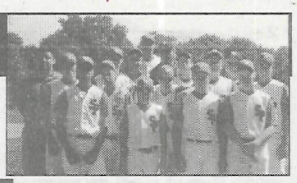


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## Two South Plainfield Residents Hired as Police Officers



Mark Bullock, center, is sworn in by Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri as his father, retired Lieutenant Thomas Bullock looks on.



David DeLair is sworn in while his wife, Mary and daughters Sarah, Holly and Catherine look on.

At a special Council meeting held on Monday, two residents were sworn in as South Plainfield's newest police officers.

David DeLair is following in the footsteps of his late brother, Mark, who was also a South Plainfield Police Officer. He died tragically in an off-duty accident last year.

Mark Bullock's father, Thomas, was a former Lieutenant with the South Plainfield Police Department,

now retired. Mark, a 22-year-old resident of South Plainfield, was previously employed by the NJ Department of Corrections. He resides with girlfriend, Andrea, and their daughter.

The new officers will begin work on Monday, July 16. They will be attending Somerset County Police Academy starting on July 23. They are scheduled to graduate from the academy in December.

## 150-YEAR OLD 'GEARY HOUSE' TO BE TORN DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW HOUSES



By Patricia Abbott

A bit of South Plainfield history is about to become history, all in the name of progress. The large house on Plainfield Ave., known as the Geary House, is the site of tentative construction. Plans call for the house to be torn down and several new homes to be built on the existing lot.

The house is over 160 years old. The original portion of the farm house, which is the smaller section on the left, was built by the Randolph family in 1840. The Manning family bought the property in 1859 and added to the home in 1860. The Manning's lived there until the house was sold to John Geary in 1913.

Geary was a prominent citizen in the early days of South Plainfield. When Geary sold the property, the spacious farmland surrounding the home became Geary Park, the first large-scale development in South Plainfield. The construction took

place between 1949 and 1951.

The property was purchased by Charlie Strassle sometime in the late 70's. He chose not to register it with any historic society, local or otherwise. Larry Randolph, a member of the South Plainfield Historical Society said, "It's a shame that its going to come down."

Despite its age, the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission does not consider the home eligible for the National Registry of Historic Places. It was originally a farmhouse surrounded by crop-laden farmland. The house now sits on the outskirts of a development that was once fertile farm land. The homes in the nearby development are so close to the Geary House that it seems out of context with its surroundings, rendering it non-eligible for NCCHC status.

There are no local ordinances to stop the proposed construction and state and federal laws do not apply.

While the house may have historic roots, it is also home to a family and the present owners have the right to proceed as they choose with their property. The rapid growth of our town is part of an ongoing process. Perhaps one day it will be compared to the boom of construction brought about by the Geary Park development. Either way, today's events become tomorrow's history.

## Residents To Receive a Tax Credit

Because of state grant of \$124,495 residents will be seeing a credit in their August tax bills. This is a result of South Plainfield joining the county in a shared services program. Each taxpayer will get an average credit of \$18.

## How Did the Police Department Spend Their Forfeiture Money?

# \$566,574 in "Dirty Money" Used to Purchase Cars and Various Computer Equipment

Questions have been filtering back to members of the South Plainfield Police Department concerning the new cars, computers and traffic equipment they have acquired during the past year.

They feel it's time to explain just what they have done with the forfeiture money awarded to them last year. They have been able to upgrade and purchase various pieces of equipment utilizing the forfeiture money — and



Pictured are some of the vehicles purchased with the forfeiture money by South Plainfield police last year.

all without using any taxpayer money. After being awarded the funds, a lot of thought was given as to how to spend it in order to get the most for their money. They were only allowed to use the money to purchase items that would not normally be budgeted for. Careful consideration was also given to purchase items that would have a significant impact on the police department's ability to provide services to the community over a long period of time.

Some of the items purchased with forfeiture money are:

- **Two Ford Expeditions:** Perhaps the most notable purchases made with forfeiture money are the Ford Expeditions, not only because of their size, but also because they are different from any other vehicles in the police department's fleet. They have been assigned to Traffic Safety and the Training Unit, respectfully. Both of these vehicles serve multiple purposes. They are large enough to carry equipment and provide four-wheel drive ca-

pabilities during snowstorms. It is important to note that in the past 20 years the South Plainfield Police Department has not had any four-wheel drive vehicles in their fleet which has limited their capability to respond to calls for service during snowstorms.

- **Ford F-350 Prisoner Transport Vehicle:** In the past few years, our local police force has experienced a substantial increase in the number of prisoner transportations, both in terms of the quantity of trips to the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center as well as the volume of prisoners per trip. The purchase of this compartmentalized special purpose vehicle allows police to transport males and females simultaneously and allows them to safely transport up to 10 people

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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 16 ..... Thursday, July 19

Monday, August 13 ..... Thursday, August 16 (Revised Date)

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

### planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

July 24, August 14, August 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27,

Dec. 11, 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, 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 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 (no meeting), December 27.

### recreation commission

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

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

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

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

### board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Regular Board Mtg., Tue., August 28, Sept. 18, Oct. 23; 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, Tue., Aug. 21, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

### 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 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

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



## Sale of Bricks to Fund New Firefighter Monument

As we reported last week, a new sign located on the corner of Lakeview and Maple avenues is asking residents to purchase a brick to support the proposed Firemen's Memorial Park which will be located at that site. 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 Plainfield and the Fire Department. The walkway will contain bricks purchased by residents and businesses, personalized with their name or the name of their choice.

If you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the South Plainfield Fire Department at (908) 756-4761. (Please note that the phone number published last week was incorrect).

## Middle School Announces Fourth MP Honor Roll

The following is a list of students who have made the high honor roll or honor roll for the fourth marking period.

### Grade 7

**High Honor Roll:** Samantha Deffler, Zachary Gray, Beverly Jamieson, Samuel Mootoo, Courtney Sacco, Gina Severini, Kevin Siedenburg, Natalia Tamzoke, Lee Tetreault

**Honor Roll:** Nicole Aiello, Jason Alves, Gaelle Amazan, Darice Bishop, Ashley Bodner, Dana Chepulis, Jenny Cheng, Jennifer Chiang, Angelica Cirilli, Kevin Crilley, Jeffrey Cupo, Kazuki Daimo, William Daly, Amanda Deba, Joseph DeNizio, Keith Dezmin, Daniel Domzalski, Sandia Dundi, Breanne Fore, Dunia Galarza, Aisha Monique Gray, Kristen Gualano, Jonathan Guirguis, Scott Hartje, Julianne Hudak, Shivani Itwaru, Ramit Kalia, Victoria Kedmenec, Jonathan Lazor, Kristi Lombardi, Kaitlin Lombardi, Kaitlin Mackenzie, Bryan Milicia, Rebekah Moore, Anthony Niemczyk, Jr. and Ryan O'Shea.

Kelly Orlandini, Heather Palitto, Dipal Patel, Harshel Patel, Kaitlyn Pollock, Harmeet Puar, Alishah Rahemtulla, Anthony Romano, Angelique Rualo, Nicole Sacci, Denise Scavone, Brian Schulte, Devanee Sedwat, Ryan Smith, Joseph Stasio, Melissa Szcliga, Steven Tietjen, Stephanie Troia, Daryl Valerio, Jesse Ventura, Rebecca Watts, Christopher Weakley, Krystal Williams, Megan Wilson and Matthew Zebrowski

### Grade 8

**High Honor Roll:** Dawn Besser, Fabian Casteblanco, Nicholas Curcio, Christina DiFrancesco, Allison

DiMeglio, Joseph Helgesen, Colleen Kamen, Ryan Kenny, Alyssa Maiorino, Stefanie Miller, Kathleen Morgan, Deep Patel, Jaret Shelton, Justin Shelton, Stephanie Stellakis, Sara Sukenik, Marybeth Tran, Vincent Velez

**Honor Roll:** Shakellah Amini, Peter Aquino, Christopher Bakazan, Michael Benak, Christopher Bojarski, Vijay Budhan, Justin Buendia, Gerry Butrico, Pasquale Cantarella, Nicholas Cesare, Mallory Christ, Toni Ciccio, Janine Clemente, Kristin Coffey, Paul Corrado, Cassandra D'Urso, Seiichii Daimo, Louana DeLosSantos, Peter DeAndrea, Stacey Diana, Jonathan Donahue, Michael Downes, Michael Duquette, Jeffrey Eng, Caitlin English, Shawn Ferguson, Jordan Garner, Keenan Gaynor, John George, Nicholas Grego, Jeffrey Grubeshich, Melissa Hansen, Emily Harkins, Lauren Haus and Phu Doung Huynh.

Jamie Jakubik, Latoya Johnson, Katherine Kelliher, Thomas Kiczula Jr., Veronica Konya, Kevin Lahey, Linda Lee, Jonathan Liebl, Johnathan Lopez, Kurtis Maglaque, Aimee Maiorino, Christine Manfredo, Jessica Manning, David Martinez, Allan Mazurak, Christopher McKnight, Andrew Miller, Rosanna Mootoo, Katie Mott, Brian Murtagh, Cynthia Nguyen, Huan Khoa Nguyen, Jean Pagdonolan, Valerie Pasquarella, Kristen Penkunas, Daniel Piwowar, Amanda Prybella, Patrick Pryor, Dwight Quicha, Alexa Reha, Todd Rivers, Jessica Senz, Alisha Stasenka, Darshan Suthar, Kelly Thomas, Ashlen Udell, Jennifer Vasquez and Philip Zazzara.

## In My Opinion

Dear Editor,

After the graduation ceremonies for the SPHS Class of 2001 on June 22, the majority of students came to The Club at Ricochet for their Project Graduation. This is a time to have fun and celebrate the relationships developed over the years. The students stayed all night in this drug and alcohol-free environment to play volleyball, racquetball, basketball, swim and to participate in various shows and contests.

