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## Krewer Resigns

Superintendent Leaving Post After 18 Months

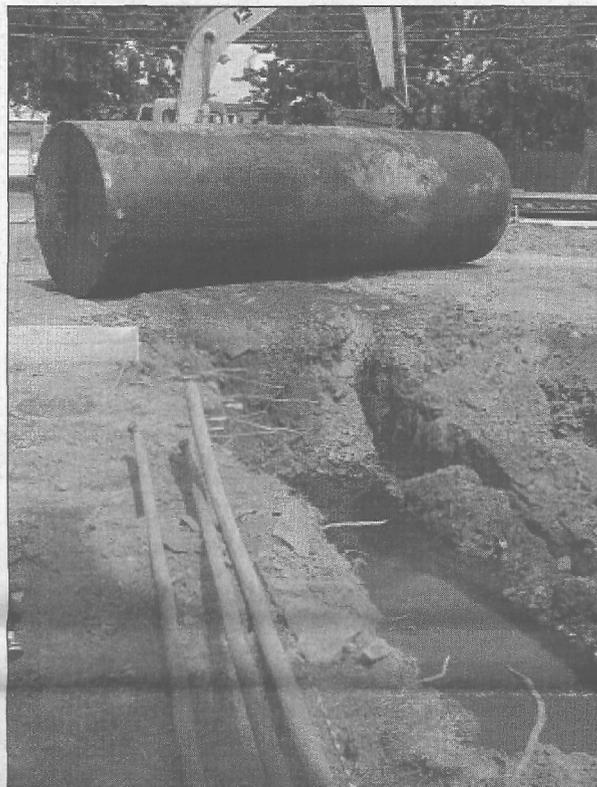
By Patricia Abbott

After just a year and a half on the job, Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer has submitted his resignation to the South Plainfield Board of Education. In a recent interview Krewer noted he has been totally happy in his position, but the time commitment of the job was seriously cutting into his quality of life and family time.

In addition to the long hours required of a superintendent, Krewer attends as many school functions as possible, both during the day and in the evening. He can be found enjoying annual events such as the All District Music Festival, banquets, various sports, Dr. Suess Birthday parties and social studies fairs, the music and choral concerts, DARE graduations and school plays. The Board of Education does not require him to attend the numerous cultural and social events that fill the South Plainfield school calendar, yet Krewer feels it is an important part of the job.

He is proud of the legacy he leaves behind, which includes a long range five-year plan, and various student self-

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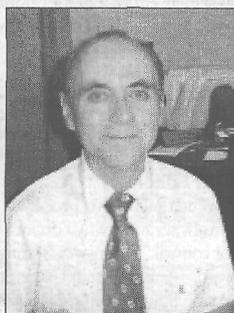
Workers constructing the new driveway at Roosevelt School unexpectedly unearthed a 100,000-gallon oil tank. The tank was not empty and oil was visible in the hole after the tank was removed. See photos and story on page 7.

## DeAndrea Named Grand Marshal

The Labor Day Parade Committee has announced that lifelong South Plainfield resident Joe DeAndrea has been named this year's Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal.

DeAndrea was surprised and humbled when he heard that he had been chosen. "It is truly an honor and a special thing, but I do believe there were people who were more worthy of this honor," he said.

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Joe DeAndrea

## "No Imminent Hazard"

DEP, EPA, PMK Concur on Testing Results in Veterans Park

Jim Johnson of the PMK Group presented the latest findings of soil testing at Veterans Park during last Thursday's Borough Council meeting. PMK Group is the environmental consultant to the Borough.

As far as a health danger to the residents of South Plainfield, Johnson said that testing so far has not shown any significant amount of PCBs. The asbestos tiles are not an airborne hazard and the black substance does not contain PCBs. He added that the DEP, the EPA and PMK all agreed that Veterans Park is not an imminent hazard. Councilman Jim Vokral said that the council overreacted when closing Veterans Park, choosing to err on the side of caution. The park will remain closed as a precaution until the clean-up is completed.

Johnson displayed a chart showing the locations where testing had taken place and the results of that testing. PMK had taken some preliminary samples between February and April in an area where a black substance was visible. They also took samples in several other places in the park that were areas of concern, including the playground area.

The results of the testing showed that the black material had some chemical content, but it did not match

up with any prior known substance. One test did come back showing a PCB hot spot. The results were 2.2 parts per million, slightly above the allowable standards.

In April, PMK submitted their report to the DEP for review and waited for them to respond back.

In the meantime, Robert Spiegel,



While testing is still ongoing, officials will keep the park closed on the side of caution.

executive director of the Edison Wetlands Association, began his own investigation of Veterans Park, after several neighbors complained about the black substance.

Spiegel's test results found PCBs and asbestos, and in the name of safety, Veterans Park was closed to the public. The annual Labor Day Parade, which traditionally uses the park was rerouted, and all of the summer recreation program children were relocated to other parks.

In all, testing has been performed by the DEP, EPA, Middlesex County and PMK, and none has yet uncovered exactly what the mysterious black substance is.

On Aug. 6 the DEP approved the plan presented by PMK to further study the area. Johnson said the study will include three areas of concern: the black substance area which is visible in the park, the asbestos area and the PCB area.

In the area of the one PCB site, which had a 2.2 reading, eight more samplings were taken around the property line between the park and the residences and all were below level, except one located near the vacant lot. PMK considers this an anomaly and not a significant area of concern, and will recommend to scrape out the area.

The mystery of the black substance has yet to be determined. Comparison with known products have been performed and despite several differ-

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## Maple Ave. Residents Seek Relief from Truck Traffic

Several residents who live along Maple Ave. attended last week's Borough Council meeting to continue their efforts to get truck traffic off Maple Ave.

Julius Johnson has become an advocate for the residents of Maple Ave. He has attended several council meetings in the past months, asking that truck traffic on Maple Ave. be prohibited. Johnson says that truck traffic has increased at an alarming rate and most trucks using Maple Ave. are speeding.

Representatives from the South Plainfield Police Department, as well as members of the council, have met with Johnson on several occasions to hear his complaints and try to find a solution to, among other things, trucks speeding on Maple Ave. Radar has been setup several times along Maple Ave. and a traffic study has been done. Last month, NJ State Police conducted a truck inspection and

issued summons to dozens of truck.

Maple Ave. is a county road and has been a main route through South Plainfield for many years.

Johnson said that Edison has been routing traffic down Inman Ave. onto Maple Ave. and they restrict trucks on several nearby roads, directing all truck traffic onto South Plainfield streets.

Jake Cataldo, Republican candidate for mayor, suggested that a survey be taken of the trucks using Maple Ave. He said trucks could be stopped and asked where they were coming from as well as their destination. However, Mayor Gallagher stated he has a problem with stopping trucks without a legitimate reason, because it is illegal. Cataldo, a retired South Plainfield police officer, said, "If you have a valid driver's license, you can stop anybody."

The mayor said he was willing to ask the truck companies to do a sur-

vey, but he would not be in favor of stopping the trucks along Maple Ave.

Johnson then asked the council to consider rerouting all truck traffic off Maple Ave. and having them turn either right or left onto Park Ave. and take either Oak Tree Ave. through town or Randolph Rd. in Plainfield.

Councilman Dennis Cerami said he would not support eliminating truck traffic on Maple Ave., because it would be unfair to the residents to move the trucks to other streets. Cerami also suggested that Johnson go to the Edison Council and complain about the way they are routing trucks. He added that we have no control over what Edison does on its roads.

Johnson also asked that a traffic light be put on Maple Ave. near the entrance of the Spring Lake Park. He stressed that if the Borough strictly enforced the speed limit the truckers would get the message.

Both Gallagher and Cerami said

the police will continue to stop speeders and issue summons. Gallagher said he met with officials from the truck companies to tell their drivers to slow down and obey the speed limit.

Gallagher added that traffic would be decreased when the Helen Street Project is completed, but he could not give an exact date when the project will be finalized. It is federally funded, which requires a lot of red tape, has to go through many departments and entails a lot of paperwork.

Councilman Charles Butrico said he will be giving an update on the Helen Street Project in the near future. He said the environment assessment document has been submitted to the federal authorities, which means that the route meets the environmental requirements of the EPA. After it is approved, the project moves to the design stage. He added that it is still a few years away, but is moving closer to completion.

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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, September 3 ..... Thursday, September 5  
Monday, September 16 ..... Thursday, September 19

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

## planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
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  
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.  
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  
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. - 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. - 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  
(Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 18

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# IN YOUR OPINION

### To the Editor:

On Aug. 5, 2002, the South Plainfield Police Department hosted its Fifth Annual Bicycle Rodeo at Spring Lake Park in South Plainfield. Over 200 children attended the event, which promoted bike safety and theft prevention. The children first had a safety check performed on their bike, by borough resident Steve Seigel and his son, Jason. They then took part in a safety obstacle course staffed by State Farm Insurance, where upon completion, they received a "photo license."

