

**Don't Forget Mom – Mother's Day is Sunday**

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## Rescue Effort Saves Ducklings

As a result of the rescue efforts of South Plainfield Police Detectives Gary Kline and Jim Darby, and the Public Works Department, 10 ducklings and their mom were saved from a tragic ending.

Last Friday afternoon, Detective Darby was driving along Plainfield Ave. when he spotted a duck crossing the road. Fearing it would be run over, he stopped his car and tried to get the duck out of the roadway, but after several attempts at steering the duck to safety, he realized the duck would not cooperate!

South Plainfield resident Joan O'Brien happened to be walking by at that time and stopped to see what the commotion was all about. She heard a chirping sound coming out of the sewer and when she took a closer look into the sewer grate, she noticed several ducklings were swim-



Detective Jim Darby and Captain John Ferraro look on while Leon Mielnikiewicz and Victor Kurilew bring out the ducklings in the sewer.

ming around inside the sewer. Joan's mother-in-law, Jenny O'Brien, who had been walking ahead of her daughter-in-law, also came to the aid of the fledglings.

Meanwhile, Detective Kline, who was now joined by Detective Darby, was desperately trying to keep the mother duck from being run over by the traffic on Plainfield Ave. He finally managed to get the duck off the road and onto a lawn of a nearby house. However, the mother duck was not at all complaisant and kept attempting to return to her stranded ducklings in the sewer.

A quick count from the gathering crowd established that at least eight ducklings were in the sewer pipes swimming back and forth on either side of the entrance of Lane Ave. A call for help to the Human Society was rejected. They would not get involved



The rescued ducklings were placed in a bucket until their release.

with the rescue attempt.

Public Works was called in to help, and a crew arrived with a bar to open the sewer lid. Leon Mielnikiewicz and Victor Kurilew opened the sewer grill, crawled down into the sewer, lifted out the stranded ducklings and carefully placed them in an empty pail. They

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## Crime Tip Line Re-Activated



(Left to right) South Plainfield Councilman Dennis Cerami, Police Captain John Ferraro and Police Chief Robert Merkle.

On Thursday, May 9, a crime information tip line will be activated by the South Plainfield Police Department.

line be re-established in response to the increased number of anonymous calls the police department has been receiving since Sept. 11, 2001. Years ago the South Plainfield Police had a tip line, but it had been deactivated.

Posters and business cards with the tip line number and email address will be placed in stores, at the PAL building and various bulletin boards around town. The tip line number is (908) 226-7675, the email is [www.crimeinfo@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:www.crimeinfo@southplainfieldnj.com).

Individuals can call the number and leave information on the number's voice mail regarding criminal activity, narcotic activity or information on the whereabouts of wanted persons. Callers will remain anonymous and they can be assured that all information

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Vandals set fire to the playground equipment in Veterans Park last week. The fire department responded and extinguished the blaze.

## High School 'Hall of Fame' Candidates Announced

Three former South Plainfield High School students have been named as this year's candidates to the "Hall of Fame." They are Assemblyman Patrick Diegman, Middlesex County Prosecutor Thomas J. Kapsak and Dr. Richard F. Veit, Jr.

The inductees will be honored on Tuesday, June 4 with a luncheon at the Holiday Inn, induction ceremonies take place at 7 p.m. that evening in South Plainfield High School's Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium preceding the annual academic awards.

**Assemblyman Patrick Diegman** is a lifelong resident of South Plainfield. He attended Sacred Heart School, graduated South Plainfield High School in 1966 and attended Seton Hall University, majoring in Political Science/Government. He contin-

ued on with graduate studies, earning his Juris Doctorate in 1973.

Diegman, a practicing attorney in the private sector for 28 years, is also Municipal Attorney for both South Plainfield and Milltown and serves as Labor Council to Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Institute. He also served as member of the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment, the Environmental Commission, the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission and the Sacred Heart Parish Council.

Diegman has been active in many area organizations, serving as Democratic Municipal Chairman in South Plainfield and Council to the Middlesex County Democratic Organization. He taught law and accounting at Middlesex County College, served as Grievance Chairman for the Ameri-

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South Plainfield seniors 90 years of age and older were guests at a recent celebration of life in their honor at the Senior Citizens Center in Piscataway. The event was sponsored by the Middlesex County Office of Aging. Pictured are (bottom left to right) Grace Tibaldi, 95, guest Mary Malecki, 85, Lillian Deene, 92, Victoria Delayo, 94, and Betty Bilewicz, 90 along with their chaperones.



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### council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

**AGENDA MEETING** ..... **PUBLIC MEETING**

Monday, May 20 ..... Thursday, May 23

Monday, June 3 ..... Thursday, June 6

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. (starting in May at 7 p.m.) • Questions? 908-226-7641  
May 14, May 28, June 1, June 25

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets on Thursdays (see new dates)

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

May 16, June 13, June 27, July 18, July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29

### 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.

### site place sub-committee

New Dates

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 26

### recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August

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

June 4, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

June 10

### board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - May 14, June 11, July (no meeting), Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 2003, Feb. 11, March 11, April 1.

Regular Board Mtg., held on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. - May 21, June 18, July (no meeting), Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, 2003, Feb. 18, March 18, April 8.

### 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  
May 22, June 26, July 24,  
(Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18

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## IN MY OPINION

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, April 16, the voters of South Plainfield approved the 2002-2003 school budget, once again demonstrating support for their school system by providing the needed financing. On behalf of the students and staff thank you.

We are well into planning for the next school year. The staff and administration are committed to our students to develop the best education possible and preparing students for the choices and opportunities available to them upon graduation.

Thank you again for support of the budget.

**DR. JOHN KREWER,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

To the Editor,

Many thanks to the following for their participation in the Children's Health and Safety Fair held on April 27: Diabetes Center of New Jersey, The Club at Ricochet, New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the South Plainfield Police Department DARE Unit, the Teddy Bear Clinic provided by Solaris Health Systems and to Dr. Patricia DiCarlo for providing materials for the information table.

This event was a Silver Award Project, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn, coordinated by just two girls. It took months of planning and work and these girls should be proud. The health fair offered free fingerprinting, free eye screening and information on juvenile diabetes. It helped make the public aware of the importance of keeping our children healthy and safe.

Thank you again to all who participated - it would not have been possible without you.

**NANCY REGAN, LEADER,  
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 117**

South Plainfield Community,

On April 15, one of our third grade students at Roosevelt School lost his residence in a fire. Unfortunately, the family did not have renters insurance and lost all their possessions. Since that time, the response from the community and Roosevelt School has been tremendous. The monetary donations as well as clothes and furniture have helped this family to rebuild their lives.

Everyone at Roosevelt School felt the community's show of concern and generous spirit. This is what makes South Plainfield a special place to work and live. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all that was done to help this family.

Sincerely,  
**MARGARET MOSLEY, MSW,  
LCSW AND MARGARET  
DEANDREA, SCHOOL NURSE**

Dear Editor,

May has arrived and the New Jersey Veterinarian Medical Association is eager to advise pet owners that this is New Jersey Pet Month and more specifically, the week of May 12 is New Jersey Veterinarian Appreciation week.

**Submit Letters to the Editor:**

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tion week. So, take your dog or cat to the animal clinic during May and give your vet a hug. The dedication and commitment of these veterinarians ensures that our loyal companions receive the proper treatment and care they deserve. In recognition of Pet Month, it is important to understand and appreciate the value of these creatures and the mental and physical benefits they provide their owners.

Aside from the numerous studies and statistics regarding the benefits of owning pets, ultimately, these playful animals have the ability to make us smile. Those who choose to own pets are proven to be more mentally and physically fit than non-pet owners. It has been reported by the Delta Society, an organization that strives to improve human health through the service and therapy of animals, that senior Medicare patients who own dogs have twenty-one percent fewer doctor contacts than those seniors who do not. The comfort and companionship that pets offer, proves at times more valuable than any doctor or medicine can provide. Animals afford their own preventive medication. It has been proven that caring for a pet may decrease your chances of suffering from a heart attack by three percent, which translates into thirty thousand saved lives annually (Friedman, 1980). The simple responsibility of caring for an animal transforms you into a happier, healthier individual.

The advantages of offering your home to a loyal friend are immeasurable but the unfortunate fact remains that so many of these animals are being abused, neglected and left to die on the streets or in the pounds. It is so important to have your dog or cat spayed or neutered. There are millions of domestic animals left to procreate and fill the streets with strays, which makes the situation increasingly worse. Owning and caring for an animal is a great responsibility and should be taken very seriously. Although there are numerous benefits of taking care of a dog or a cat, owners need to inform themselves of the required vaccinations, worming and veterinary visits needed throughout the course of your pet's life.

