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Future Stars Program in Jeopardy

For the past 23 years, hundreds of South Plainfield children have been attending a preschool program sponsored by the Board of Education.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rosado announced at last week's board meeting that a letter from Acting Middlesex County Superintendent of School Patrick Piegari states that our Future Stars Pre-School Program, now run by the Adult School, can no longer be run by the South Plainfield Board of Education. This decision, based on a 1996 court ruling concerning a preschool program in Montclair, states that all public school programs must be tuition free. The Future Stars Program is a paid program and therefore can no longer be

Ruling Deems Borough Preschool Education Illegal

offered by the Board of Education.

The court case took place in Montclair. It pertained to a preschool program which started out free, but later charged tuition. Dr. Rosado had worked in that district but not at the time of the court case. Earlier this year when the Future Stars program was being monitored by the Middlesex County Department of Education, which is done every seven years, questions were raised about the program's

funding. After further review Piegari wrote to Dr. Rosado saying that indeed it was not legal unless paid for under general funding. He added, "A board would not be prohibited from leasing its facilities to a nonprofit organization to operate a preschool program on school grounds subject to the availability of a facility in the district."

Dr. Rosado requested and received permission that the program continue as is during the next school year while

a transition plan is completed, which will move administration of the program to outside the realm of the school district. Therefore, this coming school year the Future Stars Program will continue to be run by the Board of Education.

No transition plans have yet been announced, but Dr. Rosado said he will probably ask for bids from outside nonprofit organizations to run the program. He added that he would like the current staff to remain and that the program still be held in South Plainfield schools.

Rosado's announcement came as both a shock and surprise to the residents attending the meeting. Board member Steve Bohn was very upset

after Rosado's announcement, saying he did not agree with the court ruling. However, Dr. Nicholas Celso, Board of Education attorney, interpreted the court ruling and the subsequent letter from Piegari differently, saying that the Future Stars Program is not legal.

The Piscataway Board of Education also has a preschool program run by their Adult School. According to Asst. Superintendent of Schools Harold Reid, their lawyers are now looking into the court ruling. Presently, Piscataway's preschool students attend a Piscataway school on Stelton Rd.

The Montclair Board of Education said they no longer fund a preschool program.

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Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Louis and Anna DeFillipo, Mayor Dan Gallagher and David Singelyn, owner/operator of McDonald's on Stelton Rd.

DeFillipo Recognized As Community Icon

The McDonald's New York Tri-State Owners/Operators Association honored Louis DeFillipo of South Plainfield by making him the recipient of the first-ever McDonald's Big Mac Award. DeFillipo was nominated by Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Jr.

The award was presented to a humble and tearful DeFillipo last Thursday at the McDonald's on Stelton Rd. by the owner and operator David Singelyn. Attending the cer-

emonies were DeFillipo's wife Anna and his daughter Nancy Guarriaci, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Chief Bob Merkler, Fire Chief Larry Del Negro and many friends and dignitaries from South Plainfield. After the presentation everyone enjoyed a Big Mac or whatever they wanted for lunch.

The Big Mac Awards were created in honor of the Big Mac's 35th birthday to recognize individuals and family-run businesses with long-standing service and dedication to the community. The winners were selected by the McDonald's Big Mac Awards Selection Committee.

Louis DeFillipo has been an active officer for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department since 1938, holding many titles over the years, including president for nine years and vice president for 12 years. He has also held various positions during his membership in the American Legion, VFW Post 6763, the Elks Lodge, UNICO and the Knights of Columbus. DeFillipo served as a Lieutenant for the U.S. Infantry during World War II, for which he received the British Military Cross, Silver Star Bronze

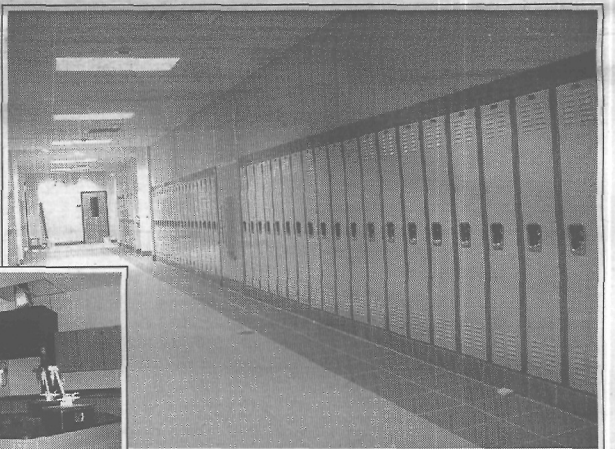
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Grant Central Ready For Students

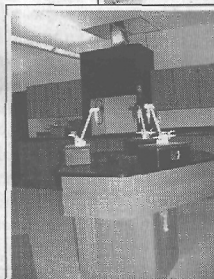
Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Come September, Grant Central Sixth Elementary School will experience a lot of changes. The building will become Grant Central Elementary School when it opens its doors to approximately 300 new fifth grade students. The increase almost doubles the average student body from last year. A new wing has been added to accommodate the influx of youngsters. The original building will house the fifth grade youths while the sixth grade will move into the new addition to the building.

Principal Janis Burchell proudly showed off the not-quite finished wing. The "T" shaped addition extends off the back of the school, a continuous hall connects the old and new sections. The extension has ten large classrooms. The wide hallways are lined with shiny new lockers. The bright



The Grant Central Elementary School expansion will offer students a new wing (above) and science lab (left).

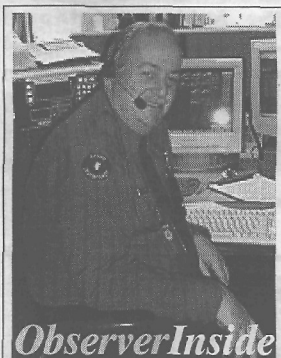


airy rooms are still devoid of desks and chairs and the highly polished floors are unscuffed. Several rooms already hold neatly shelved books. The addition also has a spacious media center,

science lab and computer lab which will be used by both grades. Each grade will have their own entrance.

In August the school will hold a "Locker Camp." Students and parents

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The cast of "Crazy for You," this year's Summer Drama Production is set for July 31 through Aug. 3 at SPHS. **Summer Drama Workshop is "Crazy for You"**

Just one more week until the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop presents the community their 2003 production, "Crazy for You," a rewrite of the 1930s Gershwin hit "Girl

Crazy." The show opened on Broadway in 1992. The revitalized musical included new plot and score. Numerous songs were deleted, while numbers from other Gershwin productions

were borrowed including old favorites such as "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," and "K-RA-ZY for You," which provided the musical

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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

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 (NJS 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 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

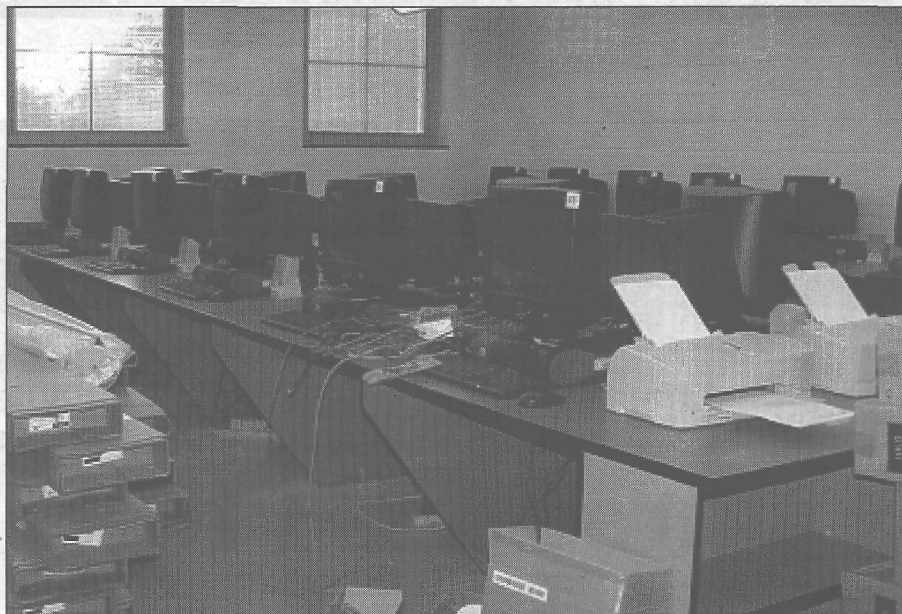
Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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 computer lab (above) in the expanded Grant Central Elementary School undergoes preparations for September. Principal Janis Burchell shows off new shelving.

