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## Four Injured in Weekend Accident on Hamilton



An automobile accident on Sunday evening brought out the South Plainfield Fire Department, four rescue squad ambulances, the crash truck and scores of firemen and rescue squad personnel. At approximately 6:40 p.m., the police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Hamilton Blvd. near Barone Ave. involving a pickup truck and a sport utility vehicle.

The sport utility vehicle, a 1995 Chevy Tracker southbound on Hamilton Blvd. was being operated by Mary Ludlow, 25, of Piscataway. The other vehicle involved, a 1996 Dodge Ram pickup, was driven by Justin King, 24, also of Piscataway.

The Dodge pickup was traveling northbound on Hamilton Blvd., when the vehicle began to slide sideways into the opposite lane and was struck in the southbound lane by the Chevy Tracker. The force of the impact on the passenger side of the pickup caused the passenger, Shelly Kurlew, 22 of South Plainfield, to be ejected from the truck.

Passenger Ronald Hurst, 42 of South Plainfield, was also injured. Hurst was a passenger in the Chevy tracker.

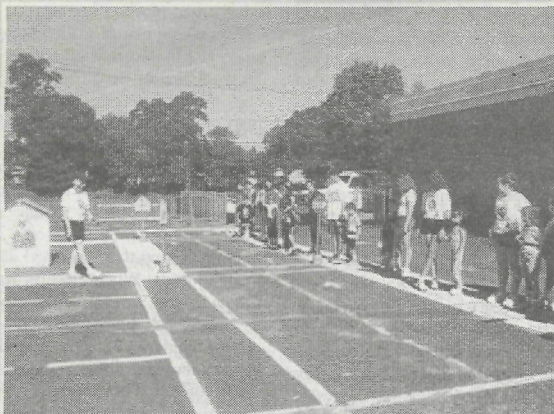
All injured parties were transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick for treatment. Hurst is critical, but in stable condition, Ludlow is in stable condition and Kurlew has been released.

Ludlow had to be extricated from the from the Tracker by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and the South Plainfield Fire Department and treated by paramedics.

Police Officer Chris Colucci and Officers Campagna and Schuetz of the Traffic Safety Unit are investigating the accident.

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call traffic Safety at (908) 226-7678.

## Safety Town Begins First of Two Sessions



Starting on Monday, children entering kindergarten or first grade have been participating in a program called SafetyTown.

Safety Town is a program geared to teach children safety rules. The program consists of lessons about traffic, fire, water, forest, car and bike safety along with trips to the local police and fire departments.

Openings are still available for the second session of Safety Town, which begins on July 16 and runs through July 27. The program runs from 8:30-10 a.m. and is open to all residents entering kindergarten or first grade.

If you are interested, please call the PAL at (908) 226-7714.



## Firefighter Monument Fundraiser Kicks Off with Sale of Bricks



Drivers may have noticed a new sign on the corner of Lakeview and Maple Avenues, asking residents to purchase a brick to support the proposed Firemen's Memorial Park which will be located next to the new Senior Center. The monument is being planned in conjunction with the fire department's 100th anniversary in May of 2007.

Plans call for a walkway leading up to a monument depicting a lifelike statue of a firefighter, surrounded by flags of the United States, South Plain-

field and the Fire Department. The walkway will contain bricks purchased by residents and businesses, which will be personalized with your name or an individual of your choice.

Monday morning Mayor Dan Gallagher was on hand along with Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan (pictured left), along with Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzee, Fire Officials John Cotone, John Celentano, Mario Abbruzzee and Rich McCriscin (pictured left), who are on the firefighters memorial committee.

Mayor Gallagher immediately showed his support by pulling out his check book and purchasing a brick.

The design for the memorial is already finished, but the statue of the firefighter has not yet been decided.

The cost of a personalized brick is \$75 for individuals and \$175 for businesses.

If you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the South Plainfield Fire Department at (908) 754-4761.



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meeting agenda

### council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

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

### AGENDA MEETING ..... PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, July 9, 2001 Special meeting of Council

Monday, July 16 ..... Thursday, July 19

Monday, August 20 ..... Thursday, August 23 (Revised Date)

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

### planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

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

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

July 17, July 31, August 7, August 21, Sept. 4 (no meeting), Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6 (no meeting), Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18.

### taxpayers advisory group

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

### siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

July 26, August 27, 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

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

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

### board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Special Business Meeting, Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Grant School Library.

### business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

### traffic safety advisory commission

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

July 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.

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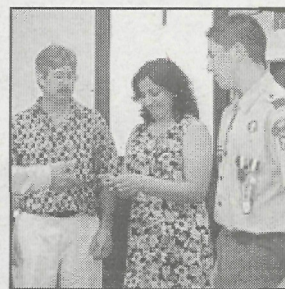
## Mark Lahey First Eagle Scout from Troop 207

Boy Scout Troop 207, along with their scout master Randy Gemenden, were given the honor to present its first Eagle Scout Award to Daniel Mark Lahey, son of Mark and Christine Lahey on June 15, 2001 at the Knights of Columbus. The ceremony recognizes the achievements, work and dedication that is required to attain the eagle rank. Personally congratulating Daniel was Mayor Dan Gallagher, who presented him with a certificate signed by the mayor and council noting his achievement. Also, numerous letters of acknowledgment from presidents, athletic teams, armed services, government and local agencies were presented to him that evening. He also received membership into the National Eagle Scouts Association from his troop.

In order to attain the Eagle Rank there are specific requirements that must be adhered to. A scout must earn 21 merit badges and the necessary badges of rank, before being able to attain their Eagle status. Detailed paperwork is required, which then needs the approval of the Troop Committee and District Council. Once this is obtained, a scout can move forward with their Eagle project.

An Eagle Scout candidate may not participate, but is required to oversee the project from its onset to the end. This shows leadership qualities, along with the responsibility of setting up the project from the start. Daniel worked more than 100 hours on this project.

His project was of particular interest to our community, an environmental cleanup in a wetlands area,



better known as Green Acres, which is a continuation of Spring Lake Park. This particular area is protected by county and state regulations, which do not allow any building, but maintains the area for the natural habitat. With permission from several different agencies, he was able to begin his project and remove numerous tons of debris from this one particular area. His goal was to enhance the beauty of the wetlands and remove trash that had been improperly disposed of, or washed there when a flood occurred. With the help of his troop, his leaders, his family and friends, they were able to remove tons of rubbish that was then disposed of by Middlesex

County Parks Department. An added attraction to this cleanup was that Dan's troop made bird feeders out of pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed to allow the wildlife to feed.

When this project was completed in December, 2000, Daniel was able to attain the rank of Eagle. He is working this summer as an Eagle Scout counselor, helping other scouts achieve the same goal.

Special thanks to Alice Temple, recycling coordinator, who supplied the materials needed and Ralph Albanis, Director of Middlesex County Parks and Recreation for allowing this project to take place and the removal of all the debris.



## In My Opinion

### Letter to the Editor:

I recently attended the groundbreaking ceremony that was held at the Middle School for the projects from the referendum. What a thrill it was to see the start of something that I had been a part of from the beginning. I am grateful to those in the community that supported this referendum. I am looking forward to seeing the completion of all projects.

It's a shame, though, that the Mayor and Council members weren't able to join us for this ceremony. I am sure that they share our enthusiasm for the total project.

SINCERELY,  
MARJORIE M. REEDY

### To the Editor,

For the past several months, we have been observing the citizens of Edison attempt to save a historical site. We all hear of it as the "pond" which is located at Oak Tree Rd. and New Dover Rd. Most recently word is that they will go across the street and buy out businesses and local residents who have been there for numerous years, just to make way for a drug store and a bank (even though there is a bank across the street and two drug stores 1/4 mile away in either direction). But Edison's mayor is making quite a deal with the builder, Mr. Morris, owner of Edgewood Properties.

South Plainfield residents are in almost the same kind of deal. Edgewood Properties has a sign at Lakeview Ave. and Maple Ave., which reads "Future Home of South Plainfield Senior Center, Donated by Edgewood Properties." The estimated cost to put it up is about \$100,000. Sounds like a good deal. Edgewood Properties recently bought Coppola Farm on New Durham Ave. and was permitted to construct 250 dwellings. Since the donation of the Senior Citizens Center, Edgewood Properties were allowed to construct 350 dwellings. Now our so-called "deal" isn't looking like a good deal, with the expansion of our student population of 100 more students, or

another four classrooms.

Edgewood Properties did excavating on the site and removed all the topsoil that the borough owned. An estimated 618-yd. dump truck and a 10-yd dump truck removed seven loads of top soil per hour. Price of top soil ranges \$275 to \$300 per load. After a few days of removing the borough-owned top soil, Edgewood Properties had a good return on their \$100,000 donation.