In honor of May being New Jersey Pet Month, please consider saving the life of a neglected animal by offering it a place in your family. Animals can offer constant affection and can change

your entire mood and attitude. There are so many homeless creatures looking for homes that can make the difference in your everyday life and adopting an abandoned pet can offer you joy that will last a lifetime.

**BARBARA BUONO,  
NJ STATE SENATE**

To the Editor:

Mr. Drew Robustelli of Jesco Inc. and Bob Stilo of Stilo Paving and Excavating deserve our thanks for coming to the rescue of John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

After the Kennedy dads had completed the installation of the new playground equipment, Mr. Robustelli and Mr. Stilo added the finishing touches, providing the machinery and manpower to move all the mulch which needed to be placed under the equipment for the safety of our children.

Once again, through the generosity of these two men, Kennedy School was able to finish the first phase of its new playground.

The children and I would like to thank both Mr. Robustelli and Mr. Stilo for all their support.

**AL CZECH,  
KENNEDY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Dear Editor:

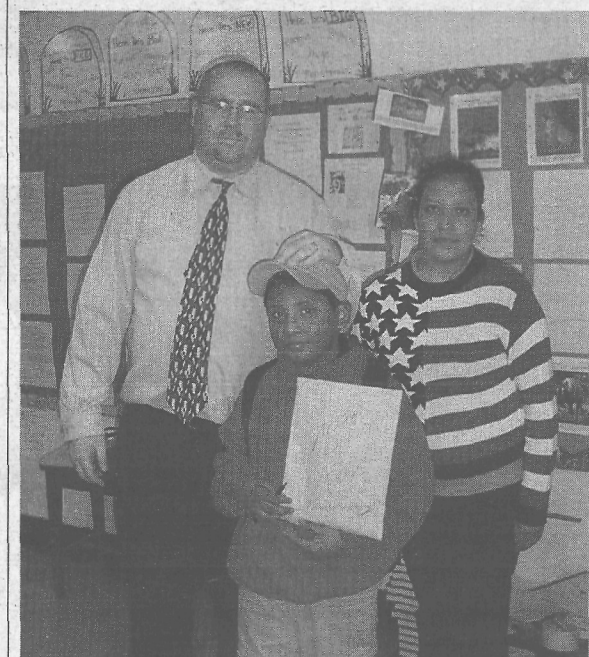
As the costs continue to rise, it is tougher than ever for many young people to go to college.

There is help available however. Many families aren't even aware of the availability of scholarships and grants in New Jersey.

Since May is National Scholarship Month, now is the perfect time for parents of college age students to explore ways to offset the costs of higher education.

For more information regarding state scholarships and financial aid, students and families can contact our District Office at (908) 757-1677 (Assemblyman Diegnan) or (732) 287-5609 (Assemblyman Barnes) or call New Jersey's Higher Education Student Assistance Authority at (800) 792-8670. Their website is www.hesaa.org.

**ASSEMBLYMEN PATRICK  
DIEGNAN AND PETER BARNES,  
18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**



Pictured in the center is Jonathan Romero with Roosevelt Teacher Michael Bertram and Jonathan's mother Anna Maria Morales. Roosevelt students raised money by holding a Read-a-Thon to help Jonathan after a fire destroyed his house. In last week's Observer, we had the incorrect named the school. The fundraiser took place at Roosevelt.



## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Jenevieve De Los Santos Wins Essay Contest

Jenevieve De Los Santos, a senior at South Plainfield High School, has won the Middlesex County Bar Association (MCBA) "The Project Law" Essay Contest. Her essay in the "Stem Cell Research Argument" category surpassed those of hundreds of students from many schools in the county.



In order to win, De Los Santos was required to meet MCBA guidelines, as well as other criteria set forth by the contest.

For her efforts, De Los Santos will be honored on May 14 at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick. She will be presented with a lap top computer and accessories, which she will

put to good use as a freshman at Bucknell University in the fall.

Accompanying her to the awards ceremony will be Anthony Massaro, principal of South Plainfield High School and Donna Timko. It was through an assignment in Timko's AP English class that De Los Santos wrote the essay.

Her fellow classmates, who also wrote essays for the contest, were thrilled that one of them was selected as the winner.

De Los Santos is a member of the Jersean Club, VOICES, Future Leaders of America, Traveling Choir. She also serves as vice president of the Peer Mentors Club and president of the National Honor Society. In her spare time she works as an editorial assistant for the South Plainfield Observer and signs backup for an all-girl group.



After years of planning, the new South Plainfield senior housing is a reality. The complex has opened its doors and the new residents are beginning to move in.

## Volunteer Litter Clean-up Bags Seven Tons of Borough Trash

The threat of rain did not deter nearly 100 Borough residents from turning out in force for the big spring cleanup on Saturday, April 20. Mayor Gallagher had proclaimed the week of April 20-27 as "Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week."

Saturday saw fifteen sites cleaned by service groups and individual residents. The Sacred Heart CCD class worked in vacant lots on Plainfield Ave. and Tompkins Ave. Twenty-two students from the High School cleaned up Spring Lake Park. Friends of the Woods cleaned the Cedar Brook streambed in Veterans Park. Boy Scout Troop 309 was scheduled to work with Eagle Scout Andrew Falocco on his Adopt-A-Spot on Lakeview Ave.

Two Elsie Ave. residents pulled litter and old bicycles from the Nature Reserve at the end of their street.

Councilman Cusick brought a crew from the County Work House to clean Metuchen Rd. and Garfield Ave. Six volunteers bagged shopping center litter that had blown onto the Borough's adjacent Oak Tree Open Space reforestation site on Park Ave.

Boy Scout Troop 124 cleaned up South Clinton Ave., as they do every year. Residents on Carmine Ave. cleaned a vacant lot there and both

sides of New Market Ave.

Three residents attacked the plastic bottles and soda cans accumulating in the streambed crossing under Baker Ave. near Franklin School. Cub Scout Pack 324 returned to Putnam Park and filled four bags with litter there. And the Mayor and Council did their yearly cleanup of Belmont Ave.

Additional sites were cleaned during the week. Cub Scout Pack 202 could not make it on the 20th and scheduled their cleanup of the Community Pool parking lot for the 29th.

Daisy Troop 530 was scheduled to clean the Veterans Park Nature Trail on April 19.

The Home Depot was scheduled to work on the Adopt-A-Spot on Hamilton Blvd. on April 23. A group of eleven people from the Wesley Methodist Church came out on April 27 to pull litter and trash out of Willow Ave Park.

On April 26, the Keystone Community Residence worked on Kenneth Ave. and Duke Energy fielded thirty-four employees to tackle the illegal dumping on Coolidge Street. They filled 40 bags with litter and piled up 15 cubic yards of construction debris, car parts and other illegally dumped junk.

The Road Department picked up the bagged trash during the week. Recyclable litter that the volunteers had separated from the trash was collected separately by Recycling Program employees. All told, volunteers removed an estimated seven tons of litter and trash.

Most of Saturday's workers returned to Borough Hall at noon for the annual 'Pickup Picnic.' The rain, which had held off until then, also showed up, so the Picnic moved indoors to the Court Room. Domino's Pizza donated discounted pies, A&P donated soda and Angelo's Ice Company donated ice for the tired, hungry and thirsty workers. A free raffle distributed environmentally friendly door prizes, such as canvas shopping bags, Clean Communities T-shirts, plants and tree saplings. Volunteers traded war stories. In addition to the construction debris, shopping carts and tires, one resident found a wallet, complete with credit cards and a driver's license intact, so she would be able to return it. You never know what you'll find until you look.

For information about how you can get involved in the Clean Communities Program, call the coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

### Edwin Johnson Becomes Florida State Trooper

The Florida highway patrol graduated its 100th class on March 14.

Edwin Johnson became one of forty-three to complete the twenty-seven week training program and is now a State Trooper in Broward County, Florida.

Edwind is the son of Ann and Harry Square of South Plainfield and Ed Johnson of Kenilworth.



Florida State Troop Edwin Johnson

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## Dennis Madalone, Recording Star/Stuntman to Perform at Next Week's Sacred Heart Funstival

The Observer has just learned that former stuntman turned recording star, Dennis Madalone will be performing at next week's Sacred Heart Funstival. The exact day has not yet been finalized, but Madalone will be on stage either Friday or Saturday night. An announcement will be posted on the Funstival grounds next week.

