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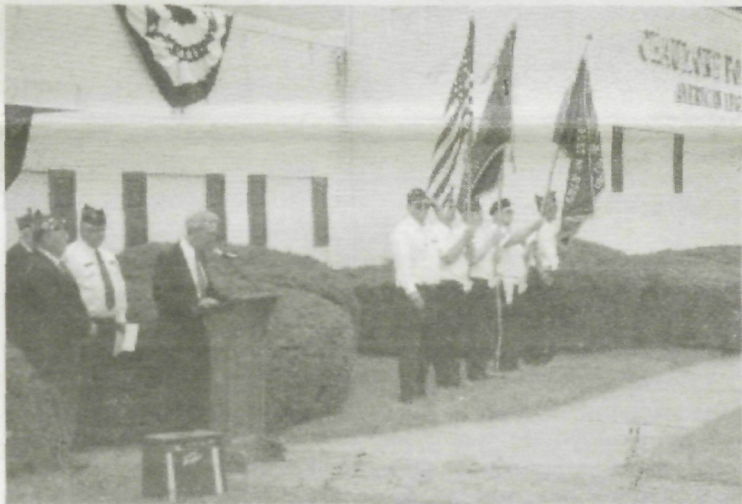
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JUNE 4, 2004

In Honor of Those Who Serve



Veterans from the VFW Post and American Legion were joined by many South Plainfield residents and officials in remembering those who served our country this past Monday. They placed wreaths at both posts and the local cemeteries. Dereck Smith and Chris Bubnick played a drum roll and Julie Garbowsky played "Taps" at each stop. Top left, the Knights of Columbus placed over 110 flags on the graves of deceased Knights members and then participated in a mass in the chapel at Holy Redeemer Cemetery.



Four Alumni Added to SPHS Hall of Fame

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School has announced the newest alumni selected for the prestigious Hall of Fame. This year's nominees are Wally Cirafesi, Frank P. Licato Jr., Colonel Ernest Joseph Fawbush and Frances Flannery.

Wally Cirafesi, a 1966 SPHS graduate, is a resident of Munster, Ind. He attended Franklin Elementary School. He majored in English Education at Penn State University and has a Masters Degree in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) from Ohio State University. He worked for 25 years as a missionary with the Navigators, an international, non-denominational Christian organization and served for nine years in Venezuela. He is currently a professor at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. and is the director of the TESOL program. Cirafesi has directed numerous service projects, teacher training programs and has been a volunteer English teacher in Russia from 1994 to present. He is active in his community as a volunteer coach of youth baseball and basketball leagues and volunteers with fundraising activities. Wally is the author of four books, *English in Action-A Fast & Fun Way*



Hall of Fame 2004 Inductees (left to right) Frank Licato, Carmen Smith of Chester, Fran Flannery, Wally Cirafesi, Dorothy Meile. Smith and Meile accepted the award for Fawbush, who passed away in 1982.

to Learn English, English in Action-Learn How to Teach English Using the Bible and the recently released English in Action Storyteller-student book and teachers manual.

Dr. Frank P. Licato Jr., DMD graduated SPHS in 1977. He attended Franklin Elementary School. He holds BS in Science-Biology. Frank began his professional career as a dentist in 1987, a goal he voiced

when he was nine years old.

Determined to achieve his goal, he paid for undergraduate and dental school by working at A&P and driving a Coca-Cola delivery tractor trailer throughout the state. He supports the community and schools in many areas. Licato is a member of the South Plainfield Business Association, contributes his time and resources to UNICO,

an Italian service organization. He was instrumental in the construction of the Roosevelt School playground and contributed financial support. He has presented Roosevelt School students with programs dealing with dental health. Licato received a Glitter Award in 1999 for his contributions towards making South Plainfield a more attractive place to do business. He is a staunch supporter of the South Plainfield Soccer Club. Licato has made many anonymous monetary donations to various educational and social programs throughout town and the surrounding area. His nomination form stated, "His most noteworthy characteristic is his modesty and effort to contribute to improving the lives of others anonymously."

Virginia born nominee **Colonel**

Ernest Joseph Fawbush passed away in 1982. He was nominated for his seminal work in tornado prediction and was considered a weather forecaster pioneer. Fawbush graduated from North Plainfield High School in 1933, years before South Plainfield had a high school. He was promoted from the original Grant School, now the Keystone building in 1929. He was an active member of Holly Park Boy Scout Troop 1, with Scoutmaster N.A. Helmer, Jr. After graduating from North Plainfield High School, he enlisted in the army and in 1953 began weather forecasting at Fort Still, Okla. He was commissioned through the ranks in 1942 and served at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, the Aleutians, and

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Our Lady of Czestochowa's Feast of St. Anthony Kicks Off June 8

A special Mass will be held June 8 at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church for the Feast of St. Anthony followed by a procession, carrying the statue of St. Anthony, to the grounds of the fair. See page 3.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, June 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, June 21	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, July 12	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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
June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20, Aug. 10 and 24,
Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
June 10 and 24, July 8 & 22,
Aug. 12 and 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, 2005, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5.
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, (Monday) Oct. 18, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12.

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? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

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
Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8
January 12, 2005.

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) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month (last Tuesday) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.
June 22, (No meeting July), August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23, December 28, January 25, 2005, February 22 and March 22.

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To All The Families and Friends of Agnes and Gene Ficorilli:

We would like to thank all of the many friends and families who came to the dedication ceremony at the Senior Center on Sunday.

Our mom called the Senior Center her second home and she loved being there. We knew not to make any plans for Tuesday with her until after 2 p.m. when she was finished playing bingo at the center. We knew not to make any plans for the first Wednesday of the month as she would be in Atlantic City with her "senior" friends.

Although, at age 80, dad did not consider himself a senior yet, he also enjoyed the many friends they shared and the great trips. Mom volunteered many hours at the



Pictured above are members of the Benak and Ficorilli families

center and she enjoyed every one of them. They made many, many friends and many fond memories.

Thank you also to Joann Graf, who not only does a fantastic job at the Senior Center, but did a beautiful job at the ceremony. The seniors are so very lucky to have you.

We know mom and dad were smiling from above Sunday to see all of their many friends who came out in their honor. What an honor it was to have the beautiful plaque and flagpole dedicated in their memory. Thank you all again from the bottom of our hearts.

LOVE, THE BENAK AND FICORILLI FAMILIES

IN YOUR OPINION

To The Editor,

On May 22, the South Plainfield Police Department hosted its seventh annual bicycle rodeo at Spring Lake Park. Over 200 residents attended the event, which promoted bike safety and theft prevention. The children first had a safety check performed on their bikes by Ken Link of Ken's Links Bicycle Shop. Over 100 children took part in a bicycle safety course staffed by State Farm Insurance employees, where upon completion they received a photo "license."

