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## Senior Citizens' Center About to Become a Reality



Joining the senior citizens at last week's groundbreaking ceremonies are Councilman Jim Vokral, builder Jack Morris, Councilmen Ray Petronko and Dennis Cerami, Councilwoman Darlene Pinto and architect Joe DeAndrea.

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield Senior Citizens have long awaited a recreation center of their own. Last Saturday's groundbreaking ceremony was the first step in turning that dream into reality.

Prior to the ceremony, a group of seniors sat in the shade of a canopy

set up on the dirt lot on Hamilton Blvd., the future site of the new Senior Citizen Center. Within five months they may well be sitting in a new state-of-the-art recreation center.

Councilman Ray Petronko welcomed the seniors and guests. He spoke of the years of planning that have culminated in the Senior Cen-

ter and credited Mayor Dan Gallagher for working so hard to see this dream through to reality.

Petronko introduced builder Jack Morris, who is building the center free of charge. Morris explained some of the motivation behind the upcoming project. He spoke about his roots, his mother and grandmother growing up

in South Plainfield. The Senior Center is his way of giving back to the town. Morris estimated that the center would be open before Christmas. The construction of the center is being done at no cost to residents, because of Morris' commitment to build the center at his expense. The land where the center is being built was purchased by the Borough with grant money.

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Also speaking was South Plainfield Attorney Patrick Diegnan. Diegnan also praised Mayor Gallagher for his diligent work towards the center.

Joe Zekas, former president of the Senior Citizens' Association, read a prepared speech that included remembering the fellow senior citizens who did not live to see the dream become reality. Additional speakers included Senior Citizen Coordinator Sue Mischka, who will run the center and Recreation President Jim Curcio.

On hand for the ceremony were Recreation Director Mike English, councilmembers Ed Kubala, Darlene Pinto, James Vokral and Freeholder John Pulomena, Police Chief Robert Merkler and architect Joe DeAndrea.

The seniors were all smiles as Morris and Petronko wielded the official shovel for groundbreaking. After 13 years, the wait is finally over.



Dr. Richard Hangge

## Dr. Richard Hangge Named Roosevelt Principal

At a special business meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, July 10, Dr. Richard Hangge was appointed as the new principal of Roosevelt School. Dr. Hangge will be replacing Mario Barbieri, who assumed the position of assistant superintendent.

Dr. Hangge's experience as an educator spans nearly 20 years. He received his BA degree in Elementary Education/Reading from Kean University in 1983 and obtained an MA degree as a Reading Specialist in 1985, also from Kean University. Dr. Hangge received his Ph.D in Educational Administration from LaSalle University in 1996.

Dr. Hangge began his career as a

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South Plainfield youth learn to avoid the hazards of the road in the recreation-sponsored annual program, Safety Town. Session 1 recently graduated and Session 2 is in progress. See story and additional photos on page 12.

## New Yard Waste Rules Saves Borough Big Bucks

Thus far, the new rules that went into effect this year at the yard waste site have resulted in significant savings for South Plainfield.

Last year at this time 555.975 tons had already been dropped off at the yard waste site. This year so far, only 277.85 has been brought to the yard waste site. Cost last year at this time were \$12,426.04, compared to only \$6,209.95 to date.

This is almost a 50 percent savings and the summer is only half over. Councilman Bob Cusick said that stationing Officers Alan LaMonda and Joe Papa at the site has been a great deterrent. The assignment of these two officers, who are DARE officers during the school year, does not cost the borough extra tax dollars since they are assigned at the site during their scheduled work hours.

## McGreevey Visits South Plainfield on Walk Across NJ

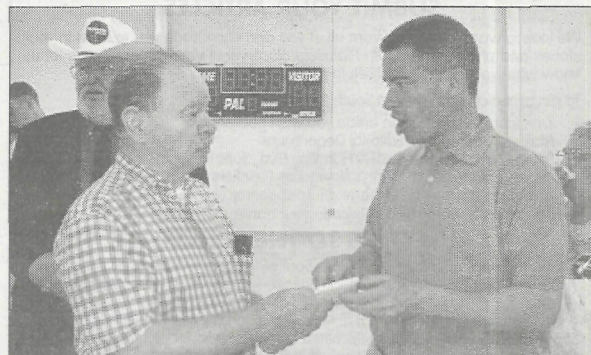
Democratic Candidate for Governor Jim McGreevey paid a visit to South Plainfield, as part of his 300 mile walk through New Jersey last Thursday. So far, he has already walked 180 miles.

McGreevey arrived at the South Plainfield PAL building and spent about an hour talking to the few hundred residents and kids who had gathered for the occasion. He was about an hour late, but the crowd patiently

waited and everyone gave him a warm greeting when he did arrive.

Freeholder John Pulomena introduced McGreevey to the audience. Attending were council members Dennis Cerami, Darlene Pinto, Ray Petronko, Bob Cusick, Ed Kubala and democratic council candidate Charles Butrico, Police Chief Robert Merkler, along with members of the police department and many other officials

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Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Jim McGreevey greets South Plainfield resident Bill Tuthill.



## mark your calendars

Log on to  
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for the latest  
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, August 13 Thursday, August 16 (Revised Date)

Tuesday, September 4 Thursday, September 6

Monday, September 17 Thursday, September 20

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

### planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

July 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 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

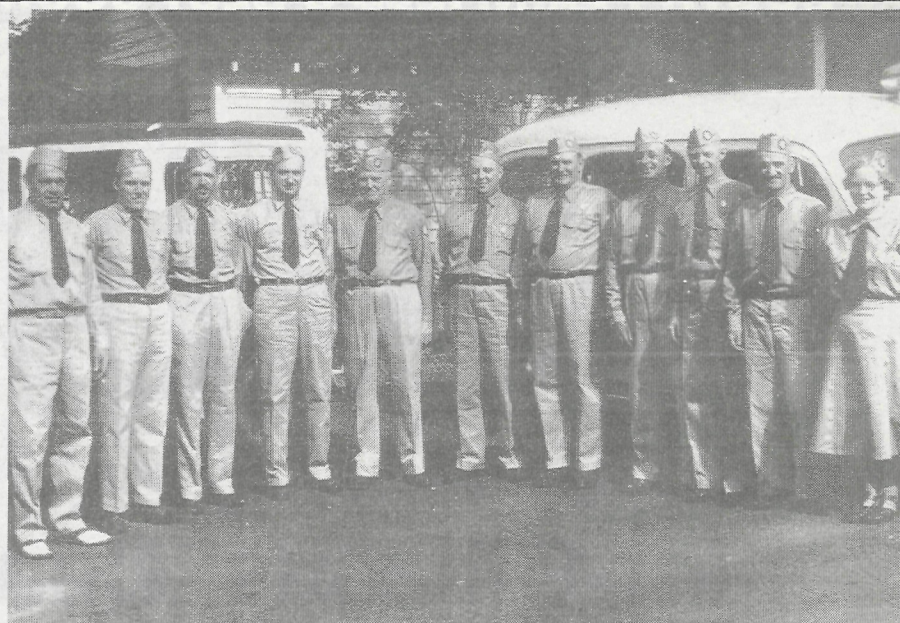
Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

### trafficsafety advisory commission

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

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



This photo was given to us by Walter Jensen of Franklin Ave. It is a picture of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad when it was located on Randolph Ave. in 1940 or 1941. Can anyone identify some of these people? Call us at 908-668-0010 if you know some of these squad members.

## In My Opinion

### To the Editor,

At noon, on July 14, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new South Plainfield Senior Citizens' Center.

It's hard to believe that this moment has finally arrived after all of these years. The journey from when a group of seniors, including myself, decided that South Plainfield needed a Senior Center, to actually breaking ground for that very center has been long and often filled with disappointments. However, the Mayor and Council were true to the promise they made six years ago and with the generous help of Jack Morris, our dream is finally coming true.

