yet to be determined.

The appointment was not unanimous. Board Member Tom Delaney said he could not support Barbiere's appointment. He did not elaborate on appointment. He did not elaborate on why. On the vote to appoint, Delaney voted not, Steve Bohn abstained and the rest of the board voted yes.

Debbie Vokral also objected to

Barbiere's appointment. She has spoken on many occasions at recent board meetings, complaining how Barbiere has handled certain situations at Roosevelt School. She has even gone to the Middlesex County School Boards with her complaints.

Barbiere was chosen from 20 applicants, three of which were internal. Barbiere has been principal of Roosevelt School twice, from 1977 to 1982 and then from 1987 until to-

day. In 1982 to 1987, he was the South Plainfield Middle School prin-

cipal.

No successor was mentioned as the new Roosevelt principal.



Girl Scout Troop 783 Donates 'Found' Money

In December of 2000, Junior Troop 783 from Roosevelt School, took a trip to the State Theater to see the play Footloose. Upon exiting the theater, Girl Scout Allison Huffsmith found an envelope containing \$200. The girls returned the money to the theater management and asked to be contacted if no one came forward to claim it.

One month later, the theater management office contacted Troop Lead-Sheryl Lampasona, saying no one had claimed the money, so the troop would get to keep it. After retrieving the money, troop leaders Sheryl Lampasona and Diane O'Day said that the girls needed to decide together what should be done with the money. Many ideas were considered - keep it all to

use for a trip or donate it.

After considering several ideas, a vote was taken which resulted in the girls keeping \$100 to use toward a future trip for the group, donating \$50 to the Plainfield Animal Shelter and donating \$50 to help the women and children who were subject to domestic violence

Last November, many of the girls attended a Domestic Violence work-shop held for Junior Girl Scouts. They received a flyer explaining that they were in need of toiletry items for the moms and children when they arrived at the shelter, as well as coloring books and crayons for the kids. So, \$50 of the "found money" was used to buy brushes, combs, shampoo, toothbrushes, coloring books and crayons. Troop 783 Girl Scouts are: Dana

Alexa, Ashley Alvarado, Jennifer Capparelli, Nicole Coccaro, Brooke DeNitzio, Danielle Heilmann, Kelsey Hoffman, Allison Huffsmith, Natia Katsantonis, Gina Lampasona, Kellie McLean, Lauren O'Day, Alexandra Petronko, Andreana Powell, Alison Smith and Katiejean Zacek. Troop Leaders are Sheryl Lampasona and Diane O'Day.

Borough Engineer Rich Naberezny is Retiring

Effective June 1 the South Plainfield Borough Engineering Department will cease to exist. Instead, the firm of CME Associates of Parlin, will be assuming the borough's engineering duties. This was done as a cost cut-

ting measure.

Borough Engineer Rich Naberezny, a 16-year employee, will retire on May 31. He will be working on a part-time basis at Kiliam Associates, a consult-ing Engineering firm in Milburn. As-sistant Engineer James Analas has already left and Diane Janus was transferred to the police department.

Each councilperson had only posi-tive remarks when saying farewell during Monday's Agenda Meeting. Councilman Cerami said, "All you see in town, in the way of improvements,

Rich had something to do with."
"Naberezny has been a true profes sional while working in South Plainfield. Every council meeting he supplies us with a status report to up-date the members on the ongoing projects in the Borough," said Coun cil President Jim Vokra.

A retirement party will be held next Wednesday, May 30 at Sherban's Diner from 6 to 9 p.m. (See page 4 for



Rich Naberezny

With the engineering department vacated, renovations will be made to utilize the extra space. Plans are in the works to move several offices around and to make a lunch room for Borough employees and a new video con-ference room. The police department will be getting more space by moving the wall between the police and engineering departments.

Naberezny and his wife, Joan are

residents of South Planfield. They have three sons, John, an account with Tiffany & Co., Brian, attending the University of Maine and Jeff, attending Bentley College.

Mayor Promises Swift Action With Rat Problem on So. 9th

A fire at 1226 South 9th St. last month has lead to a rat problem. The fire left the house uninhabitable and it has been vacant since the fire.

According to a neighbor, Lawrence Bether, firemen pulled many items out of the kitchen and onto the drive while fighting the fire. This trash is still in the driveway and now rats have taken over, along with a few cats that are looking for the rats.

Neighbors have been making calls to the police and health departments, but no one has cleaned up the mess and the rats have become a nuisance. According to Mayor Dan Gallagher,

the homeowners are in the midst of a divorce and they will not sign any papers because of their ligation.

Gallagher has declared the house a

nuisance and ordered that the Borough clean up the mess and a lien ced on the house for costs. "The safety of the residents is what is important and a cleanup is necessary," explained Gallagher.

The cleanup should be done within the next few days.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

American Legion/VFW To Hold **Memorial** Day **Ceremonies**

On Monday, May 28, American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and VFW Post #6763 will observe Memorial Day services.

The services begin at 9 a.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave. Ceremonies continue on to the Jewish Cemetery at 9:30, Samprown Cemetery at 9:45; Holy Redeemer Cemetery at 10; Veterans Park at 10:15 and the last stop will be at the Civil War Monument at Hillside Cemetery at 11. Closing ceremonies take place at VFW Post #6763 on Front Street followed by an open house with refreshments. The public is invited to attend.





Before and after pictures clearly show the restoration that has taken place to the cannons at the Civil War Memorial in Hillside Cer

Civil War Site Rededication

The members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Gen. George A. Custer Camp No.17 have been engaged in the restoration of The Grand Army of the Republic, Winfield Scott Post No.73 Memorial Burial Site at Hillside Cemetery, on Woodland Ave. The site contains the graves of 33 Union Veterans. Two Civil War era howitzers, which stood as silent sen-tinels for many years, will be re-mounted. The rededication is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Monday, May 28. The ceremony will follow, as closely

as possible, that which is prescribed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for such occasions.

The following students from the South Plainfield Middle School Band will be participating: clarinets, Sara Grillo, Kathy Morgan, Hristen Coffey, Andrew Roibal; trumpet, Peter Keliy and drummer, Keenan Gaynor.

The National Anthem will be sung by Marvin Avila of Saint Joseph's High School. The benediction will be given by Rev. James Stanley of the Pilgrim Covenant Church.

Historic Tree Planting at VFW on Saturday

On Saturday, May 26, VFW Post #6763 will be participating in a program entitled, "Operation Silent Witness." Sponsored by WalMart, Witness." Sponsored by WalMart, Scott Products and American Forests, this will be the largest national tree-planing in the Famous & Historic Trees Project's 126-year history. A Dwight D. Eisenhower Green Ash, will be planted in honor of the World War II Veterans. The tree is a descendent of a tree from the

descendent of a tree from the Eisenhower Farm, located in Dennison, Texas. The tree to be planted is now only 4 to 7 feet tall, but will grow to over 50 feet tall.

The ceremonies will take place in front of the VFW, located on Front Street at 1:30 pm. The public is invited to attend

A Star Was Born



At last Week's Golden Oldie's Concert, sponsored by the South Plainfield Fire Department, a star was born. See next week's Observer for complete story.

mark your calendars

Log on to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda

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 Thursday, June Monday, June 4. Thursday, June 21

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

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

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 boardofadjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

t**cxpayers**advisorygroup

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

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

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

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

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

boardofeducationmeetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Regullar 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

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NI O7080, by email at our website at spobserver.com or faxed to 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily-reflect the opinion of the Observer.

In My Opinion

Dear Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Vokral:

In response to your letters of last week, let me start this letter by first apologizing to Mr. Cerami. I was given false information and didn't do my homework. Mr. Vokral has attended a few Board of Education meetings while I was serving on the board. However, my point regarding the budget process was misinter-preted. The budget process for the breted. The budget process for the Board of Education starts for the public in February. From February through March, when the budget is formally adopted, the Board holds several public meetings to go through the budget and explain the budget to the public in its entirety. The public is given the opportunity to ask questions and to understand how the budget is compiled. It is during those meetings that members of the Council should attend to understand the budget and not wait until the community votes on the budget.

