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## Former Dem To Manage Reedy-Rusnak Campaign

They were once on opposite sides. But this week the South Plainfield GOP announced that former Democratic Councilwoman Darlene Pinto will co-chair the campaign for Republican hopefuls Marge Reedy and Ray Rusnak in this year's race to fill two Borough Council seats.

"We know how effective Pinto can be," said GOP Chairman Bob Jones. "Last year she helped run the campaign that elected a Democratic mayor and two Democratic councilmen. This year is a different story—the Democrats have suffered a huge loss."

Pinto announced recently that she is suing the Borough Council, Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher, Councilman Dennis Cerami, Democratic Party Chairman Patrick Diegnan and the Democratic Party for sexual discrimination and defamation. The suit alleges Gallagher, Cerami, Diegnan and members of the council met secretly at Cerami's home and conspired to deny Pinto a Borough job she planned to apply for.

Pinto's complaint alleges the Borough refused to hire her because she is a single parent and because she didn't "need" the job due to a divorce settlement. In the course of the meeting, which Pinto also says violated the Sunshine Law, Gallagher is said to have revealed the details of her confidential settlement, including how much child support she received, in an effort to persuade council members not to hire her.

"Most people will assume the lawsuit triggered Darlene's party switch, but that is only part of the story," said Jones. "The groundwork for this was laid last year when Darlene and I helped organize the debate for the general election. I'm a steadfast Republican and she was a staunch Democrat, but we worked well together, and I admired her ability to work in a bipartisan manner. We remained friends, and when the opportunity to snatch her from the Democrats arose, we jumped on it."

For her part, Pinto is enthusiastic about supporting Reedy and Rusnak. "I've always respected Marge Reedy, even when I supported other candidates," she said. "Marge has the leadership qualities South Plainfield needs, and she's shown it by serving as school board president and heading several groups supporting South Plainfield's families. And while I've just met Ray Rusnak, I've quickly learned how his background and enthusiasm will make him an ideal council member."

Pinto will co-chair the GOP's campaign committee with long-time Republican activist Bill Seesselberg. GOP Vice Chair Anita Hogan and former Borough Council candidate Geoff Champion will manage volunteer recruitment. Rounding out the list of committee chairs is former mayoral candidate Jake Cataldo, who will serve as fundraising chairman.



Trans America Trucking Company Inc. moves the Blue Comet railcar to a flatbed for transportation to its new home.

## Blue Comet Finds New Home in South Jersey

The Blue Comet railcar, which has been parked in the downtown area of South Plainfield for more than six years, is gone.

Last week Trans America Trucking loaded the railcar on a truck and hauled it to Tuckahoe. Once hailed by many as "something that will lead future generations down a colorful track of historical perspective by providing examples of what South Plainfield used to be," has been hauled away.

By the time it left the borough the railcar was in deplorable shape. Graffiti almost completely covered the once blue exterior and every window was either destroyed or broken. Over the



Dan Gallagher, Ed Kubala and Darlene Pinto, Art Muglia and Bob Longo attend the ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the Blue Comet in 2000.

past few years the railcar had become more of an eyesore than a restored piece of history.

One of only three original luxury cars, the Blue Comet used to travel through South Plainfield on regular runs from Newark to Atlantic City. Six years ago the railcar was leased to the borough for \$1 a year from the Tri-County Historical Society in Morristown.

After its restoration, the railcar was intended to be used as a museum by the South Plainfield Historical Society and also to attract residents to visit the downtown area. The railcar was brought to South Plainfield with the

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## Softball Tournament to Benefit Local Resident

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Police Athletic League (PAL) will be holding a charity softball tournament this Saturday to raise funds for lifelong resident David Kile who is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

David, 40, is well known around town. He is the owner of D&D Flooring and has a 13-year-old son.

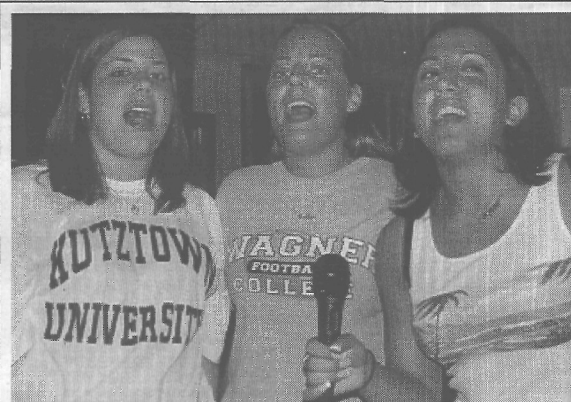
Two years ago David was diagnosed with Leukemia and has been undergoing drug therapy ever since. Doctors say the medication is no longer effective, and David now needs a bone marrow transplant. All monies raised by the tournament will help to defray medical expenses not covered by his medical insurance.

The tournament starts at 8 a.m. and takes place at the South Plainfield High School ball fields. The championship game is scheduled for 4 p.m.

The rain date has been scheduled for Sunday, July 20.

Food and drinks will be supplied by Hall's Trucking, Sal's Spirit Shoppe and Roma Foods. Some of the teams planning to compete are Twin City Pharmacy, Creative Kids, the SPHS faculty, Sal's Spirit Shoppe, Bolesta Landscaping, the Elks Lodge, Pro Care, the Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept., Taco Bell and several teams from neighboring towns, as well as

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SPHS Class of 2003 seniors Kristina Delillo, Hollie Gaster and Megan Pulomena at Project Graduation. See page 6 for story and photos.

## Rescue Squad Dedicates New Ambulance

Under sunny skies and with the help of the mayor and several members of the council, the newest edition to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad was formally introduced—a state-of-the-

art ambulance.

South Plainfield Rescue Squad Captain Ron Sward was more than delighted to put the new ambulance on display for inspection by the guests. The afternoon celebration included a barbecue picnic attended by members of the rescue squad, their families and invited guests.

Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Bob Cusick participated in the ceremony, where the keys were officially handed over to the rescue squad.

The celebration was held at Precious Meadows Park on the property of Ferro Corp. on South Clinton Ave., which generously donated the use of the park for the day.

More than 100 attended the festivities which included a DJ, a moon walk ride for the kids and games throughout the afternoon.

Much of the food and drinks were donated by area businesses. Members of the squad were kept busy cooking

hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, ribs and shiskabobs.

The new rig was ordered last year and replaces an ambulance that had been on the road for years. It is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art rescue equipment.

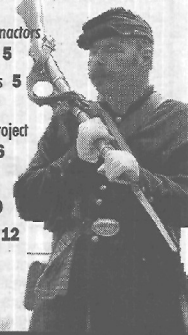
For additional photos of the picnic see page 12.



South Plainfield Rescue Squad's new rig was dedicated last Saturday.

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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

Thursday, July 17  
Special Meeting Monday, July 28  
Monday, August 11 Thursday, August 14  
Tuesday, September 2 Thursday, September, 4

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

July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28,  
Nov. 11 (no meeting) Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Dec. 23.

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

July 24, Aug. 14 (meeting cancelled), Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30,  
Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

## board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: August 12, Sept. 9  
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: August 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

## site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

## 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  
September 2, October 7, November 11 (Nov. 4 is Election Day) and December 2.

## environmental commission

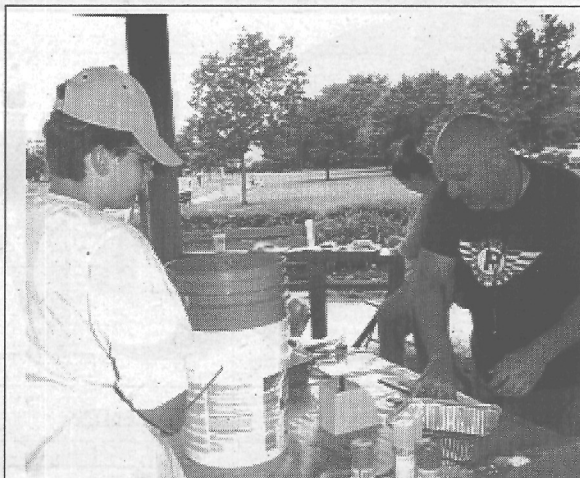
Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

## business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

## traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday-no meeting August) at 7 p.m.  
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall



The borough's annual fishing derby was held at Spring Lake Park in June. Despite the recent flooding rains, the lake yielded many fish and the day proved to be a success. The event was sponsored by NJ Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's Take Me Fishing Program.

## Ferguson Urges Local Fire Chiefs to Apply for Grants

In a letter to each fire department chief in the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-NJ, urged them to apply for grants from a \$750 million federal program that aids local departments with training, fire prevention and new equipment.

"The safety and security of our families are my first concern, and these grants can assist our local fire departments meet the challenges of fire prevention and the new responsibilities of homeland security," Ferguson said. "First responders, our local firefighters, police and medical personnel, are on the frontlines in our effort to strengthen our homeland security, and it's critically important that they have the training, equipment and resources that they need to protect our communities."

The funding is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Ferguson's letter was sent this week to fire chiefs and mayors throughout the district, which includes portions of Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon counties.