I would like to thank the following people who have played a role in helping to make this dream a reality: Councilman Ray Petronko, who has worked hard with us on this center; Jack Morris, for his very generous donation to the people of South Plainfield, and Mayor Gallagher and the Council for seeing the need and then working hard to fulfill their promise to the seniors.

Finally, I would like to dedicate this groundbreaking to all of the seniors who did not live long enough to see this dream become a reality. I know that they would be filled with pride that this moment is finally here.

**JOSEPH G. ZEKAS**

*This letter was recently submitted to Police Chief Robert Merkler and read at Monday night's Council Agenda meeting by Councilman Dennis Cerami.*

### Dear Chief Merkler,

I am writing to commend two of the fine officers in your police department: Officer Paul Wylam and Officer George Albertocki.

On Sunday afternoon, June 23, I was on my way to a memorial service in Westfield when rather suddenly, my car lost power on Oak Tree Avenue and I could only pull over as far over to the right as possible before my car came to a complete stop. The car did not start again.

Being concerned for the safety of motorists struggling to pass by my stopped car on that busy road, I was relieved to see Officer Wylam coming toward me just moments later. I signaled to him by flashing my headlights and waving, and he immediately came to my assistance. After unsuccessfully trying to start my car more than once—with the assistance of a local resident—Officer Wylam, Bob, and I guessed that the problem was undoubtedly my alternator.

Officer Wylam proceeded to contact your headquarters in his efforts to try to help me, and we were eventually joined by Lieutenant George

Albertocki, who arrived with a device from headquarters. After several further unsuccessful attempts to restart my car, it became clear that I'd need a tow back to Franklin Township (Somerset), where I live and serve as a Councilwoman.

Officers Wylam and Lt. Albertocki followed through with their gracious and professional assistance until my problem was resolved, and they are to be commended for their excellent service to me, the residents of South Plainfield, and the motorists passing by on Oak Tree Avenue during that difficult and potentially dangerous 20 minutes or so.

At this time, I would request that a copy of this letter be added to each of their files. Their police work was excellent, and I'd like it to be remembered. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Thank you for having such officers on your team.

**SINCERELY,  
CATHERINE J. BARRIER  
COUNCILWOMAN**

### Dear Editor,

Before grabbing your beach towels and heading out to the beach this summer, you need to stop a moment and also pick up some sunscreen or take other measures to protect yourselves from the dangers of the sun.

According to the American Cancer Society, more people develop skin cancer than all other forms of cancer combined. It is also reported that skin cancer incidences rise at a rate of three percent each year, despite public education campaigns. Each year, there are more than one million new cases of basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. Approximately another 41,600 people will be diagnosed with malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, which accounts for 75% of all skin cancer related

deaths.

Prevention, coupled with early detection, can be the key to dramatically reducing your chances of getting skin cancer. It is critical to point out four characteristics of the ABCDs, of identifying skin cancer. These features are: Asymmetry, Border Irregularity, Color Variability, and Diameter larger than a pencil eraser. As always, if there is any doubt if you are at risk, you should contact your physician.

Our office has prepared a brochure regarding skin cancer exams and prevention techniques that can be received by either stopping in our office or contacting us at (732) 287-5609.

**SINCERELY,  
BARBARA BUONO  
PETER J. BARNES, JR.  
ASSEMBLYWOMAN,  
ASSEMBLYMAN 18TH DISTRICT**

### 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 TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by mail to *South Plainfield Observer*, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email at our website at spobserver.com or faxed to 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the *Observer*. Letters must be submitted with name and phone number, even if they request name their name be omitted when published.

## Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Ave.  
South Plainfield, NJ

Rev. John Paul  
Alvarado, Pastor

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

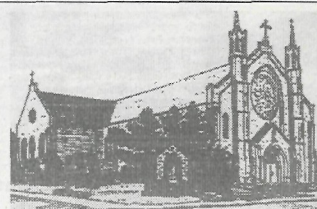
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (churcft)

Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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





## southplainfieldpeople

### Milestones

#### Retired Police Officer Robert Bender Chosen as State "Policeman of the Year"



Pictured are left to right, Past Commander of VFW Philip Cortese, Policeman of the Year Robert Bender, Past President of the Women's Auxiliary Joan Jepson, and Commander of VFW Rudy Posczak.

Retired Police Officer Robert Bender was recently honored for his years of service, but in more than one way. He was chosen as "Policeman of the Year" three times.

The first honor bestowed upon him was as being chosen locally by the VFW Post 6763 for his service

in South Plainfield, and then he was also selected on the district level.

However, the greatest honor he has received up-to-date was being chosen as Policeman of the Year by the New Jersey State VFW and received the latest honor at the VFW State Convention held recently.



#### Deacon Joseph Stanczak Marks 80th Birthday With a Party

Deacon Joseph Stanczak of Sacred Heart Church recently gathered with friends and family to celebrate his 80th birthday. The party was held in his honor at the Clarion Hotel in Edison and many of his friends and relatives were on hand to join in the celebration.

Pictured with Joe are his wife

Anne, along with his sons David and his wife, Kathy; Tom and his wife Cathy and their son Chris. Also Irene Loudwozob, Mimi Posonbal, Todd Northrup and his wife Marianne, with their son Michael. Missing is four-year old Katie Northrup.

Photo/story by Bill Tutthill

#### Timothy Dacey Named Chairman of KMM Board

Timothy Dacey, Chief of Staff at the Township of Woodbridge, was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc., Middlesex County's non-profit transportation management association. KMM's Annual Membership Breakfast Meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, on Monday, May 21. Ronald Hutchinson, of Telcordia Technologies and former Chairman of the KMM Board, was elected Vice Chairman, George Verwerides, Director of the Middlesex County Planning Department was elected Secretary and Peter Cantu of KMM was elected Treasurer of the KMM Board.

Speakers at the Annual Meeting included Freeholder Camille Farnicola and guest speaker Carl Spataro, Director of the Middlesex

County Planning Board. Executive Director of KMM Peter Cantu presented the accomplishments of KMM in the past year as well as the upcoming projects.

Ronald Hutchinson received the KMM Award of Appreciation on behalf of Telcordia Technologies for continuous contribution to KMM projects, especially the "Walk Our Children to Work" event. A donation from Telcordia helped fund the t-shirts distributed to all students who participated in the day's event. During his term as Chairman of KMM's Board, Ronald Hutchinson also instituted the Teleconference Monthly Board Meeting. This initiative saved over 2000 miles in the course of the year, keeping cars off the road instead of driving into New Brunswick for the monthly Board Meetings.



Pictured are (top row, l-r) Lauren Conrad, Jillian Rutowski, Samantha Maiorino, Nicole Slatky, Paige Herriott; (bottom row, l-r) Carla Scala, Amanda Fritze, Lacey Hogan, Stephanie Groben and Meghan Makowski.

#### Franklin School Brownie Troop #129 Bridges To Junior Girl Scouts

Brownie Girl Scout Troop #129 of Franklin Elementary School bridged to Junior Girl Scouts on Friday, March 23. The girls are Lauren Conrad, Amanda Fritze, Stephanie Groben, Paige Herriott, Lacey Hogan, Samantha Maiorino, Meghan Makowski, Jillian Rutowski, Carla Scala and Nicole Slatky. Their leaders are Pati Maiorino, Diane Herriott, and Jacquie Slatky.

The girls started the bridging ceremony with a flag ceremony, the

Pledge of Allegiance and then said the Girl Scout Promise in sign language. The girls lit candles for each Girl Scout law. They also stated one item they did to become Junior Girl Scouts, such as working on a Junior Girl Scout Badge, etc. Then the scouts transformed a 4-foot cardboard Brownie doll into a Junior Girl Scout.

During the ceremony two songs were played "Bye, Bye, Bye" and "Lucky." The ceremony ended with the girls singing "Let There Be Peace

on Earth" while passing around an earth beach ball to all who attended the bridging ceremony. Pictures were displayed of the girls when they started scouts as Daisies until the present time.