This all-nighter represents an unbelievable amount of effort by many people. Just raising the funds to finance the event is a year-long endeavor. The people involved ranged from school administrators, teachers and other school employees, Marriott staff, to current and past parents, to South Plainfield businesses and the community at large.

The SPHS PTA/Project Graduation Committee would like to thank all those involved for helping to make this night a great success once again (this is the thirteenth year)! We should be very proud to live in a community that supports such a worthwhile cause.

CORDIALLY,

KAREN STAHURA  
JANET K. MILLER

SPHS PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

### 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, or it will NOT be published. In the past few weeks we have had several letters we did not publish because names were not submitted with the letter.

Send your letter/opinion to: The South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield 07080. You can email us at GGNAN@aol.com or fax to 908-668-8819.

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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. Letters must be submitted with name and phone number, even if they request name their name be omitted when published.

## 2001 Parochial and Private High School Graduates

The following is a list of South Plainfield residents who have graduated as part of the Class of 2001 from parochial or private schools in the area.

### Mount Saint Mary Academy

Dana L. Bladon-Cum Laude

Graduate, National Honor Society

Jessica L. Bladon-Magna Cum

Laude Graduate, National Honor Society, Honors Designation in Art

Sarah E. Blessing-Honors Designation in English

### St. Joseph High School of Metuchen

Brian Jimenez Andaya, Jonathan

Brad Bostick, Jonathan Patrick

Ciampi, Dominick Liberty, Sean

Michael Puskas, Jason Adam

Zielinski

### Wardlaw Hartridge School

Mario DeSantis, Allison

Kalman, Eugene Moretti

### Council Changes August Meeting Dates

The council has changed their August meeting dates. They will be meeting one week earlier than scheduled. The new dates are as follows: Agenda meeting scheduled for Aug. 20 will be held on Aug. 13 and the public meeting scheduled for Aug. 23 will be held on Aug. 16. The 8 p.m. time remains the same.

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

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### Milestones

#### Christopher Sztybel Graduates From Bradley Academy

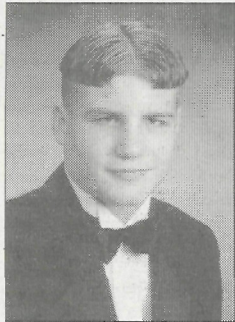
Christopher John Sztybel graduated on June 30 from the Bradley Academy for the Visual Arts in York, Pennsylvania with an Associates Degree in Specialized Technology.

Christopher is a member of the

Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society and was chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Christopher is the son of John and Rose Marie Sztybel of East Golf Avenue in South Plainfield.

#### Two HS Graduates Awarded Half Scholarships by Lincoln Tech. Institute



Bryan T. Novajosky

Two South Plainfield residents have been awarded half-tuition scholarships by Lincoln Technical Institute in Union.

The awards have gone to Gary M. LaFontaine Jr. and Bryan T. Novajosky, both graduates of South Plainfield High School.

Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. LaFontaine Sr. LaFontaine will be enrolled in the architectural and mechanical drafting design and CAD technology program. Bryan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Novajosky, will be a student in the air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology program.

Members of this year's scholarship selection committee were Robert Heimowitz, vice

president of Abe Gruber Supply Company, Elizabeth; Jim Whelan, assistant district manager, Bridgestone Tire Service, Wayne; John Gibson of Franklin, retired engineer with Atlas Supply Co., Springfield; Gary Malanga, director of employment development, Somerset Tire Service, Bound Brook and Tamara Telemaque, recruiter, United Parcel Service, Parsippany.

The Union school, located at 2299 Vauxhall Rd., is one of 24 facilities operated nationally by Lincoln Educational Services. It also offers a program in automotive technology. LTI is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools/Colleges of Technology.



Gary M. LaFontaine Jr.

#### Green Named District Leader, BPOE

As members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from across the nation gathered in Philadelphia from July 8-12 for the Order's 137th Annual Grand Lodge Convention, James B. Green, Sr., of Middlesex Elks Lodge No. 2301, was installed as the new leader of the West Central District of the New Jersey State Elks Association, voted on key issues facing the Order, and elected new national

leaders.

As the Elks national representative for the area, Green, Sr. will now be responsible for working with local Elks Lodges to fulfill the Order's long-standing commitment to promote charity and patriotism in their communities.

Last year, the 1.12 million members of the Elks made charitable contributions totaling more than \$220 millions (cash and in-kind).

#### AFL-CIO Endorses Patrick Diegnan for Assembly

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO has endorsed South Plainfield resident Patrick Diegnan for the New Jersey Assembly.

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO candidate endorsement process included an extensive review of candidates' positions on issues affecting New Jersey's working families. Candidates were considered by the NJ State AFL-CIO officers and Executive Board, the 14 Central Labor Councils, and the delegates to the Legislative/COPE Endorsement Conference. Candidates' positions on issues and incumbents' votes were examined prior to receiving support for endorsement.

The State AFL-CIO endorsed the entire Democratic slate including Barbara Buono of Metuchen for State Senate Peter Barnes, Jr. of Edison and Patrick Diegnan for General Assembly.

"I am thrilled to receive the support of the AFL-CIO," Mr. Diegnan said. "Brought up in a union family, I know that the AFL-CIO works hard every day for working families. As a member of the NJ Assembly, I will work just as hard for the union members of our state who deserve a fair share from their government."

Diegnan, a life long resident of South Plainfield, is running with Mayor Jim McGreevey, who was overwhelmingly endorsed by the AFL-CIO for governor. If elected, Diegnan will be the first resident of South Plainfield to serve in the State Legislature.



The Lions Club recently held their installation dinner at the Holiday Inn on June 27. Pictured are President Bob Desch, Secretary Hank Grabarz, 1st Vice President Mike Zushma, 2nd Vice President Ray Kaplin, Treasurer Steve Cecchetti and 3rd Vice President Peter Walsh.

#### Lions Hold Installation Dinner

The Lions Club of South Plainfield held their annual installation dinner at the Holiday Inn on June 27. Lion President Bob Desch and Treasurer Steve Cecchetti will continue on with their duties. Outgoing secretary Peter Walsh was commended on the fine job he did this past year. Incoming secretary Hank Grabarz was inducted by Past District Governor Larry Massaro. All in all, over forty lions and their spouses/family members attended.

The Lions Club of South Plainfield is a service organization dedicated to the hearing and visually impaired. Past projects have included assisting the visually and hearing impaired, donations of seeing guide dogs, scholarships and other Lion District projects.

For further information or how to become a member, contact the Lions Club of South Plainfield at P.O. Box 721, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-0721.

#### DEP Delays Trash Train Plans

The Department of Environmental Protection has put a hold on plans involving the controversial "Trash Train."

The DEP returned the proposal to build a transfer station in Linden, which would handle garbage

from New York City. The garbage would arrive in Linden on barges from New York and after processing in the Linden transfer station, it would be loaded on trains and shipped through New Jersey to out-of-state landfills.

The proposed one-mile long trains would pass through South Plainfield on the south side of town on South Clinton Ave.

The DEP ordered the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, so they could hold another public hearing on the plan.

DEP Commissioner Robert C. Shinn said no approvals will be made until significant concerns about the proposed facility are addressed, such as the impact trains transporting solid waste will have on automobile traffic, the effect New York City's solid waste system will have on New Jersey's attainment of national health standards for air quality and what plans would be taken to prevent the release garbage into the waterways.

Metuchen, Woodbridge, Edison and Carteret have initiated a lawsuit against approval of the planned facility and the "Trash Train."

#### Groundbreaking for Senior Center Saturday

The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies for the proposed new senior citizens building, located on the corner of Lakeview and Maple Ave. Jack Morris has agreed to build the center at no cost to the Borough. The event takes place on this Saturday, July 14, at 12 noon at the site of the future building.

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#### Houses Removed to Make Way for Commerce Bank



Wreckers arrived last week on Plainfield Ave., across the street from Borough Hall and quickly demolished two houses on that site. Commerce Bank plans to build a new branch in the near future.

#### FREE GOLF CLINIC!

Thursday, July 12 - 7:00 pm  
Plainfield West 9 Golf Course  
Corner of Maple & Woodland Aves.

Babe Lichardus, four time NJ State Open Champion will reveal his long kept "SECRET" at a free golf clinic to be held at the first tee of the West 9. All golfers and "would be" golfers from 8 to 80 are invited to attend and learn priceless golf tips from one of New Jersey's greatest golfers.

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# Around Town

## 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 will 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

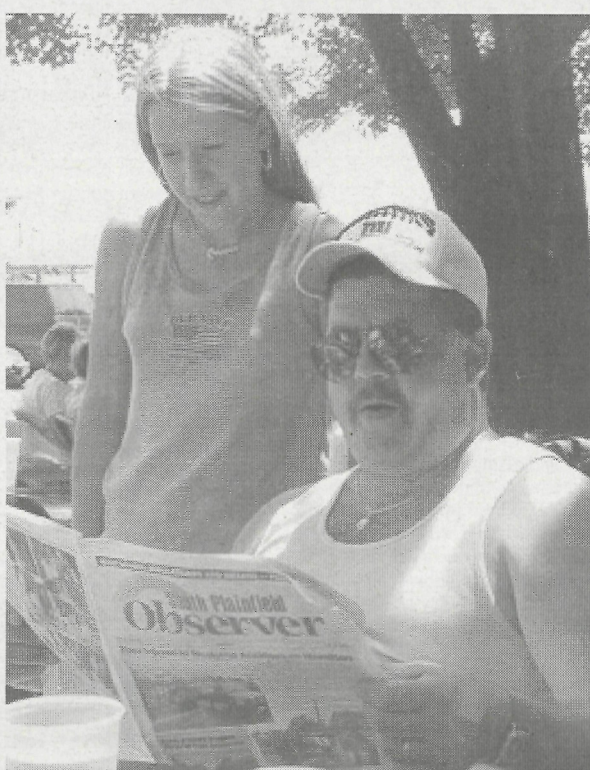
August 8

The South Plainfield Golf Association has announced plans to hold the SOUTH PLAINFIELD OPEN on Wednesday, Aug. 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).