What I stated regarding the Demo-crats being "in control" is only the fact that there hasn't been a Republican on the Borough Council for several years. I know that the Council has been responsive to the community. I attended the Council meeting on April 19 and witnessed the Council's willingness to explain in detail to a group of Boy Scouts who attended the meeting that night, how the Council works. I know that I have not attended Council meetings on a regular basis, but now that my term on the Board of Education has ended, I will be attending Council meetings regularly. And rest assured, I will do my research more thor-oughly on my own and not rely on hearsay. Mr. Mikorski attends every Council meeting and has always re ported back to the Board of Educa tion on what the Council has been doing, especially as it relates to issues that will impact the Board of Education.

Now, Mrs. Vokral. Maybe you should do your homework as well. I was elected to my first term on the Board of Education in April 1989. I was not a Board member during 1988 when the problem with the Special Education students arose. I have no idea what issue this was, as it was be-fore I became a Board member. Mr. Vokral has always been polite and answered any questions I have had in the past, and I am sure, will continue to do so in the future. The problem that you have had recently and brought to the attention of the Board of Educa-tion, has been addressed, as it should have been, through the chain of command. The Board of Education does not run the school system; they are there to ensure that it is well run

The reference to my personal job performance is out of line. I received the phone call from Mr. Vokral and I through my chain of command, and the problem was resolved. The company I work for should never become part of this campaign

Let me finish by stating that I know that Council members are committed

Send us Your Letters/Opinions

We want to hear from you concerning what is going on around town. We will omit your name by request, but you must give us your name and phone number when you submit your letter. Send your letter/opinion to: The South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield 07080. You can email us at GGNAN@aol.com or fax to 908-668-8819.



Chris, age 6, receiving a helmet.

Letter to the Editor:

Once again, I would like to thank the police department, and all in-volved in this years bicycle rodeo. This has become an annual event in our home, that the children look forward to. In fact this year we invited some of my children's school friends to go with us. I feel this emphasized the importance of safety on a bicycle When my son Chris thanked the of ficer for his new helmet, he replied, "You stay safe and that's thanks enough!" Doesn't that say it all.

The program is a plus for our children and our town. On behalf of our sons, Christopher and James, we

MARIE MARKEY



Brandon Shea, age 9.

Editor's Note: Next week's Observer will have story and pictures on the very successful Bike Rodeo.

members to this community, and that is shown in the many hours they have dedicated to the community. Board of Education members also put in long hours for the community. I intend to continue to serve my community, because I believe that you should always give back to the community in which you live

I hope that this campaign will not become a nasty campaign. I will do my best to gather the information I need in order to become a better-informed candidate and member of the

SINCERELY. MARJORIE M. REEDY

To the Editor,

The American Red Cross, Tri-County Chapter wishes to thank Comcast and its employees for the incredible effort they put forth to sup-port our "Career Closet" program. This program was established to provide economically disadvantaged people with donated, lightly used, interview and career attire. This allows our clients an opportunity to compete for jobs they otherwise would never be considered for. After Comcast employees brought their donated items to their offices, the clothes were dry cleaned by two community minded dry cleaners who partnered with Comcast on this vital project. The dry cleaners who generously participated

in this effort were Introcaso Cleaners of Avenel and Jerry's Dry Cleaners of Brick. Another participating business was The Bee of Bay Head, who do-nated clothing from their boutique.

This month long endeavor had outstanding results. Over 550 articles of clothing were donated, dry cleaned and ready to wear. We are grateful to all the participants who made this such a success. These donations have the power to make a profound difference in a person's life. What an incredible

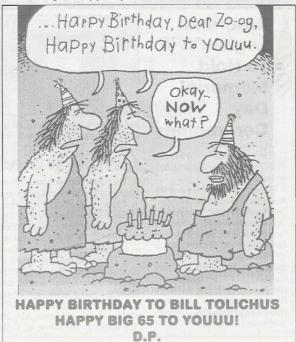
SINCERELY. TRISH MULLIGAN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

To the Editor, The Grant Central Sixth Grade School's first production of Schoolhouse Rock was a huge success this

We would truly love to mention all of the 39 extraordinary people who have put their time and effort into establishing such a positive experience for all. Your endless care and patience has made a tremendous impact on the cast and crew, that will never to be forgotten. For this, and all that you have done, we send out heartfelt appreciation to you wonderful people

Thank you! Thank you! Thank

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK



southplainfieldpeople

Milestones

Middlesex County Road

Department Schedule

municipal roads in South Plainfield during the next few weeks. Work takes

place from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday only. This project

will begin and end, subject to availability of equipment and weather permit ting, on or about the dates listed below.

Chambers St. to the end paving only

Entire length up to Plainfield border Melrose Ave. to Dumas Ave.

Project Limit

Park Ave. to the end

Audubon Ave. to end

Norwood Ave, to Park Ave.

Norwood Ave. to Park Ave. Joan St. to Oak Tree Rd.

May Ave. to Schindler Dr.

(overlay only-no milling) Entire Length Plainfield Ave. to So. Central Ave.

Hamilton Blvd. to the end

Hamilton Blvd, to the end

Entire length

Manning Ave. Ritter Ave. to the end Borough Hall Area behind Borough Hall

Entire length

Entire length

The Middlesex County Road Department will be milling and resurfacing

Brian McGonigle Graduates From Gettysburg College



Roadway

Selene Ave.

W. Golf Ave.

Morris Ave.

Sterling Ave.

Adams Ave.

DeSepio Dr.

Vakarich Pl.

Leeds Dr.

Thomas St.

Dumas Ave.

Morton Ave.

Moose Ave.

Somerset St.

West Ave.

Yurgel Dr.

Carol Pl.

On May 20, Brian McGonigle graduated from Gettysburg College with a Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude.

Brian is the son of Frank and

Joanne McGonigle.

He was also inducted into the IOTA Chapter of Pennsylvania, Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Brian attended Sacred Heart School in South Plainfield and graduated from Saint Joseph's High School in Metuchen.

May 31

May 31

June 1

Tune 1

Tune 4

Tune 5

Tune 6

Tune 6

June 7

June 7

Tune 8

Paving

June 4

June 4

June 5

June 5

Tune 6

Tune 6

Tune 7

June 7

Tune 8

June 8

Tune 11

June 12

Tune 12

June 13

KOBO 3474 SO. CLINTON AVE

Pictured left to right are: Uyen Nguyen, Jennifer Hudson, Rachel Feller, David Schlolssman, Sabina Montanaro

KOBO Awards CE Science and Technology Scholarships

KOBO Products, Inc., located on South Clinton Ave., announced two \$500 scholarships in Science and Technology for Cooperative Education students at South Plainfield High School. The criteria included an essay, interview competition, employer ratings, grades, and acceptance into a college science program. The following students will receive this year's Science and Technology Award: Sabina Montanaro, daughter of Jeff and Janet Montanaro of Montrose Ave., who will be attending William Paterson University for biology next fall, and Rachel Feller, daughter of Melvin and Marcy Feller of Matis St., who will be attending Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for biochemistry.

Originating with a manufacturing plant in France, as well as one in South Plainfield, KOBO Products, Inc. is a distributor and manufacturer of cometic raw materials. David Schloassman, President and CEO, has been involved with the high school CE program since 1995. His company's rapid

growth and facilities expansion have provided many CE students the opportunity of exploring such areas as accounting, purchasing and recently, for Sabina Montanaro, as a lab technician in research and development.

Ms. Falato, the CE Coordinator at SPHS, believes that if more of corporate America would share the same vision as Schlossman, there would be less criticism of public schools. "Mr. Schlossman provides resources, scholarships, and on-the-job training which encourages student development towards breaking into a global economy," said Ms. Falato. "One example of Mr. Schlossman's many success stories is 1995 SPHS graduate Angie Verdejo-Perez. Her CE position during senior year was at KOBO explor-

ing all the offices and departments. While she attended Rutgers, she worked part-time around her classes. Upon Angie's graduation with a computer science degree, she was hired full time as the Information Technology Manager in charge of all programming and systems administration. This is exactly what "cooperative education" is all about. It is the unique partnership between education and industry to advance students into science and technology career paths.

Some say South Plainfield High

Some say South Plainfield High School is the best kept secret in Middlesex County. KOBO Products, Inc., along with the 200 other businesses involved with the high school, say that Cooperative Education is the best kept secret in South Plainfield!