Also, inspiration rocks with positive messages were handed out to all. Congratulations Troop #129! A special thank you to Junior Girl Scouts Caitlin Herriott and Kaleigh White of Troop #228 in assisting with the bridging ceremony.

#### NJPIRG 2001 State Legislative Scorecards Released; Local Legislators Score High for Public Interest

The New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG) Citizen's Lobby, the state's leading public interest advocacy organization, released its seventh annual legislative scorecards for all 120 members of the New Jersey legislature. The scorecard

for each member is based on their votes on key environmental, consumer and good government legislation during the past year. Citizens can access these scorecards, as well as scorecards from past years, via NJPIRG's website by going to [www.njpirg.com](http://www.njpirg.com).

"The good news for this part of central New Jersey is that most local legislators scored above the average," stated Emily Francis, Campaign Director for NJPIRG Citizen Lobby.

Senator Robert Lynch (D-New Brunswick) scored a 91%, Assemblyman Robert Smith (D-Plainfield) scored a 90%, Senator Jack Sinagra (R-Edison) scored a 90%, Assemblyman Peter Barnes, Jr. (D-Edison) scored a 90%, Senator Joseph Vitale (D-Woodbridge) scored a 91%, and Assemblyman John Wisniewski (D-Parlin) scored a 90%.

From our area, Barbara Buono (D-

18) received a perfect score. She had this to say, to comment on her scoring, "I'm proud to have received a 100% rating from NJPIRG Citizen Lobby with whom I share the same priorities regarding how to make NJ a safer, cleaner, more sane place in which to live and raise a family."

Assemblyman Robert Smith, from District 17, also had positive thoughts to share, "It's wonderful to be scored progressively on the environment and consumer protection by a nonpartisan, nonprofit group like NJPIRG Citizen Lobby."

NJPIRG Citizen Lobby is the only organization in the state that produces and distributes nonpartisan, individual scorecards for the entire New Jersey legislature. NJPIRG Citizen Lobby will distribute the scorecards to New Jersey households and to other New Jersey public interest organizations throughout the year.

#### Keystone Residence Re-Adopts Front Street

The Keystone Community Residence has renewed its Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the coming year. Participants in the Vocational Enhancement Program will continue their weekly cleanups of Front Street from Maple Avenue to the railroad tracks. The agreement is good for the next year. It can be renewed again if both parties are still satisfied with the arrangement. This is Keystone's fourth renewal since 1997.

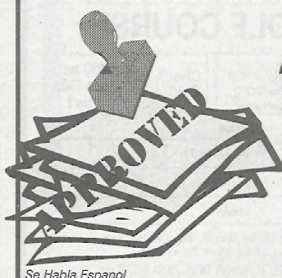
Crews will pick up litter, sweep the sidewalks, and pull weeds to keep the street clean. As many as nine residents and two staff members will be working on the site. This adoption supports the downtown business community's efforts to revitalize the area with improved amenities, facades and property maintenance.

In addition to its Adopt-A-Spot, residents in Keystone's vocational program also visit the Borough parks throughout the summer to clean up debris.

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

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# Around Town

## 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 dur-

## Summer Drama Workshop Annual Carwash Saturday

### July 21

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold their annual car wash on Saturday, July 21 at the South Plainfield Middle School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prices are \$5 for cars. Vans, SUVs and trucks are \$7. The rain date is Sunday, July 22.

The fundraiser will help support Summer Drama's 30th season production of "Bye, Bye Birdie."

ing 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.

## First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

### August 6-10

Join us at Beach Trek! The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Vacation Bible School Experience is coming on Aug. 6 through 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Get ready for a big splash of fun and excitement as we learn about Jesus, through songs, skits, and crafts. All children kindergarten through entering fifth grade are invited. Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family with a request for \$2 for the cost of a t-shirt. Deadline to register is Aug. 3. For information, call The First Baptist Church office at (908) 753-2382.

## 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, located in Princeton. 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 in-

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

Corporate sponsorships are available. All proceeds go to support the activities of the High School Golf Team and the SPGA's scholarship program. Registration is on a first come basis with a deadline of July 23. For more information contact Lynne Gaspari (908) 668-1867, or Dick DeAndrea (908) 755-1700.

You can also register for the tournament on-line and find out about the corporate sponsor programs at [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org).

## Wesley United to Hold Bible School

### August 13-17

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

## SP Fire Department To Host Wine Tasting Event

### September 29

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will host a Wine Tasting event on Saturday, Sept. 29, held from 6 to 11 p.m.

The event will be held at the Embassy Suites, in Piscataway. Ticket price of \$70 per person include a wine tasting reception, from 6 to 8 p.m., a buffet dinner from 8 to 9 p.m. and also features an open bar, DJ and dancing, held from 9 to 11 p.m. There are also special hotel room rates available for overnight stays.

For tickets or more information, contact John Celentano at (908) 757-5691 or Mike Gallagher (908) 755-9874.

## Recreation To Sponsor Two Trips to Broadway

### October 13, December 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to New York to see Broadway Shows. The first show, *Contact*, will be on Saturday, Oct. 13. The cost is \$60 per person and the bus leaves from the PAL Building at 10 a.m.

The second trip is to see the classic Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Show. Tickets are \$75 per person and the bus will leave the PAL Building at 1:30 p.m.

Each trip allows everyone to shop and dine before the show.

To purchase tickets, visit the Recreation Office, located in the PAL Building on Maple Ave. The office is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## —Out of Town—

## NJ Repertory Company Premieres Play

### 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).

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

## Westfield Workshop To Present "Annie Junior"

### July 26-27

We all know it's a *Hard Knock Life*, but join us at The Westfield Summer Workshop and we'll show you how a determined little girl changes her life to live on *Easy Street*. *Annie Junior* is an abridged version of the original *Annie*, but your favorite cast of characters are still the same. For information on Studio One's production or a brochure, call (908) 518-1551.

## KISMET to Feature Artist Presentation

### July 28

KISMET will hold an Art Presentation by artist Laura Williams, on Saturday, July 28, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The event will be held at Galeria West, 121 Central Ave., Westfield. \$15 at the door includes presentation, refreshments and socializing. For more information, call (908) 232-8827 or visit their website at [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## Alliance Bible Church Vacation Bible School

### July 30 through August 3

Alliance Bible Church, 52 Mt. Horeb Road in Warren, would like to extend an invitation to all children and their friends to join them at "Soncreek Junction"—this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3.

Children will be able to participate in music, games, crafts, snacks, skits

and bible stories that make Vacation Bible School so much fun, and on top of that, they discover the five nuggets of truth for growing as God's children—all in the western gold-mining town of Soncreek.

To enroll, call the ABC at (732) 469-1425. The school is for ages three through fifth grade. Tuition is \$25 per child or \$50 family maximum.

## NJ Repertory Company Presents One-Woman Show

### August 9 - September 2

The NJ Repertory Company, Lumia Theatre, 179 Broadway in Long Branch is proud to present award winning singer/songwriter/guitarist/concert artist, Christine Lavin, in her new one-woman show, "Getting in Touch With My Inner Bitch," Aug. 9 through Sept. 2, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling the theater at (732) 229-3166. For more information, visit their website at [www.njrep.org](http://www.njrep.org).

## 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).


## 'Eliminate Sickness' Seminar

### August 18

A FREE seminar, "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 Saturday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. at the North Stelton African Methodist Episcopal Church, 123 Craig Ave. Piscataway (across from Timothy Christian School). Rev. Malkmus will teach about improving even the most difficult health problems through diet. For more information call (908) 754-4255.

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Audrea Ranger (center) was presented a plaque honoring her late husband, Al, who was also recently named to the Hall of Fame at the high school. The plaque is a duplicate of one that has been placed in the high school's athletic trophy case. Al, a teacher in South Plainfield for 37 years, was also the wrestling coach for 23 years, recording 20 years of winning seasons. He actually started the wrestling program at South Plainfield High School and because of his efforts, South Plainfield High School's wrestling program has become one of the best in the state. The day Audrea accepted the plaque was special to her because it was also their wedding anniversary. Audrea spoke about how Al was the one who planted the seed that lead to a wrestling program which is so successful today. Pictured with Audrea Ranger are Emil Leporino, Athletic Director Mike Buggy, Anthony Cotoia and Principal Anthony Massaro.