Everyone is reading the Observer. See page 9 for subscription form.

## 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, weeknights 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—

## 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).

## Plainfield To Host 38th Annual Arts Festival

July 14

The Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce it will host the 38th Annual Outdoor Festival of Art on Saturday, July 14 in Library park at West Eighth Street and Park Ave, in the Van Wyck Historic District in Plainfield. The festival will run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Prizes totaling \$3,745 will be awarded to artists and crafters in oils & acrylics, watercolors, pastels, sculptures, prints, drawings, photography and crafts. There is a separate student category and two merit awards will be given in that category. In addition, there is a special \$150 "Norman Webb Landscape in Watercolor" award, given in memory of

the artist Norman Webb. The Festival of Art will again feature the "Children's Gallery" where children under the age of 18 may display at least two of their artistic creations.

Artists, crafters and youth are encouraged to pre-register for the show. The entry fee is \$40 for professional artists and crafters; \$30 for non-professional artists and crafters; \$5 for students under the age of 18 for judging, and free to children participating in the Children's gallery. For information or an entry card, call the Central Jersey Chamber at (908) 754-7250 or Nellie Dixon at (908) 756-7612. Late registration fee is \$10.

## CHATS Adoption Support Group To Meet

July 22

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet on Monday, July 22 from 7:15-9:15 p.m. at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield. The topic will be "Adoption, Searching, Finding and Reunion." Adopted adult Joe Meyer will share his childhood feelings about adoption, his need to search for his birth family, the experience of his reunion, and his sadness that his adoptive parents feel threatened. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit their website at <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> for information.

## KISMET Singles Event

July 25

KISMET will host a Single Pro-

fessionals' 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 information on Studio One's production or a brochure, call (908) 518-1551.

## Free Health Seminar by Rev. George Malkmus

August 18

A FREE seminar entitled, "Eliminate Sickness," by Rev. George Malkmus, founder of Hallelujah Acres and Back to the Garden Health Ministries is being offered by the Health Education for Abundant Life and Center for Preventative Health on Sat., Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. at the North Stetson African Methodist Episcopal Church, 123 Craig Ave. in Piscataway (across from Timothy Christian School). Rev. Malkmus will teach about improving even the most difficult health problems through diet. For information call (908) 754-4255.

## 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](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).

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

If you can take time out from your busy summer schedule of relaxation, here's news from the South Plainfield Library.

Turning to our children's programs, there's our Game Gang program this morning at 11. Children can play one of our board games or bring in one of their own to share. Next, there's our Monday night Kidcraft program at 6:30 for children ages six and over. All materials for the program are provided by the Library; please sign up in advance so he have an idea of how many people to expect. There's our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs for children ages three and older. Those programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. No pre-registration is needed. And there's this year's Summer Reading Club, "Flip Over Books." You can still sign your child up for the club; stop by the Children's Room for details. In fact, if you have questions about any of our children's programs, stop by the Children's Room and check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

As of this writing, there is still some space available for our bilingual (English/Spanish) computer class. It'll cover topics including the Internet and e-mail. The class will be held tomorrow morning at 10. Pre-registration is required; call us at (908) 754-7885 for more information. (Para mas detalles sobre la clase de Internet en Español, por favor llame al (908) 754-7885 y pregunte por Gladys.)

A job fair, "Job Searching 101: The Basics of Finding the Perfect

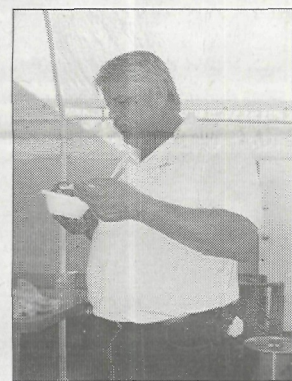
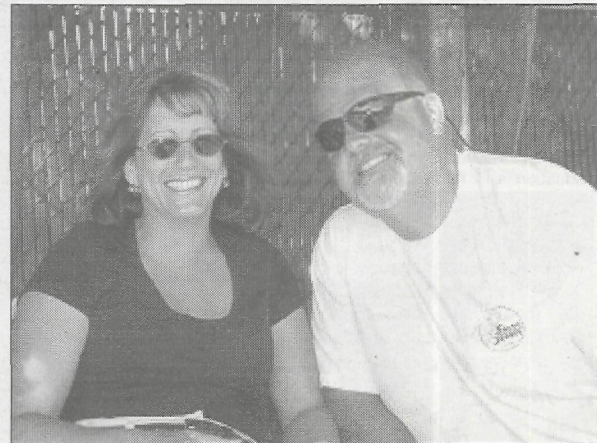
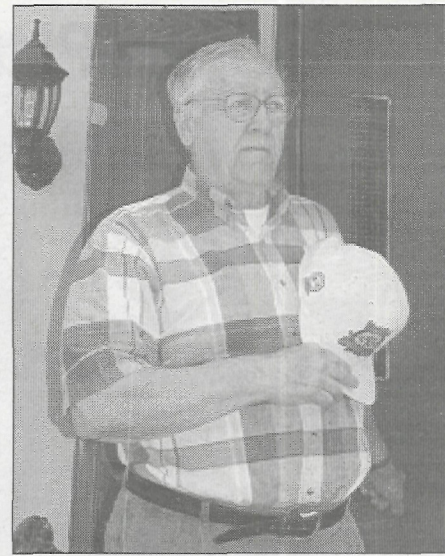
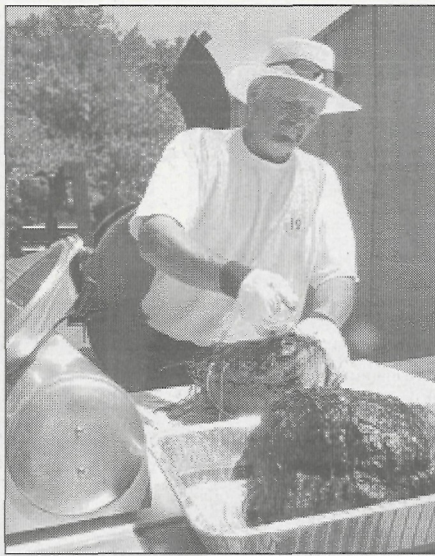
Job," will be held at the Library on Saturday, July 21, at 10 a.m. Space is limited, so please sign up in advance for this program. Admission is free. The program is made possible by the Special Populations Grant from the NJ State Library.

The latest group from the CD Circuit is now available for borrowing, and will remain available until mid-October. Artists in this group include Alice Cooper, the Everly Brothers, Tangerine Dream, Judy Collins, Shania Twain, and Jose Carreras. Compact Discs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

Here's a clarification regarding reserves. When the item you reserve becomes available, we'll notify you right away by phone. If the phone call doesn't get through, we'll mail out a notice. Be advised, though, that there is a time limit involved. Once either type of notice is dispatched, we'll put the item aside for five working days. After that, it'll either be set aside for the next patron in line, or returned to the shelves. If you miss your chance, you can place another reserve on the item, but you'll have to go to the bottom of the list. And, for some items, that list can be veeerrrry long.

Finally, a clarification for those of you who owe (or will owe) fines and/or fees to the Library. At present, we do not accept payment via debit cards or credit cards; we don't have the necessary hardware. We accept checks, money orders and cash. And, please, stick to U.S. funds. We don't accept foreign currency, either.

That'll just about do it for this week. Thanks for your attention; catch you next Friday.



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## American Legion Raises Funds for Scholarships

By Patricia Abbott

Mother Nature provided a perfect day for the American Legion's picnic. The hot sunny day brought close to 150 people to the annual event. Guests relaxed with cold drinks and enjoyed a wide variety of picnic foods. They feasted on hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, various salads and desserts. It was later in the afternoon before the beef and Texas chili were ready. The DJ, Sounds of Today

and Yesterday, kept toes tapping with music throughout the day. The more adventurous stepped into the parking lot to learn a dance called the Cha Cha Slide. There was plenty for the kids to do including face painting. They were entertained by Nosey the Clown and spent time bouncing in a moon walk. The Sons of the American Legion sponsored the appearance of the clown and split the cost of the moonwalk. The picnic is a fundraiser for the American Legion Scholarship Fund.



### Summer Drama Plans Fundraisers

SP Summer Drama Workshop cast members will be canning at businesses throughout town on Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14.

They will also hold a car wash on Saturday, July 21, at the South Plainfield Middle School from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Prices are \$5 for cars and vans; SUVs and trucks are \$7. Rain date is July 22.

The fundraisers will help support Summer Drama's 30th season production of *Bye Bye Birdie*.

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# South Plainfield Board of Education presents 2001 Awards & Commendations



SPHS Administrators Dr. Ken May and Tony Massaro pictured with the Middle States Evaluation Team, made up of SPHS teachers Ann Zajkowski and Ann Brown.



SPMS students who gave solo performances at the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival, Nicole Aguilar, Alyssa Docyk, Katie Mott, Natalia Tamzoke and Stephanie Stellakis. Not pictured is Ashlen Udell.



