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Seniors Pack Opening of New Center

Long Awaited Opening Draws Standing Room Only Crowd



Last Saturday the newly constructed senior center on Maple Ave. was officially opened, fulfilling a dream and promise the seniors had held for years. Each year they waited patiently, but little seemed to happen. Several times in the past few years various locations to build a senior center were discussed and even properties were

purchased, but no senior center was built.

The seniors have been meeting in the PAL building, but they share the facility with young and old who play sports there. Several other senior groups meet in various places throughout the borough.

Last year, hope was renewed when builder

Jack Morris promised to build a new senior center as a way of thanking South Plainfield for allowing him to build townhouses and condominiums on the former Copolla Farms property. Copolla Farms was zoned for multi-family housing if the farm was ever sold. Thus, when

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Pictured above left is the front of the new Senior Citizens Center and the great room filled with guests attending last Saturday's grand opening. Cutting the ribbon (right) is Council President Jim Vokral, Builder Jack Morris, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick.

Local Girl Scout Troop Wins National Award

Girl Scout Troop 375 from South Plainfield has won a national award in Colgate-Palmolive's 29th annual search for the country's best community projects by young Americans. Troop 375's Silver Award project to collect toiletry items, pillows, towels and washcloths and place them in sturdy laundry bags has earned them

this recognition. These overnight bags were given to the Foster Care Association for distribution to children taken out of bad situations and placed in their system.

The troop's project was chosen from among more than 2,000 entries nationwide and recognized with a \$100 fourth place prize.

Each year, U.S. clubs and troops from six national youth organizations: Boy Scouts of America, Girls Scouts of America, Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Girls Incorporated, National 4H Council and Boys and Girls Club of America are invited to enter their best community service projects for consideration. The effort was launched by

Colgate-Palmolive in 1973 to encourage community involvement among young people and cash grants are awarded for the best projects in each of the organizations annually.

The announcement was made in New York by recording artist Aaron Carter, Beverly Mitchell of the WB Network's *7th Heaven*, Ashton Kutcher

of Fox Television's *That 70's Show*, Shar Jackson of UPN's *Moesha* and Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys, all members of this years celebrity judging panel for Youth America.

Children are often removed from bad situations abruptly, with only the clothes on their backs. These bags provide them with pillows to rest their heads, toiletry items and sturdy bags in which to keep their belongings.

After meeting with a representative from a local Foster Care Association, the girls in the troop developed their project. They felt that the overnight bags would make a tremendous difference a little easier for children being removed from their homes.

Ian Cook, president of Colgate North America and Executive Advisor to the Youth for America program, said, "We've all seen how our young people can make a tremendous difference in their communities and their world overall. We are pleased that Youth for America can put the positive contributions of these special young people in the spotlight, and both recognize and reward their creative responses to the needs of their community."

Members of Troop 375 are Stacy Diana, Christina DiFrancesco, Michelle Kalman, Aimee Maiorino, Alyssa Maiorino, Jessica Manning, Stefanie Miller, Nicole Sutherland, Stephanie Stellakis, Kelly Thomas and Kelly Whitney.

DeRosa Hired as Consultant

Former Borough Administrator Frank DeRosa will be coming back to the borough for a three-month period.

DeRosa will be hired as a consultant at a cost not to exceed \$28,000 to facilitate a proper financial transition in the borough.

DeRosa, who had been borough administrator for two years, resigned suddenly in March.

Both Mayor Gallagher and DeRosa stated at that time that DeRosa's resignation was reached after a private meeting in which both the council and DeRosa came to a mutual agreement that he resign.

No official reason was given at the time.



Pictured are the Kennedy School fifth graders with their trophy who became the 2002 champions of the tug-of-war held during the Annual DARE picnic. See page 6 for photos and story.

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meeting agenda

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, July 8 Monday, July 15

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, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

July 9, July 23, Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Dec. 24 (no meeting)

zoning board of adjustment

Meets on Thursdays

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

July 18, July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 12, Sept. 26,

Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-668-0538

siteplace sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

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

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

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

July 10, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (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 Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. (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

July 24, (Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 18

Let's All Do Something Bold to Stop Breast Cancer

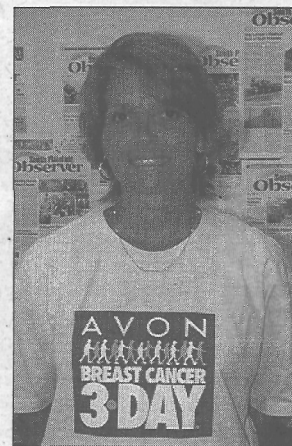
One in eight women will have breast cancer at some point in their lives. Look around you... one of the many women in your life may someday battle this horrible disease. What can we do to stop this killer from taking another mom, sister, aunt, daughter, or friend? We can... WALK!

South Plainfield resident Mickey Cerami hopes that many small steps – 60 miles worth, to be exact – will lead to a giant leap towards a breakthrough in breast cancer research. On Oct. 11, Mickey will set out on a three-day crusade against breast cancer. She will be walking from Bear Mountain to Manhattan with over 3,000 other courageous people on the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walkathon.

This very special and powerful

event raises millions of dollars annually to fund breast cancer research. Each walker pledges to earn \$1,900 toward the cause. This is where Mickey needs your help. Your fully tax deductible donation will bring Mickey one step closer to her goal. Donating is easy. You can either mail your check payable to "Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day" to Michelle Cerami, 125 Strong Pl., South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or donate on-line at www.bethepeople.com, click on "Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day," click on "New York," and then follow directions for making a donation referencing her name, Michelle Cerami, and her participant number, 5298.

Please make your donations by July 31. Your gift will be greatly appreci-



Mickey Cerami wearing her Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk t-shirt.

ated by both Mickey and all of the phenomenal women who have been, are, and may someday be, struck by breast cancer.

Ferguson Donates Blood, Urges Others to Follow Suit

With the current blood supply running low, Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-N.J., donated blood Monday at Union Hospital and urged others to do the same.

Health officials say the blood supply in New Jersey is dangerously low because of new restrictions placed on imported blood. Blood supplies from Europe have been halted due to an outbreak of Mad Cow disease.

The Food and Drug Administration recently issued new restrictions on donor eligibility based on travel and the agency eliminated important sources of blood from Europe. Recent cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, commonly known as Mad Cow disease, have prompted health officials to ban the importing of blood from countries where Mad Cow Disease is present.

The FDA says that Americans who have recently traveled to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and neighboring countries, where Mad Cow currently exists, are unable to donate.

Cast of Footloose Announced

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop announces the cast of their 2002 production of *Footloose*. The Principals are Ariel-Kristen Nietzer, Betty Blast-Kathryn Fasolo, Chuck-Eric Ambielli, Ethel-Cassandra Krajcik, Irene-Emma Fulton, Lyle-John Roesch Jr., Ren-Vincent Carubia, Reverend Shaw Moore-Josef Rodriguez, Rusty-Gina Severini, Travis-Leo Campos, Urleen-Katie Mott, V-Natalia Tamzoke, Wendy Jo-Christina Martin, Willard-Christopher Baron.

The Ensemble is Christopher Abbott, Susan Mott, Nicole Aiello, Chelsea Moubarak, Davonna Approvato, Jacqueline Muglia, Jessica Musolino, Tina Bijlani, Jesse Nietzer, Kristie Butrico, Katie Nuber, Lauren O'Day, Justina Carubia, Tara O'Keefe, Nicole Cortese, Eric Rhode, Joel Cortese, Shannen Rivers, John Cristello, Jessica Cristello, Kazuki Daimo, Marianna Sansone, Brittany DeNizio, Lauren Santillo, Mike Duquette, Jeff Scesselberg, Christopher Duquette, Danny Sierzega, Breanne Fore, Erin Sikanowicz, Stanley Stellakis, Cassie Hoffman, Allison Huffsmith, Steven Teitjen, Eva Humber, Stephanie Troia, Marissa Judd, Kristin Turner, Takara Kaczowski, Nathanael Udell, Clare Kelly, Ashlen Udell, Jeremy Vesper, Kristina Latonio, Julia Zappi, Erica Linick, Jenna Zielinski, Marianne McBride and Tristan More.

IN MY OPINION

To the Editor,

Our nation was founded upon the belief in God. This belief caused many of our ancestors to immigrate to America. If you take the pledge of allegiance out of schools, you will be taking out not only the history of patriotism, but the future patriotism as well. Students will grow up without faith in their nation. Boys and girls will not be willing to fight for their country and protect against both foreign and domestic attacks.

After the events of September 11, America looked towards God, a God of comfort and of peace. That is the God that our founding fathers looked toward while fighting for freedom. The faith of those brave men is obvious in America's history. If children aren't shown patriotism, future generations will fall away from nationalism and the morals that caused so many men and women to lay down their lives for freedom.

If people are going to question our pledge of allegiance, our currency, our national anthem, and other symbols of America, then they might as well question our flag and the nation it rep-

resents. God is a part of our history and must remain part of our future. Without a faith in a god, how can one have a faith in a nation.