So far this year, 672 grants totaling \$38 million have been awarded nationwide. More than \$880,000 in firefighter grants also have been awarded to New Jersey departments, including \$204,435 for fire operations and firefighter safety for the Sayreville Fire Department; \$63,000 for a new firefighting vehicle for the Keyport Fire Department; \$37,704 for fire prevention for the Maplewood Township Fire Department; and \$6,885 for emergency medical services for the Annandale Hose Company and Clinton Township Division of Fire.

Although the application period for the next round of grants is several months away, Ferguson in his letter urged fire chiefs to research the federal program and available grants. He also offered to have his staff assist in the application process and write a letter to FEMA in support of the grant request.

"The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is a great example of how the Homeland Security Department is putting key resources directly into neighborhoods and communities to better secure the homeland," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said.

For more information on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, please visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

## Sen. Lautenberg Issues Statement on Campus Fire Safety

United State Senator Frank R. Lautenberg delivered the following remarks during a press conference on the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act.

"I am here today to lend my support for an important piece of legislation- the 'Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act.' Fire safety is obviously a critical issue at our nation's colleges and universities where large numbers of students live in dormitories.

The students, faculty and staff at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey know first-hand how important fire safety is.

Three and a half years ago, there was a terrible pre-dawn fire at Boland Hall, one of Seton Hall's dorms. The fire took the lives of three young students and more than 60 people were hurt.

Seton Hall is practically in my back-

yard and I know the university's president, Monsignor Sheeran well, so for me this was a personal loss. The "Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act" promotes fire prevention and preparedness. It will help to learn which schools are taking appropriate steps to protect students from fires.

There is little consolation we can offer to the families and friends of the victims of the Seton Hall fire. But perhaps there would be some solace if this bill were to become law and help make it possible in the future for young people to pursue their education in a safer and more secure environment.

I want to commend Congressmen Bill Pascrell and Joe Willson and my Senate colleague, Jon Corzine, for introducing this bill. I'm honored to co-sponsor it and I'll do everything I can to help get it passed."

## IN YOUR OPINION

### Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the 2003 Tournament Committee, we would like to commend and thank the following people for all their hard work and support during the planning and seeing our tournament come to a huge success.

The assistance of these volunteers was crucial for the success of the tournament and their help was very much appreciated. Thanks again to Ponytail President Mark Sutherland, V.P. Steve Senz, Secretary Rosa Szeliga, Coaches Rich Szeliga, Ken Fry, Tom Hardy, Gary Curcio, John DiDolce, Rich Little and to Deb DiDolce, Sherry Hardy, Don Alexa, Kevin Schweers and Scott Bishop.

A special thanks for the thoughtful donation made by the Boyle Foundation for the start up of the tournament and to Bob Boyle for his donation of food, water and the Roma Truck. We are very grateful to you.

We sincerely appreciate the South Plainfield Fire Dept. coming to the fields and watering them down, we cannot tell you how thrilled we were. We are also grateful to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for their outstanding service.

Again thanks to all for making a most memorable and fun tournament weekend.

DEB BOYLE AND PAT DE SANTIS,  
ALLSTAR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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## Blue Comet Finds Home

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help of the Business Association. Together the Business Association and the Historical Society planned to restore it to its original state. The restoration included a major cleanup, painting the outside and undercarriage and restoring the interior. However, before the restoration was complete, the Historical Society decided they would not use it as a museum claiming it was not a good place to display the valuable pieces of South Plainfield's history.

The interior restoration was completed on a voluntary basis by students from the Middlesex Vocational School, who spent two years working inside the car restoring the mahogany and tile. Students were bused here twice a week from the school.

In June of 2000 a dedication ceremony was held with an official ribbon cutting attended by the mayor and council. The car was almost completely restored, landscaping had been planted around it, lights were installed and a bridge, donated by Harris Steel, provided easy access to the car from the downtown area.

Hopes were high that some organization in the Borough would step forward and adopt the car since the Historical Society changed its plans to use it as a museum. But no one stepped forward and soon the weeds began to grow around the area due to neglect. It didn't take long for the railcar to deteriorate. Vandals found it easy to break into since it was in an isolated spot. In fact several times police found people sleeping, drinking alcohol and using drugs in the railcar. The graffiti appeared again on the car and the windows were broken at a regular basis.

The word went out that the car had to be removed. During the last two years Councilman Charlie Butrico has been negotiating with several parties to move the railcar. The railcars existence was once again threatened.

In the end the very person who rescued the railcar six years ago stepped forward and agreed to remove the car. Frank Reilly, executive director of the Division of Transportation Management, County of Morris, began looking for a trucking company who had the capabilities to remove the railcar, which is no easy task. His search actually ended with TransAmerica Trucking Company, which is located right in town on St. Nicholas Ave. Last week large cranes were brought in to lift the train on a flatbed truck. The wheels of the railcar had to be removed because it would have been too tall to go under bridges during its journey to Tuckerton. The Borough did not incur any of the costs of the move.

Reilly said he was glad that he could help to save it again. The railcar will undergo extensive cleaning, rehabilitation and restoration in Tuckerton. When finished it will be put on the tracks and moved to the Cape May area to be put on display.

The Blue Comet has once again been saved from extinction, and this time it will again reside in an area that it once passed through in its heyday.



During last month's awards ceremonies at the high school, Michele DeSantis, Denise DiMeglio, Thomas Haus and Christopher Hewitt were the recipients of the James and Doris Boyle Memorial Fund (\$2,000) presented by Deborah, Meghan, Michael and Patrick Boyle.

## From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Not too long ago, someone said to me, "Now that it's summer, I guess things are quiet at the Library, huh?" I told him that, actually, things are busier than ever. Don't believe me? Let's look at the latest happenings at South Plainfield Library:

Starting with our children's programs, we have our "Books and Babies" program, for children ages up to three years, this morning at 10:30. On Monday night at 6:30, there's our Summer Reading Kidcraft program at 6:30 for children ages six and over, followed at 7:15 by "Reading with Ms. Meija." There's also our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs: Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Those programs are for children ages three and over. On Wednesday morning at 11:00, there's our weekly "Game Gang" program, where children can play one of our board games, or bring one of their own from home. You don't have to register for any of the preceding programs. Finally, on Thursday evening at 6:30, we're hosting a special Sing Along program featuring Patricia Shih. This program is recommended for children ages three and older, and we ask that you sign your children up in advance, so we'll have an idea of how many to expect. If you'd like more information about any of these programs, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

We also have new bit of (sort-of) officially licensed Library merchandise: We're offering 2003 Summer Reading T-shirts for \$7.50 apiece. All sizes are available, but we're not allowing exchanges or refunds, so be certain of what size you need. While some sizes are in stock, others need to be ordered. Please stop by the Circula-

tion Desk for ordering details.

While our Job Information Center classes are on hiatus, we're still offering basic computer classes throughout the summer. Space is limited for these classes, so you must pre-register. For information and scheduling details, please call us and ask for Chris. We're also asking for volunteers for the Library Garden Gang to help us maintain the flora (that's plants, folks) on our grounds. For more details, check with Chris or Millie.

Turning to the A/V circuits, we're between groups on the Audiobook Circuit; new titles will be available soon. On the other hand, the latest group of Circuit CDs is now available. Artists in this group include Tangerine Dream, John Tesh, the Kinks, Bob Dylan, Mariah Carey and Louis Armstrong. CDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks. Meanwhile, the current group of Circuit videos and DVDs will be around until July 28. This month's titles include "Shanghai Noon," "City by the Sea," "Windtalkers," "Big Fat Liar," "Red Planet" and, on DVD, "Undercover Brother." Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, again four at a time, for two days.

By the way, just a reminder to be careful with A/V items during these hot summer days. Excessive heat and direct sunlight can melt plastic cassettes and discs, and cause damage to recording tape. Items are especially susceptible to such damage if they're left inside a car for long periods. Please save us a lot of hassle and yourself a charge for damaged materials by being careful with A/V items. If you have a question on how to handle them, don't hesitate to ask.

That's about all for this week. As always, we'd appreciate your comments and questions. (We're busy, but not too busy for them.) See you next week.

## Labor Day Parade Committee Seeks Grand Marshal Nominations

The Public Celebrations Committee is still accepting nominations for honorary grand marshal of the 46th Annual Labor Day Parade.

If you know of an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send a letter stating why this person should

be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include their name, address, phone number and accomplishments. Send to: The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino-Chair, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080; fax to (908) 753-4003; or email jmsorrentino@comcast.net.

## Sleepless In Trenton

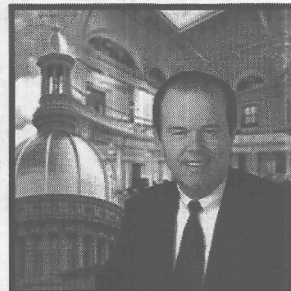
When I woke up at about 7 a.m. on June 30, I didn't know that I was about to test how long I could function without sleep. Well, I can now tell that I can stay up for 38 hours straight, because I didn't get to sleep until 8 p.m. on July 1. I hope that record will never be broken. The reason for the "all nighter" was attending a marathon session of the state legislature to adopt this year's state budget.