Madalone, a 1974 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been a stunt man in Hollywood. Recently he released his first DC entitled America: We Stand as One.

This is Sacred Heart's 26th year hosting the Funstival, which will feature the same great food, popular games and wheels of chance and this year they will have a completely new assortment of rides.

The Funstival takes place Tuesday, May 14 through Saturday, May 18. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 6 p.m. until closing and Saturday 2 p.m.

### Safety Town Signups

The Safety Town program runs for the month of July, with each session running for 10 days and is open to children entering kindergarten or first grade. Each session will be one and a half hours per day, and begin at 8:30 a.m. and at 10 a.m. Register at the PAL and bring the child's birth certificate and proof of residency. For information call (908) 226-7714.

until closing.

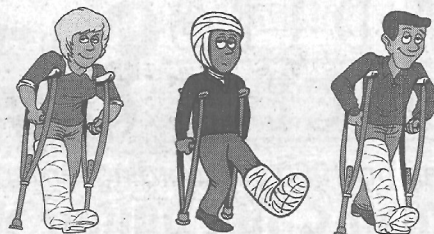
Funstival visitors will enjoy freshly prepared foods at reasonable prices. The variety of food includes BBQ sticks, pizza frita, stuffed cabbage, hamburgers and zeppolis from Filipino, Italian, Polish and American food booths.

"Pay-one-price" wrist bands will be sold for rides good on Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon only. The wrist bands are good on Tuesday until closing and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

South Plainfield's Back Splash will be the featured on Saturday evening from 6 p.m. until closing. The group will play from the bandstand located in the food court.

Advance rides tickets are available until May 13 at a 50 percent saving. Advanced tickets can be purchased by calling the Parish Center at (908) 756-0633, ext. 10 or Ginny at (908) 757-6057.

The Funstival takes place adjacent to Sacred Heart School on South Plainfield Ave. Plenty of parking is available.



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# Events Around Town

## Golden Oldies Concert Saturday

May 11

The annual Golden Oldies Concert, sponsored by the South Plainfield Fire Department will be held on Saturday, May 11 at the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 and will be available at the door. Children under 14 are free.

## Casino Royale and Chinese Auction

May 11

On Saturday, May 11 a Casino Royale and Chinese Auction will be held at the VFW Hall, located on Front St. from 7 p.m. til midnight.

The event is open to SPJBC members only at \$45 per person. The Casino Royale has an open bar and music will be provided by DJ Kevin.

Each guest will receive \$500 in play money. The money must be redeemed for Chinese Auction tickets.

For tickets, call Stacey Lake (908) 757-9531 or (732) 646-1676. Tickets are limited—"first come, first served!"

## Elks Hosting Mother's Day Breakfast

May 12

The South Plainfield Elks, located on New Market Ave. will be hosting their annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

The 'All You Cant Eat' menu includes: eggs (any style), bacon, sausage, pancakes, French toast, home fries, toast, coffee, tea or juice.

Every mother will receive a free carnations.

The cost is \$6 for adults, \$2.75 for children and children under five are free.

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## Senator Buono Presents Vision Program on Aging

May 14

On May 14, at 11:00 a.m., Senator Barbara Buono who is a member of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee as well as the Senate Budget Committee, will present a program for the South Plainfield Senior Citizens at the PAL building.

Dr. Bruce Kastner, an optometrist with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, will discuss the major vision problems which affect the elderly. This informative program will tell seniors about potential conditions that may affect their eyesight and let them know what types of treatments are available. There will also be an opportunity for individuals to ask questions.

The PAL building is located on Maple Ave. and can be reached at (908) 754-1047.

## Historical Society Plans Meeting

May 14

The South Plainfield Historical society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the SPHS library. Residents can bring in their old photos. All are welcome.

## Douglass Forrester Guest Speaker at Republican Meeting

May 15

Republican Senate candidate Douglas Forrester will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15, at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Ave.

The public is invited. Come out and become involved and hear the facts and the issues in your town.

## Rainbow Academy Child Care Center Plans Open House

May 18

Rainbow Academy, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison will be holding an open house on Saturday, May

18 from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m.

There will be a professional face painter who will paint characters and animals for free on all the children who show up while their parents are getting a tour of the school.

For more information call (908) 769-3224.

## Rescue Squad Open House on May 19

May 19

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will be holding its annual open house on Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The open house will feature multiple demonstrations, such as vehicle extrications with the Jaws of Life, CPR and first aid demos, ambulance and rescue truck tours, blood pressure screenings and child seat safety checks by the Traffic Safety Department of the police department. The South Plainfield Police will also donate 50 booster car seats for children to be given out at the open house.

The first 50 children attending between four and eight years old will receive a free booster seat. The booster seats are part of the Boost America program sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

Refreshments, including hotdogs and hamburgers will also be served.

## Golden Glove Semi-Finals to be Held

May 18

The 2002 Golden Glove semi-finals will be held at South Plainfield High School on Saturday, May 18 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

General admission is \$8 in advance and \$12 at the door. Golden Ring-side tickets are available at \$75. Tickets include dinner at Cafe Piancone, and an entry into a \$500 drawing.

For tickets or reservations call (908) 226-7663 or (908) 561-0649. Tickets are also available at the PAL or Sal's Spirit Shoppe on Park Ave.

## Sacred Heart Church's Funstival

May 14-18

The Sacred Heart Funstival, in it's 26th year, starts on Tuesday, May 14 and runs through Saturday, May 18. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 6 p.m. until closing and Saturday 2 p.m. until closing.

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The Funstival takes place adjacent to Sacred Heart School on South Plainfield Ave. Plenty of parking is available. (Also see story on page 3)

## Community Pool Free Open House

May 27

Mark your calendar! The community pool is planning an open house on Memorial Day, May 27. Residents are invited to spend the entire day at the pool and enjoy the many facilities they have to offer, including the snack bar, picnic area, kiddie pool and the

playground and game area.

Recreation Director Mike English explained that this will be a great way for residents who are thinking of joining to try it out firsthand.

## Phantom of the Opera Tickets Still Available

June 6

The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is selling tickets to the *Phantom of the Opera* on Thursday, June 6. Bus leaves the PAL at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at the PAL 8:30 to 5 p.m.

## Seniors Tour of New York Harbor

July 11

Seniors are invited on a tour of New York Harbor, Ellis Island and Lady Liberty on "The Lady." There will be a buffet lunch. Departure will take place at the PAL, 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. Tickets are first come, first served!

The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets are available now at the PAL.

## SPHS Class of 1969 Reunion Planned

August 31

South Plainfield High School Class of 1969 will be reunited on August 31, at the Willows Restaurant, Washington Rd. in Green Brook.

For more information call Jody Buccellato at (404) 847-0960 or Elizabeth Don at (732) 942-5170.

## Rec Offering Trip To Virginia Beach

September 8-12

South Plainfield Recreation, along with White Star Tours, is offering a trip to Virginia Beach, VA, featuring a ghost tour of Williamsburg, Sept. 8-12.

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Cost is \$350 per person. Only one bus is available for this trip; so make your reservations early.

For info/reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714.

## — Out of Town —

## WOWs Meeting

May 10

Middlesex East WOWs Carteret Chapter will hold a dance for widows and widowers on Friday, May 10 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Admission is \$8. Live music and refreshments. For more information call, (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

## Tourette Syndrom Meeting

May 9

The Tourette Syndrome Association of NJ, Middlesex/Union County Family Support Group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 9 p.m. in the Neuroscience Institute Department at JFK Medical Center, 65 James Street, Edison.

For more information, call Marilyn

at (908) 757-5074 or after 6 p.m., call Debbie at (732) 283-1439.

## Adoption Support CHATS Meeting

May 20

Adoption Support CHATS (Connected Heard Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, May 20, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield.

New York attorney Fred Greenman, who was found by the child he lost to adoption, will speak on "A Birth Father's Observations." Mr. Greenman serves as legal adviser to the American Adoption Congress. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://www.communivn.net/cc/chats.com> for information.

## How is it All Going to End? at Alliance Bible

May 19 & 21

The end of the world has been anticipated since its creation and death is awaited since birth. With threats of terrorism, war and disease plastering the headlines, the end seems imminent. The question remains, how is it all going to end?

Reality Outreach Ministries attempts to answer this question in a high impact, compelling drama presentation, *Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames*. The production is designed to make people consider where they will spend eternity based on the biblical reality of life after death and beyond the grave.