KATE KELLIHER

To the Editor,

Madeline Murray O'Hare took prayer from our schools, let's not let Michael Newdow take our pledge from us. We can't continue to allow a few to take from the majority.

Our world has fallen apart since O'Hare took prayer from our schools. If you don't like our country as is, please leave it. I love it.

JOAN MCCREESH

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Kennedy School Neighbors Oppose Sidewalks

Several residents who live on West Fairview Ave., near Kennedy School, attended last month's council meeting to object to plans for installing sidewalks and curbs along their street.

The Borough has applied for a grant to install sidewalks on several streets around Kennedy School, including West Fairview Ave. During the past few years, using grants from the State Department of Transportation, sidewalks have been installed on Belmont Ave. and Garibaldi, improving the safety of children walking to Roosevelt School. The Borough selects their locations after receiving recommendations from the school board.

This is the first time anyone can remember that someone objected to sidewalks and curbs along their property.

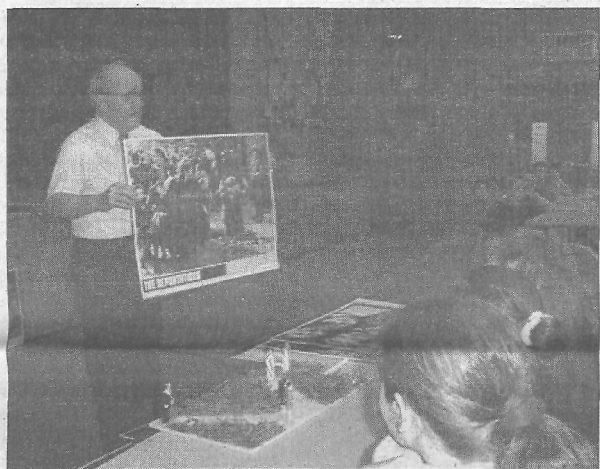
Ann Piro and Leonor Fessock, residents who both live on West Fairview Ave., presented a petition opposing the sidewalks and curbs to the mayor and council, which had been signed by 25 property owners. One of their objections was the loss of trees and shrubbery along their property line

and the added danger of parents parking on their street picking up children at Kennedy School. They also said they didn't want the responsibility of keeping the sidewalks clear of snow in the winter.

Mayor Gallagher explained that the reason for requesting the grant was for safety issues. He added that he might consider sidewalks and curbs on only one side of West Fairview Ave. He also said that if and when the grant is received, he will meet with those who signed the petition and together they would come up with a plan acceptable to everyone.

Piro and Fessock said they actually hoped the grant would be rejected and even if it were received they were still opposed to the installation of sidewalks and curbs.

Board of Ed member Dan Smith, who arrived just after the meeting ended, said that he was surprised to hear of someone who didn't want sidewalks. He added that the Board hears from residents every month asking to install sidewalks in their area so that the children will be able to walk to school safely.



Professor Joseph Ellis, Holocaust and History teacher at The College of NJ, recently visited the fifth grade classes at Riley School.

Holocaust Revisted for Riley Fifth Grade Class

At the beginning of the school year, Riley Elementary School fifth grade students read a book called *Number the Stars* by Lois Lawry. The award winning novel spoke about incidents which happened during World War

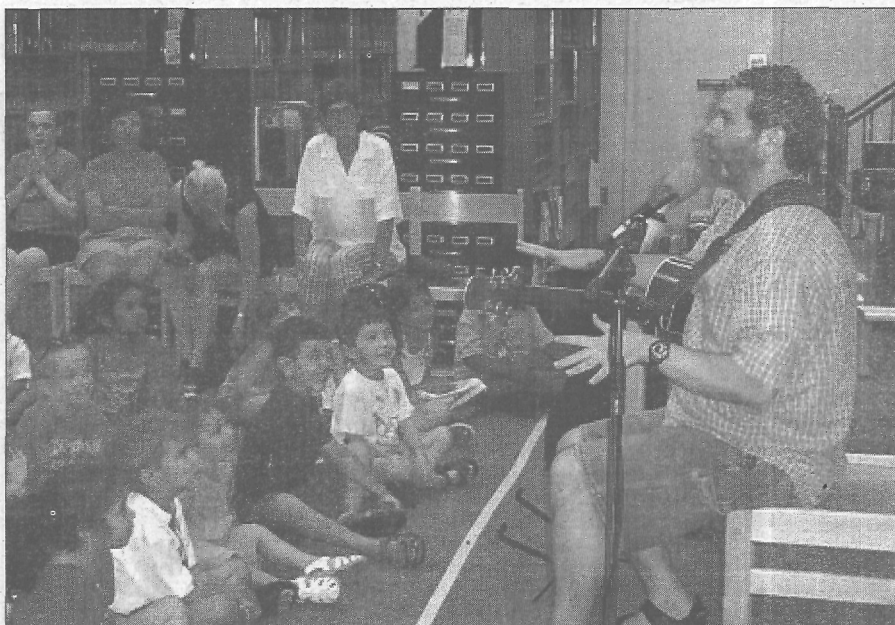
II and the Holocaust.

Professor Joseph Ellis, a Holocaust and History teacher at The College of NJ (formerly Trenton State), was invited to speak by his former student, teacher Lauren McGrath.

Professor Ellis' talk to the fifth graders included age-appropriate and low-key material which was presented centering around the events before, during and after WWII and the Holocaust.

Because of the sensitivity of Professor Ellis' talk, students were required to have permission slips signed by their parents to attend the Holocaust program.

Professor Ellis stressed the fact that all types of discrimination still exist today.



Mr. Kurt Sings Up a Storm to Kick Off Summer Reading Program at Library

By Jane Dornick

Silly songster "Mr. Kurt" kicked off the Summer Reading Club at the South Plainfield Library last week.

"Mr. Kurt" (Kurt Gallagher) considers himself a "children's music specialist." He has been conducting sing-alongs for the past eight years and is a regular visitor to South Plainfield.

The Summer Reading Club is open to all children with a South Plainfield or reciprocal library card. Books, magazines and books on tape checked out from the library are counted towards the program. After reading five books, the child records the titles in a special book provided by the library in order to receive a hat and a star. A second star will be awarded for every additional five books read. There is no limit to the number of stars readers can earn each week, but only one prize can be collected during that time period.

The program is open to children of all ages. They may read themselves or be read to. The last day to check out books is Saturday, Aug. 10.

The library also offers Kidcrafts Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. from July 1 through Aug. 5 for children ages six and over. Registration is required.



Silly songster "Mr. Kurt" encourages audience participation at the kick off to summer reading at the South Plainfield Library.

Game Gang is open to children of all ages on Friday mornings at 11 a.m. from July 5 through Aug. 9. Storytime continues all summer on its regular

schedule for ages three and up.

For more information about the summer children's programs, at the library, call (908) 754-7885.

SDW Needs Props Donations

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) is currently seeking donations of cowboy boots and hats for their 2002 stage production of the 80's hit film *Footloose*. If you have items you'd like to donate, please call 561-5255 and leave a message or you can send email to: contactus@spsdw.com.

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Borough Postmaster Says "We Want To Know"

South Plainfield Postmaster Michael Diegnan recently announced that the South Plainfield Post Office is joining post offices across the country in saying good-bye to their manual consumer service card—customer feedback program and replacing it with a more aggressive and automated process entitled, "We Want To Know."

Postmaster Diegnan advises that the "We Want To Know" program promotes several immediate methods for customers to contact the Postal Service. These convenient methods include speaking to the local postmaster or management staff, calling the Postal Service's toll-free 1-800-ASK-USPS phone number, or visiting the Postal Service's web site at

www.usps.com.

"This new approach on how we listen to our customers will help identify areas of opportunity for improvement and enable us to provide the best service and value possible to our customers," emphasized Postmaster

Diegnan.

To help inform South Plainfield residents and promote the new program, Postmaster Diegnan is placing a new "We Want To Know" brochure in the post office lobby for distribution to the public.

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Events

Around Town

Music Booster Mtg.

July 10

The next scheduled Music Booster meeting will be held on July 10 at 7 p.m. in the band room. All parents are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing band camp and Labor Day.

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 \$40. Call (908) 226-7713 or visit the PAL.

Piano Recital at St. Stephen's Church

July 12

A benefit piano recital by Rev. Richard A. Mathisen will be held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church on Park Ave. on Friday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

Rev. Mathisen's recitals have been enjoyed by all listeners, even those who are not usually fans of classical music. He studied piano with Klaus Goetze of Cambridge and Jan Gorbaty of Forest Hills.

Rev. Mathisen is the former pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dunellen and is now Interim Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Levittown, Pa.

For information, contact St. Stephen Lutheran Church, (908) 757-4474.

All proceeds benefit the "Stand With Africa" campaign of the Lutheran Church to stop AIDS and alleviate hunger. Suggested donation is \$7. Refreshments will be served.

Riley Hubner Bone Marrow Drive Planned

July 20

A 'Rally for Riley' softball tournament and bone marrow drive is planned to help Riley Hubner, a nine-year-old South Plainfield resident with leukemia. (See ad on this page.)

The event will take place on Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at SPHS ballfield on Lake Ave. The rain date is Sunday, July 21.