## Local Artists will be Featured at Kacey's Sidewalk Sale This Saturday

Kacey's Bodacious Boutique, located at 179 Front St. will be holding a sidewalk sale on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, July 28. Many hand-crafted items from local artists will be featured at affordable prices.

One of the artists is Shirley Elacqua, who along with her sister used to own the "Shanty Craft" on South Plainfield Ave. Since retiring from a career in real estate, she spends her time now producing beautiful decorative art. Presently she spends Saturdays teaching classes in decorative painting at Kacey's Boutique.

Another artist is Julie De Los Santos. She is one of Shirley's former students and the daughter of an oil painting artist. Julie has learned the art of the "one stroke" technique from Shirley and her works include a mural at Riley School and illustrating a poetry booklet called *A Welded Place*. This sidewalk sale is a great opportunity to pick up a special gift for someone or add a finishing touch to your own home.

The shop, which began as a dream by owner Kacey Lachowski, has fast become a reality in just a few years. Kacey has turned what she calls a "hobby" of garage sale hunting into a living. Her love for collecting eclectic treasures is reflected everywhere in her shop. To this day, some of the furnishings and collectibles



found in her shop are the very pieces she has recovered and restored from second-hand shops and garage sales.

She also gives credit to another

love in her life for helping to bring her shop such a long way. Kacey and her husband Eddie have formed a partnership not only as husband and wife, but also by working together in a successful business. Kacey calls Eddie a major influence in encouraging her to reach for her dreams.

Since its inception two years ago, Kacey has filled her shop with a uniqueness that lures shoppers in. She likes to think of it as finding some very out of the ordinary things, but without paying an ordinarily high price. Many times Kacey herself has fallen in love with items in shops, but couldn't imagine paying what was being asked. This led her to come up with the philosophy that has made this Front Street boutique an ever-growing success.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for the latest news from the South Plainfield Library: Turning to our roster of children's programs, there's the Game Gang program today at 11 a.m. Children can play one of our collection of board games, or bring in one of their own to share. On Monday at 6:30 p.m., there's the Kidcraft program for children ages six and older. Please sign up in advance for this program, so we know how many to expect; all craft materials are provided by the Library. Then, there's our schedule of Children's Storytime programs. Each program is for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. And there's still time to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Club, "Flip Over Books." If you'd like to know more about our children's programs, just call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask Linda Hansen, our Children's Librarian.

Before we move on, here are a couple more notes related to our children's programs. First, due to some pretty good attendance figures, our Monday Kidcraft program and the craft portion of the Storytimes will be held out in our main room, rather than the Children's Room. We hope this doesn't cause a problem for our other patrons. Second, there's an advisory regarding Summer Reading T-Shirts. We have to have these shirts specially made and order a precise number of them. Due to these exacting stan-

dards, we will no longer allow refunds or exchanges for those who order shirts. We ask, instead, that you make very certain of how many shirts you want and in what sizes. To help you with this, we've put a shirt from each size on display in the main room. Feel free to try them on, if you wish.

At this writing, there's still space available for the Job Searching workshop tomorrow at 10 a.m. Admission is free, but you must register in advance. This program will cover job searching in print and online. It also serves as a kick-off for our new Job Information Center. The new service will feature job-searching materials, including a new Internet terminal. For more information or to register, please call us and ask for Allan Kleiman.

Our main display cabinet now features an aquatic display in connection with the theme of the Summer Reading Club. The display has been provided by the Condon family; it can be seen until the end of the month.

Finally, we've added some new features to one of our word processing computers. That computer now offers tutorial programs on typing and resume writing, as well as willmaker, which provides assistance in preparing wills and other legal documents. (However, regarding the latter, we advise that you still consult with a lawyer or other legal advisor.) The word processors are open for anyone's use; there is a charge of 10 cents per page for printouts.

That'll do it for today. We'll have more news next Friday. See you then.

## Labor Day Parade Committee Asking Residents for Grand Marshal Nominees

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

The first order of business is who will be this year's Grand Marshal. The Labor Day Committee is asking residents to send their nominations for Grand Marshal.

If anyone knows an individual who they feel has contributed outstanding service to the com-

munity, they are asked to send a letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for Grand Marshal. If you submitted a name last year, you must submit it again this year.

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

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

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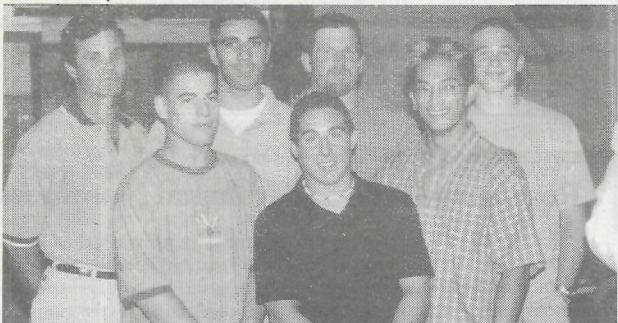
# South Plainfield Board of Education presents 2001 Awards & Commendations



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.



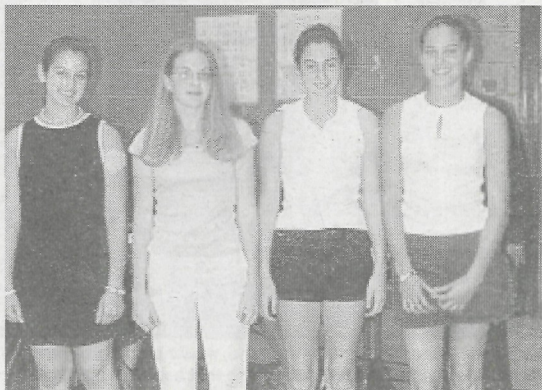
Varsity wrestling team honored for their many accomplishments throughout the 2000-2001 season. Pictured (l to r) are Coach Bill Pavlak, John Foscolo, Coach Bill Hamilton, Scott Doerr, Roberto Ramos, Rich Gebauer and Jason Stokes.



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).

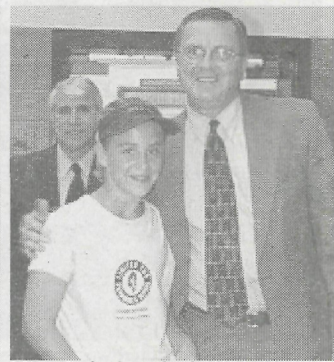
**Solo Performances at the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival—**Nicole Aguilar, Alyssa Docyk, Katie Mott, Natalia Tamzoke, Stephanie Stellakis, Ashlen Udell

**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 IMS 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

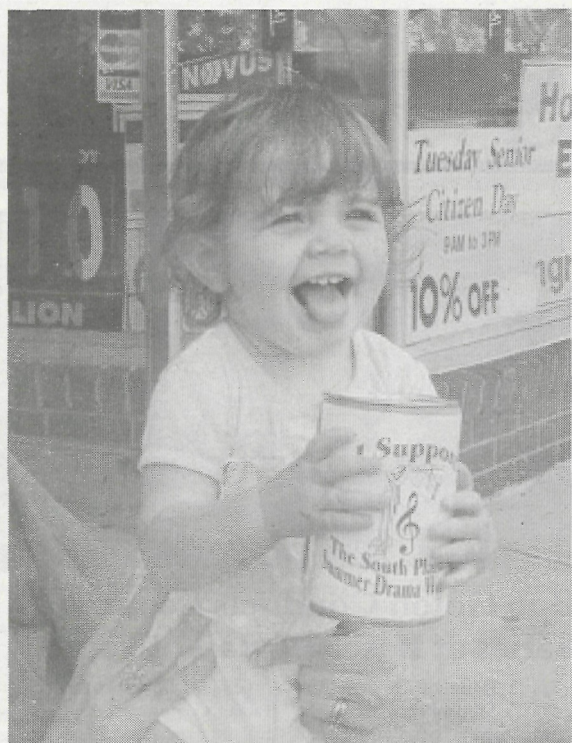
**South Plainfield High School Varsity Wrestling Team for being selected as the Red Division Champions, Greater Middlesex Conference Champions, District 12 Champions, Central Jersey Group 3 Champions, and New Jersey State Group 3 Champions—**Coaches: Bill Pavlak, Kevin McCann, Bill Hamilton; David Butrico, 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.





