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## Bye Bye Birdie Set to Open Aug. 2



The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop cast is inviting everyone to come out and see *Bye Bye Birdie*, the group's 30th anniversary production. The play runs Thursday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 5, at the South Plainfield High School Auditorium. Advance tickets can be purchased evenings at the box office in the high school, or the during the day at the Observer office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

## Stage Crew Deserves Recognition

By Patricia Abbott

Summer Drama Workshop performers, with the guidance and expertise of their director Eric Hafen have been working hard for weeks to bring the script of *Bye Bye Birdie* to life on stage. They also work with choreographer Patti O'Brien and vocal director Joan Stasio, both of whom seek to bring out the best in each actor. The young thespians began with a script and a bare stage. Next week they will thrill audiences with a memorable production befitting a 30th season celebration.

As always, praise will be heaped on the actors with accolades to the directors. Often overlooked are the many people who labor behind the scenes to create the final product. The stage crew is among them. They are an invisible group whose detailed work is quite visible come show time. Without these people, the sets, the scene changes and the actors would only have a bare stage.

The stage crew for Summer Drama's 2001 anniversary production of *Bye Bye Birdie* is a unique group of hard working individuals. Stage manager for the production is SDW alumni Lory Jackson-Alcaro; assisting her is husband Bob Alcaro. Lory is more than a little proud of her crew. She pointed out that the majority of the crew have no previous stage crew experience. They are enhanced by four experienced members. What they lack in knowledge, they make up for with enthusiasm and 100 percent dedication. SDW Board President Bill Seesselberg will run a lighting workshop for the crew to acquaint them

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There are 14 students on the *Bye Bye Birdie* stage crew. Four are experienced crew members who help guide the newcomers. The crew consists of Gerry Butrico, Nick Hogan, Alex Huynh, Michael Kasmer, Kyle Luthman, Rich Muglia, Colin Slattery, Steven Sobel, Alex Tierney and Michael Troia. Experienced crew members are Jenn Gold, Jason Jackson, Brian Johansen and Aaron Leszczynski.

## Observer Readers See Double Printer's Error Causes Glitch in Last Week's Edition

Residents reading last week's paper may have noticed a glitch on two of the *Observer* pages—they were the same pages that ran the week before.

Our printer is still trying to figure out how to explain this error to us. The correct pages were submitted to our printer, but somehow they managed to print pages six and eleven from the previous week, instead of the current week's pages. After a hysterical phone call to the printer explaining the error, they did offer to reprint the *Observer*, but having it re-labeled, redistributed and mailed would have made the paper too late, and it would have caused much more

confusion.

On behalf of our printer, we would like to apologize for this error and hope it never happens again. For those of you who called, thank you for your interest. We now know you read each page of our paper every week (quite a compliment). Sometimes things happen that we have no control over.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused, especially those advertising garage sales, classifieds and legal notices. Thanks for your understanding. Page six of this week's paper is what you should have seen last week. Enjoy!

## Heavy Bidding at Land Auction Nets Borough \$700K

The South Plainfield council chambers were filled with builders and interested homeowners last Thursday evening for a sale of three parcels of borough owned property.

Bidding on all three lots was brisk. Builders were eagerly upping the starting prices much to the delight of council members and the disappointment of several homeowners who wanted to purchase the property for their own uses.

Builders were willing to pay top dollar for property in South Plainfield, saying there is a strong demand for houses in the borough. All of the lots require improvements, such as sewer and road work. A down payment of 10 percent, plus \$1,000 for legal fees, was also required by each buyer.

The first property on the block was the largest parcel, located on Spicer Ave. and Green St. The lot is large

enough to accommodate three new homes. The starting price was \$185,000. The bidding was brisk, going up in increments of \$5,000, until AmeriLand upped the bid by \$40,000 to \$400,000, and stopped the bidding at that price.

The next parcel, a single lot located on Delmore Ave., starting at \$95,000. It was purchased by Jeffrey Popik for \$150,000.

The last parcel, located on Perth Place, was a single lot zoned for a two-family home. Bidding started at \$110,000. The lot was purchased for \$150,000 by the Grasso Brothers, Attilio, Antonio and Ernesto of AANG Builders who are building a house next door to this lot.

Darlene Pinto commented, "This is an example of how popular land is in South Plainfield. Everyone wants to live here."

## It's Time to Celebrate!

## Labor Day Parade Committee Planning 75th Birthday Party

This year's Labor Day Parade is not only our 44th Annual Labor Day Parade, it's also the 75th birthday of South Plainfield. The Celebration Committee is planning to make this year's parade the best ever.

This year's theme is "To All The Generations of Families—Happy 75th Birthday." South Plainfield has many generations of families residing here, most of them have participated in past parades.

The Labor Day Parade is designed to entertain residents, their guests and all the participants. Novelty, comedy, music, civic pride and patriotic participation is all encompassed in the day's events planned by the parade committee. So start calling your friends and relatives and mark this day on your calendar.

During last year's parade, a young girl was injured in an accident along the parade route. Luckily, she was not seriously hurt. New safety rules will be instituted this year to prevent this kind of accident from reoccurring. Bicycles, skateboards and scooters will not be allowed to ride up and down the parade route or in Veterans' Park. Please alert your children to this rule; it will be enforced.

The parade, which will be held on Monday, Sept. 3, begins with the annual 5K Race and 1.5 Family Fitness Walk. Look for more information on how to register in upcoming issues.

The Labor Day parade kicks off at 10 a.m. on Plainfield Ave. at Wesley Methodist Church and ends up in Veterans' Park. Many activities are planned for after the parade in Veterans' Park, for both kids and adults, so plan on spending some time in the park after the parade. Games, contests, food and plenty of music are planned, both during and after the parade. And, of course, the *Observer* will

be in the middle of the fun all day long. Remember, it's our birthday too! (See related story on page 3.)

The celebration shifts to Spring Lake Park in the evening. Music will be presented in the gazebo until dark, followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Last year's fireworks were one of the best ever presented and the same company is returning and promises to do an equally spectacular job.

If your group would like to march in the parade, they must fill out an entry form. Forms are available at Borough Hall or the *Observer* office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd. It's a great opportunity for your group or business to join in the celebration.

If you need information about marching in the parade, entering a float, holding a concession stand in the park, etc., contact Councilwoman Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1517.

## Parade Committee Seeks Grand Marshal Nominees

The Labor Day Committee is asking residents to submit their nominations for Grand Marshal.

If any individual has contributed outstanding service to the community, send a letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for Grand Marshal. If you submitted a name last year, you must submit it again this year.

Send your nominee's name, address and telephone number to John Sorrentino, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Email: jmsorrentino@home.com or fax (908) 753-4003.



# mark your calendars

Log on to [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com) for the latest meeting agenda

## council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000  
**AGENDA MEETING** ..... **PUBLIC MEETING**  
Monday, August 13 ..... Thursday, August 16 (Revised Date)  
Tuesday, September 4 ..... Thursday, September 6  
Monday, September 17 ..... Thursday, September 20  
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, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
August 14, August 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27,  
Dec 11, Dec. 25 (no meeting).

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
July 31, August 7, August 21, Sept. 4 (no meeting), Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30,  
Nov. 6 (no meeting), Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

## taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

## siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:  
August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 (no meeting), December 27.

## recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Monday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716  
September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280  
August 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, 2002

## board of education meetings

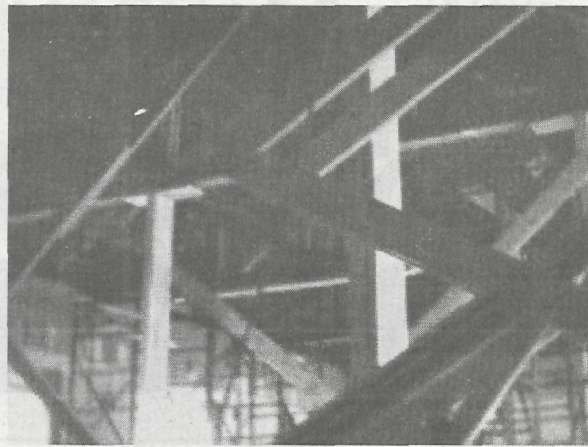
Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted  
Regular Board Mtg., Tue., August 28, Sept. 18, Oct. 23; 8 p.m.  
Committee of the Whole, Tue., Aug. 21, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

## business advisory group

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

## traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall  
-Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26.



Restoration is underway at Our Lady of Czestochowa's hall, located on Hamilton Blvd. The hall, located next to the church, was at first thought to need the entire roof section restructured when they found out the interior beams were inferior and not strong enough to support the roof. By reinforcing the roof on the hall, OLC is saving thousands of dollars. Timber Restoration Inc. will do the restructuring from the inside and, when finished, the building will conform to South Plainfield codes.

# In My Opinion

**To the Editor,**  
I want to commend the *Observer* staff for the great job they did this year covering all of the school graduations last month.

You and your staff attended every graduation that took place in South Plainfield and they took hundreds of pictures. Every graduate's name was listed along with their awards and/or scholarships in the *Observer*. This was no small feat and you deserve a thank you.

Your extensive coverage of this year's graduation shows how important a local paper is to our community.

Your paper is filling a void that is sorely needed in South Plainfield. Every week I look forward to reading all the news that is happening around town and the upcoming events that will be occurring.

South Plainfield is a very active town and a community that needs the kind of coverage the *Observer* gives it every week.