The blood drive will be held in the high school cafeteria. Residents are encouraged to come out and enter into a national bone marrow registry and help Riley Hubner.

The softball tournament will consist of two divisions. Teams can register at the PAL on Maple Ave. or by contacting Det. Gary Cassio at (908) 226-7663 or Bill Ashnault at Twin City Pharmacy (908) 755-7695.

Free Car Seat Safety Check

July 20

The South Plainfield Police Department Traffic Safety Unit will be hosting a Child Passenger Safety Seat Check Point in the parking lot of Staples on Hadley Rd.

Technicians will inspect your child safety seat for recalls and demonstrate the proper techniques for installing child safety seats. The check point takes place on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Staples parking lot, 7000 Hadley Road (across from Middlesex Mall).

Rainbow Academy Open House

August 3

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will be holding an Open House on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow offers a variety of programs that will fit your child's needs from ages six weeks to 10 years. There is limited space available for the September school year in the infants, nursery and pre-kindergarten programs.

They offer transportation for their before and after care, which has a relaxed, balanced program with time to play and learn. They provide homework assistance as well as organized activities for school aged children from five to 10 years. The hours for this program are 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and or 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Come visit during normal operating hours 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or at the Open House.

SPHS Tigers To Host Eighth Golf Open

August 7

The South Plainfield Golf Association has announced plans to hold this year's South Plainfield Open on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. This is the eighth annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the SPHS Golf Team.

Entry fee of \$85 includes greens fee,

golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in at 7 a.m., as a continental breakfast is served. A dinner and awards ceremony will follow, with food and beverages available throughout the tournament.

Play will begin with a short-gun start at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low tea.

Corporate sponsorships are encouraged. Proceeds go to support the activities of the high school golf team and the SPGA's college scholarship program. A Platinum sponsorship includes entry fees for one foursome. Gold, Silver, Bronze, Hospitality and Beverage sponsorships are available.

Registration deadline is July 21. For information, call Ken Martin (908) 769-4305 or Dick DeAndrea (908) 755-1700, or register on-line and find out about the corporate sponsor programs at www.spga.org.

Wesley Methodist Bible School

August 12-16

Wesley United Methodist Church, located on Plainfield Ave. announced that they will hold a Vacation Bible School entitled, "God's Great Galaxy."

Register now for the program which takes place Aug. 12 through 16 each evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be plenty of music, crafts, games and fun. Call the church office at (908) 757-2838 and register early!

Tickets for Mets and Yankees Available

August 15 & September 3

Let's Go Out to A Baseball Game! Mets or Yankees... A trip to Shea is scheduled to see the Mets! When? On Thursday, Aug. 15. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. Cost is only \$30 per person!

Also, a trip to Yankee Stadium is planned to see the Yankees vs. the Red Sox on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Bus leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person! Tickets may be purchased 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, 1013 N. Washington Ave. in Green Brook.

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

Bus Trip Planned by Wesley Methodist

September 7

Wesley United Methodist Church is running a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. to see the new stage production of *Daniel, A Den, A Dream and A Deliverer* on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Bus leaves Wesley Church at 9 a.m. Tickets for the 1 p.m. performance include dinner at the Good and Plenty Restaurant in Lancaster. Tickets are limited; reserve now. Cost is \$85 per person. For more information, call Paula Kowalski at (908) 668-7845.

OLC Rosary Society Plans Trip

October 17

Our Lady of Czestochowa Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to see *Daniel* at the Sight and Sound Theater on Oct. 17.

The cost is \$80 per person and includes the bus trip, Amish style lunch, theater spectacular, all taxes and tips. Checks made payable to "OLC Rosary Society." Payment must be in by Aug. 10. Mail your check to: Maria Seliga, 1710 Pershing Pl., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Contact: Maria (908) 769-7735.

Seniors' Trip to the Woodlock Pines

Oct. 28-Nov. 1

The South Plainfield Senior Citizens are planning a trip to Woodlock Pines from Oct. 28 through Nov. 1.

If you are interested or have questions, call Leader Mikie Panzarella at (908) 755-2487.

SPHS Class of 1982 Reunion

November 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1982 announced that plans are underway for their 20 year reunion. The date is Saturday, Nov. 9. If you have a new address or know of other classmates' whereabouts, contact Rosanne Demico-Ilardo at (732) 878-9877.

— Out of Town —

First Annual Car Enthusiasts Weekend

July 6, 7

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

Events will include a swap meet, vendors, outdoor riverfront barbecue, paddle boat rides, volleyball games, horse shoe games, fishing, watermelon pit spitting, classic car show with prizes featuring years, makes and models, sock hop dance & Top 40 dance parties.

RSVP Annual House And Garden Tour

July 14

RSVP (Residents Supporting Victorian Plainfield) will host their annual House and Garden tour on Sunday July 14, noon to 4 p.m. This year's tour will feature eight beautiful and spectacular homes and gardens throughout Plainfield. Admission fee is \$20 for the public; \$15 for RSVP members and includes an after party at The Pillars, 922 Central Ave., Plainfield. Participants will also gain free admission to the Drake House Museum, a city landmark that served as Washington's 1777 headquarters during the battle of Short Hills. Tickets are on sale at Renna's Diner, Swain's Gallery, Antique Castle, Dairy Queen, Margie's Cake Box, and at Eclectic Connection Fine Art Gallery in Summit. Tickets will also be available on the day of the event at the RSVP welcome station at the Netherwood train station.

"Praise in the Park"

August 31

The goal of First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen is to "share God's love in practical ways." It is known for its "Old-Fashioned Christmas" and "Praise in the Park," free events. This year's "Praise in the Park" will be held in Dunellen's Washington Memorial Park on Aug. 31, noon-5 p.m.. (Rain date is Sept. 2).

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Pictured top left is Councilman Jim Voral with special proclamation, top right Joe Abbruzzese, Dennis Cerami, Bob Merkler, Raymond Costa and Jim Vokral, lower left Joe Scrudato, his wife Sharon and children, Alyssa, Rachel and Jack, lower right Gene Baker, Larry Makoski and Frank Dominguez.

Knights of Columbus Hold All-American Day

The First Annual South Plainfield Knights of Columbus "All American Day" was held on Saturday June 22, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd.

Knights of Columbus members were joined by representatives from the Borough Council, the rescue squad, VFW Post #6763 and the fire department.

A special ceremony was held to raise the colors, led by Pat Bonaventura, along with Gene Baker, Larry Makoski and Frank Dominguez.

Bonaventura spoke about what the flag stands for and how it had its beginnings. He said that each time he sees a uniformed man or woman, he thinks of all they do to serve our country and asked everyone to take

the time to recognize them for the service they perform for all of us.

Everyone attending the event went home with a copy of the history of the flag, as well as the pledge of allegiance.

Actually the Knights of Columbus were the driving force for the words "Under God" to be placed in the pledge of allegiance in 1954. The courts just ruled that the words are unconstitutional, starting an uproar all over the country.

Plenty of All American food was available, including hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and desserts. On duty at the grill was Joe Scrudato, helped by his wife Sharon and children, Alyssa, Rachel and Jack.

Later in the day the Knights held a special ceremony to dispose of non-usable American flags in the proper way.

This was the first All American Day sponsored by the Knights in what is hoped will become an annual affair.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Matthew Green Graduates from Somerset School of Massage Therapy

South Plainfield resident Matthew Green has been awarded a diploma in Therapeutic Massage from the Somerset School of Massage Therapy. This was the first class to graduate from the Piscataway Campus.

Green successfully completed a professional track program of academic courses, technique instruction and clinical practice in all facets of contemporary Western massage therapy, exceeding New Jersey State certification requirements.

As a graduate, Green is eligible for listing in the prestigious American Massage Therapy Association's registry of approved massage therapy schools and practitioners.

Green also holds a certificate in Neuromuscular Therapy, an advanced course at Somerset School of Massage Therapy, and plans to pursue a certificate in Manual Lymph Drainage. He presently practices Massage Therapy at the offices of Siskin Family Chiropractic in Greenbrook.

Mt. Saint Mary Announces Honor Roll

Directress Sister Lisa Gambacorto, principal of Mount Saint Mary Academy, located in Watchung's announced that the following area students achieved honor roll status for the final trimester of the 2001-2002 academic year:

Principal's Honor Roll (straight A's)—Lauran Reed, senior.

Honor roll (overall B+ average)—Gina Keane, Marsia Palma, Michelle Puskas, Briget Schirripa, Katherine Selby, Stephanie Stellakis and Andrea Vary.

Share Your Good News with the Community!

Send your milestones to the Observer at 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or email: ggnan@aol.com

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Hopefully, by now, your ears have stopped ringing from yesterday's fireworks. But, even if they haven't, here's some news from South Plainfield Library:

Turning to our Children's programs, our Game Gang program meets this morning at 11 a.m. Children may play one of our board games, or bring in one of their own to share. (Note that we mean *board* games, not video games.) Next, there's a special Kidcraft program for children age 6 and over on Monday evening at 6:30; the program has a safari theme, in conjunction with our Summer Reading Club. Registration is requested for participants. And we'll also have our usual schedule of Storytime programs next week. These programs are for children age 3 and over; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday night at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Meanwhile, there's still time for children to sign up for the aforementioned Summer Reading Club; stop by the Children's Room or the Circulation Desk to register. For more information about our Children's programs, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

The Library Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend what promises to be an informative meeting. Early in the meeting, there will be period set aside for comments from the public.

