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GIRLS SOFTBALL WOWS!

First State Championship in 11 Years

By Brian Cochrane

The South Plainfield High School Girls softball season came to a close last Saturday and what a way to go out! The Tigers boarded the bus and set out on the one-hour trip south on the parkway for a meeting with Pompton Lakes, and the NJSIAA Group II Championship on the line. As has been the case for most of the year, the Tigers didn't disappoint anyone, winning the extra inning contest 3-2.

It looked like a typical South Plainfield game through the first six innings, an early lead (Kim Wilcox two RBI singles in first), great defense, and some tough pitching...same old, same old, right? Not quite. Pompton Lakes didn't make it to the finals by accident and saved their heroics for the latter part of the match-up.

The Tigers were one out away from victory in the top of the seventh when Pompton Lakes mounted a valiant two out comeback to tie the game at two, then held South Plainfield in the bottom of the inning to force extra frames.

One extra frame was all the Tigers needed as they proved they also could mount their own two-out rally with the game on the line. The first two Tigers were retired starting the inning, as Pompton Lakes' hopes brightened in anticipation of "one more shot" in the ninth. Those hopes were dashed as the top of the Tigers order, specifically Danielle Schweers, stepped to the plate. Danielle laced a screamer down the left field line and hustled her way to second for the stand up double. It seemed Pompton Lakes pitched around the next batter Kelly Ritchey to set up the "all around force" but that never developed when number three hitter Alison Barrett, looped what appeared to be a routine fly ball to center. The Pompton Lakes centerfielder apparently misjudged the ball and it fell in for a game winning RBI single. Danielle came around to score, touching home plate, then jumping in the arms of a jubilant coach Panzarella, as the rest of the team piled on and celebrated the biggest softball win in 11 years.



The 2000 Group II State Champions pose with their trophy. First row, Coach Laurie Matticola, Shannon Bishop, Coach Don Panzarella, Kerri Howells, Coach Leanne Roudi and Denise DiMeglio; second row, Kim Wilcox, Alison Barrett, Danielle Schweers, Kim Bishop, Christine Strani, Melissa Scotto, Alison Tietjen, Meaghan Schweers and Kelly Ritchey; third row, Laura Watter, Mindy Kavacs and Heather Roth.

Phyllis Savage to Visit Japan As Fulbright Scholar

South Plainfield Middle School Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage has been selected as a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar and will visit Japan Nov. 14 through Dec. 1 with 199 other U.S. participants. Her selection was based on her demonstration of a commitment to share experiences gained in the school and community, academic/professional interest in curriculum development, teaching methodologies and projects and activities related to Japan, personal adaptability and flexibility and sensitivity to group dynamics.

Mrs. Savage has been an educator in the South Plainfield School System since 1979. Her activities and accomplishments include the implementation of the R.A.R.E.: S.P.E.A.C.H. pro-

gram in the middle school and related cultural awareness programs which formed the basis for the school district receiving the Aaron Flanzbawn Award in 1995 and the establishment of the first middle school Human Relations Commission in Middlesex County and one of the few (if not only) in the State of New Jersey in 1999.

The Fulbright Memorial Fund Program was established to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Program, a U.S. government-initiated project created in 1946 to foster mutual under-



Phyllis Savage

standing through exchanges of university students, faculty and teachers.

More than 6,000 Japanese have benefited from the U.S. Fulbright scholarship program. Many Japanese recipients of Fulbright scholarships went on to become leaders in government, business and education and were instrumental in the post-war redevelopment of Japan.

To show the Japanese people's appreciation for the Fulbright Program, the Government of Japan established the Fulbright Memorial Fund and is inviting thousands of American teachers and administrators to Japan over the coming years.

Car Rally, 'Blue Comet' Dedication Saturday

This Saturday may mark the beginning of many special events held in the downtown area if the newly formed Downtown Activities Committee has its way. Streets in the downtown area of South Plainfield will be closed to traffic all day on Saturday.

