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## Abbingtion Apartments Occupied

Tenants have begun moving into the first building at the Abbingtion Apartment complex. When completed, the development will house 252 units located in 12 buildings, along with a clubhouse. The 252 units include one, two and three bedroom apartments.

The Abbingtion Apartments, located on Durham Ave. and Rt 287, is the first apartment complex built in South Plainfield.

The first tenants started moving in June 1. Plans call for a new building opening every month until all units are completed in December. Even though only one building is now occupied, the complex is already 46% leased, according to Trina Barrett, senior property manager.



Six former graduates of South Plainfield High School were honored last week and inducted in the Wall of Fame. Standing in front of the high school's Wall of Fame, where their names will be added, are Kenneth F. Dianna, D.D.S.; Susan B. Phifer, Ed.D.; Georgeann DiGrazia, Principal Anthony Massaro, Major James R. Schenck, John R. Vargo and John Rosser, the father of Colonel John Frederick Roser, Jr., who was unable to attend the ceremony.

## Suburban Transit Expansion Denied

The Board of Adjustment voted Tuesday night to deny Suburban Transit's request for an above ground 10,000 diesel fuel tank, expansion of their parking area and several other waivers and variances.

This hearing has been in front of the Board since last August, with over six evenings spent hearing testimony. At each meeting, neighbors of Suburban Transit have attended the meetings to voice their opposition to any further expansion or improvements to the property.

The diesel fuel tank has already been erected and was one of the reasons Suburban Transit came to the board. They never sought a variance to erect the tank.

Residents have been very vocal and angry with Suburban Transit and how the facility is run. They complained about the bus fumes, the noise from buses running all night, the way the company cut down trees (which were a buffer) to make room for additional parking and the that buses constantly block area roads.

Jim Clarkin III, attorney for the Board of Adjustment, researched the past history of site and found that since 1939 in only three instances has Suburban been granted variances. In 1939 a variance was granted to construct a building to park buses. In 1949 they were granted a variance to expand the building, and in 1964 they added another building. Each time a variance was granted only allowed more parking inside for buses. Since then, more buildings have been added, additional lots have been acquired, buses are parked outside and the company operates 24 hours a day. He noted that the company has not bothered to ask for a variance or waivers from the Board of Adjustment for any of these items.

"This is a case of a business expanding until it became a nuisance," said William Thomas, board chairperson. The Board vote unanimously deny Suburban Transit's application.

Residents say they plan to up the pressure and attend a council meeting to ask that summons be issued.

It is unclear at presstime if Suburban Transit will appeal this decision or return to the Board with another plan.

## Tigers Edge Out Carteret to Take Crown Girls Softball Upset Number One Seed to Get to Finals

By Brian Cochrane

The South Plainfield Girls Softball Team, back in the Central Jersey Group II sectional final once again, came away victorious by edging the Ramblers from Carteret 1-0. Prior to the win the Tigers upset number one seeded Voorhees last Tuesday 6-0. Alison Barrett, Christine Stranni and Laura Walter all had first inning RBIs to set the tone as the defense did the rest, sending South Plainfield to the finals on Thursday. In that game the Ramblers and Tigers went five and a half

scoreless innings until Shannon Bishop laced a clean single to left with the bases loaded to plate the games winning run and send the Tigers to their first sectional crown since 1996. South Plainfield advanced to the state Group II semi-finals and will pay Hadden Heights on June 7.

At the Greater Middlesex Conference tournament, the Tigers ran into an old nemesis, the Trojans of Bishop Ahr. Twice already, the Trojans have had the Tigers number and last Sunday was much of the same, as Bishop Ahr downed South Plainfield 3-1 to

win the GMC Tournament title. It could have been much worse, the Trojans wrapped out 14 hits but only posted 1 run through the first eight innings.

But the Tiger offense was sputtering as well, as they were only able to score one run of their own, thanks to an RBI single by Alison in the sixth. The Trojans then proceeded to score a pair of runs in the top of the ninth and barely held the Tigers in the home half to claim the crown. The girls record stands at 21-7 pending the outcome of the remainder of the group II Tournament.

## Phase II To Start

South Plainfield residents kept their opinions to themselves at last Tuesday's Primary Election. Just 1,033 democrats and 592 Republicans cast their votes.

Local council candidates ran unopposed. Republicans David Guoth and Ed Lyons each received 393 votes while Democrats Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick received 720 and 694, respectively.

Two local residents were chosen to run for freeholder, Democratic candidate John Pulomena and Republican Hank Grabarz.

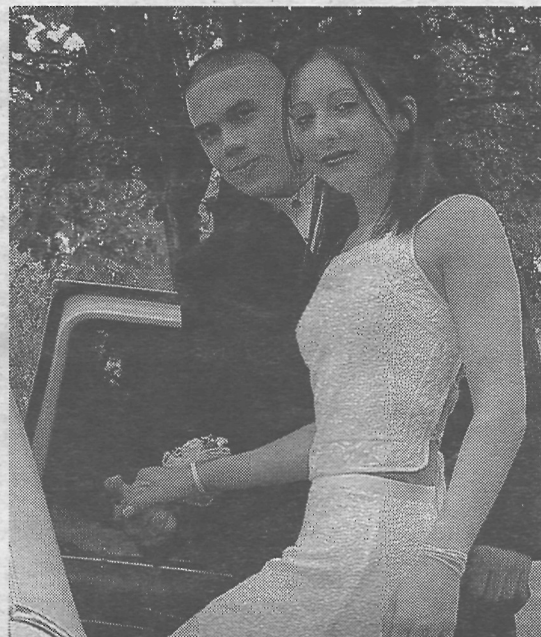
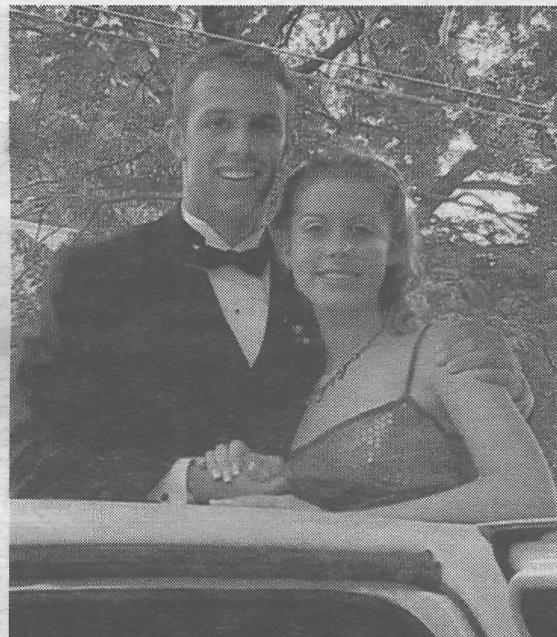
## Flag Day is June 14

*Don't Burn Our Flag Today*

All across our country—in between our towns, a mighty flag hangs on a pole placed firmly the ground. A young man, an old man, in a house that's big or small, hang their flag so proudly and never let it fall. Somewhere there's a feeling that I don't understand; that someone with a reason would want to burn our flag.

He was not a Soldier, not a Sailor on the sea, not an Air Force Pilot in the sky or in the United States Marine. Many serve our Country in many different ways. But remember only yesterday; the price we had to pay. So let's raise our flag so proudly for everyone to see. Tell them in the White House—what it means to you and me. Senators, Congressman, Leaders Guide Our Way! For Our Flag, We Fought So Hard—Don't Burn Our flag Today!

Submitted by Paul Griffin, NJ Lions



The South Plainfield High School Prom was held last Friday night. More photos on page 7.

# mark your calendars

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## council meetings

Meets twice a month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

<b>AGENDA MEETING</b> .....	<b>PUBLIC MEETING</b>
Monday, June 19 .....	Thursday, June 22
Monday, July 10 .....	Thursday, July 13
Monday, August 14 .....	Thursday, August 17
Monday September 11 .....	Monday, September 18

## planning board

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

June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22, September 12, September 26, October 10 (No Meeting), October 24, November 14, November 28, December 12, December 26

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

June 20, July 4 (No Meeting), July 18, August 1, August 15, August 29, September 5, September 19, October 3, October 17, October 31, November 8 (Thursday), November 21, December 5, December 19

## siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:  
June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November (No Meeting), December (No Meeting)

## recycling commission

Meets Thursday, once a month  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November (to be announced), December 28

## recreation commission

Meets once a month  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

Tues. September 12, Mon. October 2, Mon. November 6, Mon. December 4

## environmental commission

Meets once a month  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 2, Mon. November 6, Mon. December 4

## board of education meetings

Board Conference Room at Administration Building, on Cromwell Place  
Committee of the Whole, June 13, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., June 20 & 27

# In My Opinion

## Letters

Dear Editor:

In the May 11, 2000 issue of the *Courier News* the editorial on Our Opinion section in bold print read, "State must fulfill its school obligation." I agree and the State should meet this obligation by treating all students and school districts equally.

To continue, the Supreme Court Abbott Burke funding formula for only the 30 special needs districts discriminates against the students in the non-special needs districts (of which there are approximately 570) as well as imposes on the taxpayers of those 570 districts an unfair property tax obligation.