Thanks again for your great coverage and keep up the good work!  
**MARY LOCKE**

**To the Editor,**  
Your article on Kacey's Bodacious Boutique really interested me. I began to shop in that store back in 1999. I made a small number of purchases, thinking the place was quaint. Then, I returned in early 2000, then again, and again and again...

The long and short of it all is this: I'm just "hooked" on the place. Let me illustrate just how much. After reading the article, I decided to do a count of all of the pictures and bric-a-brac in my home. The grand total was slightly over two hundred, but I

was amazed to learn that sixty-seven of the items, including a rocking chair, were purchased at Kacey's! I'm picky about what I like. I think that the best part of all is the pricing, not one item costs me more than ten dollars.

So, you can take it from me—stop in, and pay the store a visit. If nothing strikes your fancy, keep trying. Things come and go, sometimes quickly, never to be seen again. That's why I'll stop in to browse about every ten to fourteen days. My persistence paid off—I managed to decorate a capacious apartment which otherwise would look drab and now I have what's probably the most eclectic "bachelor pad" in town. People are amazed at the way I have things set up, and I agree, Martha Stewart would be impressed!

**CORDIALLY YOURS,  
RONALD SIVES**

## Council Changes August Meeting Dates

The council has changed their August meeting dates. They will be meeting one week earlier than scheduled. The new dates are as follows: Agenda meeting scheduled for Aug. 20 will be held on Aug. 13 and the public meeting scheduled for Aug. 23 will be held on Aug. 16. The 8 p.m. time remains the same.


During July and August, the council meets only once a month instead of twice.

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### Send us Your Letters/Opinions

We want to hear from you concerning what is going on around town. We will omit your name by request, but you must give us your name and phone number when you submit your letter, or it will NOT be published. In the past few weeks we have had several letters we did not publish because names were not submitted with the letter.

Send your letter/opinion to:  
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1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B,  
South Plainfield 07080. You can email us at [GGNAN@aol.com](mailto:GGNAN@aol.com) or fax to 908-668-8819.

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## Police Dept. Introduces "BriteSlides"

The South Plainfield Police Department, Borough Council Public Safety Chairman Dennis Cerami and the Traffic Advisory Board are pleased to announce that the police department has purchased "BriteSlides," which are highly reflective panels that can be inserted into stop sign posts and pedestrian sign posts.

These inserts draw attention to approaching motorists in a most ambient light, making the stop sign or pedestrian sign more conspicuous and safer. The purpose of the BriteSlides is to reduce accidents and violations at stop sign intersections and make pedestrian crossings more obvious and safer to the public. The Traffic Safety Unit of the Police Department has identified intersections that, based on accident data and topography, pose the most significant threats to public safety. These locations will be the first to be equipped with the BriteSlides. Thirty of the red stop sign BriteSlides and six of the orange/yellow pedestrian BriteSlides were purchased.

However, the long-term goal of the South Plainfield Police Department is to eventually have each intersection controlled by a stop sign and pedestrian crossing which see heavy volume equipped with them. The Department of Public Works will begin installing the BriteSlides during the next few weeks. An example of how bright they shine can be seen on the corner of Lakeview Ave. and Church St., where a strip has already been installed.



Sergeant Kevin Murtagh, from Traffic Safety and Councilman Dennis Cerami demonstrate where the newly purchased "BriteSlides" will be inserted into stop signs around South Plainfield.

## Borough Notes

### Council News

Block Party permits have been issued for the following dates and places: Aug. 18 on Delaney Court and Sept. 3 on Elmwood Dr. between Park Ave. and Clark Lane. These roads will be closed on those dates, so plan alternate routes if traveling in these areas.

■ Checks of \$1,650 to Todd R. Thomas and \$541 to WFL Sign Painting were issued for facade improvements at Flanagan's Restaurant on Plainfield Ave. Checks of \$3,175.50 to Josloff Glass and \$815.30 to Blacher Canvas Products were issued for facade improvements at Federated Fire on Clinton Ave. Both of these businesses have taken advantage of the facade program which reimburses businesses up to 50 percent on improvements. If you would like to find out more about the facade program, call Mike Zushma at 908-753-3775.

■ Two contracts have been awarded after receiving bids. They are Garden State Power Sweeping for \$26,143 to sweep the entire town twice and also on Labor Day and Resilite Sports Products, Inc. for \$26,201 for wrestling mats at the PAL building.

■ South Plainfield and the County of Middlesex have entered an interlocal agreement for 'Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery.'

■ The council has authorized every governing body to have an annual audit of its books, accounts and finan-

cial transactions, in accordance with NJSA 40A:5-4.

■ A lien of \$386.28 on the property at 1515 West 7th St. for costs incurred by the Borough to clean up the property.

■ A contract has been awarded to Short Tech Systems, Inc. of Manasquan for \$1,380 to provide a one year agreement for server hardware service.

■ Laserspeed of Princeton Junction has been awarded a contract for \$1,940 to provide next day service on 12 laser jet printers.

■ A lien of \$381.36 on the property at 127 Kosciusko Ave. for costs incurred by the borough to abate a public health nuisance.

■ Dano Enterprises of Stamford, Conn. has been awarded a contract to purchase leaf bags, in accordance with the Piscataway Cooperative Pricing County. The cost is not to exceed \$20,970.

### Board of Adjustment

■ J.H Reid Contractor was granted two use variances to expand their contractor's storage yard.

■ Northeast Developers, Inc. was granted width and length variances to build a single family dwelling at the corner of Harvard and Belmont avenues.

■ Jenkins-Quin & Quin was granted a variance to build a single family home at 226 Oakmoor Ave. The house lacked the required 30' setback and exceeded lot coverage.

## Accident Shuts Down Hamilton Blvd.

On Sunday, July 22, an accident involving a car and a utility pole caused Hamilton Blvd., between Somerset Street and Montrose Avenue, to be shut down for most of the day.

Wing F. Fung, of Edison, was operating a 1997 Mercedes Benz, traveling southbound on Hamilton Blvd. when he fell asleep. The vehicle crossed over into the northbound lane, jumped the curb and proceeded to strike a utility pole, taking out an approximately ten foot section of the pole. The remaining portion of the pole was suspended by telephone, cable and public service wires.

PSE&G and the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene. There were no injuries to Fung, who was wearing his seat belt. He was charged with careless driving.

## Donated Cell Phones To Help Senior Citizens

The South Plainfield Police Department is pleased to announce a program in which used donated cell phones will be distributed to senior citizens to contact the police department in emergency situations. The cell phones will be programmed to dial 911 only. Seniors will be encouraged to carry the phones with them at all times.

The Police Department is asking citizens who wish to donate cell phones to this program to contact Officer Allen LaMonda at (908) 226-7716 or drop the phones off at the Police Department Communications Center. In order to use your donation, we must have the cell phone, at least one battery and the battery charger.

Mark your calendars now!

Meet us at the 44th Labor Day Parade...

Join us for games & giveaways!!

- Games
- Balloons
- Prizes

Come help us celebrate our 4th anniversary at the Labor Day festivities!

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Rain or Shine... It's Party Time!!

Watch for more information in upcoming issues.



# Around Town

## Elks Lodge Plans Bus Trip to Monmouth Park

July 28

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge is sponsoring a bus trip to Monmouth Park on Saturday, July 28. There is an open picnic area and all attending are asked to BYOB and food. \$20 per person includes bus, admission, program and coffee and donuts at the lodge. Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the lodge at (908) 668-9750 after 1 p.m. or Dan Uken at (908) 753-9196.

## 9th Annual "Shotman" Basketball Camp

July 30 - August 3

The 9th Annual "Shotman" Basketball Camp will be run from July 30 through August 3, at the South Plainfield High School.

For information, call Mike "Shotman" Lanza at (908) 754-2692.

## St. Stephen Church Piano Recital

August 3

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 3145 Park Ave., will hold a Benefit Piano Recital, on Friday, Aug. 3 at 7:15 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit South Plainfield Social Services.

The program will include *Sonata in A minor, Op. 143*, by Schubert; *Moonlight Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2* by Beethoven; *Preludes in G sharp minor and B flat major* by Rachmaninoff; *First Ballade in G minor* by Chopin and *Hungarian Rhapsody #2* by Liszt.

Featured pianist will be Rev. Richard A. Mathisen. The program will include a brief intermission and will be followed by refreshments.

## Cedarcroft Bible Chapel to Host Sunshine Bible School

August 6-10

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold Sunshine Bible School on Monday, Aug. 6 through Friday, Aug. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The program is for children ages four to those entering fifth grade in September. The program is free and includes "The Ultimate Adventure With Jesus," complete with Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and food. The closing program on Friday will start at 11:45 a.m. and will

be followed by a light luncheon.

A Mothers' and Young Ladies Coffee and Chat will take place during the Sunshine Bible School, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. Babysitting for children three and under will be provided.

Pre-registration for both programs is required. To register call Bobbie Bosse at (908) 754-8069.

## First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

August 6-10

Join us at Beach Trek! The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Vacation Bible School Experience is coming on Aug. 6 through 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All children kindergarten through entering fifth grade are invited. Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family with a request for \$2 for the cost of a t-shirt. Deadline to register is Aug. 3. For information, call The First Baptist Church office at (908) 753-2382.

## SPHS Tigers to Host 7th South Plainfield Open

August 8

The South Plainfield Golf Association has announced plans to hold the SOUTH PLAINFIELD OPEN on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Bunker Hill Golf Course, located in Princeton. This is the Seventh Annual Golf Tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team.

This year's entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, cart, prizes, food & beverages. Check-in is at 7 a.m., during which a continental breakfast will be served. There will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. 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 special hole-in-one prize.