As part of the "Baron Von Pedaloff" anti theft program, approximately 90 children registered their bikes with the police department. This program, designed by retired South Plainfield Officer William Frink, encourages the children to register their bikes with the police department in the event they are stolen.

The department distributed 50 bicycle helmets to children who attended that did not have helmets. The helmets were purchased with funds donated by the South Plainfield Traffic Advisory Commission. Additional funds for the event were provided by Halls Fast Motor Freight and McCrisky Home for Funerals.

The children feasted on hotdogs, soda, Haagen Dazs ice cream and Rita's Italian Ice. Rita's Italian Ice, Hall's Fast Motor Freight, Freihofers Bakery, Roma Foods, Pepsi Co, Poland Spring, A&P donated these items. Staples, Lynn Graphics and Classic Signs provided printed materials for the event.

Finally, 20 lucky children won raffle prizes, consisting of 13 locks, two tricycles, two bicycles and two 26-inch bicycles. Each child who attended was eligible for the raffle. The raffle prizes were donated by the I. Lehroff & Co. of Edison, the Kryptonite Lock Company and Ron and Lynn Sward of Physical Therapy Center of South Plainfield.

I would like to personally thank the sponsors for their generous support of this annual event. It is nice to see that their efforts have a positive impact on protecting the safety of our children.

**SINCERELY,  
SGT. KEVIN MURTAGH,  
TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT**

### Dear Editor:

When talking to people in town, I'm always asked why I decided to run for council. The answer is straightforward. I want to help change the direction South Plainfield is heading in. Like everyone else, I care about our community. Yet over the last decade or so things have taken a bad turn. Those in control say things are looking up. To an extent they are right: taxes are up, crime is up, traffic congestion is up and construction is up. With these things, though, *up* is not a good thing.

The crime rate alarms me. It stunned me to learn that we have one of the highest crime rates in the county - fourth highest out of 25 towns in the 2001 crime report. Each week the paper lists another home broken into and another business robbed. We've got to devote the proper resources to

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crime prevention. Right now, we are not.

Taxes are soaring. Between 1993 and 2001, the tax rate shot up almost 80%. And last year the mayor and council added a million dollars to the budget. Where did the million dollars go? We've got to do more than just pay lip service to fiscal discipline.

Like crime and taxes, traffic congestion is also rising. Traffic snarls, even in the middle of the day, make getting from one end of town to the other a hassle.

Finally, the one thing that ties all these problems together is overbuilding. The towns building tidal wave must end before the swell engulfs us. I don't oppose all growth, and I couldn't stop it if I did. But over the last decade we've added thousands of garden apartments, condos and townhouses. We are growing too much and too quick. We need to slow things down.

As corny as it might sound, I want this year's election to be one of ideas. For example, I was happy to see that the mayor took Jake Cataldo's suggestion to put the police department's speed display sign on Maple Ave. Obviously this won't solve the problem, but it is a step in the right direction. If we recognize problems - rather than ignore them - we can solve them.

We need a change in course. If you agree, I ask for your vote in November.

**SINCERELY,  
MARJORIE M. REEDY,  
CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL**

### Letter to the Editor:

Sadly, it seems the Republican candidates for Mayor and Council are already stooping to new lows before the campaign season even begins.

I was actually saddened when I read Republican Council candidate Campion's letter which appeared in last week's newspaper. The candidate didn't attempt to collect any information about Veteran's Park and didn't even bother to attend Thursday night's Council Meeting where we had the environmental expert give a detailed presentation on the Park.

Let me assure our residents that there is no imminent danger at the park. The black substance does not contain PCB's and it will be removed. The isolated area containing floor tiles will be excavated. Eight tests were conducted along the fence line for PCB's. Seven showed no PCB's and one showed slightly elevated levels. That isolated spot will be removed next week. Even though the Department of Environmental Protection did not require it, the Mayor and Council closed the park to be extra cautious to protect the health of our residents.

If Republican candidate Campion even bothered to ask, he would know this information. In his letter, he said, "We're looking. I respond, "From where? Obviously, not from a Council Meeting.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
JAMES VOKRAL**

### Dear Editor,

I received my tax bill last week, and in it was this year's first campaign ad from the Democrats. It's a litany of so-called successes brought to us by the Gallagher administration. I thought after reading it, what would happen if it spoke the truth? This is how it might go:

*"Dear Fellow Resident,  
I hope you are enjoying your summer! The first half of 2002 has been very busy. We have squandered a million - yes I said a million - dollars more this year than last. We had a hard time spending it, but were finally able to toy with it enough, (you might not recall that municipal taxes jumped almost 80% since we took over)*

*Speaking of taxes, don't forget to check your tax bill for the big school-tax increase. We had nothing to do with it - blame the school board. Just don't look too close, or you might realize that the multi-million-dollar school construction project resulted from the carte blanche we gave our builder friends.*

*And don't forget about the Helen Street project. We've been promising this for more than a decade. But trust me, it will happen soon, as will our plans to reverse aging, find a cure for the common cold and achieve world peace.*

*Finally, we hope you're enjoying all the roads we've repaved. South Plainfield is the only town in Middlesex County, possibly the nation, that has paved roads. Yes, and we did it with pay-through-the-nose - oops, I mean pay-as-you-go - government. Anyway, even if you're not enjoying the roads, remember, things are looking up in South Plainfield, and we're not just talking about crime and traffic.*

*If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to contact me, the mayor, or any of the council members. We might even get back to you if you're not Jake Cataldo.*

*Yours truly,  
The Council President"*

I'm hoping that after the mayor and his buddies on the council read this they will insert copies in their next borough-paid mailing. They have my permission.

**ROBERT JONES, JR.**

### To the Editor,

As president of the South Plainfield Business Association, I would like to respond to recent letters and articles regarding Maple Ave. truck traffic. My first home in South Plainfield was on Oak Tree Ave., so I can relate to the situation. I'm sure most of us would like to live on nice quiet streets. I don't know many people who enjoy the noise and vibration from vehicles, especially the larger ones.

That being said, some of the recent suggestions seem inappropriate to us at the SPBA. Restricting truck traffic on Maple Ave. would not eliminate the situation, only move it. A radar gun is set up to raise awareness. Stricter enforcement of the 25 mph speed limit is also helping to alleviate the situation. The borough's long term plans are designed to reduce truck

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## “No Imminent Hazard”

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ent laboratories they were sent to, there has been no match. However, it has been established that the black substance is not a hazardous waste material. After determining its depth, which may vary from several inches to six feet, PMK will probably recommend removal and disposal offsite.

The asbestos found is in two areas. The first is tiles that were placed along the banks of the flood area years ago and reach about 12 feet from the bank into the park area. The other spot is in the rear of the park where found it was found in the soil. Its contents are broken up and mixed into the soil. Depending upon further testing, it will either be removed or capped.

The exact cost will be determined when all of the studies have been completed. PMK will make recommendations to the council, then the DEP, and only then can a clean-up begin. All clean-up plans must be submitted and approved by the DEP.

More samplings of the area are still needed and, according to Johnson, that could take another two months. When the DEP gets the plans, their approval could add two more months before the clean-up starts. An actual time period could not be given, but Johnson said that Veterans Park has been assigned a case manager, Linda Range, and she has promised to move things along as quickly as possible.

Bob Spiegel was present at the meeting and commended the council for their active role in sampling, testing and plans to clean-up the park. He did ask that the signs posted in front of the park be upgraded to say more than just the park is closed.



Pictured left to right are Calvin Smith, Financial Manager for New York Metro; Joe Diegnan, CBA President and James Moreland, District Manager.

## Penske Trucking Wins Glitter Award

James P. Moreland, District Manager of Penske Truck Leasing, recently accepted the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award.

CBA President Joe Diegnan presented the award to Mr. Moreland at Penske's facility at 2364 South Clinton Ave. Calvin Smith, Financial Manager for the New York Metro area, was on hand to accept the award, which was presented in recognition of Penske's ongoing excellent property maintenance. Penske is a \$3 billion corporation with service centers throughout North America. They employ 30 people and lease and service over 800 vehicles at this location. They manage fleets for large companies such as Marriott and the Star Ledger.

Penske began leasing this location

about twelve years ago because of its nearness to the Star Ledger's Piscataway plant. They "penskeized" the property when they moved in. Mr. Moreland noted that both they and their clients are fastidious about appearance. Not only is the building frontage meticulously landscaped by Perfection Landscaping (a South Plainfield business), but the rear of the property is in equally good condition. The tree-lined walk to the customer service entrance goes past a litter can and a cigarette butt bucket. A picnic bench adds to the park-like atmosphere.