Labor Day Parade Committee Asking Residents for Grand Marshal Nominees

It's that time of the year again. The Labor Day Committee has been busy meeting for the past few months, signing up bands and making plans for our Annual Labor Day Parade. This year is South Plainfield's 75th birthday, so the committee is planning to make the day even more memorable. The parade is scheduled for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3.

Sept. 3.

The first order of business is who will be this year's Grand Marshal.

The Labor Day Committee is ask-

ing residents to send their nominations for Grand Marshal.

If anyone knows an individual

If anyone knows an individual who they feel has contributed outstanding service to the community, they are asked to send a letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for Grand Marshal. If you submitted a name last year, you must submit it again this year.

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.

com or fax (908) 753-4003.

Besides the parade, festivities include a 5K run, many planned activities and games for both the kids and adults at Veterans Park where the parade ends. Also, 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 festivities conclude with fireworks in Spring Lake Park at dusk.

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

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

Clerk's Office Open Late To Register to Vote

The Borough Clerk's office will remain open on Tuesday night, May 29, 2001 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of registering voters for the June 26, Primiary Election.

Anyone with questions can call the Borough Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recycling Center and Yard Waste Site Memorial Day Closings

The Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, May 29, because of the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Both facilities will be open instead on Wednesday, May 30, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Both drop-offs will be open as usual on Saturday, May 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The regular schedule at the Recycling Center is Tuesdays 12

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

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 226-7620, or contact the Recycling Coordinator at atempel@southplainfieldni.com.

Pool Membership Down This Year The South Plainfield Community of income for the pool. According to

The South Plainfield Community Pool is running behind last year's enrollment by more than 60 memberships. Last year at this time, 600 memberships were signed up for the season; this year only 521 memberships have been issued. Family memberships are much lower this year. Last year 365 family memberships were issued, this year only 292 have signed up.

Membership fees are the only source

of income for the pool. According to Mike English, the community pool is a utility and must pay for itself. It cannot be subsidized by the Borough.

Membership can be paid for at the PAL building. A family membership is only \$280 and you get 10 free guest passes.

For additional membership prices, call the PAL at 226-7713 or stop by to get a brochure.



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Around Tou

Community Advisory Technology Meeting May 31

There is a meeting of the Community Technology Advisory Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Agenda items to discuss are hardware and software requirements for the technology upgrades in each school. The public is invited to attend and participate in the plan.

First Baptist Church To Hold Yard Sale

Tune 2

The First Baptist Church Women's Evening Circle is sponsoring a yard sale, to be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at adjoining locations of 111-115 Jerome Avenue (off Park Avenue). Featured items for sale include used household items, white elephants and small treasures.

Columbiettes Plan Trip to Bingo World in Baltimore

The South Plainfeld 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.

VFW Plans Country Breakfast

June 3

VFW Post #6763, located on Front St., will hold a Country Break-

Submit your Events for Around Town:

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.

Retirement Party To Honor Richard J. Naberezny May 30

On Wednesday, May 30, a retirement party in honor of Borough Engineer Richard J. Naberezny will be held at Sherban's Diner. The party will take place from 6 - 9 p.m. \$20 per person includes a gift, cake and a choice

of 1/2 roasted chicken, prime rib or roast beef, vegetables, salad and potato.
All who wish to attend are asked to RSVP to Jean Sherwood at (908) 226-7640 by May 18. Make checks payable to "cash" or "Jean Sherwood."

fast on Sunday, June 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. They will have a varied menu and also a children's menu is available. Donation is \$5.

The breakfast is sponsored by Pup Tent 41, Military Order of the Cooti. Proceeds go toward parties in the wards at the Lyons VAMC. For more information phone (908) 668-9751.

SP Rescue Squad Plans to Hold Open House

On Saturday, June 9, the South Plainfield Rescue Squad invites all to attend an Open House. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rescue Squad Building, 2520 Plainfield Ave. The Open House will feature extrication, first aid, CPR, automated external defibrillation demonstrations, ambulance tours, blood pressure screenings and child car seat safety checks. Refreshments will also be provided, which include hot dogs, soda, popcorn and cotton

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

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, Yankees and Somerset Patriots tickets and many gift certificates. Admission is \$5. For ticket information call Lisa at (908) 668-9750.

South Plainfield Rec Department and SAFTE Fishing Club Host Derby

The South Plainfield Recreation Department and the South Plainfield High School S.A.F.T.E Fishing Club invites everyone under the age of 18 to participate in their Annual Fish-

ing Derby.

The Derby will take place on Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. It will be held in Spring Lake Park, and prizes will be given out to the winners. If you are planning to attend this event, please bring your own fishing equipment.

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.

Knights to Sponsor Mom's Night Out Dinner July 20

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Mom's night out all you can eat" Dinner for the family. July 20, from 5-7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Call 908-625-4843 or 908-755-

6203 for more details.

9th Annual "Shotman" Basketball Camp July 30 - August 3

The 9th Annual "Shotman" Basketball Camp will be run from July 30 through August 3, at the South Plainfield High School.

For information, call Mike "Shotman" Lanza at (908) 754-2692.

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.

AARP Has Tickets for Radio City Christmas Show

November 20

The AARP have announced they have a few tickets still available to the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall on Nov. 20

The cost includes transportation from South Plainfield, lunch at an excellent restaurant and tickets in the mezzanine or orchestra. A deposit is required at time of sign-up. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

-Out of Town-

KISMET Holds Singles Event

KISMET will host "The Basics of Investing: Surviving Market Volatility" on Thursday, May 31 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at 109 North Avenue, third floor, in Westfield. Please be advised there is ample parking. \$10 at the door includes interactive presentation, refreshments and an opportunity to mingle. For more information, contact KISMET at (908) 232-8827 or visit www.thatskismet.com.

Theology Course May 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.

Brass Lantern To Host 'Artisan's Day' June 2

The Brass Lantern, at 335 Main St., Metuchen, will host 'Artisan's Day', on Saturday, June 2, from 1-3 p.m. The event will feature four lo-cal artisans; Vivian Hight, author; Diane Rubin, award winning poet;

Dawn Rodriguez, member of the Doll and Artisan's Guild - Porcelain Doll and Fairy Artist; Lars Sorensen, acrylics, water colorist, oil painter, pen and ink and sculptor.

Learn Your Genealogy In a Workshop

June 2

Learn how to trace your family tree on Saturday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m. A genealogy workshop will be held at the Buccleuch Mansion on Easton Ave. in New Brunswick.

The workshop is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolu-

tion Jersey Blue Chapter.
For information, call Lorraine
Lenkevich at (908) 754-5898.

Holy Spirit Prayer Breakfast for Men

June 12

All men are welcome to a Holy Spirit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 2, from 8-10 a.m. at the Koinonia Academy, 1040 Plainfield Ave, in Plainfield. A free full breakfast will be served. The theme of the breakfast is from Isaiah 61. "The Spirit of the Lord God brings glad tidings to the lowly, healing to the broken hearted, liberty to the captives and free-dom to the prisoners." No matter how far you might think you are from God, Jesus has His arms wide open, a smile on His face and love and forgiveness in His heart for you! Jesus loved you and so do we. Come join us for a free breakfast. This event is being sponsored by the People of Hope. For more information, call (908) 222-9722.

Westfield Workshop To Present "Annie Junior" July 26-27

We all know it's a Hard Knock Life, but join us at The Westfield Summer Workshop and we'll show you how a determined little girl changes her life to live on Easy Street. Annie Junior is an abridged version of the original *Annie*, but your favorite cast of characters are still the same. Students in the 'Paint a Play' classes will do set decoration and the Workshop Band will provide musical entertainment during the play's intermission.

No auditions are necessary to take part in the Studio One performance of Annie Junior: Participants will be required to attend all classes daily for the entire workshop, as well as dress rehearsals and evening performances. The class is open to students in grades six through eight.

The Westfield Summer Workshop

runs from June 25 through July 27. The actual performances will be held during the afternoons and evenings of July 25 and July 26.

For more information on Studio One's production or to obtain a brochure, call (908) 518-1551-.