Corporate sponsorships are available. All proceeds go to support the activities of the High School Golf Team and the SPGA's scholarship program. Registration is on a first come basis with a deadline of July 23. For more information contact Lynne Gaspari (908) 668-1867, or Dick DeAndrea (908) 755-1700.

You can register for the tournament on-line and get more information at [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org).

## SPHS Class of 1980 Plans Picnic

August 11

South Plainfield High School

Class of 1980 will hold a Family Picnic on Saturday, August 11 at Merrill Park, Grove 1A, Iselin, NJ.

RSVP by contacting Dayel Jones Giammarino at (908) 754-4255 or by e-mail at the8gs@aol.com or Jackie DiDario Vill at (908) 757-0204 or at Vill@erols.com.

## Ice Cream Eating Contest To Be Held at "Here's The Scoop"

August 12

On Sunday, August 12, Crossroads Assembly of God Church will hold an Ice Cream Eating Championship at Here's The Scoop Ice Cream Parlor, at the corner of Park and Oak Tree Rd.

Competitors in the competition will be Bill "Just Give Me the Darn Spoon" Abbas and the reigning champion, Diane "Anything But Chocolate" Jones. The competition will start at 2 p.m., and the rules set forth for the contest are very simple. Diane has agreed to defend her title at the parlor of Bill's choice, must be blindfolded, must put one arm behind her back, must eat three pints prior to Bill starting and must use chopsticks instead of a spoon.

The judges of the competition will be Pastor Matt of the church, and parishoners Deanna and the "Jones Boys."

## Wesley United to Hold Bible School

August 13-17

ALL ABOARD!!! Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave., invites all children to journey with us on a "Good Neighbors Tour" of the Bible at Summer Vacation Bible School. The program runs Aug. 13 through Aug. 17, weekdays from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be fun activities including crafts, music and snacks. Please call 908-757-2838 and register by Aug. 1.

## SP Fire Department To Host Wetdown 2001

August 18

The Members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department invite you to attend the dedication of the new 2001 E-One Pumper 2000 G.P.M. on Saturday, August 18. Featured will be live music performed by The Rockets, as well as beer, soda, food, t-shirts and mugs. There will also be a DJ and a dunking booth. Registration for Fire De-

partments will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the dedication of the E-One Pumper will be at 11 a.m. at Fire Headquarters. A parade will follow after the dedication.

The Wetdown will be held from 12 to 5 p.m. at South Plainfield High School. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Chief Trophy, Company Trophy, Best Appearing Pumper, Best Appearing Truck, Best Appearing Rescue, Furthest Distance Traveled by a Company, Bucket Brigade, 1 1/4" Hose Lay and for the winners of the Tug of War competition. There will be fun for all, so please come out and join

## SP Fire Department To Host Wine Tasting Event

September 29

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will host a Wine Tasting event on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 11 p.m.

The event will be held at the Embassy Suites, in Piscataway. Ticket price of \$70 per person include a wine tasting reception, from 6 to 8 p.m., a buffet dinner from 8 to 9 p.m. and also features an open bar, DJ and dancing, held from 9 to 11 p.m. There are also special hotel room rates available for overnight stays.

For tickets or more information, contact John Celentano at (908) 757-5691 or Mike Gallagher (908) 755-9874.

### —Out of Town—

## NJ Repertory Company Premieres Play

Through August 5

The New Jersey Repertory Company, Lumia Theatre, 179 Broadway in Long Branch, presents the New Jersey premiere of Stan Lachow's new comedy, *Harry and Thelma in the Woods*. Performances run July 12-Aug. 5, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25, with discounts available for students, senior citizens and groups. For reservations, call (732) 229-3166. For additional information, visit [www.njrep.org](http://www.njrep.org).

## KISMET to Feature Artist Presentation

July 28

KISMET will hold an Art Presentation by artist Laura Williams, on Saturday, July 28, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The event will be held at Galeria West, 121 Central Ave., Westfield. \$15 at the door includes presentation, refreshments and socializing. For more information, call (908) 232-8827 or visit their website at [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## Hispanic Festival Offers Family Fun

August 2 through August 5

The Puerto Rican Action Board will be sponsoring the 23rd Hispanic Riverfront Festival Of New Brunswick, Thursday, Aug. 2, through Sunday, Aug. 5.

The Festival will be held at Boyd Park by the Raritan River, Route 18 North, New Brunswick. Festival activities and rides will commence around 5:30 p.m. every day. Live shows will begin daily around 6 p.m. An ample and secured parking area

will be made available. For more information or if you would like to sponsor or volunteer for this event, call (732) 828-4510 or email at PRABInc@aol.com.

## Alliance Bible Church Vacation Bible School

July 30 through August 3

Alliance Bible Church, 52 Mt. Horeb Road in Warren, would like to extend an invitation to all children and their friends to join them at "Soncreek Junction"—this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3.

Children will be able to participate in music, games, crafts, snacks, skits and bible stories, all in the western gold-mining town of Soncreek.

To enroll, call the ABC at (732) 469-1425. The school is for ages three to fifth grade. Tuition is \$25 per child or \$50 family maximum.

## NJ Repertory Company Presents One-Woman Show

August 9 - September 2

The NJ Repertory Company, Lumia Theatre, 179 Broadway in Long Branch is proud to present award winning singer/songwriter/guitarist/concert artist, Christine Lavin, in her new one-woman show, "Getting in Touch With My Inner Bitch," Aug. 9 through Sept. 2, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling the theater at (732) 229-3166. For more information, visit their website at [www.njrep.org](http://www.njrep.org).

## KISMET Hosts Singles Event

August 15

KISMET will host an After Work Social For Single Professionals, on Wednesday, August 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. It will take place at The Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Rd., Warren. \$10 at the door includes refreshments. For information, contact (908) 232-8827 or visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

## 'Eliminate Sickness' Seminar

August 18

A FREE seminar, "Eliminate Sickness," by Rev. George Malkmus, founder of Hallelujah Acres and Back to the Garden Health Ministries is being offered by the Health Education for Abundant Life and Center for Preventative Health on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. at the North Stelton African Methodist Episcopal Church, 123 Craig Ave. Piscataway (across from Timothy Christian School). Rev. Malkmus will teach about improving even the most difficult health problems through diet. For more information call (908) 754-4255.

## Crafters Wanted

Oct. 20

Crafters are wanted for the 16th Annual Autumn Craft Festival at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, located on Rt. 216 and Homestead Rd. in Hillsborough. The festival takes place on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call MaryAnn at (908) 904-9357 or Debra (908) 431-9572.

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## BOE Hires Teachers For Sept.

At a Special Business Meeting of the Board of Education held on July 10, several new teachers were hired for the 2001/2002 school year.

At Franklin Elementary School, Amy Curcio was hired as an elementary school teacher, to replace Rita Steuwe, who retired. Amy received her BA degree in Elementary Education and Psychology from Kean University.

Her experience as an educator began as a substitute teacher for the South Plainfield Public Schools. In the summer of 2000, she completed her Junior Practicum with a fourth grade class at Barlow Elementary School in Plainfield, and in the fall of 2000 she completed her Senior Practicum with a third grade class at Evergreen Elementary School in Plainfield. Amy is certified with a NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility, along with Advanced Standing.

Colleen Adams was appointed as an elementary school teacher at Kennedy Elementary School. Colleen will replace Thomas Montemurro, who resigned. Colleen received her BA degree in Sociology from William Paterson University.

She was a practicum teacher with a second grade class at Radburn Elementary School in Fairlawn to begin her educational experience. Colleen was a student teacher with a first grade class at Lincoln Elementary School in Englewood and then a fourth grade long term substitute teacher, until August of 2000 when she became a fourth grade teacher at Sayen School in Hamilton Township. Colleen is certified as a NJ Elementary School Teacher.

Herbert Brown will be a science teacher at South Plainfield High School this fall. He will replace Robert Tickle, who resigned.

He received his BS degree in chemistry from Rutgers University, and then went on to pursue his MBA degree from Monmouth University in finance.

His teaching experience includes Monmouth University as an adjunct professor, and Ocean Township High School as a substitute teacher. Other



Colleen Adams (left) and Amy Curcio were recently hired to teach in South Plainfield.

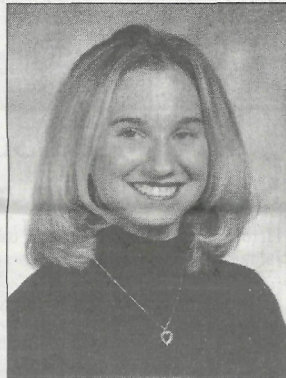
employments include Director of Finance and Human Resources for Babyland Family Services, Inc., in Newark, and Director of Human Resources and Director of Operations at Jet Messenger Service, Inc., in

Edison. Herbert is certified as a NJ teacher of Physical Science.

All newly hired teachers will begin on September 1.

## Dombrowski To Perform at Paper Mill Playhouse

Tammy Dombrowski, a senior at South Plainfield High School, will be performing at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on July 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. in *New Voices 2001: Celebrate Rodgers & Hammerstein.*



Tamara Dombrowski

*New Voices* will perform numbers and scenes from Rodgers and Hammerstein's musicals *South Pacific*, *The Sound*

*of Music*, *The King and I*, *Cinderella* and *Oklahoma*. Tammy will perform the role of Mother Abbess from *The Sound of Music* at Saturday's performance.