A car rally, sponsored by the Northwest Jersey Camaro Club and SP Business Association, is planned. At noon, dedication ceremonies will be held for the Blue Comet Railcar and it will be officially opened to the public.

The car rally will include a variety of cars and motorcycles, a DJ, vendors, food and special events for kids. South Plainfield Ave. and a portion of Hamilton Blvd. will be closed to traffic to accommodate cars and pedestrians. Additional parking will be available at the Drug Fair lot, Sacred Heart Church, Sherbans and VFW on Front Street.

Everyone is invited to come down and view the cars and the Blue Comet. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This Weekend in South Plainfield...

Cultural Arts to Host Jam Session Sunday

Sunday, June 18, the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present their 10th Annual Music Festival featuring the *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, it

moves to the Middle School gym. *Harlem Blues & Jazz Band*, whose members range in age between 60 and 90, have played with the Duke, the Count, the Dorsey Brothers and Glen Miller, just to name a few.

Members of the *Blues Hawks* range in age from 10 to 16 years old. These young musicians have played in some of the "hottest" spots in New Jersey.

The event is free and begins at 2

p.m. Bring your lawn chair, a snack, some lemonade and enjoy. For information, contact Gordon Fladger at (908) 561-9557.

Walks 'N Talks Plans Summer Solstice

The Friends of the Woods will be sponsoring a celebration of the Summer Solstice on Saturday, June 17 at 7 p.m.,

featuring "Larry the Magic Storyteller."

Make sure you wear light colored clothing and bring a sit-upon. Only severe weather cancels this event. All programs are free and registration is not required. Those interested should meet at the Sylvania Place entrance.

For more information, call Lisa Roseo at (908) 561-8280.

Fishing Derby Takes Place on Saturday

So. Plfd. Recreation Department and the SPHS S.A.F.T.E. Fishing Club invites kids under the age of 18 to participate in their Annual Fishing Derby.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. to noon at Spring Lake Park. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Bring your own equipment.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000
AGENDA MEETING **PUBLIC MEETING**
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 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
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
Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., June 20 & 27
Committee of the Whole, August 22, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., August 29, 2000

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In My Opinion Letters

Dear Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to commend the administrators and teachers of South Plainfield High School. It's not often enough that the people who work with our children on a daily basis are told what a wonderful job they do. As a parent of a student at SPHS and also as a graduate of SPHS, we have had the most positive experience with academics, sports and after school events.

The teachers at the high school make sure that all children are working to their full potential and that the environment is conducive to the student being able to learn. Disruptive behavior is not tolerated and is always enforced.

I have really been impressed with the fact that I hear from the teachers at the high school on a regular basis, not only with negative reports, but positive ones also.

Mr. Massaro and Mr. May are always available, not only for the students, but also for the rest of the family. Their doors are "always" open and they do everything in their power to help with your child's needs.

There are so many administrators and teachers that serve as positive role models for the youth of South Plainfield.

To the facility and staff of SPHS, your compassion and dedication reflects in everything you do. I commend you!!!

SINCERELY,
LYNNE GASPARI

Dear Editor,

In the last week's *Observer*, a Board of Education member asked residents and parents to contact their representative to obtain more funding from the state of New Jersey. He also mentioned that the city of Newark received more money then asked for. The State took over the Board of Education in Newark and they should do the same in South Plainfield; to correct shortfalls and waste.

What is really just another smoke screen, is the overcrowding issue the board and superintendent proclaimed caused parents to panic and to vote for what they want, rather than what is needed. What over crowding are we talking about? South Plainfield now has 3,366 students and 243 teachers — that gives the teacher student ratio in seven schools, 13.9 students per class. The board and superintendent are also talking shortage of space. They act like we have students lined up in the halls; 13.9 Students

Correction

In the June 9 issue of the *Observer* we printed a birth announcement for Bryan William Rudnick. There was an error in the caption underneath the picture. It should have read: Bryan William Rudnick with older brother Robert, not Richard.
We are sorry for the error.

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per class is over crowding? When I went to school we had 30 plus students in our classes.