No one from either political party disagrees that our state is in a fiscal mess. The Governor, the State Senate and Assembly were faced with filling a \$5 billion deficit in the budget. Although overall spending in this budget is virtually the same as last year at \$24 billion, tax revenues are way off due to the nationwide downturn in the economy. In addition, of course, we are now paying the piper for the excesses of the prior eight years of borrow and spend government in Trenton. I agree with Governor McGreevey that in a bad economic environment like our country is in, it is unwise to raise income taxes or sales taxes and we didn't do either. Some fees had to be raised and cuts made to make up the difference. In a perfect world, no one wants to raise taxes but if you are going to be responsible you have to make tough choices.

The final budget increased aid to higher education, restored funding for the arts and history, preserved the homestead rebate and NJ Saver programs, Senior Gold, PAAD and vital services to our most needy citizens. For the first time ever, the budget provides for additional extraordinary aid to offset municipal taxes. In fact, every town in the 18th district will receive additional property tax relief aid from the state because of the work put in on this budget. In South Plainfield, we are eligible for almost \$300,000, which equates to two tax points. I have to give particular praise to our Senator, Barbara Buono, for her work on the Senate budget committee. In fact, Senator Buono, Assembly Peter Barnes and I talked virtually every day during the budget crisis. We are fortunate to have Barbara representing us in the State Senate.

This is my second state budget and although I literally lost sleep over it, I think the final product meets the needs of New Jersey families. Its good to be able to look out for our local residents and be sure their interests are protected by the State. I really believe this budget does that.

If you have any questions on the budget or anything else call me or e-mail me. My telephone number is (908) 757-1677. My e-mail address is AsmDiegnan@njleg.org.



News

From The State House

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan

## Softball Tourney to Benefit Local Resident

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from neighboring towns, as well as David's friends and neighbors.

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge will be presenting a check for \$3,000 during the games as part of their contribution. The Elks generously agreed to match donations up to the \$3,000 and the amount collected has already more than exceeded that.

Last year's PAL charity softball tournament "Rally for Riley" raised \$26,000. They are hoping this year to at least match, if not exceed, the amount previously raised. Any donation will gladly be accepted.

If you have questions, contact Det. Gary Cassio at (908) 226-7663 or Det. James Parker at (908) 226-7661 or the PAL at (908) 226-7714.

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# Events

## SPHS Class of 1968 35th Reunion

July 19

The SPHS Class of 1968 will hold their 35-year class reunion on July 19 from 7 to 12 p.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes a hot buffet, DJ, four hour open bar (7-11), prizes, alumni booklets and more. Reunion profits, if any, will be donated to the SPHS Project Graduation fund. Dress code is business casual attire, no jeans, gowns, ties, t-shirts, sneakers or sweatshirts.

For information contact reunion organizer Bonnie (Gundersen) Risoli at (609) 971-3955 or SPHS1968classreunion@yahoo.com.

## Mets vs. Phillies at Veteran's Stadium

July 22

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to see the Mets play the Phillies on Tuesday, July 22.

Game time is 1 p.m. Bus leaves the PAL at 10 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

Don't miss this last opportunity to experience Veteran's Stadium.

Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call the PAL at (908) 226-7713.

## Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

July 23 & 26

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Wednesday, July 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten and half-day pre-school programs. Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an Internet viewing service. For a demo of their video services, visit their website at [www.parentwatch.com](http://www.parentwatch.com).

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and additional information, visit their website at [www.rainbowacademy.com](http://www.rainbowacademy.com).

## "Sizzle" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

July 28

The Senior Center is running a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Monday, July 28 to see "Sizzle," a new musical featuring an assortment of classic favorites, songs you love and songs you'll come to love.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include transportation, lunch and show. Stop in or call the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135.

## South Plainfield Open Golf Tournament

August 6

The South Plainfield Golf Association will hold its ninth annual golf tournament for the benefit of the SPHS Golf Team on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at Bunker Hill Golf Course.

Entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in at 7 a.m., during which a

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## Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>UPCOMING TRIPS....</b> <b>July 28 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse</b> <b>August 6 Atlantic City</b> <b>September 28 &amp; 29 Cape May Trip</b>				
<b>EVENTS</b>				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Learn to Draw 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm (Lunch Available) Ladies's Social Group	Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Line Dancing 10-11:30 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm	Shopping Day 9am Video Exercise Class 9:30am-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11am	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch
21	22	23	24	25
<b>TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.</b>				

continental breakfast will be served. Play begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Food and beverages will be available. A dinner and awards ceremony will follow. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin and a hole-in-one prize.

Registration is on a first-come basis with a deadline of July 21. Sign up early to secure a place. Register online at [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org) or print out and mail in entry forms. Corporate sponsorships are available.

For more information, call Dick DeAndrea (908) 755 1700 or Coach Mike Kavka (908) 753-6578.

## Vacation Bible School at Wesley United Methodist

August 11-15

Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave. invites you to join them for Vacation Bible School taking place Aug. 11-15 each evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The theme this year is "Lighthouse Kids."

Children will learn about "Shining God's Light" while they enjoy music, crafts, games and refreshments. To register, contact the church office at (908) 757-2838.

## Sonshine Bible School

August 11-15

Sonshine Bible School will take place Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m. to noon at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., for children ages four through those entering fifth grade in

the fall. Bible stories, games, crafts, singing, refreshments, and it's FREE!! To register, call Bobbie, (908) 754-8069 or e-mail [bosseicight@aol.com](mailto:bosseicight@aol.com).

## Sons of American Legion Golf Outing

September 24

The Sons of the American Legion, Chaumont Post 243 will hold its first annual golf outing at Bunkerhill Golf Course in Princeton on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The cost is \$85 per person and includes green fees, cart, prizes, breakfast (coffee and bagels), lunch (hotdogs and burgers), drinks (beer, soda, water), as well as a buffet dinner at Chaumont Post 243. Tee times start at 10 a.m. and a hole-in-one on the 13th hole will get you a trip for two in Hawaii!

If you would like to participate or sponsor a tee for \$50 or a hole for \$100, contact Mark at (908) 755-5914, or Joe at (908) 822-0494.

Proceeds will go to the various charities supported by the Sons of the American Legion. Make checks payable to the Sons of the American Legion, Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Checks must be in by July 21.

## Fall Pocono Getaway to Woodlock Pines

Oct-27-31

The South Plainfield Seniors will be running a trip to the Woodlock Pines Resort in the Poconos, Oct. 27-Oct. 31. The cost is \$465 per person based on double occupancy and includes transportation via private motor coach, four nights accommoda-

tion, all meals from lunch on Monday through breakfast on Friday, hotel tax and gratuities. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Mickie at (908) 755-2487 or the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135. This is a very popular vacation, so sign up today.

## — Out of Town —

## Mutts Comic Strip Creator to Appear at CFA Cat Show

July 19

Patrick McDonnell, the creator of the Mutts comic strip, will make a special guest appearance at the Garden State Cat Club CFA Cat Show on Saturday, July 19 at the Garden State Exhibit and Convention Center, 50 Atrium Drive in Somerset.

McDonnell will be on hand from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to meet with fans and autograph various books he has published.

The Friskies Cat Team and their trainers will also be demonstrating how cats can live to the fullest by "purr"-forming exciting stunts like walking a high-wire and shooting hoops. The team will be on the show stage at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. both days for the show.

The show will be open to the general public on Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$6 for seniors 62 and over and children 5-12. The conference center is just off Exit 10 of Rt. 287. For more information visit [www.gardenstatecatclub.org](http://www.gardenstatecatclub.org) or call (908) 231-0287.

## Woodbridge WOWS Fundraiser Dance

July 20

Woodbridge Area Widows or Widowers (WOWS) Fundraiser dance/social. Sunday, July 20, 7:30-11:30 p.m. All are welcome. Life band and refreshments. Cost is \$8. Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Call (732) 297-1775.

## HIV Health Services Planning Council

July 23

Come join us for our annual Ryan White Title I Priority Setting and Resource Allocation. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23 at the Center for Social and Community Development, 100 Joyce Kilmer Avenue in Piscataway. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. This meeting provides an opportunity for the community to participate in the process of allocating resources to support medical and support programs that are essential for persons living with HIV in our area.

For more information, please contact Johanna Daley, Planning Council Staff at (732) 445-0512.

## Hispanic Riverfront Festival Offers Family Fun

August 10

The Puerto Rican Action Board will be sponsoring the 25th Hispanic Riverfront Festival Of New Brunswick on Thursday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 10. The festival will be held at the renovated scenic Boyd Park by the beautiful Raritan River, Route 18 North, New Brunswick.

## Return Engagement at Wayne Manor

August 13

Perennial Productions presents a luncheon theatre at The Wayne Manor. "Show Me Where The Good Times Are" is at the Wayne Manor for one more performance on August 13.