Auditions for the Paper Mill Playhouse Summer Musical Theater Conservatory were conducted in March of 2001. Tammy auditioned along with hundreds of other gifted and talented performers. She was accepted in the conservatory, which provides a place for young performers to develop their musical theater performance skills in five weeks of intensive study. Professional and personal development is the focus of all classes and students receive individual attention from Paper Mill's faculty of professional teaching artists, including private vocal lessons. During the first four weeks, students take part in singing, acting and dance classes conducted by actors, directors, choreographers, designers and casting agents. The fifth week is devoted to rehearsals for a concert that showcases the talent of the conservatory students on the Paper Mill stage.

Tammy has been involved in the Summer Drama Workshop for the past six years and was cast as a lead, Peggy Sawyer, in *42nd Street* last year. "Although I miss working with my friends, Eric Hafén and Patti O'Brien from *SDW*, this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," said Tammy. "I wanted to try to do both, but the Paper Mill Conservatory is so demanding, there's no way I could have done both performances."

Tammy is a member of LeCentre Dance Company from JoAnn's Dance Studio, which was selected to perform in "Dance Jam" at the NJ Performing Arts Center in Newark in May 2001. LeCentre was one of three dance companies selected from the tri-state area to participate in seven performances. "I've been so lucky this year to be able to perform on two of New Jersey's most prestigious stages," Tammy said. "All this wonderful experience will help me get ready for my college auditions." Tammy plans on majoring in musical theater in college.

## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Jacquelyn Herzog Named To Dean's List

Jacquelyn Marie Herzog was named to the Dean's List for the fall and spring semesters at Kean University.

Jacquelyn has just completed her freshman year and is majoring in Elementary Education.

### Sal Woods Honored for 40 Years of Service at Runnells Hospital

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County recently held its 38th Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, at The Westwood in Garwood, announced Union County Freeholder Deborah Scanlon.

"Our volunteers were honored for giving their time and energy to help improve the quality of life for Runnells' residents and patients," explained Freeholder Scanlon, liaison to the hospital Advisory Board of Managers. "They do everything from transporting residents and patients to various activities to just sitting and lend-

ing Sal Wood, a resident of South Plainfield, was honored for 40 years of service. God Bless them and all the volunteers."

Runnells volunteers perform a variety of tasks, including escorting residents and patients to their many activities, such as trips to restaurants, the movies, down the shore and weekly swimming trips to the Scotch Plains "Y." They also assist with the bingo games, ceramics, therapies or just sit and talk with a resident.

These are approximately 300 volunteers and 50 junior volunteers at



Freeholder Vice Chairmawn Lewis Mingo, Jr., left and Freeholder Chester Homes present Forth-Year Award to Sal Woods of South Plainfield.

ing a friendly ear to those who do not receive many visitors. We are honored to have them at Runnells."

Each year of volunteer service begins on April 1 and ends March 31 of the following year. Individual volunteers receive a pin designed to attach to a service bar for their initial 100 hours of service, then hours are accrued across service years and pins awarded in 100 hour increments.

Special awards are given for five years of service and up, in five-year increments. Freeholder Vice Chairman Lewis Mingo, Jr., and Freeholder Chester Holmes presented these special awards at the ceremony.

"I am always in awe of these dedicated volunteers and the amount of time they give to Runnells," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Mingo. "For example, Meada Alexander, a resident of Runnells, has donated almost 48,000 hours of her time, and volun-

teers at Runnells Hospital.

The Volunteer Guild, formed over 20 years ago, is a nonprofit organization made up of a group of volunteers that raise funds to improve the quality of life of the residents and patients of Runnells Hospital.

The Volunteer Guild and Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact, as well as performing other tasks. For further information, call the Runnells Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

To schedule a tour or file an application, please call the Admissions Office at Runnells at (908) 771-5901. There are no residency requirements for admission. Runnells accepts Medicare and Medicaid.

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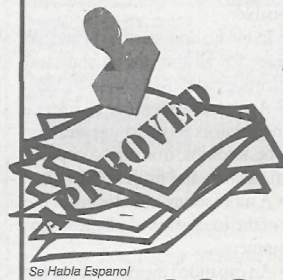
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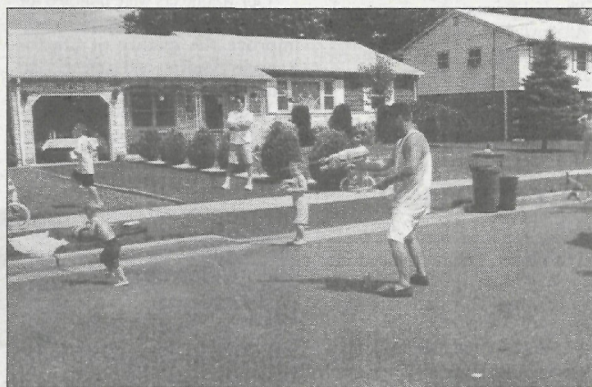
## Grant Avenue Residents Hold Third Annual Block Party

The residents on Grant Avenue held their third annual Block Party on Saturday, July 14. Over 100 people attended this fun-filled day. A special thanks to Chief Joe Abbruzzese and the South Plainfield Fire Department for bringing their fire truck and spraying the children. Also, a thank you to our expert barbecue chef, Joel Burton. We look forward to another great time next July.

Submitted by Nancy Hoffman and Diane Zekas



Photos by Bill Tutthill



## Educational Technology Plans Unveiled

By Russell Mattoon, South Plainfield Technology Coordinator

Since the approval of the School Board Referendum in April, the Board of Education, as well as various committees throughout the district, have been working hard to see their newly acquired plans become a reality.

Three of these committees, the District Technology Committee, the Staff Educational Committee and the Community Advisory Committee, have been meeting to establish their goals for the technological upgrades to take place in all of the schools in the district.

The Plan for Technology, 2001-2004, was recently approved by the Board of Education. This new three-year-plan is also required by the State Department of Education.

The Technology Committee will be working hard to implement all of the necessary recommendations for improvement in the best interest of the South Plainfield Public School system.

The plan calls for each elementary school to have a minimum of five computers in each classroom. In addition, computers currently being used in the Computer Lab and Information Centers will be upgraded.

Grant Central Sixth (later 5 through 6) will receive a minimum of five

computers in each classroom, a new computer room and a new media center.

The Middle School will receive a minimum of five computers in each classroom and at least one additional computer lab.

The High School will receive a minimum of five computers in each classroom, computer upgrades in all the labs and additional computers in the vocational office areas.

While long term plans are still being finalized, some short term technological goals are in the process of being completed by the first day of school, September 5.

New servers will be added to the Network Control Center that is located in the high school. This new equipment will provide the processing power and the storage capacity to enable:

- Individual log-on security and file storage for all the district staff and students, grades 6-12.
- An e-mail system for all district administrators and teaching staff that will be accessible from any computer in the district and from home.
- A more secure monitoring of the use of the Internet from all classroom computers.
- An expanded district website for each school in the district and any interested teacher.
- A revised computer lab and in-

formation center at the Grant School.

- A revised information center at the high school.

- Upgraded Internet connection to the Internet and the district's network for each of the elementary schools.

The Technology office is looking for input and is inviting any interested resident to participate in their meetings.

For more information on the planned upgrades, a copy of the technology plan or meeting dates, contact Russell Mattoon at ext. 370 or by email at rmattoon@snet.k-12.nj.us.

## Meditation Group Forming

A South Plainfield Meditation Group is now forming. It will meet once a week for an hour. If you want to learn how to meditate or how to practice meditation, this is for you. No strange positions, just sitting comfortably. No physical exercise, just quiet thought.

We will listen to tapes by renowned teacher, Jack Kornfield; then we will meditate for 10-15 minutes. Finally, we will have a short voluntary sharing of our experience.

There is no cost. If you are interested contact Herbert Frank at (908) 561-9756.

## Grant Central Sixth Announces Fourth Marking Period Honor Roll

High Honor Roll: Nicholas Baldassarre, Nicole Benak, Julianne Bosse, Kiran Budhan, Kelly Downes, Melissa Franzson, Nicole Freitas, Samantha Granski, Amanda Harzula, Cassandra Hoffman, Sara Holbrook, Asia Hollis, Brittany Hollis, Daniel Hubner, Wael Kanj, Dale McCook, Nicole Miglis, Chintan Mody, Sampson Nguyen, Jennifer Okuszki, Nicholas Pasquale, Kelly Piwowar, Leslie Quicha, Trevor Rasteli, Karla Reyes, Tiffany Roth, Daniel Sambat, Christopher Stallone, Lauren Stoeckel, Alexandra Viscosi, Brittanie Wong, Peter Yeung.

Honor Roll: David Alston, William Ashnault, Jake Bayak, Daniel Becker, Amber Berkowitz, Paige Berkowitz, Tina Bijlani, Christopher Bizup, Megan Boyle, Courtney Breland, Steven Breslau, Caitlyn Brindley, Melissa Budhan, Christopher Burke, Gina Butrico, Dana Cacciatore, John Carigma, Anthony Cassano, Amit Chandler, Ashleyanne Chosney, Jeffrey Cianfrocca, Samantha Cihanowyz, Zakiya Clarke, Kyle Corrado, Joseph Cupo, Ashlee Cybulski, Rebecca Dacchille, Kamal Darji, Charles Decker, Tina DeStefano, Dianne Dimayuga, Nicholas Dorey, Kathleen Eder, Ryan Egan, Matthew Emery.

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Kimberly Russell, Amanda Salib, Lori Sepkowski, Abdussami Sheikh, Esmeralda Silvonek, Colin Slattery, Michael Stallone, Gary Stark, Geovana Toca, Steven Tran, Joseph Turrisse, Bobbi VanFleet, Jessica Vasquez, Sean Walsh, Brian Wiewkowski, Luigia Zeccardo.

