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#### JUNE 29, 2001

These photos show that it took a village to perform the aroundbreaking ceremonies which were held last Wednesday. Members of the Board of Education, along with two students from each school, performed the ceremonies. All of these projects are due to the approval by voters of the bond referendum passed in April



## School Board Ground Breaking Marks The Start of Several School Projects

Last Wednesday, the lawn of the Middle School was filled with people wearing huge smiles on their faces. They were present to take part in the ground breaking ceremonies which officially kickoff several school board special projects that were approved by voters in this year's bond referendum.

The Middle School was chosen for the groundbreaking ceremonies because it will be the first project to be done. The Middle School will be installing new boilers this summer. The school has desperately been in need of new boilers for some time. Other school board projects covered by the bond referendum are a new Roosevelt School, refurbishing the old Roosevelt to become the Central Office Administration Building, adding 10 classrooms to Grant School and upgrading the electrical and technological infrastructure in the high school, middle school, Grant Central and all elementary schools. This is all part of the \$19.2M bond referendum passed in April. The state is kicking in \$6.6M towards this project.

Former Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri, who will be retiring in a few weeks, was on hand wearing one of the biggest smiles. Board Member Frank Mikorski praised Ferri's dedication and persistence in getting the referendum passed and his endless work in getting Grant Central Sixth Grade ready for sixth graders last year. He worked day and night to see that the school was done, spending his days, nights and weekends, pitching in and doing a lot of the work along side the other workers.

Speaking to the crowd, Ferri said he was going out on a high note with the passage of the bond referendum, which will bring South Plainfield School's into the new millennium, he was leaving with the district in good hands.

The actual groundbreaking was done by two students from each school chosen to hold the symbolic shovels, along with the board members. They were high school students Kristyn Cialariello and Tom Doyon, Grant students Wael Kanj and Nicole Benek, Middle School students Toni Ciccia and Caitlin English; Kennedy students Jorge Alvarez and Jared Czech; Roosevelt students Nicolas Jankoski and Erica Linick; Frankiln students Brittany Burton and Christopher Pennisi (Also Thomas B. Lenahan Award Winners) and Riley students Robert Harrington and Linsday Fredericks.

Special plaques were presented to Tracey Hartmann, for her hard work *Continued on page 16* 

## **Bicyclists Hit By Car at Maple/** Lakeview Avenue Intersection Recent Rash of Accidents Cause Concern

The corner of Maple Ave and Lakeview has seen an increase in accidents in the past few weeks. Four children, two on bicycles and two crossing the road, have been struck by motorists recently, alarming both the police department and Mayor Dan Gallagher. In fact there have been over 11 incidents at that intersection in recent months. The Mayor is asking the Traffic Safety Advisory Council to study the corner and recommend what can be done to improve safety.

Traffic, both pedestrian and automobile, will be increasing at that very busy corner, with the new Senior Center about to be constructed there.

The children who were struck by cars could all have been severely injured in any one of these incidents. Luckily none of these children were seriously injured. Oddly enough, none of these accidents were the fault of the motorist.

This week, students start summer vacation and they will be walking, running and riding bikes all over town for the next few months. Motorists are asked to be extra careful when driving around town and to keep an eye out for the children in the roadways walking or riding their bikes. Parents should take a minute and

Parents should take a minute and sit down and talk to their children about safety, both riding bikes and crossing streets. Keep tabs on your kids during the summer months and make sume you know where they are

make sure you know where they are. Last week's accident involved a child riding a bike without a helmer on a very busy street, near a dangerous intersection. Remember, it is illegal for children to ride a bicycle without a helmet.

Let's make this a safe summer for every child in town!



Police Chief Robert Merkler and Mayor Dan Gallagher cut the ribbon, opening the new PAL Building

## Expanded PAL Building Celebrates With Gala Grand Opening

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#### **By Patricia Abbott**

Fifteen years ago the busy Recreation Commission found that the original PAL building was well on it's way to becoming inadequate to fill the growing needs of the town's youth. A more spacious, modern facility was needed. The idea blossomed and the dream began. The Recreation Commission set out on a vigorous campaign to add an extension onto the building, along with many youth sports programs, did their share with ongoing fundraisers. The years crawled by and the dream seemed to be at a stand still. Yet like the fabled tortoise the steady push forward was successful.

The hard work of many people over a decade and a half was celebrated with a ribbon cutting grand-opening ceremony. An onslaught of rain kept the ceremony inside. The expanded lobby was filled with guests. Councilman Ray Petronko opened the event. He remarked on the early years of the PAL and spoke of the long road that had finally reached an end. He offered recognition to the many involved in the long term project. The ribbon cutting was performed by Mayor Dan Gallagher and Police Chief Robert Merkler. Merkler also unveiled the original plaque that dedicated the *Continued on page 16* 





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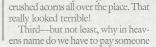
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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, 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.



First—Who's great idea was it? I never received a letter stating that we

had an option whether or not we had a choice to have the tree planted in

Second—When the trees are pull-ing up the sidewalks and causing them

to crack -why didn't they plant a dif-ferent kind of tree? One that doesn't

drop acorns and branches all over the our nicely groomed side walks. The

second year after they were planted, I

spent three long hours in the hot sun edging my side walk and curb by

hand, so it would look good. The very

next day I had acorns all over it and

living on Plainfield Ave., the pedes-trian traffic is very heavy, so I also had

front of our houses!!

township can cut the roots. I have lived in my house for over 20 years. I have a maple tree planted in the front of my house that was there when I purchased the house in 1976. The roots still aren't doing the damage your

#### 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.

several complaints about this. There has been nothing in the papers, which I plan on doing next, of course, that's unless you censor the letters to the paper. One last question; why don't all the houses have the trees? Why was I one of the unlucky ones? I was also told that we cannot cut the trees down, yet the house up the block from me on the corner cut theirs down. I live at 1828 Plainfield Ave. I pay taxes just like everyone else. I honestly did not expect the township to so something so stupid that would cost the homeowners more money. I honestly think we pay enough taxes to have this problem taken care of by the township. Thank you for your time,

GAIL CAMPBELL

P.S. Isn't this an election year? Maybe I should e-mail McGreevey and Bob Franks also.

#### SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES

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

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## southplainfieldpeople Larry Milestones

## **Douglas Tackach Graduates From** Middlesex County Fire Academy

Douglas Tackach, a 2001 South Plainfield High School graduate, has served as a junior fire fighter since 1999 with the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. Within the fire department, according to Fire Chief Joseph Abbruzzese, he received in-house instruction from a senior fire fighter, and detailed sixteen week training in school. He then passed an intensive examination. As a result of Douglas' dedicated work, training and hours of service with the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire De-

partment, Douglas graduated from the Middlesex County Fire Academy on Tuesday, June 26. He will be certified by the state of New Jersey as a fire fighter.

Very skilled with computers, Douglas was also one of the premiere de-signers of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department's website. An-other outcome attributed to his success was that he was on the scene with the South Plainfield fire fighters during the recent fire at Sullivan's Auto Body Shop.

## Dawn Jeffreys Earns "Master Board Member" Certification Through School Boards Association

Dawn Jeffreys, a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education, is among 93 individuals in New Jer-sey to earn the "Master Board Member" designation through the New Jersey School Boards Association's Board Member Academy

The Association's Board of Directors recognized her achievement d ing a special ceremony held on May 18.

"The recipients of the Master Board Member designation show extraordinary dedication to their responsibilities as board members, a sponstonities as board memory a sincere commitment to their com-munities' public schools, and a firm belief in effective governance of the public schools through the local school board," said NJSBA President

school Doard, and Patti J. Pawling. "New Jersey's Master Board Members completed an advanced course of study designed to enhance their

knowledge and competence in strate-gic planning, negotiations and lead-ership," she added.

ership," she added. "They also passed an NJSBA ad-

ministered exam to earn the advanced

Jeffreys previously earned the Academy's Certified Board Member designation. To obtain the master

board member award, Jeffreys earned 20 additional credits beyond the ba-

sic certification. Core areas of study include school finance, school law, la-

bor relations, board member ethics,

strategic planning, group dynamics

and school-community relations. The NJSBA Board Member Acad-

emy provides training to New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members.