"Show Me Where the Good Times Are," a musical revue which has enjoyed sold out houses in NYC cabarets, features Broadway divas Alice Evans, Betsy Parrish and Nancy Barry with Paul Trueblood at the piano.

Luncheon matinees are \$43 for individuals, \$40 for groups of 10 or more. Price includes one-hour open bar, wine, beer and soft drinks on the table, four course luncheon with coffee, tea and ice cream sundaes for dessert, show, tax and tip.

Luncheon-matinee is at the Wayne Manor, 1515 Route 23, Wayne. Open bar begins at 11 a.m., luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; curtain is 1 p.m.

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Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.

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

Weekdays 6:30 a.m. (except Monday) 9:00 a.m. (church)

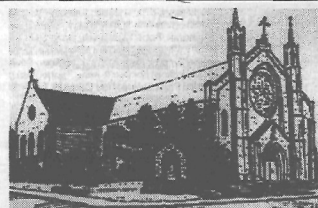
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-11 a.m., 4-4:45 p.m.

and after 5 p.m. Vigil Mass



## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Jessica Cerami Makes the Dean's List at Villanova University



Jessica Cerami

Jessica Cerami has been placed on the Dean's List at the College of Nursing at Villanova University. Jessica's curricular requirements have been rigorous and demanding, making this accomplishment all the more commendable. According to her dean and professor, Louise Fitzpatrick, Jessica ex-

emplifies excellence, diligence and commitment, which are qualities integral to the development of a true professional in any discipline.

Jessica is a 2000 graduate of Bishop Ahr High School and has served as an EMT on South Plainfield's Rescue Squad since 1998. She has also served as a delegate to state and national conventions of the National Student Nurses' Association and is chairperson of "Breakthrough to Nursing" on Villanova's chapter of Student Nurses' Association of Pa.

This summer, she is employed as a student nurse extern at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

She will be graduating from Villanova University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

In her future, Jessica plans to obtain a Master's Degree as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner/Certified Nurse Midwife.

### Belardo Receives Masters Degree

Patrick Belardo, of South Plainfield, received his Masters Degree in Management Information Systems from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken in June.

Patrick also has a Bachelors Degree

in Computer Science from The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College).

He continues to work for Johnson & Johnson as a Project Manager and Web Developer.

### Unity Banks Bonnie Steinert Earns PHR Certification

Bonnie Steinert, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources for Unity Bank recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

Bonnie began her career at Unity Bank in 1998, where she worked with their Finance Department as an associate. In September of 2001, she transferred to the Human Resources Department as an assistant and was soon promoted in March of 2002 to As-

sistant Vice President of HR, primarily responsible for Benefits and Compensation.

To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive examination and demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience.

For additional information about Unity Bank, see [www.unitybank.com](http://www.unitybank.com) or call (800) 618.BANK.

## Civil War Re-enactors Visit Franklin

Story and photos By Patricia Abbott

Before school let out for the summer, the Franklin School fifth grade students were treated to a visit by Civil War Reenactors. The students were able to view a simulation of a soldiers camp site. Craig Skalet is a private with the 7th New Jersey Volunteers. He described the difficult life of a Union Private during the Civil War. The youths got a look at the clothing, meager supplies and weapons used during the era.

Reenactor Bob Costello portrayed President Abraham Lincoln. He is a lieutenant with the 2nd Rhode Island



Craig Skalet



Jessica Gregorio poses with her uncle Craig Skalet.

Volunteers Company D. Dan Torrisi, a private with the 7th New Jersey Volunteers Company A, talked about music and showed the students his bugle.

The 2D New Jersey Brigade is a 501(c)(3) non-profit living history organization dedicated to the com-

memoration of the people and events of the American Civil War History through accurate and educational portrayals. They offer a unique integrated Brigade format internally composed of various military and civilian organizations.

## BOROUGHNOTES

### Council

■ An ordinance appropriating an additional \$150,000 for the repaving of Belmont Ave. within the Borough of South Plainfield was passed.

■ A bond ordinance for the improvements to Veterans Memorial Park appropriating \$950,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$902,500 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof was passed.

■ An ordinance appropriating \$250,000 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Livable Communities Grant for the remediation of Veterans Memorial Park was introduced.

■ An ordinance prohibiting lewd acts within the Borough of South Plainfield was introduced.

■ An ordinance providing the sale of municipal land known as Block 538, Lot 7 to a contiguous property owner at a price of \$92,700 was introduced.

■ The council approved a temporary leave of absence for part-time police dispatcher Angel Jazikoff effective immediately.

■ Block parties requested by Susan Rickert for July 20 (no raindate) on

Fairmount Ave. between Park and Oxford avenues and by Robert and Lorraine Battison for Aug. 16 (raindate Aug. 17) on East Elmwood Dr. between Park Ave. and Clark Lane were approved.

■ A Letter of Intent to retire from Police Lieutenant Kenneth LaVerne effective May 6, 2004 was accepted.

■ The council authorized the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Middlesex County that will enable the Borough to utilize the County Emergency Notification System.

■ Chrisann Zushma was hired as a part-time clerk in the police department for the period of July 9 through Aug. 29.

■ Joseph Abbruzzese will be employed as a part-time Fire Sub-Code Official in the absence of the Borough's Fire Sub-Code Official.

■ The purchase of a Dodge Durango from Warnock Fleet (State Contract

#A5130) to be used by Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator at a cost of \$32,157.24 was authorized.

■ The Mayor and Municipal Clerk executed the deed for Block 479, Lot 2 to Edison Wetlands Association to be preserved as open space.

■ The council authorized the filing of a temporary capital budget for the FY2004 prior to the adoption of the capital budget.

■ The council will be entering into a service agreement with GTBC, Inc. at a cost of \$8,500 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

■ The council authorized the advertisement of public sale of Borough owned real property, specifically Block 535, Lot 16 deemed to be not needed for public use. Property to be sold has been appraised at \$350,200 and will be sold at public auction to be held on Aug. 14, 2003 meeting of the Governing Body.

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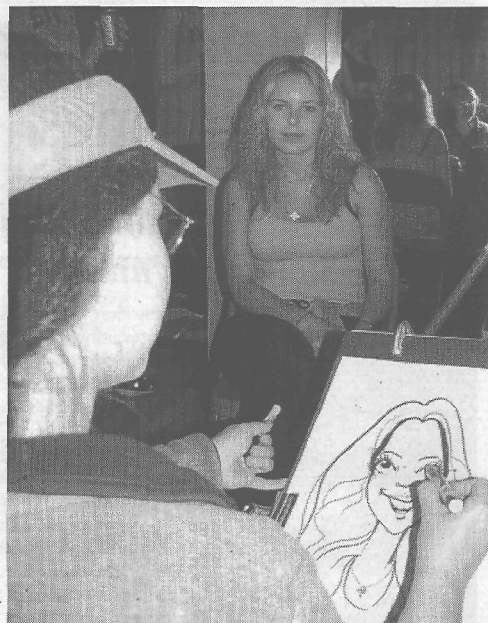
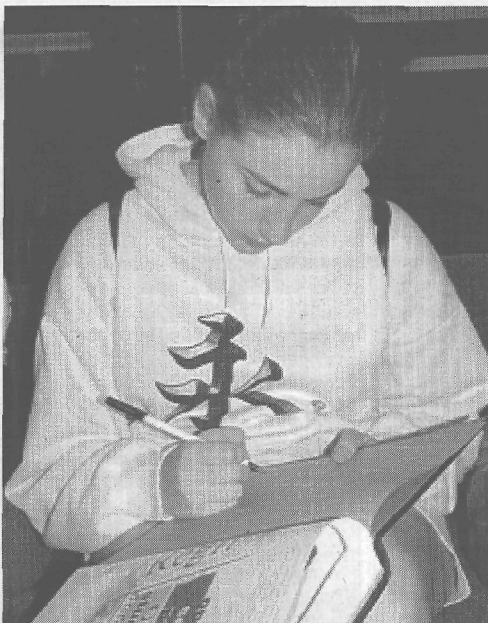
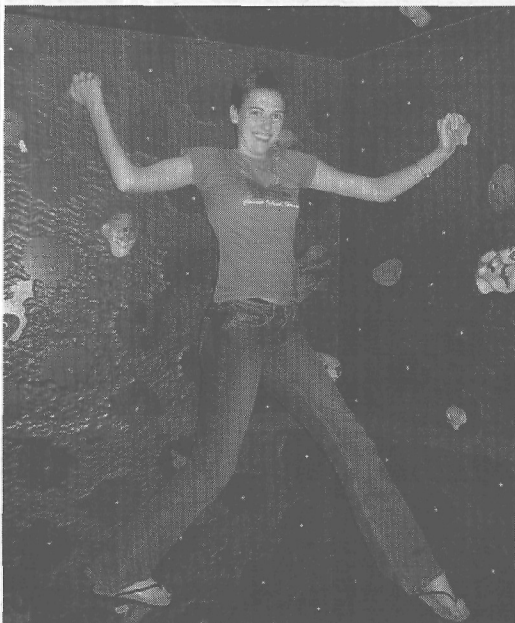
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## SPHS Project Graduation 2003 Offers Non-Stop Activities