## Proposed Schedule For School Renovations Project

Here is an estimated timeline for the South Plainfield School District's facilities construction and renovation:

### Project Schedule

July 2001	Begin construction of Boiler Replacement Project.
August 2001	Begin Implementation of Phase I Technology Upgrade.
September 2001	Begin Track Replacement Project.
October 2001	Submit plans to DCA & DOE comments and go out to bid.
November 2001	Respond to DCA & DOE comments and go out to bid.
January 2002	Site utilities, footings, foundations.
March 2002	Steel erection begins.
May 2002	Begin walls, roofing.
Summer 2002	Electrical & Technology infrastructure upgrades at all schools.
February 2003	Begin finish work, new construction.
June 2003	New school and additions complete, renovation work begins at Roosevelt, Riley, Kennedy, Franklin and Grant.
July 2003	Occupy new construction, punchlist.
August 2003	Renovations complete.
September 2003	Occupy all buildings, punchlist.

Submitted by Scott Prisco

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## Summer Drama Workshop Gets Set for *Bye Bye Birdie* Stage Crew Deserves Recognition

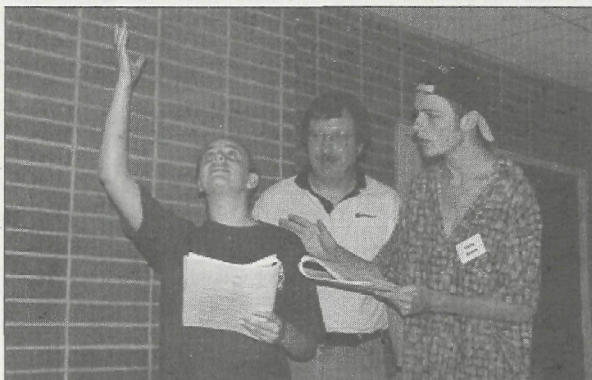
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with yet another aspect of theater.

Under the guidance of Technical Advisor Charlie Butrico, the crew began constructing sets the first week of rehearsals. Painting and other necessary work was done under the watchful eye of Lory and Bob. It is important to note that the stage crew has never been involved this early in a production. The staff and cast were able to begin working with the sets early in the rehearsals.

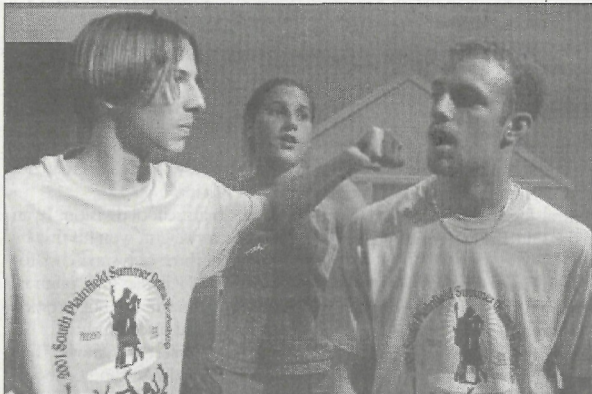
The crew also participated in the canning fund drive and car wash, another first for an SDW stage crew. Crew member Gery Butrico was not

shy about asking residents to help support Summer Drama. His perseverance, boosted by his charismatic smile, filled more than four cans over the two-day fund raiser.

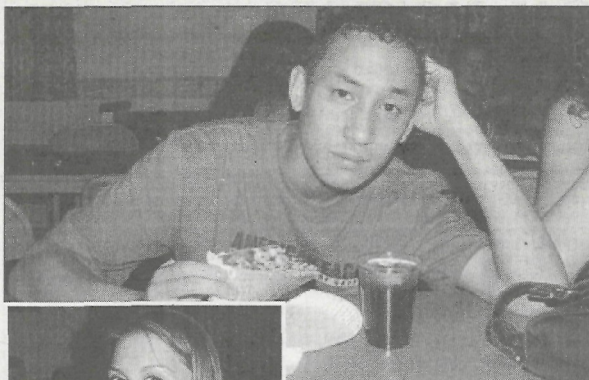
Lory noted the crew is able to run the show in rehearsal with scene changes. She said, "We have an excellent crew who show up every night prepared and willing to work. They arrive early and stay late. Working with this crew is a complete joy. They work very hard and do it all with a smile. They are polite and considerate and best of all they make me laugh. Their dedication is amazing!"



Jamie Morris rehearses with Chris Baron as SDW board president Bill Seesselberg looks on.



Hugo (Chris Abbott) punches Conrad Birdie (Eric Ambielli) as Kim (Katie Mott) looks on.



(Above and left) Kids on dinner break at "Mott's Kitchen"

—Photos by Patricia Abbott

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

by Kenneth Morgan

There are still a few days left in the month, so, while we still can, we present July news from the South Plainfield Library:

Starting off with our children's programs, there's the Game Gang program this morning at 11 a.m. Children can play one of our board games, or bring in one of their own to share. Monday's Kidcraft program is set for 6:30 p.m. It's for children ages six and over; there's no space limit, but we'd like children to sign up in advance so we have an idea of how many to expect. And, our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs is in place for next week. Those programs are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. These programs are for

children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. For more information, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Here are a couple more notes from Miss Linda. First, in addition to several books in Spanish, the Children's section now has a number of books in Vietnamese and, so far, one book in Hindi. These books are on display on the windowsill in the Children's Room. Second, an anonymous patron recently donated 20 boxes of brand new Crayola washable markers to the Library. Linda wishes to express her thanks to this generous patron.

Today is the last day of availability for July's group of Circuit videos. Titles in this group include *Gods and Monsters*, *Election*, the animated version of *The King and I*, *Red Planet* and, on DVD, *Wonder Boys*. Get 'em while they can be got. Meanwhile, the latest group from the Audiobook Circuit is now available. Titles in that group include *The Tenth Insight* by James Redfield, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle, *Journey* by Danielle Steel, *The Riddle of the Third Mile* by Colin Dexter, and *The Deep End of the Ocean* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Audiobooks may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

Here's an important announcement regarding our notary service. Starting Wednesday, August 1, we will be charging a fee of \$1 per document for this service. Further, we'd like to remind patrons to call ahead to check if our resident notary, Gladys Hector, is available on a particular day at a particular time. Our number is (908) 754-7885.

Speaking of Gladys, the bilingual computer class she recently led was well received. As a result, another English/Spanish computer class has been set for Saturday, August 4, at 10 a.m. Space is limited for the program, so please call to reserve a spot.

Finally, on the subject of the 'Net, we've just started up a new online book club. Each weekday, members will receive sample portions of chapters from popular books via your daily e-mail. After several selections have been sent out, new selections from other books will begin. There's no charge for the service, and you don't need a Library card. (Unless, of course, you'd like to borrow the actual book and read the whole thing. A card is necessary, then.) All you have to do is sign up and give us your e-mail address. Please call us for more information, or visit our website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

That's all for this week and this month. We'll have more come August.

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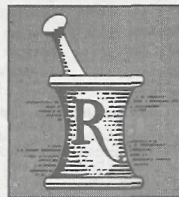
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### Summer Drama Workshop Alumni, We're Looking for You!

SDW is celebrating its 30th season of kids and theater with an anniversary production of *BYE BYE BIRDIE*. Reunion Night is Saturday, Aug. 4. Alumni are invited to attend that performance and be recognized. Visit with old friends, sign our guest book and browse through an extensive display of photos that covers nearly every show presented. Former students, staff, band and crew, anyone who has experienced SDW is invited to return and relive those summer nights. If you have a favorite memory of an SDW experience or show, share it with Summer Drama 2001; email [angelonly@aol.com](mailto:angelonly@aol.com) or fax (908) 226-8830.

For tickets or information, call (908) 561-5255. A few names from the early SDW days... HAVE YOU SEEN Donna Van Haren, Teddyann Slavoski, Leslie Toth, Liz Diamond, Steve Alfieri, Steve Knight, Glenn Evans, Toni Walsh, Joe Bazika, Meg Markus, Elisa Lewis, Sue Stryker and sisters?? If you know of any SDW alumni please pass on this information, we'd love to have them join us to celebrate our 30th season!



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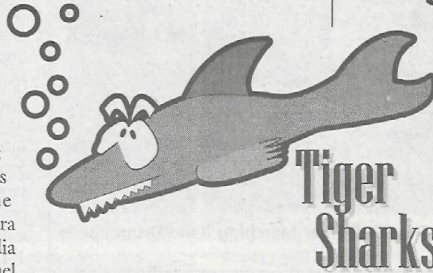
## Tiger Sharks Diving Team Place in Two Consecutive Meets

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Diving Team is back in action this summer. The instructional/competitive summer diving team of the South Plainfield Community Pool consists of divers ranging in age from six to sixteen years old. While many of the divers are becoming seasoned summer veterans, many are brand new to both the team and the sport. It takes a lot of dedicated hard work from the coaches Mike Panzarella and Nicole Moretti, assisted by volunteer David Krauss, to prepare the divers for competition. All of the kids who participate put in lots of practice which combines hard work, and fun - sun and extra pool time!

The Tiger Sharks first two meets were both away and we held strong scores from both newcomers and seasoned divers. The first meet was held on July 2 at Frog Hollow Swim Club

in South Amboy. The following divers competed in the following categories: Girls eight and under - Victoria Burke (second place), Amanda Caruso (third place) and Ali Burke. Boys eight and under: Patrick Boyle (second place), Megan Boyle (2nd place), Katelyn Conrad, Julia Zappi and Tiffany Roth. Boys 11 and 12: Gregory Caruso (first place), Girls 13 and 14: Nina Byard (first place), Kayleigh McGovern (second place) and Carla Zappi.