According to New Jersey's Department of Education the average state class size is 20.9 students; South Plainfield averages 14 students. The state mobility rate average for students leaving schools and moving is 13.7 percent, in South Plainfield it's 16.7 percent; meaning we have more students leaving then coming into the school system! As for school hours, the state average school day is 6 hours and 42 minutes; in South Plainfield it's only 6 hours and 10 minutes.

The average salary for the administrators is \$86,805, in South Plainfield it's \$95,150. I saved the best one for last! The average teacher's salary in New Jersey with 18 years of experience is \$50,967; in South Plainfield it's \$60,750. Local teachers with 15 years of experience get \$1,000 more in pay then the state average. The average state teacher received a five percent increase; in South Plainfield they received six percent.

The average cost to teach one student in New Jersey is \$4,763; in South Plainfield it's \$4,947! If anyone wants to write a letter, send one

to the governor and ask to have the Board of Education audited.

The talk of needing a new school and more administrative space was absurd! Believe me, we don't have students lined up in the halls. Any overcrowding or poor planning was the fault of the BOE in South Plainfield!

Again, they ruined one school, sold another and now want to build more? I have asked this question many times; What happens to the surplus money that is left over from one year to the next? It was a disgrace to place a new boiler for a school on the ballot. This should have been done sooner if needed.

We went through a winter without seeing students sitting in their coats. For \$390,000, I could have built a boiler or had one shipped to South Plainfield from China! The BOE in South Plainfield is one big smoke screen! I am glad the people who voted NO, had the sense to do so.

The borough has to live on a very tight budget, while the BOE goes out and wastes money and adds to the tax base, which takes away from the town.

TONY PISANIELLO

Teachers Union Still Has Not Voted on Contract

The contract dispute between the SPEA and the South Plainfield Board of Education is old news. The union and the board of education spent most of last year negotiating a new contract before reaching a tentative agreement in February. Since then nothing has happened.

Parents and students seem to have given up hope of seeing an end to the dispute. The teachers' display of solidarity, wearing their South Plainfield green "Stand United" T-shirts, has become standard Friday garb for many of the educators.

At the opposite end, students and parents are seeing red over the green "Stand United" shirts. While many understand the frustration of the teachers, they also say that they

don't understand the lack of teacher participation in the many activities and fundraisers during the past year. One case in point was the lack of teacher participation in the Halloween parties, which at least in one school was run by parents without a teacher in sight. Many other events had little or no participation by teachers. A sign in the teachers' lunch room at the high school proclaims "279 days without a contract."

There might be light at the end of the tunnel. If salary increases for the teachers union are accepted by the board of education, then the final step can be taken. An agreement can be adopted between both the teachers union and the board of education.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

There will be a brief pause while you make sure those Father's Day cards have been mailed... Now that you've done that, here's news from the South Plainfield Library:

Once again, we'll be sticking with our usual children's Storytime schedule. The programs, each for children ages three and over, are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. No pre-registration is required. In other Children's Dept. news, registration for the Summer Reading Club begins on Monday. For more details about this or any of our Children's programs, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

We've had some calls asking about whether we'll be offering a babysitting course again. Here's the latest information: The course, which we're co-sponsoring with the Middlesex County Health Department, will be held across the way in Borough Hall on July 13 and 14 from 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. The course is for young people age 12 and over. There's no charge, but space is limited, so sign up now.

The present group of Circuit CD's will only be available until tomorrow. After that, we'll be between groups. A new group will be ready to circulate early next month. We'll keep you posted.

Nothing in this world lasts forever, it seems; not even bargains. Beginning Monday, July 3, the special price (\$1 per bag) at the ongoing Friends of the Library Book Sale

will be discontinued until further notice. They'll be going back to individual price categories per book. So, if you still want to shop here at a discount, do it now.

We've added another display. On our display wall, we have artwork by local teen Sarah Miele, featuring work in several different mediums. You can see it there throughout the month.

We've added some new features to our Internet terminals. You can now access three new reference databases: *Grolier Media Online*, *Encyclopedia Americana* and the *New Book of Knowledge*. They feature resources like encyclopedia entries, dictionaries and thesauruses. They can be accessed without the need for a bar code and aren't time-limited like the usual web access is. If you need help using them, or have any questions, check with one of our Reference librarians.