Alliance Bible Church is presenting *Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames* on May 19 and 21 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren.

For more information or directions check their website at [www.alliance-biblechurch.com](http://www.alliance-biblechurch.com) or contact the church office at 732-469-1425 or [www.theoffice@alliancebiblechurch.com](mailto:www.theoffice@alliancebiblechurch.com).

## First Annual Car Enthusiasts Weekend

July 6, 7

On Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 7 the Riverview Inn, located at 400 Shay Ln. in Matamoras, Pa., will be hosting a First Annual Car Enthusiasts Weekend.

The weekend's events will consist of a swap meet, featuring various auto related vendors, outdoor river front barbecue, paddle boat rides, volley ball games, horse shoe games, fishing, watermelon pit spitting, classic car show with prizes featuring all years, makes and models, a 1950's sock hop dance party and a Top 40 dance party.

The event is being coordinated by Killen M. Quick of the Riverview Inn, Jessie Cavalone of Cavalone's Auto Additions in Matamoras, Pa. and Brett Mauntauck of Clear Channel Communications of NJ. For details on being a vendor or entering the car show call either Killen Quick at (800) 988-7941 or Jessie Cavalone at (570) 491-5112 or Brett Mauntauck at (973) 382-3400. Additional show details can be found online at [www.riverviewinn.com](http://www.riverviewinn.com) or by emailing Killen at [riverview@pike-online.net](mailto:riverview@pike-online.net).

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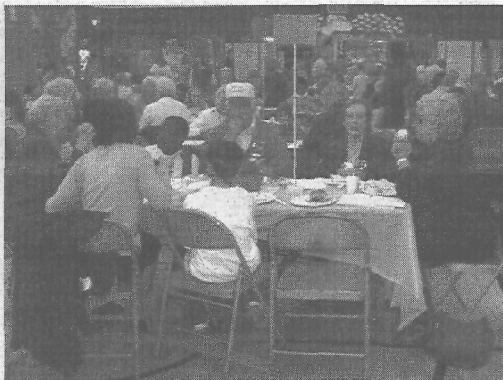
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## Third Graders Honor Grandparents at Breakfast

By Jane Dornick

Kennedy School third graders were recently asked to invite both their grandparents or "grandfriends" to school for a Grandparent's Day Breakfast entitled "Generations of Love." Some children brought a special aunt, uncle, godparent or even great grandparent to enjoy a feast of pastries and bagels. While dining, the students asked their guests prepared questions about how life was when they were their ages. The youngsters had also been asked to write about what made these people so special to them and their comments were compiled into books for the honorees.

After a few rounds of Bingo, the morning ended with the students singing songs of love which touched everyone's heart. Profits from their annual Breakfast with Santa help to make this day possible every year.

The following are some of the children's writings.

"My name is Dylan McDermott and I have four grandparents. Nana takes me to lunch and spends time alone with me. Nana goes to church, the post office, the A&P and the bank a lot. Grandpa takes the train and

works in the city. Grammie makes me pizza bagels whenever I come over. She likes to play golf. Pop-Pop is not feeling too good so I go to visit him every week. He is strong and trying hard each day to get better. My Grammie is there everyday to help my Pop-Pop get better. I love each of my grandparents. They all bring love and joy to my life."

By Dylan McDermott

"My Grandma is really nice. She is kind too. Sometimes she spoils me, but that's always OK... And she really loves me... And she is there for me when I'm sad... And I think she's the best."

My Popo was a firefighter. The bad thing about him is he smokes. The funny thing about my Grandpa is he takes his teeth out. He is really friendly and I think he's the best."

Author Unknown

"My grandparents are very special to me. They take good care of me. My Grandma taught me how to read. My Grandpa taught me how to hit a ball. My Grandma makes really good pasta. She has really good stocks. My Grandpa buys all the good stocks.



They taught me a lot. They are really fun. I wouldn't know what to do without them."

By Matthew Kanaley

"My Mimi and Poppie are very nosy! I mean they always get into my business, although they always take

me swimming when I want to. They are very rich because they can buy one billion things in a day at A&P Mimi and Poppie are the nicest people on Earth to me, not to be bragging. They are so caring because they take good care of my sister and me."

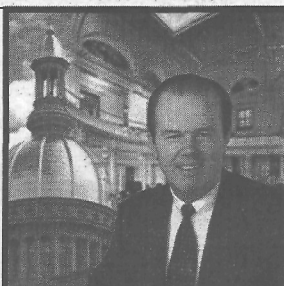
By Alexa Rocco

"My Grandma is smart. She likes to go to the Bahamas a lot. She always gets me good presents. My Grandpa is cool. I go swimming in his pool. He is a Jets fan like me. My grandparents are great."

By Nicholas Okosko

Probably the nicest thing about being South Plainfield's first Assemblyman is the opportunity to ask that action be taken concerning things in our Borough that need attention from the State. A couple of weeks ago I met with Transportation Commissioner Jamie Fox at his West Trenton office. First of all, let me say that Commissioner Fox is one of the nicest people I have talked to during my short time in the legislature. I asked for the meeting because there were three items that fall under his authority that have gotten my goat for some time now. First, have you ever noticed that on Rt. 287 South there are no exit signs for South Plainfield? The Stelton Rd. exit by the former Howard Johnson Hotel says everything but South Plainfield. Well to make a long story short, the Commissioner promised me that a couple of signs indicating "South Plainfield" will be installed within the next few weeks. Second, I fume every time I come off Rt. 287 at the Durham Ave. ramp. A few years ago, the State improved the ramp to provide for two left hand turn lanes and one right. That was a good thing and it helps move traffic. However, as part of the project, they removed all of the landscaping, which blocked out the various unsightly industrial uses down below. I asked the Commissioner to please put the landscape buffer back. He had his staff look into it and the landscaping will be installed this fall. As you gardeners know, the fall is the best time to plant anything especially with the drought conditions that now exist. The most important thing I talked with him about was the Helen Street extension. This project is funded entirely by State and Federal funds and in my mind is as important to the quality of life in our Borough as any other project. The Commissioner assured me that the State is committed to seeing Helen Street completed. In fact Councilpeople Petronko and Butrico attended a meeting about Helen Street, in Newark with transportation department officials the day after I met with Commissioner Fox.

Every one should know that my job in Trenton is to represent all of the residents of the 18<sup>th</sup> District but of course, I have a special place in my heart for my hometown. If there is ever anything that you want me to look into, just contact my office, which is at 908 Oak Tree Avenue. My Chief of Staff is our former Council President Addie Levine. My phone number is (908) 757-1677 and my email address is Asmdiegann@njleg.org.



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From The State House  
Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan

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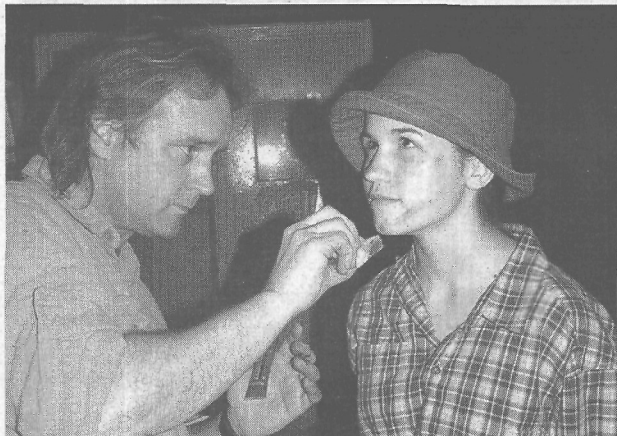
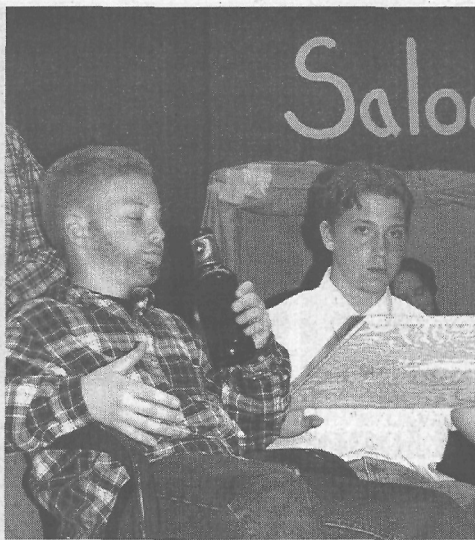
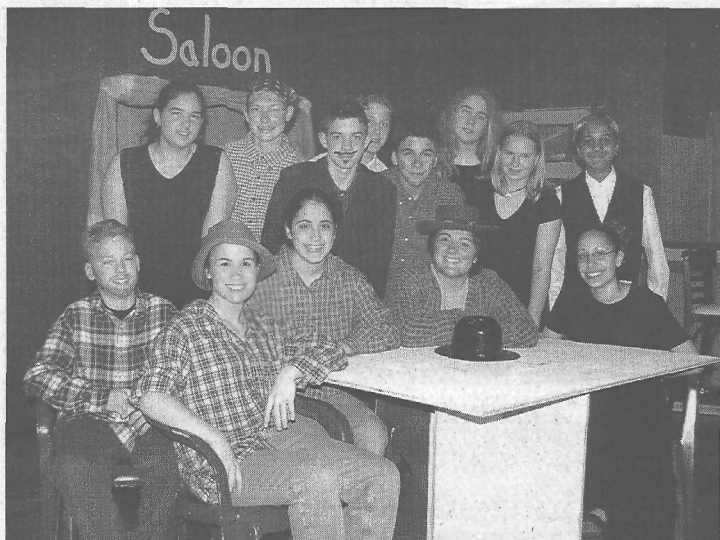
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If you are a male descendant, adopted son or stepson of a veteran who served during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War or delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section I, of the National Constitution of the American Legion, you may be eligible to join. Applications for membership are available at the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on Oak Tree Ave. Membership will require a valid proof of honorable discharge (form DD214) by the eligible veteran or proof of their active membership in The American Legion.