The State Supreme Court was wrong in its original position that thorough and efficient education is achieved by providing more money to 30 special needs districts equal to what the wealthiest districts spend. History proves that more money for special needs districts has not produced better educational results for those students. The Supreme Court completely ignores the middle income districts and the stubborn members of the Court do not have the ethical courage to admit they have been wrong. The courts, in my opinion, do not constitutionally have the right to spend money or determine how it is to be spent. This is the legislators responsibility. The courts should be challenged on their approach to interpreting thorough and efficient. By their actions, they are dividing people.

It's time the middle income districts rebelled against the flawed Supreme Court policy. Want to help education and reduced impact on property taxes? Allocate state school aid on a per capita basis or so many dollars for each student. Or instead of special needs spending to match wealthiest districts, have them match middle income districts and monitor their spending. The senior citizens in middle income districts should also mobilize to reduce the over reliance on property taxes because we don't get our fair share of state aid.

If the State Supreme Court continues to adhere to the philosophy of more aid for special needs districts at the expense of other districts, what they will do is not improve education in the special needs districts, but probably deny students in the non-special needs districts the opportunity to retain or improve their level of educational performance and drive senior citizens from their homes. Our obligation is to fund districts on a more equal basis, not on a preferential basis.

Most recently the State Supreme Court again extended this flawed decision for the 30 Special Needs Districts. The court ordered that the State provide full funding for the cost of school construction and school repair for the 30 Special Needs Districts. In addition, the courts directed that the State provide full funding for preschool ages

3-5 for the 30 Special Needs Districts. Is this fair? Is it not discriminating against the students and taxpayers in the 570 other districts? Speaker Collins is correct in challenging the Supreme Court on its directive regarding the State paying for the school construction and repairs of the 30 Special Needs Districts. Speaker Collins believes that the other districts should also receive aid. It is time for the legislature in both the Senate and Assembly to take back and assume their responsibility for tax and education policy.

The Supreme Court on the Abbott Burke issue is and has been divisive. Recently, it was determined that Newark spent over 58 to 70 million dollars more than they had budgeted. What happened? The State agreed to provide this additional money. Also recently, the Commissioner of Education announced that the State will provide an additional \$157 million in supplemental aid to the Special Needs Districts. When does this end? I urge all residents in the 570 non-special needs districts to call and contact their legislators and request they do something to provide fair non-discriminating state aid for education.

**FRANK MIKORSKI**  
SP BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Editor,

On behalf of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary, I'd like to thank the local contributors who donated prizes for our Annual Dinner Dance.

The contributors are 1-800-flowers, Aiello Chiropractic, Carpet Bazaar, Ciccio's, Conroy Funeral Home, Dilex Trucking, DRS, Inc., Dunphey Smith, Cindy Eichler-Partylite Gifts, Fitness Pool & Spa, Flanagan's, Giakas Cleaners, Here's The Scoop, Dawn Jefferys, KC Korner, Keansburg Amusement, Kisdko's Tavern, Michelle Kunie, Jesse & Andrea Lacerda, Marsh Associates, McCriskin Home for Funerals, Mohn's Flowers, Moretti Re-

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Your support is greatly appreciated.

**SINCERELY,**  
**CINDY EICHLER**  
PRESIDENT, SPJBC  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the recent Ponytail Softball Tag Day Collection a success once again.


First of all there are the girls! They are the ones who must spend the time asking for donations. All the girls who participated were enthusiastic in their efforts to generate contributions to support their softball program. Thank you all very much!

Second, we would like to thank all the parents who gave so generously of their time to chaperone the girls at the various locations around town.

Third, we wish to extend a wholehearted thank you to all those who donated money into the cans in response to the girls' requests. Your generous contributions are one of the major sources of funding for the softball program.

Lastly, we wish to thank all the merchants in town who allowed the girls to stand outside their establishments. These merchants were A&P on Park Ave., A&P on Hadley, Pathmark, Acme, K-Mart, Drug Fair, Quick Chek, CVS on Park Ave., CVS on Plainfield Ave., CVS on Hadley, Seven Eleven, Ciccio's Pizza, Sherban's, Rodolfo Pizza, Holly Park Diner, Imperial Deli, Bruno's Pizza Factory, Haisch Bakery, Eckerd Drug Store, Sal's Shoppe, Bagel Pantry, Blockbuster Video and South Plainfield Post Office.

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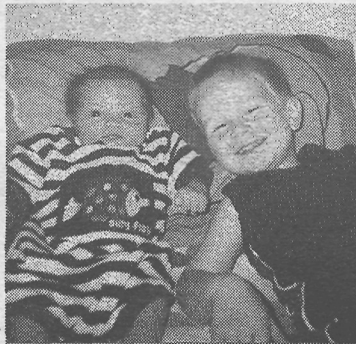
## Milestones

### Rudnicks Announce Birth of Son

Robert and Diane (Waryn) Rudnick proudly announce the birth of Bryan William Rudnick on May 19.

Bryan's maternal grandparents are William and Carol Waryn of South Plainfield and his paternal grandparents are Richard Rudnick and Sandy Kyle of Middlesex.

Bryan joins his older brother Robert Rudnick Jr., age three. The Rudnicks live on Fox Place in South Plainfield.

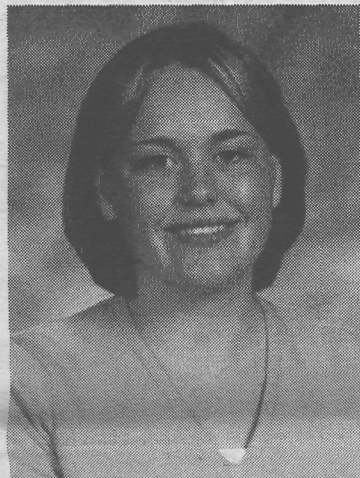


Bryan William Rudnick with older brother Richard



### Julie Palmer Awarded Scholarship

Discover Card® awarded over one million dollars in scholarships to high school juniors as part of the



Julie Palmer

Discover Card Tribute Award® Scholarship program this year. Given in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), scholarships are awarded to high school juniors that have reached beyond academic achievement.

Julie Palmer, a student at South Plainfield High School, received the Bronze Award, (\$1,250). Palmer, a high school junior was selected from a pool of nearly 7,500 applicants and is being recognized for excelling in areas beyond scholastics. While maintaining a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average to qualify, she also demonstrated accomplishments in four of five areas, special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, unique endeavors and community service.



### Kavka Graduates with BS Degree

Kristen Elizabeth Kavka graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science at commencement ceremonies held on May 13.

Kristen is the daughter of Paul and Kathleen Kavka, Jr. of South Plainfield and granddaughter of Paul Kavka, Sr. of South Plainfield and Eileen Stahl of Warren, Pa.



### Peloquin Attains 4.0 GPA

Nicole L. Peloquin, daughter of Thomas and Linda Peloquin of South Plainfield, completed her junior year at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio with a 4.0 GPA for the Spring Semester.

Nicole, a management major, took first place with a fellow classmate in a case competition spon-

sored by Tau Pi Phi, a national business and economics honorary, held March 31-April 1 in Pittsburgh. Two Harvard Business School cases were presented at the competition held between five area colleges. Nicole and her teammate designed and presented their analysis to a panel of judges.



### Peolquin Graduates with BS

Thomas E. Peloquin Jr., son of Thomas and Linda Peloquin of South Plainfield, graduated with a B.S. in Management Informa-

tion Systems from Elon College, North Carolina on May 20, 2000.

Tom currently resides in Raleigh, NC.

## United Way Elects Officers

The United Way of South Plainfield held their annual meeting last week. Guests included representatives from the many agencies funded by the United Way of South Plainfield.

Frank Mikorski, acting president, announced that this year the United Way of South Plainfield is ahead of its projected fundraising by 30 percent, with over \$137,500 in pledges. Fundraising efforts during the past year included a Poinsettia Sale at Christmas and the popular Singing Valentine Quartet. South Plainfield businesses donated along with their employees through pledges.

The new officers for the coming year are Joseph Chanley, president; Clayton Echan and Frank Mikorski, vice presidents; Aida Santos, treasurer and Nancy Grennier, secretary.

Representatives from United Way funded agencies spoke briefly about the groups they assist and



The 2000 United Way of South Plainfield Board of Directors are Joseph Chanley, Martin Shupack, Aida Santos, David Slvain, Jan Lajeunesse, Kyan Bowman, Clayton Echan and Nancy Grennier. Not pictured are Frank Mikorski, Barbara Ballard, Darlene Pinto and James Lenox.

how the United Way's funds aid them.

Members of the South Plainfield United Way Board are Frank Mikorski, Joseph Chanley, James

Lenox, Martin Shupack, Aida Santos, David Slvain, Jan Lajeunesse, Kyan Bowman, Clayton Echan, Nancy Grennier, Barbara Ballard and Darlene Pinto.

## Police Credited with Swift Arrest

On Friday, June 2 at 1:45 a.m. a white male armed with a large knife attempted to rob the Exxon Service Station located on Park Ave.

According to the station attendant, the suspect approached him and asked to buy a package of cigarettes. As the attendant exited the service station with the cigarettes, the suspect produced a knife with a seven-inch blade, threatened the attendant and demanded money. The attendant resisted the robber and a scuffle ensued over the knife.

During the scuffle, the robber sustained a severe laceration to his right hand and fled south on Park Ave. A second suspect was also seen on Park Ave. just south of the service station. During his flight from the scene, the suspect who was injured discarded the knife which was recovered by officers on the scene. The attendant received minor injuries during the scuffle and did not require medical treatment.