Let's try and straighten out a popular misconception. If you want to use our Elvis automated system, or log onto our Internet terminals, you need to use your library bar code number. Also, when you get a check out receipt when borrowing items, you'll see a number on it marked "Patron ID". Be advised: the two numbers are not the same. The Patron ID number is an-house identification for our computer system. Your bar-code number, found on your library card, is different. Getting them confused can lead to problems, particularly when trying to use the Elvis system, so be aware of the difference.

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

Business Assoc., Borough Thank Railcar Volunteers at Picnic



The South Plainfield Business Association, along with the Mayor Dan Gallagher and members of the borough council, hosted a picnic for the many volunteers and businesses who have contributed to the renovation of South Plainfield's recently completed landmark, the Blue Comet Railroad Car Project.

Students and teachers from Middlesex County Vo-Tech have been diligently working on the railroad car, both inside and out. They recently spent hours planting shrubs and flowers in front of the car. Local businesses have made donations

of material and labor in and around the railcar as well.

During the picnic, Certificates of Appreciation from the mayor and council were presented to each student, teacher and business that has

Cuthie, Adam Gerel, Karl Gurrere, Jerry Olivera, Jose Rivera and Brian Mattovetz; 10th graders Robert Rowell, Sarah Milroad, Juan Delorbi and James Sabasti and adult students Hoang Nguyen and Victor Negron; horticulture instructor Cindy VonThun and students Erica Castelhana, Chris Harootunian, Gil Irizzary, Melissa Kelley, Larry Ruziecki, Crandall Sheldon, Junior Velez and Candice Wilson.

Businesspeople recognized were Joe Massa and Stan Martain from Home Depot, Robert Bengivenga Jr. and Dave Butrico. Businesses were EZ Way Trailer, Jesco, Hall's Warehouse, Fyre Technology, Walter Heckel & Son's, KLK Trucking, Crisdel Paving, Sanitation Truck Repari, Pinto Bros. Disposal, Power Solutions, Vail's Hardware, Ralph Clayton & Son's, Von Graff



been involved in the railcar renovation. A large group was on hand to enjoy the barbecue and see the results of their hard work.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to instructor John Ojobe; 12th graders Corey Brown, Lawrence Orders, Chris Chappelle, Mathew Casablanca and Joseph Dancesko; 11th graders Matthew Anthony, Maurice Allen, Joseph

Flowers, Gemini Towing.

The railcar will be officially dedicated at ceremonies on June 17 at 12 noon. The public is invited to attend and to tour the railcar. Walk over the bridge at the end of Hamilton Blvd. near Paul's Stationary, and follow the walkway to the car. Come on down and see South Plainfield's newest tourist attraction.

Brock Named Columbia Branch Mgr.

Columbia Savings Bank has announced that Karolyn Brock has been named a branch manager. A professional banker, Brock will manage the bank's South Plainfield branch office which is located at 620 Oak Tree Ave. and Case Drive.

Brock joined Columbia in 1999, serving as an assistant branch manager at the bank's Linden and Woodbridge branches. Prior to joining Columbia, she served in a variety of banking positions at Chase Bank, Summit Bank and United Jersey Bank. Active in business, civic and community organizations, she resides in Roselle.

With current assets over \$2 billion, Columbia Savings Bank is a New Jersey-based, independent community bank that maintains offices in nine counties statewide.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

John Naberezy, son of Joan and Richard Naberezy, obtained his MBA from Farleigh Dickenson University. He is presently employed by Tiffany & Co. as an accountant.



Brian Naberezy, son of Richard and Joan Naberezy, obtained his Masters Degree in Spatial Engineering from the University of Maine. Brian is enrolled in the Doctorate program at the University of Maine.