The Association launched the Board Member Academy in July 1992.

underwritten in part by a grant from

Implementation of the Academy

the Potential Foundation

certificate.

## Randolph's History **Program** is "A Hit!"

The "History of South Plainfield, a program held at the South Plainfield Public Library on June 19, drew more than 50 people.

The hour long slide program, pre-sented by South Plainfield Environmental Commission Chairman Larry Randolph, covered events from the geologic formation of this area to the modern industrial era. Following the rogram, senior area residents remi-isced about their childhoods in South

Plainfield over the refreshment table. The success of the program may be just the beginning of a series of local history programs sponsored by the Friends of the Woods, a subcommittee of the South Plainfield Envi ronmental Commission. We anticipate a walking tour of the Baptistown Cemetery on New Market Road, and perhaps an explora-tion of the Lenape and earlier Paleoindian occupation of South Plainfield.

Residents should to be able to ad cess the information covered in Larry's program by September. A website on South Plainfield's history is in development by Larry and FOŴ members Dorothy and Sarah Miele.



## Safety Bug Visits South Plainfield to "Drive" Home Safety

In celebration of National Home Safety Week, June 10-16, the MSA Safety Bug was at the South Plainfield Home Depot on Friday, June 15, as part of its cross-country trip through 14 major U.S. cities this summer

The Safety Bug is a 1999 Volks-wagen Beetle that's been customized to resemble one of the company's key products — a hard hat. During the event, the Safety Bug staff presented safety demonstrations to help educate the do-it-yourselfers about the impor-tance of home safety.

Alarming statistics have motivated the Safety Bug program.

• On average, every four seconds, a disabling injury occurs in the home.

• More than 25 percent of all injuries requiring emergency room visits occur at home

• More than 8.4 million visits to emergency rooms are made each year due to accidental falls.

• If you would like more information on the safety statistics, please con tact Jennifer May, 412-456-3669.

### **DMS** Systems **Remains Crossing Guard** Company

DMA Systems will again be hired to perform the crossing guards du-ties during the next school year.

This is the same company that was hired last year. The Borough only ceived one bid for the service, but felt that this company has done a good job and should be hired again this vear.

## **Emergency Blood Shortage Declared in NJ**

NJ Blood Services has declared an emergency blood donor appeal effec-tive immediately due to the critically low blood supply. Anyone eligible to donate is being urged to call NJ Blood Services at 1-800-933-BLOOD to make a donation appintment at one of many convenient blood drives or permanent sites spon-sored by NJ Blood Services. "Due to our low blood inventory,

we were forced to cut shipments of Type O to NJ area hospitals six weeks ago, and we have been chronically short of Type B Negative blood since the beginning of the year. Following the July 4 holiday, we may have no Type O and very little B Negative blood to ship," explained John Giandelone, Executive Director of NJ Plood Services, NIRS is the driften Blood Services. NJBS is the chief sup-plier of life-saving blood products to early 60 hospitals in New Jersey.

Blood shortages severely compro-mise health care delivery and can re-sult in cancelled surgeries, emergency room closures, administering type-mismatched transfusions to hospital patients or worse.

"We know donations in recent ears have been impacted by changing workplace dynamics resulting in reduced workforces and increases in telecommuting and consulting. We also know lack of free time and convenience are factors," pointed out Mr. Giandelone. "But there is simply no substitute for donated blood."

Confusion over donor eligibility may also be a factor in this summer's blood shortage. "We suspect donors and potential donors are confused about who can donate given all that's been reported about what is termed 'mad cow disease' in Europe," stated Giandelone. "But at present any risk of transmitting the human form of 'mad cow disease' remains theoreti-cal, versus the real risk of no blood, and there are no changes in our cur-

rent donor eligibility requirements." A more chronic contributing fac-tor to this summer's blood shortage is the generally low donor participation rate in our community. "Less than two percent of eligible people actually donate blood locally versus a nationwide average of five percent Mr. Giadelone pointed out. "While we did see some donor increases last year, they have not kept pace and current donations aren't enough to meet

the growing demand for blood." NJ Blood Services, a division of NY Blood Center says demand for blood is up two percent yet collections since the beginning of its fiscal year on April 1 are five percent behind goal. Fur

thermore, the ability to import domestically is shrinking due to blood shortages elsewhere throughout the nation, and European imports into the New York metropolitan area have declined ten percent so far this calendar year from last year. This increasing demand is not just

a local issue. The National Blood Data Resource Center projects need-ing an additional one million one hundred thousand pints of donated blood to meet hospital patient transfusion needs this year. An aging population, an increase in cancer cases requiring transfusion support and more routine yet sophisticated surgeries (such as open heart and organ trans-plant) account for much of the increased demand.

"As the ability to import blood to close our supply demand/gap contin-ues to shrink, we simply must become a self-sufficient community as regards blood collection. The lives of eight million men, women and children are at risk. That's why I'm urging all those 17 or older, weighing more than 110 pounds and in good general health to 'Give Blood and Save a Neighbor' this summer," concluded Giandelone.

## Michael Chrysanthopolous Will **Examine Field of Medicine**

Recently, Michael Chrysantho-polous of South Plainfield was accepted to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED), taking place in Philadelphia from July 22 to July 31. NYLF/MED is a career development program for high school stu-dents who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an Chrysanthopolous will join 350 other high school other high school students from around the country. Throughout the ten-day forum,

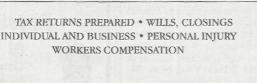
NYLF/MED will introduce Chrysanthopolous to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, including site visits to medical facilities and clinics.

Students will be faced with Problem-Based Learning, an educational method familiar to most students in medical school, where they are presented with a set of patient symptoms and must come to a diagnosis and prognosis for the symptoms. "The National Youth Leadership

Forum provides an invaluable perspective for students who participate in our medical forum," said Donna Weldin, executive director of NYLF. "The relationship we forge with health care facilities throughout the country provide these young people with an eye-opening experience, in-troducing them to the broad spectrum of medical careers.'

In addition to site visits to cutting edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Chrysanthopolous will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with leaders within the medical field. Students have up-close personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

NYLF is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various pro-fessions to life, empowering outstanding high school students with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. In addition to forums on medicine, NYLF of fers programs for students interested in law or national activity. Since its inception in 1991, more than 50,000 young people have benefited from NYLF programming. For ad-ditional information, visit them on their website at www.nylf.org.



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#### Trip to The Lion King July 5

The Rec Department is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to

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.

#### OLC/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive July 10

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and South Plainfield Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive It will be held at the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 3 to 8:30 p.m. on July 10.

Contact Carolyn Yankoski at 908-755-2516 for more information.

#### Polish National Home 9th Annual Golf Tournament

July 15

The Polish National Home's 9th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 15 at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Tee off is at 11 a.m. \$80 includes green fees, cart, sleeve of golf balls and refreshments. A buffet is to follow at the Polish Na-tional Home. The deadline to pay the entry fee in full is July 1. Call (908) 668-9442 for more information.

#### 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 on July 20, from 5-7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Call 908-625-4843 or 908-755-6203 for more details.

## 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.

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

The 9th Annual "Shotman" Bas-ketball 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.

#### SPHS Tigers to Host 7th South Plainfield Open August 8

The South Plainfield Golf Association has announced plans to hold the South Plainfield Open on Wednesday, August 8 at Bunker Hill Golf Course. This is the Seventh Annual Golf Tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team.

This year's entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, cart, prizes, food & beverages. Check-in is at 7 a.m., during which a continental breakfast will be served. There will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, and a special hole-in-one prize.