Grant Central Ready For Students

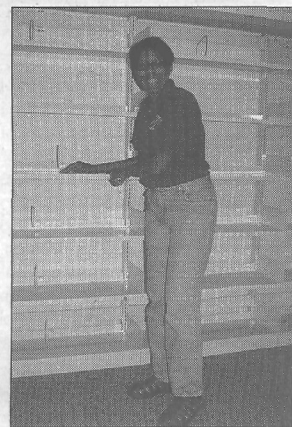
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will meet homeroom teachers, practice opening lockers, tour the finished facility as well as getting to know their homeroom teacher and classmates.

Although a bit confusing, the change in name is nothing new for this particular school. Built in 1961, it was called Cedarcroft Junior High School. When the new (current) high school opened in 1974, junior high students were moved to the old high school which was renamed the Middle

School. Cedarcroft became Grant School and housed Future Stars Pre-School, Board of Ed offices and the Adult School. The original Grant School was located on Front St. and is now the Keystone building. Two years ago, Grant School was renamed Grant Central Sixth when the sixth grade students were moved there from the elementary schools.

Watch the *Observer* for upcoming stories on Roosevelt School and the new Roosevelt Elementary School.



Middlesex County Fair Association Looking to Crown 2003 King and Queen

The Middlesex County Fair Association is looking for boys and girls ages 7-11 to participate in this year's King and Queen contest to be held on the first night of the County Fair on Aug. 4. In addition, the Fair Association is looking for boys and girls ages 4-6 to participate in the Prince and Princess contest to be held on the same night just before the King and Queen contest. Entrants will be judged on appearance and how they present themselves on questions such as "What do you want to be when you grow up and why?" and "What special place have you visited?"

Winners will receive free admission to the fair for the rest of the week, as well as other prizes.

These contests will be part of a big first night for the fair that will include the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m., followed by the Prince and Princess contest at 7 p.m., the King and Queen contest at 8 p.m., and capped off by

the performance by the T-Birds at 9 p.m. The fairgrounds are located on Cranbury Road in East Brunswick.


The Fair Association is also seeking participants for the other contests to be held later in the week, including the age 5-11 talent show on Thursday, Aug. 7, the age 12-18 talent show on Friday, Aug. 8, the Puppy and Dog Show and Kitten and Cat Show on Saturday, Aug. 9, the Animal Costume Show, also on Saturday, and the Children's Costume Parade on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Applications for all contests can be obtained from the fair's website at

<http://Middlesex.rcc.rutgers.edu/fair>, by calling the fair office at (732) 257-8858 or coming to the fairgrounds on any Wednesday evening in July. Prizes will be awarded to all winners.

"With the County Fair celebrating its 65th anniversary, we are hoping for a great turnout of our country's youth for this year's events," said Alan Habiak, president of the Middlesex County Fair Association. "The fair is about coming together and being a part of the experience by participating in all that we have to offer."

The 65th annual Middlesex County Fair will be held Aug. 4-10.



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Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

One of the newest formats in publishing is the graphic novel. These are books that superficially resemble the comic books many of us read as children but in reality are much more than just a comic. These are fully fleshed out stories told primarily through graphic illustrations, hence the name 'graphic novels', but they still include words. The Library has a wide ranging collection including series such as *Dragon Ball Z*, *Astro Boy*, *Marmalade Boy*, *Maus*, *Soulwind*, and many others. These books are very popular with young adults. We also have a selection of videos that are based on these stories, especially *Dragon Ball Z*.

Young adult literature, moreover, is more than just graphic novels. Another theme is teenage angst. We all

remember the trials and tribulations of being a teenager, and that angst has been a theme of young adult literature since the start. S.E. Hinton wrote about it in books such as *Tex, the Outsiders*, etc. Now we have Meg Cabot's *All American Girl* with its Princess Diaries style Shenanigans. And the *Fearless* series by Francine Pascal, the author of all those Sweet Valley High books. Those are just the tip of the iceberg. Come in and find out more!

And remember our Summer Reading Program "Camp Read-A-Lot" and our regular storytimes (Tuesday, Wednesday, And Thursday) as well as our Monday night Kidcraft and Friday's Books-n-Babies. If you would like more information on any children's program you can call Miss Linda at (908) 754-7885. See you at the South Plainfield Public Library.

Keystone Community Residence Renews Front Street Adoption

Mary Ann Williams, Vocational Supervisor in the Keystone Vocational Enhancement Program, has signed a new contract with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association to adopt Front Street. This is Keystone's seventh year in the Adopt-A-Spot program. Keystone residents clean the entire length of Front Street, from Maple Avenue to the railroad tracks. Every Thursday, six to nine residents and two staffers work along the road, picking up litter, sweeping the sidewalks and pulling weeds, as needed. This Adopt-A-Spot is a significant contribution to the improvement of the downtown area. The Vocational Program also has a separate agreement with the Borough to clean litter from the parks and the mu-

nicipal buildings.

The Clean Business Association is seeking other businesses or groups interested in adopting a spot downtown. Hamilton Boulevard, Church Street, South Plainfield Avenue and Oak Tree Avenue are all subject to littering. People often feel helpless in the face of the many environmental hazards that surround us in central New Jersey. Litter is one environmental hazard that the average person can help control. No technical training or superfund dollars are needed to organize a cleanup. It takes even less effort not to litter in the first place.

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

It's Time to Enter the Observer Poster Contest

The *South Plainfield Observer* will be running their second annual Poster Contest for this year's Labor Day Parade.

The poster must interpret this year's theme, "To Honor Those Who

Proudly Serve Our Country." This can be a family or individual project. The idea is to get everyone involved in this year's annual festivities on Labor Day.

It's simple to enter. Create your poster in any media and bring it to the *Observer* office by Friday, August 25.

Everyone who enters will receive a prize. The grand prize winner will receive a gift certificate from Sportworld and other prizes to be announced. The winner will also be featured on the front page of the *Observer*.

So get the family together and make the contest a family affair.

Any questions, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.

Borough Council Calls Special Meeting

The Borough Council has called a special meeting on Monday, July 28 to vote on the funding of the cleanup of Veterans Park. They will also announce the company chosen to do the clean up. Meeting starts at 5 p.m.



John McConville's family is all smiles as they welcome him home at last week's party in his honor at the American Legion. Pictured are John with his mother, Rosemary and father, Joe and family members Timmy, Gina, Jim, Kelly, Shaun and Kaitlyn.

American Legion Hosts a Welcome Home Party for John McConville

Last Friday night the American Legion was filled with friends and relatives of John McConville, who has just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.

McConville is on leave from the South Plainfield Police Department. His reserve unit has returned from Iraq and he expects to be discharged in a few months. He has been in the Marine Reserves since 1992 and served in Gulf War in the artillery division, where he was awarded the Southwest Asian Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon and Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Smiles and feelings of relief could be seen on everyone's faces, especially his mom, Rosemary, his dad Joe, and the entire family. John's brother James is also an officer in the South Plainfield Police Department. John presented an American flag that flew over Kuwait on the Fourth of July to American Legion Commander Tom Blanchard.



John McConville presents an American flag, which flew over Kuwait on the Fourth of July, to American Legion Commander Tom Blanchard, while Joe McConville, Past Commander Fred Roser and Past Commander and Chaplain Fred Bladon look on.

Grant to Fund Rape Care Programs Announced

Freeholder John Pulomena, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, announced today that the Middlesex County Public Health Department has applied to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division on Women to continue the Middlesex County Rape Care Program. The grant will run for a three year period and will receive an annual grant award amount of \$70,000 per year. Freeholder John Pulomena said, "I am extremely proud that Middlesex County is the first County in the State of New Jersey to initiate a Rape Nursing Intervention and Care Program."

Freeholder Pulomena added, "The Middlesex County Rape Crisis Intervention Center was established in close

cooperation with the County Prosecutor's Office and local law enforcement agencies. It provides a first point of contact for any person who has been a victim of a sexual assault. Trained volunteer rape crisis advocates and counselors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to provide a wide range of caring services and arrange for nursing intervention and timely access to critical medical and social service professionals." The 24 hour Rape Crisis Intervention Hotline can be contacted, at any time, by contacting (877) 665-RAPE.