As part of the "Baron Von Pedal-off" anti-theft program, approximately 70 children registered their bike with the police department. This program, designed by retired South Plainfield Police Officer William Frink, encourages the children to register their bike with the police department in the event they are stolen.

The department distributed 50 bicycle helmets to children that attended who did not have a helmet. The helmets were provided by the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. The hospital's Injury Prevention Coordinator Diane Doherty staffed a booth where the children observed a demonstration utilizing a jello brain, emphasizing helmet use to prevent brain and head injuries.

The children then feasted on hot dogs, soda, Good Humor ice cream and Rita's Italian Ice, Rita's Italian Ice, Halls Fast Motor Freight, Freihofer's Bakery, Roma Foods, Canada Dry and the Middlesex Wa-

ter Company donated these items. Classic Signs provided signs for the event. Additional funds for the event were provided by The McCrisky Home For Funerals.

Finally, 14 lucky children won raffle prizes consisting of six locks, two 12" bicycles and four 20" bicycles. The raffle prizes were donated by the I. Lehroff & Co. of Edison, ATA Blackbelt Academy and Ron and Lynn Sward of the Physical Therapy Center of South Plainfield.

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

SINCERELY,
SGT. KEVIN MURTAGH

To the Editor,

On May 19 many veterans participated in a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for a pre-dedication visit of the new WWII Veterans Memorial. This trip was planned so that many of the men and women of that generation could tour the memorial without being in the big crowd expected for the dedication which took place last weekend.

I want to thank the "WWII Veterans—America's Greatest" committee, the corporate sponsors and other donors that made the trip possible. I

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think this speaks for the rest of the tour group as well.

Special thanks go out to Assemblyman Samuel D. Thompson for chairing and heading this project. We think he did a great job.

In his videotape which was shown during the bus trip, he said that when the committee made plans for the trip, they dreamed of having 10 bus loads for the trip. We wound up with 12 buses, almost 600 men and women.

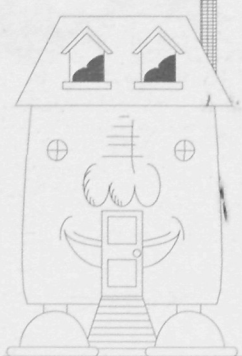
Thanks also to the Star-Ledger for the special section run in their Sunday Edition on May 23.

Congressman Mike Ferguson met with the group at the Roosevelt memorial and talked with them for about 30 minutes about many items, both current and passed.

WILLIAM TUTHILL (FORMER
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Mayor Dan Gallagher answers questions from Franklin third graders.

Mayor Visits Franklin Students

By Michelle Lesniak, Franklin student

On May 18, you'll never believe who came into my classroom? Mayor Gallagher visited our class to tell us what being a mayor was really like.

All my classmates and I asked him questions and he answered all of them. I was curious to know what the hard-

est part of being the mayor was. He said it was raising taxes and when people do not get along.

The visit was great because we learned a lot of different things you do when you are mayor and serve on the town council. It was very educational and fun to learn about Mayor Gallagher. I think he is a great mayor.

Dispose of Your Old Flags at McCriskin's

Jim Gustafson and Rick McCriskin, directors of McCriskin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield, have announced the creation of their Worn Flag Disposal Program, which will be operated in conjunction with the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery located in the Arneytown Section of Hanover Twp. in Burlington County.

Gustafson noted, "Since 9/11 there has been a renewed interest for all people to proudly display the American Flag. Flags which have been displayed for over the past two years are now beginning to show their wear and tear and need replacement. We have found that many people were inquiring about a place to properly dispose of the worn flags."

According to McCriskin, "Our new program will now give the public a place to properly dispose of these flags in a proper and dignified manner. A Worn Flag Container has been placed next to our flower delivery entrance. The container is marked with an American Flag. American Flags can be deposited, by anyone, in the container 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

When a large number of flags accumulates, they will be transported to the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, which is New Jersey's Veteran's Cemetery. Twice a year the staff at the cemetery burn the flags and then bury the ashes on the cemetery grounds.

McCriskin's has requested that the flags be American Flags only. For questions about this program, contact the directors by calling their office at (908) 561-8000.



The Riley Drama Club production of "Riley Kids Celebration of Life" will take place on Wednesday, June 9 at 1:30 and 7 p.m. All are invited.

Former School Principal, John E. Riley, Dies at 98

John E. Riley died Monday, May 31 at McAuley Hall Health Care Center in Watchung.

Prior to his retirement in 1967, Riley worked for the South Plainfield Board of Education for 40 years as a teacher, as an elementary school principal and an interim superintendent of schools. He was honored for his work in the South Plainfield school system by having John E. Riley Elementary School named after him.

Riley received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Rutgers University. From 1946 until the mid 1980's, Riley was employed by the NJ Racing Association in the money room. He was an active member at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield. He was also a member of the national, state and local educational associations.

Riley was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Livingston) Riley in 1990 and a son-in-law, Anthony J. Frezza in 1989. He is survived by a son, John T. Riley and his wife, Estela, of Nanuet, NY; two daughters, Joan Frezza of North Plainfield and Sr. Nancy Riley, RSM, of Watchung; two brothers, Thomas Riley of Detroit and Edward Riley of San Jose, Calif. and six grandchildren, Ann Marie Coffey, Joanne Bothe, Mary Katherine Cavallero, Toni Lynn Luisi and Joseph and Anthony Frezza.

Also surviving are seven great grandchildren, Marla, Anthony C., John, Nicholas, Morgan, Jake and James and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Sisters of Mercy, 1633 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069.

South Plainfield Lions Spruce Up Camp Marcella

Several members of the South Plainfield Lions Club recently visited Camp Marcella for a work detail to help clean up and paint the pool's pump house.

Camp Marcella, located in Rockaway, NJ, is a camp for blind children. More than 300 blind children, ages five through 16, can enjoy a two-week camping experience swimming, boating, fishing, playing baseball, skating and taking part in similar activities. The camp also has a year-round recreational building, includ-

ing a library, crafts and bowling.

This is one of the South Plainfield Lions Club projects performed each spring.

Sacred Heart 50/50 Raffle Winners

Three lucky people shared more than \$20,000 in prize money from the 50/50 raffle recently held at Sacred Heart Church.

The winners names were picked on the closing day of the Sacred Heart Family Carnival.

Winners were: first prize, Donna Roibal of South Plainfield; second prize went to Jennifer Dillon of South Plainfield and third prize was won by Angelica Aldea of Piscataway. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Police to Hold June 5 Auction

The South Plainfield Police Department will be holding an auction at 10 a.m. on June 5, at the Road Department on Spicer Ave.

Preview will be from 9 to 10 a.m. with the auction starting immediately thereafter. Items to be sold will include bicycles and tools.