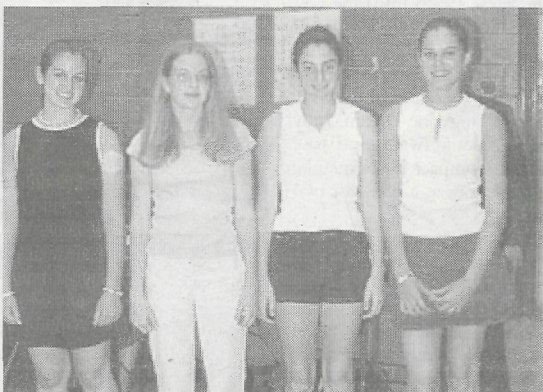
Varsity wrestling team honored for their many accomplishments throughout the 2000-2001 season. Pictured (l to r) are Coach Bill Pavlak, John Foscolo, Coach Bill Hamilton, Scott Doerr, Roberto Ramos, Rich Gebauer and Jason Stokes.



Christine Strani and Danielle Schweers, honored for being selected to GMC All-Conference for the 2001 softball season.



Second graders from John F. Kennedy Elementary School who participated in the National Language Arts Olympiad. Pictured are Alexandra Palazzo, Alexa Rocco, Megan Kaczka, Edward Setnick, Amelia Lyte, Alyssa Aiello, Lauren Keane, Katharine Wilchek, Nicholas Okoszko and Patrick O'Connor.



Middle School students who participated in the administration of the SAT. Pictured are Stacey Diana, Gina Severini, Allison DiMeglio and Kelly Thomas.

Teachers recognized for their work with the Middle States Evaluation Process—Ann R. Brown, Susan Goldey, Ann Zajkowski

**South Plainfield Middle School Students Who Participated in the Administration of the SAT—**Stacey M. Diana, Allison C. DiMeglio, Stephanie J. Stellakis, Kelly M. Thomas, Marybeth H. Tran, Alexander F. Nau, Gina M. Severini

**South Plainfield Middle School students who participated in the administration of the SAT and scored as well as or above the average college-bound senior—**Kelly M. Thomas & Marybeth H. Tran

**Middle School Music Awards—**Sara Grillo, Region II Intermediate Concert Band; Keenan Gaynor, Region II Intermediate Concert Band; Brian Schulte, Region II Intermediate Jazz Band; Nina Byard, Region II Intermediate Jazz Band; Peter Kelly, Soloist Award at Music Showcase Festival

**Middle School students who participated in the Central Jersey Music Educators' Region II Intermediate Chorus—**Nicole Aguilar, Kendall Green, Katie Kelliher, Linda Lee, Melissa Sticco, Katie Mott (soloist).

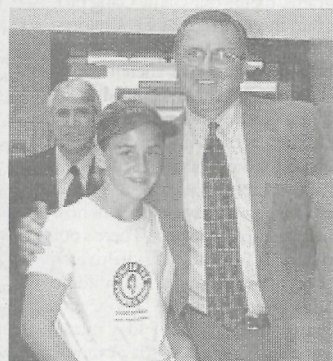
**Solo Performances at the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival—**Nicole Aguilar, Alyssa Docyk, Katie Mott, Natalia Tamzoke, Stephanie Stellakis, Ashlen Udell

Invited and qualified to participate in the State-wide New Jersey All-Star Swimming Championship Meet in New York—Megan L. Boyle

**Second Grade Students from John F. Kennedy School who participated in the National Language Arts Olympiad.** Questions covered grammar and usage. John F. Kennedy School ranked in the top 25% of the schools that entered—Alexandra Palazzo, Alexa Rocco, Megan Kaczka, Edward Setnick, Amelia Lyte, Alyssa Aiello, Lauren Keane, Katharine Wilchek, Nicholas Okoszko, Patrick O'Connor

**White Division "Coach of the Year" for Boy's Tennis, and recognition for retiring from coaching—**Marjorie Kopacsi

**South Plainfield High School Competition Cheerleading Team for being selected to participate in the Tournament of Champions and becoming "National Champions"—**Coaches Leann Roudi, Georgeann Larsen, Kim DeMatteo; Kristin Anderson, Jessie Spayder, John Tempe, Brielle



Megan Boyle, pictured with MS Principal Robert Doggett and Assistant Superintendent Mario Barbieri, as being honored for being invited and qualifying to participate in the NJ All-Star Swimming Championship.

Anderson, Gina D'Urso, David Spayder, Arielle Fumosa, Jennifer Butrico, Justina Carubia, Lacey Walter, Kristin Turner, Jennifer Bodyl, Adina Ramos, Miguel Garcia, Matthew Santone, Jennifer Reynolds, Kristyn Ciarlariello, Veronica Zappi, Dana Butrico, Billie Jean Sarullo, Jennifer Hand, Carly Stoeckel

**South Plainfield High School students who have earned Greater Middlesex Conference All-Conference Selection 2000-2001:**

- **Girls Bowling—**Melissa Jamieson (individual champion)
- **Swimming—**Katie Kaczka (individual champion)
- **Girls Softball—**Danielle Schweers, Christine Strani
- **Spring Track—**Jeff Williams
- **Golf—**Jason Bataille
- **Wrestling—**Rich Gebauer, Matt Anderson, Roberto Ramos, Glenn Gross, John Foscolo
- **White Division "Coach of the Year" for Golf—**Mike Kavka

**South Plainfield High School Student for receiving the Star Ledger's Central Jersey Bowler of the Year recognition and for being selected All-State 2001, GMC Individual Champion, setting GMC and South Plainfield High School records for High Average—198, High Series—694, and High Game—267—**Melissa Jamieson

**White Division "Coach of the Year" and GMC Conference "Coach of the Year" for Girls Bowling —** Ralph Fech

**South Plainfield High School Varsity Wrestling Team for being selected as the Red Division Champions, Greater Middlesex Conference Champions, District 12 Champions, Central Jersey Group 3 Champions, and New Jersey State Group 3 Champions—**Coaches: Bill Pavlak, Kevin McCann, Bill Hamilton; David Butrico, Matt Gati, Jason Stokes, George Demarest, Glenn Gross, Joseph DeBiase, Thomas Doyon, Richard Gebauer, Matt Anderson; Scott Doerr, Steven Johnson, Ryan Elliot, John Foscolo, Roberto Ramos, Mike Buteas, Ricky Ringel, Danny DeAndrea, Guy Severini

**South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team for being selected as Individual State Place Winners for 2000-2001—**Matt Anderson—2nd Place; Rich Gebauer—4th Place; Scott Doerr—7/8th Place; John Foscolo—7/8th Place.



SPHS Competition Cheerleading Team, honored for becoming National Champions. Pictured are Billie Jean Sarullo, Jen Bodyl, Lacey Walter, Coach Georgeann Larsen, Coach Leann Roudi, Jessie Spayder, Jen Butrico, David Spayder, Arielle Fumosa, Coach Kim DeMatteo, Carly Stoeckel, Adina Ramos and Kristin Turner.

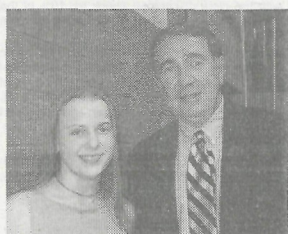




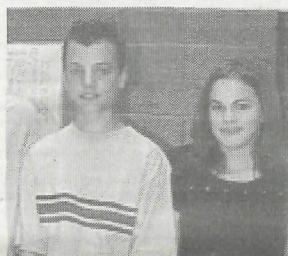
SPMS students Nicole Aguilar, Katie Kelliher and Linda Lee who participated in Region II Intermediate Chorus.



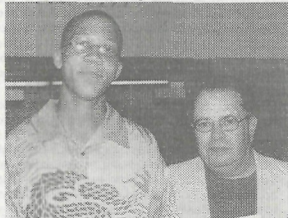
Golf Coach Mike Kavka, left, with Athletic Director Mike Buggey, selected as White Division "Coach of the Year."



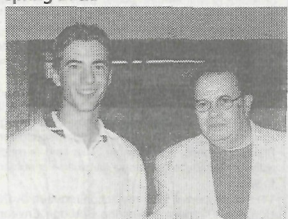
Melissa Jamieson with Bowling Coach Ralph Feh, honored for her many achievements in bowling for the 2000-2001 season.



Sara Grillo, Brian Schulte, Nina Byard and Peter Kelly, Middle School Music Awards. (Above 2 photos)



Jeff Williams, honored for earning GMC All-Conference selection 2000-2001 in spring track.



Jason Bataille, honored for earning GMC All-Conference selection 2000-2001 for golf.



Katie Kaczka, honored for earning GMC All-Conference selection 2000-2001 for swimming, and for obtaining an individual championship.



Bus Aide Dorothy Mercier, left, with Business Administrator Ellen Johnson and Transportation Aide Rosemary Muho.



Adult School retiree Eileen Freitag.



Arlene Nicholson, pictured left with Business Administrator Ellen Johnson.

## Retired Teachers Honored

Eight South Plainfield teachers and educational support personnel retired at the end of this school year, while four others retired earlier this year. The teachers are Bettianne Meeker, Ann Marie Romanko, Jayne Santoro, Don Slavin, Rita Steuwe, and Doris Younken. Marie DeVico and Helen Malecki are the educational support personnel retirees. Rachel Villani retired earliest, followed by Dee Bonner, Janet Pine, and Kathy Trenchak who retired in November, January, and December respectively.

**Bettianne Meeker** was a physical education teacher at South Plainfield High School. She has taught for 33 years, all of them in South Plainfield. Bettianne received her degree in Health and Physical Education from Glassboro State (currently Rowan University), and has taught health as well as physical education. She is a member of the NJ Association of Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Dance and NJ Council of Physical Education Supervisors. At school she served as a coach for Junior Varsity Field Hockey, Cheerleading, and Varsity Gymnastics.