Corporate sponsorships are avail-able. All proceeds go to support the activities of the High School Golf Team and the SPGA's scholarship program.

Registration is on a first come basis with a deadline of July 23. For more information contact Lynne Gaspari (908) 668-1867, or Dick DeAndrea (908) 755-1700. You can also register for the tour-nament on-line and find out about

the corporate sponsor programs at www.spga.org.

#### Wesley United to Hold **Bible School** Aug. 13-Aug. 17

ALL ABOARD !!! Wesley United Methodist Church 1500 Plainfield Ave., invites all children to journey with us on a "Good Neighbors Tour" of the Bible at Summer Vacation Bible School. The program runs Aug. 13 through Aug. 17, weck-nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be fun activities including crafts, music and snacks. Please call 908-757-2838 and register by Aug. 1.

#### -Out of Town-

Homeschooling Presents Conference June 30

The Unschoolers Network will be holding their annual conference at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft on June 30.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. Key-note speaker Michael Fogler is an author and stay-at-home dad. There will be workshops offered all day.

For more information or a registration form, contact the Unschoolers Network, 2 Smith St., Farming-dale, NJ 07727 or call Nancy at (732) 938-2473.

#### Middlesex WOWs Hold Anniversary Dinner June 29

The Middlesex East WOWs Carteret Chapter will hold a 20th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Fri-day, June 29 at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, from 6-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$30 and tickets are required. For more information, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

#### NJ Repertory Company Premieres Play

July 12 through August 5

The New Jersey Repertory Com-pany, Lumia Theatre, 179 Broadway in Long Branch, presents the New Jersey premiere of Stan Lachow's new comedy, Harry and Thelma in the Woods. Performances run July 12-Aug. 5, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25, with discounts available for students, senior citizens and groups. For reservations, call (732) 229-3166. For additional information, visit www.nirep.org.

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

#### SPHS Class of 1980 Plans Picnic August 11

South Plainfield High School Class of 1980 will hold a Family Picnic on Saturday, August 11 at Merrill Park, Grove 1A, Iselin, NJ.

RSVP by contacting Dayel Jones Giammarino at (908) 754-4255 or by e-mail at the8gs@aol.com or Jackie DiDario Vill at (908) 757-0204 or at Vill@erols.com.

#### **KISIMET Hosts Singles Event** August 17

KISMET will host an After Work Social For Single Professionals, on Thursday, August 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. It will take place at The Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Rd., Warren. \$10 at the door includes refreshments. For information, contact (908) 232-8827 or visit www.thatskismet.com.

## **YMCA Kids Place Holds** 2001 Spring Fling



YMCA Kids Place, located on Park Avenue, held their Spring Fling on Thursday, June 21.

Starting off the graduation ceremo-nies was Director Cari Ann Flynn, who gave a warm welcome to all in attendance.

President & CEO of the Plainfield Area YMCA Ray E. Day was next with opening remarks.

The program began with the Pre-K classes putting on a musical num-ber for the audience. Their songs included Good Evening, Did ... Come To School Today, I Love You, and I Believe I Could Fly.

Next, the spirited kindergarten class performed their songs, I Wave My Flag, Grand Old Flag, The Raindrop Song, and The Letter People Song.

Miss Adrienne then led the group in dances to music from The Lion King.

Miss Dianne ended the perfor-

mance portion of the ceremony with All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

The graduation ceremonies then commenced with the distribution of diplomas for graduates of Miss Dianne's kindergarten class.

Closing remarks were then made by Director Cari Ann Flynn. Congratulations to the graduates!

## Franklin Students Study All 50 States in Social Studies

Franklin School students and par-ents recently enjoyed a tour of all 50 states without ever leaving the Thomas P. Lenahan Gymnasium. The annual fifth grade Social Studies Fair provided the trip of the USA via de-tailed displays of the states. Each child chose a state and began research.

They had conferences with event coordinator fifth grade teacher Mrs. Nancy Donahue during each phase of their project. The end results were displays ranging from simple to elabo-rate. The hard work of the student's

#### **Polish National** Home Now Serving Lunch

The Polish National Home kitchen is now open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 neuron p.m. serving hot and cold lunches, including daily specials. Take out and delivery available. Call (908) 668-9442 for more information or to place an order.

was obvious. Within limited space they provided information on their chosen state such as; major industries, capital, nickname, and more.

This year the students added two new features to the annual event - they dressed to represent their state and some displays offered samples such as cheese from Wisconsin, pineapple for Hawaii. The room was a beehive of activity as the lower grades viewed the displays. Fifth grade presenters were well prepared with an overview of their state and answers to questions.

## Gourmet coffee, tea, popcorn, crackers and cheeses. Mohn's Flowers & Fancy Foods \$\$\$\$\$ 2325 Plainfield Ave. So. Plainfield, NJ (908) 561-2808 Corporate Accountants Weld

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## "But It Was Just A Little Fender Bender..."

Dr. Patrick M. Aiello, D.C.

Whiplash... it's a scary word... but it's even scarier for those who are unfortunate to have been in a car accident. Millions of people have experienced the trauma and problems associated with whiplash, which is most often caused by auto ac-

cidents but can also occur as a result of falls, or sports trauma. But what exactly is whiplash? Well,

But what exactly is whiplash? Well, it's a sudden, damaging wrench of the head and neck. Muscles react to the initial injury by pulling or rebounding in the opposite direction. If the head happens to be turned in a certain way when that motion occurs, things can get complicated.

Signs of whiplash are usually apparent immediately following an accident. These are: headache, neck pain, soreness, stiffness, blurred vision, dizziness, arm and/or shoulder discomfort, lower back pain and reduced flexibility. Sometimes, however, these don't manifest themschves until days later. Thus, a lack of symptoms isn't a good indicator as to whether or not an injury is present, or healing. And one should always investi-

And one should always investigate, since this type of injury causes spinal nerve stress and the spinal bones (vertebrae) to misalign (Uh oh, here comes that word "subluxation" again). This kind of pressure can irritate, compress, or stretch delicate nerves between the vertebrae.

#### The Optimal Answer

Chiropractic uses gentle, effective techniques that help adjust your

## Board of Ed. Announces Special Meeting

The South Plainfild Board of Education will hold a special business meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Grant School Library on Cromwell Place.

The meeting was called to interview construction management firms, several vendor issues and personnel. Action may be taken.

Dr. Patrick Aiello, DC

case), chiropractors offer a very effective way of dealing with these types of injuries.

#### Research Supports Chiropractic & Whiplash

In 1996, Woodward and Cook, et al., published a study in the scientific journal INJURY that showed "benefits... occur in over 90% of patients undergoing chiropractic treatment for chronic 'whiplash' injury." In the Journal of Orthopaedic Medicine in 1999, Khan et al. found that "Chiropractic is the only proven effective treatment in chronic cases." These two studies are but a glimpse into the effectiveness of chiropractic.

Unfortunately, avoidance of these injuries is sometimes beyond our control. What we do when we've experienced them is another issue. If you've been involved in a car accident or think you may have suffered an injury similar to this, here are some tests to see if you have any remaining difficulties that need to be addressed.

(1) Look at yourself in the mirror: study how your clothes lay on your shoulders, if your head is tilting in a specific manner or if your belt line is uneven.

(2) Feel the pressure: if your shoulders and neck feel tense all the time, these muscles may be working overtime (and harder than they should) to support the ligaments that hold the spinal bones in place.

(3) Watch your movements: do you just not feel as flexible as you should? Could be a problem with a restriction in your spinal bones. Good test for this is to ask yourself, when you back up in your car, do you move only your head or your whole body to look behind you?

If any of these are applicable, chiropractic is almost certainly a viable, and probably necessary, alternative.



## Ducklings Make Themselves at Home in Middle School's Courtyard



Ducklings get ready to enjoy the water put there by the students.

#### The Middle School had some surprise guests appear on their property. One of the teachers noticed a duck

sitting in the corner of the courtyard right outside his classroom. The duck was alone and sat stoic for a couple of weeks. They couldn't figure out whether the duck was alive or not because it never moved.