Area medical facilities were notified to watch for the injured suspect who might seek treatment or attention for his hand injury.

At about 8:45 a.m. Medimerge Center in Greenbrook notified police that an individual matching the description of the suspect was seeking treatment for a laceration to his right hand. South Plainfield Det. Darby and Greenbrook Det. Randy Stratton responded to Medimerge. Based on their interview with the suspect, probable cause was developed and an arrest was made. Thomas Grambor, age 25, was arrested for robbery. Grambor's address is listed as 156 Front St. in Dunellen.

The second suspect was later identified during a follow-up investigation. He was located at his girl friend's apartment located on Rock Ave. in North Plainfield. Lt. Kline, Det. Ciempola, Det. Sinker and P.O. Canica, of the North Plainfield police department responded to assist.

While waiting for the suspect to emerge from the apartment, P.O. Canica observed him jump from a

bedroom window to elude arrest and apprehended him. The second suspect was identified as a David Blankenship, age 30, of North Plainfield.

Det. Bataille charged Grambor with robbery, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes. Grambor was initially treated at Medimerge for his injuries and then transported to Muhlenberg Hospital for further treatment, prior to being turned over to the South Plainfield Police.

Blankenship was charged with criminal attempt-robbery. A check of his record found he was also wanted by Union County, for failure to appear for sentencing; in Plainfield for Contempt of Court, \$1,500 bail; in North Plainfield for Contempt of Court, \$1,631 bail and in Highland Park for Contempt of Court, \$2,761 in bail.

Bail for Gambor was set at \$25,000, without an option. Bail for

Blankenship was set at \$10,000, without a 10% option. Both were taken to the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick after failing to post bail.

**Happy 1st Birthday**  
Brooke Ashleigh Maurath  
June 10, 2000

You give us so much joy!  
Love, Nanny & Papa  
Eichler & Uncle Davey

## congratulations south plainfield graduates!!

*Congratulations Deana!*

**Deana Spisso**  
SPMS Graduation-June 22, 2000  
*You did it, Oh no, high school's next!*  
Love, Mom, Dad, Brian and Phil

*Congratulations Christie!*

**Christie Schueler**  
Rutgers Preparatory School  
June 11, 2000

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# Events Around Town

## Riley Fourth Grade Sponsoring Garage Sale

Riley School's fourth grade class is sponsoring a garage sale, rain or shine, on Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school (corner of Chambers St. and Morris Ave). All proceeds benefit the students' trip to Stokes State Forest in the fall.

## Historical Society Meeting

The South Plainfield Historical Society will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 13 in the high school library at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Annual Cultural Arts Festival Planned

On Sunday, June 18, the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present their 10th Annual Music Festival featuring the one and only *Harlem Blues & Jazz Band* and *The Blue Hawks*.

The Festival will be held on the "lawn" of the South Plainfield Middle School on Plainfield Ave. (If it rains, the Festival moves to the Middle School gym.) The event is free. The music begins at 2 p.m. Bring your lawn chair, a snack, some lemonade and enjoy. For information, contact Gordon Fladger at (908) 561-9557.

## AARP Chapter 4144 Plans Trip to Catskills

Meetings will resume on the third Friday in Sept. (Sept. 15), for AARP Chapter 4144 at the PAL Bldg. in South Plainfield on Maple Ave.

A trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills is planned from July 10 through July 14. The price is \$370 per person, double occupancy. Singles add \$60. Price includes all expenses paid, plus transportation.

For more information, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

## Vision 2001 Golf Outing June 28

The South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation, Inc. will be holding their annual golf outing on Wednesday, June 28 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Somerville.

Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, green fees and cart, coffee/golf range, on course beverages, lunch at the turn, beer/wine hour and a buffet dinner. All gratuities are included. Casual attire and rubber spikes only.

Hole-in-one prizes include a new car, a vacation, antique golf clothes, radio and pot of gold. Prizes also

awarded for low net, low gross, longest drive, closest to hole, closest to the line, corporate team net and corporate team gross.

If you would like to become a sponsor, need more information or want to sign up, contact Eric Radell at 755-9555 or Emil Leporino at 756-8038.

## Car Rally Planned in Downtown Area

The Northwest Jersey Camaro Club will hold a car rally on Saturday, June 17 in the downtown area. This is the first of many events planned by the newly formed Downtown Activities Committee.

Plans are still in the early planning stages, but the car rally will include a DJ, vendors, plenty of food and special events for the kids. South Plainfield Ave. and a portion of Hamilton Blvd. will be closed to traffic to accommodate the cars and the pedestrians.

Vendors who would like to participate should call 756-8038 for further information.

## Rec Trips to Broadway Musicals

The Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to Broadway musicals.

- *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Thursday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. performance. Bus leaves PAL at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per person.

- *A Christmas Carol*, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. performance. Bus leaves PAL at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$66 per person.

Only 48 tickets per trip available. Purchase at the PAL, 8:30-4:30 p.m. First come, first serve. 226-7713.

## Visit Lake George This September

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Lake George for 3 days/2 nights. Bus transportation, deluxe hotels, four meals, boat cruise, shopping, Sept. 13-15. \$245 per person. Only 40 tickets are available. Purchase at the PAL on Maple Ave.

## Rec Department Sponsors Yankee Trip

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox on Tuesday, June 13. Bus leaves the PAL lot at 4 p.m. Ticket price is \$37 per person. Call the PAL at 226-7713.

## Plainfields' Unico 3rd Annual Golf Outing

Plainfields and Clark's Unico will be co-sponsoring their annual golf

outing on Monday, June 12. The event will be held at Beaver Brook Country Club in Clinton. The outing will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration is 11:30 to 1 p.m.

There will be a \$10,000 putting contest, prizes on all par threes for a hole-in-one, closest to the pin, as well as longest drive, closest to the line and many more. A banquet dinner will follow the outing and many door prizes will be awarded.

Prizes will be awarded for men and women for low gross and low net. Calloway scoring system. Entrance fee is \$125 per person. Call Roxanne Cortese to sign up or information at (908) 561-1539.

## Cruise on Big Red Boat II Planned

Dunellen Recreation is sponsoring a cruise on the NEW Big Red Boat II to New England and Canada. A seven nights cruise leaves on Aug. 5 and returns Aug. 12, with ports of call of Newport, Boston, Halifax and St. John New Brunswick Canada.

Rates for the cruise range from \$875 per person for an inside stateroom to \$1,075 for an ocean view stateroom.

For information, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222 or Clem, Dunellen Recreation (732) 752-2466.

## Mets vs. Pirates Trip Planned

Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring a trip to see the Mets vs. Pirates on Saturday, June 24.

The cost of \$50 per person includes game ticket in lower loge, transportation and driver gratuity. This is also kickball day and all children 13 and under will receive a kickball. The bus will leave Sacred Heart parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and return immediately after the game.

For information, call Helen at the Parish Center, (908) 756-0633 ext. 11 or Mary Ann (908) 226-1222.

## Sacred Heart Plans Dinner Theatre Trip

The Caring and Sharing Group of Sacred Heart is sponsoring a trip to Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre on Sunday, June 4. The cost of \$50 per person includes the bus, show (*West Side Story*), dinner and driver gratuity. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the parking lot of South Plainfield Borough Hall and return about 5 p.m. For reservations, call Lydia at (908) 755-1596 by May 25.

**Submit your Events Around Town** Mail or drop off your stories and photos: South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Fax (908) 668-8819; email GGNAN@aol.com.

## Sacred Heart School Walk-a-Thon and Field Day

Sacred Heart School held two very successful events in May.

Pictured right and below are scenes from Field Day, which took place on Friday, May 26. There were relay races as well as a potato sac race. Food was provided as well! It was a fun day for all.

Pictured below are the students participating in the Sacred Heart School Walk-A-Thon/Italian Ice Party held on May 5. It was a huge success due to the many parents who volunteered.



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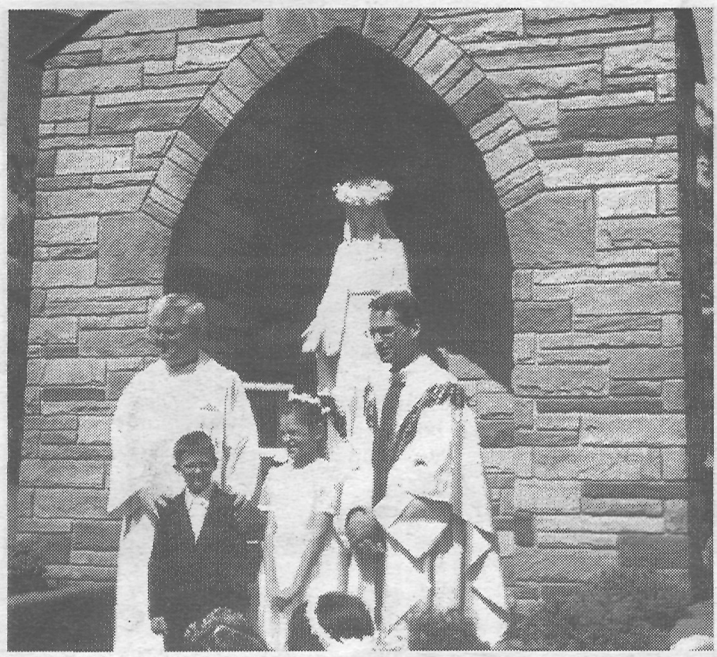
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### Sacred Heart May Crowning

The annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother was held at Sacred Heart Church on May 14. Kaitlin Muglia performed the crowning ceremony, assisted by crown bearer James Vokral. Officiating were Rev. Thomas Ganley and Rev. John Primich.