**Jayne Santoro** has taught at Kennedy School for 30 years, currently in first grade, but also in second. She has been an educator for 32 years, and received her BA degree in Education from American University in Washington, DC. She is a member of NJEA and SPEA and is a former secretary and vice president of the JFK PTSO. She served on the Executive Board and was treasurer of Mt. St. Mary's Academy. Jayne also served her community of South Plainfield as a member of the Public Celebrations Committee and as the secretary of the local Democratic Municipal Committee. She recently moved to Interlaken and has begun volunteer tutoring in her new hometown. Jayne has also been honored as a 1994-95 recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award. She is looking forward to spending time in Interlaken with her husband Edward, an attorney in South Plainfield, son, Christopher, a junior at Marist College, daughter Elizabeth, a sophomore at Providence College, and her chocolate lab, Hershey.

**Don Slavin** retired as a seventh and eighth grade geography and history teacher. Besides the Middle School, he also taught at Roosevelt and Cedarcroft (the current Grant Central Sixth). He has been an educator for 39 years, 38 of them in South Plainfield. He also taught sixth grade from 1963-1966 and was employed by the Newark Board of Education for one year. Don received his undergraduate degree in History from Rutgers University and earned graduate cred-



SPMS Principal Fredrik Oberkehr, pictured left with honored teacher retirees Donald Slavin, Doris Younken and Rachel Villani.

its from Kean. He is a member of NEA, NJEA, MCEA, and SPEA and was the advisor for the National Geography Bee. He also officiates at high school and middle school basketball, baseball, and softball games, and was employed by the South Plainfield Recreation Commission for 27 years.

**Rita Kane Steuwe** was a second grade teacher at Franklin, and has also taught at Grant School. In her 39 years of teaching, 29 of them in South Plainfield, Rita has taught grades K-4. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Elementary Education from Marywood University and is a member of NEA, MCEA, SPEA and NCTA. Her community activities include Eucharist Minister to the homebound, CCD teacher, Elijah's Promise (feeding the homeless), and other church-related projects. At school, she was on the Report Card Committee and advisor to the Student Council. Rita's favorite "outside interests" are her "three wonderful children!"

**Doris Younken's** last teaching assignment was as the seventh and eighth grade vocal music teacher at South Plainfield Middle School and one of the sixth grade vocal music teachers at Grant Central Sixth. She has been a mu-



Retired Riley School reading teacher Kathy Trenchak.

sic educator for 33 years. Prior to coming to South Plainfield she taught in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Texas. For the past 30 years she has served South Plainfield's students as both instrumental and vocal music teacher in grades K-6 at Riley, Kennedy and Roosevelt, as well as at the Middle School and Grant. She also teaches at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. Doris received a BS de-

gree in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College, Annville Pennsylvania. She has done graduate work at Hart School of Music (University of Hartford), Central Connecticut State University, Montclair University, and Roanoke University. Her professional affiliations include NEA, MENC (Music Educators National Conference), VoiceCare Network, and Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival Steering Committee. Doris is also a "Nationally Registered Music Educator." In addition she served as the district's Music Team Leader and Gems director, and has

been a chapter one for the Stokes and eighth grade Washington trips. Her outside-of-school activities include playing the French horn in the Westfield Community Band and singing in the choir of 1st Presbyterian Church in Metuchen. In her spare time Doris enjoys swimming, needlework, and sewing.

**Rachel Villani**, the earliest retiree, was the seventh grade clothing and textiles teacher at the Middle School. She was a South Plainfield teacher for 13 years and also taught her subject at the sixth grade level. She spent a total of 18 years in education, having also taught in Middletown. Rachel received her undergraduate degree in Home Economics from Mansfield University in Pennsylvania and has also taken graduate level and workshop courses in Computer Technology. At the Middle School she was "Student of the Month" advisor and was known for staying late after school to help students with their projects and Middle School social skills. For her unwavering dedication to her students the PTA honored her with their annual "Teacher Appreciation Award". She is a member of NEA, NJEA, and SPEA. At the community level she is very active in the Women's Group of United Meth-

odist Church in Bound Brook. Rachel reports that the sad part of retiring from a career that she enjoyed is the degree to which she "misses the children."

**Ann Marie Romanko**, who retired in May, was the nurse at Riley School. She began her South Plainfield career at Roosevelt School approximately 17 years ago before joining the Riley faculty. She was the school nurse in Dunellen prior to South Plainfield. Ann Marie received her RN degree from Scranton State Hospital in Pennsylvania and a BS/dual certificate in School Nursing and Health Education from Jersey City State College (now NJ City University). Her professional associations include the NJ State Nurses Association and the Middlesex Co. Nurses Association.

**Kathy Trenchak** retired in December from her position as the Riley School reading teacher after having taught in South Plainfield for almost 30 years. In addition to Reading Specialist, she had also been a classroom teacher in grades two, three, four, and six. She graduated from the College of Mt. St. Vincent in New York with a BA in History and Education. She later received her MA in American and Eu-



SPHS Retirees Janet Pine, Helen Malecki and Bettianne Meeker.

ropean History from Seton Hall University. Kathy began her teaching career in New York City at the Immaculate Conception School, and later at St. Bernard's. Prior to coming to South Plainfield, she taught sixth grade in Plainfield for one year. Before coming to Riley, Kathy taught at the old and new Grant Schools'. She is a member of the NJ Reading Association. Her life as an educator spans approximately 40 years!

**Marie DeVico** has been a teacher's assistant in South Plainfield for 15 years. She worked in the ECTC class at Roosevelt for three years, Kennedy for five, and at Franklin for the past seven. She served as the Vice President of the Aides for four years. In her spare time, Marie enjoys memory scrapbooking and gardening.

**Helen Malecki**, a resident of South Plainfield, has been employed in the school district for 22 years. Her last position was as secretary to Helen Gottlieb, an Assistant Principal at SPHS. She previously acted as the High School Attendance Clerk.

**Dee Bonner** and **Janet Pine** also retired from teaching at the High School this past year. All together these dedicated employees devoted more than 250 years to the students and community of South Plainfield.



# Legal Notices

## SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2000 REPORT OF AUDIT OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2000	JUNE 30, 1999
Fund Balance Utilized	\$2,208,000.00	\$ 1,840,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other		
Than Local Property Tax Levies	6,909,271.85	7,371,763.82
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	183,402.57	118,736.54
Collection of Current Tax Levy	43,728,408.46	44,077,740.32
Total Income	53,026,082.88	53,408,240.68
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	17,410,617.03	16,869,583.26
County Taxes	7,043,135.21	7,401,502.06
Local School Taxes	26,572,445.00	26,893,413.00
Other Expenditures	176,928.87	8,993.62
Total Expenditures	51,203,126.11	51,174,191.94
Excess in Revenue	1,821,956.77	2,234,048.74
Expenditures to be Raised by Future Taxes	7,500.00	
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	1,829,456.77	2,234,048.76
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,327,815.92	1,933,767.18
	4,157,272.69	4,167,815.92
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	2,206,000.00	1,840,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	\$1,951,272.69	\$2,327,815.92

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SEWER UTILITY FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2000	JUNE 30, 1999
Fund Balance Utilized	\$220,000.00	\$175,000.00
Collection of Sewer Service Charges	3,180,515.79	2,495,394.62
Miscellaneous - From Other than Sewer Service Charges	596,279.17	304,786.11
Total Income	3,996,794.96	2,975,180.73
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	2,181,076.64	2,230,574.44
Debt Service	616,606.31	342,923.29
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	57,225.39	24,251.46
Capital Improvements	96,000.00	150,000.00
Total Expenditures	2,950,908.34	2,747,749.19
Excess in Revenue	1,045,886.62	227,431.54
Adjustments to Income Before Surplus:		
Expenditures Included Above Which are by Statute, Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year		100,000.00
Statutory Excess in Revenue	1,045,886.62	327,431.54
Fund Balance - Beginning	333,413.68	180,982.14
	1,379,300.30	508,413.68
Less:		
Util. as Anticipated Revenue	220,000.00	175,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	\$1,159,300.30	\$333,413.68

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SWIM POOL UTILITY FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2000	JUNE 30, 1999
Fund Balance Utilized		\$ 12,682.66
Deficit General Budget	\$37,204.28	
Membership Income	172,174.00	141,936.84
Miscellaneous - From Other		
Than Rental Income	27,233.71	68,989.64
Total Income	236,611.99	213,619.14
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	181,079.39	137,811.44
Debt Service	58,627.49	57,509.61
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	16,943.26	27,415.56
Total Expenditures	256,650.14	222,736.61
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	(20,038.15)	(9,117.47)
Adj. to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Amounts to Be Raised in Budget of Succeeding Year	22,000.00	
Operating Deficit to be Raised in Budget of Succeeding Year		9,117.47
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	1,961.85	
Fund Balance - Beginning	19,986.74	32,669.40
	21,948.59	32,669.40
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue		12,682.66
Fund Balance - Ending	\$21,948.59	\$ 19,986.74

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### We Recommend the Following:

- That the Borough maintain and retain formal records regarding the determination of whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the fiscal year.
- That the surety bond coverage for the Municipal Code be maintained in compliance with the statutory requirement.
- That the Tax Collector continue to review all delinquent taxes, sewer utility charges, and assessments receivable to determine the status of all delinquent accounts for proper disposition.
- That interfund loan balances be cleared by cash transfers where feasible.
- That a formal review of all Cash in Lieu of Performance and Maintenance Bonds be performed to ensure proper accounting and reporting and monitoring for compliance with Developer Escrow Accounting Law.
- That all Borough funds, including tax and sewer charge collections to be deposited within a 48-hour period of receipt of such monies.
- That the Borough centralize the management of its grants to insure full compliance with all grant program and statutory requirements.
- That all grant award amounts be accounted for in compliance with the accounting practices and policies prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, including all budgetary regulations.
- That overexpenditures and expenditures without appropriations be avoided for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- That Bond and Interest bank accounts be reconciled through June 30, 2000 and on a monthly basis thereafter and presented for audit.
- That the Borough comply with Technical Accounting Directive Number 85-2 issued by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, in all respects.