Our Job Information classes will be on hiatus during the summer. They'll return in the fall. For details on our Computer Instructional classes, please

call us and ask for Allan or Marcia.

Today, we're between groups on the Audiobook Circuit. The next group will be here later this month. On the other hand, the latest group from the Video Circuit is now available. Titles in this group include "Mrs. Dalloway," "Jurassic Park III," "Little Giants," "Shanghai Noon" and, on DVD, "Finding Forrester." Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. In addition, we also have a new group of books from the Large Print Circuit. Some of those titles include *The Cat Who Smelled a Rat* by Lillian Jackson Braun, *The First Eagle* by Tony Hillerman, *On the Street Where You Live* by Mary Higgins Clark and *The Smoke Jumper* by Nicholas Evans. LPC books are loaned out for two weeks.

Recently, you may have noticed a few problems with our Air Conditioning system. We can now report that the system has been repaired and should be working OK now. Given the seasonal temperatures and humidity levels, this is good news, indeed.

Here's a reminder about A/V-Internet permission forms. When we ask you, "Please read and sign this," we're very serious about the "read" part of that statement. The form outlines your responsibilities and restrictions when you grant your children permission to borrow A/V items or use our Internet terminals. By signing, you indicate that you're aware of the situation and agree to abide by our policies. If you're not sure and have a question, feel free to ask, but don't just sign it without reading it. Thanks for your consideration on this.

That's about all for today. We'll see you next Friday.

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JULY - DECEMBER 2002

	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
July	11	25	12	26
August	8	22	9	23
September	5	19	6	20
October	3	17	4	18
November	14	30*	1	15
December	12	26	13	27

*Holiday change to Saturday pickup

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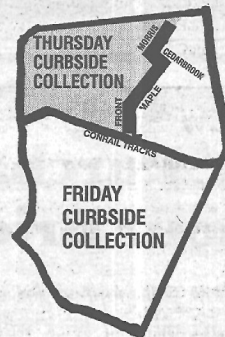
Used Paint Drop-off: 3rd Saturday of each month, 8 am-2 pm
Household Batteries: bring to Recycling Center or Public Library

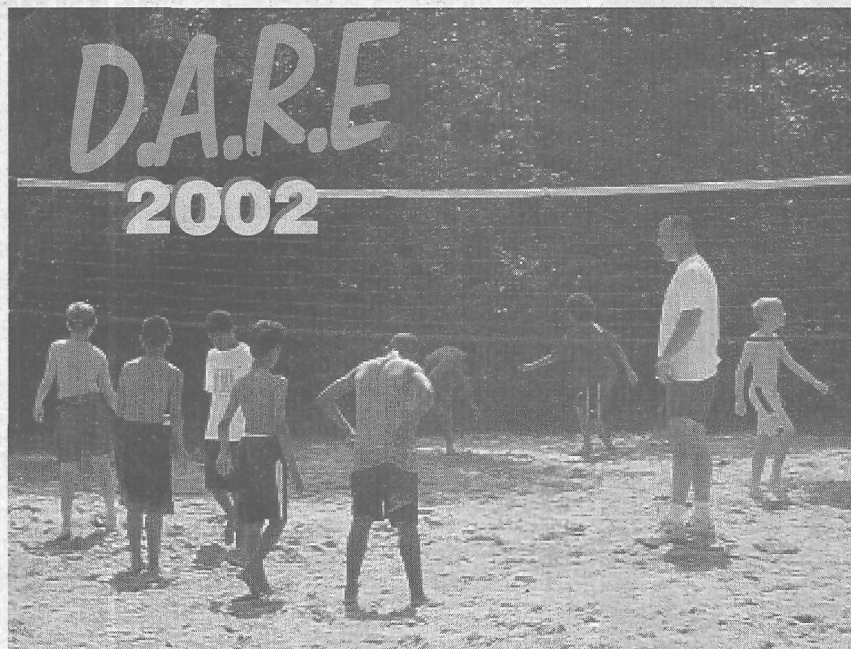
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Holiday Closings (closed on Borough holidays and any Tuesday following a Monday holiday):
9/3, 10/15, 11/12, 11/29 (12/24 early closing 2 pm)

Call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 226-7620 for more information.





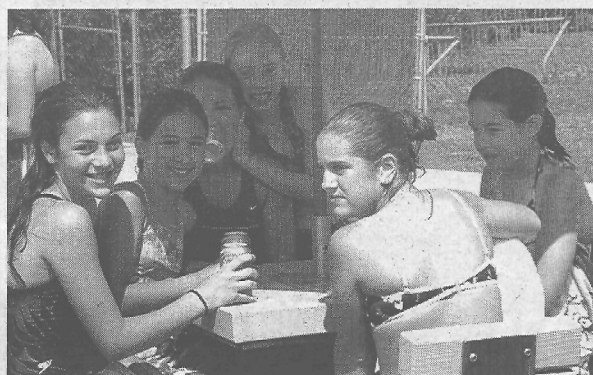
DARE Graduates Celebrate With End of Year Pool Party!

At the end of each school year all of the elementary fifth graders who have taken the DARE course are treated to a pool party at the community pool. This year rain washed out the original date and rescheduling became a nightmare because of all of the parties and picnics that were held the last week of school. However no one was disappointed even though the party ended up on a half-day of school and the kids had to be at the pool at 8:30 a.m. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed exceptional weather.

This year a new contest was initiated which will be carried on in the years to come. A tug-of-war contest was held between all of the schools, using a process of elimination. The finals came down to Roosevelt and Kennedy. When they squared off, the kids put everything that had it, shouting and cheering for their team.

The winner was Kennedy school, who was awarded a trophy which will have the school's name engraved on it and will be on display during the next school year in the front of the school. Next year's winner will get the same trophy and their name will be added to it and they will be able to keep it for the year. This annual contest is sure to become a rivalry which the winning school can brag about all year long.

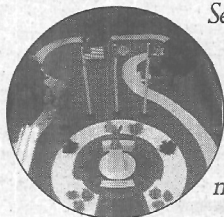
The kids enjoyed the pool all morning, played plenty of games and ate lots of food and drinks. Donations from Hall's Trucking, Haagen Daz Ice Cream, Canada Dry, AKA Trophies and the Drug Free Alliance, plus many businesses in South Plainfield made the DARE picnic a huge success. DARE officers Joe Papa, Allen LaMonda and Dave Franchak and all of the teachers also had a great time with a great bunch of kids.



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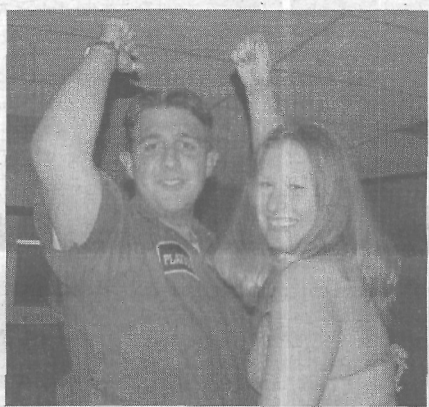
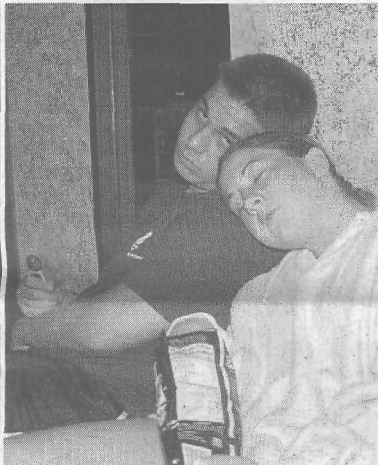
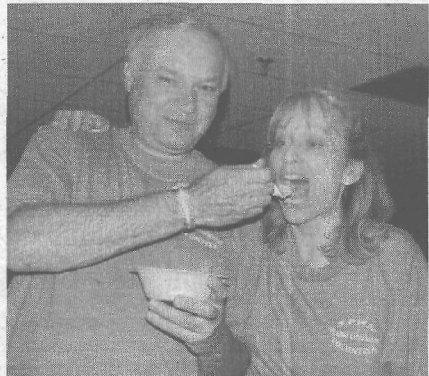
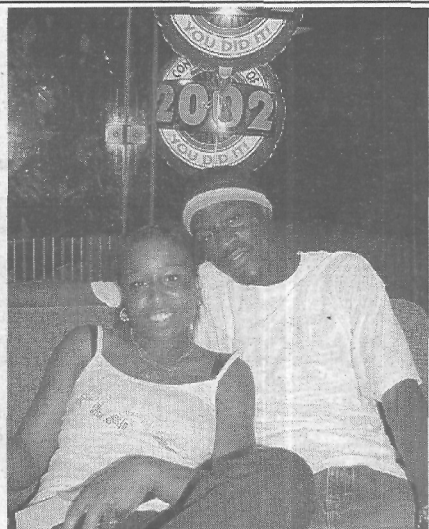
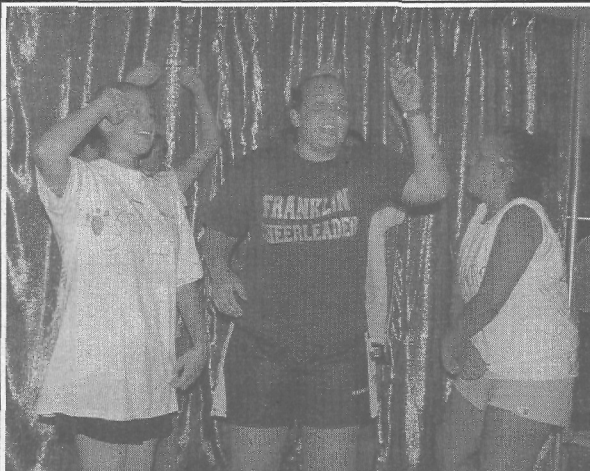
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Project Graduation Well Attended