### From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

As always, every Friday, here's news from the South Plainfield Library:

Our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs is set for next week. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. They last an hour, feature stories and a craft program and are for children ages three and over. You don't need to pre-register for them. While we're on the subject of children's programs, here's more news about this year's Summer Reading Club: Registration for the club will begin on Monday, June 19. The rest of the details are still being finalized; we'll let you know as soon as we can. If you have any questions, check with Linda Hansen, the Children's Librarian.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30. The public is invited and urged to attend what promises to be an informative meeting.

At the time of this writing, there's still space available in the Scrapbooking program on next Friday night from 7-9. Participants will be shown how to safely and attractively display their family photos. There's a fee of \$8 for this program. Participants must bring their photos and a pair of sharp scissors; other materials will be provided. Due to limited space, pre-registration is needed; please call ahead at (908) 754-7885 to make sure you can get in. Also, our display cases feature an exhibit of scrapbooking materials and examples. They'll be there throughout the month.

Last week, we noted some books that are coming soon to

our collection. Since then, one of them, *Cradle and All* by James Patterson, is now in circulation. Some other books newly added include *The Indwelling*, the latest in the *Left Behind* series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins; the new "Star Wars" novel *Rogue Planet* by Greg Bear, *Before I Say Goodbye* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Pawing Through the Past* by Rita Mae Brown and Sneaky Pie Brown, *After the Fire* by Belva Plain, *The Case Against Hillary Clinton* by Peggy Noonan, and *W: Revenge of the Bush Dynasty* by Elizabeth Mitchell. Some of these books may have reserves on them, so check at the main desk if they're available.

Today marks the birthday of one of the silver screen's most enduring and acclaimed stars: Donald Fauntleroy Duck. (Look it up; "Fauntleroy" is his official middle name.) You can see Donald in a number of different tapes in our juvenile video collection. These range from a cameo appearance in "Mickey's Christmas Carol" to a major supporting role in "Mickey and the Beanstalk" to his starring role in "The Three Caballeros." Two other noteworthy appearances include a bit alongside Warner Bros.' own Daffy Duck (I doubt they're related) in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (found in the general video collection), and an informative role in "Donald's Fire Safety Plan" in the juvenile non-fiction section. If you're interested, feel free to stop by and check on what we have. Videos can be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. And, don't worry; after you listen for a while you'll understand his speech patterns quite well.

That's about all for now. See you next Friday.

## Woman's Club Installs Officers

The G.E.W.C. Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield installed their 2000-2001 slate of officers at a June 1 banquet at O'Connor's Restaurant in Watchung.

Dorothy Geneski installed the following officers, co-presidents Frieda Walker, Beverly Montwid and Mary Ann Iannitto; vice president, Lois Traphagin; recording/federation secretary, Rose Cucurello; corresponding secretary, Renee Pasacrita and treasurer, June Flannery.

The banquet was chaired by Jean Popik, along with committee member Mary Ann Iannetto, who assisted in the preparations, flyers, menus, etc. Popik extended a warm welcome to guests and members. Former members traveling from various locations throughout the state were Peggy Askew, Grace Hubert (past president 1968-1969), Jo Van Driel (past president 1976-1978) and Dorothy Geneski (past president 1978-1980).

Margaret Reidy presented the invocation. Lois Traphagen gave the historian's report, followed by remarks by outgoing President Filomena Viola.

Frieda Walker, presiding president, introduced chairpersons for departments and committees for the coming 2000-2001 year.

Frieda Walker, treasurer June Flannery and club members decided to donate funds to the following: South Plainfield Rescue Squad, South Plainfield Fire Department, South Plainfield American Legion, Jr. Diabetes, Muhlenberg Hospice, Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

A \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating South Plainfield High School senior. A junior high student is chosen as a delegate to attend a seminar at Douglass College.

## YWCA Taking Camp Applications

Applications are currently being accepted for the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield's Summer Camp, "Camp Munger 2000." The camp runs from Monday, June 26 to Friday, Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An extended aftercare hour will be provided at additional cost.

Camp is open to girls and boys ages 6-12. Camp will be conducted at the YWCA facility at 232 E. Front St. in Plainfield. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are provided to all campers on a daily basis. Fees are based on a sliding scale that reflects ability to pay.

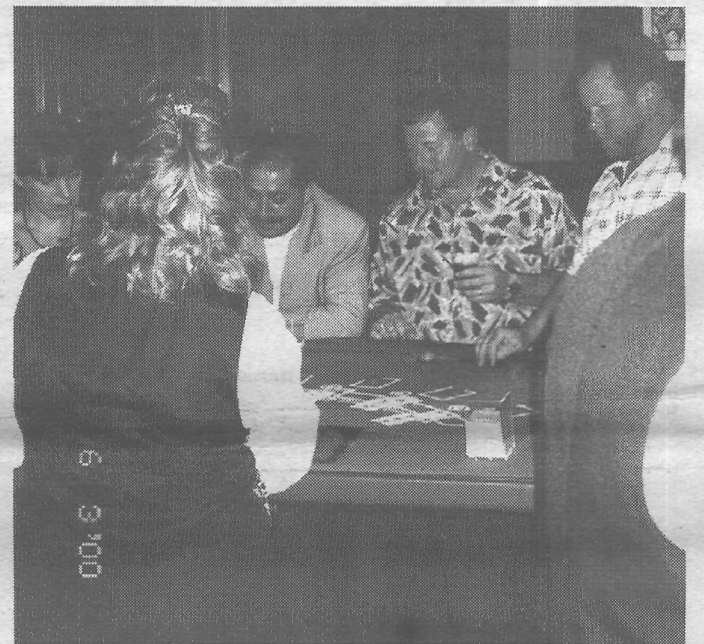
Camp activities include swimming, sports, arts and crafts, drama, computer technology, math and reading enrichment, dance, science fun and weekly trips. The educational component of the camp experience will include topics such as animal life, ecology, nature study, health and fitness, drug and violence prevention, diversity and cultural awareness and discovering the arts.

For more information, call the YWCA at (908) 756-3500 extension 129, or stop in at 232 E. Front St., Plainfield, to pick up an application.



## Junior Baseball Casino Night

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club held its annual dance on Saturday, June 3 at the VFW hall. The theme for the evening was "Casino Night." Catering by Jim Giannakis and music by New Horizon. Donations by local businesses and merchants contributed to the success of the annual event.



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# Roosevelt School Spring Concert



DeAndrea, Ralph Dimayuga, Kelli Friday, Ashleigh Gray, Nancy Grieb, Jessica Handwerger, Garrett Kelly, Alexa Kunch, Calvin Leung, Rachel Moloughney, Brittany Musolino, Jacqueline Rogozinski, Alexa Sambatiani Allen-Lightfoot, Ashley Avarado, Pauline Eskander, Allison Huffsmith, Andrea Lozarito, Alison Smith.

**Fifth Grade:** Adam Cruz, Rebecca Dacchille, Tevor Rastelli, Daniel Sambat, Charles Decker.

### Roosevelt School Chorus

Michelline Anim, Karylann Baker, Erica Bowden, Michelle Butrico, Jennifer Capperelli, Stacie Carrasca, Samantha Cihanowyz, Kamel Darji, Brooke DeNitzio, Diane Dimayuga, Jason Dowlet, Pauline Eskander, Christopher Esposito, Samantha Gaughan, Jessica Gonzalez, Samantha Horvath, Allison Huffsmith, Briana Jennings, Jillisa Jones, Brittanni Kennedy, Shannon Kertes, Erica Linick, Shanlini Mangra, Heather Martin, Breanna Miyasato, Brittany Moloughney, Jessica Montouri, Denise Nazario, Jenna Pein, Alexandra Petronko, Andrea Powell, Trevor Rastelli, Love-E Raynes, Omar Rodriguez, Jessica Ruiz, Rachel Senz, Alison Smith, Heather Thalheimer, Phuong Trinh, Brandon Ullom, Jalisa Williamson.

Putting the Roosevelt concert together were Tobie Baldwin, band; Bruce Mikolon orchestra and Sharon Perez chorus.

Roosevelt School recently held their school concert to a packed house. Performing were the Intermediate and Advanced Band, Spring Ensemble and the Roosevelt School Chorus. The following is a list of the participants.

**Roosevelt School Intermediate Band:** Lauren O'Day, Natia Kastontonis, Crystal Dougherty, KateJean Zacek, Gina Lampasona, Jennifer Capperelli, Kellie McLean, Brooke DiNitzio, Rachel Senz, Danielle Heilmann, Brandon Ullom, Michael Ascencio, Christopher Smith, Shanlini Mangra, Courtney Breland, Erica Bowden, Dana Alexa, Darius Harris, Joseph DelGenio, Omar Rodriguez, Zachary Olim, Josee Charneco, Vincent Raimondi, Michael Niem-

czyk, Michael Sopko, Nabia Kahn, Kevin Bolivar, Diana Nassar, Thomas McCullen, John Mills III, John Christopher Steger, Christian Cole, Jason Dowlet.