One day, when the duck was gone, they noticed there were eggs in a nest. The mother duck sat for several weeks taking care of her unborn babies. The students took a chair and made a shady area for the eggs until they hatched. Eventually the eggs did hatch and lots of ducklings began running around the courtyard. Since the little ones arrived, the

Since the little ones arrived, the lawn has not been mowed and the students were not permitted in the courtyard. The children set up a special area with what looks like a bird bath for the ducklings to drink from. The school is hoping that the mom,

The school is hoping that the mom, along with her offsprings will soon fly off to a new home which- will better suit their needs.

## South Plainfield Facade Program is Available to All Local Businesses

An innovative approach to improving the physical appearance of businesses in South Plainfield is available just for the asking. With the assistance of Community Development Block Grant Funds, and the support of Columbia Savings Bank, a combination of grants and loans are available to businesses, to renovate their buildings and storefronts. This program will improve the quality of our local business structures, as well as foster a working relationship between the public and private sector. Councilwoman Darlene Pinto has been attempting to get businesses around town interested in this opportunity. There is \$40,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for individual grants and Columbia Savings Bank has committed \$500,000 in the form of low-interest loans.

Business owners can apply for funding. The Borough will make available matching grants up to \$5,000 per application for exterior facade improvements. Applicants will provide 50 percent of the total cost of renovations and the grant will provide 50 percent, not to exceed \$5,000. Grant money does not have to be paid back, except in certain cases of business closing or property sale.

ness closing or property sale. In addition to the grant money, additional grant money of up to \$500 is available to pay for architectural fees.

For more information or to receive a brochure explaining the program, call Councilwoman Darlene Pinto at 561-1517.

## \$80,000 Gift to Children's Specialized Hospital to Fund Kohl's Parent Resource Center

Thanks to Kohl's Department Stores, families at Children's Specialized Hospital will soon benefit from the Kohl's Parent Resource Center, made possible by a gift from the retailer's Kohl's Cares for Kids program. The resource center, which will include a medical library, is named in recognition of Kohl's \$80,000 gift to the hospital. The funding will go toward renovation of the current room, as well as providing Internet-accessible computers, books, videotapes and other research materials for both hospital staff and parents.

hospital staff and parents. Hospital executives and Kohl's representatives were present on Thesday, June 26 at their Mountainside location, to present the gift and announce Kohl's diamond-level sponsorship of the 2001 National Junior Wheelchair Championships. The event features a special appearance by Margaret Redden, a 16-year-old wheelchair athlete, who will be competing at the games. Children's Specialized Hospital is hosting the Wheelchair Championships, which will be held at Rutgers University in July. For more information, please call Trisha Yurochko, Marketing Coordinator for Children's Specialized Hospital, at (908) 301-5424. The Kohl's Cares for Kids dona-

The Kohl's Cares for Kids donation was raised through the sale of special items during the back-toschool, holiday, and spring seasons – with 100 percent of profits going directly to the local children's hospitals. The gift to Children's Specialized Hospital was raised through sales from the 11 New Jersey stores.

The children's hospital program is



cal non-profit organizations. Children's Specialized Hospital is the largest pediatric hospital in the United States and is an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System. Children's Specialized treats children from birth to 21 years of age, through a network of services for young people with and without disabilities including outpatient services, acute rehabilitation, and long term care through its sites in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Elizabeth, Newark, and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., Kohl's is a family-focused, value oriented specialty department store offering moderately priced national brand apparel, shoes, accessories and home products.





# Congratulations South Plainfield Middle School



Toni Ciccia, Student Council President











Alvssa M. Majorino, Co-Valedictorian



Kathleen A. Morgan, Co-Valedictorian



Michael D. Benak, Salutatorian

ne rain that soaked South Plainfield for several days was the deciding factor which forced the Middle School graduation to be held inside. Not even the dark clouds could dampen the spirits of the SPMS class of 2001. Eighth grade students were all smiles as they filed into the high school gym. The bleachers were packed with family and friends. Fans place at the doors circulated the warm air and the open back doors of the gym also provided a bit of relief from the heat. Student Council President Toni Ciccia, Co-Valedictorians Alyssa M. Maiorino and Market and Schotter and Kathleen Morgan and Salutatorian Michael D. Benak gave speeches thanking their teachers and family, as well as encouraging their fellow students to remember the past years as well as the future years. The SPMS Class of 2001 had just officially become the SPHS Class of 2005.

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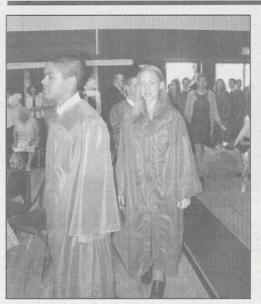






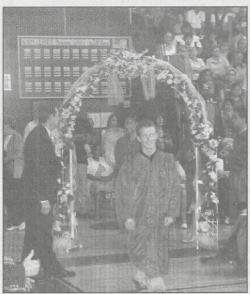


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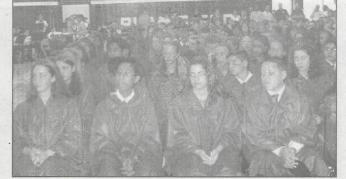




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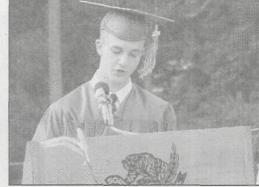
# Congratulations South Plainfield High School













Thomas Cooper Doyon, Student Council President Gregory Ramos Ogonowski, Salutatorian

e SPHS class of 2001 was challenged by the ever-changing sky. Their outdoor graduation was tentative up to the last minute, but it went on as scheduled. The evening before, dark clouds and a rainy afternoon chased the Middle School graduation class indoors. The sunny early evening sky slowly darkened and the wind picked up as the graduation began. Speeches by Principal Tony Massaro, Superintendent Dr. John Krewer and Board of Ed President Frank Mikorski were made with one eye on the sky. Student speakers, Student Council President Thomas Doyon, Salutatorian Gregory Ogonowski, Valedictorian Alison Tietjen and Class President Cathy Nguyen each took a risk with the impending storm and took their time with their well-phrased parting words to the graduates and guests. The SPHS chorus featured the seniors singing together for the last time. The song performed was *Heres to the Night* by Eve 6. It was a very touching moment, as was evident by the emotions showing on their faces. With body language ranging from handholding, to joy and tears, the soon to be graduates lifted their works together for the final time.

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As uppoints were being awarded the wind picked up and more than one cap had to be retrieved. Names were called more quickly as the dark clouds continued to move in. Luck was with the SPHS class of 2001, which was the first official class of the millenium. When the the graduation ceremony came to an end, there was a roar of applause. Caps were tossed into the air and family and friends armed with flowers and balloons rushed to the field to offer congratulations. Instead of rain, tears fell; instead of lightning, flashes came from the cameras. Laughter and hugs abounded as jubilant graduates headed towards cars decorated with balloons and green and white streamers. The SPHS Class of 2001 had risked mother nature and this year they won.