Mr. Smith, who is in charge of property maintenance, said they don't have much trouble with litter blowing onto the property, but they do have

## Sportworld Relocating; Hopes Move Will Aid Downtown Revitalization

by Jane Dornick

Sportworld, South Plainfield's hometown sporting good store, plans on batting a thousand when it relocates to the former Pik-A-Toy location in the center of the downtown area at 17 South Plainfield Ave. They plan to make the move on Oct. 1.

They are currently located in the Golden Acres Shopping Center on the corner of Park Ave. and Oak Tree Rd., where they have been for 25 years.

Sportworld will be moving to a much larger space, the site of the original home of South Plainfield's first movie theater in 1922. More space

will allow them to accommodate a larger variety of sports equipment. It will also allow them to do lettering, embroidery and silk screening on the premises. Team uniforms, jackets, t-shirts and caps will now be personalized in house.

A more concentrated emphasis will be placed on team sports, including baseball, softball, soccer, football, basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, field hockey, lacrosse and track and field.

Plans are in the works for the top floor of the building to be transformed into a batting and catching area. Pitching machines, training devices and pitching tunnels are also proposed for the space.

Co-owner Tom Kiczula has big ideas for his grand opening, which will be combined with Sportworld's 25th anniversary celebration. He wants to play up the fact that the new space was a former theater location and plans a showy Broadway premier theme. Closing down the road on a Saturday night, bringing in big spot lights and of course, the traditional red carpet are among the ideas he is working on for the gala evening. He's even looking for notable sports personalities from the South Plainfield, Edison and Metuchen areas to appear as local celebrities.

Keep reading for more updates in the coming weeks.

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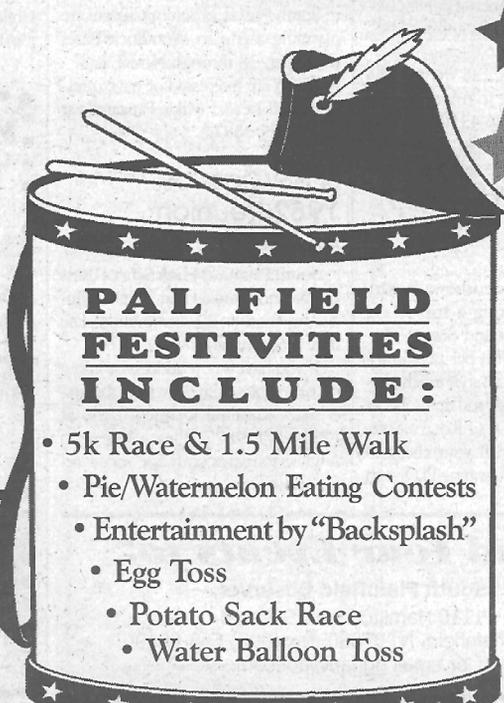
# “Celebrating Our Freedom”

## The 45th Annual Labor Day Parade

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Bring the Whole Family!

Fireworks at dusk in  
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- PAL FIELD FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:**
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  - Egg Toss
  - Potato Sack Race
  - Water Balloon Toss

Enjoy  
**Plenty of Food at the Field!**

If your organization would like to participate in the parade, or is looking for a fundraising idea and would like to have a concession in the park, please call Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1517.

# Events Around Town

## Community Pool to Host Hawaiian Night For Members Only

August 20

The South Plainfield Community Pool will have special hours on Tuesday, Aug. 20. The pool will be open at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for members only. The pool will be closed between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the pool will host a "Hawaiian Night" for members only, 18 years and older. Events will include a DJ, tournaments, games, etc.

## SPHS Class of 1969 Reunion Planned

August 31

SPHS Class of 1969 will be reunited on Aug. 31 at Willows Restaurant, 1013 N. Washington Ave. in Green Brook. For information, call Jody Buccellato at (404) 847-0960 or Elizabeth Don at (732) 942-5170.

## Battle of the Badges Charity Game

September 1

The annual Battle of the Badges Charity Softball Game, sponsored by the South Plainfield Elks Handicapped Children's Comm. will be held on Sunday, Sept. 1 starting at 7:30 p.m.

The South Plainfield Volunteer Firemen will be pitted against the South Plainfield Police Department. This annual event is a must see for all residents and the proceeds all go to the Elks Handicapped Children's Fund.

This year's softball game will be played at the Little League Field #2, in the Junior Baseball Complex, off of Belmont Ave.

## Tickets for Mets and Yankees Available

September 3

Let's Go Out to A Baseball Game! 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.

## 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 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.

## SPHS Field Hockey Alumni Game

September 8

The SPHS field hockey field, located between the middle school and high school, will be rededicated as the Carol Espinosa Memorial Field on Sunday, Sept. 8. The rededication will take place at 3 p.m. The alumni game

## What's happening in AUGUST

Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
(908) 754-1047

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## Senior Center EVENTS

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<b>EVENTS</b>				
<b>Make Your own Sundae</b>				
<b>Aug. 20</b>				
<b>The Senior Center is air conditioned.</b>				
Walking Club 9 AM 19 Sign-up Friday Pizza \$2 Yoga 10:30AM	Walking Club 9AM 20 Bingo 10AM-2PM Sign up for Pizza \$2 Make Your Sunday 2PM Aerobics/Dance 10:30AM	Walking Club 9AM 21 AARP Crafts 1 PM Movie 11:30AM	Walking Club 9 AM 22 Shopping 9AM	Walking Club 9 AM 16 Bingo 10 AM - 2 PM Pizza 11:30 AM (\$2)
<b>TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.</b>				

## Spring Lake Park Concert Series

South Plainfield residents are invited to attend the summer Sunday concerts in Spring Lake Park, sponsored by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders Department of Parks and Recreation. The concerts take place on Sundays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and are free. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music.

AUG. 18 The Associates (Art Smith Leader)

25 The Chet Varner Band (Chet Varner Leader)

will follow. All alumni are welcome.

For more information, call Karen Maszczak at (908)-769-7136.

## Rec Sponsors Trip To Broadway

October 10

On Oct. 10, the South Plainfield Recreation will sponsor a trip to see Billy Joel's new hit musical "Moving Out." The cost is \$110 and includes transportation and orchestra seat tickets.

For more information contact the PAL at 226-7713.

## SPHS Classes of 1972-73 Reunion

October 12

A joint reunion of the South Plainfield High School classes of 1972 and 1973 will be held on Oct. 12, at the Clarion Hotel and Towers Windsor Ballroom on Route 27 in Edison.

If you are a member of either class, contact one of the organizers listed below.

For information, call the Clarion at (732) 287-3500, Jo Anne Kaschak Catelli at (732) 286-4310 or Carol Garrubbo Boyer at (908) 771-0901.

## 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 Theatre* on Oct. 17. \$80 per person includes bus trip, Amish style lunch, theater spectacular, taxes and tips. Checks made payable to OLC Rosary Society by Aug. 10. Mail your check to Maria Seliga, 1710 Pershing Pl., South

Plainfield, NJ 07080 or contact Maria at (908) 769-7735.

## Senior Citizen Center to Hold Dinner Theatre Trips

October 17 & December 23

The South Plainfield Senior Citizen Center will be sponsoring two dinner theatre trips.

The first trip will on Oct. 17 to the Lafayette House, featuring the Rag-time Graninies. The cost is \$40 per person.

The second trip will be held on Dec. 23 to the Hunterdon Playhouse for their "Christmas Show." The cost is \$50 dollars per person.

For information and registration contact the PAL at 226-7713.

## Seniors' Trip to the Woodlock Pines

Oct. 28-Nov. 1

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. Please log onto www.classmates.com for more reunion information.

## — Out of Town —

## Durham Chapel to Hold Seminar

August 17-18

Durham Chapel, located on New Durham Ave. will be holding a seminar entitled: "Creation vs. Evolution" presented by Mission Imperative. The seminar takes place Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18.

Doors open at 9 a.m. There is no cost for this seminar.

## Woodbridge Area WOWs Plan Dance

August 18

Woodbridge Area Widows or Widowers (WOWs) Dance/Social Sunday, Aug. 18, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Live Band and refreshments. Admission is \$8. The event will be held at the Elk's Hall at 665 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge.

For more information, call (732) 297-1775.

## Cedar Oaks Care Plans Baby Parade

August 24

Cedar Oaks Care Center, located on Durham Ave. is planning a Baby Parade on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. Children five and under are invited to join the parade. Prizes will be awarded

for most photogenic and best dressed in each group.

Call Kelly Finnegan at (732) 287-9555, ext. 139 for an application.