The second meet was held on July 9, at the Brookside Swim Club in Milltown. The following divers com-



peted: Girls eight and under: Victoria Burke (fourth place), Amanda Caruso and Ali Burke. Boys eight and under: Patrick Boyle (second place) and Michael Atcachunas (fourth place). Girls nine and ten: Elizabeth Pasullo (first place) and Alexandra Petronko. Boys nine and ten: Stephen Kelly (second place), Michael Boyle (third place) and Stephen Wagner (fourth place). Girls 11 and 12: Clare Kelly (first place), Megan Boyle (second place), Tiffany Roth, Rachel Esteves, Julia Zappi and Katelyn Conrad. Boys 11 and 12: Gregory Caruso (second place). Girls 13 and 14: Nina Byard (first place), Kayleigh McGovern (third place), Carla Zappi and Kendall Green. Girls 15 and 16: Vicky Zappi (first place). Congratulations to all of our Tiger Shark Divers!

-Submitted by Jennifer Kelly

## Tiger Sharks Battle the Frogs in the Hollow

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks swam against the South Amboy Frog Hollow swim team at their competitors home pool on July 11, losing by 19 points in a close contest.

South Plainfield swimmers who won ribbons during the swim meet included the following: Michael Boyle, third place in the boys 10 and under 100m individual medley; Phil Luzny, second place, boys 11-12 100m individual medley; Leah Konops, taking first place in the girls 11-12 100m freestyle, followed by Meghan Boyle taking third in the same race.

The Tiger Sharks took first, second and third in the boys 13-18 200m individual medley, with Billy Moates placing first, followed by Chris Reed, second; and Karim Motani, third. Nina Byard took third in the girls same age group, 200m freestyle.

For the younger swimmers, Dylan McDermott placed second in the boys eight and under 25m butterfly; and for the girls, Sarah Konops placed second in the same age group 25m breaststroke with Maggie Valentino following in third place. In the 9-10 boys race, Michael Boyle took third in 50m butterfly; while in the 11-12 boys 50m butterfly, Matt Moates placed first and Emmett Marsili took second. Girls 9-10 50m breaststroke saw Danielle Atcachunas place second. Tigers also took first, second and third in the 11-12 girls 50m breaststroke with Leah Konops taking first, Julia Dougherty in second and Diane Romano in third.

Boys 13-14 100m butterfly was won by CalvinJohn Smiley in first place, followed by Billy Moates in second. Becky Brzozowski took first place in the same age group girls

100m breaststroke. The 15-18 boys did just as well with Chris Reed placing first and Karim Motani taking second in the 100m butterfly. Shannon Dabrio took second place in the 15-18 girls 100m breaststroke.

Dylan McDermott placed first in the boys eight and under 25m freestyle and for the girls same age, Kristina Jewkes placed second and Sarah Konops took third. Brian Babinetz placed third in the boys 9-10 50m freestyle and Danielle Atcachunas placed third in the girls 9-10 50m backstroke.

Phil Luzny took second in the boys 11-12 50m freestyle followed by Matt Moates taking third in the same event. Julia Dougherty placed second in the same age group girls 50m backstroke and Meghan Boyle placed third. For the 13-14 boys, CalvinJohn Smiley took first place in the 100m freestyle, followed by Chris Egan in second place in the same race. Nina Byard took first place in the girls 13-14 100m backstroke. Replacing swimmers in the boys 15-18 age group were Ryan Egan, who took first in the 100m freestyle and Scott Rann, who took second. Shannon Dabrio took third in the 15-18 girls 100m backstroke.

In the relay races which conclude each swim meet, the team of Ellen Zinsky, Kristina Jewkes, Maggie Valentino and Sarah Konops placed first in the eight and under girls 100m free relay. For the older boys, the team of Chris Reed, Chris Egan, CalvinJohn Smiley and Billy Moates took first place in the 13-18 boys 200m medley relay.

Despite a hard fight, the final score for the meet was Frog Hollow with 148 points to the Tiger Sharks 126 points. The teams meet up again, along with other mutual rivals, in the end-of-season championship events.

-Submitted by Donna Egan

**The South Plainfield Soccer Club is looking for players to compete in the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 season. Girls age 9 and boys ages 6 and 7. For more information, call 561-6805 and ask for Wally Bolivar.**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
ORDINANCE #1572  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance #1572 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000.00 FOR REVIEW OF THE BOROUGH SEWER ORDINANCES be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 27, 2001 and that a public hearing be held on Thursday, August 16, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.  
Approved July 19, 2001  
James Vokral, Acting Mayor  
ORDINANCE NO. 1572  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000.00 FOR REVIEW OF BOROUGH SEWER ORDINANCES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.  
Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, by not less than two thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring that:  
SECTION 1. The purpose hereby authorized is to review all previously adopted sewer ordinances, including those commercial and industrial businesses located within the Borough of South Plainfield.  
SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$30,000.00 to finance the total cost of the purpose as authorized on Section 1 hereof.  
SECTION 3. The funds for accomplishing said purpose are available from the Capital Improvement Fund in the Sewer Utility Capital Fund, \$30,000.00.  
SECTION 4. That no bonds or notes are to be issued or indebtedness incurred for said purpose.  
SECTION 5. The Capital Budget of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services as on file with the Municipal Clerk and available for public inspection.  
SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.  
ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$63.00 July 27, 2001

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
ORDINANCE NO. 1565A  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance #1565A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 163A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "SOIL DEPOSITS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, July 19, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$18.00 July 27, 2001

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
ORDINANCE NO. 1571  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance #1571 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL RECREATIONAL VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, July 19, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$18.00 July 27, 2001

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
SEALED proposals will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Thursday, August 9, 2001, and at the time and place publicly opened for the construction of a project known as:  
**KENNETH AVENUE AND VARIOUS**  
Approximate Quantities for This Contract are:  
280 Tons Bituminous Stabilized Base Mix 1-2 (4" thick).  
1818 Tons Bituminous Concrete Surface Course Mix 1-5 (2" thick).  
337 L.F. Concrete Curb and Gutter.  
10,060 S.Y. Pavement Milling 2" Depth.  
1,386 S.Y. Pavement Hilling 0" to 2" Wedge.  
3,900 L.F. Thermoplastic traffic striping.  
13 Units Furnish and Install Bicycle safe grates.  
All Construction shall take place between the hours of 9:15 AM and 4:00 PM ONLY.  
All work and material shall be in accordance with Plans and Specifications prepared by the Borough of South Plainfield. Plans, Proposal Forms, Specifications and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Engineer located at 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ for a NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$75.00.  
Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the name of the project "KENNETH AVENUE AND VARIOUS" and addressed to the Borough of South Plainfield, Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 Attn: Vincent Buttiglieri, Borough Clerk.  
Each Proposal must be accompanied by a certificate from the bidder's Bonding or Surety Company stating that it will provide the bidder with the required performance bond if the bidder is successful in his bid, and a certified or cashier's check of bid bond in the amount of 10% of the amount of bid but not more than \$20,000.  
Bidders must also complete the Non-Collusion Affidavit, Equal Employment, Bidders Qualification Questionnaire, and Corporate/Partnership Discloser forms included in the proposal. Bid Document Submission Checklist, and Acknowledgment of Receipt of Changes to Bid Documents Form, if applicable.  
The Borough of South Plainfield reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or to waive any informalities as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield.  
All bidders are required to comply with the requirements and provisions of PL 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27); New Jersey Prevailing Wage act Chapter 150, Laws of 1963 effective January 1, 1974 and N.J.S.A. 10:2 - Any Corporation of partnership submitting a bid shall complete the statement setting forth the name and address of all stockholders or partners who own at least ten percent (10%) or more of the stock of any class of the corporation of own a ten (10%) of greater interest in the partnership.  
All material used in the project shall be products of the United States whenever available.  
By order of the Borough Council or the Borough of South Plainfield;  
Frank DeRosa,  
Borough Administrator  
\$87.50 1T July 27, 2001

## Wrestling

### Summer Wrestling News

*South Plainfield Wrestlers Claim Fifth Central Jersey Summer Duals Title*

By Bob Hunter

The South Plainfield wrestling team added another title to its long list of championships last week at the Central Jersey Summer Duals held at the Old Bridge Wrestling Festival.

The Tigers knocked off South Brunswick in the championship round robin 36-21. It was the fifth straight title in as many appearances. The Tigers went 8-0 overall. The younger wrestlers did a great job and the veterans came through with the big wins when they needed them. Seven Tiger wrestlers went undefeated.

In other tournament action, South Plainfield had six wrestlers competing on Saturday, July 21. Patrick Hunter wrestled in the junior high division and finished in third place with a 20 second fall over Anthony Deitrich of West Orange. Jimmy

Conroy won the first title of the day by fall in the junior high division at 85 pounds. Viet Vo, 103 pounds, also wrestled well winning two matches but not placing.

In the high school division, Ryan Elliot, heavyweight, won his title by winning all three of his matches for the day. Paul Ritchie, 119 pounds, lost his semi final match but wrestled back for a third place finish.

In other wrestling news, The South Plainfield Wrestling Club will be starting their open wrestling program on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at the wrestling room at the PAL. It is available to resident and non-resident wrestlers fifth through twelfth grade.