### SP Summer Drama Workshop's Canning a Success

Kaylee Crisitello, 11 months old, helps sister Jessica with 'canning'. Kaylee's quick grin and giggles had her can filling fast. The SP Summer Drama Workshop held the first of two major fundraisers this weekend. Their successful canning drive was held at businesses throughout town. The cast celebrated with a dance in the evening.

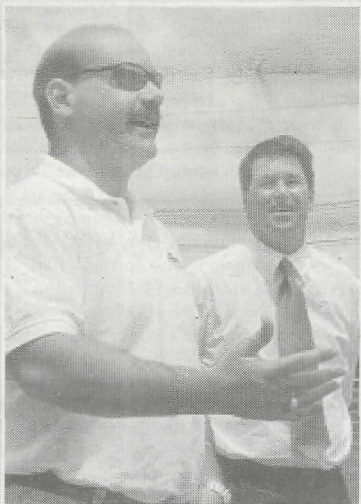
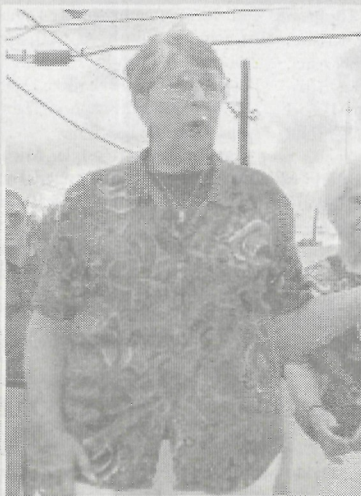
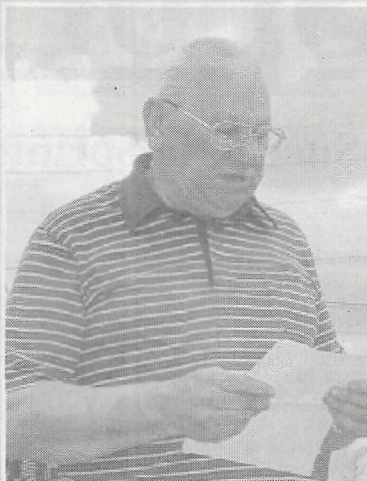
## SDW

The cast of SDW's 30th season show, *Bye Bye Birdie*, are hard at work preparing for their August debut.

-Photos by Patricia Abbott



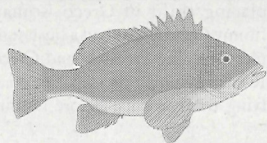
## Scenes from Senior Center Groundbreaking



Groundbreaking for the new Senior Center building took place last Saturday. According to the builder, Jack Morris, the building should be ready for occupancy by December. (See story on page 1)

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# Sports

## Tiger Sharks Take Home Success in Sprints



The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks swim team was one of 18 different teams from clubs across Central Jersey to compete in the Roycefield Sprint Meet held July 15 in Hillsborough.

A total of 397 athletes competed in races of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, 25 yard sprints in each age group for boys and girls. Medals were awarded for first, second and third place and ribbons were given for fourth through tenth place. High Point title was awarded for the athlete in each age group who received the most points.

Dylan McDermott, a South Plain-

field resident and Tiger Shark swimmer, took High Point for the boys age seven, placing first in 25m breaststroke, first in freestyle, third in butterfly and sixth in backstroke for the seven year old boys.

For girls butterfly, Sarah Konops took fifth for age eight sprints; Danielle Atcachunas, fourth, for age 10; Leah Konops, second, age 12; Kristen Dabrio, tenth, age 13; and her sister, Shannon Dabrio, sixth for age 16-18. Boys butterfly included: Michael Boyle, ninth, age 10; and CalvinJohn Smiley, second, age 14.

In backstroke, placing for the girls were Sarah Konops, fifth, and Chelsea Cullen, eighth, age eight sprints; Danielle Atcachunas, fifth, age 10; Leah Konops, sixth, age 12; and Shannon Dabrio, third, age 16-18. For boys backstroke: CalvinJohn Smiley, age 14, placed second.

Danielle Atcachunas, age 10, took first place in the breaststroke sprint for her age group; Sarah Konops took fifth place in the girls age eight; Leah Konops, third, in age 12; Kristen Dabrio, ninth, in age 13; and Shannon Dabrio, second, in the 16-18 age group.

Phil Luzny took second place in the breaststroke sprint for age 12 boys; and CalvinJohn Smiley, third, breaststroke for age 14. In freestyle for girls: Sarah Konops placed seventh for age eight sprint; Danielle Atcachunas, ninth, age 10; Leah Konops, fifth, age 12; Meghan Boyle, ninth, age 12; Kristen Dabrio, 10, age 13; and Shannon Dabrio, second, age 16-18 sprint.

For the boys freestyle, Michael Boyle took ninth, in the age 10 race; Phil Luzny, second, age 12; and CalvinJohn Smiley, second in age 14.

We congratulate all the swimmers who placed and those who competed in this large event.

—Submitted by Donna Egan

## Tiger Sharks Fall To Rival Chatham Colony

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks, swimming against rival Chatham Colony for the second time this season, lost their meet in the last minutes of the competition by a heart-breaking four points on July 5 at the South Plainfield Rec Community Pool.

In a meet earlier this season, the Tiger Sharks defeated Chatham Colony at their home lake where the Sharks swam at a disadvantage there, being unused to the lake conditions of sand and dark water.

Despite the July 5 defeat, many South Plainfield swimmers captured first, second and third place ribbons in the close contest. Among those placing in their races were the following:

Phil Luzny taking first place and Matt Moates, second, in the boys 11-12 100m individual medley. In the same age group, Diane Romano took first and Joanna Luzny, third, in the 100m freestyle for girls. Michael Boyle took third in the boys 10 and under 100 individual medley and Katie Baldassarre took third in the 9-10 girls 100 freestyle. Billy Moates placed second in the boys 13-18 200 individual medley and Nina Byard took first in the girls same age group

200m freestyle.

For the younger set, Dylan McDermott took second place in the boys eight and under 25m butterfly and Sarah Konops took third in the girls same age 25m breaststroke. Michael Boyle took first in the boys 9-10 50m butterfly and the 9-10 girls captured first and second, with Danielle Atcachunas taking first, followed by Katie Baldassarre.

In the boys 11-12 50m butterfly, Matt Moates placed second and Emmett Marsili took third; while again the girls in the same age group captured first and second with Jackie Dougherty placing first and Diane Romano coming in second.

CalvinJohn Smiley took first place in the boys 13-14 100m butterfly and Billy Moates followed in second place in the event. The girls did as well in this age group with Becky Brzozowski taking first in the 100m breaststroke and Katie Koury taking second.

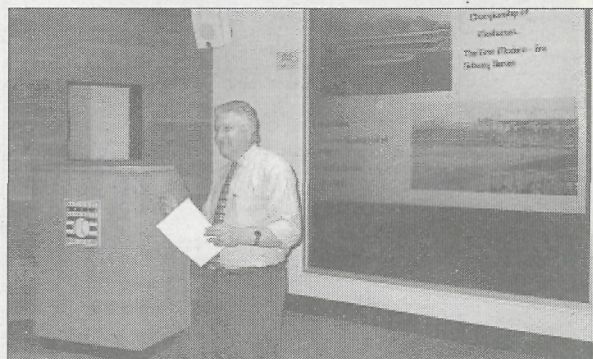
For the 15-18 boys, Tommy Haus took second in the 100m butterfly and Chris Reed took third. The girls took first and second again, with Shannon Dabrio in first for the 15-18 100m breaststroke and Natalie Londono taking second.