## CHATS Support Group Meeting

August 26

Adoption Support. CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, at Wachung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Wachung Ave. in North Plainfield.

"A Korean Adoptee's Story"-Deborah Celmer will share her story of growing up and returning to Korea to meet her birth parents. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

## Good News International Concert

August 29

On Thursday, Aug. 29, Good News International will present a night of inspiration and music by the internationally acclaimed musician and author, Tony Melendez. He appears with singer and songwriter Steve Angrisano. Melendez has played before Pope John Paul II, performed at Super Bowls and before U.S. presidents. A thalidomide baby, born without arms, he is truly an inspiring and gifted guitarist, using only his toes to produce captivating and unforgettable songs.

Concert begins at 7:30 at St. Veronica Church, 4215 Route 9 No., Howell. Meet the artists and purchase their music. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Credit cards are accepted. Group rates and family discounts are available. To purchase tickets or for info, call Good News International at 1-800-430-0586.

## "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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## Explosive Chemical Reaction Injures Six

Wednesday afternoon a "runaway reaction" caused the evacuation of almost 70 employees of OMG in the Ferro Electronic Material Systems building, formerly DeGussa-Huls, on So. Clinton Ave.

Two contractors and one OMG employee were injured in the chemical reaction. One suffered first degree burns over 30 percent of his body, said Mayor Dan Gallagher. The two contractors had spotty burns, according to Emergency Management Director Michael Zushma.

The workers were transported to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick. OMG Vice President Mike McNally reported that the men were not seriously injured and would probably be released after observation.

Also injured during the incident were Edison Co. #2 fireman Dennis Malecki, Gene Burns of Clara Barton and South Plainfield Rescue Squad worker John Straccio. All three were transported to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. The extent of their injuries is unknown.

Zushma said that the chemicals involved in the disastrous mix were ammonium hydroxide, ammonium bicarbonate and tetraamine-platinum-hydrogen.

South Plainfield Police, Fire, Rescue Squad and Emergency Management responded to the incident. Numerous surrounding area companies responded as well, Edison Fire Co. #2, Plainfield Fire Department, Piscataway's New Market Fire Department, Clara Barton, Middlesex County HAZMAT, as well as Mercy 6 and 7.

## Pet Adoptions Aug. 17 and 18

People for Animals, a nonprofit welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18, noon until 4 p.m. at PETSMART in Bridgewater at the Promenade Mall at the intersection of Route 28 and Route 287. Cats and kittens will also be available on Aug. 17 during the same hours at PETSMART at the Watchung Square Mall on Route 22 in Watchung.

Among the many cats for adoption will be Dylan, a two-year-old orange long haired front-declawed cat. He is current with his distemper vaccination, wormed and tested negative for FIV and feline leukemia. Dylan is sweet and a little shy, and used to living with other cats. To adopt or for other information, call (908)668-1073 and press 8 for cat adoption or 1 for dog adoption. Other pets for adoption can be seen on the Internet at [www.pfa.petfinder.org](http://www.pfa.petfinder.org).



Left to right Chandra Sekhar, Padmaja Sondur and Srinu Maryada.

## SRI Discount Liquors Opens in Middlesex Mall

A new discount liquor store opened on Aug. 1 next to the Division of Motor Vehicles at Middlesex Mall.

SRI Discount Liquors spacious store features cold beer, a large variety of liquor and wine, and gift baskets that can be made to order. Manager Srinu Maryada says that he is taking special orders from customers on items that are not currently stocked that can usually be picked up within 24 hours.

Maryada is a South Plainfield resi-

dent and had been managing two liquor stores in South Jersey for the past two years. His expertise can assist you in choosing the product you are looking for.

SRI offers discounts on all of its items 365 days a year, with deep discounts on Scotch and wines.

The store is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

For more information call (908) 222-8720.

## Alliance Bible Church Plans Sept. 11 Services

Alliance Bible Church located at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren plans a Remembrance Service on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Nearly everyone remembers where they were when they first heard the news of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on America. The world stood still as it watched the horrific events unfold... asking why, how and who. In just a few weeks, the world will mark the one-year anniversary of those attacks.

Following last year's tragedy, churches didn't have time to prepare for the influx of visitors in their services seeking refuge, hope and answers to the tragedy. While church attendance spiked in the immediate days and weeks following the tragedy, statistics show that church attendance - and more importantly - the spiritual focus of those people changed very little. For many people, it has been back to "business as usual," pushing aside their spiritual hunger. With the anniversary of events approaching, coupled with the increased possibility of more terrorist attacks, many are beginning again to ask the tough questions of life.

Alliance Bible Church wants to be there to answer those questions. On Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Al-

liance Bible Church is hosting a Remembrance Service to honor those who died in last year's tragedy, and also to give hope to those still living. Included in the service will be a message of hope from Rev. Brent Haggerty entitled "How Can I Overcome My Grief?" There will also be a place available for people to write their prayers or memories of lost loved ones. Testimonies will be shared from a man who was inside the towers when the planes hit, and also from a soldier just returning from Afghanistan. There will also be a time of recognition for our honored guests including local politicians, police, fire, rescue workers and military personnel. The service will end with a candlelight vigil.

Everyone is invited to participate in this service on a night that is sure to be remembered by all. The service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Alliance Bible Church, 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren.

For more information, call the church office at (732) 469-1425 or check our website at [www.alliance-biblechurch.com](http://www.alliance-biblechurch.com).

### 3rd Quarter Taxes Deadline Extended

South Plainfield residents have been granted a 15 day grace period to pay their third quarter taxes, due the late mailing of the third quarter tax bills. Third Quarter taxes must be paid by Aug. 30.

Tax bills were mailed two weeks ago.

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## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Altobelli, Guaracci to Wed in Sept. 2004

Patricia and Thomas Guaracci of South Plainfield announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Guaracci to Andrew Altobelli, son of Louis and Jane Altobelli, also of South Plainfield.

Heather, a graduate of Kean College, holds a degree in Elementary Education and Economics. She is employed by Straight Edge Striping as a manager and accountant and is also a muralist.

Andrew, also a graduate of Kean College, majored in Management and Science. He is self employed with Straight Edge Striping.

The wedding is planned for February of 2004.



Andrew Altobelli & Heather Guaracci

### Diane Gualano and Gregory Kuhn are Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kuhn

Diane Lynn Gualano of South Plainfield, daughter of Robert Kuchera and the late Carole Kuchera of South Plainfield, was married on June 8 to Gregory Francis Kuhn, son of

Harry and Dominique Kuhn of South Plainfield.

The couple was married at Embassy Suites Hotel, Piscataway.

Kristen Gualano, daughter of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Emily Kuhn, sister of the groom and Theresa Lamastro, friend of the bride. Randy Kuhn, brother of the groom, served as best man. Christopher Gualano, son of the bride, served as junior best man. Christopher Riggi, friend of the groom, served as groomsman.

The bride attended South Plainfield High School, and is employed by Stephen Izzi Trucking and Rigging, Inc., Edison.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of South Plainfield High School, and is employed by Dasco Corporation, Edison.

The couple has a Disney cruise planned for their honeymoon. They will reside in South Plainfield.

## VFW Forming Men's Auxiliary

VFW Memorial Post #6763 is forming a men's auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Membership in the men's auxiliary is limited to husbands, widowers, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, brothers and half brothers (who attained that status prior to age 16) of Foreign Wars

of the United States.

For more information on the men's auxiliary to the VFW, and applications to join, stop at the Post home, 155 Front Street, South Plainfield after 3 p.m. daily or noon on weekends, or call (908) 668-9751 during those hours.

### Share Your Good News With the Community!

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Randolph Ave. residents enjoy an assortment of food at their recent block party.

### Randolph Ave. Celebrates Patriotism at Block Party



By Patricia Abbott

A block party is the perfect place for neighbors to share their American spirit. The residents of Randolph Ave. did just that when they recently banded together in a display of patriotism that ran the gamut from clothing and party decorations to red, white and blue lights outside their homes. The annual event was held on Randolph

Ave. between Leonard and Adeline Ave. Ninety attendees enjoyed food, cold drinks and games. Everyone brought a hot dish, salad or dessert.

Youngsters cajoled the older set to play fair during a rambunctious round of adult musical chairs. A one end of the street was colorfully displayed sidewalk chalk art. A DJ arrived late afternoon. As the sun disappeared, white and blue lights were lit to brighten the

remaining hours of the party.

Contest winners were: hat contest, Mary Lillis (adult) and Katie O'Brien (child); adult musical chairs, Michael Lillis; kids three-legged race, Victoria Gaydos and Brigitte Bowden, Katie and Kelly O'Brien; chalk drawing contest, Victoria Gaydos, Brigitte Bowden, Kyle Mckenna, Troy Mckenna, Katie and Kelly O'Brien, James Vislocky; and egg toss, Victoria Gaydos.