If you have questions or want to learn more, contact us at sal0243soplfd@aol.com.

Bring your completed application, membership dues and the appropriate forms, and start making a difference in your community.

## Males Look for Brides at the Middle School

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield Middle School Players recently presented *Males Order Brides* during a two-night run at the school. The cast of about 12 students brought to life a tale of single men in a small western town who decide to find a wife the easy way.

The show's villain Big Harry Deal, (Steven Tietjen) and his sidekick Starr Billings (Stephanie Troia on Thursday and Natalia Tamzoke on Friday), scheme to collect the fee for a "bride" from four different men be-

fore leaving town.

Starr Billings becomes Ima Blue, Lola Palooza, Golda Miner, Indigo Bloodline and Modesty Virtue as she meets the locals and leaves each fiancee starry-eyed.

Soon-to-be-wed hero Forrest Green (Brian Kelly) secretly wonders about tomboy Calico Schurtz (Katie Noonan and Kelly Orlandini). Calico has doubts about the fiance chosen for Forrest and eavesdrops on them. The four future husbands complicate matters for Starr and Harry, but decide to have a joint engagement din-

ner with all fiancées in attendance.

The result is a fast-paced second act filled with laughter. As in all great stories the hero gets the girl and they all live happily ever after.

Cast members included Samuel Mastas as C.D. Nichols, Wael Kanj as Grubby Schurtz, Jeffery Sees-selberg as Lucky Betts, Jessica Pryor as Tiara Rhinestone and Jennifer Macerina as Trinket La Glitz. Nadine Yan and Shannon Meehan played Trinket and Tiara on Friday night. Extras were Gaelle Amazan, who

also served as stage manager, Kristen Dabrio, Breanne Fore and Lauren Santillo. Those in double roles filled in as extras as needed. Stage crew members were Kristen Dabrio, Breanne Fore, Lindsay Hunsicker, Alex Nau, Mike O'Rear, Ashley Rivera, Laren Santillo, Daryl Valerio and Sean Walsh.

Sound and lighting were handled by teacher John Limyansky and student Mike O'Rear.

Directors were Mr. Salisbury and Mrs. Schwartz.

## Free Programs at Public Library

The South Plainfield Free Public Library on Plainfield Ave. (adjacent to the Municipal Building) has planned the following Program Schedule for May:

- Job Information Center**
- Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m., Job Searching on the Internet
- Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m., Resumes and Cover Letters for Beginners
- Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m., Interviewing 101

### Computer Classes

- Monday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m., Introduction to the Windows Operating System
- Monday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m., Introduction to the Internet

All programs are FREE, space is limited and reservations are required. For more information please call the library's Reference Desk at 906-754-7885.

## Terra Nova Garden Club Meeting

The Terra Nova Garden Club will provide Garden Therapy at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 at the Muhlenberg Adultcare Facility in Plainfield.

The May monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday May 22, at 7 p.m. at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave. in Edison. New members are always welcome.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Susan Hopkins. Susan is a member of the NJ Mycological Society and she will provide a lecture and slide show on our favorite fungi entitled "Mushrooms, Their Culture and Uses." All are encouraged to bring specimens for identification.

The Terra Nova Garden Club will be off during the summer months enjoying the gardens we have planted. Monthly meetings will resume Wednesday, Sept. 25.

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## From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Marcia Lubansky

### ~Wildflower Garden

The Library wishes to thank Dorothy Miele, The Friends of the Woods, and all those who helped to plant the wildflower garden outside the Library. Each plant is clearly labeled. If you need ideas for your own spring planting, give us a visit. We also have a wide selection of books available on all kinds of gardening and landscaping, most with wonderful illustrations.

### ~Kids' Corner

Story time programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. These programs include stories and a craft for children ages three and older. Also new to the Library's collection are CD-ROMS for kids, including titles on phonics, spelling, simple math, animals, space and science. These programs circulate for two weeks and are free for our borrowers.

### ~Recycling at the Library

Did you know that you can bring your unused glasses, eyeglass cases and hearing aids to the Library? Even lenses or eyeglass frames are accepted, in addition to sunglasses. We also collect batteries, printer cartridges, and cell phones. Recycling your printer cartridges through the Library helps us earn free computer equipment. We thank you for putting all of the above to good use!

### ~LearnATest

Students, do you have Advanced Placement exams to study for? The Library offers access to a free test preparation program. LearnATest.com is the leading source of test preparation materials and interactive practice exams, based on official tests, that will help you improve your scores on academic, civil service, military, and professional licensing and certification exams. LearnATest provides immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and individualized analysis of your score. The program is available for use in the Library and is free of charge.

### ~"Not Just a Pretty Face"

May is "More Than Just a Pretty Face Month," "National Book Month," AND "Get Caught Reading Month." It's not too late to bring us your favorite snapshots of those favorite grandchildren reading a book, or anyone else enjoying a good book. These photographs are part of a picture display for the month of May.

### ~Mother's Day

The Library is open Sunday afternoon on Mother's Day. We are closed, however, on Sunday May 26 for the Memorial Day weekend. Our staff wishes all mothers a very happy Mother's Day.



## Rev. Dr. Irene M. Campbell Honored on 25th Anniversary

Rev. Dr. Irene M. Campbell, pastor of the Rescue House of Prayer located in South Plainfield, was honored last Saturday at a dinner at the Pines Manor in Edison. Rev. Campbell was celebrating 25 years as pastor of the House of Prayer.

More than 200 of her relatives, friends and parishioners, as well as many nearby pastors, were on hand to congratulate and give words of encouragement for her 25 years of dedication to her parishioners.

Councilman Ray Petronko attended the event to present Rev. Campbell with proclamations from South Plainfield Mayor Dan Gallagher and Council, as well as from Governor James McGreevey.

Rev. Campbell was ordained as pastor of the Rescue House of Prayer in 1977. She and husband Cleatis, Sr. are the parents of four children,



Rev. Dr. Irene M. Campbell (center) of the Rescue House of Prayer attends a dinner celebrating her 25 years of service. Also pictured is South Plainfield Councilman Ray Petronko on her left and her husband Cleatis.

the Rev. Anita Spaulding, Quinsheta (deceased), Cleatis "Chuck", Jr. and Carolyn Hawkins. Together they also

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## Notice

### Board of Education MEETING PLACE CHANGE

Please be advised that the regular public meeting of the Board of Education, originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the Grant School gymnasium, has been changed to the High School Auditorium.



## Kennedy Scoop Dinner Successful



Kennedy Elementary School held another playground fundraiser recently, which featured a smorgasborg of food for 35 cents a "scoop."

Donations of food were received from local business, along with many homemade specialties prepared by Kennedy school parents.

The fundraiser brought out a lot of

families for the dinner, which raised \$800.

So far nearly \$25,000 has been received in donations. A portion of the first phase of the new playground equipment was completed last weekend by volunteer dads. The money raised from the dinner will help go towards the completion of the project.

## Franklin School to Hold Kindergarten Orientation

Franklin School will hold an orientation for children entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2002. This parent and child program is offered to familiarize both the parents and future kindergartners with Franklin School.