At the Council meeting held on Thursday, June 21, I questioned the council members if Mr. Morris had obtained a permit to remove top soil out of the borough under a local ordinance. Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan stated they did not need a permit to remove any soil, because that was the deal we made for the center.

It appears Edison and South Plainfield elected officials are making deals with Mr. Morris. But are these deals for the citizens they represent, or are they making deals to Mr. Morris' advantage?

Why can't they be on board with

their citizens? Why aren't these deals on paper, so citizens can read these deals? Both town deals are going to cost taxpayers money and some property owner's in Edison may lose their homes.

Mr. Morris will then move to another town; maybe Piscataway.

As a young man, I made frequent stops at Mr. Morris's grandfather's farm off Stelton Road to purchase eggs. He was a very hard working man, providing for his family. It makes me wonder how he would have reacted if the town was going to take his property? We all know how the Halpern family's problem's have escalated in Piscataway.

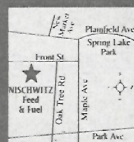
Let's all keep these so-called deals in our minds. When election time comes around, we can all make a better choice — A choice for the citizen, not the builder's who have expanded our student enrollment and most surely congested our roadways. This is for certain — our taxes are definitely waiting to explode.

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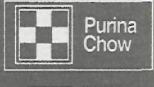
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### Milestones

#### Nicole Peloquin Graduates From Marietta College

Nicole L. Peloquin, daughter of Thomas and Linda Peloquin of 205 Franklin Ave., graduated cum laude, leadership scholar with a BA in Business from Marietta College, Marietta,

Ohio, on May 6, 2001.

Nicole will be residing in Marietta, Ohio where she has accepted the position of Director of Sports Information at Marietta College.

#### Shannon Bishop Awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship

The South Plainfield GFWC Suburban Woman's Club presented a \$1,000 scholarship on June 6, during the awards assembly held at South Plainfield High School.

The scholarship was presented by Frieda Walker, a past president of the club.

Miss Bishop has been active in many extracurricular activities and clubs and has been the recipient of many honor awards. Among them are the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, varsity letters in three sports: soccer, basketball and softball; member of the student council, year-

book committee member and chorus. She was also chosen 'Most Athletic' in the class of 2001.

Her work experience has included refereeing recreational soccer games, umpire at softball games, Ricochet Racquet Club and currently at the Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center and Day Care since 1999. Miss Bishop will be attending college this fall.

The GFWC local chapter has been awarding the scholarship annually to a high school senior with demonstrated excellence in academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities.

#### Mark Egert Named Chief Legal Officer/U.S. Regional Counsel

ABN AMRO Incorporated, the U.S. investment banking arm of the Dutch financial institution, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., announced the appointment of Mark A. Egert as its Chief Legal Officer. At the same time, the financial institution unveiled the global legal structure for its Wholesale Clients Sector and tapped Egert as its U.S. Regional Counsel, responsible for all U.S.-based attorneys within this sector.

Egert joined ABN AMRO in 1997 as the first attorney in its New York office. He has helped the firm steer safely through a myriad of potential legal and regulatory minefields as it has grown rapidly from an office of 200 when he joined, to a firm of over 3,600 employees today. On April 30, ABN AMRO closed its acquisition of the U.S. investment banking business of ING Barings, including the transfer of nearly 1,200 employees. Egert was a member of the Integration Committee that seamlessly executed

that transaction.

Egert will report to Laurie Adams in London, the Global Head of Legal & Compliance for the Wholesale Clients Sector. Adams noted, "Mark has earned the respect of a demanding group of business managers in New York for his responsiveness and tendency to add value to the matters he addresses. He has impressed his colleagues in other parts of the world as well with his knack for describing complex U.S. regulations in understandable terms, especially in the context of complicated cross-border situations." Egert stated, "I look forward to the exciting challenges posed to me by these new positions and posed to the firm by its next stage of growth."

He started his career at Shearman & Sterling in New York in 1987, where he worked for five years, advising brokerage firms and underwriters on regulatory matters, securities offerings and merchant banking. Among other jobs, he worked at the Securities Industry Association from 1994 to 1997, as staff advisor to the Federal Regulation and Capital Markets Committees.

Egert graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Delaware in 1984 and with honors from George Washington University Law School in 1987, where he served as Editor of the *Law Review*. He currently resides in Short Hills, with his wife, Karen, and sons, Seth and Brandon.



Unity Bank Vice President Jacqueline Hancock presents a check for \$1,500 to Vision 2001 as a donation towards their scholarship fund. Receiving the check for Vision 2001 is Emil Leporino. Unity Bank recently introduced new Sunday banking hours. They are open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and even offer free breakfast for their Sunday customers.

#### Council to Hold Special Meeting, Changes August Meeting Date

The South Plainfield Mayor and Borough Council announced they will be holding a special meeting on Monday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hiring three new police officers.

The council has also changed their August meeting dates as follows: Agenda meeting that was scheduled for Aug. 13 will be held on Aug. 20 and the public meeting scheduled for Aug. 16 will be held on Aug. 23. The 8 p.m. time remains the same.

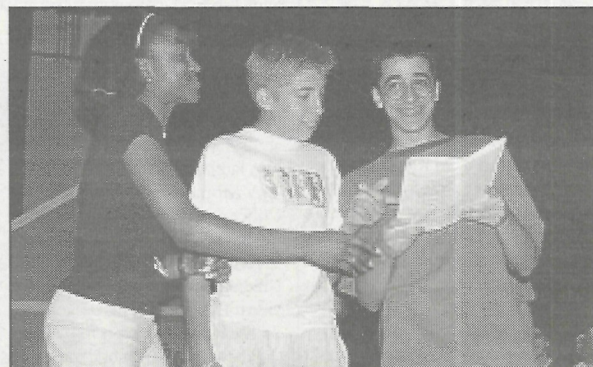
During July and August, the council meets only once a month instead of twice.

#### SDW Rehearsals Underway for Bye Bye Birdie

South Plainfield's Summer Drama Workshop will celebrate their 30th season with a production the hit musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. *Birdie* was the first show presented by the fledgling youth group in 1971. Over 130 students auditioned for show. Approximately 70 students make up the cast of the musical. There are also many students playing in the pit band or working behind the scenes on the stage crew.

Rehearsals are well underway and students are busy soliciting ads and boosters for the program. The cast has a busy summer ahead of them. Planned events include a 'canning' fundraiser on July 13 and 14, dances at Wesley Methodist Church on the evenings of the 14 and 21. If you'd like to purchase ad space or tickets please call 908 561-5255.

Producer Bill Mott is pleased with the progress the cast and staff have made, he said, "It is amazing to see



the amount of enthusiasm and dedication that these actors, actresses and crew have in the first week of the rehearsal for this play. The crew has already built many of the needed sets, while the actors and actresses have been putting in long hours learning

various dances, songs and stagings. You can see the multiple talents of all involved, and the directors using each of these talents as they discover them to the fullest to produce what should prove to be an unforgettable production of *Bye, Bye Birdie*."

#### GFC Suburban Woman's Club Installs Officers

The GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield installed its 2000-2001 slate of officers at the Spain Inn, Piscataway on June 7, during a candlelight ceremony.

Filomena Viola, a past president, installed the following officers: MaryAnn Iannitto, Margaret Reedy and Frieda Walker as co-presidents; Lois Traphagen, vice president; Renee Pasacrita, recording secretary; Rose Cucurello, corresponding secretary; and Tina Moretti, treasurer by proxy for the absent June Flannery.

Tina Moretti, banquet chairperson,

introduced and welcomed members and guests. Loretta Conroy and MaryAnn Iannitto assisted with preparations and decorations.

The lovely floral arrangements and decorations were created by Lois Traphagen, vice president.

Ms. Traphagen also honored the following members for their many years of membership and club service: MaryAnn Iannitto, Beverly Montwid and Tina Moretti, each with 40 years service; Grace Farinella, 15 years; and Jeanine Kimmel and Filomena Viola, each with 11 years.

An historian's report, covering a year's review of programs, funds donated to state and local organizations, speakers presented, awards presented to junior and senior high school students, and participation in volunteer programs was presented by MaryAnn Iannitto.

Review of charities considered for donations in the coming year concluded the banquet.

The GFWC woman's club was organized in 1952, federated in 1953 and has served the community since then. New members are always welcome.