All items are sold as is. Cash only. The auction will be held rain or shine.

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Five Days of Fun
Tuesday, June 8-Saturday, June 12
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Church Grounds 909 Hamilton Blvd. South Plainfield

Come Visit
"The Boardwalk
in South Plainfield"

Events Around Town

Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Wash

June 5

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a car wash on Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the firehouse on Maple Ave. Cars and SUV's are \$5; trucks and vans are \$7.

VFW Breakfast

June 6

VFW Post #6763, located on Front St., will be hosting a country breakfast on Sunday, June 6 from 8-11 a.m. Donation is \$5 and children under 12 are \$3. For more information call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and 12 p.m. on weekends.

Adult Tag Art Program at Library

June 7

An adult craft program entitled "Tag Art" will be held at the library on Monday, June 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The program will give participants tips on how to make custom-designed "Tag Art" cards. It will be presented by Practical Crafting Instructor Ronda Wisniewski. Students are requested to bring a pair of scissors, a pencil with an eraser, and a glue stick. All other materials will be provided. Class size is limited, pre-registration is required. For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the Library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Auditions

June 7-9


The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold auditions for this year's production of *The Pirates of Penzance* on June 7, 8 and 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. Auditions are open to all students completing sixth through 12th grade and one year post high school graduation, who are South Plainfield Residents or who attend a school in South Plainfield. Students should prepare an appropriate tune to sing. For more informations, check out our website at www.spsdw.com or call (908) 561-5255.

What's happening in JUNE

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

Senior Center EVENTS

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 AM-12:30 PM—CREATIVE PAINTING 10AM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
EVENTS 	June 10: Le Miserables at NJ PAC We are looking for volunteers to help our Labor Day Parade Committee Sign Up at the Center		Weekly Shopping 3 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Pinochle Club 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 4 Pizza lunch available Mediation Class 9am
	Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30 7 Yoga 10:30-11:30 Drawing Class 11:30	Bingo 10am-2pm 8 Ladies Social Grp 10am Computer Class 12 or 2pm	Exercise 8:45-9:45 9 Line Dancing 10-11:30am Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am & 1pm	Weekly Shopping 10 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Pinochle Club 1pm Trip to NJPAC Noon for Les Miserables
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

Our Lady of Czestochowa Feast

June 8-12

The Annual Feast of Saint Anthony at Our Lady of Czestochowa starts Tuesday, June 8 and runs through Saturday, June 12. There will be plenty of rides, games, food, including homemade Polish/Italian food, hot dogs, burgers, french fries and beverages. Tickets worth \$18 can be purchased for only \$10 at The Corner Deli on Hamilton Blvd., David's Stationary on Sampton Ave. and Sal's Spirit Shoppe on Park Ave. Tickets are also on sale at the church hall after all masses.

Girl Scouts Holding Pancake Breakfast

June 12

South Plainfield Girl Scouts will be holding a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Elks Lodge #2298, 1254 New Market Ave. The menu will feature pancakes, bacon, sausage, milk, orange juice, coffee and tea and will be prepared by the members of the Elks Lodge. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. For tickets call (908) 756-4530, or (908) 755-9251.

Cole Bros. Circus Coming to So. Plfd.

June 14-16

The Cole Bros. Circus has scheduled several performances from June 14 through 16 on Hadley Rd., directly across from the Middlesex Mall. Shows are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The circus, sponsored by the South Plainfield Fire Department. Clowns from the circus will be visiting the Junior Baseball Complex on Sunday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Our Lady of Czestochowa Monday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the fire department, the PAL on Maple Ave and S Plaza in Oak Park Common on Park and Oak Tree avenues.

— Out of Town —

"Triumph" At Touchstone

June 4

A free performance of *Triumphs of Life (With a Little Inconvenience on the Side)*, an original play about ability, with a touch of disability, will return to Touchstone Theatre as part of Bethlehem's SouthSide First Friday events on June 4, at 7 p.m. Touchstone is located at 321 East Fourth Street on Bethlehem's South Side. Tickets are free. For info call Touchstone at 610-867-1689.

Circle Players Present Comedy

June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18 & 19

The Cemetery Club, a hilarious and touching comedy by Ivan Menchell opens at Circle Players, the community theater of Piscataway on Friday, June 4. Performances are Fridays, June 4, 11 and 18 and Saturdays, June 5, 12 and 19 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are June 6 and 13 at 3 p.m. Circle Players is located at 416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway. For tickets and information call (732) 968-7555.

New Brunswick High School Reunion

June 4-6

New Brunswick High School Class of 1954 is planning its 50th Anniversary Reunion on the weekend of June 4 through June 6. The main reunion be held on Saturday, June 5 at the Cook College Center, Rutgers.

Scottish Festival at Bonnie Brae

June 5

The Bonnie Brae and Scottish Festival and Highland Games returns to the fields of Bonnie Brae Educational Facility on Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be bagpipes, drums, Highland dancers, sheep dogs, brawny athletes, British sports cars, show dogs,

re-enactors, vendors and entertainers. The facility is located at 3415 Valley Rd., Liberty Corner. For finformation call (610) 825-7268, Bonnie Brae at (908) 647-4700 or you can visit www.bonnie-brae.org.

Meet the Historians

June 6

Sunday, June 6 at 1 p.m., Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Cornelius Low House Museum, 1255 River Road, Piscataway present Meet the Historians. This free program will allow visitors to tour through the exhibit, *Our Long Endurance: The Story of New Jersey in the Civil War* and provides the opportunity to speak one-on-one with their Civil War historians. For more information and to register for this free program, contact the museum at (732) 745-4177.

B'nai B'rith Married Couples Meeting

June 6

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be meeting for a buffet brunch at The Kenilworth Inn, in Kenilworth on Sunday, June 6 at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$12.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Edison Art Exhibition

June 6

The Edison Arts Society announced the opening/reception of the statewide juried art gallery exhibition Colors Schemes and Screams on Sunday, June 6 from 3-5 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel at Raritan Center. For information contact Nina Hand at (908) 753-ARTS, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Moonrakers Tall Club

June 8

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., a social and community service organization serving people of "taller-than-average" stature, will hold its monthly social at the Saddle Brook Marriott hotel in Saddle Brook on Tuesday, June 8 at 8 p.m. Prospective members (women, 5'10" and taller and men 6'2" and taller and over 21-years-old) are encouraged to inquire. For further information about the club, call our 24-hour hotline service at (973) 267-3648.