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The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey for the fiscal year 2000. The financial data included in the summary or synopsis is presented in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Readers are cautioned that the summary or synopsis was prepared solely for the purpose of compliance with the public disclosure provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7, and accordingly, the summary or synopsis should not be relied upon for any other purpose. The Report of Audit, submitted by Andrew G. Hodulik, Registered Municipal Accountant, is on file at the Borough Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Vincent Buttiglieri,  
Borough Clerk

\$325.00

July 13, 2001

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Block 368, Lot 6.01

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Sale # 2 - Minimum Bid \$95,000

Block 367, Lot 2.11

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Sale #3 - Minimum Bid \$110,000

Block 402, Lot 5

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## We're Going to Weeeehawken!!!

The 14/15 year old SPJBC All Star Team is Weehawkin bound. They will be participating in the State Level of the Babe Ruth Tournament. In order to accomplish this, they participated in the East Brunswick sponsored Babe Ruth Tournament. The first game was on June 26 against Monroe and SP won 3-2. They were back the next night to play Piscataway and SP won 8-0. On June 30 they played East Brunswick and won 6-5. The finals played on July 6 were won by South Plainfield, 4-1.

Team players are: Brian Acrin, Michael Butrico, Andrew Cupido, Christopher Czaplinski, Peter DeAndrea, David Eichler, Mathew Finn, Andrew Holt, John Kukuch, Michael Maher, Guy Severini, David Spayder and Billy Weaver. Manager is Dave Spayder. Coaches are Dan Wasnick and Charlie Garcia.

They are also playing in the Edison Boys, North Edison and South Plainfield Tournaments. Congratulations to you all. We wish you the best of luck and will be supporting you all the way!

## High School Wrestlers Commended

The SPHS Varsity Wrestling Team had an extraordinarily successful season this year. Illustrating their accomplishments, several members of the team were selected to 2001 All-Conference and All-Red Division Teams.

The following were chosen to the 2001 All-Conference Team: 112 – Rich Gebauer; 119 – Matt Anderson; 125 – Roberto Ramos; 145 – Glenn Gross; 189 – John Foscolo.

Those selected as 2001 All-Red Division Wrestlers are as follows: 112-Rich Gebauer; 119-Matt Anderson; 130-Roberto Ramos; 135-Matt Gati; 140-Scott Doerr; 145-Glenn Gross; 189-John Foscolo. South Plainfield also received the Sportsmanship Award in the Red Division.

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is looking for players to compete in the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 season. Girls age 9 and boys ages 6 and 7. For more information, call 561-6805 and ask for Wally Bolivar.



## Hardwoods are A-League Champs

Congratulations to the New Jersey Hardwoods A-League Tournament Champions! From left to right are Carlie Kazimir, Guiliana Kay, Lacey Santone, Therese D'Adezzio, Jessica Schwartz, Courtney Sacco, Eva Humber, Nina Byard, Samantha Deffler, Becky Keller, Kaitlin McKenzie, Darice Bishop and Erika Blaszk. Coach of the team is Dennis Kazimir.

By Tony Cassano



## juniorbaseballclubnotes

**SPJBC ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT CONTINUES**—As noted previously, the 28th Annual SPJBC Invitational All-Star Tournament continues nightly and games will be played throughout July. Currently, teams from all over the tri-state area are competing in a round robin format in ages 9's, 11's, 12's, 13's and 14/15's with the 8's and 10's to begin competition this weekend. Any club member or supportive volunteer who is willing to lend a hand in either our Snack Stand and/or for work detail is welcomed. I wish to also thank all those individuals, parents, coaches and volunteers who to date have helped out during this extremely busy time at the club. Your continued assistance will be greatly appreciated.

**FALL BALL REGISTRATION—TONIGHT AND TOMORROW**—As previously mentioned, the SPJBC will have a Fall Ball league this year for the first time. Our first registration will be held tonight (7/13) at the clubhouse between 6 and 9 p.m. and also tomorrow (7/14) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 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.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 13/14—Fall Ball Registration (see details noted above)  
July 14/15—Work Detail (Sat at 7 a.m., Sun at 8 a.m.)  
July 16—Please note that there will be NO mid month meeting for July due to traveling All-Star games  
July 21/22—Work Detail (Sat at 7 a.m., Sun. at 8 a.m.)  
July 28/29—Work Detail (Sat at 7 a.m., Sun. at 8 a.m.)  
August 6—General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## Four Time State Open Champ to Reveal "His Secret" at Free Golf Clinic

Babe Lichardus, four-time NJ State Open winner, will reveal his long kept "secret" at a free golf clinic to be held on Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Plainfield Country Club West Nine Golf Course, at the corner of Woodland and Maple avenues in Edison.

Lichardus, who joined the pro tour in 1956, has been teaching the game to young and old for over 40 years. Babe feels his strongest suit is in teaching young and beginning golfers. Said Lichardus, "You've got to have patience if you want to learn anything! I spent 15 years up at the driving

range and that means you're getting beginners and golfers from all walks of life, not just country club members. And that's an education in itself."

The "Tigers" of tomorrow, local high school golf stars, will also put on a demonstration of swing finesse at the clinic. When asked about these youngsters, "Babe" said, "An aspiring golfer can learn a lot just by watching these young golfers swing a club."

It's fitting, perhaps, that Babe has such an affinity for young golfers. He remembers his own beginnings as a 14-year old caddy at the Suburban

Golf Club in Hillside. "I learned all the fundamentals of golf from Jim Dante, who was the pro at Suburban at the time. Golf came easy to me," Lichardus said, "because Jim taught me what to do."

After leaving the Navy, Babe continued his career in golf and went on to win the State Assist. Professionals Championship in 1947. He finished in the top 15 in the State Open in 1949, and by 1952 he had won his first state open at Plainfield.

Asked how he learned the craft of teaching golf, Lichardus said, "Fifty years of experience and the chance to share fairways with guys like Gene Littler, Julius Boros, Sam Snead and Chi Chi Rodriguez certainly helped."



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

**All-Star Tri-County Season** — Week of July 16—The All-Star softball team is in full swing.

Our 14-U team will be playing Bound Brook on July 16 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. On July 18, we will be going against Watchung in Watchung. The July 20 game will be against North Brunswick in North Brunswick.

Our 12-U (Bossie) team will be playing South Brunswick on July 17 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The July 19 game will be against North Brunswick in North Brunswick.

Our 12-U (Reichert) team will be playing South Brunswick on July 19 in South Brunswick.

Our 10-U team will be playing Watchung on July 16 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The July 17 game will be against North Plainfield in North Plainfield. On July 19 we will be going against Watchung once again 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. You can 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.

**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.



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# Police Use "Dirty Money" to Purchase Automobiles and Equipment

*Continued from page 1*  
in a single trip. A standard patrol car allows for safe transportation of a maximum of two persons per trip and males must be transported separately from females.

• **Stealth Patrol Vehicle:** As the name indicates, this vehicle allows police to patrol while being less visible, because it doesn't have the typical emergency light bar affixed to the roof. It is a significant tool in terms

of running radar as well as tactical night patrols.

• **Three New Detective Vehicles:** These vehicles were needed for various reasons. In the past, old police vehicles have been recycled into the Detective Division. There are a number of drawbacks in doing this. First, the recycled vehicles have high mileage, high wear and tear. Therefore, there is a significant downtime in which the vehicle is in the garage for

costly repairs. Next, they clearly marked police vehicles making it difficult to conduct surveillances or approach a scene without being noticed. The purchase of these new vehicles ensures the availability of quality vehicles that can be used for both surveillances as well as discrete patrols.

• **Seven Radar Units:** Most radar units were previously purchased in the late 1970-early 1980's. Also, not every marked patrol vehicle was

equipped with a radar unit. This purchase allows police to purge older units which were the most prone to break down and trade them in and equip every marked patrol vehicle with a functional and more compact radar unit.

• **Speed Measuring Trailer:** Often times, motorists who are stopped for speeding say that they didn't realize they were "going that fast." Police are

also assigning an officer to a radar post to investigate complaints of speeders. This unmanned portable device gives police the opportunity to place it on roadways where they have received complaints of speeding violations, as a way of making motorists aware of their speed in hopes of seeking voluntary compliance with motor vehicle laws. It also does not impact upon the availability of police personnel to respond to calls for service.

• **Computer Forensic Lab:** Computers are commonplace in nearly every household today. Anytime there is new technology so readily available, crime associated with that technology will inevitably arise. Our police department has experienced a number of computer related cases over the past few years. They realized that they were ill prepared to investigate these cases promptly and thoroughly. Their goal to be prepared, both in terms of equipment and training and to investigate computer-related crime in our community. This equipment and the training of personnel will give police the ability to provide computer-related investigative services to the community.

• **Four Computers for the Detective Division:** Prior to this purchase, detective personnel were required to handwrite all supplemental investigation reports and keep handwritten notes on the status of ongoing investigations. These computers will allow them to document information regarding ongoing investigations as they occur and print out a typed written final report that is professional and neat in appearance.

• **Uniform For Bicycle Officer:** The police recently implemented bicycle patrols. While the bicycle was obtained via a grant, the uniform and personal equipment of the officer assigned to operate the bicycle had to be purchased. Because the topography of the Borough has changed, the department had to alter their approach to patrolling high population areas as well as the malls. The bicycle, which emanates from the community policing philosophy, allows the officer to patrol areas not easily accessible via traditional patrol techniques and makes the officer extremely approachable by members of the community.