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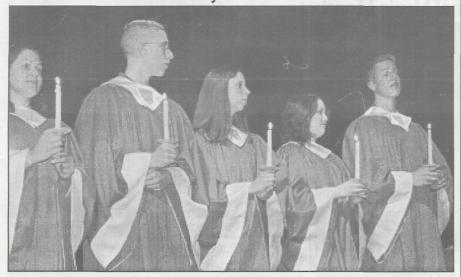
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National Honor Society Inducts 24 SPHS Students



By Patricia Abbott

On May 16, 24 South Plainfield High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society, bringing the current school membership to 57 students. The stage was simply set with a table bearing the National Honor Society banner, five unlit candles and a long line of empty chairs awaiting the inductees.

chairs awaiting the inductees.

The inductees entered from the back of the auditorium, passing family and friends as they mounted the stage from both sides.

National Honor Society President Angelique Ganiaris lit the center candle and welcomed the audience and the inductees. NHS officers Millie Patel, vice president; Adrienne Nagy secretary; Joanne Michalski, treasurer and Stephanie Pyrbella, public relations were introduced.

tions were introduced.

Four inductees: Lindsay Aiello, Gina D'Urso, Timothy Morgan and Joseph Dezmin, spoke on the characteristics that are required of NHS members, Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service. Each lit a candle representing a portion of the

SPHS Principal Mr. Tony Massaro and Vice Principal Dr. Kenneth May oversaw the Administration of Oath Membership and acceptance of new members. Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer spoke to the induces as well. The traditional NHS candle lighting ceremony followed.

candle lighting ceremony followed. Inductees for 2001 are: Lindsay Aiello, Brielle Anderson, Cassie Bosse, Jennifer Butrico, BillieJean Sarullo, Danielle Lytwyn, Jeffery McKnight,

National Honor Society Criteria for Membership

Students are selected for membership in the National Honor Society on the basis of four criteria, scholarship, character, leadership and service. Scholarship is defined as "a distinguishing feature of trait of an individual which is indicated by academic achievement." The students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 or above from grades 9-11.

Character is what a person is or the reputation of what they are thought to be. Character is demonstrated by honesty, responsibility for completion of obligations, considerate behavior toward others and appropriate behavior without disciplinary infractions. Regular school attendance without tardiness is a must for this criteria. Leadership is "..demonstrated by the ability to influence others toward positive goals." Examples of leadership are holding a school or community position or responsibility, a school office or chairmanship. Service is "demonstrated by one's substantial involvement in school and community clubs or activities."

Jenevieve DeLosSantos, Joseph Dezmin, Scott Doerr, Gina D'Urso, Rula Janj, Antonia Katasantonis, Christopher Catalfamo, Danielle Schweers, Martin Seiz, Timothy Morgan, William Olson, Matthew

Peloquin, Kevin Petrocelli, Kimberly Pfeifer, Jaclyn Cox, Michele Socha and Jacqueline Wong. Advisors are Mrs. Lois Crespy, Mr. William Helmsetter and Mrs. Monica Lehman.











Grant Central Spring Concert

On May 3, Grant Central Sixth Elementary School held their Spring concert. Despite the heat that evening, the turnout was good and the concert was great! Parents, grandparents and relatives

Parents, grandparents and relatives were entertained first by the String Ensemble, conducted by Mrs. Tedeschi, then the Wind Ensemble followed by the Concert Band, both conducted by Mr. Sturm, and lastly by the Sixth Grade Singers, conducted by Mrs. Younken.

The String Ensemble performed Saturday at the Symphony, Look Ma, No Bow!, Fun, Fun, Fun (by the Beach Boys) and Kingsbridge March. The Wind Ensemble performed Concerto For Young Artists, with solos by Ashleigh Gaspari, Brittney Holloway,

Kate Reichert, Alex Viscosi, and Justin Pauls, who also performed a cadenza. They also performed *Mission Impossible*.

The Concert Band performed Quest for the Grail, Trombonanza, with a solo performance by Daniel Becker, I Believe I Can Fly and Apollo March. The Sixth Grade Singers performed Above the Plain, The Magic Flute, The Drinking Gourd" and Some Folks Do (But We Don't).

These students all performed beautifully and have certainly come a long way! A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Stasio, Ms. Giorgio, Mrs. Hogan, Mr. Rue, Mrs. Schank and Mrs. Mikaellian for helping to make this concert a success.

Submitted by Nancy Pauls

Franklin Students To Jump Into Fight Against Heart Disease

Students from Franklin School will jump into the fight against heart disease next Thursday, May 31 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., as they participate in Jump Rope for Heart. The event is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPHERD), the Franklin School PTA and physical education teacher Drew Smith. The event benefits the American Heart Association (AHA).

Last year, 183 Franklin School students from grades 1-5 combined to raise \$8,705 for the American Heart Assoc. Since Mr. Smith introduced the fundraiser to Franklin in 1994, the students have raised \$31,755.

Students in grades 1-5 will ask family, friends and neighbors to donate

to this cause. The money will fund the AHA's heart and blood vessel research, public education and community programs. Most of all, students will be actively involved in learning about their hearts and healthful lifestyles.

"When you realize that heart attacks and strokes are America's leading cause of death, you realize how important it is to support this effort," said Mr. Smith. "Jump Rope for Heart not only supports the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs, but teaches students the benefits of regular exercise to help keep their hearts healthy."

Since it began in 1979, Jump Rope for Heart has involved over ten million teachers and students nationwide.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR MEN

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Franklin Concert Celebrates National Music Month

Franklin School's Annual Spring Concert was a celebration of National Music Month. The show opened with the string ensemble directed by Mr. Bruce Mikolon. They performed four numbers that featured both the experienced and beginners. The Franklin School Band under the direction of Miss Jessica Schimpf played three pieces that included the popular son by Queen We Will Rock You. The Franklin School Chorus is directed by Mr. Glenn Parisi, they were accompanied by Mrs. Landy. The group sang four songs, the last, Ride the Sweet Chariot, was accompanied by the fourth grade LAMP ensemble.

Beginners were: Jacey Murray, Tiffany Catarino, John Donnelly, Iyanosa Ogvevoen, Kyle Freuller, Lacey Hogan, Jillian Rutowski, Paige Herriot, Nicole Slatky, Mark McCullen, Christine Nau, Gareth Tecce, Amanda Fritze, Jessica Gregorio, Ryan Smith, Jonathan Sukenik, Gary Ferguson, Kimberly Percario, Andrew Ritchie.

Violin I were: Taryn Billich, Brittany Santoro, Alison Case, Karen Werner, James Quesada, Nathanel Udell.

Violin II were: Rebecca Deffler, Jamie Giannakis, Caitlin Herriot, Gilbert McKimm, Rachel Smith, Kaleigh White.

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On flute were: Jessica Brandes, Tara Goitiandia, Jasmine Silas, Smantha Smith, Christen Donnelly, Tina Foscolo, Cindy Hernandez.

On clarinet were: Michelle Arancio, Michael Oprysk, Julia Zappi, Theresa Huber, Alyssa McCreesh, Alexander Vaida.

On trumpet were: Gina Curcio, Andrew Dietzold, Chris Fulton, Darrly Howard, Nosavoen Ogbevoen, Katie Yon. Trombone were: Soham Gupte, Jeffery Pryor. Percussion were: William Lamastro, Christopher Pennisi, Samantha Rebimbas, Paul Cantarella, Matthew Carringer, Vincent Fazio, David Monroe, Douglas Porzio, Kevin Reviello.

Alto saxophones were: John Horvath, William Morrison, Christina Slatky, Andrew Staynings.

Tenor saxophone was Jesse Hay.

CHORUS

*Quynhnhu Doan, Kayleigh White, Samantha Rebimbas, Samantha Hogan, Jamie Giannakis, Cindy Hernandez, Matthew Carringer,







*Natasha Catarino, *Christopher Fulton, Catherine Krawiec, Jason Seigel, Victoria Nguyen, Nathanael Udell, Tina Foscolo, Janee Coleman, Brittany Norman, Meredith Ferguson, Christen Donnelly, *Alexander Vajda, Christopher Duquette, Jessica Brandes, Katie Yon, Soham Gupte,





Taylor Curtis, Samantha Smith, Ayshia King, Alyssa McCreesh, Danielle Dembia, Ashley Sacks, Alison Case, Ryan Bispo.

Alison Case, Ryan Bispo.

*Denotes fourth grade LAMP students including Michele Arancio,
Ashley Cardinale, Rebecca Deffler
and Chris Lesniak.