#### NOTICE: SOUTH PLAINFIELD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Residents may place all of these except motor oil at the curb for collection every other week by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority:

- Glass Bottles & Jars • Mixed Paper (High-Grade, Junk Mail, Magazines)
- Aluminum Cans • Tin Cans (Steel & Bimetal) • #1 and #2 Plastic Bottles
- Corrugated Cardboard • Newspaper • Textiles • Used Motor Oil

July - December 2001

	Thursday	Friday
July	12 26	13 27
August	9 23	10 24
September	6 20	7 21
October	4 18	5 19
November	1 15 29	2 16 30
December	13 27	14 28

Call MCIA at (800) 488-6242 for information.

The Borough's Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue accepts all the above recyclables from residents and businesses, except for motor oil, from residents only. Other materials accepted from residents only: paint, batteries and carpet.

Used Paint Drop-off - 3rd Saturday of each month, 8 am-2 pm

Household Batteries - bring to Recycling Center or Public Library

Open Year-Round: Tuesday noon-7 pm, Friday 8 am-3 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm

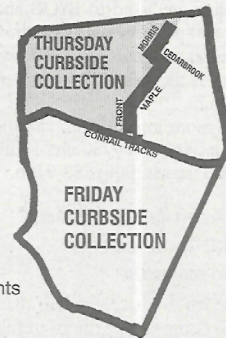
The Borough's Yard Waste Site at the end of Kenneth Avenue is open to Borough residents only for leaves and brush. The Road Department collects leaves at the curb in the fall. (Residents may also bring grass clippings to the drop-off. Grass is not a mandatory recyclable. We suggest Cut-It-And-Leave-It instead of bagging.)

Open Spring/Summer (March 16 - September 30): Tuesday noon-7 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm,

Open Fall/Winter (October 1 - March 15): Saturday 8 am-3 pm

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# Around Town

## American Legion Summer Fest 2001

July 7

American Legion Post 243 will host Summer Fest 2001 on Saturday, July 7, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event includes lots of good food, and features a moonwalk and face painting for the kids. All are invited to attend and encouraged to bring friends and family.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the South Plainfield High School Scholarship Fund.

## 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 Ninth 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 National Home. 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.

## Elks Lodge Plans Bus Trip to Monmouth Park

July 28

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge is sponsoring a bus trip to Monmouth Park on Saturday, July 28. There is an open picnic area and all attending are asked to BYOB and food. \$20 per person includes bus, admission, program and coffee and donuts at the lodge. Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the lodge at (908) 668-9750 after 1 p.m. or Dan Uken at (908) 753-9196.

## 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.

## Cedarcroft Bible Chapel to Host Sonshine Bible School

August 6-10

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold Sonshine Bible School on Monday, Aug. 6 through Friday, Aug. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The program is for children ages four to those entering fifth grade in September. The program is free and includes "The Ultimate Adventure With Jesus" - Opening your heart to Him, complete with Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and food. The closing program on Friday will start at 11:45 a.m. and will be followed by a light luncheon.

A Mothers' and Young Ladies Coffee and Chat will take place during the Sonshine Bible School, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. Babysitting for children three and under will be provided. The subject of the program will be "See How The Shepherd Cares."

Pre-registration for both programs is required. To register call Bobbie Bosse at (908) 754-8069.

## 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 available. 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 tournament on-line and find out about the corporate sponsor programs at [www.spga.org](http://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, week-

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—

## KISMET Singles Event

July 11

KISMET will host a Single Professionals' After Work Social on Wednesday, July 11 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The event will take place at The Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Road, Warren. \$10 at the door includes refreshments. For more information, call (908) 232-8827 or visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## NJ Repertory Company Premieres Play

July 12 through August 5

The New Jersey Repertory Company, 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.njrep.org](http://www.njrep.org).

## KISMET Singles Event

July 25

KISMET will host a Single Professionals' After Work Social on Wednesday, July 25 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The event will take place at The Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Rd., Warren. \$10 at the door includes refreshments. For more information, call (908) 232-8827 or visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## 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 Merril Park, Grove 1A, Iselin, NJ.

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

## KISMET Hosts Singles Event

August 15

KISMET will host an After Work Social For Single Professionals, on Wednesday, August 15, 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](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## Summer Reading Program Begins With a Concert



Photos by Jane Dornick

Last Saturday morning, the South Plainfield Library was filled with children celebrating the kick-off of this year's Summer Reading Club, "Flipping Over Books." Folk singer Daria performed a concert for the crowd.

Daria (Marmaluk-Hajionnou) is a world traveled folksinger performing on guitar, Appalachian dulcimer, washboard, spoons and various international percussion instruments. Her unique interactive shows introduce children and family audiences

to world music and American Folk music, by letting them participate in it. Daria and her percussionist, Dave Beaver, are both from Pennsylvania. They are touring libraries in New Jersey and have played with the USO and other organizations around the world.

Registration for the Summer Club is now being accepted. Just check with a staff member for details.

Book check-ins started on Monday. Once you have registered, you will receive a participation prize for each week during the program. To collect your prize, you must check in books at least once each week, and must have a staff member staff your booklet.

The Summer Kidcraft programs also started on Monday and will be held on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Advance sign-up is required.

## Mediation Group Forming

A South Plainfield Meditation Group is now forming. It will meet once a week for an hour. If you want to learn how to meditate or how practice meditation, this is for you. No strange positions, just sitting comfortably. No physical exercise, just quiet thought.

We will listen to tapes by renowned teacher, Jack Kornfield. Then we will meditate for 10-15 minutes. Finally we will have a short voluntary sharing of our experience.

There is no cost. If you are interested contact Herbert Frank at (908) 561-9756.

## Polish National Home Now Serving Lunch

The Polish National Home kitchen is now open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 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.

## Sacred Heart Church

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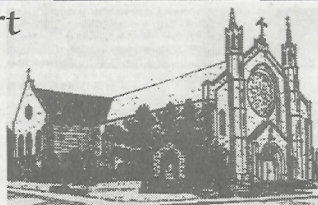
Rev. John Paul  
Alvarado, Pastor

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)  
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.  
Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11 a.m.- 12 noon, 4:15-4:45 p.m.  
and after 5 p.m. Vigil Mass



## 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](mailto:ggnan@aol.com).



From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for the latest news from South Plainfield Library:

First up, there are our children's programs. "Flip Over Books", this year's Summer Reading Club, is in full swing. You can still sign your children up for the Club in the Children's Room. The Monday Kidcraft program for children ages six and over will be held at 6:30 p.m. Children are asked to sign up in advance, so we have an idea of how many to expect. Our usual schedule of Storytime programs for children ages three and over will be held next week. Those programs take place on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. And, starting today, our Game Gang program returns at 11 a.m. Children may play one of our board games, or bring in one of their own. If you have any questions about these programs, please check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend and get the latest information on the Library's present and future plans. The meeting will include a period for questions and comments from

the public.

The latest group for the Video Circuit is now in place and ready for borrowing. Titles in this group include *Little Women*, *Little Giants*, *Crimson Tide*, *Gone in 60 Seconds* and on DVD, *Bounce*. This group will be available until July 27. Meanwhile, we're between groups on the Audiobook Circuit. Items from that circuit will be available later on this month.

Gladys Hector, our Computer Systems Administrator, will be leading a bilingual (English/Spanish) computer class on Saturday, July 14, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. The class will cover topics including e-mail and the Internet. Space is limited for this class, so you must sign up in advance.

Here's a reminder about our fax service for the public. The cost is \$2 for the mandatory cover sheet, and \$1 for each additional page. Patrons can receive faxes here for \$1 per page. Be sure to leave your name and phone number so we can contact you when the faxes arrive.

Given the recent climate data, here's a repeat of a very important advisory: **DO NOT LEAVE A/V ITEMS INSIDE YOUR CAR.** On hot, sunny days, the temperature in your car can rise very high very fast. This can cause tapes and CDs to be damaged, warped or even melted. Unless you want to end up paying fines and costs for damaged materials, please keep this fact in mind. If you don't have a choice, at least put the items in your trunk, where they'll at least be out of the sun.

That's all for now. Thanks for your attention. Now maybe you'd better finish the rest of the paper before the heat makes it spontaneously combust.