These are just some of the expenditures made from the forfeiture account. It is a summary of the most significant and/or visible purchases. Again, these items were purchased without any cost to taxpayers and will ultimately allow the police department to better serve the community. Forfeiture funds amounting to more than a half million dollars—\$566,574—were awarded to the South Plainfield Police Department in March of 2000 for their help in solving a money laundering scheme.

A drug ring laundered tens of millions of dollars through U.S. banks for Colombian drug cartels. The central figure in the case was Julio Montes Cardona of Piscataway, who pleaded guilty to money laundering conspiracy and other charges in 1990 and was sentenced to eight years in prison. Fourteen other defendants pleaded guilty, receiving sentences of 18 to 46 months.

Cardona supervised 11 persons who converted millions of dollars in cash generated from narcotics sales into non-cash instruments for deposit into the accounts of his co-conspirators, several of whom were relatives. In most instances, packages filled with money orders and checks that arrived at the banks for deposit had Cardona's South Plainfield home as a return address, but identified other persons or businesses as the sender. South Plainfield police aided in this investigation and was awarded a portion of the forfeiture/dirty money.

## Elizabeth M. Phillips, 77

Elizabeth M. Phillips died on Tuesday, July 3 at her home.

Born and raised in Plainfield, she had been a long time resident of South Plainfield and a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Mrs. Phillips was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Edward E. Phillips; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Fred Weber and a son and daughter-in-law, Edward A. and Judy Phillips, all of Middlesex; two sisters, Katherine Coccia of Martinsville and Julia Hicks of Piscataway and a brother, Adolph Valentinuzzi of Middlesex. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Peter and Joseph Valentinuzzi.

Also surviving are two grandchildren, Lauren and Eric Weber.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## Richard "Dick" P. Kelly, Sr., 72

Richard "Dick" P. Kelly, Sr., died on Monday, July 2 at the Haven Hospice in JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Mr. Kelly was born and raised in Elizabeth and had lived in Metuchen before settling in South Plainfield 26 years ago.

He started his career with Weston Electrical Corp. as an expeditor and worked for Standard Plastics, located in South Plainfield, as a plant manager. He founded the Kelrose Construction Co., which he owned and operated for over 25 years, with his

son Rick, until last November, when he became ill.

Mr. Kelly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, where he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. Prior to the Army, he served with the Merchant Marines. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus of Metuchen and also a member of the VFW Post 6763.

He was predeceased by his son, Joseph P. Kelly, who died in 1986; his sister, Gloria Colaiacovo and by his brother, Thomas P. Kelly.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Rosemarie (Mortellito); a son and daughter-in-law, Richard P. and Sandi Kelly of Piscataway and three grandchildren, Amanda, Rachael and Eric.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the family would be greatly appreciated.

## Lillian M. Peart, 98

Lillian M. Peart died on Sunday, July 9 at the Wesley Village Care Center in Pittstown, Pa.

Born in Jersey City, she had lived in Irvington and Newark for many years before moving to Pennsylvania in 1995.

Mrs. Peart was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her daughter, Audrey Rand; a grandson, Robert C. Herzog; a sister, Louise Schultz and by two brothers, Ralph and Harold Schultz.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Charles Herzog of Gouldsboro, Pa. and former long time South Plainfield residents; and by six grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## Evelyn "Barbara" Randolph, 92

Evelyn "Barbara" Randolph died on Friday, July 6 in the McCutchen Nursing Home in North Plainfield.

Born in Long Island, NY, she resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield, where she resided for most of her life. Mrs. Randolph had resided in the McCutchen Nursing Home for the past five years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens. She was also a homemaker.

Her husband, George Russell Randolph, died in 1996.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Russell Richard and Judy Randolph of Normandy Beach; two brothers, Jack Hayes of Plainfield and William Hayes of Largo, Fla. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## John Christopher Gwynn, 69

John Christopher Gwynn died on Sunday, July 8.

Mr. Gwynn was born in New York, grew up in Morris County and briefly lived in North Carolina before moving to Plainfield 33 years ago.

Before his retirement in 1996, John worked as a chemical engineer for over 33 years. He worked at Pilot Labs, Witco Chemical, Foster-Wheeler and H.K. Kohnstamm.

Like his father, the late Rev. Marion Hayes Gwynn, John was active in the Episcopal Church. At Grace Church in Plainfield he served as a lay reader, a church delegate, and a member of the vestry. As a member of The Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield, he was active in the vestry and volunteered his time to various church tasks. In addition, he conducted worship services at The Park Hotel in Plainfield and worked at the Grace Church soup kitchen.

John was devoted to his family and cherished the company of family and friends. He enjoyed studying history, collecting books, researching genealogy and gardening. He was an avid architecture buff and enjoyed museums and libraries. He enjoyed weekend outings in the car with his wife and relished family gatherings. He particularly enjoyed summer family

vacations in Vermont.

Surviving are two daughters, Naomi H. Gwynn of Bronx, NY and Sarah Gwynn of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son, David W. Gwynn and his wife, Mary R. of Plainfield; a grandson, George Chevalier, III of Piscataway; two brothers, Ross Gwynn of Cincinnati, Ohio and Holmes Gwynn of Austin, Texas.

He was recently predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Rosemary Gwynn.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Grace's Kitchen, Grace Church, 600 Cleveland Ave., Plainfield 07060.

## Mary (Kostura) Capraro, 86

Mary (Kostura) Capraro died on Saturday, July 7 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Perth Amboy, she had resided in South Plainfield since 1935.

Mary was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society and Caring & Sharing group. She was also a member of the South Plainfield and Sacred Heart Church Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Leonard C. Capraro, Sr., former owner of the Capraro's Cabinet Center in South Plainfield, died in 1990, and her grandson, Richard Lenskold, died in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Elaine M. Lenskold of Readington and Joyce A. Siegel of South Plainfield; two sons, Leonard C., Jr., of Oklahoma City, and Richard T. of Stamford, Conn.; two sisters, Sophie Dalrymple of Perth Amboy and Elizabeth D'Angiolillo of Whiting and a brother, Charles Kostura of Whiting.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her memory may be made to Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

## Legal Notice

July 5, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on July 3, 2001.

A. Case #37-01—Giv Pataleon—Block 404, Lot 9; 4 Charles Place—Applicant's request for a 9' rear setback for the erection of a 12' x 40' wood deck was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #38-01—Karen & Hans Halner—Block 272; Lot 13; R7.5 Zone; 111 Adeline Ave.—Applicant's request for a 5.08' side setback and exceeding lot coverage by 3% for the erection of a 12' x 10' wood deck was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #40-01—Donald & Lisa Dress—Block 146; Lot 4; R7.5 Zone; 1309 Walnut St.—Applicant's request for a front setback of 28.15' for the enclosure of the existing side porch and a front setback of 22.10' for the proposed 8' x 31' front porch with roof was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

D. Case #42-01—Sandra Sklar—Block 201; Lot 14.04, R7.5 Zone; 174 Ten Eyck St.—Applicant's request for a 13' rear setback for the erection of a 16' x 30' wood deck, was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

E. Case #47-00/S—Sprint Spectrum, LP—Block 550; Lot 4.01; M-1 Zone, 1001 Durham Ave.—Applicant's request to install antennas was hereby DENIED.

F. Case #41-01—Kenneth Tramutola—Block 172; Lot 1, R7.50 Zone; 126 Robert Place—Applicant's request for a 20' front setback from Florence Place to construct a 10' x 12' x 3.6' x 12' front porch/deck was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

James J. Muccilli  
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## police report

• On July 3, a Bridgewater resident reported that while parked in the front of the Crystal Lounge at the Holiday Inn, her vehicle had been scratched from the driver's side tail light to the drivers side door.

• Inamco Group on Montrose Ave. reported that at 12 p.m. they placed 16 swivel chairs, which had just been cleaned, in the alley between Montrose Ave. and Skyline Dr. Five hours later the chairs were gone.

• A Holmdel resident was arrested for admittedly burglarizing Dial Construction on New Market Ave.

• At Traditions on New Durham Rd., a padlock was cut off of a storage container located at the rear of the building. A Coleman Powermate generator worth \$400 and a DeWalt electric drill worth \$150 was stolen.

• On July 4 someone noticed that the plexiglass on the bulletin board at Highland Avenue Woods Reserve was damaged.

• A security guard at the Middlesex Mall reported that someone was sleeping in his car.

• A K-Mart security guard reported that a man had taken 10-20 packs of Polaroid sticky film, placed them in his shirt and ran out of the store.

• A Wrightstown resident reported that while parked on New Market Ave. his laptop had been stolen. The car had been locked. However, the window had been left open an inch and was apparently pushed down and the door unlocked to gain entry.

• On July 6, a So. Plainfield Ave. resident reported that his son's Mongoose bicycle was stolen from the front lawn.

• Express Polymers on Hamilton Blvd. reported that a window air conditioner was pushed in in an apparent attempt to gain entry to the building.

• On Saturday, a Plainfield resident was arrested at K-Mart for shoplifting \$240 worth of film and \$41 worth of razors.

• A Cabray Ct. resident was arrested for filing a false report that his car had been stolen. He eventually admitted that he had given his vehicle to three men in exchange for crack cocaine.

• A Michael St. resident reported that the lining of his pool had been slashed.

• An employee of Radio Shack reported that two men entered the store and asked to see some pagers. They were shown the pagers and a cell phone and when the employee turned to put the phone away, the men fled with the two pagers.

• On Monday, two women from New Brunswick and Edison were picked up for shoplifting at Macy's.

• An employee of DeGussa on So. Clinton Ave. reported that she had found two hypodermic syringes in the bathroom.