For the eight and under group,

Dylan McDermott placed first in the boys 25m freestyle and Sarah Konops took first in the girls 25m backstroke, followed by Maggie Valentino in third place. Brian Babinetz took third in the boys 9-10 50m freestyle and for the 9-10 girls, Danielle Atcachunas took first in the 50m backstroke. The 11-12 boys took first and second in the 50m freestyle with Phil Luzny in front with Emmett Marsili in second place. Jackie Dougherty took second place for the girls in the same age group, swimming 50m backstroke with Alison Harty coming in third.

Boys 13-14 100m freestyle was won by CalvinJohn Smiley in first place with Chris Egan taking second place. Nina Byard took first place for the girls in the same age group, swimming 100m backstroke. For the boys 15-18, Adam Timberlake took first in the 100m freestyle. Shannon Dabrio claimed first place in the 15-18 girls 100m backstroke with Sarah Blessing taking second place. At this point in the meet, the Tiger Sharks were ahead in the score but Chatham Colony was able to overtake the lead by shutting out the Tiger Sharks in the relay races that end each meet, winning 140-136 with a heartbreaking four points in the final minute.

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.



## Bob Golon Conducts Lecture Series at Baseball Hall of Fame

South Plainfield resident Bob Golon, a lifetime member of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, recently conducted a lecture series at the National Baseball Hall-of-Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York.

On July 5, 6 and 7, Golon presented "The 1910 Championship of Manhattan; the First Subway Series of the Modern Era" as part of the Hall-of-Fame's Sandlot Stories lecture series. The event took place before three standing-room-only crowds in the Museum's Bullpen Theater.

Golon, who works for Hewlett-Packard Company, is a free-lance baseball historian and writer, specializing in New York City baseball. Last season, he had 19 historical articles published on YankeesXtreme.com, which was then part of Yankees.com. He also has been published in The National Pastime, a publication of the Society for American Baseball Research, of which Golon is a member.

"It was certainly a thrill to present in Cooperstown, the mecca of baseball history," said Golon, who hopes to return to Cooperstown next season for another lecture series.

### Wrestling

## Summer Wrestling Update

By Bob Hunter

All you dillard wrestling fans relaxing next to the pool will be glad to know that South Plainfield wrestlers have been very busy this spring and summer. Wrestling in Freestyle and Greco-Roman tournaments, a new style of wrestling called Sombo was introduced to 11-year old Patrick Hunter at the recent AAU Grand Nationals Championships in Albuquerque New Mexico, the site of this year's Sombo World Championships.

300 plus wrestlers from 22 countries competed in this unique style, which includes leg sweeps, throws and submission holds. Each wrestler wears a Kurtka (which means jacket in Russian) and is able to grab and hold it while attempting to score points. Hunter wrestled in the Novice 70 pound weight class and finished in third place in Sombo and earned All-American honors in Freestyle, taking fourth place and placing third in Greco-Roman. Jimmy Conroy also had a busy summer wrestling Freestyle and Greco-Roman, winning two separate qualifying tournaments, before heading

off to the Northeast Regional Tournament in Allentown, PA where he and fellow teammate Nick Dorey each placed second in the School Boy division. Conroy then packed his bags and headed for the National School Boy Duals in Indiana as a member of team New Jersey. After the bus broke down, the New Jersey boys got there late and had to wrestle right away. Conroy lost his first match 7-2 but after some sleep came back to win his next five matches, finishing second overall. SPSHS wrestlers Steve Johnston and Scott Doerr have gone to all of the qualifying tournaments and both were place winners.

The recent Mendham tournament was a family affair, with Nick and Troy Heilmann and Tyler and Bryan Hunt all finishing in third place. High school Tiger heavyweight Ryan Elliot had a great tournament at the recent 2001 Garden State Games, finishing in second place. The South Plainfield Wrestling Club is planning activities at the new wrestling room at the PAL and more information will be announced in the *Observer* when it becomes available. Have a nice summer!

## 2001 GMC Softball All-Stars

The 2001 girls varsity softball team recently closed out with a very successful season.

To further illustrate their accomplishments, certain members of the team were selected to the 2001 GMC All-Conference and/or All-Division Softball teams.

The following were selected to the 2001 All-Conference team: 3rd base-

Danielle Schweers, and Christine Strani was selected at large.

Danielle Schweers and Christine Strani were also selected to the 2001 All-White Division team, along with Shannon Bishop, who was selected at large.

Congratulations to the girls on their achievements and for a great season.

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# Sports



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

**All-Star Tri-County Season — Week of July 23—The**  
All-Star softball team is in full swing.  
**Our 14-U team** will be playing East Brunswick on July 23 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The July 25 game will be against North Edison at the Pitt Street Park Complex.  
**Our 12-U (Bosse) team** will be playing Monroe on July 23 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. On July 24 we will continue the game against North Plainfield beginning at the top of the fifth inning. The start time is 4:30 p.m. and will be played in North Plainfield. The original game started on July 10; it was called due to inclement weather. A make-up game against South Brunswick will be played on July 25 at 8 p.m. in South Brunswick. The July 26 game will be against our 12-U (Reichert) team at the Pitt Street Park Complex.  
**Our 12-U (Reichert) team** will be playing Watchung on July 24 in Watchung. A make-up game against Monroe will be played July 25 at 7 p.m. at Monroe. The July 26 game will be against our 12-U (Bosse) team at the Pitt Street Park Complex.  
**Our 10-U team** will be playing South Brunswick on July 26 in South Brunswick.  
Please come out and join us for another wonderful season of All-Star softball. Complete team schedules can be found on our website.  
**14-U Union Tournament—July 21-22—Our 14-U team** will be participating in the Union Tournament on July 21 and 22. Please come out and support our team. The best of luck to both players and coaches.

### Game Schedule—Sat., July 21

Time	Opposing Team
9:30 a.m.	Mountainside
11 a.m.	Wayne
3:30 p.m.	Jersey City Gems

The games schedule for Sun., June 22 will be provided by the coach after Saturday's games. Directions to the fields will be provided by the coach. There is a complete snack bar facility located at this complex.

**12-U (Bosse) Monroe Tournament—July 21, 22—Our 12-U (Bosse) team** will be participating in the Monroe tournament on July 21 and 22. Please come out and support our team. The best of luck to both players and coaches.

### Game Schedule Sat., July 21

Time	Field Location/Number	Opposing Team
9 a.m.	Thompson Park/#1	Howell Heat
12:30 p.m.	Main Complex/#1	South Brunswick Vikings
4 p.m.	Thompson Park/#2	Manalapan Belles

The game schedule for Sun., July 22 will be provided by the coach after Saturday's games.

The main complex is located on Gravel Hill Spotswood Road. The Thompson Park complex is located on Perrineville Road. Directions to the fields will be provided by the coach. The Main Complex has a snack bar, which offers light snacks and drinks. The Thompson Park complex will have *drinks only* available.

**10-U Reading Tournament—July 21 and 22—Our 10U team** will be participating in the Reading tournament on July 21 and 22.

### Game Schedule Sat., July 21

Time	Opposing Team
8 a.m.	Readington
12 p.m.	Flemington
4 p.m.	TBA

The game schedule for Sun., July 22 will be provided by the coach after Sunday's games. Directions to the fields will be provided by the coach. Contact the coach for additional information regarding this tournament.

**Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—July 24—The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, July 24 at 8 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School Library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on July 24. New members are always welcomed.

**12-U (Bosse) Roselle Park Tournament—July 27, 28, 29—Our 12-U (Bosse) team** will be participating in the Roselle Park tournament on July 27, 28 and 29. Additional information will appear in the Batter's Box and be posted on our website as it becomes available from the coaches.

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

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

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

### From Recreation...

#### New Weightroom Hours

As of July 2, there will be new hours for the PAL Weightroom. Week-days are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. All members must have their cards and towels at all times.