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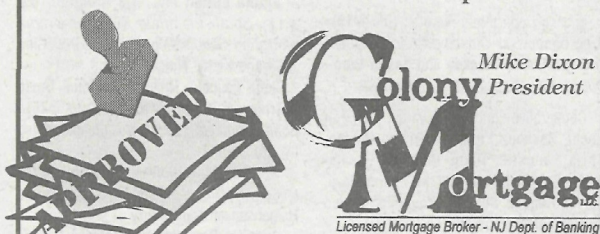
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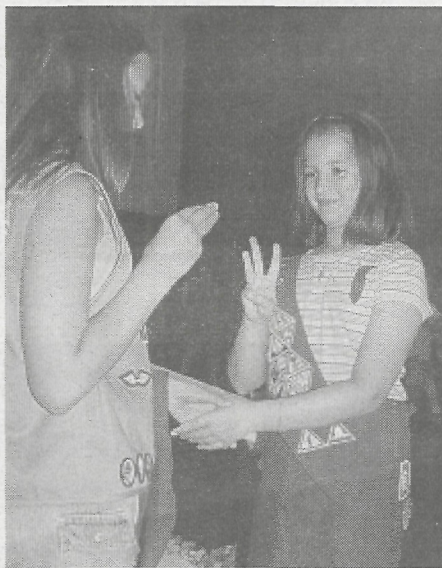
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## Troop 199 Holds Bridging Ceremony

Story/Photo by Patricia Abbott

Roosevelt School Brownie Troop 199 recently held their Bridging Ceremony. The young scouts 'crossed the bridge' and became Junior Girl Scouts during the brief ceremony. They turned in their brownie vests for a green Junior uniform vest and received their "wings." A candle was lit for each girl that crossed the bridge.

Amanda Plum was the caller for the flag ceremony, which was held prior to the bridging. Flag bearers were Brittany Alvarado and Courtney Schaefer, Color Guard was Kelly Kline and Alyssa Scudato.

Junior Troop members Caitlyn Brindley, Kasi Joyner, Marissa Kline and Brittany Marino helped the Brownie Scouts on their way to becoming Junior Scouts. Becoming Junior Scouts were



Brownies Brittany Alvarado, Cassie Capperelli, Katherine Douglas, Rosamaria Farfan, Jaimie Handwerger, Courtney Irber, Kelly Kline, Nicole Montuori, Amanda Plum,

Courtney Schaefer, Alyssa Scudato, Kaitlyn Vacca, Heba Younes and Ashley Zeccardo. From Brownie Troop 428 was Rachel Scudato. Missing from the photo are Jaimie Handwerger and Kaitlyn Vacca.



## Kennedy School Jumps Into Summer

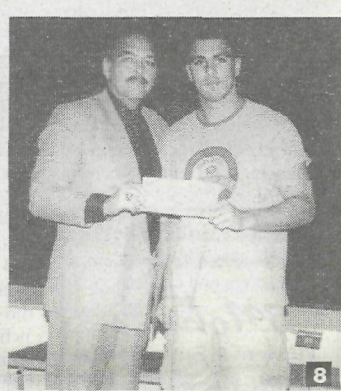
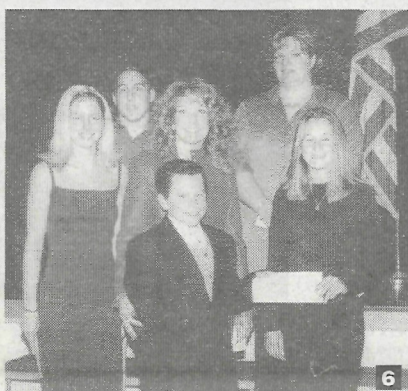
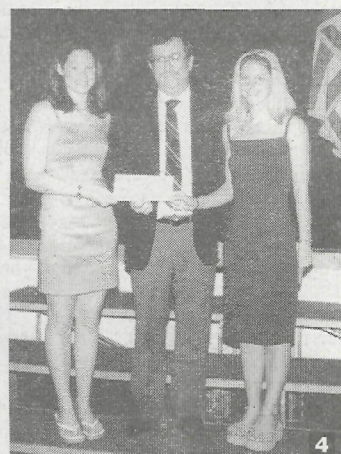
Kennedy School kids ended the school year with a carnival. The fun and games included a moonwalk and refreshments.





# 2001

## South Plainfield Scholarship & Award Recipients



The Scholastic Honor Society is comprised of seniors who have attained a 3.25 or higher grade point average by the end of their junior year. The following students have demonstrated academic excellence and were awarded membership into the South Plainfield High School Scholastic Honor Society.

Students receiving certificates are Kimberly Benson, Jason Bataille, Kyan Bowman, Nicole Adorna, Kyo Daimo, Veronica Zappi, Anh Trinh, Lindsey Aiello, Adrienne Nagy, Joshua English, Thanh Huyen, Emma Fulton, Jessica Ardnt, Shannon Bishop, Alissa Gittens, Rachel Feller, Kristin Turner, David Aquino, Alison Butrico, Huy Nguyen, Melissa Jamieson, Cathy Nguyen, Justin Dimacjie, Jennifer Reynolds, Stephanie Prybella, Lam Nguyen, Armi Navasca, Michael Cardona, Kyan Bowman, Nicole Luthman, Sarah Oppelt, Milady Pichardo, Eman Younes, Angelique Ganiaris, David Cupo, Julie Palmer, Gregory Ogonowski, and Alison Tietjen.

Kristen Herzog-(pic #1)-Isidore Blank Memorial Scholarship, presented by Mrs. Myra Blank

Alison Butrico-Susan Beith Hayes Memorial Scholarship, presented by Pegg Porzio and Janice Smith.

Shannon Bishop and Alison Tietjen (pic #2)-UNICO Scholarship (\$500 each), presented by Helen Gottlieb.

Nicole Adorna and Nicole Luthman(pic #3)-South Plainfield Senior Citizens/FLA Scholarship, (\$300 each), presented by Sue Mischka and Loretta Conroy.

Kyo Daimo, Nicole Luthman, Jessica Ardnt and Veronica Zappi-Vision 2001 Scholarships (\$1000 each for 1 year), presented by Neil Torino

Alison Tietjen and Emma Fulton-(pic #4)-Vision 2001 Scholarships (\$1000 each per year for 4 years), presented by Neil Torino

Huy Nguyen-(pic #13)-Mary Smyllie Memorial Scholarship, (\$850), presented by Michelle Cochran

Emma Fulton, Shannon Bishop and Richard Gebauer-(pic #6)-James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship, (\$5000, \$1000, \$1000), presented by MaryAnn Boyle, Deborah Boyle, Michael Boyle

Eman Younes-Joe Price III Scholarship (\$300), presented by Neil Torino

John Foscolo-(pic #8)-Drew Forgash Memorial Scholarship (\$1000), presented by Neil Torino

Huyen Nguyen, Millie Patel and Cathy Nguyen-Robustelli Family Foundation Scholarship (\$1000 each), presented by Stacy Robustelli

Shannon Hecht, Steven Popp, Michael

DeSimone-John Goodson Memorial Scholarship (\$500 each), presented by Michael DeCarlo

Millie Patel-(pic #7)-Thomas B. Lenahan Memorial Scholarship-Franklin School PTA (\$1000), presented by Genevieve Zipp

Eman Younes-(pic #21)-The Club at Ricochet (\$1000), presented by Sharon Rowland

Alison Tietjen-Middlesex County PTA (\$250), presented by Eileen Boettger

Leo Campos-(pic #10)-Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame, presented by Tracy Murray

Shannon Bishop, Matthew Eustice, and Shannon Hecht-(pic #18)-Christian DeRose Memorial Scholarship-South Plainfield Middle School PTA (\$250 each), presented by Mrs. Betty McHenry

Kimberly Benson and Alison Tietjen-Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies, presented by Anthony Barca

Huyen Nguyen and Michael DeSimone-(pic #16)-VFW and Ladies Auxiliary #6763 Scholarship (\$1000, \$2000), presented by Philip Cortese

Adrienne Mary Nagy-Alice Boffa Memorial Scholarship; Angelique Ganiaris-Jim Tierney Memorial Scholarship-John E. Riley School PTSO, (\$500 each) presented by Mrs. Hunterton

Jason Bataille (\$1000) and Alison

Tietjen (\$3500)-South Plainfield Rotary Club Adele deLeuw Scholarship, presented by Dick DeAndrea

Jason Bataille (\$500) and Paul Hermann (\$1500)-(pic #17)-South Plainfield Golf Association, presented by Joe Campana and Dick DeAndrea

Eman Younes-(pic #12)-Austin Huslage Memorial Scholarship-Roosevelt School PTA, (\$500), presented by Lori Jankoski

Physical Education Department Awards: Adrienne Nagy and Rich Gebauer-Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education, presented by Bettianne Meeker

Jason Bataille and Shannon Bishop-(pic #23)-United States Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award-presented by Bettianne Meeker

English Department Awards:-(pic #19)-Greg Ogonowski-Outstanding Achievement in English, Erin Mackey and Justin Woo-Outstanding Achievement in Journalism

Cooperative Education Awards: Shannon Hecht, Roxanna Parenno, Kristen Herzog, Chris Sangster, Doug Tackach, Rachel Feller, Sabina Montanaro, Marilyn Millard, Steven Huljack, Shannon Regan, presented by Dee Falato and John Lartaud