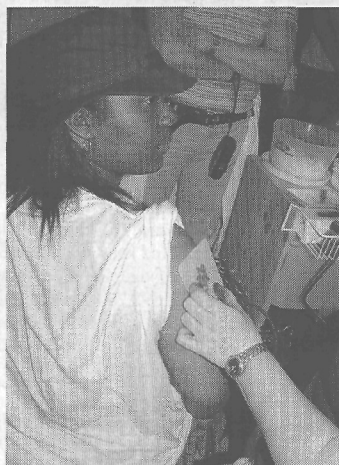
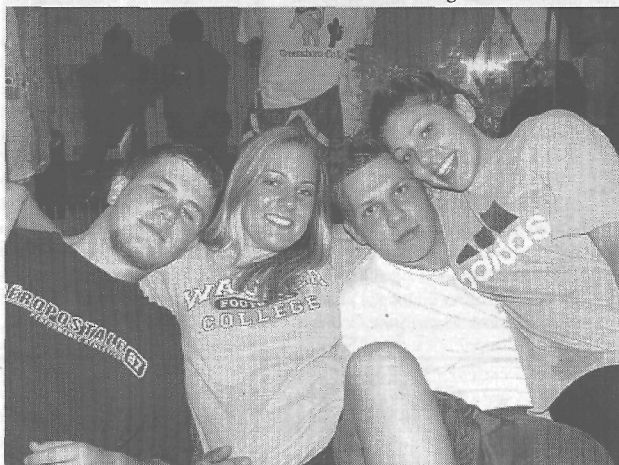
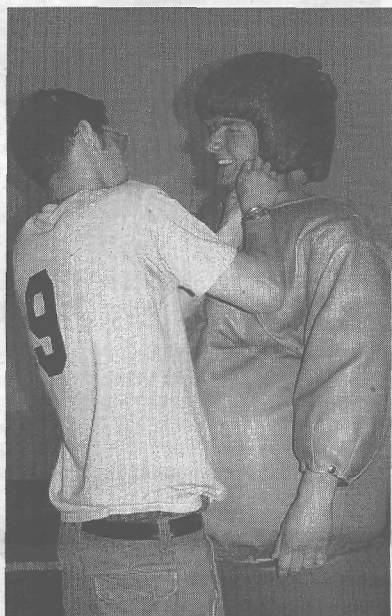
Story and photos by Patricia Abbott

The yearlong fundraising efforts for Project Graduation were well appreciated by the new high school graduates as they enjoyed the annual all night party. Approximately 95% of the class of 2003 attended the event held at The Club at Ricochet. The success is due to the hard work and generosity of the SPHS PTA and the community.

The party began at 10 p.m. on Thursday night following the formal graduation ceremonies. By midnight the party was in full swing. The youths filled the hours with a wide variety of activities such as; Sumo wrestling, karaoke videotaping, music and games with the DJ, volleyball and ping pong tournaments, swimming, racquetball, 'tattoo' artist, personalized photo key chains and pins. An airbrush artist created original designs on white boxer shorts. The graduates dined on subs, hot dogs, hamburgers, bagels and more. Door prizes included computer printers, CD players, TV, refrigerator, DVD players, and a microwave.

Approximately thirty chaperones were on hand including many teachers and administrators. The Club at Ricochet once again generously donated the use of the facility for this worthwhile event. 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. Once the teenagers arrive they must remain for the night.

The sole purpose of the high school PTA is to raise funds for the party. Costs run approximately \$20,000 annually. Presidents Joanne Haus and Donna Tierney are in the process of planning the 2004 event. They encourage anyone who would like to assist to leave a message at the high school.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT  
AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on July 17, 2003 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's Office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**Title:** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$902,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

**Purpose:** Improvements to Veterans Memorial Park, consisting of remediation, the acquisition and installation of fencing, trees and shrubbery, paving of parking lots, curbs and sidewalks, in and by the Borough.

**Appropriation:** \$950,000  
**Bonds/Notes:**  
**Authorized:** \$902,500  
**Section 20:**  
**Costs:** \$250,000  
**Useful Life:** 6.07 years

Vincent Buttiglieri  
Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield

## ORDINANCE NO. 1624

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

**Ordinance #1624 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$902,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, July 17, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement or purpose to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$950,000, which sum includes \$47,500 as the amount of down payment for said improvement or purpose as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$950,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$902,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$902,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued is improvements to Block 250, Lot 15-02, commonly known as Veterans Memorial Park, by and in the Borough, consisting of, but not limited to, excavation, removal and disposal of trees, debris and contamination associated with asbestos containing materials, tar like substances and PCB impacted material, and the acquisition, installation and construction/reconstruction, as applicable, of fencing, trees, shrubbery, parking lots, curbs, sidewalks and roadways, including paving, landscaping and site restoration. All such work shall also include the following, as applicable, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration and also all equipment, work, materials, labor and appliances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$902,500.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$950,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, being the amount of \$47,500, which is the down payment for said improvement or purpose.

**SECTION 4.** In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received

by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose.

This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

**SECTION 5.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 6.** The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

**SECTION 7.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, rectified and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 6.07 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$902,500 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

**SECTION 8.** The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

**SECTION 9.** The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Borough, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d), (ii) to create, within one year, following the reimbursement of any expenditures of bond proceeds "replacement proceeds", within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the bonds, or any other bond issue, or (iii) to reimburse the Borough for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough (other than borrowing by the Borough from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e)). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement

or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$902,500. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This provision will take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

**SECTION 10.** The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING  
DATED: July 2, 2003

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING  
DATED: July 17, 2003

VINCENT BUTTIGLIERI,  
Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield

\$347.75

July 18, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

## ORDINANCE NO. 1626

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

**Ordinance #1626 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LEWD ACTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 18, 2003 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM. on Thursday, August 14, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

## ORDINANCE NO. 1626

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LEWD ACTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

## Indecent exposure:

No person shall intentionally appear on any street, avenue, road, highway or other public place in a state of nudity, or make any indecent exposure of his or her person, or commit or cause to be committed, or participate in, the commission of any lewd or indecent act or behavior.

## Nuisances in streets and other public place:

A. No person or persons shall urinate or defecate or commit any kindred nuisance in any public street, highway, public or quasi-public place, such street, highway, public or quasi-public place or other public place not provided for such purpose.

B. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "other public place" shall be deemed to include the quasi-public area in front of or adjacent to any store, shop, restaurant, luncheonette or other places of business, and shall include also any parking lots or other vacant property not owned or under the dominion of the person charged with the violation of this chapter.

Every person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days or both.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$61.50

July 18, 2003

## Sports



Ponytail Softball Lady Bobcats: Staci Abbruzzese, Lisa Alfano, Cori Black, Chelsea Cullen, Gina Curcio, Amanda Hunterton, Alyssa McCreesh, Holly McDede, Nichole Molinaro, Katie Muglia, Allyson Paterek and Kathryn Paterek. Coach is Tom McCreesh.

Ponytail Softball  
Batters Box

By Sharon Miller



**Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—July 22—**The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, July 22 at 8 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on July 22. New members are always welcomed. Please note time change to 8 p.m.

**All Star Team Pictures—July 23 and 24—**All Star pictures will be taken on Wednesday, July 23 for the 12's team and Thursday, July 24 for the 10's and 14's teams. All players and coaches need to arrive at Ponytail Park (formerly Pitt Street Park) by 4:45 p.m. Pictures will be taken at 5 p.m. sharp.

**Parkway Softball League—**The summer Parkway League season is coming to an end. All regular season games will be completed by July 25. Playoffs for the 12's take place July 28. Playoffs for the 10's and 14's will be played July 29. Rain dates, if necessary, for the playoffs will be July 30 and 31. Good luck to all teams.

**Sponsorship Program—**Last year we revised our sponsorship program. Sponsors can have an advertising sign placed on the outfield fences of the fields at the Ponytail Park Complex. The sign will be four by eight feet in size. Sponsors can design their sign with any information or logo they choose. The signs will be up for our spring, summer and fall programs (now through end of Oct.). Sponsors have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$300 or a two-year agreement at a cost of \$400 (either choice includes cost of sign with two colors). Additional colors may be added at a cost of \$20 per color. 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 funds go directly towards improving and upgrading the softball facilities, as well as benefiting the girls who play recreation and all-star softball. If interested, please contact any member of the S.P. Parents' Ponytail Association or contact me via our website SPPONYTAIL.com.

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# Sports



Tim Morgan, Jr

## Varsity Boy's Soccer Review

At the SPHS Fall Athletic Awards, Head Coach Robert Diehl said that the Varsity Boys' Soccer team's record was not indicative of their abilities. I think he was right. The boys seemed to be just a little shy of making a huge difference in their record.

The boys went 2-14 last year and 3-13 the year before. Not exactly impressive numbers, but this may be the year they get out of their rut. There are a few provisional measures that need to be taken for that to happen though.