Freeholder Pulomena explained, "This grant funded program will include a Rape Crisis Hotline, intervention of a specially trained Public Health

Nurse, accompanied visits to forensic examinations and legal hearings, counseling of victims and their families, educational outreach activities for schools and communities, 50 hours of volunteer staff training, and volunteer advocate programs."

Freeholder Pulomena concluded, "It is essential that we continue to provide these critical services to those who are the victims of sexual assault. The Middlesex County Public Health Department is committed to continue to provide personalized professional care in time of crisis. Our Public Health Nursing personnel volunteer to provide these emergency services and I am indebted to all that they do as empathetic caregivers."

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July 28

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Events

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

July 26

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

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.

"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 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 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 bossceight@aol.com.

What's happening in JULY

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
(908) 754-4135

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING TRIPS.... July 28 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse August 6 Atlantic City September 28 & 29 Cape May Trip			Shopping Day 24 9am Video Exercise Class 9:30am-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11am	Bingo 10am-2pm 25 Pizza Lunch
Adult Crafts 28 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Learn to Draw 11:30am Hunterdon Hills Playhouse trip to see Sizzle 9:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 29 Lunch Available Ladies's Social Group	Exercise & Walking 30 Club 8:45-9:45am Line Dancing 10-11:30 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm	Shopping Day 31 9am Video Exercise Class 9:30-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11am	Bingo 10am-2pm 1 Pizza Lunch

TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.

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 accommodation, all meals from lunch on Mon-

day 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.

Class of 1989 Plans 15 year Reunion

November 27

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1989 is planning their 15th reunion to be held in Edison at the Sheraton in Raritan Center on Nov. 27, 2004. Price is \$80.

Contact SPHSclassof89@yahoo.com with address information.

Rec Plans Trip to New Orleans

Sept. 11-19, 2004

South Plainfield Recreation presents a trip to Biloxi and New Orleans from Saturday, Sept. 11 to Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004. The trip includes the following: A guided tour of New Orleans, eight nights deluxe hotel accommodations, including four nights in a luxurious Gulf Coast Casino Hotel, a Jazz Cruise on a Mississippi riverboat, a tour of NASA's Amazing Stennis Space center and much more! The price also includes deluxe motorcoach transportation and 14 meals- eight breakfasts and six dinners. For information and reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714. The cost is \$560 per person based on double

occupancy. Add \$219 for single occupancy. \$75 is due upon signing and final payment is due July 6, 2004.

— Out of Town —

Psychologist for Adults and Children To Give Talk

July 30

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (formerly First New Jersey Depressive and Manic Depressive Support Group) monthly lecture meeting on Wednesday evening, July 30, will feature Beth M. Smith, Psy. D., psychologist with a private practice in Morristown. Subject for the evening will be "Anxiety Disorders as Components of Mood Disorders."

In her practice, Dr. Smith focuses on psychotherapy with adults and children and psychological evaluation of personality, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and psychoeducational issues of adults and children.

The organization's educational meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. (about one block east of the Morris Museum) in Morristown. Meetings are open to the public; a nominal donation is requested from non-members. Free literature is available to all attendees and there is a lending library of educational audiotapes for members.

In addition to the lecture series, the alliance offers peer group sup-

port sessions, led by experienced facilitators. Visit the website of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance/Morristown Area at <http://community.nj.com/cc/1stnjdmtdsg> for details or to learn more about the chapter and to view links to other sources of helpful information or call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

Hispanic Riverfront Festival Offers Family Fun

August 7-10

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.

The musical revue has enjoyed sold out houses in NYC cabarets and 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 and 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, Wayne Manor, 1515 Route 23, Wayne. Open bar begins at 11 a.m., luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; curtain is 1 p.m.

Six-Week Health Self-Management Course

August 17

The Bridges program at Raritan Bay Medical Center and Brighton Gardens of Edison are co-sponsoring a six week health self-management course: An Odyssey of Personal Discovery Focused On Your Physical, Mental and Spiritual Wellbeing. Learn how to become more empowered in this interactive health course. Topics include physical, mental and spiritual aspects of health, exercise techniques, cognitive symptom management, developing patient/physician partnerships, nutrition management and medication management.

The speaker, Linda Bullock, is the director of Senior Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center. She has a Masters in Public Health from Columbia University and has over 30 years experience in healthcare.

Cost of \$50 per person includes a workbook. Course runs every Wednesday for six weeks—Wednesday, Aug. 13 to Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Brighton Gardens of Edison, 1801 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison. Registration and a continental breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the interactive course will be held from 10 a.m. until noon.

Call (732) 324-6004, Senior Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center to request a registration form.

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Jack Sullivan with sons Jack, Jr. and Ted in front of the rebuilt Sullivan's Auto Body.

Sullivan's Auto Body Reopens After Being Struck by Lightning

Sullivan's Auto Body on Hamilton Blvd. is back in full swing again! Two years ago this month, Sullivan's was hit by two bolts of lightning, causing parts of the chimney blocks to be blown into the middle of Hamilton Blvd.

Numerous cars were destroyed in the fire which followed and the building was so badly damaged that it had to be completely torn down.

Sullivan's is now operating in a brand new building with state-of-the-

art spray paint facilities.

Shop owner Jack Sullivan stated that during the time when the insurance companies settled and the construction of the new building took place, he worked out of a shop located in Piscataway so that his family still had "eating money."

Jack, Sr. and sons Jack, Jr. and Ted run the shop with the help of eight body men.

Sullivan's Auto Body is open Monday through Friday, 8-5.

Recreation Plans Trip to Biloxi and New Orleans

South Plainfield Recreation is planning a trip to Biloxi and New Orleans. The bus will leave the PAL building on Maple Ave. on Saturday, Sept. 11 and returns Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004.

The trip includes the following: a guided tour of New Orleans, eight night deluxe hotel accommodations, including four nights in a luxurious Gulf Coast Casino Hotel, a Jazz Cruise on a Mississippi riverboat, a tour of NASA's amazing Stennis Space Center and much more!

The cost is \$560 per person and includes deluxe motorcoach transportation and 14 meals—eight breakfasts and six dinners.

For information, reservations and an itinerary, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714. The cost of \$560 per person is based on double occupancy; add \$219 for single occupancy. A downpayment of \$75 is due upon signing. Final payment is due July 6, 2004.

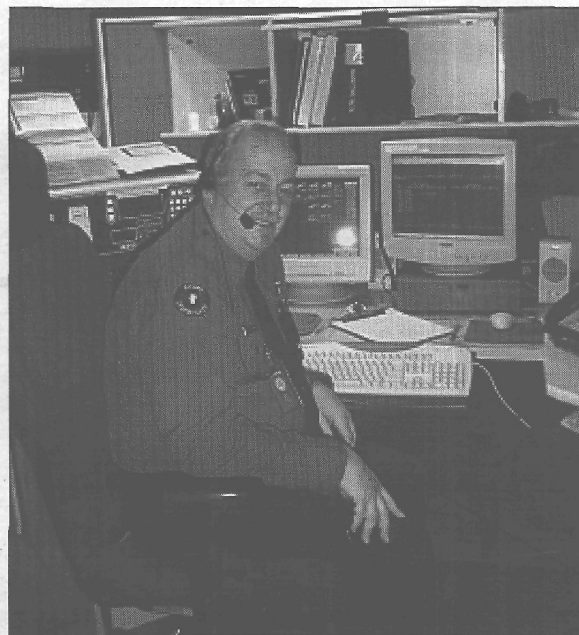
Free Poetry Contest Open to Residents

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the South Plainfield area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is September 30. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Baylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Baylon.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19917, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by September 30. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.



Former South Plainfield Police Dispatcher Bill "Chappy" Chapman died last week.

Former Dispatcher "Chappy" Chapman Dead at 60

Former South Plainfield Police Dispatcher Bill Chapman, 60, better known as "Chappy," who retired in January of 2002 after nine years of service with the South Plainfield Police Dept., died last Wednesday.