## Do Your Bit -- Purchase A Brick!

Show your support for our local firemen. Your purchase of a brick will help fund the South Plainfield Firemen's Memorial to be built next to the Senior Citizen Center. Your brick will be engraved with the name of your choice and placed on the path to the memorial. Bricks can be purchased for only \$75 for individuals or \$175 for businesses.

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# Bookmarks

#### Story Times are "On Vacation"

Following the end of the summer reading program, story times and craft programs are cancelled for the next three weeks. Children's programs will resume on Sept. 10. The Library also makes available nearly all titles on summer reading lists published by the South Plainfield Schools. September is nearly here, so come in and find a book...or book on tape. The children's room recently received a gift collection of Newbery Medal titles on cassette. These audio books each contain two to four cassettes and feature well-known narrators.

#### "A Chapter a Day"

Join the Online Book Club and receive chapters from popular books in your daily e-mail. Every day, Monday through Friday, you receive a portion of a chapter that takes five minutes to read. After you've read two or three chapters from a book, you receive a new book. There is no charge for this service; you can join by visiting the Library website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). You do not even need a library card. Recent selections include *A Painted House*, *Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway*, *Seabiscuit*, and *P is for Peril*.

#### Ronda Wisniewski, Craft Designer

Visit Ronda's exhibit of crafts on display at the Library through the month of August. Explore the collection of greeting cards, jewelry, textile crafts, book bags, fun crafts for kids, and much more.

#### "What is a monotreme?"

Find out the answer to this puzzler and discover over 2,000 other fun and fascinating "things you never knew" from our Fugitive Facts File. The answers are available from any online public catalog at the Library or via the web at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). From the home page, choose "Library Catalog," then "Fugitive Facts". Try these: What is a pinniped? What is the smallest bone in the body? Name two countries that do not use the metric system, other than the United States. Which three presidents died on the Fourth of July? Who invented the vaccination for rabies?

#### Need a Notary?

Yes, we offer notary services here in the Library. Please call ahead for availability. There is a small fee of \$1.00 per page. We also offer fax services and sell US postage stamps.

#### Green Thumb Volunteers

Is anyone interested in helping keep our Library entrance and wildflower garden beautiful and weed-free? We welcome anyone who enjoys gardening to volunteer a small amount of time each month to the Library. If interested, call Sunnie Fenn, Director, at 908-754-7885.

#### Got Questions?

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# 100,000-Gallon Oil Tank Uncovered at Roosevelt School Construction Site

While excavators were clearing an area for a new parking lot at Roosevelt School on Monday, the construction crew uncovered a 100,000-gallon oil tank. The discovery came as a complete surprise to everyone, since it was not indicated on any excavation maps available to the crew.

The tank was found in front of Roosevelt on Jackson Ave. The huge oil tank was apparently not empty and was leaking in several places.

Weniger Tank Removal was called in immediately and the EPA was notified by Project Manager Atiqur Rahman of ANS Consultants, Inc. and Mike Pochick representing Turner Construction, who is the builder of the new elementary school.

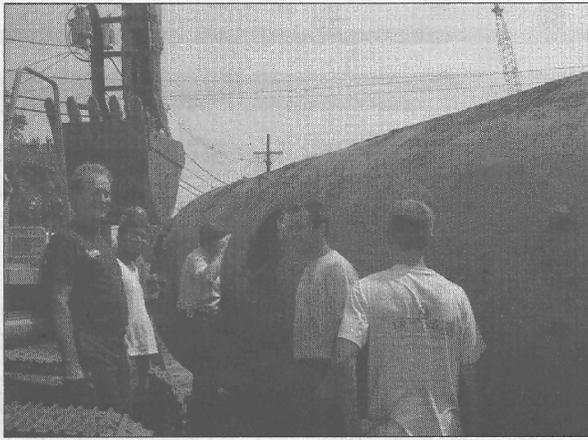
How long the tank has been buried in the ground is still a mystery, but the EPA did have a record of it being inspected in 1974. Roosevelt School, one the oldest schools in the district, actually used coal to heat the school when it was first built and then switched to oil heat.

Guy Weck from LORCO Disposal removed approximately 18,000 to 19,000 gallons of a mixture containing water and sludge—mostly sludge. He then cleaned the tank so it could be removed from the site. Weck also removed an unknown amount of oil which had spilled into the hole when the oil tank was taken out of the ground.

The soil where the oil tank was found, as well as the surrounding area, will need to be tested and removed before any work can continue on the parking lot. Pochick of Turner Construction said that it could become a problem, because in less than three weeks school will be starting.

The parking lot in the rear of the school is finished and only requires paving. Both the front and back parking lots were scheduled for paving beginning early next week.

The construction of the new school will not be interrupted by the discovery of the oil tank. Work is moving along and is on schedule. The steel framework is almost completed and construction of the brick exterior will begin in a few weeks.



Looking into the hole of the tank to see if it is clean is Borough Inspector Tom Tracy. Looking on are Guy Weck from LORCO Disposal, Atiqur Rahman from ANS Consultants, Inc. and Tim Weniger, Jr. from Weniger Tank Removal.



The oil tank is being lifted and placed on a truck for removal.

## Przewoznik Family Renews Metuchen Road Adoption

Jean Evans, caretaker of the Marinoware property at 345 Metuchen Rd., has signed a new Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the coming year. The adopted spot

covers the stretch between the railroad tracks and the Itran property line. Evan's son, Jeffrey Przewoznik, and grandson Justin Przewoznik will continue picking up litter from both sides of the road.

The family formally adopted this spot in 1999, although they had been cleaning the roadside for years prior to that out of concern for the safety of bicyclists and joggers. Metuchen Rd. is a heavily used industrial road with a constant litter problem and no sidewalks.

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

# Sports



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

**Parade Committee**—We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with this year's float for the Labor Day Parade. We need parents to meet and come up with the design for the float and other who will actually construct the float. If we do not get volunteers to assist with the float, the All-Star players will not be participating in this year's Labor Day Parade. Please contact me if you are able to assist in anyway.

**Ponytail Softball Association Meeting**—August 27—The South Plainfield Parent's Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, August at 7:30 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 back to 7:30 p.m.

**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 Webmasterspponytail.com found on our home page.

## Greg Cassio Competes in His First Ironman Triathlon

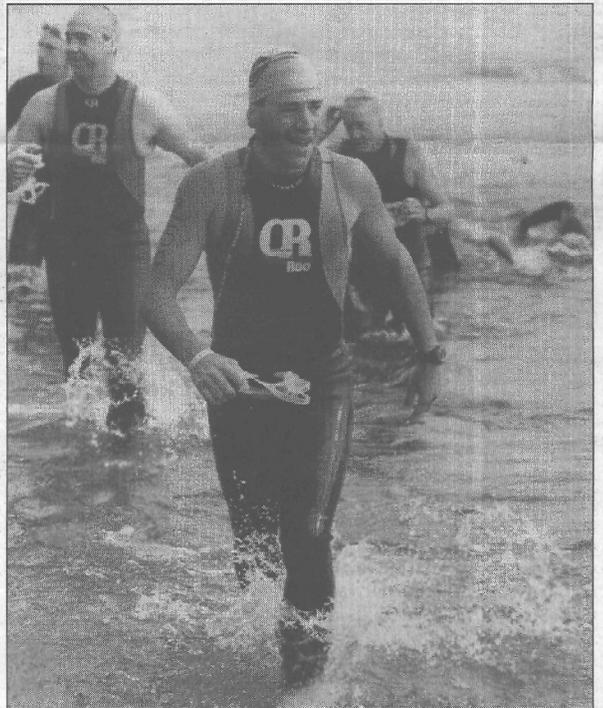
South Plainfield resident Greg Cassio participated in his first Ironman Triathlon. The event took place in Lake Placid, NY, on July 29.

This international event consists of swimming for 2.4 miles, biking for

112 miles and running for 26.2 miles.

Greg completed all three events in only 13 hours and 45 minutes and finished 1,123 out of over 2000 participants.

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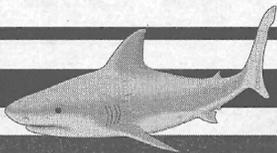
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# Sports

## SWIMMING



Maggie Valentino readies herself for the anchor leg of the girls eight and under relay. Tiger Sharks eight and under girls sweep the gold in both medley and freestyle relays.



Joanna Luzny, Emily Piekarski, Amanda Ray and Sarah Konops pose for the media at conference finals.

### Tiger Sharks Take High Points At Roycefield Sprint Meet

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks competed at the Roycefield Sprint Meet on July 4 at Roycefield Swim Club in Hillsborough and had more than one swimmer bring home the High Point Trophy, as well as having a swimmer who achieved a perfect score.