According to Diehl, the Tigers have been a few players away from a good team for the past few years. The potential is there, but reaching it has presented a problem. The team has a number of skilled players, but the supporting players will be integral to how the team performs and will likely be the deciding factor as to whether or not they can dramatically improve their record. There is a pressing need for all the players to give their full and unhampered efforts in order for team chemistry to be achieved.

Diehl said that this upcoming season's team would be strong, even if

not star-laden. The Tigers have about half a dozen solid, tested Varsity players who have shown their contributions in the past. There is another group of players who are ready to take the step into real, regular Varsity playing time who need to have good years in order for the team to have one. Basically, if all the players on the field can realize each other's true abilities, the Tigers will be competitive and capable of beating most of their White Division competition, especially Colonia, Perth Amboy, and Woodbridge.

One advantage this year's team has over last year's is that they have more experience, being almost all upperclassmen, which might "provide the little extra needed for a turnaround," according to Diehl. Another factor is that, since this is Diehl's third year as Head Coach, the boys may be more adjusted to his coaching methods.

Senior Pete Kelly is a pretty much a definite to play goalie, but all of the other spots are up for grabs. Seniors Miguel Garcia, Jorge Henao, Ian Levine, Chris Nguyen, and Gerber Vasquez will all be strong players on the Varsity squad. Levine has the size and skill to be a key one, Henao will be ready to go, Vasquez could also be a key player, and Nguyen is a versatile player who will likely be stationed on the defensive side. Garcia has shown enough leadership and dedication to be the only declared captain thus far,

although one or two more will likely be chosen later on.

Juniors Billy Padula, Ankit Patel, and Dwight Quichua saw some Varsity time last year and will probably see more this year. Other players who may be able to contribute to the Varsity squad are juniors Paul Corrado, Chris McKnight, and Brian Murtagh as well as sophomores Steve Lindgren and Chris Weakley.

During the summer, the team is allowed to practice on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Once the regular season begins, they will have double sessions until school starts. They begin practices by thoroughly warming up and stretching, then they go through a variety of drills, practice set plays, and have scrimmages amongst themselves (usually allowing only one or two touches per person) to develop team chemistry and get into the game mode.

Diehl, who is entering his fifth year of coaching soccer at SPHS and eighth year altogether, has played the sport ever since he was 12, competing at the middle school, high school, college, and semi-pro levels before beginning to coach. "I have a passion for the game of soccer, whether it's practicing it or playing games, and there aren't many other things I'd rather be doing in the fall season than coaching a bunch of boys (in the sport)," he enthusiastically said. He also said, "I appreciate the help of the leagues within the town who have put a lot together to promote the high school program."

Diehl is assisted by veteran coach Cameron Green and first year coach Tim Serbe, both teachers at the high school.

When asked what he is hoping to do next season, Diehl responded, "Certainly, we want to score more goals." This may seem like an obligatory objective for any team, but for the Tigers, it is their main focus and the factor that prevented them from winning a lot of their games last year. Diehl primarily wants to improve his offense while maintaining last year's defensive capability. He pointed out that the disparity between offensive and defensive teams' aptitudes puts more pressure on the defense since the ball is in their area more often. Many of the Tigers' games last year were low scoring ones where there was only a one or two goal difference against the other team, so if they can put the ball in the back of their opponent's net more often, they may be a serious contender in the White Division.



Left to right: Jeff Lubreski, Jim Flannery, Bill Pavlak Rob Disch, Mike O'Brien, Kevin Flannery and Frank Chirichillo. Not pictured is Dennis Stuewe.

## 2003 Pocono Challenge Ryder Cup Runners-Up

The challengers tied at 6-6 at the end of the first day of team competition, but were clobbered 15½-2½ in the two-man scramble format.

The challengers roared back on the

final day of individual matches winning five, tying one and losing two.

The defending champions hung on to post a 30-24 final score report championship.

-Submitted by Bob Nilan

Witty's kept its winning streak alive with a 15-5 thumping of Twin City to move into first place in the American Division of the South Plainfield Golf League. Kevin Bickunas, who had been struggling earlier in the season, fired a 37 to lead Witty's. Fine efforts in a losing cause for Twin City were turned in by Frank Capparelli with a 37, Jerry Minlionica who shot a 38 and Jay Cappola's 39.

Kevin Boyce and John Cacciatore shared medalist honors for Hank's Hackers as they knocked Plainfield Animal Hospital out of first place by a score of 12-8. Captain Mike Cortese was low man for PAH.

The Elks continue to play tough and remain just one game out of first place. Chris Nuzzo led the Elks to a 14-6 victory over KC's Korner, despite a solid round of 39 by KC's Rich Steele.

Ed Banach had a terrific one-over par 34 for top-ranked Aiello Chiropractic and his partner, Fred "The Glove-man" Kirchofer posted a 37 that could easily have been a few strokes better, but Aiello had too many strokes to give and dropped their match to Sport & Social, 12-8. Dennis Bibby of defending champs Sport & Social earned the medalist honors for his team.

Danny Griffin's booming drives and marvelous pitch shots were just too much for Patti's Construction as Masters overwhelmed Patti's 18-2. Griffin's 37 was aided by a fine 39 by Al Schroeder. Matt Ward's 38 was best for Patti's.

Marty Van De Vaart and Jim Pornovets tied for medalist honors as Pornovets belted the VFW 15-5.

Low scores for the night: Ed Banach- 34, Fred Kirchofer- 37, Frank Capparelli- 37, Kevin Bickunas- 37, Danny Griffin- 37, Jerry Minlionica- 38, Matt Ward- 38, Jay Cappola- 39, Rich Steele- 39, Al Schroeder- 39. Closest to the pin: Mike Sikanowicz.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS:

American Division			
	W	L	T
Witty's	6	3	1
PAH	6	4	0
Elks	5	4	1
Pornovets	4	5	1
Masters	4	5	1
Sport & Social	4	6	0
National Division			
	W	L	T
Aiello	8	2	0
Twin City	5	4	1
KC's Korner	5	4	1
Hank's Hackers	5	4	1
VFW	2	7	1
Patti's Const.	2	8	0

## Ten-Year-Old All Star Team Wins Piscataway Tournament

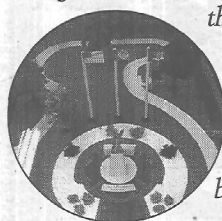


The South Plainfield 10-year-old All Stars won the Piscataway Tournament last weekend. The players are as follows: bottom row (left to right), Michael Pullen, Dylan Papa, Danny Hansen, Richie Szeliga, Hector Rivera; middle standing, Gerry Pinto, Zach Sikanowitz, Ryan Harrington, Riley Hubner, Brandon Downes, Eric Niemeyer, Kyle Pompilio and top row, Coach John Papa, General Manager Chris Hubner, Coach Chris Hansen, Coach Mike Downes and Coach Bob Harrington.

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# Sports

## Tiger Sharks Win One, Lose One, Again

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks swim team, representing the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool, won another meet against the Frogs of Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club of South Amboy, but lost to the Sandpipers of East Brunswick's Crystal Springs in two recent contests.

On July 5, their winning score was 166 to 99 against the Frog Hollow team, swimming at the South Plainfield pool; on July 9 the Tigers lost to East Brunswick, swimming at the Sandpipers home pool, with a score of 191-85.

Swim meets have become ever more competitive for the Tiger Sharks this year as they were promoted to "A" league from "B" league, which means



**South Plainfield Girl's 8+ under undefeated relay team fearsome foursome-Rachel Krause, Kate McLaughlin, Grace Piekarski and Alison White.**

they are now racing the most competitive swimmers in the New Jersey Swimming and Diving League in Central Jersey. While some teams have swimmers who swim year round, many of the South Plainfield swimmers compete only during summer months and yet have been able to break team and pool records this year.

At the Frog Hollow meet, Dylan McDermott broke the pool and team record, swimming the 100 meter freestyle in 1:24.32 against other 10 year and under swimmers. Caleb Tou took second and Brian Babinetz, third, in the boys 100m 11-12 age group and CalvinJohn Smiley took first and Philip Luzny, third in the 13-18 years 200m competition.

Among the many other point scorers at that meet were Chelsea Cullen, second and Maggie Valentino, third in the 10-and-under, 100m Individual Medley and Kristen Dabrio, third, in the 13-18, 200m race. For the eight and under girls freestyle 25m, Rachel Krause claimed first place, Kate McLaughlin, second and Gracie Piekarski, third.

Sarah Konops took first place in the

9-10 years 50m with Maggie Valentino in second; while Kelly O'Brien took first and Emily Piekarski placed third in the 11-12, 50m race. Leah Konops placed first in the 13-14 age group, 100m with Joanna Luzny in third; while Nina Byard took first in the 15-18, 100m and Kristen Dabrio placed third.