#### Recreation Sponsors Summer Track Club

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



Front Row (L to R) Eric Lake (Bat Boy), Mike Stallone (2 HR's), Garrett Lake (1 HR), Kevin Criley (2 HR's), Chris Stallone (2 HR's), Anthony Niemczyk (1 HR), Anthony Ashnault (Bat Boy); Second Row (L to R) Billy Ashnault, Chris Pollin, Anthony Cassano, Tommy Pryor, Billy Daly, Danny McCreesh, Nick Dorey; Third Row (L to R) Coaches - John Stallone, Tom McCreesh, Tony Cassano, Bill Ashnault.

## 12-Year Old All-Stars North Bergen Bound

After a nail-biting game in North Edison, the team came back to win in the bottom of the sixth, 7-6. They will now be participating in the State Level of the Babe Ruth Tournament.

Team players are Garrett Lake, Chris Stallone, Mike Stallone, Chris Pollin, Billy Ashnault, Dan McCreesh, Anthony Cassano, Anthony

Niemchych, Nick Dorey, Bill Daly, Kevin Criley and Tom Pryor. Bat boys are Eric Lake and Anthony Ashnault.

They are also participating in the Carteret and Linden Tournaments, and have moved on to play in the South Plainfield championship game after defeating North Edison, by a

score of 24-1 with six home runs (three of them back-to-back-to-back) and two grand slams in the semi-finals by Chris Stallone, Garrett Lake, Mike Stallone, Anthony Niemchych and Kevin Criley.

Good luck with continued success!

Submitted by Proud Parents



## 10-Year Old All-Stars Two-Time Champions

Yes, believe it, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club 10-year-olds have taken the championship in Bridgewater for the second consecutive year (last year 5-1 and this year 6-1). Qualifying with a 3-1 record, the team won three in a row, defeat-

ing Long Hill 12-1; Scotch Plains 11-2; and defeating Greenbrook in the Championship game 5-2.

Pictured are, left to right, top row: Taylor Curtis, Mike Niemczyk, Mike Dezmim, Jeff Pryor, Mike Muglia, Joshua Rivera; front row: Garrett

Kelly, A.J. Kunie, Nick Levendusky, Dominic Papa, Steven Wiczorek and Tremaine Miller. Coaches are Pat Muglia, Alan Kunie, Tom Pryor and Dominic Papa.

-Submitted by Dominic Papa

### • SPJBC TRAVELING

#### ALL-STAR RESULTS—

Success breeds success! From ages 8-16, teams from all age groups have found success. As of this past Monday, 8-year-olds are 14-1-1 and have taken a first place in Colonia and second place in the North Brunswick tournament and are still active in both South Plainfield and Edison Boys tournaments. Our 9's are 7-5 and are playing for third place in South Plainfield and are 2-0 in Colonia. The 10's took first place and retained their title in Bridgewater and are 8-5 overall as they continue to play in both the Colonia and South Plainfield tournaments. Our 11-year-olds took third place in Colonia and are still alive in the Carteret tournament and are 7-4 overall. The 12-year-old American team is 13-1 overall and advanced to the state tournament in Babe Ruth which began this past Tuesday in a game vs. Kinnelon and will be defending their title this Friday in South Plainfield against South Brunswick.

### By Tony Cassano

## juniorbaseballclubnotes

The 12-year-old National team is active in Carteret with a 1-1 record and in Bridgewater with a number of games to play. Our 13-year-olds are 3-1 in the South Plainfield tournament and will be playing in their age bracket playoffs. The 14/15's have also advanced to the state tournament for Babe Ruth by winning the District 9 title and have played and lost to Cheesquake in the first game of a



double elimination tournament. Overall they are 12-4 and they are 3-0 in South Plainfield and will be in the playoffs, along with still being active in Edison and North Edison tournaments. Our 16's have participated in the North Edison tournament and are now playing in Woodbridge. Best wishes to all age groups and continued success. Keep bringing home the wins!!!

• **SECOND FALL BALL REGISTRATION TO BE HELD IN AUGUST—**A second registration will be held on Aug. 3, 6-9 p.m. and on Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Our first registration brought in four solid teams in the 11/12 year old bracket, with almost two teams in the 9/10 year olds and just over one team in the 13/14 year olds. This year marks the first time that the SPJBC will have a Fall Ball league. Registration is \$50 per player and includes 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 - start in Sept. For any additional details, please contact our Fall Ball Committee of Lee Flanagan, John Polizzano or Jeff Marcoux.

### • UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21/22 & July 28/29—Work Detail (Sat., 7 a.m., Sun., 8 a.m.)  
Aug. 3/4—Fall ball registration (Fri., 6-9 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)  
Aug. 6—General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m.



## Obituaries

### Anna (Anne) Kozub Hoffman, 83

Anna (Anne) Kozub Hoffman of South Plainfield died on Saturday, July 14 at her home.

She was born on Valentine's Day in 1918, was raised in Perth Amboy and was a former resident of Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 48 years ago.

Mrs. Hoffman was a sales clerk in the children's department of Stern's of South Plainfield, from the time the store opened, until her retirement in 1998.

She was an active member of the Suburban Women's Club of South Plainfield and the Plainfield Area Chapter of Deborah Hospital Foundation, where she formerly served as corresponding secretary. She was past president of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hoffman was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Robert; a son, Joseph; a grandson, Robert; a sister, Mary and two brothers, Michael and John Kozub.

Surviving are two daughters, Ella Zanowicz of Ventura, Calif and Joan Bennet of Mount Holly; a daughter-in-law, Diana Hoffman, of Lake Worth, Fla; a son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Kathy, of South Plainfield, with whom she lived; a brother, Paul Kozub; and a sister, Helen Buckewicz, both of Edison. Also surviving are sixteen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family is re-

questing donations be made to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

### Peter Endyk, 80

Peter Endyk of South Plainfield died on Friday, July 13 at the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

He was born in Elizabeth and was a former resident of Franklin Twp. before moving to South Plainfield 53 years ago.

He was a lithographer for the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Newark for 35 years before retiring in 1981.

Mr. Endyk was a member of the St. Audrawn Ukrainian Orthodox Church in South Bound Brook.

He was a veteran of the US Army during WWII.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jean Endyk, who died in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Bowers of South Plainfield; two sons, Robert of Lakeview, Col. and Peter of Scottsdale, Ariz; and two sisters, Anne Endyk of Somerset and Katherine Housell of Franklin Twp. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

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

### Myrtle (Gregory) Silvio, 92

Myrtle (Gregory) Silvio died on Saturday, July 14 at her daughter's home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Silvio had resided in Union and Florida before returning to New Jersey in January of 2000.

She was a homemaker.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Silvio, who died in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lana and Raymond Linder of South Plainfield; four grandchildren, Rick Linder, Dyan Rafferty, Jon Linder and Edward House, and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, C/O JFK Medical Center, 65 James Street, Edison, NJ.

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### Jason Bataille Heading to Rutgers University

Jason Bataille (center) is pictured with his dad Gene, left, golf coach Mike Kavka and Principle Anthony Massaro as he signs his letter of intent to enter Rutgers University. Jason has been a star in SPHS's golf program, winning many honors. He was also the quarterback on the football team. He continues to compete in golf tournaments throughout the country.

## Clues/Tips Problem Solvers For Computer Users

By Martha McKeon

*(Martha has given the Observers some of the tips she gives her students and we thought they would be helpful to you computer hackers).*

Computer users should back up their hard disks religiously by making a second copy for safekeeping in one of several ways:

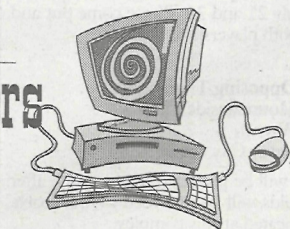
• **Floppies:** Some people copy all their files from the hard disk to a bunch of floppy disks. Custom-written backup programs make this task easier, but it's still time-consuming.