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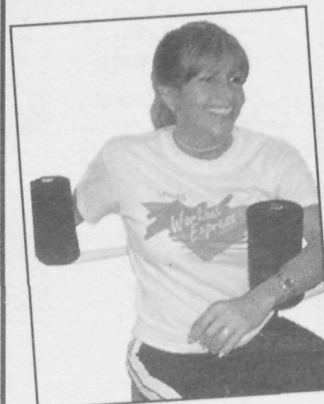
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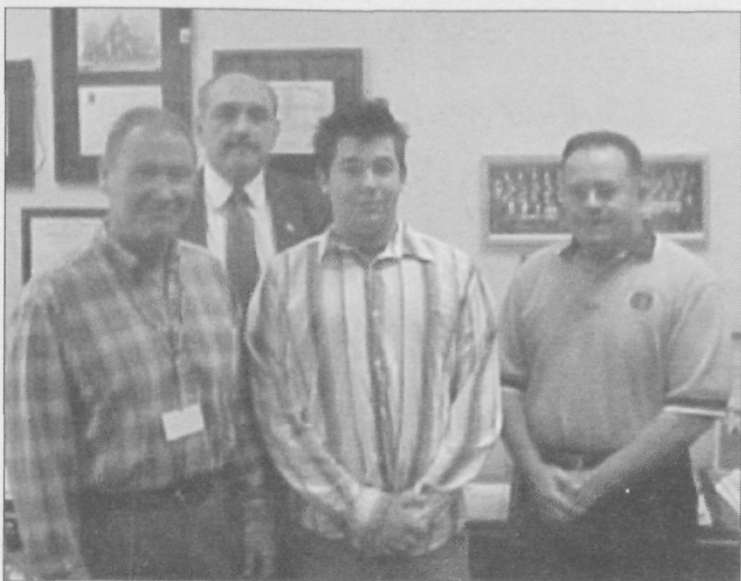
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From left: SPSHS Football Coach McGuane, SPSHS Principal Dr. May, Michael Salerno and Athletic Director Michael Buggiey.

Michael Salerno Receives Athletic Award

Michael Salerno, a senior at South Plainfield High School, recently received the National High School Scholar-Athlete Award from the Bill Denny Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame. This honor was also accompanied by a \$300 scholarship and an induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

One athlete from each football team in the Greater Middlesex Conference received the same distinction, although the scholarship amounts varied from \$100 to \$1,000. The Foundation also recognized the outstanding coaches, educators and referees within the county.

The National Football Foundation was established in 1947, and their goal is to promote and develop the power of amateur football in developing the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, competitive zeal, and the drive for academic excellence in America's young people.

Michael will be attending Villanova University in the fall.

Leyna Bollwage Graduates from Fairleigh Dickinson University

Leyna Bollwage, daughter of Anne and Blaise Bollwage of South Plainfield, graduated May 17 from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison with a Masters in Elementary Education.

Last year Leyna graduated from FDU with a Bachelors degree in psychology. In the spring of 2002, Leyna studied abroad at Wroxton College in England.

Leyna attended South Plainfield high School and graduated in 1999.



Leyna Bollwage

Krissy Brooks Graduates Rutgers

Krissy Brooks, daughter of William and Denise Brooks of South Plainfield, graduated with high honors from Rutgers College on May 20. She received her Bachelors degree in English and minored in Elementary Education. She was a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Krissy attended Rutgers as a Bloustein Scholar and recipient of the Outstanding Scholar Award. She was recently awarded the Norma Nevola Sutura Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund for her graduate studies. She will begin her graduate work this September at Rutgers University to attain her Master's degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education.

Krissy's other honors include membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi (Mu Rho Chapter), National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honor Society and placement on the Rutgers College Dean's List since she began attending Rutgers in the fall of 2000. Her biography was also published in the 2002-2003 edition of the National Dean's List which honors only the top 0.5 percent of our nation's college students.



Krissy Brooks

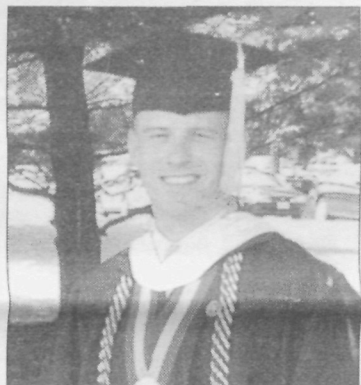
Krissy's family is extremely proud of her accomplishments and her dedication to realizing her dream of becoming a teacher.

Yuill Graduates Rutgers With Honors

Daniel F. Yuill, son of John and Catherine Yuill of South Plainfield has graduated from Rutgers University with Honors.

Daniel received a BA in political science. Daniel is a 1996 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserves on May 19 and will begin working full-time as an analyst for Sytex, Inc. in the Washington, D.C. area.



Daniel F. Yuill

Glynn Nominated Teacher of the Year

Bill Glynn, a resident of South Plainfield, was nominated Teacher of the Year for Madison-Monroe elementary school in Elizabeth. This award is part of the 2004 Union County Teacher Recognition Program. The program celebrates those teachers who put forth extraordinary effort to develop an environment that inspires students, fosters their feelings of self-worth, and encourages their love of learning. His extensive knowledge of art history and design, partnered with a great love for children enable Glynn to deliver a unique and enlightening curriculum to all of his students.

Glynn received a certificate of recognition at an awards breakfast on May 6. Glynn holds a BA in art history and graphic design and is currently pursuing his masters degree in teaching. He has been teaching art at Madison-Monroe school for six years.

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John E. Riley Presents Patriotic Spring Concert and Art Show

By Patricia Abbott

Riley School presented their annual Spring Concert and Art Show in mid May. The evening featured the String Ensemble directed by Carleen Tedeschi. Former student teachers Christina Szczepkowski and Laura Reimer conducted two of the four numbers. The band and chorus were directed by Kristen Gennings and Joanne Gurske, respectively. The third grade students also performed on their recorders.

The art show, under the direction of Barbara Harris, featured artwork by every student in the school.

The band performed *Camptown Races*, *Lightly Row*, *Caisson Song*, *Lovely Evening* and *Just a Little Latin*. The String Ensemble presented *Happy Dance*, *Musette*, *Peanut Butter and Celli* and *Old Mac Fiddle*.

The choral portion of the program was a patriotic salute. Special guest for the event was South Plainfield resident Navy Chief Petty Officer Jack Deffler, who presented the flag as he led the chorus down the center aisle to present their tribute to our country. The young vocalists sang *This is America*, *I Love My Country*, *American Tears*, *Mighty United* and *The Lights of Freedom*. There were student speakers

before each song.

In the concert's planning stages music teacher Joanne Gurske searched for someone in the military to participate in the event. Riley School Librarian Joanne Otlowski suggested her fellow Girl Scout leader, Jack Deffler, co-leader of his daughter's Senior Girl Scout Troop 137. During the previ-

ous school year Riley students wrote letters to Deffler while he was stationed in Iraq. They collected items in short supply overseas and sent boxes to Deffler who distributed them to servicemen and woman in his unit and others. Otlowski coordinated the effort, communicating with him on a regular basis.