**Advanced Band:** Caitlyn Brindley, Brittany Marino, Marissa Kline, Nicholas Dorey, Christina Schuetz, John Carigma, Jessica Ruiz, Brittanni Kennedy, Michelle Butrico, Daniel Hubner, Joseph Cupo, Bryan Hunt, Phuong Le, Shawn Smith, Joseph Dacchille, Melvin Matinez, Charles Decker, Dale McCook, Christophner Bizup, Andrew Keraga, Arun Balkaran, Heather Martin.

### String Players

**Beginners:** Darnell Beverly, Gillian Capella, Audrey Cupo, Jeannine



# It's Rock N' Roll Time At Riley School

Story and photos by Patricia Abbott

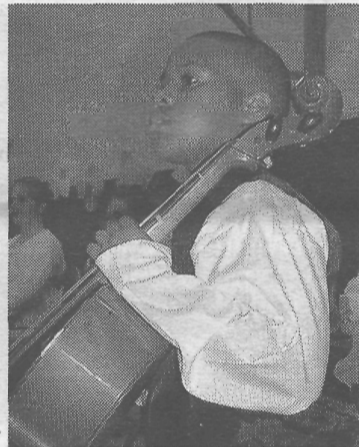
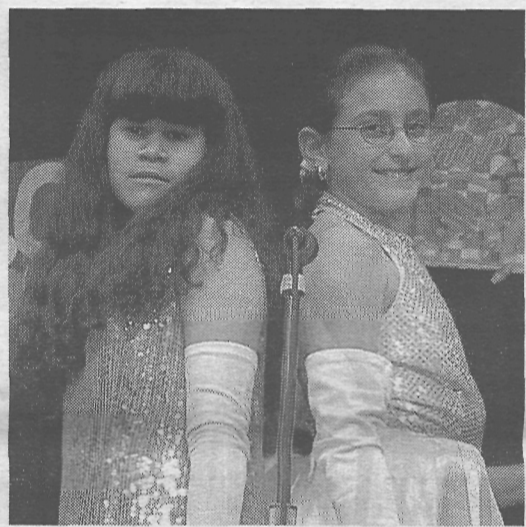
Riley school mom, Charisse Miglis was determined that her fifth grade daughter and her classmates would have a school play. With this in mind Charisse took on the vast project herself. Charisse described how the idea for the show was formed. "A friend of mine had a dream of doing a show with a lot of music," she said. With her friend's dream and ideas in mind, Charisse began recruiting help.

By late September they begun to put together a show that represented the music of many decades. They based their show on a production called *Rock On - The Last 50 Years of Rock N' Roll!*

The used very little material from the script. A little creativity tied the decades together using various famous DJ's of those times.

The show begin with music in the 50's and continues to the music currently on the hit charts. When the show gets to the 70's it takes on a life of it's own with original material. Charisse wrote the 90's segment herself and Joan Stasio helped with the 70's scene. Starting in January, they began the process of casting the show and 75 students come out for the production. The students along with a lot of Drama Mothers worked for months puling the production together. They worked after school almost every day and even gave up recess time at lunch to rehearse.

The show was presented to the student body during the day. An evening performance was held for those who couldn't attend in the afternoon. Charisse stressed that the show was a team effort that made dreams come true for the young performers and hard working parents alike.



# Franklin Jumps Rope for the Heart

Students from Franklin School jumped into the fight against heart disease last month by participating in a 'Jump Rope for Heart.' Students in grades one through five asked family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them. The money funds the AHA's heart and blood vessel research, public education and community programs. Most of all, stu-

dents became actively involved in learning about their hearts and healthful lifestyles.

This year 183 kids, almost half of Franklin School, joined in the fun and they raised \$8,351, a new record. Last year, 137 Franklin students raised \$5,450. Since Drew Smith, physical education teacher, introduced the fundraiser to Franklin

School in 1994, students have raised over \$31,851. 'Jump Rope for Heart' has involved over ten million teachers and students nationwide since it began in 1979.

The event was sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the Franklin PTA and physical education teacher Drew Smith.




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"In this new millennium of challenge and change, Columbia remains a leader in shaping the future of community banking in New Jersey," Mr. Mamary noted. "We continue to meet the financial needs of our home state through our competitive product offerings and with convenient services designed for both the consumer and commercial banking sectors. Our recent passing of the \$2 billion milestone is a fitting tribute to our resolve to continue to strengthen our reputation as one of New Jersey's largest independent community banks."

Today, Columbia's uniqueness lies in the fact that it is actually two distinct banks in one — a full-service "community" bank for consumers ... and a "commercial" bank for business. For individu-

als and families, Columbia offers a full range of banking services, including traditional savings and checking products, investments, home mortgages and home equity products. For business customers, Columbia also has an expanded mix of products and services, including commercial loans, commercial lines of credit, SBA loans, business checking, wire transfers, payroll processing and night depositories.

Adding to the bank's growth, some notable planned events included the introduction of Columbia Online, a new Internet banking service, a Fall 2000 opening of a new, full-service branch office in Cedar Grove; Columbia's first entry into Essex County and the continued expansion of Columbia's Convenient Hours Program which extends drive-up business hours at most locations.

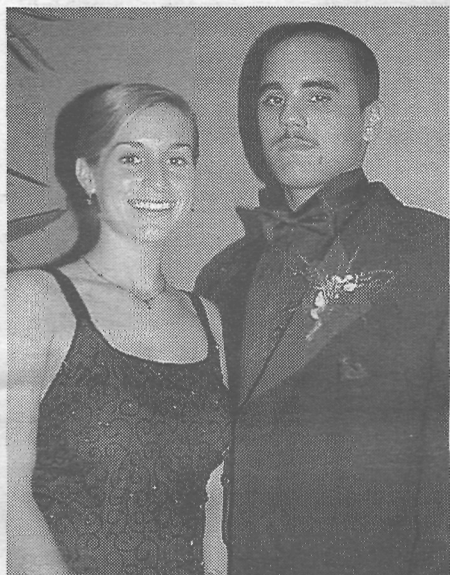
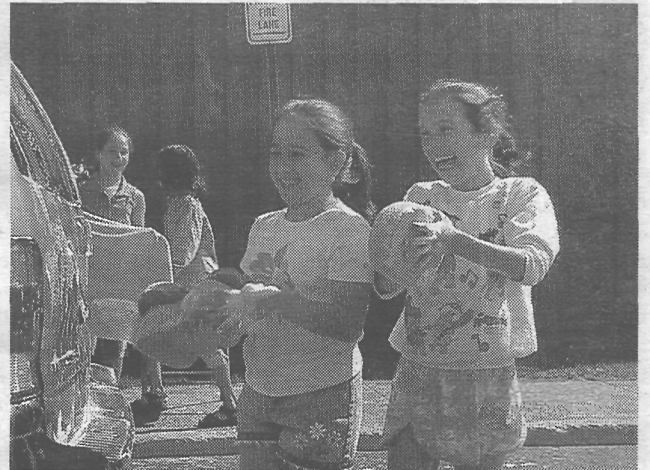
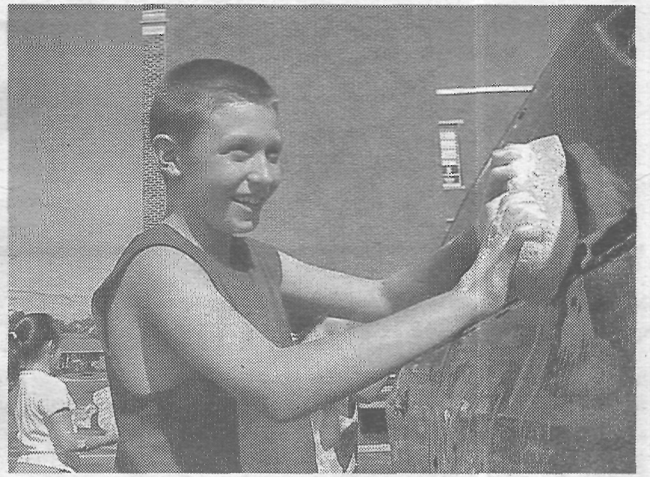
Columbia Savings maintains 32 offices in nine counties statewide and is both an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC.



## "All Washed Up" at Roosevelt School

More than the cars got a good soaking when Roosevelt School's fourth grade classes held their annual car wash. The event was a fundraiser for the students' Stokes Trip.

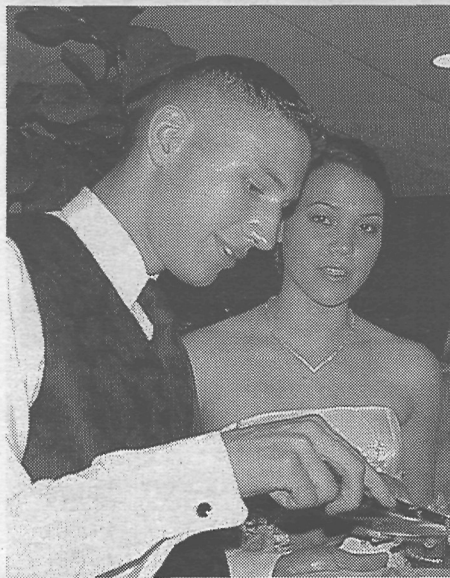
Photos by Patricia Abbott



## "This 'Was' the Time" for High School Prom Goers

On June 2 front yards all over town became impromptu photo studios as parents snapped pictures of their children dressed in their finest to attend the SP High School prom. The event was held at the Sheraton in Edison.