By Patricia Abbott

One hundred and ninety-two graduates attended Project Graduation 2002, held at The Club at Ricochet. The annual event was a huge success thanks to the hard work and generosity of the SPHS PTA and the community. There were 30 chaperones on hand, as well as many teachers and administrators. Mayor Dan Gallagher stopped in to offer his congratulations. The new owners of The Club at Ricochet generously donated the use of the facility for this worthwhile event.

The event started at 10 p.m. on Friday night following the formal graduation ceremonies. After signing in, the graduates stepped through a green and white balloon arch donated by Mohn's Florist.

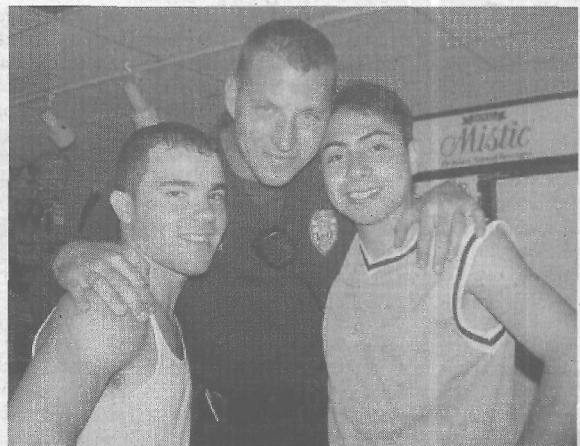
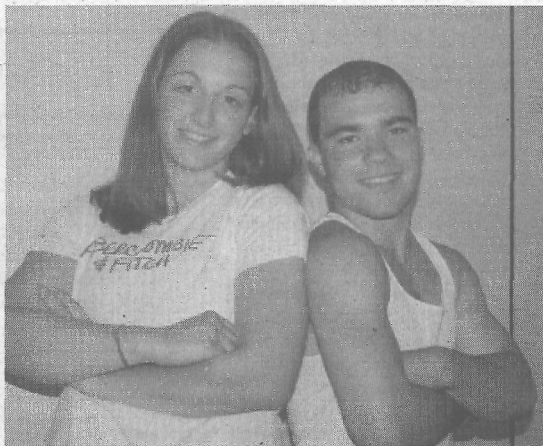
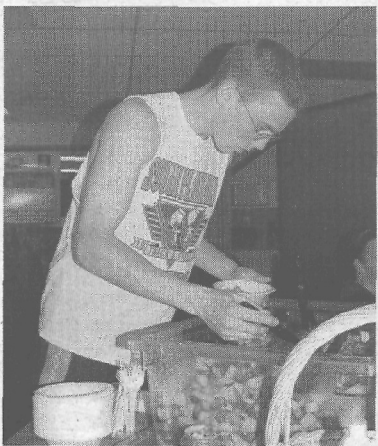
There were numerous activities to fill the hours including Sumo wrestling, karaoke videotaping, music and games from the DJ, "Simon Sez," a volleyball tournament, swimming, racquetball, 'tattoo' artist, personalized photo key chains and pins. The graduates also had an airbrush artists create one-of-a-kind works on white shorts.

An important part of the night was the food. The graduates dined on subs, hot dogs, hamburgers, bagels and much more.

Forty lucky people won door prizes, such as gift certificates to Sam Goody and Menlo Park Mall, DVD players, VCRs, TVs, clock radios and a refrigerator. The prizes were purchased by the committee. As the evening moved toward morning hours, happy but tired graduates could be seen dozing in the lobby and the pool areas.

Project Graduation is a party designed to provide graduates with a safe, fun, substance-free environment on graduation night. There is no charge for the party or any of the activities.

PTA Presidents Karen Stahura and Janet Miller, along with the members of the PTA, worked nearly year-round to raise the necessary funds for this party. Costs run approximately \$15,000 annually. This year's fundraisers included a spaghetti dinner, *Star Ledger* subscriptions and a silent auction. Janet Miller said, "There has been so much support for this night, from so many people. They all helped make the evening a great memory for our seniors. I hope that it was that to them and more."



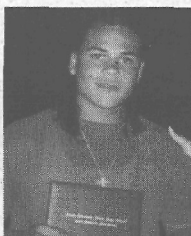
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Sports

SWIMMING

Tiger Sharks Swim Team Bests Rivercrest of Piscataway

In the second meet of their season, the Tiger Sharks swim team of the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool beat Rivercrest of Piscataway by a score of 185 to 91 on June 29 at their home pool on Maple Avenue.

It was a great comeback after the team lost its first meet by only a few points to Crystal Springs of East Brunswick a few days earlier.

Scoring points for the South Plainfield team were the following swimmers:

In the girls 10 and under individual Medley in 100 meters, Emily Piekarski took first place and Chelsea Cullen placed second. For the 11 and 12 year old girls in 100 meters, Joanna Luzny took first place and Abigail Petritsch placed second. In the 13 to 18 year old in 200 meters, Shannon Dabrio took second place and Becky Brzozowski placed third.

For the freestyle competition in the 10 and under boys, Brian Babinetz took second place with Matt Santos claiming third in the 100 meter distance and Emmett Marsili won first place for the 100 meter in the boys 11 and 12 year old division with Michael Boyle taking second. For the older boys ages 13-18, CalvinJohn Smiley took first place in the 200 meter.

Maggie Valentino took second place in the girls eight and under 25 meter freestyle race, with Kate O'Brien placing third. For the nine and 10 year old in 50 meter, Emily Piekarski took first and Theresa Gustafson placed third, while Joanna Luzny took first for the same distance in the 11 and 12 year old division with Amanda Ray placing third. In the 13-14 girls 100 meter, Leah Konops won first place, while for the older girls ages 15-18 in 100 meter, Nina Byard took second and Shannon Dabrio placed third.

For the boys backstroke races, the following swimmers took points for the Tiger Sharks: eight and under 25 meter, Dave Brzozowski won first place and Dylan McDermott placed third. Brian Babinetz took first place and James Sansone took second for the boys nine and 10 in the 50 meter race, while Emmett Marsili won first place and Matt Moates claimed second in the same distance 11 and 12 year old competition. For the older boys, Philip Luzny took second in the 100 meter in the 13-14 division, while CalvinJohn Smiley won first place and Adam Timberlake took second in the 15-18 year old race.

Tiger Shark Breaststroke swimmers

making points for the team were Dylan McDermott in first place for the eight and under boys 25 meter, with his brother Liam McDermott in second place. In the nine and 10 year-old 50 meter, James Sansone took second and Anthony Baldassarre placed third, while in the 11 and 12 year-old race Matt Moates placed first and Michael Boyle took second for the 50 meter. Philip Luzny won first place for the 13-14 boys in the 100 meter and Adam Timberlake took second for ages 15-18 in the 100 meter.

Girls butterfly point scorers were Maggie Valentino with second place and Kate O'Brien with third, for the eight and under in the 25 meter race. Tiger sharks took all three places in the nine and 10 year-old division, with Michele Gustafson in first place for the 50 meter race, Chelsea Cullen claiming second and Sarah Konops in third place. Abigail Petritsch placed third in the 11-12 year-old 50 meter, as did Diane Romano in the 100 meter for the 13-14 year olds. For the older girls, Nina Byard won first place in the 15-18 in the 100 meter, with Becky Brzozowski taking third.

For the medley relay races, the team of Kaitlin Kenny, Maggie Valentino, Grace Piekarski and Kate O'Brien won the girls eight and under division; nine-10 girls teammates Amanda Ray, Abigail Petritsch, Chelsea Cullen and Emily Piekarski won their relay. Girls 13-17 relay winners were Nina Byard, Leah Konops, Diane Romano and Becky Brzozowski.

Boys free relay race winners were eight and under teammates Patrick Boyle, Dylan McDermott, Liam McDermott and David Brzozowski; nine-12 boys winners were Matt Moates, Brian Babinetz, Anthony Baldassarre and Emmett Marsili. Boys 13-17 point scorers were Michael Boyle, Philip Luzny, CalvinJohn Smiley and Adam Timberlake.