Deffler was thrilled to have the opportunity to meet the youngsters who had been so enthusiastic and generous, and the children were equally excited to meet him. He was unable to attend the afternoon performance, but surprised the students by paying a visit to each performing group prior to the evening concert.

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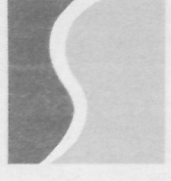
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- India March Davison, 24, of South Plainfield was arrested for failure to exhibit a valid insurance card, having no insurance, an inspection violation and an outstanding warrant.
- Witty's Liquors on Plainfield Ave. reported receiving a bad check in the amount of \$1,142.52 from a business.
- On May 26 Johnny Jimenez-Corrales, 27, of South Plainfield was arrested at Liquid Assets for driving while intoxicated after a motor vehicle accident.
- Servpro on Hamilton Blvd. reported the theft of an air conditioning condenser worth \$2,500 from the

rear of the building.

- A Palmer Ave. resident reported the theft of his cell phone from his locked car. A window had been smashed to gain entry.
- On May 28 Napa Distribution Center on New Durham Rd. reported that nuts and bolts had been removed from a fence and it was rolled back to gain access to the movie theater.
- A Van Fleet Ave. resident reported that someone had been in their bedroom while they were home taking a shower. It is not known how the got in, however they left through the front door before being seen. Nothing was taken.
- On May 29 the owner of LaCosta Plaza on Plainfield Ave. reported that the front and rear windows of a vacant store had been broken with rocks.
- On May 30 Michael Q. Curtis,

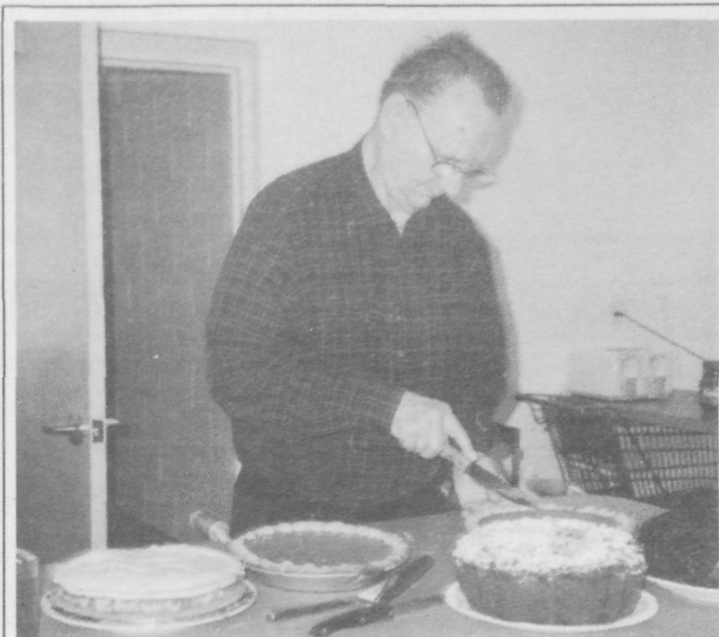
33, of Piscataway was arrested on Shadyside Pl. for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

- A South Plainfield resident reported the theft of an AM/FM/CD player from their locked vehicle at Pathmark. There was no visible entry except a window had been cracked open.

- CVS on Oak Tree Rd. reported receiving an altered check from a customer.

- Twig & Blooms on Hamilton Blvd. reported that their rear door knob was damaged and the door left ajar. Nothing was taken.

- On June 1 the site manager for Entact Corp. on Metuchen Rd. reported that a gas powered portable generator with \$2,500 had been cut from pole and taken.



Bill Hannah, past president of AARP #4144 is shown at his home preparing home baked pies, cakes and cookies for senior citizens on Friday, May 14 as his project for AARP National Day of Service.

Congratulations to SPHS Third Marking Period Honor Roll Students

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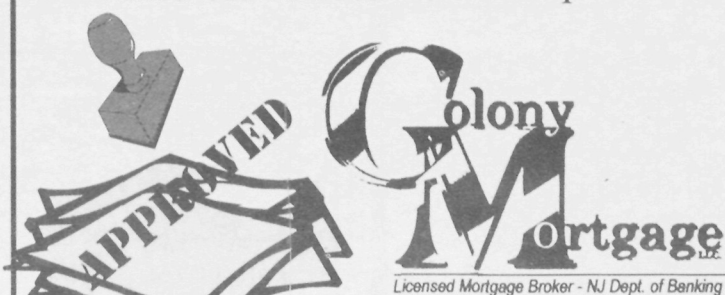
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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Coming off a big win last week over the South Plainfield Elks, defending champions Plainfield Animal Hospital seemed to have momentum with them as they faced a formidable opponent, Aiello Chiropractic. But it was Aiello that came ready with its A-game as they cruised to an easy 16-4 win over PAH with Player-of-the-Year Eddie Banach leading his team to victory with a sparkling even-par 33. Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer also came through with a 38 for Aiello while Mike Sikanowicz's 40 was the best round for PAH. With this win, Aiello remains in a tie for first-place in the American Division with a 3-1-0 record.

KC's Korner, tied with Aiello, got by Masters, 13-7 with steady Mark Dugan shooting another round of 39. Adam Thomas earned medalist honors for Masters with a 40 while his teammates continued to struggle to find their games. Despite all their team firepower, Masters remains winless after four weeks of competition.

Hank's Hackers showed they plan to be serious contenders for top honors in the league this year in besting Witty's, 13-7, despite a fine round of 37 by Kevin "Boom-Boom" Bickunas in a losing cause. Kevin Boyce left a few shorts out there but still managed a 40, enough for low-man honors for Hank's.

In the National League, Patti's Construction is now enjoying the unfamiliar view of being at the top of the league after gaining undisputed possession of first place by defeating Sport & Social, 13-7. With a nice round of 38 that could easily have been a few strokes better, Mike Behr again led the way for Patti's.

Twin City took full advantage of the bizarre early-season slump of the talented Pornovets team by giving them

a resounding thumping, 18-2. Jay Coppolla of Twin City continued to hit fairways and greens along his way to another good round, this time a 37, while his teammate, Charlie Hasselgran, matched his fine score. Frank Oades again earned medalist honors for Pornovets with a 41 as some of his teammates continued to flounder.

The VFW, sparked by a solid round of 38 by Bob Nilan, moved into sole possession of second place after gaining a 10-10 tie with the South Plainfield Elks. Mike Dube's 40 earned medalist honors for the Elks who still have not broken into the win column.

Bob Nilan of VFW won the weekly closest-to-the-pin contest on the third hole and Mark Dugan had the best tee shot of the night on the seventh hole to earn a luncheon-for-two prize at KC's Korner.