The 2001 Graduating Class of South Plainfield High School along, with their academic award recognitions are: National Honor Society,

#### Manuel Joseph Acevedo

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Nicole Marie Adorna National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Senior Citizens/FLA Scholarship, Presidential Award For Educational Achievement

Manzoor Ahmad Presidential Award For Educational Achievement

Lindsey Meredith Aiello

National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence. Northeastern University Grant

Samuel Richard Alexander, Jr. Stenhen Keith Allara

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South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Award

Kristin Anderson Presidential Award For Educational Achievement

David Jose Aquino Scholastic Honor Society, Academic Team Award

Margarita Maria Arbelaez Jessica Leigh Arndt

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#### Kimberly Nicole Benson

Scholastic Honor Society, Social Studies Department Award for Achievement, Rutgers University Scholarship Award

National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, The Plainfield's Chapter of UNICO Scholarship, James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship, Christian DeRose Memorial Scholarship, United States Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award, Suburban Women's Club Scholarship, South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association Scholarship, Rowan University Trustee Scholarship Aaron Tiron Blackwell Engine City Tech Scholarship Jonathan James Bloodgood Nicholas James Bloodgood Andrew Kenneth Bohl Brian Thomas Bonnano John Raymond Bosse Che Thomas Bowman

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Football Eagles Scholarship, Presidential Award For Educa-tional Excellence, University of Miarni Grant

David Anthony Butrico, Jr So. Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, So. Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles Scholarship, Springfield College Grant

#### Johanna Camino

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Leo Alexander Campos Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame Award, David Pasacrita

#### Memorial Scholarship Michael Cardona

Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence

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Thomas Jeremy Daly South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Scholar

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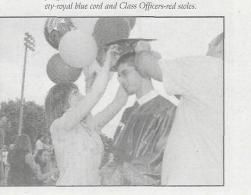
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Michael Joseph DeSimone

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Alison Elisabeth Tietien, Valedictorian

#### **Christina Michele DeStefano** Keith Sal DeStefano

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John Anthony Foscolo

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#### Educational Achievement Ronald Charles Franz

#### Robert John Freeman III

Emma Caroline Fulton

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#### Angelique Ganaris

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National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, The Jim Tierney Memorial Scholar-ship, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence, Loyola University Scholarship

Matthew Carl Gati

#### Erich Joseph Gaub

Richard Dominick Gehauer

National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship, Physical Education

#### Department For Outstanding Achievement, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence Antonio Gigante Kristin Marie Gilson Alissa Nicole Gittens National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award For Educational Achievement, Morgan State University Regents Scholarship **Janet Marie Golon** Paul Julian Gross Jaime Lynn Grubesich **Bichard Michael Gumina** Scott S. Gundersen H

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Stephen Anthony Huljack CE Construction Technology Scholarship

Thanh Kim Duong Huynh Scholastic Honor Society, Pres. Award For Ed. Excellence 1

#### Jacqueline Grace Innes J

#### Melissa Noel Jamieson

National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society. Presidential Award For Educational Excellence, Morehead State University Scholarship Shelly Ann Jankowski

Presidential Award For Educational Achievement, Katharine Gibbs School For Graphic Design Scholarship Jenna Ursula Jones

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Excellence Marilyn J. Millard CE American Legion Scholarship Sahina Marie Montanaro

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#### Adrienne Mary Nagy

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### Huy Khoa Nguyen

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Lam Duy Nguyen National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

#### Joseph Robert Nicolay

National Honor Society, Presidential Award For Educational Achievement, United States Marines Scholar-Athlete Award Bryan Thomas Novajosky Lincoln Tech Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration Tech-

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#### Jennifer Marie Ocsack

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Heather Ann Pedersen National Honor Society. Scholastic Honor Society. Presiden-

tial Award for Educational Excellence Angela Theresa Penkunas David John Penyak National Art Honor Society

Jessica Lynn Persa John F. Kennedy PTSO Scholarship, Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship

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#### John Goodson Memorial Scholarship

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#### Eman Sabet Younes

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#### Veronica Zappi

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National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Vi-sion 2001 Scholarship, South Plainfield Education Association Scholarship. Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

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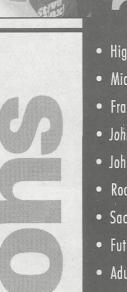












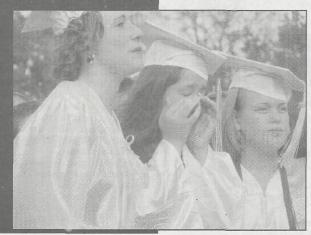


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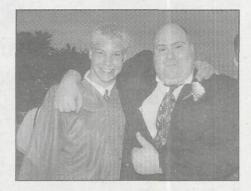
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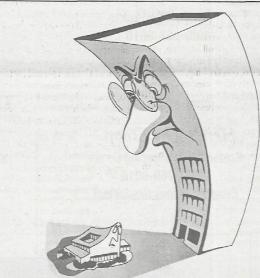
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Fifth grade DARE graduates from Riley, Franklin, Roosevelt, Kennedy and Scared Heart Schools gathered at the community pool recently for a picnic. DARE officers Joe Papa and Allen Lamonda were kept busy handing out ice cream donated by Haagen Daz. Teachers and chaperones strolled around the grounds or along the pool side. A few even braved the cool water with the students. A DJ kept the a crowd dancing. In addition to eating and swimming the youths enjoyed volleyball, basketball, shuffle board and more. The highlight of the day the raffle tickets. Each child received one ticket when they arrived. Those holding the right tickets won DARE lions, footballs, basketballs, DARE Beanie Babies, tee shirts, bags and more. Each child went home with a DARE water bottle and a two pound tin of cookies donated by Halls Trucking. Over 400 tins of cookies were distributed. Halls and Haagen Daz have been staunch supporters of the DARE program for many years.





From the South Plainfield Library

## Rootmont

#### By Kenneth Morgan

There's a lot of ground to cover this week, so let's go with news from the South Plainfield Library.

The Library will be closed on Wednesday in observance of Independence Day.

dence Day. There will be no meeting of the Friends of the Library in July or August. Their next meeting is scheduled for September.

gust. Their next meeting is scheduled for September. Turning to Children's programs (and lots of them!), there's this year's Summer Reading Club, "Flipping Over Books." The Club's kick-off pro-gram, featuring folk singer Daria, is set for tomorrow morning at 11:00. Registrations for the Club are now being accented, see a staff member for being accepted; see a staff member for details. Book check-ins begin on Mon-day. Monday also starts our series of Summer Kidcraft programs for chil-dren ages six and older. The programs will be held Monday nights at 6:30; please sign up in advance, so we know how many to expect. We're also offering Summer Reading T-Shirts for \$8 each. All sizes are available; you can place your order at the Circulation Desk. There's our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. The programs are held on Tues-day morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. They're for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. Finally, our Game Gang pro-gram returns on Friday, July 6, at 11 a.m. For more information about these programs, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Turning to the Circuit collections, we're between groups on the CD, Video and Large Print Circuits today. The next batch of items from the Video Circuit will be available next week; new titles from the other circuit will be here in the near future. Meanwhile, the current selection of titles from the Audiobook Circuit will only be available until tomorrow. Titles in this group include *The Immo*cence of Father Brown by G.K. Chesterton, Mars & Venus in Love by John Gray, Cat & Mouse by James Patterson and, on CD, The Falcon at the Portal by Elizabeth Peters. The Library, in conjunction with the

The Library, in conjunction with the Middlesex County Health Department, is sponsoring a Baby Sitting Seminar on Monday, July 30, Tuesday, July 31 and Thursday, Aug. 2. Each session runs from 1-3 p.m. The course is for young people ages 11 and older and will cover subjects like nutrition, child development and home safety. The course will be held across the parking lot in the Municipal Building. Space is limited, so you must preregister. You can sign up at the Circulation Desk.

We've recently played host to a number of special programs, the most recent of which was the "History of South Plainfield" presentation on the 19. These programs have been on a variety of subjects (including literature, crafts and history) and have been very well received. If you're interested in having the Library host your program, feel free to make inquires. Ask for Library Director Sundra Fenn.

for Library Director Sundra Fenn. Lastly, here's a reminder about our Homebound Program. Through the program, and with the help of volunteers, the Library is able to provide materials for those who are unable to leave their homes (or who would find it difficult to do so) due to age, infirmity or injury. This way, you can borrow Library items without leaving your (hopefully) air- conditioned homes. For more information, just give us a call; as noted in the last paragraph ask for Mrs Fenn

graph, ask for Mrs. Fenn. Well, that's all we have room for this time. See you next week.