A sprint meet is made up of all 25 yard events and 15 teams from Central Jersey competed at Roycefield.

South Plainfield's top winner for the day was CalvinJohn Smiley, with a perfect score of 40, winning the High Point Trophy for 15-year-old males. This is the fifth time he has won the high point trophy for his age group at this meet, winning previously when he was ages nine, 10, 11 and 13. A resident of South Plainfield, CalvinJohn is a lifeguard at the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool and a student at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. He took first place in all four events for his age (Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. In the Freestyle race, his time was 11.21 seconds, setting a new record for 15-year-olds at this meet.)

Dylan McDermott won the High Point Trophy for eight-year-old male swimmers. At eight years of age, this is already the second year in a row he has received the High Point Trophy, also having won it last year for the seven-year-old males. Dylan took first place in three events: Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. He placed fifth in Backstroke, which gave him a total score of 36 points for the meet. The Tiger Sharks are expecting big things from Dylan in the future to go with his current wins.

Maggie Valentino took High Point Trophy for eight-year-old female swimmers, achieving first place in Breaststroke. She also placed second in Backstroke and third in both Butterfly and Freestyle. These placings gave Maggie a total of 35 points for the meet, enough to bear all other eight-year-old girls. The Tiger Sharks are looking for Maggie to continue scoring high for them in future as well.

Leah Konops has been swimming competitively for a number of years

for the Tiger Sharks. She received a total score of 33 points and took home the High Point Trophy for 13-year-old female swimmers. Leah won first place in Breaststroke and took second place in Butterfly. She also took two fourth place scores in Backstroke and Freestyle. The Tiger Sharks expect Leah to have a bright future, bringing in more wins for the team.

In addition to the trophies, medals were given for first, second and third place wins in each race and ribbons were awarded through 10th place.

For seven and under females: Kaitlyn Kenny took fifth in Freestyle and seventh in Butterfly; Gracie Piekarski placed first in Breaststroke, fourth in Freestyle and fifth in Butterfly.

Seven and under males placed as follows:

Patrick Boyle took third in Butterfly, fourth in Freestyle, eighth in Breaststroke and 10th in Backstroke, and Liam McDermott took fourth in Breaststroke, fifth in Backstroke, sixth in Freestyle and ninth in Butterfly.

In the nine-year-old female events: Sarah Konops placed fifth in both Freestyle and Backstroke, and sixth in both Butterfly and Breaststroke; Chelsea Cullen took fourth in Breaststroke, fifth in Butterfly, sixth in Freestyle and ninth in Backstroke. For the 10-year-old girls, Emily Piekarski placed seventh in Freestyle and ninth in Breaststroke while for the 13 year old females, Julia Dougherty placed ninth in Breaststroke.

Thirteen-year-old Philip Luzny took first in Butterfly for the male swimmers in his age group, second place for Breaststroke and third in Freestyle. Fourteen-year-old Kristen Dabrio took 10th place in Breaststroke for the females in her event and her sister, Shannon, took second in Breaststroke for the 16-18 year old females, as well as second in Freestyle, third in Backstroke and sixth in Butterfly.

Overall, the Roycefield Sprint Meet was a very successful one for the Tiger Shark swimmers and they look forward to competing there again next summer. *—Submitted by Donna Egan*



Tiger Sharks camping out prior to the start of conference finals.

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# Sports

Masters & Sport and Social remain deadlocked for first place in the National Division of the South Plainfield Golf League as the season winds down to the last few weeks.



quors to an impressive 17-3 win over Hank's Hackers. Witty's remains in second place, one game ahead of three teams tied for third.

Rich Steele came through with a 36 to keep Hummel just one game behind Witty's as Hummel soundly defeated Patti Construction, 17-3.

Jerry Minlionica's excellent round of 34 led Twin City Pharmacy to a 13-7 win over the VFW.

With just two weeks left to go in the regular season, Masters and Sport & Social will be battling it out for first-place in the National Division. In the American Division, Plainfield Animal Hospital clings to first place with four other teams still having a chance to gain the division title.

The contest for Player-of-the-Year honors will also come down to the wire with Stan Lipka, Kevin Bickunas, Joey Glowacki, Danny Griffin, and Jerry Minlionica among the leading contenders.

*Submitted by Bob Nilan*

Al Szumski and Danny Griffin of Masters both had fine rounds of 35 to lead their team to a resounding 18-2 win over Aiello Chiropractic. Fred Kirchofer of Aiello also had a 35 in a losing cause.

Bob Besser's 39 was the key factor in Sport and Socials 10 1/2- 9 1/2 win over Pornovets to keep his team in a first-place tie.

Mark Chicevar and Mike Cortese fired 38's to help Plainfield Animal Hospital maintain its slim one-game edge in the tight American Division race as Plainfield Animal Hospital defeated the So. Plainfield Police, 14-6.

Joey Glowacki, a strong contender for Player-of-the-Year honors, had a one-over-par 34 to spark Witty's Li-

## Results from the South Plainfield Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Golf Open was held on Aug. 7 at Bunker Hill Golf course. This was the eighth annual golf tournament held to benefit of the SPHS Golf Team.

John Kudrick, a former South Plainfield High School athlete, was the top winner the event, with a one under par 71.

This annual tournament is a favorite with many area golfers competing. Some of the top scores were:

John Kudrick 71, Kevin Brady 72, Joe Abate 73, Bill White 75, Emil DeVito 76, Al Fasano 79, Bruce Ratz 79, Jerry Miglianica 79, Frank Merrill 80, Irv Brown 81, Mickey Vogot 81, Ed Parfit 81, Joe Mills 81, Bill Disch 82, Harry Stadler 83, Tom Ogorzgek 84, Paul Hermann 84, Tom Pryor 85, Dan Kapsch 85, Bruse Macquarrie 86, T.J. Barely 86, Matt Finn 86, Warren Heiser 87, Frank Ferraro 87, Brian Cochran 88, Richard DeVito 88, Marty Wiaczek 89, Mike Gianni 89, Joe Campana 89, Vito Ratti 89, Chris Cochran 89.

Other participants in order of their finish: Jack Kudrick, Anthony Moretti, Mike Haycek, Norm Lenzer, Frank

Approvato, Joe Perrone, Ricky DeAndrea, Frank Wrubleski, Jr., Tony Cassano, Tony Rossati, Guy Moretti, Frank Licato, Jr., Craig Wolpert, Jeff Licato, John Sidenk Sr., Carmen Butrico, Frank Ferraro, Jerry Berzenskas, Frank Wrubleski Sr., Ralph Pelglisa, Joe Subicia, John Sidek, Marty Pinzatto, Joe Masperi, Joe Catina, Joe Mondoro, Al Tiltonson, Ceci DeLeon, Dick Alberti, John Westerman and Rocky Colovito.

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## Recreation 2002 Youth Soccer Program Registration Underway

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is still taking registration for its youth soccer program.

The program is open to all South Plainfield residents, ages six through 13 as of Oct. 1, 2002. The fee is \$35 per person.

Register at the PAL building, lo-

cated on Maple Ave. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Proof of residency and a birth certificate is required for first time participants. Registration ends August 16.

## Varsity Girls Tennis



After posting a 16-4 record last year, the South Plainfield Girls' Varsity Tennis team is ready to build even further on that this upcoming season. The team lost only one senior to graduation last year, so the roster will be even bigger this time around with the addition of six prospective freshmen.

There are seven main returning girls who will challenge each other for the Varsity singles and doubles positions. Heather Barrett, Keli-Andrea Lee, Eva Rodriguez, Elayne Russell, Yamara Salazar and Melissa Scotti are all seniors who played at the Varsity level last year. Marissa Judd will be a junior and is another Varsity player. Martina Ganiaris, Melissa Hansen, Shari-Liane Sangster, Stephanie Tackach and Erin Walsh will also try to break into the lineup and will lend their support for the Lady Tigers.

There is an ambivalent situation present for the team this year since it is predominantly composed of veterans. On the positive side, the Lady Tigers will be in full force and should be able to utilize their talent and parlay it into their best season in a long time. On the negative side, next year's team could be in jeopardy, although that depends on how the newcomers progress and how many other athletes join next year.

Head Coach Maureen Barnett, who will be entering her 19<sup>th</sup> season, said, "I'm looking forward to a very good season because we have very experienced players that are looking forward to a great season skill-wise

and enjoyment-wise."

Last year, the squad tied for first with Colonia for the White Division title, but they defeated all of the teams that Colonia beat. The variables are just as balanced this year as last year though, with Colonia also having virtually the same Varsity lineup, so it will undoubtedly be close. Other teams to beat for the Lady Tigers are North Brunswick

and Bishop Ahr. According to Coach Barnett, some of the team's goals for this upcoming season are for both doubles teams to get into the finals and for the singles teams to aggrandize past the second round in the GMC

Tournament.