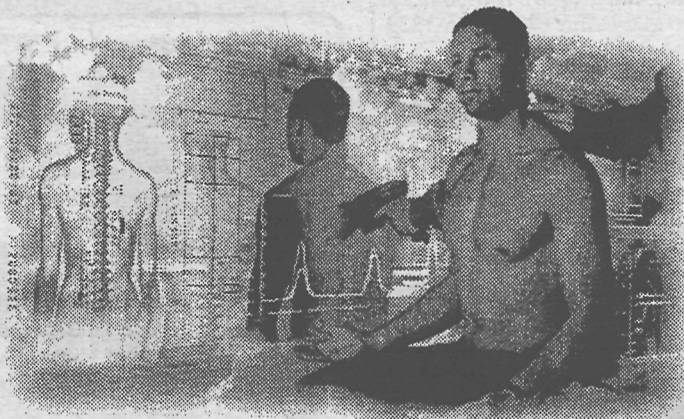


What does the World's Greatest Athlete know about his body that you should know about yours?

Olympic Decathlon Gold Medalist Dan O'Brien knows the condition of his spine and nervous system. He knows that even normal stress can cause misalignments, called subluxations, that can disturb the nervous system.

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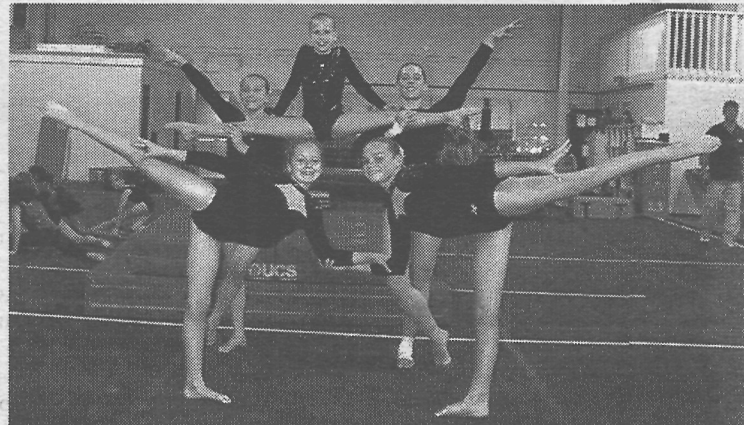
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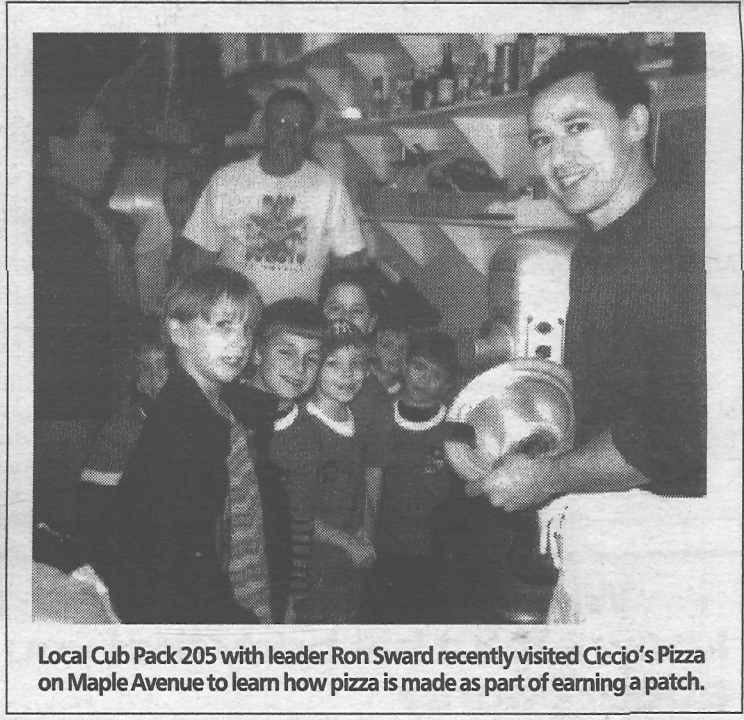


Feigley's First Place Championship Team (above). Gold Medal Winners in Level 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are pictured below.