Low Scores for the Night were: Eddie Banach-33, Kevin Bickunas-37, Charlie Hasselgran-37, Jay Coppolla-37, Bob Nilan-38, Mike Behr-38, Fred Kirchofer-38 and Mark Dugan-39.

League Standings

American Division

	W	L	T
Aiello	3	1	0
KC's Korner	3	1	0
Hank's Hackers	2	1	1
PAH	2	2	0
Witty's	1	3	0
Masters	0	3	1

National Division

	W	L	T
Patti's Const.	3	1	0
VFW	2	1	1
Twin City	2	2	0
Sport & Social	2	2	0
Pornovets	2	2	0
Elks	0	3	1

Pop Warner Eagles Events

• **June 6**-Uniform Try-ons and Clinic at the PAL. Jacket orders will be taken. Bring \$5 cash for hair bow and practice shorts and T-shirts will be available \$5/\$10.

• **June 12/13**-MEGACAMP @RVCC: 2 day camp 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., cost \$60 (optional). Applications available at speagles.com.

• **June 18**-Come down to the fieldhouse and turn in your report card, birth certificate, current photo and medical forms!! Get as many of your forms in early!! 6-8 p.m. FLAG UNIFORMS 6 p.m. at Field House.

• **July 1-30**-Sneaker/Body suit orders due at SPORTWORLD!!! Questions? Email CHEER@speagles.com or call (908) 757-0686.

• **August 2**-Eagles Season begins!

Football News:

• **June 18**-Bring your report card, medical forms, current photo and birth certificate to the Fieldhouse! 6 to 8 p.m. Get as many of your forms in early! Uniform and helmet fitting: 6 p.m. Mighty Mites, 7 p.m. Junior Pee Wee and 8 p.m. Junior Midget.

Questions?? log on to FOOTBALL@speagles.com or call (908) 753-7918

• **August 2**-Eagles season begins!

Coaches News

• **June 10**-Rutger's Safety Clinic/Certification. Call Cathy Scarpitto (908) 757-0686 or email CHEER@speagles.com to reserve your space.

Jr. Baseball Relief Fund Donations

A relief fund has been set-up at Moretti Realty if anyone could assist the baseball club in anyway. Equipment that was damaged in the fire on May 3, it seems the baseball club is not getting the full value of the equipment from the insurance adjuster.

If you can help out please send donations to Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Any help you can give will be appreciated.



The South Plainfield High School Jr. Varsity Girls Softball Team, coached by Nick Scalzo, recently won the GMC Tournament. Congratulations.

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

By Lee Flanagan

The Memorial Weekend Tournament at the SPJBC was a successful Tournament. In the 11U Division final game, The DXL Patriots from South Plainfield beat The North Edison Blazers 6-0. Ryan Harrington came close to pitching a no hitter in this ball game. In the 13U Division the New Jersey Wolverines from West Milford defeated The North Brunswick Mudcats 6-3 in the final game. I would like to thank John Papa at this time for being the Tournament Director and running a great tournament for the SPJBC.

All-Star Sunday is coming up this weekend at the complex. The eight, 10 and 13-year-olds will be playing at 12 p.m., and at 3 p.m., the nine, 11, A-League All-Stars and Pony A All-Stars will be playing. Come out and support our kids in this fun day. Glenn Graves is coordinating this event.

The league playoffs are approaching; they start Monday night, June 7. On this night also is our monthly club meeting. This is an important meeting; we need to elect eight executive board members at this meeting. Positions up for election are:

- Assistant Commissioner/Baseball Operations (two year term). Kevin Lykes has been nominated for this position.
- Assistant Commissioner of Buildings and Grounds (two year term). Bob Bors has been nominated for this position.

• Assistant Commissioner/Head Concessions (two year term). Rick Walton has been nominated for this position.

• Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations (two year term). Jack Brady has been nominated for this position.

• Trustee (player agent) (one year term). John Papa has been nominated for this position.

• Trustee (Safety Officer) (one year term). Mike Salici has been nominated for this position.

• Trustee (Ad/signs/sponsors) (one year term). Mike Pellegrino has been nominated for this position.

• Trustee (Equipment Manager) (one year term). Bill Butrico has been nominated for this position.

Individuals who have been nominated can either accept or decline the nomination. Nominations from the floor will be accepted on Monday, June 7.

Recreation Soccer Sign-ups

The South Plainfield Recreation's Youth Soccer Program begins on Saturday, Sept. 18. Registration begins on June 7 and ends on Aug. 20. Children between the ages of 6-13 are invited to play. You must be six years old by Oct. 1, 2004. The fee is \$35 per child. Register at the PAL on Maple Ave.

Community Pool Swim and Diving Teams Sign-ups

Sign-ups for the South Plainfield Community Pool Swim and Diving Team will take place on Thursday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the pool.

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Obituaries

John E. "Fred" Roser, 83

John E. "Fred" Roser died on Thursday, May 27 in Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Born in New Orleans, La., he resided in New York City before moving to South Plainfield 51 years ago.

Fred was employed as a Travel Agent for Watchung Hills Travel Agency for 15 years before retiring in 1985.

Previously, he was a Travel Agent for former Carrolli Travel of Plainfield.

He served in the United States Navy during WWII as a machinist mate first class. He served on two ships, both of which he commissioned during the war and was considered a plank owner of both. The USS Strong, #467 and the USS Ringold, #500.

Fred was a member and past exalted ruler and secretary of the Watchung BPO Elks Lodge #2252. He was also a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 of South Plainfield where he served as a past commander and chaplain. He also served on the executive board of the legion. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

His sister, Adelaide Delatte, died in 1986.

Surviving are his wife, Maria A. Roser; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Steve Holleran of Forked River; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John E., Jr. and Kathleen Roser of Clifton, Va.; a sister, Rosemary Finch of Monroe, Texas and two brothers, Charles and Bennett A. Roser, both of Metairie, La.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, Matthew Daniel, Andrew Josef, Sarah Ann and Mary Katherine.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in Fred's memory to the American Lung Association of NJ, 333 Rt. 46 West Suite 205, Fairfield, NJ 07004 would be appreciated.

Kurt R. Walsch, 84

Kurt R. Walsch died on Tuesday, May 25 in JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Braunscheig, Germany, Kurt came to the United States at the age of four, residing in Westfield before settling in South Plainfield 45 years ago.

Mr. Walsch joined the National Guard as a young man. Activated to the US Army during World War II, he served as a sergeant with the last troop of the Horse Calvary. He was stationed in New Guinea, the Philippines and Australia before his discharge in 1945 and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with three bronze stars.

A first class baker by trade for 46 years, he was the owner and operator of Sievers Baker in Westfield for 10 years and continued working in his field for a number of years for various bakeries in Scotch Plains and Westfield until he retired in 1984.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Margaret E. (Wagner) Walsch; a daughter and her husband Connie and John Sanders of Colorado; a son, Douglas of South Plainfield and a granddaughter, Kimberly Sanders.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Anthony "Tony" Diana, 82

Anthony "Tony" Diana died on Thursday, May 27 at his home, following a long illness.