At his retirement party last year, many of fellow employees, the mayor, police chief, fire chief, council members, members of the fire department and rescue squad and employees at Borough Hall were all on hand to say goodbye at a farewell party.

Chappy was loved and respected by everyone who knew and worked with him.

Born and raised in South Amboy, Chappy entered the U.S. Navy as a cook, serving from 1962-1966 where he was involved in the Cuban Blockade. After serving his country, Chappy moved to South Plainfield where he was a resident of the community for over 20 years and employed with National Lead in Sayreville until 1985. Chappy started his career in 1978 after completing the Police and Fire Science program at Middlesex County College. He was a police dispatcher in Bridgewater for seven years prior to being hired in South Plainfield in 1992.

He and his wife, Mary, who died in 2002, had lived in South Plainfield for 25 years. Mary was the head nurse at South Plainfield High School before retiring 10 years ago.

Chappy was a volunteer on the South Plainfield Emergency Management Team and a Life Member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. He

was an honorary member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

He had also coordinated the flood light trucks for the South Plainfield Labor Day fireworks for 15 years.

Chapman had been the NJ State Coordinator of Emergency Management for 15 years. He had been in charge of such events as the World Soccer Cup, Op Sail and the Pope's visit to this country.

Chappy had many interesting stories to talk about, like being on duty the night of Tropical Storm Floyd and the night of the gas explosion at a Chinese restaurant on Park Ave. back in 1996. He was the EMS coordinator for the gas explosion in the Durham Woods.

Chappy dedicated his life to public service. Although he never had any children of his own, the men and women of the police, fire and rescue were considered to be his family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

(See complete obituary on page 10).

Board of Ed Changes Meeting Date

The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. has been moved to Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The Regular Public meeting scheduled for Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. has been changed to Aug. 26 at 8 p.m.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Thomas Troia Named to Dean's List

Thomas Troia of South Plainfield was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2003 semester at Pratt Institute, School of Art and Design in Brooklyn.

The son of Thomas, Sr. and Gina Troia, Thomas will be a sophomore next semester, majoring in Communications Design.

Gherardi Joins Unity Bank with a "New York State of Mind"

Anthony J. Feraro, President, Unity Bank, announced the appointment of Joseph J. Gherardi of Queens, NY as a new Business Development Executive for Unity's SBA Department.

Gherardi began his career with housing developments in 1980 as the Assistant Superintendent of the conversion to cooperative of the 182 unit Rocky Point Garden Apartments in Rocky Point, Long Island. This was the first project of its kind to be successfully completed in Suffolk County. Since then, Gherardi has been involved with numerous, multimillion-dollar development projects, including the construction of the Seaview Estates

Condominiums in Canaries, Brooklyn in 1991, which received several awards for excellence in design and construction from the Queens County Builders Association.

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Local Driver Charged in Hit and Run Accident



Police question accident victim about driver that ran a stop sign.

Last Thursday a 19 year-old Moretti Lane resident was charged with leaving the scene of an accident which occurred at the corner of Norwood and Avon avenues.

The victim, a 21 year-old Walnut St. resident, was traveling south on Norwood Ave. when his 1986 Mercury Marquis was broadsided by a 2000 Honda CRV. The driver claimed he didn't see the stop sign eastbound on Avon Ave. and clipped the rear panel of the victim. The victim's car spun around 180 degrees, hit a curb and came to rest after striking a tree on the

lawn of 410 Norwood Ave.

The driver of the Honda continued down Avon towards Park Ave., and eventually parked his car a block away on W. Fairview Ave. He then walked back to the scene of the accident.

The victim only sustained a minor injury to his elbow. The driver of the Honda was also charged with careless driving and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Residents near the intersection are concerned over the number of accidents that have occurred due to drivers either not seeing or ignoring the stop signs on Avon Ave.



Noville received a flag from OSHA and plaques at a recent ceremony. Pictured left to right are Susan Della Torre, Dir. of Employee Services, Fred Walter, Executive V.P., Dan Carey, CEO and President, Richard Doubt, Facility Manager, Jennifer Quinn, Health and Safety Administrator, Fred Dauncey, maintenance worker, Jim Unrath, V.P. of Operations, Ray Rebeck, maintenance worker and Mike Levy, Project Manager for OSHA.

Local Company is Recognized by N.J. Department of Labor for Safety

By Jane Dornick

Noville, Inc. on Case Dr. was recently accepted in the N.J. Department of Labor's OSHA (Occupational Safety and Hazard Authority) safety recognition program.

OSHA's Consultation Service works with companies to provide employers instruction on how they can maintain a safe work environment for their employees.

Noville is now one of eight companies in the state to be a part of SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program), which provides for recognition of employers who have demonstrated exemplary achievements in workplace safety and health. Employers who meet specific SHARP requirements are exempt from OSHA programmed inspections for a period of two years.

They were also one of two compa-

nies in the state to receive a Merit of Citation Safety Award last month from the N.J. Governor's Safety Award Program.

Noville makes fragrances and flavors for brands name products such as Colgate, Mennen, Ponds, Crest and Rembrandt. Their biggest customer is Yankee candles. They employ 41 people in two separate buildings and make thousands of products.

BOROUGHNOTES

- All roads scheduled to be paved are completed, including the parking lot at the Jr. Baseball Club which still needs striping.

- Inmates from the Middlesex County Correctional Facility will be in town to clean up. They will also help cleanup the Pop Warner Fields.

- Councilmen Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral met with members of the school board to discuss the installation of a fiber optic wire network and how to share these services. The network will connect the schools, administration building, borough hall, library and emergency management building.

- The pool is planning a Hawaiian Night on Aug. 10. The party is open to all members and will be held after the pool is closed. There will be free food and music. Lighting will be provided by the fire department.

- The mayor is considering adding

a local tax at the hotels in town. The state Legislature recently passed a law allowing townships to charge a local tax on hotel bills.

- The Council entered into a "Professional Services" contract with CME Associates to prepare the design "scope of work" for the Helen Street Project at a cost not to exceed \$15,530.

- Frank Mikorski has been appointed as a member of the Traffic Safety Advisory Commission for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2005.

- The Council authorized the purchase of two pickup trucks from Plaza Ford in the amount of \$51,994.00 which will be used by the Public Works Department.

- A F450 truck will be purchased from Ditschman Flemington Ford in the amount of \$38,355.74.

Planning Board

- National Realty & Development was granted preliminary site plan approval to construct a Target Storey and Marshalls at Hadley Center.

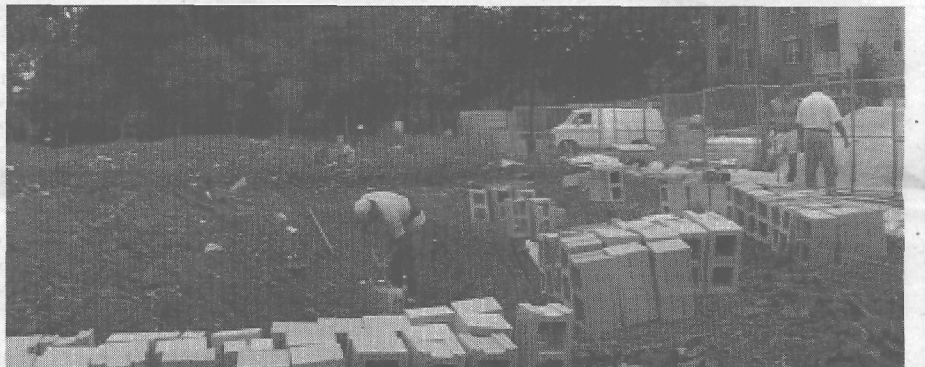
Board of Adjustment

- Larry and Donna Clark, of AAA Storage Depot were granted a variance to construct a two story storage building with conditions.

- Nicholas and Nancy Tonzola won approval to construct a second level addition to their home.

Quiznos Releasing Balloons for Prizes

On Saturday, July 26, Quiznos will release 50 balloons into the air, and 25 of those balloons will be specially marked to win a regular sub, chips and soda. Each winning balloon will have a Quiznos roledex card attached to it. The balloon and card must be brought in to claim your prize.



Construction has begun to replace the building which was destroyed during the fire at Traditions, on New Durham Ave. More than sixty people were left homeless after the fire and have been forced to find temporary housing quarters until the building is completed. The fire took place in Sept. 2002.