Feigley's Gymnasts Excel

Feigley's Gymnastics students have once again excelled in both state and national competitions. Feigley's Level Five Team placed first and are the New Jersey State Champions. They are: Amanda Monaghan, Sarah Brooks, Jenna Hamer, Jahni Stasil and Claire MacDonald. Feigley's gymnasts also took gold medals in five of the six levels at the state championships, taking home Gold Medals in Levels 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. That is quite a feat! First place winner were: Jahni Stasil-Level 5, Lindsey Nakonechy-Level 6, Caitlin Miller-Level 7, Marrison VanCleeef-Level 8 and Megan Sattler-Level 9. Megan also placed fifth in nationals, fourth in region VII, fifth in Eastern Nationals, second in vault and third in bars. Catlin Miller was third in state regionals, first on floor, uneven bars and all around. The girls outdid themselves this year and are to be congratulated. In addition, all girls are honor students in their respected schools.



Local Cub Pack 205 with leader Ron Sward recently visited Ciccio's Pizza on Maple Avenue to learn how pizza is made as part of earning a patch.

SPHS Tigers to Host Sixth South Plainfield Open

The South Plainfield Golf Association announces plans to hold the *SOUTH PLAINFIELD OPEN* on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. This is the sixth annual golf outing held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team.

The entry fee of \$75 includes greens fee, cart, prizes, food and beverages. There will be prizes 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.

All proceeds go to support the activities of the High School Golf Team. Registration deadline is July 24. Tee times are assigned on a first come basis.

For more information and tee times contact Lynn Gaspari at 908-668-1867 or Dick DeAndrea at 908-755-1700. This year you can also sign up for a tee time on line or find out about the corporate sponsor programs at www.spga.org.

After Work Social for Single Professionals

An after work social for single professionals will be held on June 23 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at The Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Rd. in Warren. The cost is \$10 at the door and includes refreshments.

For future information, call KISMET at 908-232-8827 or at www.thatskismet.com.

'Basics of Investing' for Singles

"The Basics of Investing: Surviving Market Volatility" will be held on June 24 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Pain Webber, 109 North Ave., in Westfield. There is ample parking. The cost is \$10 at the door and includes presentation and refreshments. Contact KISMET at 908-232-8827 or visit www.thatskismet.com.

Ralph Naccio to be Named Elk of the Year

The Elks Club will be honoring Ralph Naccio as the 'Elk of the Year' at a dinner on Saturday, June 25 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elks Club on New Market Ave.

Michael's Kitchen will be catering the dinner. Anyone interested in attending should call Scott Adams at 756-1785.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Church

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Very Rev. Michael A. McGuire, Pastor



Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Mass 5:45 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.
 Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)
 Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.
 Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday 11 a.m.- 12 noon, 5:15 -5:45 p.m.
 and after 5:45 p.m. Vigil Mass

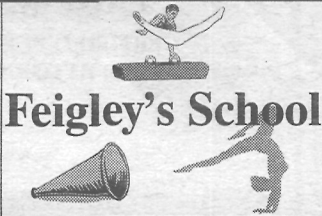
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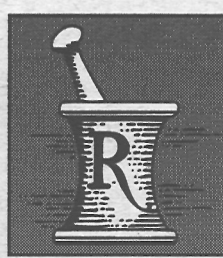
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Girl Scouts Learn Camping Skills

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community recently participated in Camp Skills Day. The event, held at Veteran's Park in South Plainfield, was organized by Troop 819 and sponsored by Cadette and Senior troops and directed at Daisy through Junior level troops. The day's events included making a first-aid kit, packing a back-pack, setting up a tent, learning how to build a fire, cooking in a box oven, learning and singing camp songs, and getting an explanation of the fun activities to be found at Camp Lou Henry Hoover in preparation for the upcoming encampment in September. The weather for this event was ideal and both presenters and participants had a truly wonderful time.



Do You Need a Web Site For Your Business?