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Last week there was a car fire in the parking lot of the Observer. South Plainfield's newest fire truck arrived to put out the fire and we got a picture of it. This was only the second time the new engine has been used.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Before you start the publicly perceived first weekend of the summertime, here's news from the South Plainfield Library.

Plainfield Library.

The Library will be open normal hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) on Saturday, but will be closed on Sunday and Monday in observance of Memorial Day, when we remember those who gave their lives in our country's service. Also, please note that we'll be closed on Sundays until September.

Saturday is the last day of availability for this month's selection of Circuit videos. Titles in this group include The Clock, Murder at 1600, 28 Days, Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves, Jackie Chan's First Strike, and, on DVD, Rules of Engagement. If you're looking for these or other titles from this group, get 'em while they can be got.

group, get 'em while they can be got.

We'll be following our usual children's Storytime schedule next week. What, you don't know our usual children's Storytime schedule? Well, here it is: The programs are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. Each program is for children ages three and over; you don't need to register in advance. The programs last about an hour and feature stories, music and a craft activity. If you need more information, call us at (908) 754-7885. Ask for Linda Hansen, our Children's Librarian.

Here's a preview of an upcoming event: Reference Librarian Allen Kleiman will be leading another round of computer classes in June. The classes will cover subjects like the Internet and email. Watch for word of when you can sign up.

We've just added another Circuit

We've just added another Circuit collection to our inventory. Via Newark Public Library, we've received a number of books, both fiction and non-fiction, in Russian. They'll be available here for three months; the books may be borrowed for two weeks. We're also planning to add books in other languages, including Spanish and Indian languages. We'll

let you know how things develop.

And we've also just added some more DVDs to the collection. The new arrivals are the recent thriller What Lies Beneath, the blockbuster Superman-The Morie with Christopher Reeve, the Hitchcock suspense classic Rear Window and the legendary epics Ben-Hur and Cleopatra. DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

We recently installed a new phone system, which includes a voice mail system and a recorded billboard of various choices. To save you time when you call us, here's the rundown of the extensions: You can reach the Circulation Department by pressing 3. Press 4 to reach Reference; press 5 to reach the Children's Department. To reach our Director press 6; to reach the Accounting & Computer Department, press 7. You can reach the Technical Services Department by pressing 8. To hear a listing of our operating hours, press 9 and to reach an operator, press 0. But, if you'd rather not press anything, don't worry. During normal operating hours, the phone will be answered, your call directed, or your question answered by a real live person. The automated switchboard kicks in when a staff member isn't immediately available, or when we're closed. We hope the new system makes things easier for you

That's about it for today. We'll see you next Friday, when, technically, it'll still be spring.

Flo's Safari Recital And Rain Forest Cafe Piano Party

On Sunday, June 3, students from Flo's Piano Studio in South Plainfield will be putting on a Safari Piano Recital, complete with Safari Clothes. Afterwards, they will be treated to a Safari Lunch, held at the Rain Forest Cafe in Menlo Park Mall.

The recital will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the party is from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Summer Musical Looking For Cast and Crew

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop, celebrating its 30th season, is seeking actors, backstage help and musicians for this year's production, *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

Any eligible students interested in participating in this year's program are invited to the audition nights on June 4, 5 and 6 at the South Plainfield Middle School. Backstage help and musicians interested in playing in the orchestra are asked to come one of

those nights and fill out a sign-up sheet.

Students who will have completed the sixth grade this June, through those students who will graduate high school, are eligible to participate in this worthwhile program. South Plainfield residents who attend borough schools or other area schools are welcome to come out and audition.

Copies of the script and cast album are available for review at the South

Plainfield Library.

Auditions will be held between 6:30 and 9 p.m. each night at the South Plainfield Middle School, a new location this year. Students are asked to wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring a non-returnable photo. A short dance routine will be taught and you will get a chance to sing and read from the script. Prepared audition songs are not necessary, but if you will be performing your own selection, please bring sheet music. An accompanist and tape player will be available.

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Scenes from Last Week's Sacred Heart Funstival

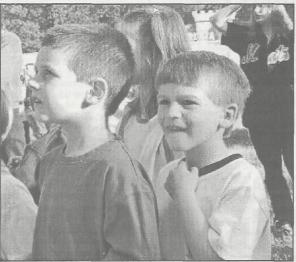












Japan Trip Remembered

South Plainfield Middle School Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage recently returned from a trip to Japan as a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar. This is a continuation of last week's story.

In the Elementary Department,

each student has an adult working with him. There were a few rooms we weren't allowed to go in because of the high level of the disability. Every student that wants to go to Senior High School has to apply. However, almost everyone was admitted.

After completing Senior High School, some continue to live at home or in group homes. Some get jobs. Companies are required to hire a certain number of the intelligent disabled, but some prefer to pay the fine instead. The school has an Olympic size pool which is shared with the public in the evening and on off days.
The students' work is displayed throughout the building, and each floor has an inside play area. The children were extremely friendly and af-

It is interesting to note that there are no special schools for problem children; However, there is one associated with the hospital. There are also no learning levels within any of the classrooms. Extra help can be obtained at the juku. A child has to be severely disabled to attend the special schools. Most parents want their children in the regular school. It is only as a result of their educational reforms that were written in 1996 (They are constantly being revised.) that they have begun to hire more counselors.

The government of Japan has tremendous respect for our educational system and wants to effect some of our results. Therefore, the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture drafted the "Program for Educational Reform." The major points of the program are as follows:

1) To enhance emotional education which fosters the cultivation of rich humanity, such as sense of right, sense

of morality, sense of compassion, in order to encourage zest for living securing more room to grow for



Phyllis Savage

2) To realize the school system that helps children to develop their individuality;

3) To reorganize schools out of respect for individual schools 'au-

4) To promote university reform and research activities

*The information contained in this article was obtained from special prepared bulletins by the government entitled 1) Monbusho, 2)Learning Opportunities and Educational Provisions, 3) Education in Tokyo, lectures, panel discussions, and observa-

(See the next article on my overnight stay with the Junko family and how the theme of respect permeates Japanese culture.)

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Boys compete at GMS Relays

By Tim Morgan

The boys spring tract team is continuing their successful season at the GMC relays on May 2 and 3. The Tigers scored a total of nine points, their

best in several years.

Several individuals had some note worthy performances at the GMC champsionships as well, with Jeff Williams and Tim Morgan scoring seven points between the two of them. At the meet, Williams ran a sub-2:00 half mile time, an outstanding feat, especially for a sophomore. State Sectionals on May 25 and 26 should precipitate some personal bests and a few runners advancing to the State Groups. Good Luck!

The Tigers have certainly been up and coming in the last few years. As sistant Coach Scott Horowitz says, "I feel that the team has come a long way since the beginning of the season. Everyone is dedicated and committed to the sport. All of the hard work and practice that we've put in is paying off." The coaches also believe that the team has great chemistry and repore and that they push each other to perform at the highest level.

On another note, for the first time in the history of the SPHS track, there will be a competitive support.

will be a competitive summer program. It will be USATF sanctioned. For more information on this and SPHS Track and Field, visit the website at www.sptrack.sports-page.com.

Results of Meets GMC Relays 4th Place: 3*400IH—John Foscolo, Brian Wilson, Ian Levine 4th Place: 4*110HH—Brian Wilson, John Foscolo, Chinne Okparakee, Phil

Thomas
6th Place: 4*800—John Foscolo, Mike DeSimone, Tim Morgan, Jeff Williams

Monmouth Invitational Jeff Williams—tied for 1st place: 800 (2:00); 5th place: 400 (52.2) Tim Morgan—3rd place: 300 (9:45); 6th place: 1500 (4:37) John Foscolo—6th place: 400IH

GMC Championships Tim Morgan - 6th place: 3200 (10:08) Jeff Williams - 3rd place: 800 (1:59.6) Mike DeSimone - 7th place: 3200

SOCCER

Typhoons Clinch Second Straight Title

The Boys U11 traveling soccer team clinched their second straight flight championship on Sunday, by defeating the tough Piscataway Scorpions 4-0. It was the Typhoons' 14th consecutive game without a loss dat-ing back to the fall season and their first title.

Both teams had a number of scoring opportunities in the first half, only to be turned away by tough goalto be turned away by tough goal-tending and key defensive stops. And even though halftime came as a score-less draw, the advantage would clearly shift in South Plainfield's favor as the wind would now be at their backs in the second half.