Shannon Bishop-Suburban Women's Club Scholarship-(\$1000), presented by Freida Walker

Leo Campos-David Pasacrita Memorial

Scholarship-(\$500), presented by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pasacrita

Victor Kurilew-(pic #22)-Claire and John Graf Community Service Scholarship-presented by John Graf and Robert Graf

Carlton Taylor-(pic #24)-National Association of University Women-(\$1000), presented by Beverly Harris

Kyo Daimo and Jessie Spayder-(pic #25)-Doc Celentano Annual Scholarship-Italian American Progressive League-(\$500), presented by Rich D'Urso

ESL Department Awards:-(pic #20) Pooja Patel-ESL Award for Academic Excellence; Eric Kim-ESL Award for Improvement; Bimal Patel-Outstanding ESL Student, presented by Barbara Boyer

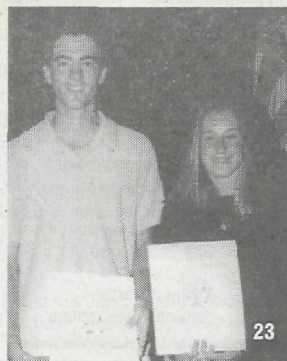
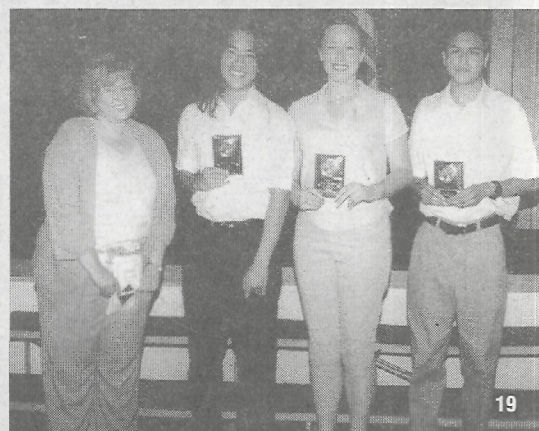
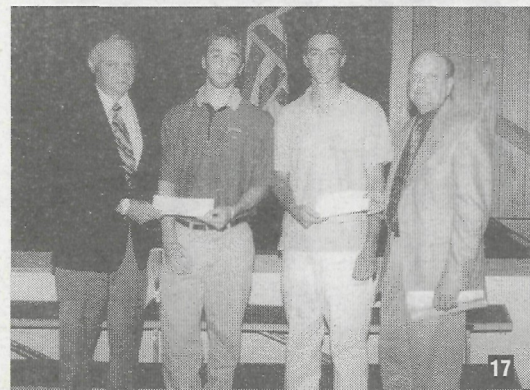
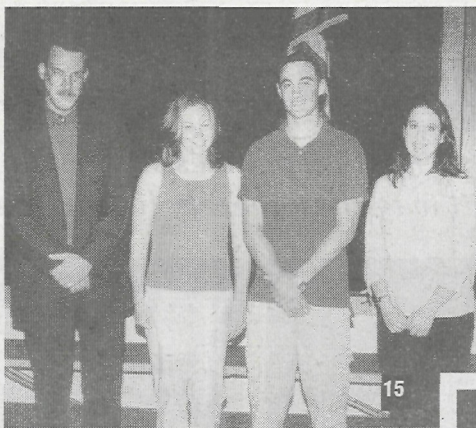
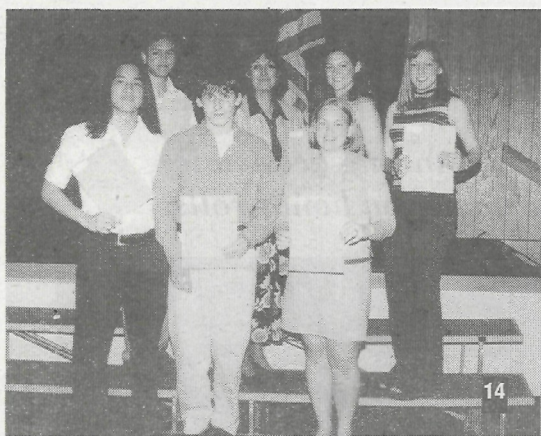
Emma Fulton and Eric Ambielli-(pic #11)-South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Scholarship, presented by Gina Troia and Kathy Winner

John Foscolo, Richard Gebauer, David Butrico and Roberto Ramos-(pic #26)-South Plainfield Wrestling Club, presented by Jim Conroy

Jessica Persa-John F. Kennedy School PTSO-(\$500), presented by Donna Helgensen and Sue Barry

Jennifer Reynolds and Jessica Persa-John F. Kennedy School Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship-(\$500 each), presented by Sandy Doyon and Greg Papp





**Frank Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program:** Dr. Edward J. Bloustein, for whom this Distinguished Scholar award is named, is the seventh President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He served as President of Rutgers for more than eighteen years and directed the University's development into one of America's premier public institutions for undergraduate and graduate education. This award is given to a select number of students who are ranked in the top 10 percent of their class and who have combined SAT scores of 1260 or higher. They will receive \$1000 annually if they attend a New Jersey college or university—(pic #14)—**David Cupo, Gregory Ogonowski, Sarah Oppelt, Julie Palmer, Alison Tietjen, Justin Woo.**

**Alison Butrico, Jessie Spayder and David Butrico—(pic #15)—South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles—(\$500 each),** presented by Robert Jenkin  
**Veronica Zappi—(pic #5)—South Plainfield Education Association—(\$1500),** presented by Lois Crespy  
**Thomas Daly and Ken Wieczorek—South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club—(\$2000 each),** presented by Ed Keegan  
**Doug Tackach—South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company (\$1500),** presented by Ed

Keegan  
**Shannon Bishop and Alison Tietjen—South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association—(\$500 each),** presented by Sharon Miller

**Kyo Daimo and Millie Patel—South Plainfield High School PTA—(\$500 each),** presented by Janet Miller & Donna Tierney

**Science Department Awards:**  
**David Cupo—Outstanding Achievement in Biology; Alison Tietjen—Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry; Greg Ogonowski—Outstanding Achievement in Physics,** presented by Tom Seiz  
**Karl Schuetz—Sylvan Learning Center Scholarship and Reading Program—(\$100),** presented by Kendra MacLeod  
**Mathematics Department Award: David Cupo—Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics,** presented by Cameron Green

**Alison Tietjen—Richard Conklin Scholarship, Jason Bataille—William Cady Scholarship—South Plainfield Police Athletic League (\$700 each)** presented by Sgt. John Alles  
**Adrienne Nagy—Jerusalem Masonic Lodge No. 26 of Free and Accepted Masons—Jerusalem Charities Foundation—(\$1500),** presented by Cheryl Fox

**Presidential Award For Educational Achievement—**In recognition of outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development, presented by Ed Keegan: **Jason Stokes, Christopher Thalheimer, Andrea Tolentino, Christopher Sangster, Brian Wilson, Alissa Gittens, Thomas Doyon, John Foscolo, Edward Echeverry, Kristin Anderson, Manzoor Ahmad, Joseph Nicolay, Shannon Hecht, Nicole Adorna, Tommy Lam, Edwin Marrero, Bimal Patel, Daksha Patel, Qui Zhang, Shelly Jankowski, Erin Mackey, Megan Melanson**

**Cathy Nguyen—National Association of Secondary School Principals—Principal's Leadership Award—**for demonstrated ability to combine Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership roles in school and community activities, presented by Anthony Massaro.