During the one hour session, the children will go on a tour of the school, meet the principal, explore the kindergarten classroom, complete a craft, read a story in the library and play on the playground. Parents will

go on a tour as well and meet the kindergarten teacher, the principal and PTA representatives. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

The orientation will be held on Thursday, May 23, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. You may sign up for the program during Kindergarten Registration at Franklin School on Wednesday, May 15. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Butrico at 908-561-8128.

# Sports

## Chosney and Dean Bring Home the Gold

Ashleyanne Chosney, Rachel Cohen and Jill Dean of the Bridgette's National Gymnastic's Team, from Feigley's School of Gymnastics in South Plainfield recently competed in the United States Junior Olympic Regional Championship held in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Chosney and Dean both competed as members of Team New Jersey, while Rachel Cohen of East Brunswick, competed as an alternate/All Star. Chosney and Dean, both Bridgette's were major factors in the victory, holding a majority—two positions of the six-man team. Other members hailed from four other gyms throughout the State of New Jersey.

For the first time in many years, New Jersey emerged victorious, crushing defending champion team Pennsylvania, a team that included members of powerhouse gym Parkette's, that boasts a history of Olympic gymnasts.

Several weeks prior to Regionals, at the New Jersey State Championships, Ashleyanne Chosney broke the New Jersey State Record for Floor Exercise with a score of 9.50, only to be later broken at the same meet by her teammate Jill Dean with a score of 9.525. In addition, Dean emerged as the 2002 All Around New Jersey Level 8, State Champion.

As the meet ended, Team New Jersey hugged one another in anticipation of history in the making. The public address announcer called up the teams one by one in ascending



Pictured from left to right are Jill Dean, Rachel Cohen and Ashleyanne Chosney

order. When they announced the fourth place team, Pennsylvania, New Jersey began to celebrate. Third, second and then the first place! The 2002 United States Junior Olympic Gymnastics Championship Team - TEAM, NEW JERSEY!

Jill Dean is an eighth grader from Edison, Ashleyanne Chosney is a seventh grader from South Plainfield. Chosney and Dean are both currently training as level nine gymnasts as members of the Bridgette's National Gymnastics Team.

Jill will be attending Bishop Ahr High School next year, while Ashleyanne will be entering the

eighth grade at South Plainfield Middle School.

Feigley's School of Gymnastics, home of the Bridgette's National Gymnastics Team, the State's premier program, boasting State Champions and State Record Scores, at all levels of competition, and now United States Junior Olympic Champions, is offering a free class and tryouts to new potential program members. In addition, transferees from other programs and teams are held in strict confidence and always welcome with open arms.

Call (908) 561-8888 for details and directions.

## Tiger Sharks Swim and Dive Team Registration/General Information

Registration for South Plainfield Recreation Swim/Dive teams will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at the pool picnic grove at 6:30 p.m. (inside PAL

building if raining). All teams are free to any child ages 4-18 whose family is a full member of the pool.

The season runs from June 5

through Saturday Aug. 3. Practices are available in the mornings and evening and meets are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Parental involvement is necessary to make these teams successful. Fundraising and helping at meets is required of all families. Team suits will also be available on this evening, as well as optional team wear including sweatsuits and t-shirts, etc.

If you need any other information, please call Rosanne Hardo at (732) 878-9877.

## Borough Wrestlers Win State Greco Roman Titles

By Bob Hunter

With the spring wrestling season in full bloom, South Plainfield wrestlers continue their goal to qualify for the USA Freestyle and Greco Roman National Wrestling Championships.

By placing in the New Jersey State Championships, wrestlers qualify to advance to the Northeast Regional Tournament which will be held in June. The Regional tournament is the

last hurdle to the Nationals.

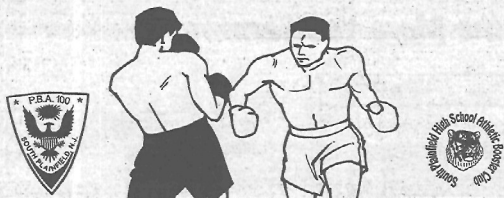
South Plainfield wrestlers Patrick Hunter, Novice 75; Jimmy Conroy, Schoolboy 95 and Anthony Feirro, Cadet 140, each had successful outings with Hunter and Conroy each winning individual state titles and Feirro finishing in second place.

They will now wrestle in the New Jersey Freestyle State Tournament this weekend in Rahway. Congratulations and Good Luck.

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# Sports



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

**All-Star Try-outs on May 4**—There was a large turnout of girls for the All-Star tryouts held last Saturday. The 10's and 12's teams have been selected. The results will be posted at the snack stand. The selection of the 14's team will be completed soon.

**Recreation Tag Day is May 9, 10 and 11**—Our annual tag day will take place on May 9, 10 and 11. We need the participation of all players in order to make this fundraiser a success. Coaches will advise teams of their scheduled date and time.

**College Scholarships Filing Deadline is May 17**—The Ponytail Parents' Association is sponsoring two \$500 college scholarships. Applications are currently being accepted and can be obtained from the South Plainfield High School guidance office. To qualify scholarships the applicant must be a high school senior graduating this June, a current resident of South Plainfield and have played for a minimum of three years in the South Plainfield Recreation Department's Ponytail Softball League. The filing deadline is May 17, 2002. All completed applications should be returned to SPPPA, P.O. Box 441, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Verification of school enrollment is required prior to funds being awarded.

**Ponytail Softball Association Meeting on May 27**—The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, May 27 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 May 27. New members are always welcomed. Please note: time change to 8 p.m.

**Pool Party on June 7**—The Ponytail Parents' Association will be sponsoring an end of season pool party. This event is open to all Recreation Ponytail softball players so please join us on Friday, June 7 at the South Plainfield Community pool. Additional info will be provided in upcoming publications of the Batters Box.

**All-Star Tag Day is June 8**—All-Star tag day will take place on Saturday June 8. It is a mandatory requirement that every All-Star player participate in two tag days. This tagging requirement can be fulfilled by participating in any two of the four tag days. If an All-Star player is unable to tag on June 8, they will be permitted to tag during any two of the three recreation tag days (please see your coach to arrange this).

**Sponsorship Program**—This year we have revised our sponsorship program. Our sponsors will be able to have an advertising sign placed on the outfield fences of our fields at Pitt Street Park. The sign will be four feet by eight feet in size. Sponsors will be able to design their sign with any information or logo they choose. The signs will be up for our spring, summer and fall programs (now thru end of October). Sponsors will have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$400 (includes cost of sign). After the initial agreement period is up, the annual renewal fee will be \$175. This new program offers our sponsors a cost-effective advertising opportunity which will reach hundreds of families. All of the funds, which are collected from our sponsors and fundraisers, goes directly towards improving and upgrading the Pitt Street softball facilities as well as benefiting the girls who play recreation and all-star softball. If you are interested in funding a sign, please contact any member of the South Plainfield Ponytail Association or contact us via of our website as indicated below.

**Ponytail Softball Website**—Visit Ponytail Softball online anytime at our website...SPPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams. Please feel free to contact me by keying on the email link Webmastersponytail.com, found on our home page.

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## SOCCER



## Comets Continue Their Winning Ways

South Plainfield Soccer Club's U12 Girls continued on their positive path by defeating the East Brunswick Twisters with a score of 3-2.

Their first score came in the first minute of the game with a quick, powerful goal by Brooke DeNitzio. The next goal was a team effort with passing by Katie Baldassarre and Clare Kelly to Victoria Plasse to mark the second goal.

East Brunswick came on strong and scored in response to our first and second goals but was held to a two-goal game by our strong Keeper Kate Reichert. The third South Plainfield goal was scored in the second half by Clare Kelly.

Forwards Victoria Plasse, Clare Kelly and Katie Baldassarre, along with midfield players Brooke DeNitzio, Stephanie Szeliga and Chelsea

Moubarak kept up a strong offensive push during the game with may ties on goal. Jackie Bosse gave strong relief to the offense.

Fullbacks: Lindsay Fredericks, Courtney Wilhem and Allison Whitefleet, along with Sweeper Rachel Senz, mounted a strong defense that held East Brunswick scoreless in the second half.

## Come From Behind Victory for Power

Sunday, the U10 Girls Power traveled to Bloomfield to take on the Cheetahs. Bloomfield scored twice in the first quarter. A scoreless second quarter ended with the Power still trailing 2-0.