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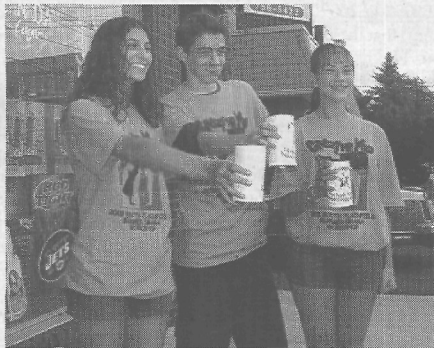
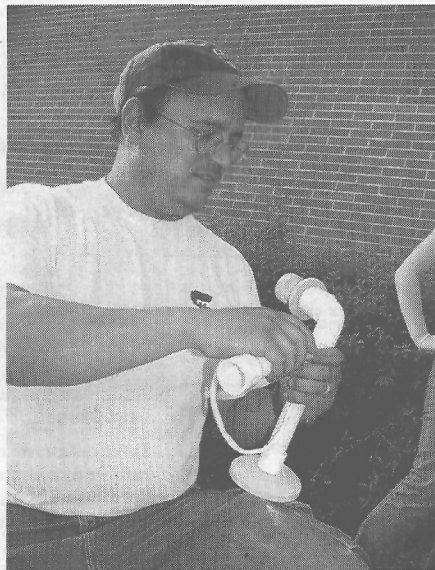
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Bob Alcaro (above), set coordinator for Summer Drama Workshop's 2003 production of "Crazy for You," helps with props. Cast member Noelle Aguilar (top right) is busy washing cars at the July 19 car wash fundraiser. At right SDW kids canning on July 11.

Summer Drama Workshop is "Crazy for You"

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with a new name.

Founded in 1972, the Summer Drama Workshop is a theater group for South Plainfield youths in grades seven through first year of college. "Crazy for You" marks the group's 32nd anniversary. The show is directed by Eric Hafen of New Brunswick and choreographed by Patti O'Brien of South Amboy. Vocal director is Grant Mech of Princeton and band director

is Paul McCullen of South Plainfield. "Crazy for You" transports the audience to another era, bouncing them from the bustling streets of New York City to sleepy town of Deadrock, Nevada. The musical comedy is an extravaganza of song and dance. Add a cast bursting with talent and an amazing array of colorful costumes, creative props and detailed sets and you have a show that will keep your toes tapping and hands clapping from start to

finish. "Crazy for You" runs July 31, August 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. and August 3 at 2 p.m. in the air conditioned South Plainfield High School auditorium. Tickets are adults-\$10, student/seniors-\$7 and four adult tickets purchased together are \$30, a ten dollar savings. For more information, call (908) 561-5255 and leave a message.

DeFillippo Recognized As Icon



Louis DeFillippo
When accepting the award, DeFillippo spoke of his father who always said, "If you are going to try to do something, make sure you always do your best." He added, "I hope that during my life I have done just that."

"There are very few people who have accomplished so much while acting as unselfishly as Mr. DeFillippo. Here is a man who has done truly remarkable things with his talents, tirelessly serving his community and

his country throughout his life," said Mike Giunta, president of the McDonald's New York Tri-State Owners/Operators Association. "His hard work and perseverance has distinguished him as a role model to us all." McDonald's is the world's best-known brand and is the global leader in food service. There are more than 650 McDonald's restaurants, owned by 150 franchisees, located throughout the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Tri-State area.

Future Stars Program in Jeopardy

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Sue Peck asked that the school board draft a resolution to be sent to all state representatives in Trenton asking for their assistance in keeping the program in place. The board agreed and voted to have Dr. Celso draw up a resolution expressing their disappointment at the

ruling and asking that legislation be passed allowing the Future Stars Program to continue.

Peck and Bohn also asked the public to start a letter writing campaign and to call their representatives to ask for their help. The next Board of Ed meeting is Aug. 26 at 8 p.m.

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Congratulations to the 9-year-old All-Stars for winning the Cal Ripkin/Babe Ruth District 9 Championship. Good luck at the states! Kneeling (l to r): Tommy Bowden, Tyler Hunt, Chris Kukuch, Dylan Dorey, Stephen Petriello, Ryan Marcoux; Standing: Nick Kukuch, Shane O'Connor, Joey Cornelius, Kurt Maniaci, Jonathan Horvat, Mark Tomei, Ryan Hughes; Coaches: Coach Bill Bowden, Coach John Petriello, Coach Anthony Dorey and Coach Jeff Marcoux.



The South Plainfield 11-year-old All Stars are having their best year ever as a team. As of July 19, they have taken first place in the Cranford, Milltown and South Plainfield tournaments. In the finals of the South Plainfield tournaments, they defeated Monroe 2-1 in 7 innings. Monroe is the defending Cal Ripken Eastern Regional Champions. The team's current record is 20-6. The players pictured (l to r) are: Bottom row: Zach Haupt, Kyle Hughes, Mark McCullen, Mike Pryor, Robert Pasternak, Chris DeCarlo; Middle Row: Mark Benak, Jimmy Bijlani, Joe Vetusch, Matt Cesare, Carlos Ruiz, Alfonse Muglia; and top row: Coach Bob Pasternak, Manager Larry Hughes, Coach Bob Cesare and Coach Frank Benak (not pictured).

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The Ponytail C League Lady Lions are Ashanti Bishop, Taylor Bullard, Angela DeSantis, Nicole Disch, Megan Kaczka, Brianna Kizmann, Moriah Kunch, Gabriella Lewis, Michelle Miller, Kelly Pauls, Nicole Phillips, Emily Sella, Amanda Steger and Ellen Zinsky. The team is coached by Rick Miller.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

Parkway Softball League—The summer Parkway League season is coming to an end. All regular season games have been completed. 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.

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—August 26—The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on August 26. New members are always welcomed. Please note time change to 7:30 p.m.

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. 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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—Submitted by Bob Nilan

Witty's held on to its first-place lead in the American Division of the South Plainfield Golf League by edging Sport & Social, 11-9. Kevin Bickunas led the way for Witty's with a solid round of 38.

Mike Sikanowicz's 37 and Mike Cortese's 39 were the low scores for Plainfield Animal Hospital as they triumphed over Pornovets, 16-4, to remain in second place, just one game behind Witty's. Marty Van DeVaart put together a really fine round of 35 for Pornovets.

Danny Griffin of Masters continued his superb play and fired a 35 while teammate Al Szumski chipped in with a 37 to spur a 14-6 victory over the So. Plainfield Elks. Both teams are now tied for third place in the tight American Division race.

Over in the National Division, league-leading Aiello Chiropractic really had its hands full with Hank's Hackers as John Cacciatore shot 37, Wayne Hanrahan posted a 38, and Kevin Boyce had a 39 for Hank's who managed a 10-10 tie with Aiello. Ed Banach just kept hitting fairways and greens and had the lowest score of the night with a splendid one-over-par 34. Teammate Fred Kirchofer of Aiello had a nice round of 38.

KC's Korner easily won its match over Patti's Construction, 17-3. Mark Dugan seems to be finding his game after a slow start and earned medalist

honors for the victors with a 39. Mike Behr was low-man for Patti's with a 39.

VFW had it's best night of the season in gaining an 18-2 win over Twin City. Bob Nilan turned in the best round for the VFW with a 39.

Low scores for the night: Ed Banach- 34, Danny Griffin- 35, Marty Van DeVaart- 35, Mike Sikanowicz- 37, John Cacciatore- 37, Al Szumski- 37, Kevin Bickunas- 38, Kevin Boyce- 38, Wayne Hanrahan- 38, Fred Kirchofer- 38, Mike Cortese- 39, Mike Behr- 39, Bob Nilan- 39 and Kevin Boyce- 39.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

American Division

	W	L	T
Witty's	7	3	1
PAH	7	4	0
Elks	5	5	1
Masters	5	5	1
Pornovets	4	6	1
Sport & Social ...	4	7	0

National Division

	W	L	T
Aiello	8	2	1
KC's Korner	6	4	1
Hank's Hackers ..	5	4	2
Twin City	5	5	1
VFW	3	7	1
Patti's	2	9	0

Varsity Girls' Soccer Review

By Tim Morgan

Incontrovertibly, the South Plainfield High School Varsity Girls' Soccer team has been in a rut for several years. 3-11, 4-10, 4-12 are the records the team produced for the years 2000, 2001, and 2002. It would be hard to argue that these are enviable numbers, but Head Coach Bruce Hunt thinks that this year the team will dramatically change gears primarily because of a highly important factor: experience.