Piscataway however, came out tough and kept the Typhoons under control, while still creating their own opportunities on the offensive end. The turning point finally arrived at the midway point of the half when Brendan O'Shea sent a picture perfect corner kick to the far post, where Dan Pompilio's header went cleanly into the net and the tie-breaking 1-0 lead. With renewed energy, the boys took control as they peppered the home team's goal aiming for that all-important insurance goal. The pressure would eventually wear down the Scorpions, and following a couple of Piscataway threats and Jonathan Marcoux's shot off the left post, David Alston sent a laser to the upper right corner of the goal and a little breathing room at 2-0. It didn't take long

for Brian Fabino to then find the net for his seventh goal of the year and all but seal the victory. But the topper of the afternoon would come seconds ahead of the final whistle, when John Polizzano sent his dad into utter eu-phoria and the ball into the net with a long distance rocket for his first goal and the final score of 4-0.

The entire squad once again dis-played their excellent abilities and unselfish teamwork as they continue to turn away opponents week after week in convincing fashion. The Typhoons will attempt to finish their season un-defeated in two weeks when they host the Montclair Vipers at Riley School on June 3.

—Submitted by Jeff Marcoux

ing feed from right striker Joy

By Tony Cassano



juniorbaseballclub**notes**

COACHes CARE FOUNDATION - SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER, TOMORROW 9am - 9pm—As advertised, tomorrow we will be holding the first Annual 'Coaches Offering Assistance for Children's Health' (COACHes Care) Foundation Softball Fund-Raiser Marathon from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The SPJBC Coaches will be playing softball continuliosly for 12 hours against a variety of teams to help raise money for the Children's fund for the JFK Medical Center. In addition, there will be a Chinese auction and an authentic NASCAR Ward Burton #22 Caterpillar Simulator. All proceeds from the snack stand, entrance fees and the Chinese auction will go directly to the Children's Fund. Please come out and support a most worthy cause by joining your SPJBC community. For additional information, please log on to our website http:// members.aol.com/spjbc/spjbc.html.

CLUB NOTES—This past Saturday night, we held our annual 'Casino Night' party at the VFW. The sold out event was organized by the Women Auxiliary. I would like to personally thank them and all their volunteers for a great time. The food was delicious, the music was cool and the gambling (not real) was Several individuals have stepped up to run for the Executive Board and the Trustee's positions. Elections will be held at the June meeting on June 4. All raffle tickets have been distributed and the date of the drawing has been moved to Monday, June 18 at the mid month meeting. For the first two books of 20 of the gold, the caller will be entitled to a 10 of the explicit the caller will be entitled to a 10 of the explicit the caller will be entitled to a 10 of the explicit the caller will be entitled to a 10 of the explicit the caller will be entitled to a 10 of the explicit the caller will be entitled to a 10 of the explicit the explicit the caller will be entitled to a 10 of the explicit the explicit the explicit than the explicit the explicit the explication of the explicit than the explici raffles sold, the seller will be entitled to a \$10 gift certificate at Sportsworld a \$5 bonus for each book sold thereafter. Traveling All-Star Tournament team tryouts have begun and all teams will be selected by the June 4 meeting. As previously noted, we have affiliated ourselves with Babe Ruth Baseball and our All-Star teams will have the opportunity to compete at a local district, then regional and state level for the first time ever. The SPJBC complex will be closed on Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Games will resume on Tuesday, June 29.

WORK DETAIL WILL RESUME NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY-With the complex being closed this weekend our standard scheduled weekend work detail will resume next weekend at 7 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday. Volunteers are welcome to stop by on Saturday(tomorrow) to help prepare for the Softball festivities.

ALL STAR SUNDAY TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK ON JUNE 3—Our annual SPJBC All Star Sunday festivities will be held next Sunday, June 3 annual SPJBC All Star Sunday festivities will be held next Sunday, June 3. Game times are as followed. Ages 8, 10, 11, and 13 year-olds will start at 12 noon and will be followed by the 9, 12 and 14/15/16/17 year-old games at 3 p.m. Home Run Derby will resume this year for Small Fry and will be held following the first games on Field #1 at 3 p.m. and Field #3 for the later games at 6 p.m. Come out and support the SPJBC and enjoy the days festivities and baseball exhibition. I would also like to thank Pat Muglia-All Star Sunday Director and his committee for organizing this years event.

UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

May 26—Coaches Care Softball Fundraiser—All day fundraiser at the SPJBC. Start time is 9 a.m.

May 27 & 28—SPJBC Complex Closed for Memorial Day.

June 3—All Star Sunday. Start time is at 12 noon.

June 4—June monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m. Executive Board and Trustees

June 8—Somerset Patriot game, SPJBC complex will be closed. Contact John Rayho @ 754-8904 to pick up your tickets.

June 10-Raffles due back.

Ponytail Softball

ciation 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 Rec

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.

All-Star Tournament June 13, 14, 16, 17—The Ponytail Parents' Association has established and will be hosting the South Plainfield All-Star Tournament. We need the assistance of Association members in order to make this tournament a success. The tournament will take place on June

make this tournament a success. The tournament will take place on June 13, 14, 16 and 17 at the Pitt Street Complex. In addition to our South Plainfield All-Star teams, teams from Iselin, Colonia, North Plainfield, North Edison and Delaware Valley will be participating. Please join us in support

of our All-Star players for this exciting event.

Batters Box By Sharon Miller

Pool Party on June 8-The Ponytail Parents' Asso-

June 18-Raffle Drawing and Mid Month meeting to be held at 8:30.

Recreation Summer Sports Camps Announced

Soccer: June 25-29; 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Location: South Plainfield Middle School. Rain site is SPHS gym. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 8-15. Director is Drew Smith. Cost is \$35.

Baseball: July 2-July 6, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lo-cation: SPHS Ballfields. Rain site is SPHS Gym. South Plainfield residents ages 8-15. Director is Chet Czaplinski. Cost is \$35.

Field Hockey: June 25-29, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Location: South Plainfield Middle School. Rain site is SPMS Gym. Camp is open to girls ages 8-13. Director is Cheryl Hughes. Cost

Wrestling: July 2-July 6; 9 a.m. -12 noon. Location: SPHS Gym. Camp is open to boys ages 7-15. Di-

Carin is Open to boys ages 7-13. Director is Bill Pavlak. Cost is \$35.

Basketball: July 9 - 13, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: SPHS Gym. Camp is open to boys and girls ages 8-13. Director is Jeff Lubreski. Cost is \$35.

Softball: July 16-July 20; 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Location: SPHS Ballfields. Rainsite is SPHS Gym. Camp is open to girls ages 8-15. Director is Donald Panzarella. Cost is \$35

For more information call the Reccreation Department at 226-7713.

Eighth Victory for Blaze U-12 Girls

The South Plainfield Blaze U-12 girls traveling soccer team advanced their record to 8-0-1 with a win in Montclair. Facing the Montclair Wee Badgers for the first time this year, South Plainfield Blaze continues to dominate the flight. A 6-1 victory puts us in first place with one game remain-

Defensively, Blaze once again outplayed their opponent at the same time surrendering only five goals all season. Leading the defense our keeper, Becky Keller had some great saves. Our tough and talented full-backs, Tiffany Smith and Ashleigh Gaspari had a great game, shutting down the outside attack. Playing in unfamiliar positions sweeper Joy Maszczak and stopper Megan Boyle shutdownthe middle. The very de-

pendable and much improved midfield halfbacks, Ashley Little and Lauren Fry dominated the outside wing positions, while strong efforts by our strikers Kate Hardy and Denise Lopez kept the defense busy.

The first strike of the day came in the 17th minute on a beautiful unassisted shot by center mid Dorian Bishop. The second strike just before the half also came unassisted by center mid Jennifer Copeland who recorded her seventh goal of the season.

Making adjustments at half time

and experimenting in new positions, Blaze broke loose. Capitalizing on a mistake by Montclair, the third goal came in the 45th minute, when a ball was deflected off the defense and rolled in the net. The fourth tally in the 60th minute of play came on a nice cross-

Maszczak to the much improved center mid Katelyn Conrad who blasted it into the back of the net. The fifth goal in the 63rd minute again came on an unassisted shot by our talented center mid Dorian Bishop. Capping our win and putting the game out of reach for Montelair center mid Katelyn Conrad sent off a well placed pass to the middle allowing Becky Keller to slip in a shot and find the

back of the net. Fantastic job girls! Visit the South Plainfield soccer club web site at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com.