• On Tuesday, a Calderone St. resident was driving down Hamilton Blvd. when he was flagged down by a man and woman walking down the street. The man advised the driver that they needed money and even solicited the services of the women for money. The driver sped off and called police.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied to the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield for Preliminary major Subdivision of premises as described below, a waiver of subdivision requirements 810.6-5, 806(A) 806.1, 806.7 and 810.2-14, variance approval for lot area and mean lot width with regard to proposed lots number 8.01 and 9, lot width with regard to proposed lot 9 and any additional variances or relief deemed necessary by the Board.

The property in question is located at:

Block: 341 Lot(s): 7, 8 and 9

Street Address: Arlington Avenue,  
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A hearing will be held on this application by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield, at the Council Chambers, South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, on Tuesday, July 24, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. All interested parties will be heard for the purposes of stating objections, protests or arguments against or in favor of the application.

The file, plans and maps relating to this application may be inspected in the Zoning office of the South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey during regular business hours between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Dated: 7/10/01

Applicant's Name: Amerind, Inc.  
Case No. 00-09/V

By: John J. Sullivan, Jr., Attorney for Applicant  
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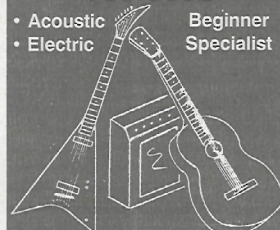
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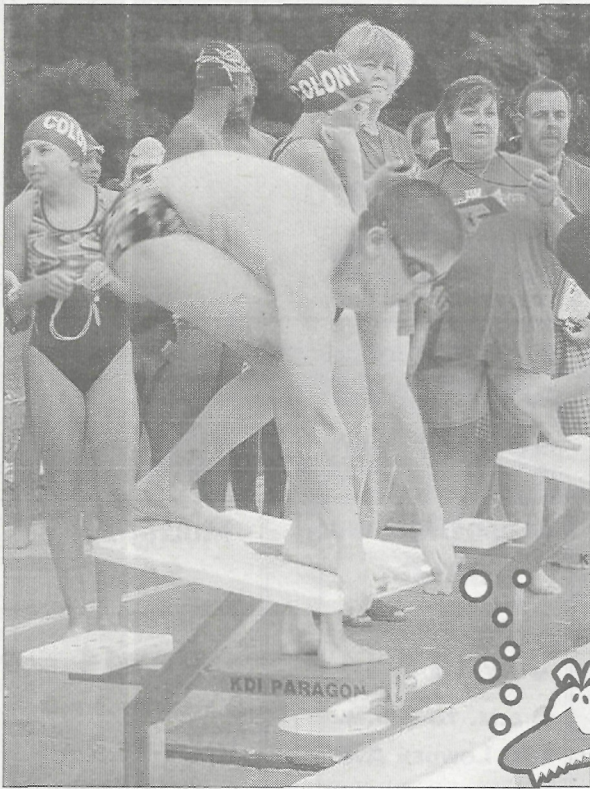
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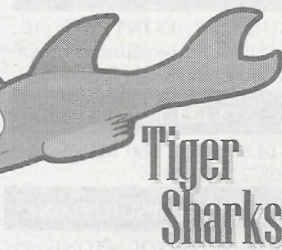


## Tiger Sharks Compete in Odd Age Jubilee

Swimmers from teams across Central Jersey met at the South Plainfield Rec Community Pool on July 1st to compete in the Odd Age Jubilee hosted by the Metuchen Edison YWCA National Swim Team.

The Odd Age Jubilee is so named because it is the one meet where the age groups are adjusted so that younger swimmers compete with their next oldest peers, for example instead of a category consisting of swimmers 8 and under, the 8 year olds compete with the 9 year olds.

Due to the large numbers of swimmers competing in each race, results are calculated far beyond the usual first, second and third.



South Plainfield swimmers who placed include: Nina Byard, taking second in the 14-15 girls 100 meter individual medley, CalvinJohn Smiley, second in the 14-15 boys, 100 meter individual medley; Danielle Atcachunas, ninth, 10-11 girls individual medley, Matt Moates, second, 10-11 boys individual medley and Michael Boyle, eighth, in the same category.

Emily Piekarski placed sixth

and Sarah Konops, eighth, in the 8-9 year old girls individual medley.

Dylan McDermott took first place in the 7 and under individual medley and CalvinJohn Smiley took first in the 14-15 50m butterfly. Matt Moates also placed first in the 10-11 boys butterfly and Michael Boyle placed fifth. In the girls 10-11 50m butterfly, Danielle Atcachunas placed sixth.

Sarah Konops took fourth in the 8-9 girls 25m butterfly and Grace Piekarski placed third in the 7 and under 25m butterfly. Dylan McDermott took another first in the 7 and under boys 25m butterfly.

Nina Byard placed first in the 14-15 girls 50m backstroke and CalvinJohn Smiley took first in the boys same age group 50m backstroke. Matt Moates placed third in the 10-11 50 meter backstroke and Michael Boyle placed eighth. Kelly Orlandini took eighth for the girls 12-13 50m backstroke. Sarah Konops placed seventh in the 8-9 girls 25m back.

Maggie Valentino placed first in the 7 and under girls 25m backstroke while Dylan McDermott placed second in the same category for the boys and Patrick Boyle took fourth.

In the 14-15 boys 50m breaststroke, CalvinJohn Smiley took second place. Matt Moates took fourth in the 10-11 boys 50m breaststroke. For the girls in the same age group, Danielle Atcachunas placed sixth in breaststroke. In the 8-9 girls age group, Emily Piekarski took



fifth in the 25m breaststroke and Sarah Konops placed seventh.

For the girls 7 and under 25m breaststroke: Grace Piekarski placed third, Maggie Valentino took fifth and Kaitlyn Kenny placed ninth. Dylan McDermott took a first place in the boys 7 and under 25m breaststroke.

CalvinJohn Smiley took a first place in the boys 14-15 50m freestyle and Nina Byard placed second in the girls same category. Matt Moates placed fourth in the 10-11 boys 50m freestyle. Sarah Konops placed eighth in the 8-9 girls 25m freestyle and Anthony Baldassarre took a fifth in the same category for the boys.

In the 7 and under group, Dylan McDermott placed first again in the 25m freestyle and Patrick Boyle placed fourth. For the girls, Maggie Valentino took a second place and Kaitlyn Kenny, ninth, in the freestyle.

We congratulate all the competing Tiger Sharks on their placing.

## Tiger Sharks Overpower Rivercrest

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks won their second meet with a victory over Rivercrest of Piscataway at the South Plainfield Rec Community Pool on June 27.

Tiger Shark swimmers who won ribbons at the competition, how they placed in the various races, and their age groups are as follows:

Michael Boyle placed first in the boys 10 and under 100 meter individual medley. Emily Piekarski took second place in the girls 9-10 100 meter freestyle. For the 11-12 year old group, Leah Konops took first and Meghan Boyle, second, in 100m freestyle. In the same age group, Philip Luzny took second and Matt Moates, third, for the boys 100m individual medley.

CalvinJohn Smiley placed second in the 200m individual medley for boys 13-18 and Billy Moates took third. For the girls 13-18, Nina Byard placed third in the 200m freestyle.

For the younger swimmers,

Dylan McDermott placed first in the eight and under boys 25m butterfly and Sarah Konops took first for the girls 25m breaststroke, while Grace Piekarski took third.

Tiger Shark swimmers did very well in the 9-10 age group with Michael Boyle capturing first and Brian Babinetz, second, in the boys 50m butterfly; while the girls captured first, second and third in the 50m breaststroke led by Danielle Atcachunas, followed by Emily Piekarski and Katie Baldassarre.

Leah Konops took first place in the girls 50m breaststroke for age 11-12, followed by Diane Romano in second place. Matt Moates placed second in the boys 50m butterfly. For the 13-14 year old boys, Billy Moates took first in the 100m butterfly and Chris Reed took second. In the girls race, Becky Brzozowski took first for 100m breaststroke and Kristin Dabrio placed third.

Shannon Dabrio took first place in the 15-18 girls 100m

breaststroke and Sarah Blessing placed second. In the boys race, Adam Timberlake placed third in the 100m butterfly.

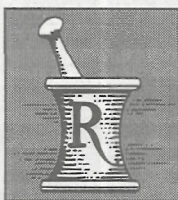
Dylan McDermott took another first place finish in the boys eight and under group, this time for the 25m freestyle as did Sarah Konops in the 25m backstroke for the girls eight and under. Kristina Jewkes took third place. For the girls 9-10 50m backstroke, Danielle Atcachunas took first place and Debbie Brzozowski placed third. Brian Babinetz took second place for the boys 50m freestyle.

Philip Luzny captured first place in the boys 11-12 50m freestyle and Ryan Egan took third place. For the girls, 50m backstroke, Meghan Boyle placed second. In the 13-14 boys 100m freestyle, CalvinJohn Smiley took first place and Chris Egan placed third. Nina Byard took first place in the girls 100m backstroke for the same age group.

Richard Stewart took second place in the boys 15-18 100m freestyle and Shannon Dabrio placed third in the girls 100m backstroke, age 15-18.

In the team relay races, the 8 and under team of Sarah Konops, Maggie Valentino, Kristina Jewkes and Ellen Zinsky won the 100m freestyle relay. For the 9-10 11-12 boys relay, the team of Michael Boyle, Phil Luzny, Dylan McDermott and Matt Moates won the 200m medley relay. Also in the 9-10 11-12 group, the girls team of Leah Konops, Danielle Atcachunas, Emily Piekarski and Meghan Boyle won the 200m freestyle relay.

Final winning score for the Tiger Sharks was 147 over their visitors score of 117.



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