For more information, please call Joe DiBiase (908) 769-4197 or Bill Ashnault at (908) 753-1712. The program will be run by Bill Pavlak, Kevin McCann, Steve Giordano and Jim Miller.

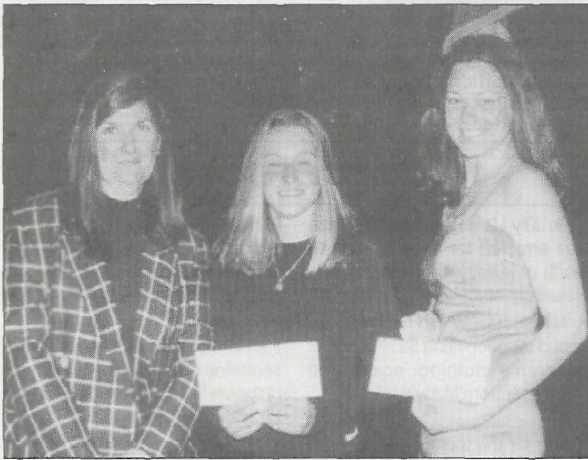
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# Sports

## SPPPA Announces College Scholarship Recipients



SPPPA Public Relations Officer Sharon Miller presents the college scholarship awards to Shannon Bishop and Alison Tietjen.

The two recipients of the South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association's annual college scholarship awards were announced by Sharon Miller, Public Relations Officer, during the SPHS Scholarship and Awards Ceremony. Shannon Bishop and Alison Tietjen were chosen as this year's scholarship award winners. Each girl was well deserving of the scholarships and received \$500 to be used toward their college education.

Shannon participated in Ponytail Softball for seven years, playing in both the recreation program, as well as on the All-Star teams. In high school, she continued to play softball and was on the varsity team for three years. She not only excelled at softball, but was an outstanding all-

around athlete, playing varsity soccer and basketball as well. In addition to sports, Shannon has been involved in numerous community activities and is an excellent academic student.

Alison participated in Ponytail Softball for six years. She has also been very involved with high school sports, as a member of the softball, soccer and track teams. She participated in many other school activities, such as student council and the academic and math teams. In addition to her many school activities, she has excelled academically, achieving the honor of being ranked first in this year's graduating class at SPHS.

Congratulations to both Shannon and Alison and the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

All-Star Tri-County Season — Week of July 27-28  
The All-Star softball team is in full swing.

**14-U Union Tournament**—Congratulations to our 14-U team for winning second place. Watch for more details in an upcoming article.

**12-U (Bosse) Monroe Tournament**—Congratulations to our 12-U team for coming in first place. More details in coming in future article.

**10-U Reading Tournament**—Congratulations to our 10-U team for placing second in this tournament. Watch for more details in an upcoming article.

**12-U (Bosse) Roselle Park Tournament**—July 27, 28, 29—Our 12-U (Bosse) team will be participating in the Roselle Park tournament on July 27, 28 and 29. Please come out and support our team. The best of luck to both players and coaches. Game schedules were not available to include in this article, the coaches will provide this information.

**Tri-County Playoffs**—July 30, 31 and August 1—Playoff games for Tri-County will be held on July 30, 31 and August 1. Our 14-U, 12-U (Bosse) and 10-U teams are all currently in first place in this league. It is anticipated that all playoff games will be held at the Pitt Street Park Complex. Coaches will provide all details regarding these games by the end of the week.

**Tri-County Championship Games**—August 2 and 3—The Tri-County championship games for the 10-U and 12-U will be held on August 2, with the 10-U games starting at 6 p.m. and the 12-U game beginning at 8 p.m. The 14-U championship game will be played on August 3. The starting time will be announced. All games will be held at Krausche Field in North Plainfield. Please come out and support our teams. Good luck to all players and coaches.

**Ponytail Softball Association Meeting**—August 28

The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and getting involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on Aug. 28. New members are always welcomed.

**Ponytail Softball Online**—You can now visit Ponytail softball online anytime on our newly created website...SPPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams. Please feel free to contact us by keying on the email link WEBMASTERSPPONYTAIL.com found on our home page.



## 12-Year Old All-Stars Playing Great Ball

The team played their first game in the state finals, and what a game it was. The score stayed 0-0 for eight innings, then Garrett Lake came to bat and hit one over the center field fence to put them up 1-0. The boys weren't done yet; a couple of them got on base and Kevin Criley put one out. We would go through the com-

plete line-up and Garrett Lake was up to bat again and on the first pitch, punched one over the fence again to make the score 6-0. To make it more exciting, it was Garrett Lake's twelfth birthday.

They would also go on to win their second game in the state finals, against Hazlet, with a score of 11-1. They

boys weren't done, they would now have to come home to defend their championship title against South Brunswick on Friday night. It was a close game til the end, but South Plainfield would still be the champions, winning 6-5.

Submitted by Proud Parents

By Tony Cassano

## juniorbaseballclubnotes



**SPJBC ALL-STAR'S CONTINUE THEIR WINNING WAYS**—As we approach the end of a very successful traveling All Star season and the conclusion of our 28th Invitational Tournament at the SPJBC, I want to acknowledge the accomplishments of our teams along with thanking all the players, coaches, parents, fans, tournament committee members and snack stand support in addition to all the volunteers that contributed their time and effort over the past 30 days to make this years tournament season a success. As I've said many times before, nothing beats teamwork and the SPJBC continues to be recognized as a first class organization and that's a tribute to our long established heritage and current members. Thanks again for all your support.

As we reported last week, our 12-year-old American Team was scheduled to play South Brunswick last Friday. This was a rematch of last years 11-year-old title game and our 12's prevailed again, defeating them 6-5 to retain their title. This is the fourth time in five years that this team has won the South Plainfield title in their respective age group. In addition, they also captured their 100th victory overall this past Tuesday in a historic game against our own 12-year-old National squad in the semi-finals of the Carteret tournament. Congratulations to John Stallone, his staff and all his players on achieving this milestone. They are also still active in the Babe Ruth State tournament along with being in the playoffs in Linden. Congratulations to our eight-year-olds for taking second place in our tournament, along with a first place in Colonia and second place in the North Brunswick. They are also scheduled to play in the championship game of the Edison Boys Tournament. Our eight-year-olds took second in Colonia and are playing for third place in South Plainfield and are 11-6 overall. Earlier this week our ten-year-olds took third place in Colonia to go along with first place in Bridgewater. Our 11-year-olds

completed their tournament season this past weekend and just missed the playoffs in Carteret. They took third place in Colonia. The 12-year-old National Team will be playing for third place against Carteret in the Carteret tournament. Our 13-year-olds are also playing for third place against North Brunswick in the South Plainfield tournament. The 14/15's won the District 9 title and played hard in the state tournament for Babe Ruth, however they did not advance. Their All Star season continues as they are scheduled to play Carteret in the title game in South Plainfield. Best of luck to those teams that continue to play and congratulations to all age groups for a very successful All Star season.

**SECOND FALL BALL REGISTRATION TO BE HELD IN AUGUST**—A second registration will be held on Friday, Aug. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To date, our first registration brought in four solid teams in the 11/12-year-old bracket with almost two teams in the 9/10-year-olds and just over one team in the 13/14 year olds. This year marks the first time that the SPJBC will have a Fall Ball League. Registration costs will be \$50 per player and will include T-shirt and hat. The age groups are: 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14 (\*based on next years playing age). Teams will be formulated and out-of-towners are welcome. Games will start in September. For any additional details, please contact our Fall Ball Committee of Lee Flanagan, John Polizzano or Jeff Marcoux.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 28/29—Work Detail (Saturday at 7 a.m., Sunday at 8 a.m.) \* If Necessary
- August 3/4—Second Fall Ball Registration (Friday, 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- August 6—General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- September 8—Club Picnic
- Sept-r 10—General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



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## Obituaries

### John B. "Jack" Abbott, Sr., 72

John B. "Jack" Abbott, Sr., died on Tuesday, July 12 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Jack was born in Columbus, NJ and grew up in Cranford, where he resided for most of his life. He lived in Plainfield for a brief time, before moving to South Plainfield in 1967. He was a graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Westfield.

He worked for 23 years as a quality control supervisor for the Aloca Aluminum Co. of Garwood and later in Edison. After his career with Aloca, he had worked with various other companies in the area before retiring 12 years ago.

Mr. Abbott had served with the NJ National Guard, out of the Westfield Armory, for 12 years. He held the rank of master sergeant.

In addition, Jack was a member of the South Plainfield BPO Elks Lodge 2298, where he was Elk of the Year for 1994-1995. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and was a master woodworker. For many years, he played on the 49ers in the Cranford Men's Softball League. He was also a lifetime Yankees fan.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, the former Clara M. Anderson; a son, John B. Abbott, Jr., and his wife, Maria, of Hamilton Twp.; a sister, Anne Pflug of Red Bank and two brothers, Frank of Neptune and Tom of Dade County, Fla.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the American Cancer Society in his name would be appreciated.

### Judy A. (Munro) Holz, 56

Judy A. (Munro) Holz died on Wednesday, July 18 at her home.

Born in Plainfield, she resided in South Plainfield for most her life. She was a 1963 graduate of South Plainfield High School. She moved to Henryville, Pa. in 1990.

Mrs. Holz was a homemaker and long time member of the First Baptist Church in South Plainfield.

Her mother, Harriett Munro, died this past May 8.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, Gordon L. Holz; two sisters, Harriett "Tutty" Munro of South Plainfield and Carol Moraller and her husband Ned, of Middlesex, NJ.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in her memory be made to The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, or to The Pocono Garden Club, RR#3 P.O. Box 3077 H, Stroudsburg, Pa., 18360.