Tiger Shark swimmers are all between the ages of four and 18 and most have never been on a team before they join the team.

There is no fee to join the team, although you must be a South Plainfield resident or a member of the Community Pool. All young swimmers are encouraged to find out more about the team by visiting the community pool or the recreation offices at the PAL building.

There is also a competitive diving team representing the South Plainfield pool and new team members are always needed.

- Submitted by Donna Egan



BLAZE U-13G SPRING 2002 FLIGHT FIVE CHAMPS: (Front Row) Tiffany Smith, Jenna DeLillo, Megan Boyle, Katie Hardy, Ashley Little, Lauren Fry, Dorian Bishop, Ashleigh Gaspari. (Back Row) Coach Hardy, Tiffany Roth, Elizabeth Flannery, Jackie Miller, Jennifer Copeland, Kim Marin, Joy Maszczak, Coach Miller and Becky Keller.

Jersey Stallions Finish Season in Wildwood

By Greg Machos

As promised, Jersey Stallions coach, Mike "SHOTMAN" Lanza took the 16 and Under AAU team down to Wildwood to compete in the Battle of the Boardwalk. This tourney was sponsored by the South Jersey Jazz, and held in two locations: the North Wildwood Community Center, which was the site for two of the Stallions' games, and the Wildwood Crests Recreation Center, where they competed in a play-in game.

Playing without key players Corey Gilmore, team leader and defensive spark plug, and big man Ian Robinson, the Stallions managed to win their first two contests. In the opener against the Gateville Gators in North Wildwood, Ryan Decker had 10 points while Gary Houston and Jonathan Bugey added nine in a 45-31 victory. Mike Richards also starred on the boards with a solid rebounding effort while Bugey gave his usual hustle.

In the next game, the Stallions took on the JKBA Sky Hawks, and got 20 points from Jerry Williamson, 18 from Darren Smith, and 10 apiece from Gary Houston and Jonathan Bugey in an 80-67 victory. Key play of the game was right before the half when Dan Piwowar converted on a drive to the basket as the buzzer sounded. The crowd of fans that drove down from South Plainfield erupted with joy.

Starting off with a 2-0 record, the Stallions gained the opportunity to compete in a play-in game, which would lead to a tournament berth. Their opponent would be the hometown Wildwood Waves. Despite getting another 18 points from Darren Smith and 15 points from Jonathan Bugey, the Stallions fell short to the Waves by the score of 75-69. Ryan Decker added nine points while Gary Houston scored another 10.

The trip was a great experience for the Stallions, who finished 15-10 overall. The parents were fantastic as they helped out by providing food, cleaning uniforms, getting together with other parents to take the players places, and giving their support at the games. It was just a fine way to end what was just a tremendous first season for AAU

basketball in South Plainfield.

The work done by the Stallions has already showed signs of paying off as the members of the team playing for the South Plainfield Tigers all have played well in the J.P. Stevens Summer League. In addition, the lone player from Bishop Ahl, Jerry Williamson showed "tremendous improvement" according to Lanza.

With the success of the Jersey Stallions, South Plainfield Basketball now has another means to improve. Special thanks go out to the parents and Coach Lubreski and Coach Allocco for their support.

SPHS Students Named to GMC Sport Team

The following students have been named to the Greater Middlesex Conference sports teams:

- **All Conference Softball-** Danielle Schweers (third base), Kelly Eustice (outfield), Kelly Ritchey (at large).
- **All-White Division Softball-** Jessica Senz (pitcher), Danielle Schweers (third base), Kelly Ritchey (shortstop), Kelly Eustice (outfield).

High School & Middle School Summer Sports Physicals Schedule

Mon., July 15, 2002

Work-ups for Sports Physicals 8:30 - 2:30

High school students only

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

Mon., July 22, 2002

Work-ups for Sports Physicals 8 - 2:30

High School Boys	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
High School Girls	10:00 - noon
Middle School Girls	1:00 - 1:45 p.m.
Middle School Boys	1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Tues., August 6, 2002

Work-ups for Sports Physicals 8:00 - 2:30

High School Girls	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
High School Boys	10:00 - noon
Middle School Girls	1:00 - 1:45 p.m.
Middle School Boys	1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

• Students must bring a completed Medical History Questionnaire with them to the work-up. Appointments for the physical examination will be given at the work-up.

• High School girls' physicals will be given on July 16, July 24 and Aug. 7 at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

• High School boys' physicals will be given on July 17, 8:30 to 1 p.m. and July 23 and Aug. 7 at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

• Middle School girls' physicals will be given on July 24 and Aug. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

• Middle School boys' physicals will be given on July 23 and Aug. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

• Forms may be picked up in the athletic office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, during July and August. If you choose to go to your own doctor, at your own expense, please pick up our physical forms to take with you and return them to the athletic office prior to the official opening practice date.

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Sports



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

All-Star Parkway Invitational Softball League Season
Week of July 7

The All-Star softball season is in full swing. This year we have entered a new league, the Parkway Invitational Softball League. Other teams in this league are from North Edison, Westfield, Clark, North Plainfield, Cranford, Union, Scotch Plains, Colonia, Roselle Park, Metuchen, Elmora, Warren, New Providence, Dunellen and Berkley Heights. There are two divisions in this league. Our 14U, 12U and 10U "A" teams are in the American League while our second 12U "N" team is in the National League.

Our 14U "A" team will be playing North Plainfield on July 9 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The July 10 game will be against Clark also at the Pitt Street Park Complex. On July 11 they will be playing against Cranford in Cranford at 7 p.m.

Our 12U "A" team will be playing Clark on July 8 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The July 10 game will be against Union also at the Pitt Street Park Complex.

Our 12U "N" team will be playing Warren on July 8 at the Pitt Street Park Complex. On July 10 they will be playing against Scotch Plains-Fanwood in Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

Our 10U "A" team will be playing Clark on July 9th at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The July 11th game will be against Union also at the Pitt Street Park Complex.

All games begin at 6:00 p.m. unless noted above.

• 14U North Brunswick Tournament, July 12, 13 & 14—Our 14U team will be competing in the North Brunswick Tournament on July 12, 13 and 14.

• 14U Union Tournament, July 20, 21—Our 14U team will be participating in the Union Tournament on July 20 and 21. Please come out and support our team.

• 12U Readington Tournament, July 20 & 21—Our 12U team will be participating in the Readington Tournament on July 20 and 21.

• 14U and 12U Monroe Tournament, July 26, 27 & 28—Our 14U and 12U teams will be competing in the Monroe Tournament on July 26, 27 and 28. The main complex is located on Gravel Hill Spotswood Road. The Thompson Park complex is located on Perrineville Road. The main complex has a snack bar, which offers light snacks and drinks. The Thompson Park complex does not have a snack bar facility.

Please Note: Directions to the fields will be provided by the coach. Additional information on these tournaments will appear in the Batter's Box as they become available. Please come out and support our teams. The best of luck to both players and coaches.

SP Summer Softball Camp, July 15-July 19—The South Plainfield recreation department will be running a summer softball sports camp for girls ages 7-15. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on July 15 through July 19 at the SP High School varsity softball field. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. Applications are available at the PAL Recreation center. For additional information, please contact recreation director, Mike English. In case of rain, the camp will be held in the SP High School Gym.

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting, July 23—The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, July 23 at 8:15 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 July 23. New members are always welcome. **Please note time change to 8:15 p.m.**

Sponsorship Program—We have revised our sponsorship program. 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 4 by 8 feet in size. Sponsors will be able to design their sign with any information or logo they choose. Signs will be up for our spring, summer and fall programs (now through end of October). Sponsors will have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$300 (includes cost of sign) or a two-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 go 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 S.P. Parents' Ponytail Association or contact us via our website as indicated below.

Ponytail Softball Website—Visit Ponytail Softball online anytime at our 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 me by keying on the email link Wehmasterspponytail.com found on our home page.

Countdown to Shotman Summer is Underway

Shotman Basketball Camps got things finalized this past week and confirmed that there will be another Shotman Summer Camp this summer at South Plainfield High School. Starting on Monday, July 29 and running until Friday, Aug. 2. The SHOTMAN and his coaching staff will be providing instruction, tips, and drills to help youngsters improve their game.

The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be for boys and girls ranging in ages from 11 to 18 years

old. Additional features to be taught at this year's summer camp will be: Mental Techniques in Shooting such as Pure Shooter's State, and Positive Self-Talk, Pistol Pete Maravich Ball Handling and the Killer Crossover Series, where you'll learn 16 different ways to the basket. The price for the five sessions will be \$150.

For further information, you can check out these details, or contact Mike Lanza at either (908) 754-2692, or via e-mail at mlanza@shotman.net.