Another notable accomplishment is that the team placed fourth in the GMC Tournament last year. Also, last season's record was an improvement from the year before, which in itself was a huge improvement from three years ago. This is certainly a positive trend that will hopefully continue for the girls.

## Kickboxing, Karate and Aerobics Classes at the PAL

### KICKBOXING

Registration for fall kickboxing classes, which starts Tuesday, Sept. 10, is now underway. The nonrefundable fee is \$35 for an eight week session.

Registration is open to all South Plainfield residents 14 years and older. Birth certificates are required for registrants under 18 who are not yet in our computer database.

### KARATE CLASSES

The South Plainfield PAL will hold Karate "A"/"B" classes beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Classes will cost \$35 for an eight week session (no re-

funds.)

Karate "A" is open to all boys and girls, 8 to 12 years old and Karate "B" is open to all boys and girls, 13 and older.

Birth certificates are required for any registrants who are not yet in the computer database.

### AEROBICS CLASSES

The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. will hold aerobics classes at the P.A.L. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m., starting Sept. 9. Cost is \$35 per person. Babysitting is available-\$20 per session.

Register for any of these programs at the Recreation Office, located in the P.A.L. Recreation Center. For more information, call the Recreation Office at 226-7714.

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Obituaries

Frances (Kozumbo) Aniuas, 89

Frances (Kozumbo) Aniuas, formerly of South Plainfield, died on Monday, July 22 at her home, with her family at her bedside.

She was born in Kaska, Pa. and was a former long time resident of South Plainfield before moving to San Diego in 1984.

Frances enjoyed writing songs and poetry. She was a member of the San Diego Zoological Society and spent countless hours at the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Casimir Aniuas, who died in 1976.

She is survived by three daughters, Virginia Aniuas, Cecelia Hewitt and Katherine Wyckoff, all of San Diego Calif.; two sons, Casimir and his wife Judy Aniuas of Hobe Sound Fla., Ralph and his wife Cheryl Anne Janus Aniuas of San Diego; a sister, Anne Aniuas of South Plainfield; three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great grandchild and her beloved fish Midnight.

Local funeral arrangements were by James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave., San Diego Calif. 92103.

Julia Dzieryc, 83

Julia Dzieryc died on Sunday, Aug. 11 in Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Newark, she resided in Kearny and Newark before moving to South Plainfield in 1956.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Dzieryc was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Her husband, Ludwig Dzieryc, died in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Raiello of South Plainfield. Also surviving is her granddaughter, Suzanne and her husband Ken Purcell of South Plainfield, and her great grandson, Ryan.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Harivadan Patel, 77

Harivadan Patel died on Thursday, Aug. 8 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Jayshree Amin of South Plainfield and a son,

Ashima Patel of Edison. Services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Eugene Bozzo, 69

Eugene Bozzo died on Friday, Aug. 9 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Summit, Mr. Bozzo had resided in Summit before settling in South Plainfield 40 years ago.

In 1953 Mr. Bozzo enlisted in the NJ Air National Guard at McGuire Air Force Base. He spent 23 years in the guard as Technical Master Sergeant with the 170th Civil Engineers Squad.

Mr. Bozzo was a graduate of the Newark School of Fine & Industrial Arts for Graphics & Design. He later attended Rutgers University. He started his long and distinguished career in advertising with Barton Press in Newark. He later became co-owner of Gorden, Burton, & Bozzo from 1955-1959, then traffic production manager for Black, Russell & Morris from 1962-1965, then VP for Williams & London.

In 1971 he started Pro-Mark Advertising and was also the founder and owner of Pro-Mark Printing Specialties of Orange, which he operated until 1993. At this time he founded B to B Promotions, Inc.

He was a member and a past president of the NJ Business Marketing Association and was recently honored for his service of many years to the industry and association. Mr. Bozzo was also named in the Who's Who 1972-1973 edition and in the Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era, 1975 Edition.

Mr. Bozzo had been active with the South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Program and Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Retired Servicemen Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, as well as a member of the Battleground Country Club in Freehold and the Metuchen Country Club. He had a great love for playing golf and his time spent with family and friend on the courses.

He is predeceased by his brother, Jules Bozzo.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carmella (Renzulli) Bozzo; a daughter and her husband, Linda and Michael Lanza of South Plainfield; two sons and their wives, Eugene and Linda of Piscataway and Richard and Corinne of Campbell Hall, NY and a brother, Anthony Bozzo of Florida. Also surviving are five grandchildren,

Ashley, Macey, Nicholas, Marie and Kristen.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday in the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Herbert Hunterton, 86

Herbert Hunterton died on Saturday, Aug. 10 at his home.

He was born in Flatbrookville, NJ and grew up in Newton. He had resided in Newark, before moving to South Plainfield in 1949.

As a boy, he had worked on his family's dairy farm in Newton and later worked as a manager for an Esso gas station in Branchville while in

Newton High School. Mr. Hunterton was the 1934 NJ State Wrestling Champion. In 1935 he was the Easter Inter Scholastic Wrestling Champion and in that year, he was the State Champion Runner-Up.

During WWII, he served with the US Army.

Mr. Hunterton had been the owner of Herb Hunterton's Mobil in Mountainside. He was also the tanker operator for the Tyschyn Roofing Co. in Mountainside and a member of Local #4 of the Compensation Roofers Union in Parsippany, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of the BPOE Elks Lodge 2298 of South Plainfield.

Mr. Hunterton is predeceased by

two sisters, Roxie Bellis and Rela Space and two brothers, Harold and Clarence Hunterton.

His wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Kithcart Hunterton, died in January of 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Cirigliano and her husband Tony of South Plainfield, Peggy Canfield of Torrance, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Carol Hunterton of South Plainfield; a son, Herbert J. Hunterton of Sutherlin, Oregon. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Donation in his memory may be made to W.I.S.E. Center, 2343 Morris Ave., Union NJ 07083.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1601

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance 1601 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 118, LOT 4 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 16, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, September 5, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1601

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 118, LOT 4 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO ALPINO HOMES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 118, Lot 4, said property being situated on Gedarbrook Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, Alpino Homes Inc., are the owners of a contiguous parcel

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 118 and Lot 4 is not needed for public purpose or use; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT OBTAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, THAT the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owners on September 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, and questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.
2. Easements, both of record and not of record.
3. Restrictions of record.
4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
5. In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.
6. In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in the event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Calvin Davis requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 8' fence along the side property line, proposed fence exceeds the 6' height allowed in a residential zone, 8' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 7, Lot 14.06 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, September 12, 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.

\$35.00 1T August 16, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1602

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance 1602 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO PUTNAM STREET PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 16, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, September 5, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1602

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO PUTNAM STREET PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Be it Ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, not less than two thirds of the full authorized membership thereof affirmatively concurring that:

SECTION 1. The purpose hereby authorized is to perform improvements to Putnam Street Park in the Borough of South Plainfield.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$200,000 to finance the total cost of the purpose as authorized in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. The funds to accomplish said purpose are available from the Borough's Reserve for Off Track Improvements, \$200,000.

SECTION 4. That no bonds or notes are to be issued or indebtedness incurred for this purpose.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher August 8, 2002

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk \$52.50 1T August 16, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1599

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance 1599 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "SEVERERS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, August 8, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk \$21.00 1T August 16, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1600

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance 1600 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, August 8, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk \$22.00 1T August 16, 2002

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ORDINANCE 1600
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance 1600 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, August 8, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.
ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk \$22.00 1T August 16, 2002

# policereport

- On August 5 Dr. Turk, located on Park Ave., reported that a patient had surgery done and did not pay for it.
- A Pershing Pl. resident reported the theft of two bikes from the rear of his yard.
- On August 6 Lonnie Moore Jr., 49, of Plainfield was arrested at a motor vehicle stop for a false name and hindering apprehension.
- K-Mart reported the theft of a 19" TV by two white males, who drove away in an SUV.
- CVS on Oak Tree Rd. reported that a woman had attempted to fill a fake prescription in the pharmacy department.
- On August 7 Central Jersey Foods on Hadley Rd. reported the theft of a cell phone by an employee.
- On August 8 an Oak Manor Parkway resident reported the theft of a Walther PPK-380 gun from his locked safe. A key had been used to gain entry.
- On August 9 a Page Ct. resident reported the theft of a bike from his side yard.
- A Trinity St. resident reported that someone had lifted the plywood covering on their rear door and removed \$1,000 in jewelry and \$500 in cash from their home.
- A Lucy Ct. resident reported that someone had come in through their unlocked patio door and taken \$1,000 in cash, two jackets, a pair