#### June 29, 2001

## Park Karate Students Win World & National Acclaim

On Friday, June 8, Michael McHugh of South Plainfield (pictured in the center) competed in the American Tae Kwon Do Association's 2001 Tournament of Champions for the top ten world competitors of the 2000-2001 Tournament Year in Little Rock, Arkansas. Prior to this World Competition, Michael competed in several regional and one national ATA tournaments securing a spot as the third place competitor in the Top 10 for sparring and received a personal invitation to compete for a world title. In the Tournament of Champions Michael competed against the other nine first-degree black belt top ten finalists for sparring and placed fifth. The ATA Tournament of Champions hosted top ten competitors from countries around the world, such as, the US, Canada, Argentina, Korea,

Brazil and Paraguay. On Saturday, June 9, Michael com-peted in the 2001 World Championships, the first ATA National Tournament of the new 2001-2002 competition year. Michael moved up in age and competed as a first-degree black belt for 9 and 10 year olds. He placed first in sparring, winning his second national title, and third in forms demonstration. Michael has been studying Tae Kwon Do since he was four years old under the instruction of Mr. Vincent Raimondi (pictured on the left with Michael), fifthdegree black belt and owner of "Park Karate" in Roselle Park, NJ.

Also appearing in the picture on the right is Jorge Lee of Roselle Park, sec-ond degree-black belt and Top Ten Competitor for Men 17 &18 year olds. Jorge also studies Tae Kwon Do under the instruction of Mr. Raimondi and is an instructor for "Park Karate." After competing in the Tournament of Champions on Friday, Jorge secured a bronze medal for a third place World Title in sparring and a fifth place in Forms Demonstration. Jorge has recently graduated Roselle Park High School and will be going into the US Marines in September.



Congratulations to Michael and Jorge for their world accomplishments. Congratulations to Michael for his second national accomplishment.

## Ponytail Softball **Batters** Box By Sharon Miller Edison Tournament —June 29

Our 12-U (Bosse) and 10-U teams will be participating in the North Edison tournament on June 29, 30 and July 1. Please come out and support our teams. Best of

luck to both players and coaches. Edison Game Schedule

	Date	Time	Field	Opposing Team
14-U	June 30 (Sat.)	8 a.m.	4	Edison Angels
	June 30	11:30 a.m.	4	North Hunterton Stars
	June 30	3 p.m.	3	Wall Wizards
12-U	June 29 (Fri.)	6 p.m.	1	Freehold Tornadoes
	June 30 (Sat.)	8 a.m.	1	Brookfield Ct. Thundercats
	June 30	1:15 p.m.	6R	Sparta White Diamonds
10-U	June 29 (Fri.)	6 p.m.	9	N. Edison Blue Devils A
	June 30 (Sat.)	8 a.m.	9	West Jersey Witches
	Tune 30	4:45 p.m.	7	Edison Angels

The game schedule for July 1 (Sunday) will appear in the Batter's Box and will be posted on our website as it becomes available from the coaches. All-Star Tri-County Season — Week of July 2 The All-Star softball team is in full swing.

Our 14-U team will be playing North Edison on July 2 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. On July 6 the game will be against Bound Brook in Bound Brook. Our 12-U (Bose) team will be playing our 12-U (Reichert) team on July 5 at the Pitt Street Park Complex.

*Our 12-U (Reichert)* team, in addition to the above game, will be going against Watchung on July 3 at the Pitt Street Park Complex.

*Our 10-U* team will be playing Warchung on July 3 in Warchung. Please come out and join us for another wonderful season of All-Star softball. Good luck to all players and coaches for a great season.

The complete team schedules can be found on our website.

Steve Kania's Championship Softball Camp - July 2-July 6-Coach Steve Kania will be hosting a girl's softball camp at the South Plainfield High School ball fields on July 2, 3, 5, and 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$125. For additional information, or to obtain an application, call (908) 755-0679. SP Summer Softball Sports Camp -- July 16-July 20-The South Plainfield recreation department will be running a summer softball sports camp for girls ages 8-15. The camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 16-July 20 at the South Plainfield High School ball fields. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. Applications are available at the PAL Recreation Center. For additional information, please contact recreation director Mike English. Ponytail Softball Association Meeting --- July 24---The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, July 24 at 8 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School Library. If you are in erested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on July 24. New members are always welcomed.

Ponytail Softball Online-You can now visit Ponytail softball online anytime at our newly created website...SPPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams. Please feel free to contact us by keying on the email link WEBMASTERSPPONYTAIL.com found on our home page



## June 30 **Deadline** for Shotman Camp

Don't look now, but the deadline for registration for the 2001 Shotman Basketball Summer Camp at South Plainfield High School will is rapidly approaching. June 30 is the last day to register for the camp without being assessed a late fee. Mike "Shotman" Lanza, Director

of Shotman Basketball Camps will be giving kids pointers on shooting, free throw shooting, ball handling, pass-ing, and defense as well as mental concentration, conditioning, and prepa-ration. 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, but you must register by June 30, or you will have to pay a \$25 late fee. So either print out an application at our web site, or register online at active.com.



SFC-Devil Rays — Our annual in-house double elimination tournament was completed earlier this week in our Small Fry leagues. This years tournament and each of the games leading up to the championship games/series featured outstanding defense, pitching, great offensive comebacks and some beautiful weather. Games were closely played and very competitive. Our fans seemed to be on the edge of their seats on each pitch and overall they got a chance to see some exciting baseball games. Congratulations to all tea ms in each league and especially the teams that played into the championship round however there can only be one winner at the end and they are the SFA Champions-Astros, who defeated the Reds 5-1, SFB-Diamondbacks, who defeated the Devil Rays 4-3, and SFC-Devil Rays who defeated the A's 8-6. Listed below are the players and coaches from the winning teams. Champions in each league will be awarded trophies at this years annual picnic scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8. Pony tournament games continue and will be completed shortly and the champions will be announced in the not too distant future.

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iamondbacks SFC - Devil Rays Justin De Oliveira Stephen Lanza Andy Muhlgeier Mason Pelez Freddy Reichert e Oliveira Chris Richard Michael Romano n Marcoux Nicholas Ross **Bobby Sacks** Mike Wagner William Whitefleet Seth Yocum r. Marcoux Mng-Mr. Romano

C-Mr. Barletta C-Mr. Pompillo C-Mr. Reichert FALL BALL REGISTRATION - FRIDAY July 13 and SATURDAY July14 - As previously mentioned, the SPJBC will have a Fall Ball league this year for the first time. The first registration dates have been set for Friday, July 13 and Saturday July 14. Cost will be \$50 per player and will include t-shirt and hat. The age groups will be 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14 (\*based on next years playing age). Teams will be formulated and out of towners are welcome. Games will start in September. For any additional details, please contact our Fall Ball Committee of Lee Flanagan, John Polizzano or Jeff Marcoux.

SPJBC All-Star Tournament Starts Tonight (volunteers needed) The 28th Annual SPJBC Invitational All-Star Tournament will start tonight and games will be played throughout the weekend and for the majority of the month of July. Teams from all over the tri-state area will be bringing their best traveling all stars in a winner take all round robin tournament to be held at our com-plex. The SPJBC will be entering teams in all age brackets (8's, 9's,10's,11's,12's, 13's, and 14/15's). Volunteers are needed in the Snack Stands and for work details on the weekend. Please lend a hand if possible but more so, please come out and support your friends and our teams during the tour-nament which will run daily through the month of July. UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 29th - Invitational All-Star Tournament Start Date June 30th/July 1st - Work Detail (Sat @ 7:00am, Sun @ 8:00am) July 2nd - Monthly General Membership Meeting - 8:30pm July 4th - Happy Fourth of July - no games scheduled July 7th/8th - Work Detail (Sat @ 7:00am, Sun @ 8:00am) July 14th/15th - Work Detail (Sat @ 7:00am, Sun @ 8:00am)



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# Stella (Baculis)

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Stella (Baculis) Cirigliano of South Plainfield died on Sunday, June 24 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

resident of Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 50 years ago.