It would be inaccurate to say that the losses the girls endured last year were close ones, but Hunt attributes that to a major difference in their experience and the experience of their competition as well as the switch the girls made into the White Division from the Blue Division. Hunt believes that the Varsity Girls' Soccer team will be more established this year, allowing them to contend better, because he has one core group of girls. He definitely has expectations of closer games. The girls are "excited" about this upcoming season.

The team has eight seniors on the Varsity lineup who are entering either their third or fourth season: Sandra Amaya, Shade Coleman, Johanna Hedler, Jessa Jones, Darleen Marin, Jenna Smith, Chiara Tomei, and Audrey Wilhelm. Choosing all of his Varsity seniors as captains is Hunt's perennial move, because he believes

they will lead best by example. The rest of the Varsity lineup has yet to be determined.

Dana Curcio and Meghan Mosher will be the Assistant Coaches.

One encouraging statistic worthy of mention is that there are currently 20 freshmen on the roster, so there should be more momentum and continuity in the girls' soccer program for the next few years.

Hunt said that he will definitely be looking for a turnaround this year, and it shows in his aspirations. He hopes to be able to qualify for the state tournament, get past the second round in the GMC Tournament, and place second in the White Division this year. "I'm looking forward to an improved, productive year," he said.

Hunt believes these goals to be feasible for a few reasons. He thinks that the chemistry between the girls has developed quite well as a result of last year's season and also since they compete during the off-season together in a league in Rahway. He also believes that the White Division competition will be more wide-open than last year. "It's anybody's ball game this year," he said. There is little disagreement that Monroe, the White Division champion last year, will once again be the team to beat. However, Woodbridge, Colonia, and Sayreville are South Plainfield's prime targets this year, and Hunt thinks it is entirely realistic that they can be beaten.

Hunt has been involved with the game of soccer for a long time as both a player and a coach. He enjoys everything about the sport, from the competition, camaraderie, and skill that is intrinsic in it and fostered by it to it being just plain fun.

According to Hunt, the program is starting to evolve and the caliber of play is getting better. In fact, he believes that the athletic program at SPHS in general is a quality one and wishes all the other sports teams good luck.

Emphasis will be placed in four main areas in practices: conditioning, individual skills, positioning skills, and scrimmaging. Seniors will start practices in August three weeks before they officially begin. They will last three to four hours during the week before school starts, then they will drop to about one and a half to two hours each every day after school.

There are two immutable goals that any coach has for his or her athletes, to work your hardest and try your best, and Hunt is no exception. He said that those were two things his girls learned to appreciate in last year's disappointing season and that, provided they put in the appropriate effort, they can accomplish a lot more this season.



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Sports

Tiger Sharks Compete in Roycefield Swim Club Sprint

South Plainfield Tiger Shark swimmers participated in the Roycefield Swim Club Sprint Meet held this past Sunday at the club's pool in Hillsborough.

Sprint swimmers from teams around Central Jersey took part in the special meet where competitors swim 25 yards in each of the following strokes: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, against others in their age category. As the term "sprint" indicates, racers must be swift swimmers for each 25-yard event, as there is no large distance involved for a competitor to make up time if they fall behind or make a slow start.

The following Tiger Shark swimmers won trophies and/or scored points during the meet:

Calvin/John Smiley won high point scorer trophy for boys ages 16-18. He edged out his competition by 1½ points, receiving 33½ points out of a possible 40 points. This was the sixth year he received the high point trophy.

Philip Luzny won high point scorer trophy for boys age 14. He also edged out his competition by two points re-



Celebratory Tiger Sharks at the Roycefield swim meet.

from many area teams. Tiger swimmers who placed in the races included:

Aidan McDermott, age 6, third in butterfly; age six; fifth in backstroke; third in breaststroke and second in freestyle.

Kelley O'Brien, age 6, sixth in backstroke and ninth in freestyle.

Dylan McDermott, age 9, first in butterfly; first in backstroke; first in breaststroke and first in freestyle.

Chelsea Cullen, age 10, fifth in butterfly; seventh in backstroke; fifth in breaststroke and sixth in freestyle.

Sarah Konops, age 10, fourth in butterfly; sixth in backstroke, fourth in breaststroke and fourth in freestyle.

Leah Konops, age 14, fifth in butterfly; seventh in backstroke; fourth in breaststroke and second in freestyle (tie).

Philip Luzny, age 14, first in butterfly (broke the record); second in backstroke; first in breaststroke and second in freestyle.

Kristen Dabrio, age 15, tenth in butterfly; ninth in backstroke; tenth in breaststroke; tenth in freestyle.

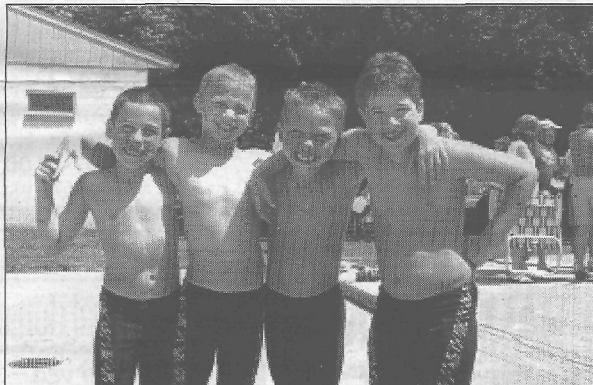
Calvin/John Smiley, age 16, second in butterfly; first in backstroke; sixth in breaststroke (tie) and first in freestyle.

Other participating swimmers from the Tiger Sharks Swim Team were Michelle O'Sullivan and Christina Butrico, age 9; Joanna Luzny and Liz Valentino, age 13 and Allison Harty, age 14.

There was a special event held during the middle of the meet, where the teams' coaches competed in a 100-yard Medley Relay. Tiger Shark Swim Coaches Shannon Dabrio and Robin Cone represented South Plainfield and both placed in the event.

Shannon Dabrio placed third for the females with a time of 1:08.79 and Robin Cone placed eighth with a time of 1:17.42. Shannon placed ninth overall for both male and female coaches. Other coaches for the Tiger Sharks are Laurie Post, head coach and Jen Otlowski.

— Submitted by Donna Egan



Boys 8+ under teammates Joey Valentino, Sean Cullen, Aidan McDermott and Michael Petrutsch.

ceiving 38 points out of a possible 40. This was the first year he received the high point trophy and he broke the meet record for 14-year boys in 25-yard butterfly with a time of 12:31 seconds, breaking a record held since 1996.

Dylan McDermott won high point scorer trophy for boys age nine with a perfect score of 40 points. This is the third year he has won the high point trophy.

Aidan McDermott scored overall second for high point scorer for boys age seven and under.

Maggie Valentino scored overall third for high point scorer for girls age nine.

For the sprint races (25 yards), unlike most other swim events, places are awarded through tenth place, due to the large numbers of competitors

Maggie Quintanilla, age 7, eighth in backstroke.

Joey Valentino, age 7, fifth in butterfly; sixth in backstroke and eighth in freestyle.

Sean Cullen, age 7, second in backstroke and third in freestyle.

Charlie Butrico, age 7, seventh in backstroke.

Rachel Krause, age 8, fourth in butterfly; third in backstroke and fourth in freestyle.

Allison Quintanilla, age 8, sixth in backstroke.

Liam McDermott, age 8, seventh in backstroke; third in breaststroke and seventh in freestyle.

Kate O'Brien, age 9, sixth in backstroke and seventh in freestyle.

Maggie Valentino, age 9, sixth in butterfly; eighth in backstroke; first in breaststroke and second in freestyle.