Inspired by their pep talk, a different Power team came out the second half. Jasmine Serano scored twice

within a few minutes. Her first goal was assisted by Dana Hunt and her second goal was assisted by Jessica Ray. Jessica Ray went on to score at the end of the third quarter on an assist by Venessa Jimenez and the Power took the lead 3-2.

The girls continued to dominate the game in the fourth quarter with

outstanding defense by Jenna Heckel, Elizabeth Fasullo, and Karla Rodriguez. The fourth and fifth goals were scored by Dana Hunt with an assist from Jasmine Serano. Goalkeepers for the game were Samantha Pauls and Elizabeth Fasullo. The girls played an outstanding game with a 5-2 come from behind victory!

## U-9 Sonics Play Inspired Soccer

On Sunday, May 5, the U-9 Sonics traveled to Warren to take on a tough Watchung Knights team.

Scoreless after the first quarter, the Knights struck first on a deflection of a shot. Five minutes later they struck again to go up 2-0. Our boys hung tough and just before half time Anthony Cardoso scored off a feed from Jeff Gillen to make it 2-1 at the half.

From the second half kick off to the end of the match, the Sonics played tremendously by team passing, hustle for loose balls and dogged determination. The Knights only crossed to the Sonics defensive half four times in the final 30 minutes of

the match. Danny Hunt had several nice shots, three of which hit the post and bounced out.

The Knights scored the final goal of the match on a 25 yard restart. It was a perfectly placed shot that hit the far post and bounced in the goal.

Goal keeping duties for the Sonics were shared by Nick Ross, Dan

Sticco, William Mott and Jeff Gillen. Defenders for the game were Nick Okosko, Mike Dispenziere, Shaun Alers, Nick Ross and William Mott. Attackers for the day Anthony Cardoso, Ryan Billich, Nick Okosko, Mike Dispenziere and Danny Hunt. Great effort Sonics!

## Tickets Still Available for Mets

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is planning a bus trip to the New York Mets at Shea Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 12. The bus leaves the PAL at 10 a.m. The cost

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## South Plainfield Scouting



### Daisy Troop #997 Visits The Bagel Stop

Girl Scouts from Daisy Troop #997 recently visited The Bagel Stop, located on South Plainfield Ave., to learn about bagel making.

They went after hours so owner

Dale Finn showed the girls how bagels are made and some of the pointers on how a bagel shop is run.

Daisy's who visited The Bagel Stop were Courtney Allocco, Laura Boyce,

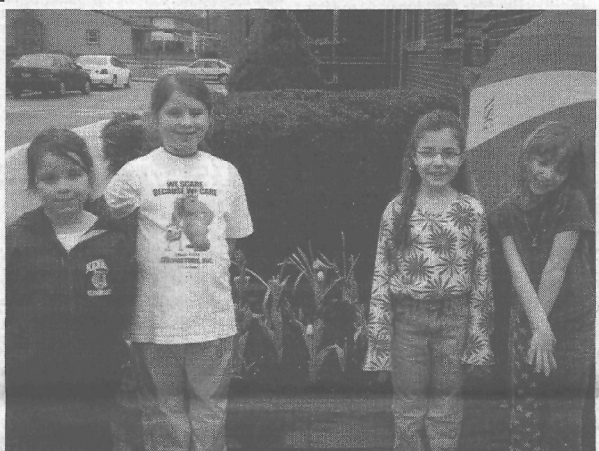
Angela Cardone, Alexis Cavallere, Kate McLaughlin, Malina Mohtadi and Britney Papa. Troop Leaders are Stephanie Quintanilla and Patti McLaughlin.

### Brownie Troop #936 Plants Flowers

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #936 planted flowers around Kennedy school last month as a service project.

The girls planted over 50 flowers in boxes located outside the main entrance to the school. The flowers were purchased with money the troop earned selling cookies. They chose this as their service project to thank the school for allowing them to use the building for their meetings. They had a lot of fun, even though it was raining most of the time.

Brownies participating were Allison Quintanilla, Cristina Buttrico, Amanda Aulietto, Kyesha Neitzer and Maggie Quintanilla (daisy). Troop leaders were Stephanie Quintanilla and Lynn Levy.



## Obituaries

### Salvatore E. Esposito, 83,

Salvatore E. Esposito died on Thursday, May 2 at Muhlenburg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Clark, Mr. Esposito had resided in Clark before settling in South Plainfield 51 years ago.

Mr. Esposito had been a veteran of WWII, serving in the US Army.

He was employed by Local #825 Operating Engineers of Little Falls for 61 years, retiring in 1988.

Mr. Esposito was a Life Member of the South Plainfield Veterans Foreign Wars Memorial Post 6763, the Piscataway American Legion, the South Plainfield B.P.O.E. Elks lodge #2289 and a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church.

He was predeceased by six brothers, William, Joseph, Anthony, Henry, Andy and Peter and three sisters, Rose Pischedda, Frances Sult and Theresa Esposito.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Doris (Jackson) Esposito; a daughter

and son-in-law, Sally Ann and Andy Ahimovic; three sons and their wives, Joseph and Peggy, Sal and Lori and Charles and Elisa, along with a brother, John.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Dionisio A. Malamug, 91

Dionisio A. Malamug of South Plainfield, died on Tuesday, April 30 at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home in Green Brook.

He was born in Amuloug Cagayan, Philippines and came to the United States in 1973, settling in Newark. He was a former resident of Piscataway, before moving to South Plainfield 12 years ago.

Mr. Malamug was a bookkeeper in the supply depot at the US Naval Base at Subic Bay, Philippines for 15 years, before retiring in 1962.

Mr. Malamug was a corporal in the Civilian Guerrilla Unit of the US Army during WWII and was a survi-

vor of the Bataan Death March of 1942.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a former member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines.

He is survived by three sons, Cesar of Summerville, SC, Jose and Ruben, both of Piscataway; three daughters, Lydia Pantaleon of Hillsborough, Nyda Manuel of South Plainfield and Delia Sec of Piscataway; two sisters, Pura and Trinidad Malamug, both of the Philippines; 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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

### James Hutchison, 60

James Hutchison died on Monday, May 6, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Jim was formerly employed by Shop Rite in Jersey City for many years.

Surviving is his wife, Linda Hutchison.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Consideration

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## High School 'Hall of Fame' Candidates Announced

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can Federation of Teachers and last fall Diegnan as the first South Plainfield resident elected to the New Jersey State Assembly in the 18th Legislative District.

Diegnan lives in South Plainfield with his wife Anita and two daughters, Tara and Heather.

**Middlesex County Prosecutor Thomas J. Kapsak**, a 1959 graduate of South Plainfield High School in 1959, was class president. He attended Rutgers University and graduated in 1963. He earned his Juris Doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania in 1966.

Kapsak practiced law in the private sector from 1967 to 1970, specializing in negligence litigation. In 1970 he joined the Middlesex County Prosecutors office, holding the position of Chief of the Juvenile Section, Chief of the Appellate Section, Chief Trial Section and First Assistant Prosecutor.

Presently Kapsak is Chief of the Major Crimes Unit, supervising homicide investigations and prosecutions. He has participated in more than 300 homicide investigations and has tried 38 homicide cases, including seven capital cases. He also frequently lectures on criminal law and trial practices.

Kapsak presently resides in Watchung.

**Dr. Richard F. Viet, Jr.** attended Franklin Elementary School and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1986. He attended Drew University, majoring in Anthropology and minoring in History, graduating in 1990. He received his MA in Anthropology/Historical Archaeology in 1991 from the College of William and Mary and a Ph.D. in Anthropology/Historical Archaeology in 1997 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Veit, a registered archaeologist has been employed in the field of historic preservation, directing over 70 archaeological excavations in the eastern United States. He also participated in archaeological excavations in Ireland and New Mexico. As an assistant professor in the History and Anthropology Department at Monmouth University, he also directs the University's MA Liberal Arts Program as well as the Center for New Jersey History. He has published 37 articles on archeology.

Dr. Veit is currently assisting the South Plainfield Historical Society in preparing a book on the history of South Plainfield. Since graduating sixteen years ago, he has become one of New Jersey's best known local archaeologist and actively involves South Plainfield High School students in his research. Last summer he worked with SPSHS student Sara Miele in an excavation at an Early American tavern in Rahway.

Dr. Veit lives in South Plainfield with his wife Teresa and their two-year-old son Douglas.

The "Hall of Fame" award was established at South Plainfield High School in 1995 to honor past graduates in their achievements in business, government, academic, community service and the humanities. Acknowledging these successful graduates recognizes them as leaders in their fields and also provides current high school students with positive role models from their own community.