**Academic Team Awards—David Aquino, Rula Kanj, Elliot Kaplan, Greg Ogonowski, Alison Tietjen, Julie Palmer, Alex Huynh, Elayne Russell, Will Humber, Jeff McKnight, Kyan Bowman, Heather Barrett, Tom Sniscak, Justin Woo, Joe Sierzega, Jamie Glowacki—**presented by Marjorie Kopacs and Dolly Cammarere

**Adrienne Nagy and Alison Tietjen—American Association of University Women—(\$500 each),** presented by Cheryl Fox

**Nicole Luthman and Cathy Nguyen—Peer Leadership Club Certificates,** presented by Cheryl Fox

**World Languages Department Awards:**  
**David Cupo—Outstanding Achievement in Spanish; Milady Pichardo—Outstanding Achievement in French,** presented by Helen Gottlieb

**Ken Wieczorek—Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Martinsville, NJ—(\$250),** presented by Eileen Boettger

**Star Ledger Scholar:** Star Ledger Scholars are chosen from a committee of educators appointed by the State Department of Education. The selection committee considers the difficulty of courses pursued, class rank, GPA, Summer programs, courses taken at colleges, SAT II and College Board Advanced Placement scores. Awards are based strictly on academic merit—**Alison Tietjen—**presented by Edward Keegan

**Stephanie Prybella—United States Marine Scholastic Excellence Award for academic achievement and leadership; Joseph Nicolay—Scholar-Athlete Award—**

presented by Edward Keegan  
**Adrienne Nagy—Middlesex County School Counselor Association—**presented by Cheryl Fox

**Presidential Award for Educational Excellence—(see pic on page 8)** Presented to students who have maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average and achieve the 85th percentile or higher on SATS, presented by Helen Gottlieb  
**Richard Gebauer, Michael Cardona, Huyen Nguyen, Kyan Bowman, Heather Pedersen, Joanne Michalski, Millie Patel, Veronica Zappi, Adrienne Nagy, Emma Fulton, Nicole Luthman, Milady Pichardo, Sarah Oppelt, Angelique Ganlaris, Eman Younes, Julie Palmer, David Cupo, Greg Ogonowski, Alison Tietjen, Justin Woo, Armi Navasca, Lindsey Aiello, Jennifer Reynolds, Lam Nguyen, Stephanie Prybella, Kyo Daimo, Cathy Nguyen, Jason Bataille, Thanh Huynh, Mark Dimacje, Alison Butrico, Huy Nguyen, Melissa Jamieson**

**Kristen Anderson and Michael Lehman—Principal's Award For Educational Improvement—**presented by Anthony Massaro

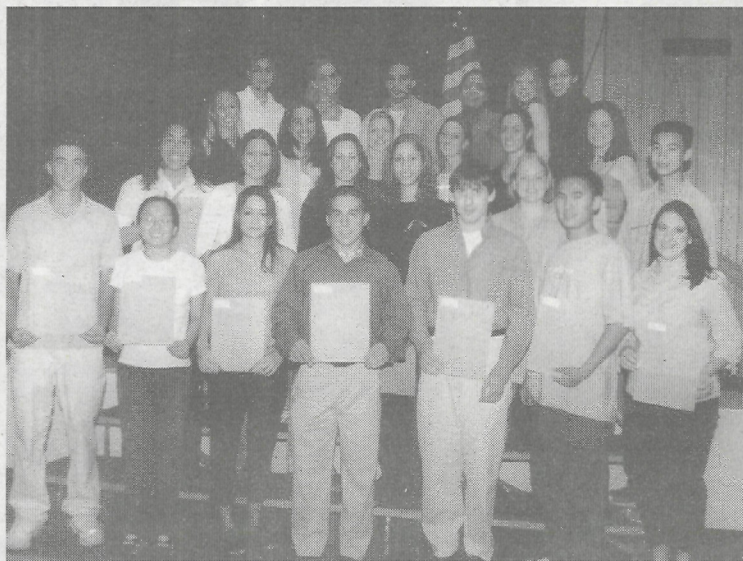


# SP High School Honor Roll 2000-2001

*South Plainfield High School recognizes students of outstanding academic talent in a more formal way than merely listing their names on honor rolls.*



*High School seniors receive recognition for the achievement of attaining the honor roll for all four years of high school.*



*High School seniors who have attained a 3.5 or higher grade point average and achieve the 85th percentile or higher on SAT's or recommendations receive the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence.*

1. An award of a scholastic letter is made on the basis of a student having been on the honor roll for a period of three out of four marking periods in one academic year.
  2. A lamp of learning pin is given to a student for the second and third years for having been on the honor roll three out of four marking periods each year.
  3. A student who has been on the honor roll for three out of four marking periods each year for four years will receive a plaque.
- Scholastic letters, pins and plaques were given to those students who have been on the honor roll for the aforementioned reasons.

## Academic Letter

David Allara	Dana Genova	Bonnie Pomovets
Jamaal Allen	Sarah Green	Amanda Rastell
Jonathan Alves	Christopher Horn	Ashley Ritchey
Arti Amin	Janice Hussain	Jonathan Rodger
Almasa Amini	Jamie Irber	Josef Rodriguez
Jacqueline Arango	Tara Israel	Michael Salerno
Danielle Aronowitz	Katherine Kaczka	Shari-Liane Sangster
Robert Barone	Wajdi Kanj	Matthew Santone
Victoria Boley	Kyle Kazimir	Andre Scott
Shannon Boyles	Angelica Keller	Daniel Sierzega
Jonathan Buggey	Christopher Kelly	Susan Smela
Kaitlin Bundy	Wendy Kollarik	Jenna Smith
Tarryn Carlton	Courtney Krajcik	Carly Stoeckel
Michael Carmon	Kristen Kunie	Alex Tierney
Lori Cushner	Kristina Latonio	Chiara Tomei
Christopher Czaplinski	Brittany Lee	Adam Toth
Justin Czarnik	Heather Loenser	Stephen Turrise
Kelly Daley	Jordan Lynch	Erin Walsh
Ryan Decker	Charlyn Magat	Robin Zushma
Christinna Del Genio	Stephanie Manuel	
Kevin Demarest	Earl Marcelo	
Brittany D'Nizio	Jennifer Martinez	
Christopher Dickerson	Ashley Mazellan	
Frank Dietzold	David Miglis	
Claire Dolling	John Okuzki	
Jenee Douras	Ankit Patel	
Brian Edwards	Anuj Patel	
Catherine Flannery	Harsh Patel	
Matina Ganiaris	Natalie Picciottoli	
Miguel Garcia		

## First Academic Letter

Sean Grevious	Matthew Noll	Rula Kanj	Matthew Liebl
Valerie Katsonis	Kareem Mohareem	Allison Kravetsky	Destiny Owen
Kimberly Kulick	Victor Pichardo		

## First Academic Pin

Kathy Almanzar	Antonia Katsantonis	Matthew Bizup	Robert Merkler
Christopher Catalfamo	Kevin Petrocelli	Jonathan Fredericks	Matthew Vance

## 2nd Academic Pin

Puja Amin	Elliot Kaplan	Brielle Anderson	Janelle Kenny
Cassie Bosse	Danielle Lytwyn	Jennifer Butrico	Jeffrey McKnight
Pamela Cianfrocca	Timothy Morgan	Jaclyn Cox	William Olson
Joseph Dezmin	Michelle Oppelt	Luis Dimacjie	Matthew Peloquin
Scott Doerr	Kimberly Pfeifer	Gina D'Urso	Billie Jean Sarullo
Meghan Elsmar	Martin Seiz	Mena Fahmy	Sally Serago
Ryan Gianneschi	Joseph Sierzega	Alan Graziano	Thomas Sniscak
Violet Huynh	Thomas Troia	Jessica Irber	Stephanie Veerasammy

## Academic Letter

Chris Baron	Kristin Pozarycki	Caitly Fodor
Dhara Shah	Janara Garcia	Jennifer Silhanek
Nadisha Hosein	Stephanie Tackach	Christina Lorange
Nicole Woo		

## First Academic Pin

Christopher Addvensky	Nathalie Londono	Joseph Adorna
Sejal Mehta	Alain Amazan	Daniel Melick
Heather Barrett	Richard Muglia	Eric Brandes
Sherin Navasca	Milton Bravo	Kristen Nietzer
Jenny Cai	Kristina Ogonowski	Jody Chepulis
Ellery Pagala	Meredith Cooper	Rupel Patel
Gary Curcio	Chirag Patel	James Curcio
Herry Patel	Nadia Deba	Cynthia Patel
Christina DeMatos	John Rayho	Denis DiMeglio
Eva Rodriguez	Kimberly Dziomba	Elayne Russell
Nicole Esposito	Meaghan Schweers	Abbalonia Falato
Danielle Skoba	Christina Furka	Joseph Smalley
Amanda George	Steven Sobel	Jamie Glowacki
David Spayder	Shelly Graziano	Justin Toth
Kristen Gumina	Denise Vita	Amanda Hermann
Ryan Vroom	Alexander Huynh	Matthew Wells
Lauren Kackza	Frank Wrublewski	Amit Kalia
Victoria Zappi	Michael Kasmer	

## First Academic Letter

Erich Gaub	Shannon Regan	Sarah Manfredo	Jeffrey Smith
Christina Raimondi	Lacey Walter		

## 1st Academic Pin

Sam Alexander	Sabina Montanaro	Stephen Allara	Joseph Maglaque
Shannon Bishop	Megan Melanson	Johanna Camino	Huyen Nguyen
Michael Cardona	Annette Papa	Justina Carubia	Roxana Parreno
Thomas Daly	Jessica Pasco	Michael DeSimone	Milady Pichardo
Janet Golon	Steven Popp	Shannon Hecht	Lauren Richardson
Amanda Kress	Martin Schreck	Erin Mackey	Justin Woo