### Eleanor (Hewitt) Schwabenland, 84

Eleanor (Hewitt) Schwabenland died on Monday, July 16 at the Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Overland Park, Kansas.

Mrs. Schwabenland was born in Newark, and had lived for more than 50 years in Middletown, NJ before moving to Overland Park in 1995.

She was a graduate of the Pratt Institute in New York City. For 15 years, she had worked as a claims agent for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. in Newark. She was a member of the Cross Roads Church, RCA, in Overland Park. While she lived in Middletown, she was a member of the Reformed Church.

She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Phillip Charles Schwabenland; a daughter, Mary Schwabenland Bianculli and her husband, Anthony C. of Lenexa, Kansas and two grandchildren, Anne and Christopher Bianculli, both of Lenexa.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association.

### Grace R. Miller, 91

Grace R. Miller died on Monday, July 23 at Genesis ElderCare Center in Plainfield.

Born in Keyser, West Virginia, she resided in the Plainfields for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Miller graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia, receiving her bachelors degree in Home Economics.

In the early 1940's, she was employed by General Electric Company, conducting cooking schools in various states on the eastern seaboard, demonstrating the company's electric home appliances.

She was a former president of the PTA at the old Grant School in South Plainfield and a former president of the Monday Afternoon Club in Plainfield. She was an active volunteer in various hospitals in the area, including Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Her husband, Harold M. Miller died in 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Miller of Milford and Michael Miller of Plainfield and three grandchildren, Chip, James and Greg Miller.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Post Office Announces Contest

The South Plainfield Post Office announced that to promote the Postal Service-sponsored U.S. Cycling Team now competing in the Tour De France, they will help give away a special collector's item: a team jersey flag, autographed by all members of the cycling team, including the world's number one rider, Lance Armstrong.

"Since we became involved with the cycling team three years ago, the profile of the U.S. Postal Service and our cyclists have been enhanced tenfold," said George Caswell, officer in charge.

The autographed flag, now on display in the Montclair Post Office, will be given away in a special random drawing of customers on Aug. 3, immediately following the end of the Tour De France.

To become eligible to win the autographed flag, either submit an entry card in person at Montclair Post Office or send a postcard or letter with your name, address, telephone number and the words "US Pro Cycling" to: USPS Pro Cycling Contest, P.O. Box 111, Montclair, NJ 07042-0111. All entries must be postmarked no later than July 31 to be eligible.



An automobile accident on Hamilton Blvd. near the overpass last week stopped traffic for about an hour. Pictured are members of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad aiding an injured motorist. No serious injuries were reported.

## policereport

• On July 19, a Piscataway woman was arrested for shoplifting \$140 worth of jewelry and ladies underwear from Macy's.

• A Piscataway woman was arrested for shoplifting \$277 worth of children's clothing, socks and sleepwear from Macy's.

• A Piscataway woman was arrested for the theft of \$6,711 from the Holiday Inn.

• On Friday, Bartlett Tree Experts on South Clinton Ave. reported the theft of a fleet fueling card by a former employee.

• Two employees of Red Lobster reported that the rear tires of their vehicles had been flattened while they were at work.

• On Saturday, a Tooz Pl. resident reported that while trimming the hedges near the street, a truck with

Perfection Landscaping written on it, backed out from the driveway across the street, jumped the curb forcing him to move out of the way and took off.

• A So. 9th St. resident reported that someone had flattened all four tires on her vehicle with an ice-pick type object.

• On Sunday, a North Plainfield woman was arrested for shoplifting \$335 in women's and children's clothing from Macy's.

• On Monday, a Linden woman and Plainfield woman were arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$265 worth of women's clothing.

• A Lambertville woman reported that her pocketbook had been stolen from her vehicle while parked in the lot of 7-11.

### United Family Teams with Fleet

United Family & Children's Society in Plainfield, a non-profit counseling and adoption agency, participated in the Fleet All-Stars program on Tuesday, July 10. Agency clients ages seven through ten made gift baskets with art and craft projects and prizes and donated the hand-made baskets to children their own age who are hospitalized on the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center pediatric unit.

Every year, Fleet Bank sponsors a contest encouraging community involvement and volunteerism and their

clients eagerly look forward each year to the visit from the Fleet All-Stars representative and to the excitement of the community project.

The agency is a member agency of the United Way and is a NJ licensed adoption agency. United Family & Children's Society has locations in Plainfield, Watchung and South Plainfield and serves portions of Union, Somerset and Middlesex Counties.

For more information, about UFCS programs please call (908) 755-4848.

### Discounted Amusement Park Tickets Available

2001 Discounted Amusement Park tickets are now available at the PAL building.

	Gate Price	Our Price
Sesame Place (all ages)	\$34.95	\$29.00
Hershey Park Adult (ages 9-54)	\$33.95	\$26.00
Great Adventure - Two park (adult)	\$47.68	\$28.00
Great Adventure - Two park (child)	\$23.85	\$24.50
Great Adventure - Waterpark (adult)	\$30.73	\$25.00
Dorney Park - Early Season	\$26.00	\$21.00
Dorney Park - Regular Season	\$33.50	\$26.00

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A. Case # 00-02/V-JWV, Inc., Block 78; Lots 4, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 & 21; Holly Ave.—Applicant's request for final major subdivision was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

B. Case # 835-Northeastern Products, Co., Inc.—Block 481.02; Lot 2 & 3; 3500 Clinton Ave.—Applicant's request for final site plan was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Janice J. Muccilli  
 Recording Secretary/Planning Board  
 \$21.00 July 27, 2001

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

An appeal has been filed by Donald Jackson requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 38' x 14.6' wood deck and trellis, proposed deck and trellis lack the required 20' rear setback, 5' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 236, Lot 9 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 21, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 1T July 27, 2001

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

An appeal has been filed by Robert Gillis requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 7' wide x 27' x 20' wrap-around porch with roof; proposed porch lacks the required 30' front setback, 27.5' being proposed and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 66, Lot 4 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 21, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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# It Was Christmas Time in July at Tiger Day Camp

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Children at Tiger Day Camp took a break from long hot summer days by celebrating Christmas in July. The annual event had all the necessary holiday trimmings. Colorful decorations crafted by the children, a small tree, a mouth-watering gingerbread house and pinatas in the shape of Santa and a reindeer.

The clock-watching began after lunch as the children awaited the guest of honor. With temperatures in the 80's, Santa had to forgo the sled, instead he arrived via a rolling cart complete with elves and stereo sound. The "elves" seated Santa as the children gathered around. Gifts were distributed to each child. The fun continued with pinatas and games long after Santa had finished his rounds and headed back to the North Pole.



Gingerbread house makers were: Stephanie Peterson, Christine Nau, Jessica Gianllanza, Michele D'Angelo, Monet Davis, and counselors Jennifer Checchio and Adrienne Christatos.



Tiger Day Camp member greeting Santa Claus and receiving her present.



Christmas tree makers were: Eddie Sullivan, Gabriel Davis, Amber Scott, Monet Davis, Morgan Bethea, Sheena Higgins, Megan Kackza, and Anthony Salerno.

## Toy Time Activity Added at Community Pool

The latest activity offered at the South Plainfield Community Pool for member families is "Toy Time," when kids of all ages can take to the water with noodles, floats, tubes and other floatation devices in a large roped-off area of the pool.

"Toy Time" is a recent addition to the regular activities offered and takes place from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Recreational arts and crafts are also

run by staff members, supervised by Jennifer Infante, a lifeguard at the pool. The arts and crafts fun time is from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Recent crafts have included Christmas in July, which concluded with a sled race on the lawn, featuring sleds pulled by staff members; sand art, a pinata party and many other creative ideas.

The pool grounds also offer basketball, tetherball, volleyball, horseshoes,

shuffle board, large swimming pool, baby pool, diving boards, picnic area with grills and a snack bar.

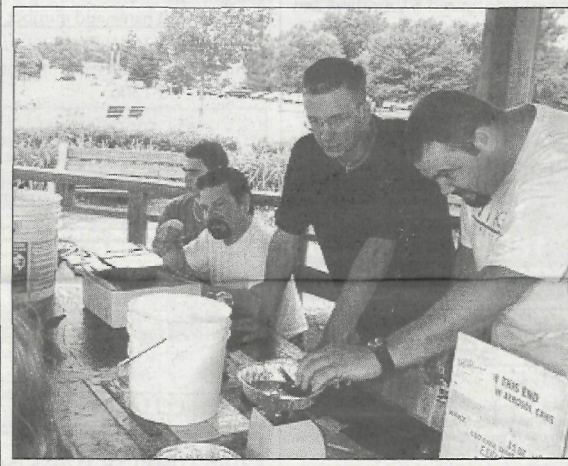
Daily admission is available in addition to seasonal memberships.

## Fishing Derby Brings Out Anglers of All Ages

The South Plainfield Recreation Department and the South Plainfield High School S.A.F.T.E. Fishing Club held their Annual Fishing Derby last month in Spring Lake Park.

Fishermen, young and old, brought out their fishing gear and managed to catch hundreds of fish in all sizes and varieties.

Prizes were given out to winners, according to size caught and fisherman's age.



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Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center is sponsored by Pilgrim Covenant Church, 3121 Park Ave., in conjunction with the Division of Youth and Family Services and the New Jersey Department of Education. Call Chris Sienkiewski, the Director, at (908) 756-4879 for further information, or stop in any time for a tour.

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