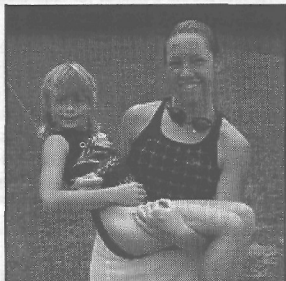
In backstroke, three Tiger Sharks took first, second and third in the eight and under boys category, with Aidan McDermott in first, followed by Sean Cullen and Joey Valentino in the 25m. Ryan Lind took third in the 9-10, 50m race and Brian Babinetz took first in the 11-12, 50m. For the 13-14 boys, Matt Moates placed first in the 100m race with Alan Kasmer in second. CalvinJohn Smiley placed first in the 15-18, 100m and Chris Reed placed third.

Boys breaststroke winners included Aidan McDermott in second place for the eight and under 25m; his brother Dylan in first place for the 9-10, 50m with Michael Grzenda in third; Caleb Tou placed first in the 11-12, 50m, followed by Anthony Baldassarre in third. Philip Luzny claimed first place in the 13-14, 100m race and Chris Reed took first in the 15-18, 100m.

In the girls butterfly events, three Tiger swimmers claimed the points in the eight and under, 25m race with Rachel Krause in first, Gracie Piekarski, second and Kate McLaughlin in third place. Chelsea Cullen placed second and Sarah Konops, third in the 9-10, 50m. with Teresa Gustafson taking third in the 11-12, 50m. event. Leah Konops placed first and Abigail Petritsch, second in the 13-14, 100m; while Nina Byard claimed second and Kelly Orlandini took third in the older girls 15-18, 100m category.

Tiger Shark boys took all the points in the boys freestyle relay races with teammates Aidan McDermott, Charlie Butrico, Joey Valentino and Sean Cullen taking first place in the eight and under, 100m race; Caleb Tou, Michael Grzenda, Dylan McDermott and Steven Grzenda claiming first in the 9-12, 200m race and Chris Reed, CalvinJohn Smiley, Philip Luzny and Matt Moates taking first in the 13-18 year, 200m race.

In the girls medley relay races, teammates Kate McLaughlin, Gracie Piekarski, Rachel Krause and Taylor Aljian claimed first place in the eight and under, 100m race and older girls Joanna Luzny, Leah Konops, Kristin



**Veteran Tiger Shark Leah Konops gives support to Jamie Bohn.**

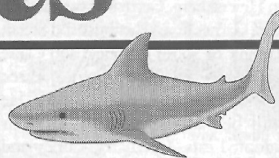
Dabrio and Nina Byard took first in the 13-18, 200m event.

At the July 9 meet against the Sandpipers, Tiger Shark swimmers still managed to take 85 points and seven first place wins, but eventually lost the meet. Dylan McDermott took first place in the 10 and under, 100m. freestyle boys race; Michael Boyle took second place in the 11-12 year old, 100m and CalvinJohn Smiley placed second in the 13-18, 200m.

For the girls individual medley races, Maggie Valentino took second in the 10 and under, 100m and Emily Piekarski placed third in the 11-12, 100m race. Freestyle girls swimmers took all three places in the eight and under, 25m event with Rachel Krause in first and Gracie Piekarski and Katie McLaughlin placing second and third, respectively. Sarah Konops took second place in the 9-10, 50m with her sister, Leah, taking second in the 13-14, 100m. race; while Nina Byard placed second in the 15-18, 100m.

Liam McDermott took third place in the boys backstroke, eight and under, 25m race; Michael Boyle took third in the 11-12, 50m; Matt Moates claimed first in the 13-14, 100m and CalvinJohn Smiley took second for the older boys, 15-18, 100m event.

Breaststrokers scored with Liam McDermott placing third in the eight

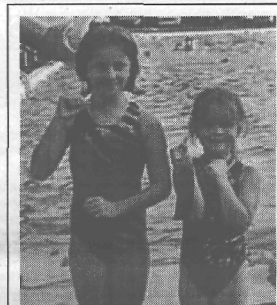


and under, 25m; his brother, Dylan, taking first in the 9-10, 50m and Caleb Tou claiming first in the 11-12, 50m race.

Girls butterfly points went to Rachel Krause, first place and Kate McLaughlin, third, in the eight and under, 25m; Sarah Konops, second and Chelsea Cullen, third, in the 9-10 50m; Michelle Gustafson, second and Anna Petritsch, third, in the 11-12 age group, 50m; Leah Konops, second, in the 13-14, 100m and Nina Byard, second, in the 15-18, 100m. race.

Medley relay first place winners were teammates Katie McLaughlin, Rachel Krause, Allison White and Gracie Piekarski, taking the honors for the eight and under, 100m event.

Tiger Shark swimmers have been coached for many years by head coach, Laurie Post, recreation director of the JCC, Edison. She is assisted by Robin Cone and Jen Otlowski. Swim meets are Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. -Submitted by Donna Egan



**The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Diving Team hosted a home diving meet against Frog Hollow on Monday, June 30. First place age group winner for girls 9/10, Allison Wagner (above) and first place age group winner for girls eight and under, Abigail Krause.**

By Kevin Lykes

## junior baseball clubnotes



### 2003 Edward J. Devine Scholarships Announced

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is proud to announce the recipients of the 2003 Edward J. Devine Scholarships.

Each year the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club awards scholarships to two graduating high school students who have been ball players with the club for at least five years.

This year we are proud to announce that the recipients of the 2003 Edward J. Devine Scholarships are Daniel Stallone, who will be attending the University of Scranton in the fall and Ryan Vroom, who will be attending the University of Delaware. The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club wishes the both of you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

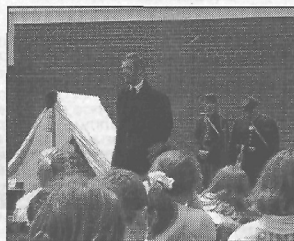
### Other Club News:

Just a reminder, the 50th anniversary celebration is set for Friday evening, Sept. 19. The evening will include open bar and a sit down dinner at the Woodbridge Sheraton. Hotel rooms can also be reserved for the night if you choose. The cost is \$75 per person.

Come out and enjoy a good time. Contact the club at (908) 754-2090 or Kevin Lykes at (908) 756-3671 for your reservations. We only have room for 100 people, so don't delay.

The Cal Ripken nine-year-old State Tournament, featuring our own District 9 Champion nine-year-old team, will begin at the complex on Saturday, July 26. Stop by for some good baseball and to lend support to the local athletes.

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## Obituaries

### Howard W. Harris, 69

Howard W. Harris of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, July 8 at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Howard was born in Scranton, Pa. and was a former resident of Dickinson City, Pa. and Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 40 years ago.

Howard was a chemistry teacher at Piscataway High School for 33 years before retiring in 1992. He was a 1995 graduate of Scranton University with a BS in Biology and received two Masters Degrees from Rutgers University in Education and Administration. He was a member of the New Jersey Education Association.

Howard was an avid sports fan and loved watching all sports, especially baseball and his favorite team, the former Brooklyn Dodgers, now LA Dodgers.

Howard was a very charitable man, donating his time and money to countless local charities, including the Plainfield Red Cross, where he volunteered at the Apheresis Blood Donation Unit and a blood donor for 15 years. He volunteered for the Star Fish Food Relief Program of Plainfield where he delivered food to the homebound and the needy.

He was a member of the Temple Emanu-el in Edison.

He served his country in the U.S. Army as a SP-5 from 1956 to 1959.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Karin A. Schonberg Harris.

ris; a son, Sergeant First Class Francis H. Harris of the U.S. Army stationed in Heidelberg, Germany; two daughters, Garnet R. and her husband Stefan Ivaniuc of South Plainfield and Claire H. Harris of Stewartville; three grandchildren, Iris, Eric and Caleb. He will be sadly missed by his four adopted cats, Joe, Larry, Curley and Minnie.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Harry Wienberger Scholarship Fund in honor of Howard W. Harris. Donations are payable to Piscataway High School, 100 Behmer Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854.

### Maria Liza C. De La Calzada, 23

Maria Liza C. De La Calzada of Piscataway died on Saturday, July 12 at the Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Maria was born in Dumaguete City, Philippines, and was a former resident of Cebu City, Philippines before moving to Piscataway 13 years ago.

Maria was a 2002 graduate of the Charles Gregory School of Nursing in

Old Bridge and was a registered nurse working in the emergency room at the Union Hospital in Union since graduation.

Maria attended Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her father, Manuel De La Calzada, Jr., who died in 1983.

Maria is survived by her loving mother, Marissa Caballes De La Calzada; her paternal grandparents, Dolores and Manuel De La Calzada, Sr. and her maternal grandmother, Gumersinda Caballes, all of the Philippines. She is also survived by her many cousins.

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

during WWII and was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW Post #3227 in St. Cloud. Fred was also a member of the BPO Elks Lodge #1873 in Kismecce. He was past exalted ruler, vice president and past district deputy of the Grand Lodge and the New Jersey State Association of Elks.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Elinor A. Moore; a sister, Jean Hoffman of Warren and a brother, Alan Moore of South Plainfield. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Peter J. Steiner, 65

Peter J. Steiner entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 9 at his home.

Peter was born in Elizabeth and grew up in Cranford. He lived in Garwood for a short time before settling in Piscataway 42 years ago.