## 2nd Academic Pin

Lindsey Aiello	Huy Nguyen	Kristin Anderson	Lam Nguyen
Michael Edgecomb	Jennifer Pagala	Rachel Feller	Jessica Persa
John Foscolo	Jessie Spayder	Maria Leonardis	Veronica Zappi

## Grade 12 Plaque

Nicole Adorna	Sarah Oppelt	Kimberly Benson	Julie Palmer
David Cupo	Millie Patel	Mark Dimacjie	Heather Pedersen
Emma Fulton	Alison Tietjen	Angelique Ganiaris	Anh Trinh
Alissa Gittens	Kristin Turner	Nicole Luthman	Eman Younes
Adrienne Nagy	Qui Zhang		
Gregory Ogonowski			



## SWIMMING

## Tiger Sharks Swim Past Chatham For Win

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team, representing the South Plainfield Community Pool, swam to victory over opposing team Chatham Colony at an away meet held June 23. Michael Boyle claimed first place in the boys 9-10 100 meter freestyle. Phil Luzny took first place in the boys 11 and 12 freestyle and Emmett Marsili took second. For the 13 to 18 group, Calvin John Smiley took first place and Billy Moates placed third, swimming 200 meters freestyle. For the girls 100 meter Individual Medley, Emily Piekarski took second for the 10 and under group; Leah Konops took first in the 11 and 12 age group; and swimming 200 meters, Shannon Dabrio placed third in the 13 to 18 age group.

In the girls 8 and under 25 meter butterfly, Maggie Valentino took second place and Grace Piekarski took third. For the boys same age group, Dylan McDermott took first swimming 25m breaststroke and Charlie

Dougherty took second. Danielle Atcachunas took first in the 9-10 girls 50m. butterfly and Emily Piekarski took third. Anthony Baldasare took third in the boys 9-10 50m breaststroke. Leah Konops took first place for girls 50m butterfly, age 11-12, and for the same age group, Phil Luzny took first in the 50m breaststroke. Matt Moates placed third in the same race and Nina Byard took third in the 13-14 girls 100m butterfly. For the boys 13-14 100m breast, Chris Reed took third as did Richard Stewart in the 15-18 age group for the same stroke. Mary Odowski placed first in the 15-18 girls 100m butterfly.

Sarah Konops took a first place in the 8 and under girls 25m freestyle. The 8 and under boys took first, second and third place in the 25m backstroke, with Dylan McDermott leading, followed by Patrick Boyle and Charlie Dougherty. For the 9-10 girls, Danielle Atcachunas placed second in the 50m free and in the same age

group boys 50m back, Michael Boyle took second as well. Meghan Boyle took first place in the girls 50m 11-12 freestyle and for the boys, Emmett Marsili took first for the 11-12 50m backstroke, while Matt Moates placed second. In the 13-14 girls 100m freestyle, Kristin Dabrio took first and Nina Byard placed third. Calvin John Smiley placed first in the 13-14 boys 100m back and Chris Reed took third.

Shannon Dabrio took second place for the girls 100m free, ages 15-18; and for the boys 100m backstroke in the same age group, Richard Stewart placed second and Karim Motani took third. In the relay races, the team of Sarah Konops, Maggie Valentino, Grace Piekarski and Ellen Zinsky took second place for the girls 8 and under 100m medley. The boys team of Patrick Boyle, Liam McDermott, Mike Atcachunas and Charlie Dougherty took second in the 100m free relay 8 and under. For the girls 9-12 200m medley relay, the team of Jackie Dougherty, Emily Piekarski, Danielle Atcachunas and Leah Konops took first place. The boys 9-



The Community Pool's Tiger Sharks spent part of the hot weekend out of the water as they held a 'canning' at businesses across town. Alexandra and Kimberly Petronko 'can' outside Witty's Liquors as mom, Patty, watched from a nearby car.

12 200m free relay was won by the team of Phil Luzny, Dylan McDermott, Mike Boyle and Matt Moates. Second place team was Emmett Marsili, Ryan Egan, Brian

Babinetz and Anthony Baldasare. Due to sudden inclement weather, the older age group relay races were not included in the meet and the Tiger Sharks won with the higher score of the two teams.



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

All-Star Tri-County Season — Week of July 9 The All-Star softball team is in full swing.

Our 14-U team will be playing North Brunswick on July 9 in North Brunswick. On July 10, the game will be against Watchung in Watchung. The July 11 game will be against East Brunswick at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The last game of the week will be held on July 12 with North Edison, at North Edison. The July 7 game against Watchung, listed on the original schedule, has been cancelled and will now be played on July 10.

Our 12-U (Bosse) team will be playing North Plainfield on July 10 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The July 11 game will be against Monroe at Monroe at 7 p.m. On July 12 we will be going against Watchung in Watchung. The July 14 game against Monroe, as shown on the original schedule, has been cancelled and will now be played on July 11. The game will start at 7 p.m. There will be a practice on Sunday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pitt Street Park Complex.

Our 12-U (Reichert) team will be playing Monroe on July 10 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. On July 12, the game will be against North Plainfield at North Plainfield. On July 14, we will be going against North Brunswick at North Brunswick.

Our 10-U team will be playing North Plainfield on July 9 in North Plainfield. The July 10 game will be against South Brunswick at the Pitt Street Park Complex. On July 12 we will be going against East Brunswick at the Pitt Street Park Complex.

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.

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 at (908) 226-7713.

14-U Union Tournament—July 21-22—Our 14-U team will be participating in the Union Tournament on July 21 and 22. Please come out and support our team. The best of luck to both players and coaches. Additional information on this tournament will appear in the Batter's Box and be posted on our website as it becomes available from the coaches.

12-U (Bosse) Monroe Tournament—July 20, 21, 22—Our 12-U (Bosse) team will be participating in the Monroe tournament on July 20, 21 and 22. Please come out and support our team. The best of luck to both players and coaches. Additional information on this tournament will appear in the Batter's Box and be posted on our website as it becomes available from the coaches.

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 interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on July 24. New members are always welcomed.

12-U (Bosse) Roselle Park Tournament—July 27, 28, 29—Our 12-U (Bosse) team will be participating in the Roselle Park tournament on July 27, 28 and 29. Please come out and support our team. The best of luck to both players and coaches. Additional information on this tournament will appear in the Batter's Box and be posted on our website as it becomes available from the coaches.

Tri-County Playoffs—July 30, 31 and August 1—Playoff games for Tri-County will be held on July 30, 31 and August 1.

Tri-County Championship Games—August 2 and 3—The Tri-County championship games for the 10-U and 12-U will be held on August 2 with the 10-U games starting at 6 p.m. and the 12-U game beginning at 8 p.m. The 14-U championship game will be played on August 3. The starting time is to be announced. All games will be held at Krausche field in North Plainfield.

Ponytail Softball Online—You can now visit Ponytail softball online anytime at our newly created website...SPONYTAIL.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.

By Tony Cassano

## juniorbaseballclubnotes



• **SPJBC ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY**—The 28th Annual SPJBC Invitational All-Star Tournament started last Friday and continues nightly and throughout the upcoming July weekends. 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 complex. 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 tournament which will run daily through the month of July.

• **CONGRATULATIONS 2001 CHAMPIONS—PONY B—ORIOLES**—Congratulations to the Pony B—Orioles for winning this years double elimination tournament within their league. The championship game included some offensive fireworks as the Orioles won 23-12 over the A's. Congratulations to all teams in Pony B for a great season. Listed below are the players and coaches from the winning team. The Orioles will be awarded trophies at this years annual picnic scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8. Pony A tournament games continue and we promise that

we'll have a champion in the not to distant future.

**Pony B—Orioles**—Vincent Genova, Kyle Lykes, Justin Melanson, Thomas Pederson, A.J. Romano, Peter Schirripa, Michael Schuetz, Ryan Smith, Ryan Taylor, Mark Warness, Daniel Zalinsky, Mng-Kevin Lykes, C-Anthony Romano • **FALL BALL REGISTRATION (July 13 & 14)**—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 includes a T-shirt and hat. The age groups will be 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14 (\*based on next year's playing age). Teams will be formulated and out-of-townners are welcome. Games will start in Sept. For any additional details, contact our Fall Ball Committee of Lee Flanagan, John Polizzano or Jeff Marcoux.