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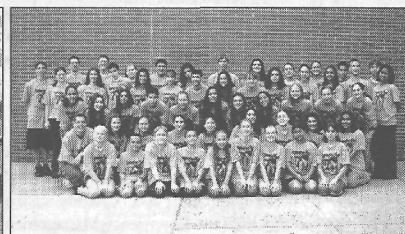
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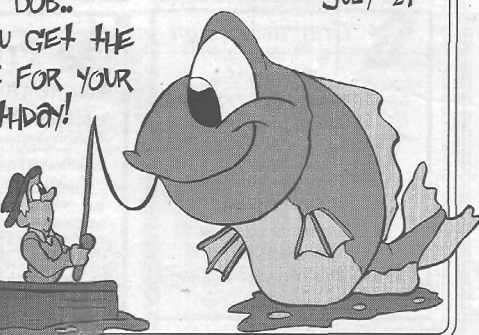
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Obituaries

Louis G. Importico, 76

Louis G. Importico of South Plainfield died on Monday, July 21 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Louis was born and raised in North Plainfield and moved to South Plainfield 23 years ago.

He was a machinist for Textron Company in Garwood for 25 years before retiring in 1992.

Louis was a veteran of WWII serving in the United States Navy.

In his youth he was member of the Flying Eagles basketball team in North Plainfield. He was an avid golfer and a former member of the West Nine of the Plainfield Country Club.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Louis was predeceased by his brother Frank Importico who died in 1998.

Louis is survived by his brothers Thomas and his wife Mary of North Plainfield, Nicholas and his wife Julia of Toms River, his sisters Carmella Importico of South Plainfield, Lucy and her husband Vincent DeFillipo of Lakewood and several nieces and nephews.

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

Marth "Matty" Timmerman, 70

Marth "Matty" Timmerman, 70, died on Monday, July 21 in Haven Hospice of John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Jersey City, she resided in Edison for 21 years before moving to Bethlehem, Pa. in 1981. Matty was a member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post #471 of Iselin. She was a former member of Notre Dame Church in Bethlehem and St. Matthew's Church in Edison.

Surviving are her husband, John L. Timmerman; three sons, John L. of Howell, Martin of Bethlehem, Pa. and Thomas of South Plainfield; one sister, Marie Marvin of Jersey City. Also surviving are her four grandchildren, Jason Steven, Jaclyn and John.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 9 a.m. in the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc., 400 Morris Ave., Denville, NJ 07834 or Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

Joseph "Joe" Edward Maher, 71

Joseph "Joe" Edward Maher, 71, died on Tuesday, July 15 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Joe was born on Oct. 23, 1931 in Plainfield, where he had resided for

most of his life before moving to South Plainfield in 1998.

He worked for PSE&G in the Plainfield and Cranford facilities as a group supervisor. He retired in 1993 after 33 years of service.

Joe dedicated his life to serving others, as seen by his involvement with Starfish Food Bank in Plainfield, the Kidney Foundation and the Homeless Program of Plainfield. He was a member of the Italian American Club of North Plainfield.

He was predeceased by his parents, Sadie and John and by his brothers, John and Howard.

Surviving are his loving wife of 48 years, Jeanette "Jan" (Mondello) Maher; his children and their spouses, Joseph and Deborah Maher, Jr. of Haddonfield, Ed and Donna Maher of Chatham, Mary Ann and Joseph Simpson of Barnegat; Patty Maher of South Plainfield, Jay Gomes of Old Bridge; five sisters, Gertrude, Carroll, Sadie Katusky, Winnie O'Connor, Margaret Maher and Fran Cunningham and his brother, Tom Maher. Joe also leaves nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to Starfish Food Bank, P.O. Box 2822, Plainfield, NJ 07060 or to St. Bernard's Church, 368 Sumner Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07062.

William A. "Chappy" Chapman, 60

William A. "Chappy" Chapman, 60, died on Wednesday, July 16 at the Barbara E. Cheung Hospice in Edison.

Born and raised in South Amboy, Chappy entered the U.S. Navy as a cook, serving from 1962-1966 where he was involved in the Cuban Blockade. After serving his country, Chappy moved to South Plainfield where he was a resident of the community for over 20 years and employed with National Lead in Sayreville until 1985, when he became a dispatcher for the Bridge-water Police Department. In 1992, Chappy was hired by the South Plainfield Police Department as a dispatcher until his retirement in 2002.

He was an honorary member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, Edison No. 2 Squad, Milltown Rescue Squad and also a life member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. Chappy was a former Emergency Management Services coordinator, a delegate of the 14th District of the New Jersey First Aid Council and overall chairman of the New Jersey State Mobilization and Disaster Committee for the 14th District.

During the Pope's visit to the Meadowlands in the mid 1980's, Chappy was responsible for all EMS coverage. In 1990, Chappy instrumented the Emergency Management Services for Operation Desert Storm and in 1993 he coordinated all of the

New Jersey 1st Responders to the World Trade Center bombing. And most recently, he covered EMS response to the gas explosion at the Durham Woods in South Plainfield.

Chappy strongly believed that friendship should not be taken lightly and dedicated his life to public service. Although he never had any children of his own, the men and women of the police, fire and rescue were considered to be his family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary Chapman (nee Anderson), who died in 2002.

Surviving are his sister, Marion Rosa of South Amboy; a brother, Arthur Chapman of South Amboy and a step-daughter, Deborah (Spizzo) Aurora of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Bernard Kenneth Bohl, 85

Bernard Kenneth Bohl entered into eternal peace on Friday, July 18 at home with his family nearby.

Born in Plainfield in 1918, he lived in South Plainfield for the past 50 years.

Bernie was a World War II veteran, serving his country in the Pacific Campaign from 1942 to 1946 as a tech sergeant in the US Army.

He was a technical writer for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Elizabeth Port for 42 years, retiring in 1980, at which time he enjoyed golfing, gardening, spending time with his grandchildren and volunteering.

Bernie was a member of the South Plainfield Chapter of Deborah Hospital serving as past chapter treasurer. He also served as a sergeant in the South Plainfield Police reserves in the 1960's.

A life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield, he served in the past as post chaplain and was a member of the Military Order of the Cooties and the post color guard. Bernie was a regular at the monthly bingo parties at the VA Hospital in Lyons.

As a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in South Plainfield, Bernie sang for many years in the church choir. He was also the past church financial secretary and a member of the men's club.

Bernie was a 1999 recipient of the prestigious Rose Young Award for his 18 years of dedicated volunteering service at Muhlenberg Hospital.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Beatrice Fishter, who died in 1976 and Dorothy Bohl in 2001 and two brothers, Norman in 1980 and Irving in 1985.

Surviving are Gloria Yonkman Bohl, his wife of 57 years; a daughter, Linda DeCoons and her husband John of Bridgewater; a son, James and his wife Linda of South Plainfield; a granddaughter, Kiersten

Bohl of South Plainfield; two grandsons, Michael Costello of Annandale and Andrew Bohl of South Plainfield and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held in Wesley United Methodist Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, C/O 65 James Street, Edison, NJ 08818, the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield Police Department.

Joan C. Marra Pollin, 71

Joan C. Marra Pollin, 71, of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, July 16 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Joan was born and raised in Plainfield and moved to South Plainfield 52 years ago.

Joan was an assembler for the former Modulume Industries in South Plainfield for 20 years before retiring.

She attended Our Lady Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield.

Joan enjoyed traveling, especially her trips to Florida and to Atlantic City.

Joan is survived by her loving hus-

band of 55 years, Donald L. Pollin; two sons, Donald L. and his wife Kathy of South Plainfield and Kenneth R. and his companion, Jill Reilly of South Plainfield; a sister, Helen Davis of Piscataway; four loving grandchildren, Tracey Gratta, Daniel, Jeffrey and Christopher Pollin; and two great grandchildren, Elizabeth and Brian Gratta.

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

Ethel Van Horn (nee Decker), 87

Ethel Van Horn (nee Decker) died on Friday, July 18 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband Garnet; a son, Ralph Rogers; a sister, Beatrice Siep and two brothers, Jack and Carl Decker.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Sutton of Highland Park and Barbara Fahner of South Carolina and a son, Bob Van Horn of Virginia.

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• On July 15 a W. 7th St. resident reported that the driver's side door handle of his car was pried open and a JVC stereo/CD player was removed.

• Grant Central Sixth School reported that graffiti had been spray painted on the building.

• On July 16 Terrance A. Palmer, 27, of Beverly, N.J. was arrested for shoplifting \$2,150.80 worth of clothing at Burlington Coat Factory.

• A Palmer Ave. resident reported the theft of a Motorola cell phone from an unlocked vehicle.