Gowns ranged from demure to daring while the gentlemen were outfitted in everything from traditional tuxedos to tails and a cane. Transportation was another area of diversity. Some students pooled their resources went in luxury in stretch limos. Others borrowed cars or drove their own. Over 500 students attended the prom that began with a cocktail hour and ran until midnight. The dance floor filled quickly and the excitement rose right along with the noise level. The theme for prom 2000 was Billy Joel's song, "This Is The Time." Krista Gunderson and Alan Peck were named Prom Queen and King.



## Mini-Olympics 2000 Held At Feigley's Gymnastics

Four teams competed for fun at Feigley's last week—the green, black, red, and yellow. The teams represented the Olympic rings and the blue team was represented by the judges. The torch used for opening ceremonies was a torch used in the 1984 Olympics. The Black team won with a team average score of 15; the Green team took second with 14.5; the Red team took third with 14.3; and the Yellow team finished fourth with 14.1.

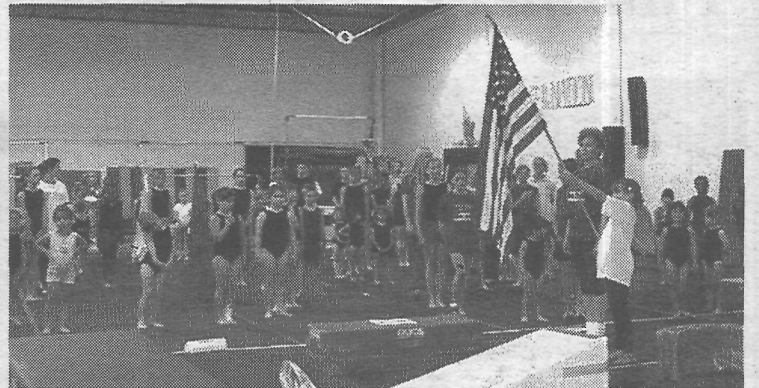
Captains and co-captains for each team were: Black-(Capt) Ashley Anne Chosney and (Co-Capt) Sarah Brooks, Green-(Capt) Caitlin Miller and (Co-Capt) Jenna Hamer, Red-(Capt) Lindsey Nakonechy and (Co capt) Claire Macdonald, Yellow (Capt) Lauren McMahon and (Co-Capt) Claire MacDonald. The torch was carried by Lyn Mamie Lyons.

The Black Team was D'Kota Barrios, Sarah Brooks, Nicole Bythell, Ashley Anne Chosney, Susan Cupito, Elizabeth Dawson, Anastasia Detz, Paige Drake, Briana Jackson, Molly LaVine, Ishita Mehta, Christina Powers, Casey Sabino and Kelsey Shirzad.

The Red Team was Erica Armstrong, Brittney Benesz, Kevin Gonzalez-Stork, Kiana Gonzalez-Stork, Amoi Greene, Kansas Harmon, Carla LaRocca, Ellen McDermott, Amanda Monaghan, Lindsey Nakonechy, Imani Sanders, Matthew Siegrist, Meggie Siegrist and Eric Valosin.

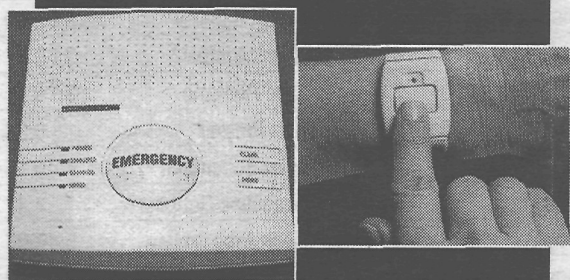
The Yellow Team was Karen Cassetta, Laura Gunderson, Silvia Gunderson, Megan Kerper, Shantelle Lowery, Mamie Lyn Lyons, Claire MacDonald, Lauren McMahon, Kristina Murray, Victoria Murray, Lauren Sauer, Ellen Sweder, Jainé VanPutten and Amanda Waller.

The Green Team was Danielle Butrico, Jill Dean, Jerma Hamer, Chelsea Housel, Anjie Mazzaroni, Analise McKnight, Caitlin Miller, Sonya Rabinovich, Kirstin Rau, Torsten Rau, Imani Shorte, Nikki Smith, Rebecca Smith and Lena Van't Veer.



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# Sports

## Tigers Sending Three to State Championships

On Memorial Day Weekend, several members of the boys and girls track team participated in the Central Jersey Group II State Sectionals in Holmdel. The top six places moved on to last weekend's All Group State Championship Meet in Egg Harbor. The Tigers were fortunate to have two runners and one jumper move on.

The lone female was junior Adyia Toppin who qualified third in Central Jersey in the high jump with a jump of 5'0". Adyia then went on to the State Group meet to compete against all Group II schools in New Jersey. There she placed third again, with a jump of 5'4", tying her personal best. She also is the 2000 GMC high jump champ where she also jumped 5'4". By placing third in Group II, she will now face off with the other three groups in the

Meet of Champions in South Brunswick on June 7. Coach Lisa Morris was concerned if Adyia would be up to the challenge the night after the prom, but she was and now goes on to the Meet of Champions. It's been years since we sent someone to the M of C. Great job Adyia!

The only Tiger to qualify in two events was senior Capt. Mike Loenser. In the Central Jersey Group II sectionals, Mike finished fifth in the 3200 meters with a personal best time of 10:03 and third in the 1600 meters with another personal best of 4:34. He too had a big challenge in the Group State Championship with the prom. Mike ran the 3200 on last Friday in the 90 degree heat and humidity, then ran up two hours to the prom and back down Saturday morning for the first race of the day at 10 a.m. Fortunately, the temperature dropped into the 70's with no humidity on Saturday. Mike finished ninth in the state for Group II in the 3200 with a heat induced time of 10:15. On Saturday he tied his personal best time in the 1600 with 4:34, good enough for another eighth place in the state. Mike has had a great track career in South Plainfield with major improvements in time every year. Mike has been a silent leader, leading by example with hard work and dedication to track. He has seen the distance team come from nothing his freshman year, to winning the di-

vision in the GMC, and sweeping almost all the distance events in spring track with Tim Morgan and Mike DeSimone. Good luck Mike at East Stroudsburg!

The third qualifier for the Tigers was senior Eric Johnson. Eric finished six in the Central Jersey Sectionals for Group II in the 800 meters with a personal best time of 2:02. Eric just missed qualifying for the 400 meters. That gave Eric the opportunity to compete last weekend in Egg Harbor against all 24 Group II qualifiers in the half mile (800). Eric also had to endure prom night with a Saturday morning run time. He was seeded 17 of 24 and finished in a great time of 2:04. He ended up 16th. Eric has also been a crucial part of the championship cross country distance team and has found his niche as a much improved middle distance runner, much like his dad was. Thanks Eric for all the laughs and good luck at TCNJ!

I was approached by many coaches, fans and officials at Egg Harbor who insisted we go back to South Plainfield where the state meets have been held since 1983 (until this year). Our facility is by far the best in the state and everyone wants to come here. It does so much for the community and the money we raise from concessions helps all our kids. Not just the track program, but all sports.

Bring back the State Meets, get a new track NOW!



## Sacred Heart Triumphs at Central Jersey Track Meet

The Sacred Heart School Spring Track Team competed in the 2000 Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference Individual Championships on Saturday, May 27. The event was held at the Edison Park Track in Edison. Eighty-four Sacred Heart runners participated in 20 events winning 35 medals. Congratulations to all runners.

### Medal winners are:

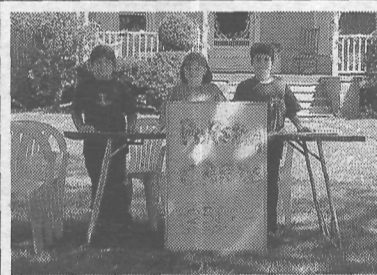
Event	Place	Runner Name	Time
100m K, 1, 2 Boys	5	Zachary Sikanowicz	17.93
100m K, 1, 2 Boys	6	Michael McHugh	17.98
100m K, 1, 2 Girls	2	Geriana Pinto	17.81
100m K, 1, 2 Girls	4	Kaitlin Muglia	18.08
200m 3, 4, 5 Boys	3	Saladin McClain	32.18
200m 3, 4, 5 Girls	1	Kiersten Whitaker	31.84
200m 3, 4, 5 Girls	6	Marika Simons	34.68
200m 6, 7, 8 Boys	2	Tyson Johnson	26.25
200m 6, 7, 8 Boys	6	Mario Campo	27.84