• **UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 7/8 - Work Detail (Sat. 7 am, Sun. 8 am)  
July 14/15 - Work Detail (Sat. 7 am, Sun. 8 am)  
July 16 - Please note that there will not be a mid-month meeting for July due to traveling All-Star games  
July 21/22-Work Detail (Sat. 7 am, Sun. 8 am)  
July 28/29-Work Detail (Sat. 7 am, Sun. 8 am)  
August 6-General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm



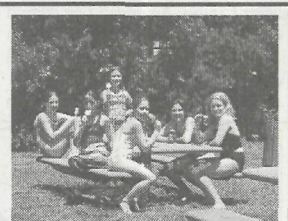
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# Legal Notices

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Ayman Bayoumy requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 16.8' x 12' irregular deck, deck lacks the required 8' side setback, 6.14' exists and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 82 Lot 13 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on July 17, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 1T July 6, 2001

## BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

July 2, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on June 26, 2001.

A. Case #99-10/V—George Boghossian & John Falzarano—Block 404.02; Lots 1 & 31; R-10 Zone; Harvard Ave.—Applicant's request for a five lot subdivision, with variances, to construct new single family dwellings, was hereby GRANTED.

Janice J. Muccilli  
Recording Secretary/Planning Board

\$19.00 July 6, 2001

## Obituaries

### Arthur L. Devine, 77

Arthur L. Devine of South Plainfield died on Friday, June 29 at his home.

Born in Newark, he had resided in South Plainfield for the last 50 years.

He was a 1947 graduate of Seton Hall University, receiving his BA in Accounting.

Mr. Devine was a revenue agent for the Internal Revenue Service in Newark for 35 years, retiring in 1980. After his retirement, he worked from his home as a public accountant. He was a member of the National Society of Tax Professionals and the National Society of Public Accountants and the NJ Society of Public Accountants.

He was a veteran of the US Army during WWII, and a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 in South Plainfield and served as Post Commander in 1960-1961 and a former member of 40 & 8 at the post. He was a member of the Middlesex County American Legion and served as financial officer. He was a life member of the American Disabled Veterans Chapter 7.

He was a member of the South

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Take further notice that in each instance where necessary, I have been authorized to notify all contiguous property owners as required by NJSA 40A:12-13.2.

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/s/ Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

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Salé # 1 - Minimum Bid \$285,000  
Block 368, Lot 6.01

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9) It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

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Salé # 2 - Minimum Bid \$95,000  
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Salé #3 - Minimum Bid \$110,000  
Block 402, Lot 5

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8) The purchaser shall make prompt application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval on-site and off-site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event said approvals are not received within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall forward the balance of the purchase price in conformance with paragraph five (5) above.

9) It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

10) Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition to the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

11) Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

12) At set sale, or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right, in its discretion to reject any or all bids.

13) Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Complex" located at the intersection of Hamilton Blvd. and New Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

14) Within sixty (60) days of the date of sale, Purchaser shall do what is necessary to determine if the subject property is affected by wetlands. In the event that no such determination is made within said sixty (60) day period, the Purchaser shall proceed to closing as set forth herein.

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## policereport

### Police Department Catches CVS Robber on Anonymous Tip

On April 12, at 8:51 p.m., the CVS Store on Oak Tree Ave. was held up by a lone robber. The robbery was captured on a video surveillance tape. The robber stated, "If you want to live to see tomorrow, give me \$100 in cash." He then lifted his shirt and showed the cashier what appeared to be a gun in a plastic bag. The cashier handed over \$151 in cash and the robber left without incident.

A still photo of the suspect obtained from the video was placed in area newspapers, along with instructions to call the Detective Bureau. The video was also shown on Channel 12 News. An anonymous call came in from someone who said he saw the photo in the newspaper and recognized the individual as working at Pathmark on Hadley Rd.

Det. Gary Kline investigated the information and identified the possible suspect as Alonzo Timothy Branch, of Plainfield.

Police discovered that there were two outstanding Contempt of Court warrants on Branch and Det. Kline arrested him. After conducting a follow-up investigation, he determined that Branch was responsible for the robbery. He was arrested on June 27 and bail was set at \$5,000 with no 10%. Branch is currently being held at the Middlesex County Jail.

This crime was solved through the cooperative efforts of the police, public and media. Also contributing to the successful outcome was the high quality of the surveillance tape.

### Other Police News

• On June 27, a Clinton Ave. resident reported that two rocks had been thrown at the front of his residence. One broke the window and another broke the window ledge.

• An employee of Exxon on W. 7th St. reported that a brick had been thrown through the rear window of a vehicle that was parked in the lot over night.

• On Friday, a Calderone St. resident reported the theft of "No Trespassing" signs from the tennis court area.

• On Saturday, a Second Pl. resident reported that her vehicle had been stolen from her driveway.

• A Scalera St. resident reported that a friend tried to use her name to activate three cell phones at Nemesis Mobile Electronics on Park Ave.

• Ronald Morris of Quality Glass on So. Clinton Ave. reported that his van had been broken into. The vent window on the drivers side door appeared to have been pried open and \$302 in cash, \$345 in checks, paperwork and tools were taken.

• On Tuesday, a Palmer Ave. resident reported being harassed by a speeding motorist on his block. The driver got out of his car and threatened him with a baseball bat.

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# PROJECT GRADUATION 2001

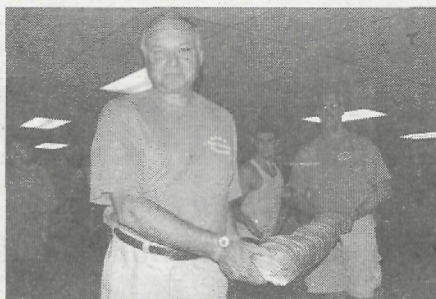
The 2001 Project Graduation Party was a resounding success. The event, a substance-free party for SPHS graduating seniors, is in its twelfth year.

The party was held from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. at the The Club at Ricochet. Once a graduate is inside they must stay for the entire program unless a parent provides a note.

The Project Graduation committee works year round on this event. Often the plans for the following year's party are being made within a week of graduation.

The committee consists of approximately 25 members who meet once a month. They hold three major fundraisers during the year: a scoop dinner, talent show and the huge auction/raffle. In addition to fundraising, the members spend the night chaperoning the party and attending to the clean up in the morning.

The local community and South Plainfield businesses have annually offered extensive support for the program. Since Project Graduation was established, there have been no major accidents on graduation night.



## PROJECT GRADUATION

## Schedule Set For Fall Sports Physicals

Work ups for the Fall Sports' physical examinations will be conducted on July 16, July 23 and August 13, in the Health Office at South Plainfield High School. Students must bring a completed Medical History Questionnaire with them. Times for each sport are as follows:

8:30 a.m.	Football (10-12)
9:30 a.m.	Football (9)
10:30 a.m.	Boys' Soccer
11:00 a.m.	Boys' Cross Country
1:00 p.m.	Field Hockey/ Gymnastics
1:30 p.m.	Tennis/Girls' Cross Country
2:00 p.m.	Cheerleaders/ Girls Soccer

Athletes should attend on these dates at their designated time. Appointments for your physical examination will be given at the workup. Physical exams will be given from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the following dates by appointment only: Girls on July 17, July 25 and August 14; Boys on July 18, July 24 and August 14. The next school physical will be given on September 11 after school has started. Remember, no athlete may practice without a physical after the official opening practice date.

All necessary forms needed for the work up may be picked up in the Athletic Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, during July and August.

If you choose to go to your own doctor, at your own expense, please pick up your physical forms to take with you and return them to the Athletic Office prior to the official opening practice date.

## SPMS Band Takes Top Honors At Showcase Music Festival

Recently, members of the South Plainfield Middle School Band traveled to Great Adventure to perform at a Showcase Music Festival. The group performed quite exceptionally.

The Jazz Ensemble achieved first place and a rating of superior, which is the highest rating a band can get. The Wind Ensemble achieved third place and a rating of superior. The percussion section of the Wind Ensemble achieved best percussion in a concert band for the day, and the Saxophone Section won best saxophone section in a Jazz Ensemble. Also,

Peter Kelly won a soloist award for his solo in "My Funny Valentine." The competition was tough because there were groups performing from all around the Tri-State area.

After the performances were over, the students had the opportunity to spend the day at Six Flags Great Adventure and enjoyed the many rides and shows that it had to offer. At the end of the evening, there was a first-rate awards ceremony, where the students were presented with the awards. An excellent time was had by all.

*Submitted by Andrew Weiss*

## New Hours at Weightroom

As of July 2, there will be new hours for the PAL Weightroom. Weekdays are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

All members must have their cards and towels at all times.

## Recreation to Sponsor Summer Track Club

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a Summer Track Club. Fee is \$10 to join. To join, pick up a form at the PAL Building, Maple Ave.

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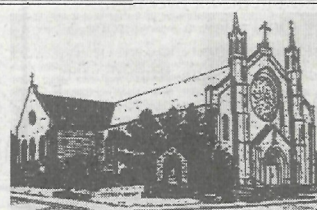
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