• A Lee Pl. resident reported the theft of a Kenwood car stereo while parked in the lot at KC's Corner on Oak Tree Ave. The soft top Velcro roof had been lifted to remove the stereo. A checkbook was also taken.

• An E. Hendricks Ave. resident reported that the rear passenger side window of his car had been smashed out with a rock.

• On July 17 Alex Diab, 31, of Jersey City was arrested on a Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept. warrant for violating probation on a weapons charge.

• A Middlesex resident reported the theft of a Pioneer car stereo from the parking lot of Liquid Assets on New Market Ave. The right side rear door vent window was smashed. An amplifier and speaker box were taken.

• J.F. Kennedy Elementary School reported that two rear door windows had been broken.

• On July 18 George H. Emmett, 3rd, 26, of Edison was arrested for driving on a suspended license at a motor vehicle stop.

• An employee of Mardee Video on St. Nicholas Ave. reported that the lock had been punched out of the passenger side door and a car stereo was removed.

• On July 20 a Bergen St. resident reported the theft of a solar powered landscape light from their backyard.

• A Dunellen resident reported that two of his vehicles tires had been slashed while parked in front of Kohf's.

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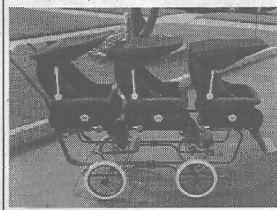
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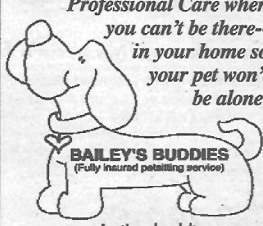
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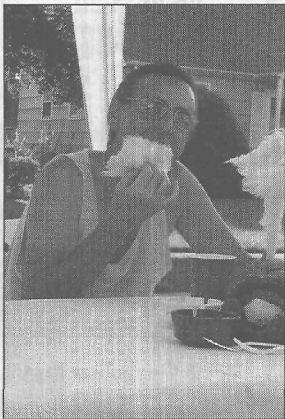


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Summer Celebrations Continue with Grant Avenue Block Party

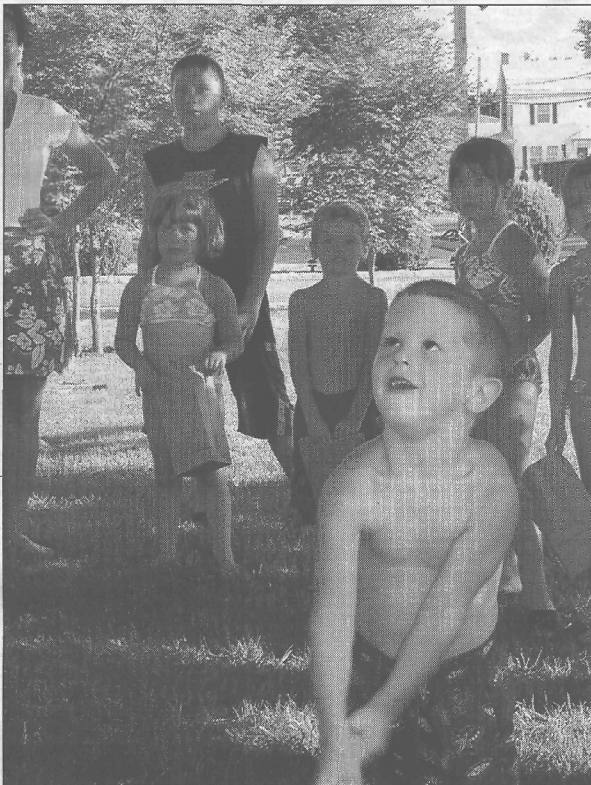


Over 100 people celebrated a perfect summer day on Saturday, July 12, as the residents of Grant Ave. enjoyed their Fifth Annual Block Party.

A buffet table saw steady traffic throughout the afternoon and into the evening. The tropical theme featured Hawaiian leis, long tall drinks and a pink flamingo pinata.

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department arrived to give kids a wet-down and provided a grand view of the town for a few brave souls who ventured up in the bucket.

D.J. 'Sophistication' kept things lively with music and games. Residents are already looking forward to Block Party 2004.



ENTER THE OBSERVER'S "To Honor Those Who Proudly Serve Our Country" 2ND ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST

Illustrate your interpretation of this year's Labor Day Parade theme.

Entries must be received in the office of the South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, no later than Monday, Aug. 25, 2003. Entries will be on display at the Observer booth at the Labor Day Parade. All entrants will receive a prize. Grand prize to be announced. Contest is open to all South Plainfield residents. Posters can be no larger than 22" x 17". Any media is allowed. One entry per person. Posters will be judged on the theme, "To Honor Those Who Proudly Serve Our Country" on Monday, Sept. 1, 2003. Questions? (908) 668-0010.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

At a meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on July 17, 2003, I was directed to advertise the fact that the Mayor and Council will meet in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on Thursday, August 14, 2003 at 7:00PM to expose and sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, according to terms of sale on file with the Borough Clerk, the property described below.

Take further notice that the Mayor and Council have, by resolution and pursuant to law, fixed the minimum price at which set property will be sold together with all other details pertinent, said minimum price being as shown below, plus \$1,000.00 for costs of preparing deeds, all necessary appraisals, advertising this sale and title search costs.

Take further notice that at set sale or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right in its discretion to reject any or all bids and to sell said property to such bidder as it may select, due regard being given to terms and manner of payment in case one or more minimum bids shall be received.

Take further notice that in each instance where necessary, I have been authorized to notify all contiguous property owners as required by N.J.A.C. 17:27-2.3.

Upon acceptance of the minimum bid or bid above minimum, by the Council and the payment thereof by the purchaser according to the manner of purchase in accordance with terms of sale on file, the Borough will deliver a Bargain and Sale Deed for said premises.

/s/ Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

Details of proposed land sale to be advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 25, 2003 and Friday, August 1, 2003 the sale of property known as:

Sale # 1 - Minimum Bid \$350,200
Block 535, Lot 16

Any other information pertaining to this parcel can be obtained by reviewing the tax maps located in the Assessing Department of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The said property being owned by the Borough of South Plainfield and not needed for public purposes or use, sale to be held on Thursday, August 14, 2003 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale Deed, without conveyance and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in the event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.
- 2) Easements, both of record and not of record.
- 3) Restrictions of record.
- 4) Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
- 5) In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.
- 6) In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in that event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchasers' deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.
- 7) At the time of acceptance of the successful bid, 10 percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of appraisal, legal fees, advertising and associated costs incurred by the Borough.
- 8) Within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, the purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval on-site and off-site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event said approvals are not received within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall forward the balance of the purchase price in conformance with paragraph five (5) above.
- 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 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) 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.

12) At set sale, or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right, in its discretion to reject any or all bids.

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 Boulevard 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.

14) Within sixty (60) days of the date of sale, Purchaser shall do what is necessary to determine if the subject property is affected by wetlands. In the event that no such determination is made within said sixty (60) day period, the Purchaser shall proceed to closing as set forth herein.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$154.60 July 25, 2003

NOTICE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Take notice that application has been made to the Borough Council of South Plainfield, by GMRI, Inc., trading as The Olive Garden Restaurant located at Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ, for the transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1222-33-013-003.

Officers: Laurie B. Burns, President/Director, 403 E. Amelia Street, Orlando, FL, George T. Williams, Vice President/Secretary, 651 Lake Catherine Drive, Maitland, FL and William R. White, III, Vice President/Treasurer, 1524 Anchor Court, Orlando, FL 32804.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to Vince Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

GMRI, INC.
5900 Lake Ellenor Drive
Orlando, FL 32809

\$85.00 July 25 & August 1, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY Notice To Bidders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on August 7, 2003 at *** 10:00 a.m. *** prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

Removal And Disposal of Refuse Containers
Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Borough of South Plainfield in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works N.J.S.A. 10:2 EOE, ADA.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$34.95 July 25, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY Notice To Bidders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on August 6, 2003 at *** 10:00 a.m. *** prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

2004 Ford Expedition
Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Borough of South Plainfield in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works N.J.S.A. 10:2 EOE, ADA.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$33.25 July 25, 2003

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