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VFW Post #6763 Installs New Officers

Last Friday night, VFW Post #6763 held their 55th Installation of officers ceremonies.

Councilmen Dennis Cerami, Ed Kubala and Ray Petronko attended the ceremonies, along with Borough Attorney Pat Diegnan and his wife Anita. Diegnan is running for State Assembly in the 18th District.

Fifty years ago, membership in the VFW was over 600 members. This year membership is down to 418 and dropping. One of the reasons the group is losing members is that the average age of a veteran is 72. Commander Rudy Poczak is asking veterans who served in Korea, Vietnam or the Gulf War to join the VFW. If you served just 30 days in Korea, you are eligible.

eligible.
The South Plainfield VFW was

formed on April 2, 1946. A section of the present VFW building, located on Front St., is made out of barracks from Camp Kilmer. The remainder of the building was built by the hands of veterans from South Plainfield.

This year the VFW reinstituted a special award and presented it to Arthur Bullwinkel during the ceremonies. He was awarded a Life Membership in the VFW. Bullwinkel has been an extraordinary volunteer. He has done numerous repairs to the building, including painting the downstairs. He recently restored the 'Cross of Malta,' which hangs in the main hall. He is also the top seller in "poppy" sales. Bullwinkel can be seen all over town selling "poppies" and is already ahead of he record sales of last years.

Officers who were installed this year are: Commander Rudy Poczak, Sr. Vice Commander Metro Kopchak, Jr. Vice Commander Bruce Bird, Chaplain Michael Pancza (his 25th year), Post Advocate/Officer of the Day Arthur Bullwinkel and Post Surgeon George Jepson. Trustees are Jake Martinez, Philip Cortese and Julius Peterson. The Quartermaster/Adjutant is Carl Zakzewski.

Officers for the Woman's Auxiliary are: President Dorothy DeWolf, Sr. Vice President Alice McHugh, Jr. Vice President Harriet Square, Conductress, Midge Poczak, Chaplain Marilyn Bird, Guard Mary Zak, Treasurer Mary Rauer, Secretary Viola Gratta. Trustees are Jean Panzer, Jean Youngman and Joan Jepson.

Danielle Tramutolo Top Fundraiser at Franklin Math-A-Thon

By Patricia Abbott

Franklin School students recently completed a very successful Math-A-Thon which raised \$8063.67 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The top fund-raiser at Franklin School was second grade student Danielle Tramutolo from Mrs. Stuewe's class. Danielle raised \$458.65 and won a personal CD player for her outstanding efforts.

The St. Jude Math-A-Thon program is an educationally based fundraising program in which participants obtain sponsors who contribute a set amount of money for each math problem completed. The math problems are set in special books provided to grades K-9.

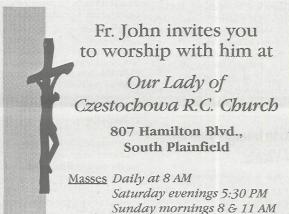
The program, sponsored nationally by Six Flags Theme Parks, is in its 22nd year. In addition to supplementing math skills taught in class the program instills an important message, the importance of helping others. Students help provide a brighter future for children with cancer and other life threatening diseases.

St. Jude was founded in 1962 by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas. Today more than 70 percent of all children with cancer are survivors. Franklin School students can feel proud that they had a hand in help-



ing children overcome cancer.

Franklin School Math-A-Thon volunteer coordinator teacher, Mary Ann Stavina, commented; "We are very proud of our students for working so hard on the Math-A-Thon. With their help, St. Jude Hospital will be able to create new treatments that may one day lead to a cure for many forms of cancer that will benefit the children of our state, our country and around the world. I want to extend our thanks to the South Plainfield community for supporting our students. It takes all of us to make a difference in the lives of children with cancer, we can all feel proud of our response. Congratulations to all who participated."



Jr. Baseball Club Helps JFK Medical Center Children

On Saturday May 26th, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is holding a softball marathon to help the newly formed Children's Fund at JFK Medical Center. The club has formed C.O.A.C.H.es Care (Coaches Offering Assistance for Children's Health), and they will play twelve hours of softball between 9:00 a.m and 9:00 p.m. In conjunction with the softball being played, people will have an opportunity to ride in the Ward Burton #22 Caterpillar NASCAR simulator.

There will also be a Chinese Auction with various prizes being raffled off.

Some of the prizes gathered to date are a Reggie Jackson autographed ball and picture, two Phil Rizzuto autographed balls, Christina Applegate autographed Just Visiting promo poster, Jonathon Schaech autographed *The Forsaken* poster and tshirt, a Ward Burton Autographed NASCAR poster, a cellular phone, and many other prizes.

Also the club is selling COACHES CARE T-shirts which can be purchased prior to the event by contacting Tom McCreesh.

The snack stand will be open all day and everyone is invited down to share in this special day



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Shotman Basketball Camps Scheduled

like yesterday that the 2000 SHOTMAN Summer Camp ended, and we were saying goodbye to another successful group of campers. Well, don't look now, but the summer is fast approaching, and that means the 2001 Annual Shotman Basketball Summer Camp at SPHS will be soon here.

Mike "Shotman" Lanza, Director of Shotman Basketball Camps will be giving kids pointers on shooting, free throw shooting, ball handling, passing, and defense as well as men tal concentration, conditioning, and preparation. This year's summer camp will run from July 30 to Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for boys and girls ages 11 to 18. The price is

\$125 for the week's activities. You must register by June 30, or you will have to pay a \$50 late fee. So either print out an application at our web site, or register online at active.com.

For more information, please go to our web site at: http://www.shot-man.net, or contact Mike Lanza at (908)-754-2692, or via e-mail at mlanza@shotman.net.

Obituaries

Loretta (Peterson) Vardy, 73

Loretta (Peterson) Vardy died on Tuesday, May 15 at Muhlenberg Re-gional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Vardy had resided there for most of her life before settling in South Plainfield in

She had been employed by the City of New York as a researcher for the Arson Task Force for 12 years, before retiring in 1994.

She is predeceased by her daugh-

ter, Gabrielle Vardy, and her son, George Vardy, Jr.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, George F.; three daughters, Loretta Vardy and her husband Barry Herrmann of Manassas, Va., Anne Vardy Newman and her husband, Raymond, of Plainfield, and Eileen Titone and her husband, Michael, formerly of Plainfield; a son, Stephen and his wife, Cheilaugh (Garvey) Vady, of Guilford, Conn.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, Fiona, Gemma, Cooper, Gabrielle, Andrew and Matthew.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Kyla Immani Hawkins, 7 Weeks

Kyla Immani Hawkins, a sevenweek-old new born, died on Thurs-day, May 17, at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick. Born on March 31, 2001 she was a special gift to her parents, Janine Torian and Eugene Hawkins.

In addition to her parents, Kyla is survived by her maternal grandpar-

ents, Karen (McLane) and Wally Torian and her paternal grandparents, Evelyn (Hayler) and Joseph Carrington, all of Plainfield. Her uncle, Jarret Torian and her aunts, Ameka Wilburn and Yolanda Hawkins. She is also survived by a host of other family members and friends.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Michael A. Caruso, 84

Michael A. Caruso died Monday, May 21 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Born in North Plainfield, Mr. Caruso spent most of his life in North Plainfield and lived in Middlesex for a short time before settling in Plainfield in the 1950's.

He was extremely active as a youth with local organized sports and continued his love by becoming a coach and manager in the Plainfield Little

Mr. Caruso was a self-employed barber. His shop was located in Plainfield on the corners of Church and Second St., operating there for many years before retiring at the age of 62.

He was a veteran of WWII, where he served in the US Army. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his actions in Italy.

He was a member of the Somerville Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Caruso was the manager of his son's rock and roll band the "Ascots," which later became the "Dough-Boys." Mr. Caruso was also the manager of the Caruso Big Five Basketball Team.