A plaque, with their names and picture will be placed on the wall at the entrance of South Plainfield High School, along with the many who received this honor in past years.

All three will be honored with a plaque at the entrance to the high school along with the many other Hall of Fame honorees.

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## Crime Tip Line Re-Activated

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"We live in a time that each and everyone of us must be more alert to what is going on around us," said Councilman Cerami. "If you see something that doesn't fit in, contact the police department immediately."

Police Chief Robert Merkler said that all tips received will be reviewed by Captain John Ferraro and he in turn will assign them to the respective departments. Every tip will be investigated.

Both Merkler and Ferraro emphasized that the tip line is not replacing 911. If you want to report a crime or see a suspicious person, call the 911 number immediately.

In addition to the tip phone line, information may also be sent via e-mail to [www.crimeinfo@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:www.crimeinfo@southplainfieldnj.com).

The posters and business cards printed with the tip line number and info were donated by Lynn Graphics, located on South Clinton Ave. Also Staples, located on Hadley Blvd. donated 50 business card holders.

## Correction

In last week's *Observer*, we incorrectly identified the police officer who was giving child car seat checks at Bright Horizon Day Care Center. The officer was Metuchen Corp. Jeff Temple, Traffic Safety Coordinator. Also inspecting car seats was South Plainfield Police Officer Vincent Campagna.

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Quick Chek Food Stores Inc. for public improvements at 317 Durham Ave. in South Plainfield; Lot 8.01; Block 488.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Quick Chek Food Stores Inc. for public improvements at 317 Durham Ave., known as Lot 8.01, Block 488 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held May 20, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Quick Chek Food Stores Inc.  
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South Plainfield, NJ 07080

\$35.00

May 10, 2002

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

An appeal has been filed by Robert and Dianne Martucci requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the use of the addition for a mother/daughter dwelling, a use not permitted in the zone and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 628, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 13, 2002 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

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1T May 10, 2002

### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:  
Angela L. Tolbert

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 420, Sentry Office Plaza, 216 Haddon Avenue; Westmont, NJ 08108, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Amended Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any), filed in a civil action, in which Countrywide Home Loans Inc. f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corporation is plaintiff, and Timothy Tolbert and Sonja Jones, h/w are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-4223-02 within thirty-five (35) days after May 10, 2002 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated August 29, 1994, made by Timothy Tolbert and Sonja Jones, h/w as mortgagor(s), to Mane Services Inc. d/b/a Mane Financial Services recorded on September 14, 1994, for Middlesex County in Book 4794, Page 117 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Countrywide Funding Corporation, by Assignment recorded on September 14, 1994 for Middlesex County in Book 604, Page 71; and to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 139 Camelot Drive, Port Reading, NJ 07064.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-732-249-0063. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-732-249-7600.

YOU, Angela L. Tolbert, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a child support judgment entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey against Timothy Tolbert on April 3, 2001 known as Judgment #J-056514-2001 and Case #CS31745-33B to secure a debt amount that varies from date to date, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey

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1T May 10, 2002

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

An appeal has been filed by Anthony Esposito requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of 10' x 12' shed/garage; proposed shed lacks the required 5' side setback, 2.9' being proposed and lacks the required 5' rear setback, 2.6' being proposed; and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 171, Lot 8 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 27, 2002 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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Dorothy Miele and her daughter, Sara, were recently appointed to the Environmental Commission. The Miele's are also active members of the Friends of the Woods.

## policereport

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- On May 1, a Sherman Ave. resident reported receiving harassing phone calls for about five days.
- Robert Vasta, manager of Drug Fair observed a woman concealing packages of Mach 3 razors and running out of the store without paying. He was able to get a license plate number.
- On Saturday, a Hopelawn resident reported the theft of his keys from a bench near the batting cages

- at Grand Slam on Oak Tree Rd.
- On Sunday, a Highland Ave. resident reported the theft of various tools from his garage. There was no forced entry.
- A fire broke out at K & M Contractors on Sage St. which apparently was started by a candle left burning and unattended.
- Jesus D. Robles of New Brunswick was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting a pair of \$74.99 Reebok sneakers, which were on his feet.
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South Plainfield Public Works employee Victor Kurilew and fireman Ed Laferrera (holding ducklings in pail), watch as Leon Mielnikiewicz attempts to rescue the last reluctant ducklings.

## Rescue Effort Saves Ducklings

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rescued five ducklings rather quickly, but it took a little longer and some ingenuity to retrieve the last three.

South Plainfield Police Captain John Ferraro arrived to help out, as well as Officer Michael Redden, who directed traffic away from both the mother duck and the open sewers, while the rescue was taking place.

While the men were in the sewer making their rescue, a car pulled up and an unidentified man dropped off a duckling found a few blocks away. Shortly after that, Risoli Terrace resident Donna Alfano brought a duckling she too found in her backyard. In all, 10 ducklings were successfully rescued.

According to Alfano, the mother duck had emerged from the wooded area behind her house a few days earlier with 11 ducklings. She noticed that morning that the mother duck had become distressed when the ducklings started to stray. She found two ducklings left behind and was caring for them, unfortunately one died. When a neighbor told her about the duckling rescue taking place, she immediately took the remaining duckling to reunite him with the mother duck.

The entire time the rescue was going on Detectives Kline, Darby and Officer Redden were kept busy trying to corral the mother duck, which was flying back and forth across Plainfield Ave., still fretting about her ducklings.

When the ducklings were all safely recovered, the focus was put on apprehending the mother duck, who had no intention of cooperating. Each time anyone got close to her, she would fly or scuttle away. Eventually two employees from the Middlesex County Parks Department arrived with a cage and a net. After a few missed attempts they managed to catch her.

The ducklings, along with their mother, were taken to Spring Lake Park where they were reunited, much to the delight of everyone involved, especially the mother duck.

No one could figure out how the ducklings got into the sewer or how long they were there down there before Det. Kline arrived on the scene.

Because Det. Kline decided to stop when he noticed the distressed duck, along with the assistance from the police, fire and public works employees and a group of caring residents, the ducklings were saved and reunited with their mom. Everyone involved in the rescue was delighted with the happy ending of the rescue efforts.

According to Detective Kline, at no time during the rescue did the mother duck ever say, "AFLAC."



Police Detective Gary Kline attempts to coerce the mother duckling to wait patiently while her ducklings are rescued from a storm sewer.

## South Plainfield Residents Recognized at Annual Awards And Recognition Dinner

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community proudly participated in the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner. Not only were individuals and organizations from South Plainfield singled out for awards and recognition, but members of the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community were recognized as well. The event took place on April 23 at the Westwood in Garwood.

In the area of Community Awards, Tom Lanza and Sodexo School Services (formerly Marriott Corporation) were singled out for their contributions. The award recognizes individuals and organizations outside of Girl Scouting, who have demonstrated outstanding support, dedication and interest in the Girl Scout organization. Donating their time, resources and talents to bring Girl Scouting alive in their respective communities. While Tom lent his expertise in things like cooking at our annual Fun Fair and Flea Market, Sodexo School Services made their employees available in the schools for various Girl Scout functions at no cost to the organization.

The Honor Pin, which recognizes an adult member of Girl Scouting who has delivered outstanding service to two or more service units or program delivery audiences, was awarded to Connie Palmer. Not only did Connie serve as Treasurer for the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community, but she was an active and vital part of Girl Scouting on both the Community and Council levels, especially with GAFA (Girl/Adult Financial Assistance).

Finally, Tom Perry and Wayne Otolski received the Thanks Badge, which is the third highest award given in Girl Scouting at this level. It recognizes an adult member of Girl Scout-



Joanne and Wayne Otolski admire the "Thanks" badge that was presented to Wayne for his many volunteer efforts at the recent Washington Rock Girl Scouts Council Annual Awards Dinner.

ing whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total Council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

Both Tom and Wayne have served as members at large on the Board of Directors for the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council. Tom has also served on the Finance Committee, as well as numerous other committees and is currently Treasurer, while Wayne has served on the Personnel, Property and Strategic Planning Committees and as a National Delegate in 1999. Both have taken on these additional responsibilities while remaining active in the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community, as well as at Sacred Heart Church and the community.

Congratulations to all of you who were recognized or received awards! You truly embody the Girl Scout philosophy that recognizes "every girl,



Tom Perry, treasurer, Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, receives a "Thanks" badge for his many volunteer efforts. everywhere"! And no, it's not just cookies anymore!

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