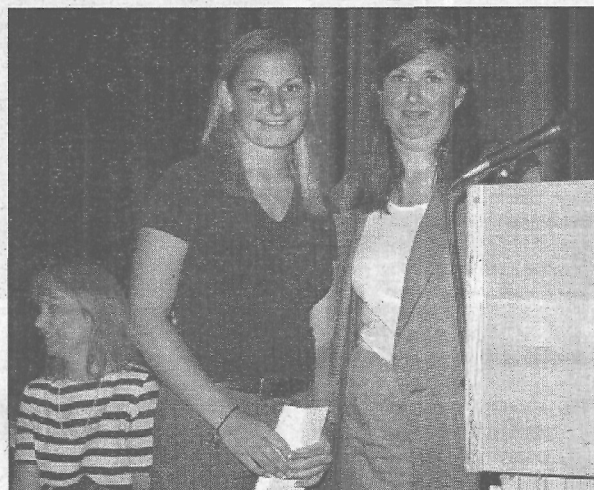
Ponytail Parents Association Scholarships Awarded

The two recipients of the South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association's annual college scholarship awards were announced by Sharon Miller, public relations officer, during the SPHS Scholarship and Awards Ceremony held June 4. Danielle Schweers and Kim Bishop were chosen as this year's scholarship award winners. Each girl was well deserving of the scholarships and received \$500 to be used towards their college education.

Both girls participated not only in the Ponytail softball recreation program, but they also played for eight years as member of the All-Star traveling team as well as on the 16 and under team.

Danielle continued to participate in softball in high school as a member of the varsity team and this year earned the honor of team captain. Ms. Schweers is a tremendous all around athlete as a member of the winter track team, where she also served as team captain, JV/varsity basketball, varsity soccer and this year for the first time switched from soccer to playing varsity field hockey. Her academic achievements are equally impressive as a National Honor Society member, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador and Kodak leader.

Kim excels in high school softball earning the JV softball MVP award as a freshman. She went to play her next three years as a member of the varsity team and continually proved what an outstanding softball player she is by earning two Golden Glove awards for softball. She also earned her varsity letter in winter track. In addition to sports she also exhibits excellence in many other activities such as co-editor of the school newspaper and a member of the yearbook



Danielle Schweers was awarded a \$500 scholarship check by Ponytail Public Relations Chairperson Sharon Miller.

committee. Her outside activities included volunteering her time towards fund raising for project graduation and Hoops for Horn.

Congratulations Danielle and Kim!

The best of luck and success in all of your future endeavors. We are proud that you are such wonderful role models for the younger girls in our softball program.

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf Team...

Playing without a full four-man team, Masters lost its first match of the season to the South Plainfield Police, 15½-4½ in the South Plainfield Golf League.

Sport & Social edged VFW, 11-9, to improve its record to 7-1 and moved into a first-place tie in the National League with Masters. Mike Behr's 36 led Patti Construction to break into the win column with a resounding 17-3 victory over Hank's Hackers.

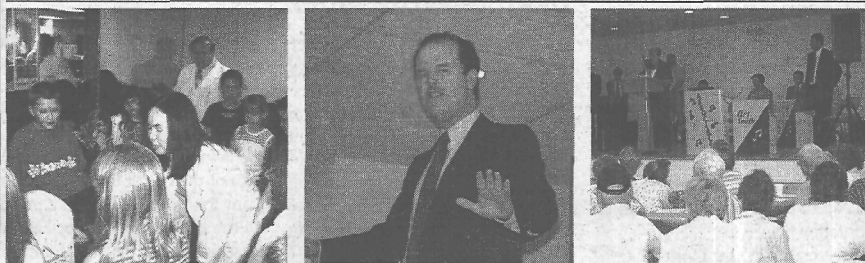
Mark Chicevar's 35 and Keith

Steel's 36 fired Plainfield Animal Hospital and they crushed first-place Hummel 19-1 in the tight American League race.

Aiello Chiropractic, with Fred Kirchofer leading the way with a sparkling 33, defeated Witty's 13-7 to move into a four way tie for second place, along with Pornovets who got by Twin City.

Stan Lipka held onto his slim lead in the race for individual Player-of-the Year honors over Kevin Bickunas, Joey Glowacki and Danny Griffin.

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Kennedy Students Get Physical Therapy

By Jane Dornick

Miss Adams third grade class from Kennedy School had a physical therapy workout on June 12, when they visited Dr. Mark Friedman's Physical Therapy Dept., located on Park Ave.

As part of a career orientation, the class took part in an on-location learning lesson on how the business of physical therapy works. The students had the opportunity to try out the equipment and do some muscle strengthening exercises.

The owner of Physical Therapy Dept., Dr. Friedman, just happens to be Amelia Lyte's grandfather and he was glad to show both Amelia and her class around his facility.



Grant Central Sixth School Honor Roll

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Obituaries

Victor A. Muglia, 79

Victor A. Muglia died on Friday, June 28 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Muglia was born in South Plainfield and was a lifelong resident.

Vic was employed as the produce manager for Shop-Rite Supermarkets in the Dunellen and Middlesex stores for 20 years before retiring in 1984.

He was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, and attended daily Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Vic was dedicated to both churches and was a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

He served in the United States Army during WWII and was a member of the VFW Memorial Post #6763 of South Plainfield. Vic was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus Watchung Council #552 and the United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local #1262 of Clifton.

He is predeceased by four sisters, Anna, Antoinette, Edith and Jenny and by three brothers, Joseph, Carl and Jack.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" (Kuhl) Muglia; nine children, Susan of Longwood, Fla., Charlotte of Sarasota, Fla., Maria of Georgia, Virginia of Kaila, Montana, Joe of New Providence, Alfred of Phillipsburg, Joseph of Atlanta, Ga., George of Longwood, Fla., and Victor of Piscataway; two brothers, Alfred of

West Virginia and Ernest of Mass. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Lucy (Haspel) Dvorin, 87

Lucy (Haspel) Dvorin died on Friday, June 28 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Dvorin has resided in Irvington, Union and in Berkeley Heights for many years before moving to Dover Township in 1976, where she had resided before returning to Berkeley Heights in 1997.

She was employed as a secretary for Overlook Hospital in Summit and previously for Engelhardt Industries of Murray Hill for many years during the 1960's and 1970's.

Mrs. Dvorin is a former communicant of the Church of the Little Flower R.C. Church in Berkeley Heights.

She is predeceased by her husband, Hyman Dvorin, who died in December of 1984 and two brothers, John Haspel and Florian "Jake" Haspel.

Surviving are two sons- and daughters-in-law, James and Karen Dvorin of Berkeley Heights and Jeffrey and Susan Dvorin of Bloomsbury; a sister, Rose Olsen of Dover Township and a brother, Andrew Haspel of Berkeley Heights. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funerals services were held at

McCriskin Home for Funerals.

James Lang Sr., 62

James Lang, Sr. of Piscataway died on Monday, June 24, at the Cedar Oaks Care Center in Irvington.

Jim was born in Irvington and was a former resident of Newark before moving to Piscataway 38 years ago.

Jim was a tool and die maker for RD Automation in Piscataway before retiring last year.

Jim was a member and former captain of the North Stelton Fire Company for 18 years. He was a member of the Piscataway Exempt Firemen's Association and the New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association.

Jim loved flying radio control airplanes and was a member and past president of the Central Jersey Radio Control Club in Piscataway.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Lois White Lang; a son, James Lang Jr. and his wife, Stephanie of Piscataway; three daughters, Debra Oliver and her husband Major Thomas Oliver MD of El Paso, Texas; Kathleen Lang of East Brunswick and Sharon Karagan and her husband Keith of Highland Park; a sister, Loretta Walhart of Ft. Wayne, Indiana and his beloved grandchildren Caitlin, Melissa, Elizabeth, Andrew, Jack, Zoe, James, Haley and Sarah.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Borough of South Plainfield, for the Renovations to Putnam Street Park, Phase I, Contract No. 2002-1, and will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080, on August 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time.

The work includes the furnishing of all labor, material and equipment necessary or required to complete all work set forth in these Specifications and shown on the Plans. The estimated item quantities are summarized as follows:

ITEM	APPROXIMATE ESTIMATED QUANTITY
1. Mobilization	LS
2. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls	LS
3. Site Clearing	LS
4. Site Excavating, Filling and Grading	LS
5. Trench Stabilization Material	150 LF
6. 15" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Class IV	102 LF
7. 24" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Class IV	37 LF
8. 15" Flared End Section	2 UN
9. 8" Ductile Iron Pipe Sleeve	18 LF
10. 18" Ductile Iron Pipe Sleeve	54 LF
11. Type "E" Inlet	4 UN
12. Outflow Structure	1 UN
13. Rip-Rap	20 SY
14. 6" x 8" x 18" Concrete Curb	4 LF
15. Dense Graded Aggregate, 6" Thick, Pathway	1,568 SY
16. Bituminous Concrete Paving, 2" Th., Pathway	1,568 SY
17. Dense Graded Aggregate, 6" Thick	1,857 SY
18. Bituminous Concrete Paving, 2" Thick	1,857 SY
19. Concrete Wheel Stops	38 UN
20. Striping, 4" Wide	825 LF
21. Handicapped Parking Symbols	2 UN
22. Accessible Parking Signage	2 UN
23. Stop Sign, R1-1	2 UN
24. Volleyball Court Surfacing, 12" Th.	200 SY
25. 6" High Vinyl Coated Chain Link Fence	530 LF
26. 12" High Vinyl Coated Chain Link Fence	490 LF
27. Topsoiling, Fertilizing and Seeding	LS

Plans, Specifications and forms of bid for the proposed work prepared by Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Company, Municipal Engineer, have been filed in the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications, Plans and Proposal by the ENGINEER at the cost of preparation thereof, \$35.00, nonrefundable; plus \$10.00 postage and handling if mailed.