High School as a cafeteria assistant. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

in 1984.

and Mario Cirigliano, both of South Plainfield; a sister, Eve Lakowitz of Belle Mead; a brother, Joseph Bacilus of Phoenix, Ariz, and a cousin, Josephine Tiemeyer of Washington, NJ.

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## **Dorothy Stojek** Weingartner, 76

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In lieu of flowers, memorial dona-tions in his name may be made to the

South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield.

Dorothy Stojek Weingartner of South Plainfield died on Monday, June 18 at her home.

She was born in New York City and was a former resident of Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 33 years ago.

She was predeceased by her hus-band, Joseph Weingartner, who died in 1999.

Surviving are her son, Robert Weingartner, and his wife Dawn, of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, John Stojek of Newburgh, NY and a sister, Ruth White of Laurel, Maryland. Funeral services were held at the

James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

#### Chester J. Konkowski, 76 Medio (Joe) Schiavi, 87

where he grew up. He lived in Metuchen and Plainfield and had resided in South Plainfield since 1970.

40 years. Through his career with Shell, he held various jobs and at the time of his retirement in 1986, he held

time of nis retirement in 1986, he held the position of shipping inspector. Chet was a long time member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and enjoyed visiting Monmouth Park in Freehold. He was an avid bingo player, playing most frequently at St. Francis in Metuchen and other churches in the area churches in the area.

rence Vadja and Frances Knapp, both of Fords, and Dorothy Fraind of Perth Amboy; sisters-in-laws and brothers-in-law, Alice Blaszcak of Oxford, Adele Simpson of St. Petersburg, Fla., Victoria Evans of South Plainfield, Stanley Juva of South Plainfield, and John Juva of Edison.

nephews, great nieces and nephew. Funeral services were held at the

Medio (Joe) Schiavi of South Plainfield died on Monday, June 25 at his home.

raised in Sterling and was a former resident of Plainfield, before moving to South Plainfield 37 years ago. Mr. Schiavi was retired from the US

Coast Guard as a Chief Petty Officer. He served during WWII and retired in 1956 after 22 years of service. He worked as a bartender at the Schwaebisch Alb in Warren for many years

He was a devoted member of Sa-cred Heart Church. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed trips to Atlan-tic City. He loved his family and neighhors

Surviving are his beloved wife, Inger Bryhn Schiavi; two daughters, Michelle and her husband Anthony Pascarella of Morris Township and Renee and her husband Paul Dimay uga of Woodbridge; a son, Frank Schiavi of South Plainfield; a sister, May Fedicaro of Bound Brook and five grandchildren, Virginia Schiavi, Ann Marie Madden, Dominique Schiavi, Victoria Pascarella and Zackery Marcus Dimayuga. Also surviving are three great grandchildren.

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

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEPENDENT S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY To: Hearth North Brunswick Condominium Associa

at North Brunswick Condominium Association, Inc. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiffs attomeys, whose address is Suile 420; Sentry Office Plazz; 216 Haddon Avenue; Westmont, NJ 08108, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. is plaintiff, and Roslym Y. Russell is the defendant, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, MIDDLESEK County, and bearing Docket No. F-6136-01 within hitty-five (35) days after June 29, 2001 exclusive of such date. If you fall to do so, judgement by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint (and amendment to Complaint, ifany). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 371, frenton, New Jersey 09625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated October 25, 1996, made by Roslyn Y. Russell as mortgagor, to Accubanc Mortgage Corporation recorded on NiDDLESEX County, Page 356, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintif, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., by Assignment recorded on April 8, 1997 in Book 671 of Assignment of Mortgages for MIDDLESEX County, Page 380; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 3815 Binchwood Court, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-732-828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-732-249-7600.

venue by calling 1-742-249-7600. YOU, Hearthwood at North Brunswick Condominium Association, Inc., are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of the following amendment liens; a) Lien recorded November 24, 1997 In Book 5404 at Page 328 to secure the sum of \$1.417.92; b) Lien recorded November 24, 1997 In Book 5404 at Page 331 to secure the sum of \$566.58; and c) Lien recorded August 15, 2000 in Book 6347 at Page 578 to secure the sum of \$2,625.25, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

\$88.00 June 29, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD 2480 Plainfield Avenue South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 (908) 754-9000 June 22, 2001 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

That the undersigned has made application to the Borough of South Plainfield Planning Board seeking a preliminary and final site plan approval to add approximately 161 new parking stalls on property known as One Cragwood Road, South Plainfield, New Jersey (Block 528.01, Lot 45.08), located in the M-2 Zone.

PLANNING BOARD

The application includes a request for preliminary and final site plan approval, together with any other variances the applicant may require for approval of the proposed site plan.

Said property is within 200 feet of property owned by you or you are otherwise required by law to be noticed of the hearing.

A Public Hearing has been ordered for July 10, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, at which time you may appear and participate in the hearing in accordance with the Rules of the Planning Board. This notice is sent to you on behalf of the applicant, by order of the Planning Board.

Information, maps, site plans and the application are available for your inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, and may be reviewed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Very truly yours, Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook 53 Cardinal Drive, PO. Box 2369 Westlield, N.J. 07091 Tel. (908) 233-8800 Attorneys for Applicant, Clu Southfield, LLC By Stephen A. Santola, Esq. 70 June 29 21

June 29, 200 \$77.00 BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

#### June 21, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on June 19, 2001. A. Case #29-01—Arthur Collazo—Block 426; Lot 10; R-10 Zone—Applicant's request for a side setback variance to construct an addition, was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #35-01---Mark DeVito--Block 122; Lot 75; R7.5 Zone;--Applicant's request for a rear yard variance to construct a wood deck was hereby GRANTED.

\$25.00 June 29, 2001

#### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE 1565A

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

Ordinance 1565A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "SOIL DEPOSITS" be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 29, 2001 and that a public hearing be held on Thursday, July 19, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 ORDINANCE NO. 1565A

Chapter 169A

Soil Deposits and Stockpiling

### 169A-1 169A-2 169A-3 169A-4 169A-5 169A-6 Permit required; soil defined. Application; map required. Fee. Method of Deposit. Use of streets. Exempt.

169A-1. Permit required; soil defined. No person, company, firm or corporation shall deposit permit or cause to be deposited within the limits of the Borough of South Plainfield soil in excess of forty-five (45) cubic yards from any premises unless and until a permit therefore has been issued by the Borough Engineer. No permit shall be issued unless and until all municipal taxes on the premises upon which the soil is to be deposited are paid. Said permits shall become void twelve (12) months after date of issuance. The stockpiling of soil shall be prohibited. 169A-1. Permit required: soil defined.

Slockpinng or soin shall be promibled. Soil is hereby defined as all unconsolidated mineral and organic material of whatever origin that overfies bedrock and can be readily excavated, and includes biologically stable organic material such as humus or compost.

Includes biologically stable organic material such as humus or compost. **169A-2** Application; map required. Any person, company, firm or corporation desiring to deposit soil onto premises located in the Borough of South Plainfield from other premises inside or outside of the Borough in excess of forty-five (46) cubic yards within any 12 month period, shall first file with the Borough Clerk an application for such deposit. Said application shall be signed by the person, company, firm or corporation intending to perform such deposit, and by the owner of the premises to which the soil is to be deposited and shall be accompanied by a map of the premises to which the soil is to be deposited, showing the proposed quantity of soil to be deposited and where on the parcel same shall be deposited and where on the parcel same shall be deposited and where on the parcel same shall be deposited and where on the parcel same shall be deposited and where on the parcel same shall be deposited and where on the parcel same shall be deposited are that the proposed grappix will not regatively impact the property upon which the soil is to be deposited or contiguous properties. **169A-3** Fee

#### 169A-3 Fee

The following fee shall be paid to the Borough Clerk by the applicant at the time of application; Quantity Deposited Fee

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ess than 100	\$100.00
01-500	\$200.00
01-1,500 ·	\$300.00
.501 and over	\$400.00

1,501 and over \$400.00 A properly approved and properly signed permit must be displayed on the premises which the deposit is to be made while the work is being performed. A separate permit to remove soil formation premises located in the Borough of South Plainfield must also be obtained in accordance with Chapter 189 of the Ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield.