400m K, 1, 2 Boys	2	Zachary Sikanowicz	1:28.65
400m K, 1, 2 Boys	3	Alfonse Muglia	1:28.95
400m K, 1, 2 Girls	2	Geriana Pinto	1:30.07
400m K, 1, 2 Girls	3	Kaitlin Muglia	1:31.78
400m 3, 4, 5 Girls	1	Alicia Presley	1:14.43
400m 3, 4, 5 Girls	2	Kiersten Whitaker	1:17.03
400m 3, 4, 5 Girls	7	Christine Murry	1:24.70
400m 6, 7, 8 Boys	2	Tyson Johnson	1:02.10
400m 6, 7, 8 Boys	3	Mario Campo	1:03.03
400m 6, 7, 8 Boys	7	Derek Smith	1:09.58
800m 3, 4, 5 Boys	6	Nicholas Giakas	3:14.61
800m 3, 4, 5 Girls	2	Erin Boosmann	3:29.36
800m 3, 4, 5 Girls	4	Ashley Forbes	3:31.14
800m 3, 4, 5 Girls	6	Jacqueline Dougherty	3:39.54
800m 6, 7, 8 Girls	3	Julia Dougherty	3:02.09
800m 6, 7, 8 Girls	4	Aileen Monroe	3:05.81
800m 6, 7, 8 Girls	7	Diane Romano	3:19.71
1600m 3, 4, 5 Girls	2	Alicia Presley	6:28
1600m 3, 4, 5 Girls	4	Taylor Boosmann	7:40.15
1600m 3, 4, 5 Girls	7	Jacqueline Dougherty	7:47
1600m 6, 7, 8 Boys	3	Calvin John Smiley	5:48.97
1600m 6, 7, 8 Boys	7	Matthew Revolinski	6:12
1600m 6, 7, 8 Girls	2	Julia Dougherty	6:39
1600m 6, 7, 8 Girls	4	Diane Romano	6:58
1600m 6, 7, 8 Girls	6	Aileen Monroe	7:16.20
1600m 6, 7, 8 Gids	7	Caitlin Monroe	7:29

## Jason Bataille Medals in T of C

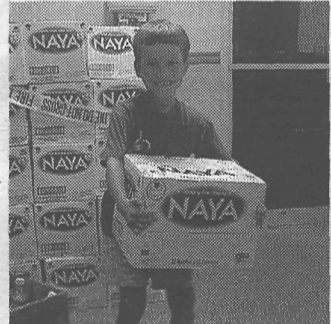
South Plainfield golfer Jason Bataille added yet another award to his vast collection of accomplishments by outscoring area golfers in last week's Tournament of Champions held at the Rumson Country Club. Jason's round of 80 was two strokes better than the nearest competitor, John Lay of St. Joseph's, and good enough for third place overall in the group II competition.



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# Sports

By Frank Hanley

## juniorbaseballclubnotes

**SPJBC Annual Tournament**—The annual All-Star tournament will begin on June 29. Teams from all over the state have been invited to attend. This year, the format in all age groups has been changed to a "round robin" style.

**Raffle** The books were due back on Monday June 5. Any outstanding books should be turned in as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn on June 17.

**Woman's Auxiliary** The Women held their annual dinner-dance, a "Casino Night," last Saturday night at the VFW hall. The event was a huge success. Special thanks to Cindy Eichler, Donna Hanley, Rita Doell, and Debbie Lykes for all of their work in organizing the evening.

**Contact the clubhouse** phone: (908) 754-2090 ... email: spjbc@aol.com ... Web Site: members.aol.com/spjbc/spjbc.html

**Events at a Glance** All-Star Day - Rescheduled to June 18; SPJBC Invitational Tournament begins June 29.

### Small Fry C Game Highlights

**A's vs Cubs** - Steven Wiczorek hit an RBI triple and Lee Aboosamara had an RBI single for the Cubs.

**Red Sox vs Yankees** - Nick Vallone went 4-for-4 for the Red Sox.

**Cardinals vs Cubs** - Zachary Haupt hit an RBI triple and Andrew McGee made three spectacular plays for the Cubs.

**A's vs Red Sox** - Dean Berkowitz had 2 hits and Bill Bori singled for the A's. Sean Coffey and Paul Zushma play well for the Red Sox.

**Cubs vs Diamond Backs** - Shaun Boyle hit a 3 run homer, and Timmy Oppelt pitched great for the Cubs. Freddie Reichert had 2 hits, and Dan Phillips and Joey Vetushi pitched well for the D'Backs.

**Mets vs Devil Rays** - Doug Avery pitched 2 perfect innings and Anthony Baldassare had 3 hits for the Mets.

**A's vs Reds** - Derick Whilhelm and JP Barry played a strong game for the A's.

**D'Backs vs Red Sox** - Michael Boyle and Justin DeOliverira played well in the field; Michael Niemczyk and Kevin Smith each tripled for the D'Backs.

**Zack and Shane Melanson** played a strong game for the Red Sox.

**A's vs Yankees** - Derick Whilhelm doubled and Tim Yuill singled for the A's.

**A's vs Devil Rays** - Michael Maiorino singled and Patrick Nolty pitched well for the A's.

**Red Sox vs Indians** - Brian Hanley hit an inside-the-park Grand Slam for the Red Sox; Mike Muglia had an inside-the-park home run for the Indians.

### League Standings

Small Fry B League			Small Fry A League			Pony B League		
Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
<b>American League</b>			<b>National League</b>			<b>Pony A League</b>		
Athletics	8	3	Cubs	9	3	Yankees	5	0
Orioles	4	7	Braves	8	3	Mets	6	1
Yankees	3	9	Diamond Backs	8	3	Cardinals	3	2
Red Sox	2	8	Mets	5	5	Cubs	3	2
			Reds	3	7	Devil Rays	2	5
			Cardinals	3	10	Diamond Backs	2	5
						Orioles	1	4
						A's	1	4

## Ponytail Softball

### A League

#### Flanagans 9- Carpet Bazaar 10

Danielle Tonkin, Julia Russel and Christine Volpe's two hits led Flanagans attack in the first round playoff game. Daniell Arndt, Heather Loenser and Jen Braco provided key hits for Carpet Bazaar. Clutch pitching performances by Amanda Rastelli and Rachel Cupido secured Carpet Bazaar' win.

#### Flannagans 19- Transway 16

In second round league playoffs, Flanagans defeated Transway in a thriller. Tara Israel's late three run triple and Sara Green's timely hitting propelled Flanagans. Lisa Snisak's relief pitching sealed the victory.

## All-Star Softball Tournament

The Parents' Ponytail Association is sponsoring the South Plainfield All-Star Girls Softball Tournament, scheduled for June 15 through 18 at the Pitt St. Park Softball Complex. Teams from South Plainfield, Iselein, Edison, Woodbridge and Hamilton will compete in three age brackets, 14 & under, 12 & under and 10 & under.

Come out and support our South Plainfield teams. In 1999 all three teams finished in first place in their respective leagues (their combined league record was 33-1).

Members of the All-Star Softball teams are: 14 & Under, Coach Bob Keck-Ashley Bishop, Shade Coleman, Amanda Fugate, Jaime Gaughan, Jessa Jones, Marissa Judd, Darleen

Marin, Amanda Rastelli, Meaghan Schweers, Melissa Scott, Jenna Smith and Chiara Tomei.

12 & Under, Coach Tom Walter-Darice Bishop, Mallory Cooper, Allison DiMeglio, Caitlin English, Kim Gaub, Allia Ghanim, Carly Kazimir, Jessica Miller, Stefanie Miller, Kathleen Morgan, Lacey Santone, Jessica Senz, Melissa Szeliga and Morgan Walter.

10 & Under, Coach, Steve Senz-Dorian Bishop, Julianne Bosse, Kelly Downs, Elizabeth Flannery, Kathy Gorman, Katie Hardy, Allison Huffsmith, Jackie Kuduch, Kate Reichert, Tiffany Roth, Christina Schuetz, Rachel Senz, Alyssa Sutherland and Stephanie Szeliga.

## Blaze U-11 Girls Soccer Team Captures Their First Winning Season

**South Plainfield Blaze vs. New Providence Wildcats**

On Sunday, June 4 the South Plainfield Under-11 girls soccer team captured its first winning season, beating the New Providence Wildcats at Riley Field in South Plainfield. This win was our third sweep of the season with a final record of six wins and four losses.

The first half was clearly dominated by our girls with the defense pushing up and containing the ball. In as keeper, Becky Keller and Tiffany Roth did an outstanding job, as they have all year. Stopper and sweeper positions were filled by Kate Hardy and Dorian Bishop, who

with great talent allowed us to control the ball and keep it in their half of the field. Our right wing fullbacks Ashleigh Gaspari and Victoria Plasse played as tough as they have all season, stopping all attacks wide. Much improved Katelyn Conrad and Allison Huffsmith did a good job on the left. Our midfielder's played their hearts out.

Our right and left mid wings Katie Baldassarre, Alex Viscosi and Lauren Fry played as tough as ever. Jennifer Copeland, who is so exciting to watch, dominated our middle with her natural ability and endurance. Clare Kelly and Maria Lipnick in the middle did a great job as well. Our

attackers Elizabeth Flannery up front on the left, who traded spots with Tiffany Roth and Denise Lopez on the right, came so close to scoring. Halftime score 0-0.

The second half was just as exciting as the first half, with New Providence putting on the pressure. Blaze, not to be outdone, turned it up a notch as well. Late in the second half and after missing two previous shots, Kate Hardy blasted in a shot from the right to go up by one.

Final score So. Pfld. Blaze 1 - New Providence Wildcats 0. Congratulations girls; thanks for a great season! Visit our web site www.soplfdsoccerclub.com. -Submitted by Coach Hardy

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## Obituaries

### Salvatore F. Polite, 91

Salvatore F. Polite of South Plainfield died on Sunday, May 28 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in San Fratello, Sicily and came to the United States in 1910, settling in New York, City before moving to South Plainfield forty years ago.