The owner and operator of Peter Steiner Painting and Decorating, Peter operated his business for over 30 years in the Central Jersey area before

his retirement at the age of 62.

He had been involved in local sporting leagues with his children as their coach for various sports teams. He also was a daily tennis player and avid fisherman.

As he became a grandfather, his time spent with his grandchildren became very important.

His son in law, Kenneth Martino, died in 1996.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa (Venezla) Steiner; two sons and their wives, Peter J. III and Teresa of Kentucky, Kenneth and Tracey of Port Murray, NJ; two daughters, Suzanne Martino of Piscataway and Karen and her husband, Jerry Guadagno of Annandale; his parents, Mary (Tinsesz) and Peter J. of Mountainside and two brothers, Norman of Bound Brook and Victor of Basking Ridge.

He is also survived by his dear grandchildren, Peter IV, Angela, Brian, Sarina, Abigail, Genaro and Sidney.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the JFK Hospice, c/o 65 James Street, Edison, NJ 08818.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

July 11, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 10, 2003.

A. Case #03-01—Larry and Donna Clark, d.b.a. AAA Storage Depot, Block 457; Lots 1, 3, and 4; Jersey Street and Parker Street. The applicant's request for a use variance in order to construct a new (2) story storage building measuring 140 ft. in width by 104 ft. in depth, irregular, and with an 11.09 foot front yard setback, a 10.4 foot side yard setback, and a 10 foot rear yard setback, a lot coverage variance of 50.94%, together with amended preliminary and final site plan approval with waivers and improvements was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

B. Case #32-03—Nicholas and Nancy Tonzola; Block 1673; Lot 19; 1952 Grant Avenue. The applicant's request for a 25.5 foot front yard setback from Grant Avenue, a 13.7 foot front yard setback from Franklin Avenue, and a 5.8 foot northerly side yard setback, in order to construct a second level addition to their home measuring 30.5 feet in depth by 26.4 feet (2 foot rear cantilever) was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #34-03—Keith and Irina Sloner; Block 181; Lot 6; 501 Ritter Avenue. The applicant's request for a 13.5 foot front yard setback from Van Fleet Avenue for the addition and deck, and a 6 foot northerly side yard setback variance for the addition was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

D. Case #35-03—Martin Smith; Block 158; Lot 2; 2210 Orchard Drive. The applicant's request for a front yard setback of 22 feet 6 inches in order to construct a (2) story addition measuring 10 ft. in depth by 22.4 inches in width was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$47.25

July 18, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1570B

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

Ordinance #1570B entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1570 AND #1570A APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000.00 FOR THE REPAVING OF BELMONT AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday July 17, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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July 18, 2003

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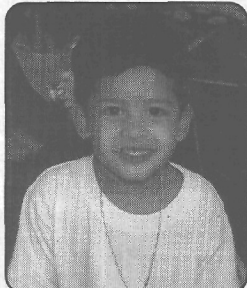
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 1625

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

Ordinance #1625 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$250,000 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR THE REMEDIATION OF VETERANS PARK be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 18, 2003 and that a public hearing be held at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, July 28, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1625

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$250,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR THE REMEDIATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the remediation of Veterans Memorial Park in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 2. That the improvement described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvement for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purpose stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$250,000.00.

B. That the cost of said project shall be financed by a grant received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Livable Communities Grant which said sum is available for said Purposes.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvement is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00

Section 5. This law shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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July 18, 2003

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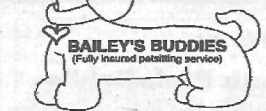
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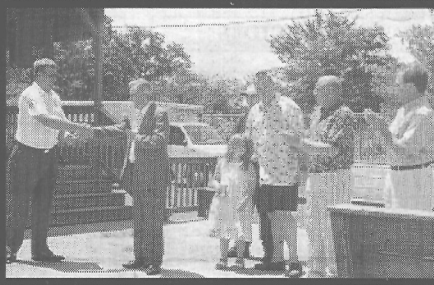
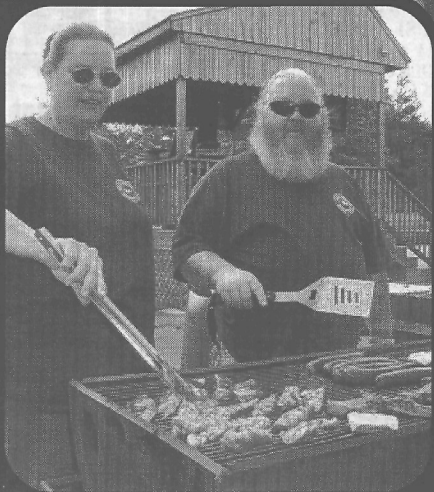
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## LEGAL NOTICES

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1627

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

Ord. 1627 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 538 LOT 7 TO A CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER AT A PRICE OF \$92,700 be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 18, 2003 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 14, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1627

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 538, LOT 7 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO EDGEWOOD PROPERTIES FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$92,700.00.

WHEREAS, The Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 538, Lot 7, said property being situated on West End Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Properties, are the owners of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, The Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 538, Lot 7 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 ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD THAT the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owner on August 14, 2003 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 the title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to the marketability of title should be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said question 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.
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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 that 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.

7. At the time of second reading of this Ordinance, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of advertising, legal fees and associated costs incurred by the Borough. The purchaser shall be credited the cost of any appraisal previously paid by the purchaser as required by the Land Management Committee.

8. The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser.

9. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for the same

prior to the issuance of any building permits.

10. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition to the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

11. The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser and shall not be subdivided at any future date.

12. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

13. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Complex" located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
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July 18, 2002

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• On July 7 Timothy Patrick Callaghan, 38, of New Milford was arrested for driving while intoxicated, being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana under 50 grams at a motor vehicle stop.

• John Ramal, 48, of Plainfield was arrested for exhibiting false documents at the DMV to obtain a NJ driver's license.

• A Washington, NY resident reported the theft of her purse from her shopping cart at K-Mart.

• A Central Ave. resident reported the theft of his son's Magna BMX bike from the community pool. The bike was locked up with a cable lock with other bikes, however this one was the only one removed.

• On July 8 Jack Siedlecki, 38, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

• An employee of Keystone on Front St. reported the theft of a briefcase from his unlocked vehicle.

• A Middlesex Water Co. employee reported that a rock had been thrown at the windshield of his parked truck near Cedarbrook Park. The windshield was cracked and had a large chip in it.

• Canada Dry on New Durham Rd. reported the theft of 20 cases of Arizona Ice Tea and Evian water from an unlocked truck near a bay door.

• On July 9 Eric Vinicio Jacobo, 23, of Plainfield was arrested on a fugitive from justice warrant while parked on Cedar Ave. He was an Army deserter from Kentucky.

• Brandon N. Hale, 24, of New Brunswick was arrested for shoplifting at Kohl's. He tried to return a JA Henckels International knife which he never paid for.

• A Hopkinson St. resident reported that the passenger side rear window of his car had been smashed out and the door unlocked and a Pioneer AM/FM/CD radio was taken. The wires were also cut to the rear speakers, but the unit was left leaning on the passenger seat. The same evening another Hopkinson St. resident reported that his car was broken into and a Pioneer AM/FM/CD radio was also taken. The vehicle doors were locked, but a window was left partially cracked open to gain entry.

• A Smith St. resident reported that his Pioneer AM/FM/CD radio, a digital camera and palm pilot were taken from his vehicle.

• On July 10 Brook Asmare, 26, of Piscataway was arrested for hindering by giving false information at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Park Ave. resident reported the theft of a baby stroller with a cell phone in it from in front of the room at Spring Lake Park.

• On July 12 George B. Barksdale, 60, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• On July 13 Westley York Esaw, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for burglary and theft. He had broken into a home on Hancock St. and taken \$300. Bail was set at \$20,000.

• A Clinton Ave. resident reported that a beer bottle had been thrown through the front glass window of the vacant business in front of the residence.

• A Piscataway resident reported leaving her purse at White Castle. When she returned the purse had been emptied and her drivers license and \$80 was missing.

• On July 14 Kevin N. Earl, 32, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting at Burlington Coat Factory. He purchased a pair of shoes that were \$109.99 and changed the price to \$74.99.

• An employee of Hassem Corp. on Helen St. reported that the rear passenger window of his vehicle was smashed in. A Kenwood Stereo/CD player, 25 CD's and a two ton Prolift jack were taken.

• An employee of G & W Labs on Coolidge St. reported that the rear passenger window of his vehicle was broken and a Pioneer Stereo/CD player, 30 CD's, a pair of sneakers, a pasta strainer, three rolls of Armor All wipes and a tire jack were taken.

• The owner of the building at 1511 Park Ave. reported that the building had been sprayed with graffiti.

• An employee of Marinoware reported that the passenger side door handle of his vehicle had been removed and a Pioneer car stereo and CD player were taken.

• On July 15 An employee of Innovative Carton on Durham Ave. reported that the drivers side door handle of his vehicle had been pried open and a JVC Stereo/CD player was taken.

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