- of sneakers and two watches.
- On August 10 Jesse Russell Runyan, 27, of South Plainfield was arrested for aggravated assault and resisting arrest. He was intoxicated and attempted to punch an officer.
- A Bergen St. resident reported the theft of tools and two ladders from their open garage.
- A Fifth St. resident reported the theft of a bike from their garage, which had not been locked.
- A customer at CVS reported that his car had been egged while parked in the lot.
- On August 11 Westley Y. Esaw, 23, of South Plainfield was arrested on a parole violation.
- Eva Demin, 29, of Cliffwood Beach was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic needle and other drug paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop.
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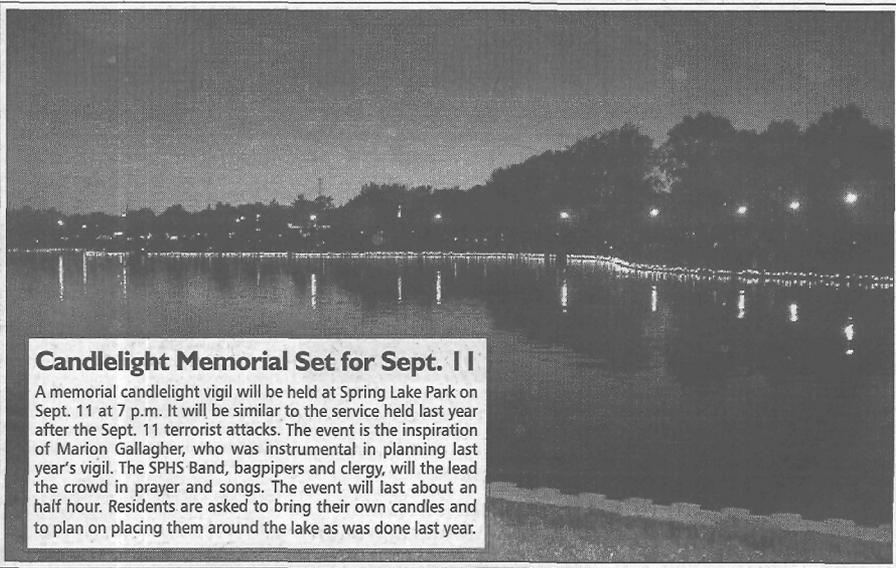
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**Candlelight Memorial Set for Sept. 11**

A memorial candlelight vigil will be held at Spring Lake Park on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. It will be similar to the service held last year after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The event is the inspiration of Marion Gallagher, who was instrumental in planning last year's vigil. The SPHS Band, bagpipers and clergy, will lead the crowd in prayer and songs. The event will last about an hour. Residents are asked to bring their own candles and to plan on placing them around the lake as was done last year.

**IN YOUR OPINION**

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traffic for the entire downtown area. The options have been weighed and we feel that all that can be done has been done for the time being.

South Plainfield has always been cooperative with the trucking industry, an industry that contributes greatly to our community with more than just tax dollars. We enjoy some of the low-

est property taxes in the area and trucking companies or companies that rely on trucks employ many of our residents.

In closing, let me emphasize that the Association does not condone any illegal activity and will circulate a memo to our members asking that they do anything they can to alleviate the situation including passing the word to

their suppliers or customers who may travel our streets.

**JACK PEDERSEN  
SPBA PRESIDENT**

*PS. On the ooze reporting I wish the news media would put more emphasis on Robert Spiegel's comments which were stated at our last council meeting. He was very positive regarding the Borough's action and cooperation on this matter.*

**Wallaby Treated at Plainfield Animal Hospital**

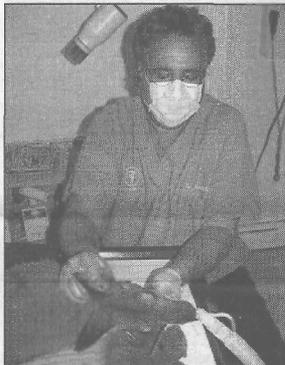
Pouchy, a 10-year-old male wallaby from the Staten Island Zoo suffering an abscess on his lower jaw, recently paid a visit to Plainfield Animal Hospital to be treated by Dr. Scott Linick. The abscess was originally treated by the zoo veterinarian, but when it failed to heal properly Pouchy was sent to South Plainfield.

Linick said, "This is my first wallaby. I found it amazing how small the mouth actually is and how far back the cheek teeth are located. This animal weighed about 30 lbs. His legs

and tail are extremely well muscled, and a kick from him would surely do some damage."

Wallabies are small to medium-sized kangaroos. They are marsupials from the islands of Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and New Guinea. They range in size from that of a rabbit to almost six feet long. They have short arms with clawed fingers, strong legs, and long, four-toed feet with claws.

Pouchy is one of many unusual patients who have traveled to the Plainfield Animal Hospital for treatment.



Dr. Scott Linick of Plainfield Animal Hospital treats "Pouchy," a Staten Island Zoo wallaby.

**Superintendent Krewer Resigns**

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improvement computer programs, such as Skills Tutor. He praised the committed, involved parents, the supportive community and a dedicated staff and a Board of Education that values improvement.

Leaving South Plainfield was a difficult, but necessary decision for Krewer. He needed to find a better balance between his personal and professional life. Krewer often stresses the importance of parent's spending time with their children, yet he found he was unable to practice what he preached. Krewer travels two and a half hours round trip each day, often arriving home late. He has middle school-aged twins who are involved in many of the same activities that Krewer attends here in South Plainfield. His dedication to our school district has caused him to miss his own children's school events. Krewer said, "In order to be the Superintendent I want to be, I cannot be the parent I must be."

His contract has a 90-day exit clause. After this period, he will become the Superintendent for the Red Bank School District. He was nominated for the position by residents who were familiar with his work in nearby Point Pleasant. His final day as South Plainfield School Superintendent is Nov. 11. Until then he said, "Its business as usual!"

High school senior Chris Baron was more than a little surprised to hear of Krewer's imminent departure. He said "Dr. Krewer's attendance at extracurricular events and performances that I personally have been involved in has been impeccable. He clearly displays a most high appreciation for the hard work and effort that the students of

SPHS put into their crafts. From my standpoint, I see the loss of Dr. Krewer as a blow of astronomical proportions to SPHS. The man was always on the ball, was focused on attacking the problem at hand and was an all-around nice guy. I, for one, will miss him terribly."

Board member Dawn Jeffreys said she was very disappointed with Krewer's departure. "He has had a healing effect on our school district and with the approval and backing of the board, he initiated many new ideas and programs. Even though Krewer is leaving, all the initiatives that were started will still remain in South Plainfield," she added.

Jeff Seider, former member of the board who was on the committee that selected Krewer, was not as gracious. When asked for a comment, he said, "Honesty, trust and commitment were the first things I thought of. We entrusted Krewer with the school children of our district with a four year contract. I am especially disappointed because we worked very hard to give him everything he asked for and have bent over backward so that the children of this district succeed."

Next Tuesday night, the board will take formal action on his resignation. The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at Grant Central School. The board will also vote on a start a search for a new superintendent.

Krewer will depart with a bit of South Plainfield in his heart. He said, "My time here will always be among my fondest professional memories. Indeed this has been the 'Camelot' of my 39 years in education. Whomever is chosen to serve as South Plainfield's next Superintendent will be one fortunate person."

**DeAndrea Named Parade Grand Marshal**

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Joe was chosen because of his never ending dedication to the South Plainfield community, especially our children. He is a member of the SPHS Athletic Booster Club, a past vice president of the Wrestling Club and a member of the SPHS Golf Association.

He has also been involved many of the activities of his children. He is a former coach for the Junior Baseball Club and the Traveling Soccer Club.

DeAndrea, who owns Joseph D. DeAndrea, Jr. AIA, an architectural firm located in a building designed by him, which is located on the corner of South Clinton and New Market avenues. He is a licensed architect and a member of the AIA and is also a licensed planner. He is currently serving as the chairman of the Construction Board of Appeals and a past president of the Rotary Club.

Three years ago, Joe became the recipient of a kidney transplant. Until that time he spent three days a week

on dialysis. In spite of his illness, he still found time to give back to his community and to be a vital part of his children's lives.

Joe was instrumental in the maintenance and construction of three vital structures in the Borough. He was the architect and advisor for the renovations of Borough Hall. He spend countless hours working on the design and architectural drawings for the PAL expansion and served as the project coordinator during construction. He also designed and oversaw the construction of the Senior Citizen Center on Maple Ave.

Joe attended South Plainfield's grammar schools, is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen and Catholic University of America.

Joe and his wife Peggy have three children, Joseph, 17, Peter, 15, and Jeannine, 11.

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