Bids must be made on the standard Proposal form in the manner designated therein and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Borough of South Plainfield and must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Bid Bond or Cashier's Check drawn to the order of the Borough of South Plainfield for ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid, provided said security need not be more than \$20,000.00. All bid guarantees shall be accompanied by an executed consent from an approved surety company, licensed to conduct business in the State of New Jersey, agreeing to furnish the required Performance and Maintenance Bond upon the award of contract.

The signed Proposal forms and bid security must be delivered to the place and on or before the hour named above. The accepted bidder must sign the contract within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award or forfeit his bid security. Bid securities will be returned to all but the three apparent lowest responsible bidders. All other bid securities will be returned within three days after awarding and signing of the contract and approval of the Contractor's Performance Bond, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirement of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), Affirmative Action Regulations.

The right is reserved to reject any or all Proposals, in whole or in part, or to make awards to such bidder or bidders who, in the judgement of the Borough of South Plainfield makes the most advantageous bid and to waive such informalities as may be permitted by law.

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July 5, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Jeffrey Courtney requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 40' x 10' irregular deck, proposed deck lacks the required 20' rear setback, 17' proposed and exceeds lot coverage by 186 s.f. or 1.9%, and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 78, Lot 12 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, July 18, 2002 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 6:00 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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policereport

• On June 25 a Franklin Ave. resident reported the theft of his wallet at Home Depot.

• Ryder Truck Rental reported that a Bostrom air operated driver's seat had been removed from a rental truck. The seat belts were cut and the seat unbolted and removed.

• A Cambridge Ave. resident reported his car had been damaged while parked in the impound lot behind Staats Auto Body on New Market Ave.

• On June 26 Kerry N. Stuart, 18 of Plainfield, was arrested for stealing a bike.

• A Bullard Pl. resident reported the theft of his son's bike from their rear yard.

• Minesh D. Patel, 19 of South

Plainfield, was arrested for possession of an imitation handgun for unlawful purposes.

• On June 27 Swift Terminal Manager Nicholas Mercado reported the theft of a 2002 Freightliner tractor trailer by an employee who had just been terminated.

• On Friday a Blanden, Pa. resident reported that her front passenger window was smashed out while parked at the Holiday Inn.

• Donald Aldelyn Williams, 28 of Newark, was arrested at a traffic stop for selling pirated CD's.

• On Saturday a Middlesex resident reported the theft of her wallet, cell phone and \$400 in cash from her pocketbook which she left under her seat during a movie.

• Joseph N. Maricic, 21 of Scotch Plains, was arrested for DWI.

• Terrence Clairmont Austin, 18 of South Plainfield, was arrested for DWI and DWI under legal age.

• On Sunday Yasser R. Elseht, 42 of South Plainfield, was arrested for simple assault at Bruno's Pizza Factory on Park Ave. after a verbal dispute.

• On Monday an Arlington Ave. resident reported leaving his bike in an alleyway on Hamilton Blvd. When he left his friend's house, the bike was gone.

• Miles Hersey, project manager for Turner Construction in Somerset, reported that four construction trailers had been broken into at the new Roosevelt School site. Bolt cutters and a pry tool were used to gain entry to the trailers. The total value of items stolen is not known at this time.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE:

Observer staff photographer Patricia Abbott has published and unpublished digital photos from recent South Plainfield events available for purchase. These photos include Middle, High School and Grant School plays, Jr. and Sr. Proms, Jo-Anne's Dance Studio Autism Benefit, Fire Department Oldies concert, Plainfield Animal Hospital 50th Anniversary, Sacred Heart Fair, Dennis Madalone's visit to South Plainfield, OLC Fair, Middle and High School graduations, Senior Prank, Project Graduation, SPSHS spring and winter concerts and Franklin Girl Scout workshop, Fire Dept. Wet Down, Labor Day '01 and much more.

If you are interested in seeing proofs of an event, please call 756-8011 and leave a message or email angelonly@aol.com. Prices are reasonable and all photos are printed on a high quality photo paper.

MISSING

Beloved family pet cat named Emmy. Last seen June 28 in area of Belmont Avenue. Mostly Black Calico - some red and white. Very sweet and loving. Owners are quite anxious for her return. If found or seen, please phone (908) 753-9269.

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Senior center builder Jack Morris receives a plaque of appreciation for his generous donation of the South Plainfield Senior Citizen center from Councilman Jim Vokral.

Senior Citizens Center Opens

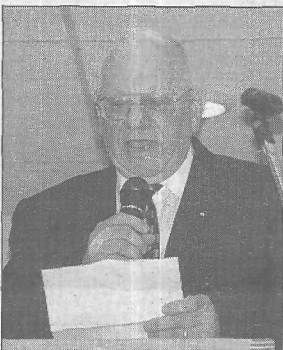
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the property was sold to Morris, he immediately applied to build.

Assemblyman Pat Diegnan summed it up at the opening ceremonies by saying, "Just three years ago this property was a gas station, and an ugly one at that. Now we have this beautiful building and it cost the taxpayers nothing." He gave most of the credit to Mayor Dan Gallagher, who had the vision to apply for a grant to

nity where he had his roots. Also receiving a special thank you was Harry Popik, who generously donated a check for \$10,000 to help furnish the senior center.

Another person who was recognized was Recreation Director Mike English, who pushed every day to see the project completed, no matter what complications were encountered. Last week, it was touch and go to meet the deadline, including getting the paint-



Joe Zekas, former president of South Plainfield Senior Citizens Club (PAL).



Senior Citizens Coordinator Sue Mishka.

purchase the station and for getting Jack Morris to agree to build the center at no cost.

More than 250 seniors and guests attended the grand opening. Special guests included Assemblyman Pat Diegnan, Freeholders Camile Franacolla, Dave Crabel and South

ing completed and the carpeting laid down. English spent countless hours at the senior center during the last few days before the Saturday opening. As Sue Mishka said, "Mike English truly accomplished a miracle this week in getting this place completed."

Everyone enjoyed touring the



The rear entrance to the Senior Citizens Center includes a drive through cantilever and almost 100 parking spaces.

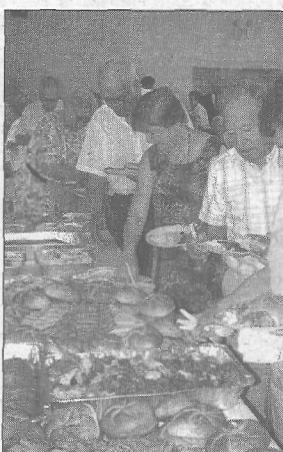
Plainfield's John Pulomena, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Ray Petronko, Charlie Butrico, Jim Vokral, Bob Cusick, Dennis Cerami, Police Chief Bob Merkle, Fire Chief Larry DelNegro, center builder Jack Morris, architect Joe DeAndrea, Joe Zekas and Sue Mishka. Opening prayers were said by Father John Paul Alvarado and closing prayers were said by Rev. Charles Mingle. Also on hand were former councilmembers Addie Levine and Owen Kelly.

A special plaque was presented to Jack Morris to thank him for his contribution of donating the cost of building the senior center. Morris said he just wanted to give back to a commu-

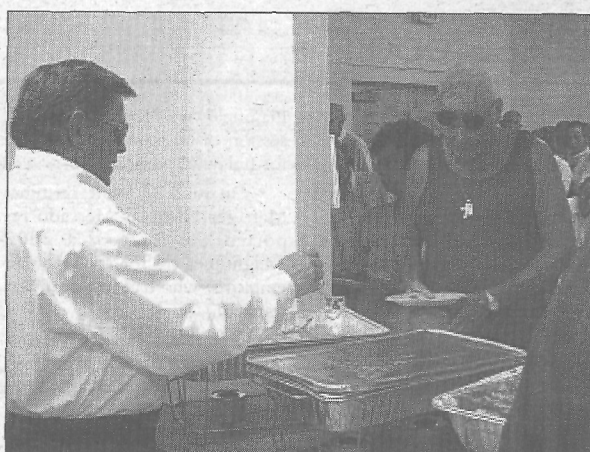
building. The center's facilities include a reading room, a card room, a pool room, a computer room, an arts and crafts room, a full kitchen and a huge auditorium with a stage.

To become a member of the South Plainfield Senior Center, you must be a South Plainfield resident (or a recent resident), and be at least 55 years old. To join, visit the center at the intersection of Maple and Lakeview avenues, across from the fire department. The center officially opens on Monday, July 8. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

See next week's *Observer* for a calendar of events and specifics for joining.



Visitors at the grand opening of the senior center enjoy refreshments.



Recreation Director Mike English serves up a buffet dinner to guests.

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