#### 169A-4 Method of Deposit

Any such operation shall be conducted so that the area shall be properly leveled off, cleared of debris and graded to conform to the approved grades for proper drainage.

#### 169A-5 Use of Streets

In the deposit of soil, only such streets within the Borough of South Plainfield shall be used for such transportation as may be designated for that purpose by the Borough Engineer, and such streets shall be kept free from soil resulting from such soil

If necessary, the applicant will be responsible to have the streets cleaned of any soil resulting from have the stre its transport.

189-A-6 Exempt Any person, company, firm or corporation which has received approval from the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment and/or has a certificate of occupancy for a business use which requires the storage of soil is exempt from the provisions of this Chapter.

Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

June 29, 2001 \$115.00

C. Case #32-97/S—Hany Popik—Block 265; Lot 27; HHD Zone—Applicant's request for preliminary & final site plan for the construction of a three familiar dwelling was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Janice J. Muccilli Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment

#### Beauty

Hillside Cemetery's gentle slopes are dotted with stately trees and evergreens. Flowering trees and bushe accent the grounds. The serene landscape is meticulously attended an renow ned for its care and upkeep. All lots are fully developed areas and include perpetual care. Located on Woodland Avenue in Scotch Plains, n-profit organization. 908.756.1729 Hillside Cemetery

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## Obituaries

Cirigliano, 76

Born in Elizabeth, she was a former

In the 1970s, Stella worked at Roosevelt School and South Plainfield

She was predeceased by her hus-band, Leonard Cirigliano, who died

Surviving are two sons, Salvatore

Funeral services were held at the

## Chester J. Konkowski died on Fri-day, June 22 in the Haven Hospice at

JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was born in Perth Amboy,

Mr. Konkowski had worked for the Shell Oil Co., in Seawarren, for over



He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Celia (Juva) Konkowski; four sisters, Steffie Kilyk of Carteret, Flo-

He is also survived by many nieces.

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## policereport

• On June 19, a Hopkinson St. resident reported several holes in his aluminum siding, which were done by a BB gun.

• An employee of the Middle School reported scratches on all four door handles of her car, while it was parked in the lot.

 A North Brunswick resident was arrested for the theft of \$25,000 worth of American Express Cheques and laptop computers from Airborne Express on New Durham Rd.

• On June 21, several employees of Odd Job on Helen St., reported seeing a co-worker rip open a sealed box and remove a portable hands free speaker phone system and put it down his pants. The suspect was apprehended in the parking lot but did not have the device on him.

• An employee of Flexpac on Hadley Rd. reported that the passenger side back window of her car had been smashed and her CD player and \$100 in cash from her purse were missing.

A North Plainfield resident reported that his locked vehicle had been parked at 100 Kentile Rd. The driver side door was broken into and a Kenwood radio. Sony CD changer, and two Kenwood 400 watt amps were removed.

• On June 22, an employee of Innovative Folding Co. on Durham Ave., reported that her vehicle's vent window had been broken and a pair of jumper cables were missing.

· A Park Ave. resident reported that there was damage on the passenger side rear quarter panel of his vehicle while it was parked on Oakmanor Parkway.

• A Plainfield man was arrested for shoplifting \$14 worth of medicine from Krausers on Oak Tree Ave.

• On June 23, a Norwood Ave. resident reported having his second floor bedroom window broken by a small piece of iron.

· On June 24, an Elliot Pl women reported that a hole had been dug near the walking path at Highland Woods Reserve. The resident also reported seeing a group of youths making a fire ring and had a campfire burning. Motorcycle tracks were also observed.

• A Hillsboro man and his passenger were assaulted by three men on motorcycles on Lake St. The bikes had stopped in front of the driver. The bikers claim that the driver of the car was blowing his horn and driving too close.

· A Clinton Ave. resident reported seeing a man looking through his rear window. When the suspect saw the homeowner he took off on his bike.

· A Clinton Terr. resident reported receiving harassing email.

· A male entered Sal's Spirit Shop on Park Ave., looked around, left, and came back several minutes later. He grabbed two bottles of cognac and ran out of the store towards Burger King.

• On Monday, an employee of Dollar Tree on Stelton Rd., reported that someone had removed her wallet and other personal papers from her pocketbook. The purse was inside her unlocked locker in the storage room in the rear of the store.

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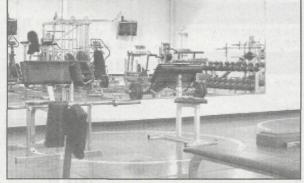


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# Expanded PAL Building Celebrates With Gala Grand Opening

Left to right is Mayor Dan Gallagher, Joseph DeAndrea-architect, Robert Karabacnick-builder and James Curcio- Recreation Commission President.



The new weight room with new equipment.



Councilman Dennis Cerami, Recreation Director Mike English and Mayor Dan Gallagher.

*Continued from page 1* building to former Police Chief An-drew A. Phillips. Recreation President James Curcio unveiled a new plaque dedicated to the members of the Borough Council and Recreation Commission. Architect Joseph DeAndrea and builder Robert Karabinchak were

## Borough News

#### Council Notes

• Joseph B. DeAndrea has been awarded the contract to perform architectural duties associated with the renovations to the Municipal Build-ing. Renovations will include a new lunch room for employees and expanding the Police Department, using space that was used by the Engineering Department and no longer needed.

• South Plainfield Fire Engine #56 will be loaned to the Middlesex County Fire Academy to be used for training purposes

 Digman & James Auction com-pany will conduct a sale of municipal products no longer useful to the Bor-

• The Borough will be processing 2002 NJDOT grants for the repair and replacement of sidewalks along Park Ave. and the widening of Dur-ham Ave. from Hamilton Blvd. to Bushwick Ave

• Brian English has been hired as a part-time recreation attendant

on hand for the festivities. Those in attendance were able to tour the new facility. The once cramped office area is now part of the lobby. The weight room and small meeting rooms are unrecognizable as the spacious new of-fice area. Recreation Director Mike English proudly showed off every inch of the facility. The Walk of Life Patio is the next step for the Chief Andrew A. Phillips Recreation Complex. The patio area is located in-between the buildings. Bricks bearing a residents name can become a permanent part. of the patio for a donation to the com-

plex Mike English is excited about a new program that will enhance the outside of the complex and provide yet another form of recreation. English envisions a rose garden in front of the building. Donations of rose bushes are sought along with gardeners to help maintain the plants. The PAL has always offered non-sports related activi-ties for people of all ages and English sees this as an ideal extension. Residents interested in participating in the new rose garden are asked to call the PAL at (908) 226-7714.

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The 14,000 square foot addition more than doubles the size of the original building. It includes a multipurpose room and a new weight room. The building boasts a concession stand, showers and lockers. The event was celebrated with a buffet dinner catered by Flannagans, held in the huge multi-purpose room. Music was provided by DJ Kevin Murtagh.





Above Frank Mikorski presents plaques of appreciation to Tracy Hartmann, Pam Mocharski and Carol Byrne. Pictured right is Superintendent of School Dr. John Krewer addressing the crowd.

## School Board Groundbreaking Marks Start of Several Projects

Continued from page 1 and dedication as Public Relations Chair for the referendum, Pam Mocharski, for the long hours, the many signs and her help with the referendum vote and Carol Byrne, for her volunteer work producing the many publications and newsletters during

the past year. The biggest thank you made by every speaker was to the residents of South Plainfield for coming out and

approving the bond referendum by a 2 to 1 margin. The residents support made the project a reality.



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