He is predeceased by his sister,

Mary Rayder and his brother, Albert

Surviving are his wife, Anna (Ballome) Caruso; three sons, Mi-

chael J. of Pittstown, Frank R. of Plainfield and John C. "Jack" Caruso of Phillipsburg; a sister, Camille Corna of Scotch Plains and three brothers, Louis of North Plainfield. Frank of North Plainfield and Mario

Also surviving are his four grand-children, Ryan and Kelly, Angela and

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Lucille H. Smith

Lucille H. Smith died on Saturday, May 19 at Somerset Medical Center.

Born in Brooklyn, she resided in Woodside Queens, for 40 years and Glenwood, NJ for the past 10 years.

She was employed as an executive ecretary for Ogilvy & Mather of NYC for 20 years, retiring in 1991.

Ms. Smith was a member of St. Francis Church in Vernon, and a member of the Leisure Club also of Vernon, where she was a vice presi-dent. She was also a member of the Senior Board Committee until 2000.

Surviving are her brother, Donald F. Smith, Sr. of Easton, Pa.; six nieces, Marianne Colalillo of Readington Twsp., Deirdre Bukowski of Green-brook, Patricia Critelli of Neschanic, Christine Grzeszczak of Piscataway, Claudia Ortuso and Joanne Karch, both of Somerset and one nephew, Donald F. Smith, Jr. of Bound Brook. Also surviving are her three great nephews and six great nieces.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Della E. (Schaefer) Devine, 91

Della E. (Schaefer) Devine died on Sunday, May 20, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Devine was born in Newark and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 45 years.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

Her husband, James J. Devine, died in 1989 and her brother, James M. Devine, died last year.

Surviving are her daughter and sonin-law, Pauline and Kurt Beese and her daughter-in-law, Velma Devine, all of South Plainfield; four grandchildren, Kurt and Paul Beese, James Devine and Valerie Hall and by her five great grandchildren, Daniel Beese, James and Matthew Devine and Brianna and Caitlin Hall.

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Girl Scout Moms/Daughters **Enjoy Their Pajama Party**

Story/Photos by Patricia Abbott

A pajama party was the theme of the Kennedy School Girl Scouts end of year mother/daughter dance. Both moms and girls arrived at the dance attired in their pjs and slippers, some even carried around a favorite stuffed animal. As with any pajama party, food played an important role. The girls filled their plates often in between dancing, giggling and dragging mom out to the dance floor.

Seven troops, totaling 147 mothers and daughters attended the event which was hosted by fifth grade Troop #883. The dinner was catered by Durham Deli and non-stop music was provided by Kevin Murtagh (pictured right). The successful event ended ith the tired girls all ready for bed. Members of the host Troop 883 are: Elizabeth Valentino, Kelly Remsing, Caitlin Davies, Samantha Rivera, Vanessa Casteblanco, Sarah Schulte, Constance Flanagan, Chelsea Siosson, Chelsea Mobourak











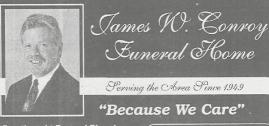




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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that Harry Popik has applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of Sc Plainfield for Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval to permit the construction of a three-family dwel on the property located at Block 267, Lot 27, and known as 139 Hamilton Boulevard.

Said application incorporates variances from the South Plainfield Borough Zoning Code previously granted by the Board, memorialized in Resolutions of the Board dated May 5, 1998 and March 20, 2001 in Application #32-97, as follows:

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and such other variances and for waivers as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Board aring on said application will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Char ugh Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, at which time any interested person may be erning said application.

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

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

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Lot #4.02 Block #366

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by David T. -Miglis for public improvements at 593 Arlington Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, known as Lot 4.02, in Block #386 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 PM Monday, June 4, 2001 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

David T. Miglis 593 Arlington Ave. South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Copy deadline for the Observer is Monday, 5 p.m. for the following Friday's publication. Send to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Fax to (908) 668-8819, email us at GGNAN@aol.com. BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

May 17, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board Adjustment at its meeting hod on May 15, 2001

A. Case #16-O1-Michael Czarnik—Block 211; Lot 10; 143 Jerome Ave.—Applicant's request for a front yard variance to construct an above ground pool was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

C. Case #30-01/S—Xtreme Clean Auto Spa, Inc.: Block 295, Lot 7.01; 1425 New Market Ave.: Applicant's request for a use variance and bu variances was hereby GRANTED, with condition

D. Case #26-00/T—Karl Jackson, Majestic Auto.— Block 522; Lot 1; 132 South Ave.—Applicant's request for a temporary use permit to continue operating a towing business was hereby APPROVED.

Janice 1. Mucciilli Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment 1T May 25, 2001

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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3 & 4 year olds: Gina Aucello, Sara Bichler, Tommy Burler, Valerie Cecchettini, Jessica Dandola, Shannon Fonti, Corey Glucksman, Jordan Handwerger, Cheyenne Locklear, Dakota Pauls, Christopher Prasek, Robert Puckett, Katie Simmonds, Matthew Vargas, Tyler Van Blarcom. Their teachers are Ms Devon, Ms Debbie, Ms Lauren and Ms Jenn. 3 & 4 year olds: Ian Brewer, Mark

11:45 a.m.-11 p.m.

Butrico, Michaella Butrico, Lauren Decellis, Christopher Graves, Taylor Maistickle, Steven Merrill, LJ Scarpitto, Frank Butrico, Nicole Bythell, Ben Cochrane, Amanda Larson, Alyssa Maurath, Matthew O'Brien, Melanie Rajpal, Daniel Spear. Their teacher is Ms Lynne.

Pre-K: Joseph Bermudez, Kayla Bridges, Shannon Bulter, Heather

Carr, Daniel Cooper, Brandon Gra-ham, DW Greder, Jonathan Grennier, Shanequa Johnson, Carly Kensey, Haley Marks, Tucker Merkler, David Niedzielski, Kaitlyn Sheedy. Their teachers are Ms Heather and Ms Julie

Pre-K: Nina Bavosa, Christopher Burton, Jason Carr, Anthony Chirumbolo, Joseph Deladvitch, Erika Holterman, Raymond Jazicoff, Shelly Luong, Mia Matthis, Corey Nieper, Brittney Papa, Allyson Piersanti, Jack Schiavo, Inan Sikel, Daniel Vargas. Their teachers are Ms Robin and Ms Jessie.

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- Pl. women's home.

 A Calderone St. resident reported
- receiving harassing phone calls from her son's ex-griffriend's landlord.

 A Delmore Ave, resident reported that her car had been keyed and her tire had been flattened while parked on the street over night.

 • A Camden Ave. resident reported
- that the front license plate was miss-
- ing on his car.

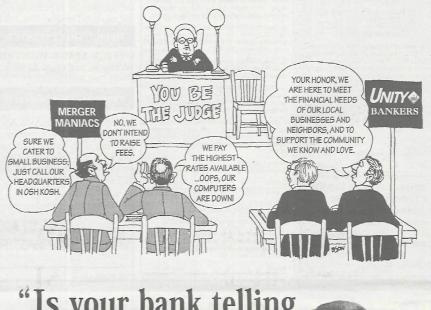
 On May 16, a Somerville women was arrested for attempting to leave K-Mart without paying for a pot and

- Cosmed Group, So. Clinton Ave., reported that five boxes of clear plastic floor runner had been stolen from
- · On May 18, a Woodland Ave. resident reported that her front license plate had been stolen from her parked vehicle at Sacred Heart Church
- On May 19, an employee of Easy Street Salon and Spa on Stelton Rd. reported that upon arriving at work, the area around the front desk had been ransacked. Approximately \$2,600 in cash and checks, and credit
- and orecipts were stolen along with an Olympus digital camera.

 A fight took place at a party on James St. on May 19 at approximately 12 a.m. When police arrived a male suspect ran into the woods, was pursued and arrested.
- On Monday, Ramtech Inc. on Kennedy Rd. reported that the front

office window had been broken and a Kawasaki dirt bike was missing.

- A Home Depot employee re-ported that a male and female had walked off with over 100 pieces of lumber, a saw horse, concrete trowels and expansion joints. They loaded the items onto a Penske rental truck and when asked to see a receipt they explained that another employee had taken the receipt. They drove off in what could be the Penske truck that was reported stolen earlier in the
- Quick Food on Park Ave. reported damage to the lock of their front door, possibly by a pry tool.
 Drug Fair on South Plainfield
- Ave. reported that two males and two females had attempted to leave the store with concealed items. When questioned they left the items and the



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