• **Tape backup unit:** This special computerized tape recorder either lives inside the computer like a disk drive or plugs into the back of the computer. Either way, the gizmo tape-records all the information on your hard disk. Then, when your hard disk dies, you still have all your files on tape. The faithful tape backup unit plays back all your information onto the new hard disk.

• **Removable disk:** These guys work like floppy disks. Removable disks are usually just a little larger than a floppy, but can hold more than a hundred times as much information.

• **Automatic network backup:** The luckiest people don't need to worry about backing up their hard disk at all — they work on a network that handles all the backup chores automatically.

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2. Open Minesweeper by clicking Start, Programs, Accessories, Games, Minesweeper.

3. With Minesweeper as the foreground application, type xzyzz, and then hold down the Shift key as you press Enter. Nothing will appear on the screen when you press these keystrokes. But when your mouse hovers over a "safe" square, a one-pixel (teeny!) white dot appears in the upper-left corner of your screen. If your mouse is over a "bomb," the white spot disappears.

*Martha McKeon is a Microsoft Certified Professional who provides one-on-one computer instruction. See ad on page 11.*

## policereport

• On July 9, a Piscataway woman was arrested after exiting K-Mart with a Dirt Devil vacuum.

• The owner of Arm-R-Lite Inc., reported the theft of a scrap container from the lot of 2700 Hamilton Blvd.

• On July 10, an employee of K-Mart reported being spit at by a driver while trying to push carts in the parking lot. He was also threatened by the driver as he pulled out of the lot.

• On July 11, the manager of Burger King on Park Ave. reported that \$2,355 from a bank deposit was missing. The assistant manager had left the bag in the overnight deposit at Summit Bank on Oak Tree Ave. and when she returned in the morning to pick up her receipt the money was not there.

• An Iselin resident reported that while her car was parked at 5 Century Rd., the paint had been scratched on her vehicle.

• A Florence Ave. resident reported that her home had been broken into and a mountain bike, coins, a gold necklace and earrings had been taken.

• On Saturday, the owner of Hollywood Tans on Park Ave. reported that the side window had been smashed in by a large painted rock.

• On Sunday, an employee of Petland Discounts on Stelton Rd. reported being threatened by a customer wishing to return a half dead fish. Evidently, the customer frequents the store and gives the employees a hard time.

• On Monday, a Somerset woman was arrested at Macy's for concealing \$485 in jewelry.

• Vanguard Equipment Rentals on Jersey St. reported that the chain and lock on the gated area had been cut, a garage door panel had been kicked out and a saw and welding machine were missing.

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• 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.

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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: Ameriland, Inc.

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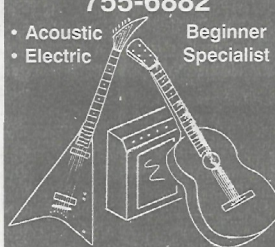
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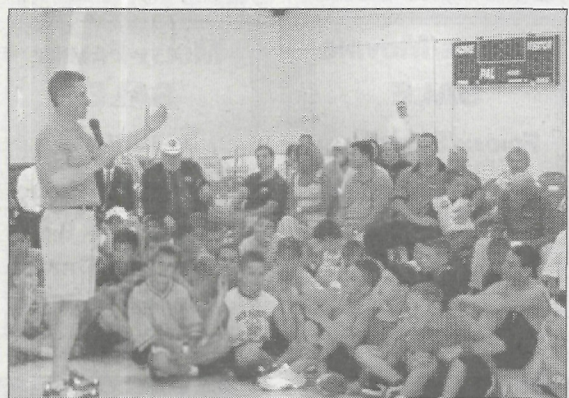
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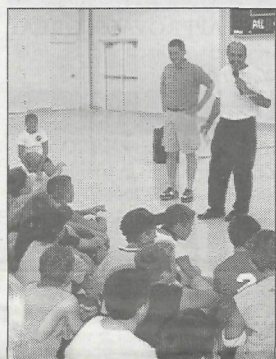


## McGreevey Visits South Plainfield

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from South Plainfield.

About a hundred kids from the summer recreation basketball program attended and McGreevey invited them to sit up front and even took questions from them. The kids asked very intelligent questions.

The message Jim McGreevey brought to South Plainfield was the need for a change in the way business is conducted in Trenton and to give government back to the people.



Freeholder John Pulomena introduces Jim McGreevey, candidate for NJ governor, to South Plainfield kids.

## Hangge Named Roosevelt Principal

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fifth grade teacher at the Toll Gate Grammar School in Pennington, New Jersey, and then at Monmouth Junction School, where he taught grades two through five. He also taught at West Windsor-

Plainsboro, as a sixth grade teacher. He also became a supervisor to the West Windsor-Plainsboro Community Educational Program. His teaching at a college level spans from Middlesex County College to Raritan Valley Community College, both as a Professor of Reading. His most recent experience is as a Reading Specialist/English teacher at Plainfield High School, as an Educational Consultant for Open Court Publishing Company in Norwalk, CT; and he is presently Supervisor of Staff Development, Math Coordinator and Public Information Officer for the Irvington Public School District. Dr. Hangge is also an adjunct professor at Kean University.

Dr. Hangge, who starts on August 1, will receive a \$92,150 annual salary.

## Safety Town Graduation Held



Photo/story by Jane Dornick

Last Friday, children from the first session of Safety Town graduated and they know more about safety after what they learned from the course.

The ceremony was held at the Grant Central Sixth Grade School playground. Danielle Eaton kicked off the graduation with a welcome to those attending and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The graduates joined in song welcoming their parents to the graduation.

The staff, who worked steadily and diligently with the kids, were then introduced. Volunteer instructors were Nicole Aiello, Julianne Bosse, James Conroy, Therese Dadezzio, Samantha Deffler, Daniel Erhardt, Kendall Green, Toni-Lynn Maiorino, Kaitlyn Negron, Eric Reiner, Amanda Smith, Kelly Thomas, Steve Turrisi, Kelly Whitney, Caitlin English, Dawn Besser, Vanessa Cassano, Mallory Cooper, William Daly, Heather DiBella, Breanne Fore, Michael Hanley, Bryan Milicia, John

Rayho, Tiffany Roth, Melissa Szeliga, Janine Turrisi, Rebecca Watts, Carla Zappi.

The graduates recited safety poems and demonstrated their safety skills, which showed off what they learned through their teachers and mentors.

The certificates were then presented to the graduates, and the ceremony ended with refreshments.

Graduates are: Colin Berry, Drew

Catalina, Tara Dunn, Alyssa Kelly, Kathryn Pacheco, Jessica Pietschker, Emily Pittenger, Marc Stasio, Jessica Treslar, Nicolas Vasquez, Renee Callanan, Alex Dornick, Sean Flanagan, Christopher Markey, Joseph Parillo, Danielle Pisano, D.J. Scalera, Brittany Titus, Adam Tubens, Amy Zinsky.

Session 2 is in progress. Graduation is planned for July 27.

## WWII Shipmates To Reunite

Two years ago, shipmates of USS Hayter DE212 /APD80, WWII March 14, 1944—March 19, 1946, met here in South Plainfield, at the Holiday Inn. They will be reuniting there once again this year.

The schedule for this year's meeting, which will be held at the Holiday Inn, from Aug. 3 through 6 is as follows:

There will be a Saturday cook-out on Aug. 4, held at Joe Bergen's residence at 34 Kate Terr. in Piscataway. They will also be going on a Cruise

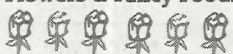
on the Cornicopia Princess, for a Sunday Brunch Cruise on Aug. 5 and a banquet at the hotel on Sunday evening will follow. Both Mayor Brian Wahler and Mayor Daniel Gallagher have been invited to attend our banquet. (Mayor Gallagher intends to stop by and say hello).

For more information, call Joe Bergen, Reunion Organizer, at (732) 985-1496, or reunion facts can be found on the reunion webpage: <http://sites.netscape.net/joyseyjoe>

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