He was born and grew up in Plainfield and has lived in South Plainfield for the past 47 years.

Tony worked for 22 years for the Jersey Central Railroad, which is now Conrail. He worked out of Newark beginning his career in track maintenance. At the time of his retirement, 22 years, he was working as a truck driver.

During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army and had been stationed in the Pacific. He had seen combat action in Okinawa where he was

wounded and for his actions. He was awarded the Purple Heart. Tony was a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 of South Plainfield and the Disabled American Veterans #7 of Plainfield.

He is predeceased by his daughter Connie Diana; his son-in-law Robert Bukovec; a sister Angie Tobak and a brother Frank Diana.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Ann (Gagliardi) Diana; four daughters, Barbara Pender and her husband, Scott, of Piscataway, Rose Bukovec and Anna Diana, both of South Plainfield and Donna Sable and her husband, Ken of Edison; a son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Beth Diana, Jr. of Oxford and 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Anna Dzyak Burgmiller, 84

Anna Dzyak Burgmiller of Hillsborough died on Thursday, May 27 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Anna was born in Czechoslovakia and came to the U.S. in 1922. She was a former resident of South Plainfield and North Plainfield before moving to Hillsborough 24 years ago.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, August L. Burgmiller, who died in 1999.

She is survived by her sons Lewis M. and William Burgmiller, both of Hillsborough and her sister Mary Bianculi of South Plainfield.

Funeral service were held at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

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Parishioners at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church have spent many hours buying and preparing homemade dishes for the Polish and Italian booths at the Feast of St. Anthony held June 8 through June 12. Pictured are a few of the many volunteers in the church kitchen who are about to freeze the enormous amount of food they just cooked.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

TAKE NOTICE that the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing on Thursday, June 24, 2004 at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey to consider the appeal for a variance or other relief filled by RICH PROPERTIES, LLC, BY RICHARD LEWANDOWSKI AS CHIEF OPERATING MEMBER

The relief requested is to permit Applicant is seeking a use variance approval and necessary Bulk variances to accomplish same, for the continued operation and expansion of an existing, non-conforming use, landscaping business/contractors yard in a M-3 Zone. In addition, the applicant is requesting variance/waiver approval with regard to any other matters deemed appropriate or necessary by the board.

At the property address 325 BERGEN STREET, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ

Block-330, Lot 6.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and present any objections to granting the relief requested.

\$49.50 June 4, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

May 26, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on May 25, 2004.

A. Case #04-01—MLS Development, Block 77; Lots 4.01 5 and 32; 2324 Linden Avenue and Stacey Court. The applicant's request for preliminary and final major subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

B. Case #666/S/S—National Realty & Development Corporation, Block 528; Lots 46, 47, 07, 47.09 and 66; Stelton Rd., Corporate Ct. and Corporate Blvd. The applicant's request for amended preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

C. Case #02-09—V.F.V Properties, Inc. Block 136; Lot 26; South 11th Street. The applicant's request for final major subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$31.50 June 4, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

May 28, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 27, 2004.

A. Case #86-03/Site-New Era Development, Block 308; Lot 12.04; 2279 So. Clinton Ave. The applicant's request for preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #09-04/TU-Northeast Developers, Block 473.03; Lot 1: 201 Shevchenko Ave. The applicant's request to withdraw this application without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #19-04-Ron DeSclafani, Block 379; Lot 12; 801 Delmore Ave. The applicant's request for a variance to permit the construction of an above ground pool w/a 5 foot front yard setback from Green Place was hereby GRANTED w/conditions.

D. Case #21-04-Paul & Doreen Zensky, Block 122; Lot 43; No. Madison Dr. The applicant's request for the construction of a 2nd floor addition and the construction of a front porch were hereby GRANTED w/(1) condition.

E. Case #22-04-Michael Molinaro, Block 232; Lot 6; 193 W. Elmwood Dr. The applicant's request for (2) two story additions & a new front porch were hereby GRANTED w/(1) condition.

F. Case #23-04-Thomas Berry, Block 169; Lot 21; 1122 Nunnink Ln. The applicant's request to construct an open porch w/no walls was hereby GRANTED w/(1) condition.

G. Case #25-04-Jerry Croce, Block 201; Lot 43; 269 Ada Pl. The applicant's request to erect a porch was hereby GRANTED w/(1) condition.

H. Case #26-04-Glenn Della Sala, Block 126; Lot 1; 130 No. Madison Dr. The applicant's request for the erection of a 2nd floor addition, a (1) story addition & an open covered front porch was hereby GRANTED w/conditions.

I. Case #30-04-Joe Listorti & Linda Coruccini, Block 137; Lot 8, 1200 Clinton Ave. The applicant's request to allow an existing deck to stay at its present location was hereby GRANTED w/ conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Franklin Students Raise \$6,000 For Jump Rope for Heart

On May 13, Franklin School students held in their annual Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for heart disease.

The students had friends and family pledge money for this great charity and did all the hard work of jumping rope.

The event was coordinated by gym teacher, Mr. Pavlak. There were

160 students who participated and 15 teachers and parents who volunteered their time and energy for the cause, which raised \$6,000. The PTA provided much needed refreshments and crackers.

Since 1994, Franklin students have raised over \$65,000 for heart disease. This year individuals raised from \$1 to \$300 each.

Kosher Food Pantry Needs Foods Donations

Jewish Family and Vocational Services Kosher Pantry, which for many years has provided emergency food packages to individuals and families in Middlesex County in need, now needs your help.