Mr. Polite was a mechanic for the New York City Transit Authority for 42 years before retiring in 1970. He was a member of the Transport Workers Union Local 100. After his retirement he worked for Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart School as a custodian.

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

He is survived by his beloved wife Angelina Sacco Polite; his son Louis R. Polite of El Centro, Ca. and his grandson Jeffrey Polite and his two sisters Rose Vento of the Bronx and Mary Cashitta of Long Island.

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

### Joseph Prestipino, 77

Joseph Prestipino of South Plainfield died on Saturday, June 3, at his home. He was born and raised in Bronx, New York before moving to South Plainfield thirty years ago.

Mr. Prestipino was a contract specialist for the Department of Defense in Brooklyn for 30 years before retiring in 1972. He then worked in the accounting department for Cosmair Inc. in Clark.

Mr. Prestipino was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during WWII.

He was a member of Sacred Heart R.C. Church here.

He is survived by his beloved wife Olympia (Del Principe) Prestipino; four daughters, Donna Smith and Christine Starita, both of Washington Twp., Elizabeth Aceti of Flemington and Teresa Hastings of Jackson, a sister, Muffie Capitini of Toms River and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at James Conroy Funeral Home.

### Mary Check, 92

Mary Check died on Thursday, June 1 at Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Greenbrook.

Born in Perth Amboy, Ms. Check had resided in Perth Amboy, New York City and in South Plainfield, each for approximately 30 years, before recently entering the care center.

She was employed by International Paper Co. in New York City for 40 years as an executive secretary at the time of her retirement in the late 1960's.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church here.

Ms. Check is predeceased by two sisters, Catherine Ditski and Sophie McCarthy and two brothers, Philip and Joseph Check.

Surviving are two sisters, Josephine Brinkerhoff and Ann Check, both of South Plainfield; two brothers, Anton Kernan Check and his wife Helen of Bricktown and John Check of Clearwater Florida. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Joseph T. Price III, 47

Joseph T. Price III of Long Pond, Pa., formerly of South Plainfield died on Thursday, June 1 at the United Memorial Center in Batavia, New York.

He was born in Plainfield and was a former resident of South Plainfield and Bound Brook before moving to Long Pond Pa. three years ago.

Mr. Price was a truck driver for ETG Inc. in Flanders, NJ. Prior to that he worked for Stelton Lumber in Piscataway and Somerville Lumber in Bridgewater.

He was a 1972 graduate of South Plainfield High School and was an avid fisherman and loved woodworking, video games and car racing. He was an assistant football coach for the Locust Ridge Quarry Pee Wee Football.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Halm Price; three sons Jeremy, Eric and Kenneth Price, all at home; his mother Evelyn Harvan Baird of Wall Twp.; his father Joseph T. Price Jr. of Walnut Court Pa.; two sisters Evelyn Mazzeo of Warren and Mary Ann Rennie of South Plainfield.

Arrangements were by James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

May 31, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the South Plainfield at its meeting held on May 30, 2000.

Case No. 12-00/S/S/V-Coppola Farming Company-1626 New Durham Road; Block 528; Lot 43-01; Applicant's request for a use variance, minor subdivision and preliminary and final site plan and waivers, was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Janice J. Muccilli  
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

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### Notice

At the Annual Organization meeting of the South Plainfield Board of Education, May 2, 2000 at 8:00 p.m., by a majority vote the following were chosen to represent the board for the 2000-2001 school year:

Suplee, Clooney and Company, School Auditor at an annual fee of \$18,500.00; AHERA Consultants, Asbestos Consultants, at an annual fee of \$4,250.00; Scott Prisco of Prisco & Edwards, AIA, as architect of record. Fees will be determined on an as needed, case by case basis. Available information can be obtained in the office of the Board Secretary.

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

### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Marlene and Gary Toth requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to Permit construction of deck to existing dwelling, 616 sq. ft., exceeds maximum lot coverage by 567 sq. ft., 2250 permitted, 2817 proposed; total

coverage 31.3% proposed, 25% permitted; and any other variances that may be needed. Said property being located on Block 152 Lot 89 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 Tuesday, June 20, 2000, 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 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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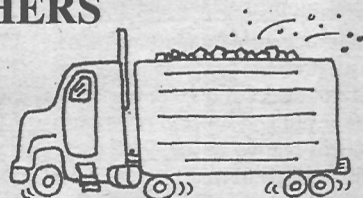
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# police report

• Police responded to a burglar alarm at Newco, Data on Hadley Rd. Upon arrival they noticed a bay door had been rammed. A search of the building had negative results. When the owner arrived shortly afterwards, he stated that a \$60,000 order had been removed from the loading dock. He noted that the light was on in the building and they were turned off when he left for the day.

• Police responded to a report of a fight at Regal Cinema, Corporate Ct. A large group of juveniles were found in the parking lot arguing back and forth. When Piscataway police arrived on the scene, the juveniles began to disperse. Two armed Regal Cinema security guards were also on the scene. Upon checking the permits of both, police found that security guard James Tempio of Garwood did not have the proper permit for the weapon. His Smith and Wesson 9mm gun had hollow nose bullets loaded into three 12-round magazines and one round in the chamber, 37 rounds in all. All were seized and placed into evidence. The guard was arrested and transported to HQ. He was later released. The other security guard had the proper permits and had no bullets in his weapon. Tempio was cooperative and stated he should have known better than to have the hollow nose rounds. He stated he was going to use them at the range

but never got there.

• A Plainfield man was arrested in the parking lot of NBS, Montrose Ave. He was found in the back seat of a vehicle in possession of \$1.78 in change he had removed from the car. A security officer at NBS viewed the entire incident via security camera and called police. The man stated that he was homeless and took the money for food.

• A Woolworth Ave. resident reported that eggs were thrown at his home resulting in one broken storm window. Police responded and searched the area with negative results.

• A Beverly Rd. resident reported a hole was cut into her screen door. An egg had also been thrown at the screen.

• Auto Salvage of So. Plfd. reported the theft of a car stereo from a vehicle. The owner was going to contact the dealer because he believed there was an anti-theft device on that model.

• A Puha Rd. resident reported his car was scratched/keyed while parked in front of his home. A 12 inch white scratch mark was visible.

• A DeSepio Ave. resident reported a car was vandalized while parked at his home. A 15-inch white scratch mark was found on the car.

• A Grant Ave. resident reported theft of a bike left in the backyard of the home. The yard was gated but not locked.

## By Cyrus N. Moon *Weekly Horoscope 6/9-6/15*

**GEMINI 5/21-6/20** This is a time not to form opinions. If you do you may stubbornly cling to them, which can later cost you friends or family sentiment against you. Listen openly and do not interject an opinion on which you do not know the full story. Try not to read between the lines.

**CANCER 6/21-7/22** I hope you were able to get this week off for a vacation! This is a time to be feeling upbeat and optimistic. Spend time with friends. Be sociable and generous, this is a good time to plan a party or celebration. Take on a challenge: how will you grow? You choose!

**LEO 7/23-8/22** Your personal magnetism will be working, so use it! At this time, favors that you ask will be granted and will be happily. With no effort you will find yourself surrounded by beauty. There could be some romance on the horizon also. Keep an eye open, the smile will draw you in.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22** Take advantage of your ideas this week! They can be successful and turned into physical realities. Words cause actions to flow smoothly, and in turn, actions give greater meaning to words. Surgical procedures are favored at this time. So, don't talk too much! DO!

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22** Relationships with those of a different generation, particularly of a younger generation, are likely to be very pleasant, even stimulating. This is a good time to go shopping for antiques and perhaps study some history. This can be a fortunate time to make a new friend.

**SCORPIO 10/23-11/21** Deep thinking will be required at least one day this week! Something must be confronted, or a decision or commitment made. Ambiguity just won't work. If you are feeling stressed, or irritable, when the thorny issue is settled, the relief will be overwhelming.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** This is a good week to take action. Your energy will be good. If you are clear about your objectives, go for it! The actions you take this week are most likely to be fruitful and will contribute to growth. Just be sure you integrate your actions with ethical principles.

**CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19** This is a time when you have extra ability to concentrate and persevere. Take well considered and disciplined steps forward toward your goals. Responsibility may increase, and you may achieve recognition for it. You can accomplish a great deal now!

**AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18** A different or unique approach works to your advantage now, and, in fact it might succeed better than you ever dreamed possible. However, if you try to be different just to be different it will not work as other people will be able to see through your ploy.

**PISCES 2/19-3/20** Matters of spirituality, idealism, and faith are highlighted this week, and can be beautiful. Intuition is stimulated and insight can be gained. Heightened empathy may motivate you to help someone in need. But if you are in a mood that is low, don't take yourself too seriously.

**ARIES 3/21-4/19** This is a good time to initiate new projects or act on the ideas or plans you have been talking about. This is the time to take pride in your work or other physical efforts. Just two things here to avoid—do not let consequences make you too hot headed or impatient. You can inspire others!

**TAURUS 4/20-5/20** You are likely to be highly motivated to attain anything that catches your eye and pursue anyone to whom you are attracted. So take advantage of this, don't be shy! Joint efforts with a partner or allies make work more enjoyable these days, even if the tasks at hand are not at all that pleasant.

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