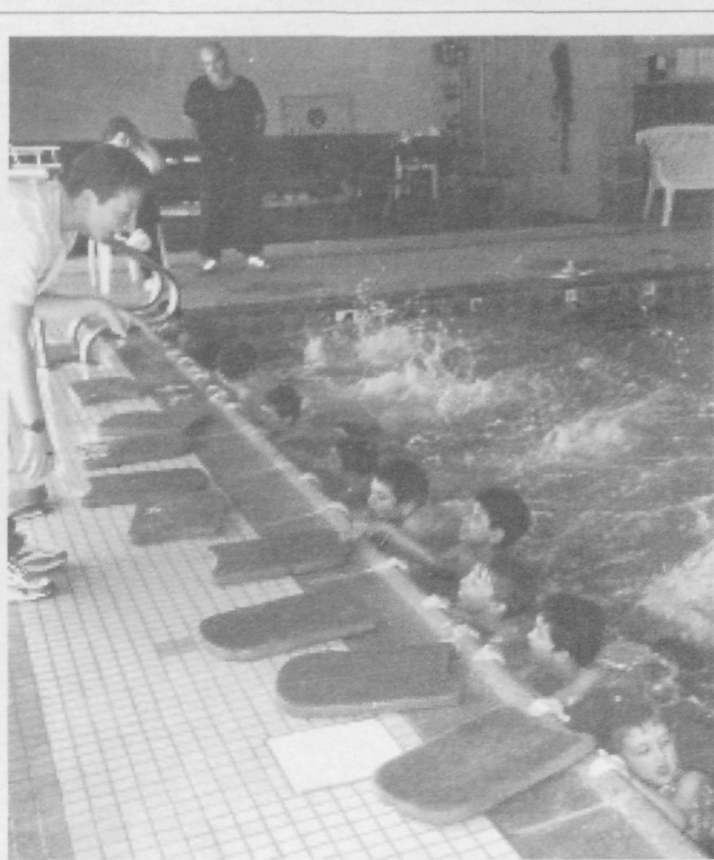
The pantry is depleted of several important non-perishable staples. We need tomato sauce, macaroni and cheese, coffee, jelly, baby food, hot and cold cereal and juices (non-refrigerated).

Drop kosher food items off at JFVS, 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201, Edison, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you know of individuals who are in need of emergency food, refer them to JFVS, (732) 777-1940.

ALERT

A public meeting has been called by the Affordable Housing Agency of the Borough of South Plainfield to discuss the Affordable Housing Program. The meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue.



Cub Scouts from Pack 224, Den 5 and 9, recently visited The Club at Ricochet for a swim lesson. They learned rules of water safety, what it takes to be a life guard, and went over various level of swim techniques. The boys would like to thank Dawn Richardson and the guards that helped them during their visit.

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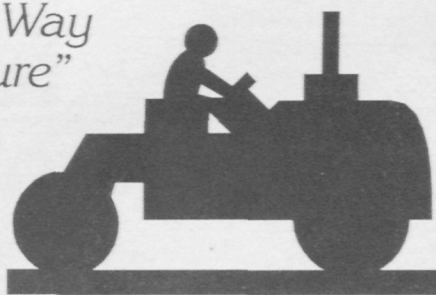
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Four Alumni Added to SPHS Hall of Fame

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Siberia during WWII. He became weather station chief at Tinker AFB, Okla. in 1946. The severe weather forecasting contributions of Fawbush and his colleague Capt. R.C. Miller had a 95% accuracy rate and laid the groundwork for new generations to develop today's sophisticated Doppler radar and NEXRAD. IN 1953 he received a commendation medal and citation from the Secretary of the U.S. Air Force and in 1956 received the prestigious Clarence Leroy Meisinger Award from the American Meteorological Society. In 1998, a granite monument was erected at Tinker Air Force Base to honor the Golden Anniversary of the first tornado forecast which occurred in March of 1948. A Fawbush and Miller Memorial Scholarship was established at the University of Oklahoma in 1998. According to his nomination form he is still held in high esteem among the Air Force weather professionals and his surviving fellow Grant School classmates. He was inducted into the North Plainfield High School Hall of Fame in 2002.

History teacher **Fran Flannery**, a life-long resident of South Plainfield, is a 1972 SPHS graduate. Flannery attended Sacred Heart School. She has a BS in History from Seton Hall University. Her graduate studies include course work at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She taught at Sacred Heart Elementary School from 1976-1980 and the Middle School from 1981-1985. She began teaching at SPHS in 1985. Her contributions to the school and community are numerous and diverse. She coached cheerleading for well over ten years from 1976 to 1980 and from 1982 to 1991 field hockey from 1983 to 1996 and then 1999 to present. She has been a County Representative for the NJ Field Hockey Coaches Association. She was a member of the NJSIAA Field Hockey Tournament Committee from 1987 until 1996. She was named GMC Coach of the Year, *Home News* Coach of the Year and *Star Ledger* Coach of the Year in 2000-2001. Flannery is immersed in school activities, professional clubs and organizations. She is advisor for the SPHS Jersey Club, Book Club and AP advisor. She is a Fresh Air Kids sponsor and a member of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Multiple Sclerosis Assn., South Plainfield Historical Society member, New Jersey Historical Society member, New Jersey Council for History Education and

National Council for History Education Foreign Policy Research Institute. Fran served with the South Plainfield Recreation Commission for 11 years, two years as president. She helped create the Ponytail Softball program while she was still in college. She was named the 1999-2000 South Plainfield Teacher of the Year and has been recognized twice by former students at their universities as "The Most Influential Person in Their Life" SPHS grad Jen Infante said, "Miss Flannery is the reason I am becoming a History teacher."

The South Plainfield Hall of Fame was founded in 1995. Selections are made by the Hall of Fame committee which is made up of Board of Education, high school administrators, faculty, PTA and community members. Candidates for the Hall of Fame must have graduated from SPHS or designated school at least 15 years prior to nomination and must have achieved a prominent position with significant contribution in the listed criteria of academia, business, community participation, service to humanity and unique accomplishments.



'Elvis' Performs at Oldies Concert

By Patricia Abbott

On Saturday, May 15, the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department held their annual oldies concert. As always the popular event filled the SPHS auditorium to near capacity. This year's show was "Memories of Elvis" presented by Joe Angerosa.

The audience responded enthusiastically to Angerosa's voice and performance. The evening was a true tribute to a much beloved performer. Angerosa has been presenting his tribute for over 25 years. He started singing Elvis' music at age 12, formed a band when he was 16, and did his first "tribute" at 17. He said, "I never saw Elvis in concert, but had tickets to see him in Utica, NY, three days before he died. I loved performing in South Plainfield, hope I can again soon!"

The ad book for the performance showed the support of dozens of area businesses. Money raised from the event will be used towards the Firemen's Memorial, equipment and other essentials.

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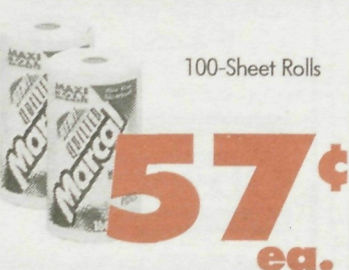
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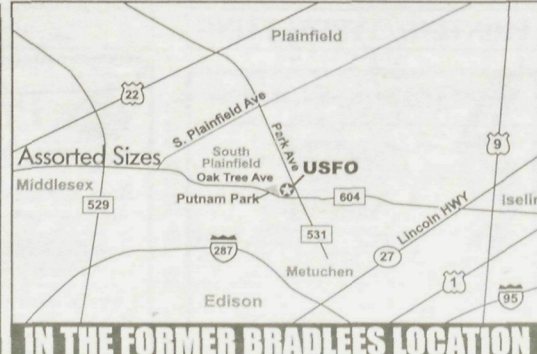
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