By Shelley L. Haley

The first thing that you should consider before moving forward with a web site for your business is to determine what the goal of the site will be. The purpose of your web site is very important to how you will advertise your site, how the content will be delivered and what effects will be placed on your site. When considering why you need a web site, you should determine who your audience is - local, regional, national or international. What is the purpose of your site? Is it to provide information, a service, e-commerce, etc? Decide who your target audience will be. Take into consideration such factors as age groups and other various demographics of your audience. All of this can effect how you design your site. Take time and think about this because the rest of the web development process depends on the how clear your goals are and what priority each of the goals receives. Consider both short- and long-term goals as well. The goal of any web site should be to provide or offer something unique that will keep visitors coming back to your site over your competitors. Here are a few ideas and suggestions to start you on your journey:

Customer Service—The Internet offers many ways to improve your business' customer service. You can provide interactive discussions, additional articles and documentation, surveys and e-mail. By providing

ways for your customers to communicate with you via the Internet, you can assess public reactions, get honest feedback and suggestions about products and encourage customers to let you know what they are looking for.

One word of caution - on the web customer trust is everything and word-of-mouth operates at phenomenal speeds. Make sure that your initial offering is excellent or you could find yourself with a poor reputation which is difficult to overcome.

Education—The key to an excellent web site is information. You can offer more details and print materials than ever before at a lower rate than ever before. If you provide online operating manuals, troubleshooting guides and lists of frequently asked questions, this may reduce your or your staff's time in dealing with customer issues and problems. It can also help to streamline your operation.

E-Commerce and Advertising—The temptation to sell products or services on the Web is compelling. Surveys suggest there are over 90 million adult Internet subscribers in the U.S. and Canada alone. Targeted global market exposure can be had for a comparatively small investment. Product information can be updated as frequently as you like and distributed instantly, often for lower costs than reprinting a catalog or brochure.

There are potential pitfalls, however. Success requires that you provide quick and immediate service with outstanding re-

sponse times. An e-commerce site may also require customized development of software and databases, which can be expensive, as well as require proper security measures for online transactions. Attracting visitors to a website requires planning, skill and sustained effort.

For small businesses, it may be better to provide descriptions, pictures, etc. of various items that you offer without providing the "shopping cart" experience. By making sure that your e-mail, phone number and other contact information is on every page of the site, you can provide an easy way to buy products without having to provide the expensive e-commerce solution.

This is not to say that you should not choose e-commerce. It can be very successful, but you should talk to a computer web design expert before making that choice.

Consult a Professional Web Developer

An element of your goal setting process should be to consult with an experienced web development professional. Before deciding what to place on your web site, you should talk to a professional about what is technologically possible and what design elements work to achieve your specific goals. Formulate some ideas of what you'd like to include on the site so when you meet with someone you will have a good starting point towards building the foundation of your site.

What Next?—In short, time spent on setting goals gives you a firm foundation for a successful site. Once you have your goals set, you should figure out the best elements to place on your web site and begin the preparation of developing a technology and web plan.

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Carousel Hosts Birthday Party

Amanda Tiong chose to have her birthday party at an unusual place - not at a bowling alley, a pizza parlor or any of the unusual gathering places where a birthday party might be held. Amanda celebrated her birthday at Carousel Hair Salon on Oak Tree Ave. She and six of her friends spent Sunday afternoon having their nails and hair done. Carousel's nail specialist Cara Fava painted finger and toe nails with all kinds of decorations, some striped, polka dotted and sparkling. Marty Papa, Carousel owner, styled each girl's hair with fancy braids, swirls and curls. The festivities also included pizza, snacks, drinks and a birthday cake.

Borough Notes

■ A lien has been placed on property located at 127 Kosciusko Ave. in the amount of \$932.65 to correct health violations which have not been corrected by the owner.

■ The council authorized the purchase of a Ford Super E-350 Van by the police department for prisoner transport from Winner Ford of Cherry Hill at a cost not to exceed \$27,853 and the purchase of a prisoner containment module from Havis-Shields Equipment Corp. at a cost not to exceed \$9,182.88. They also authorized the purchase of front and rear lightbars, siren, radio and console for the prisoner transport vehicle at \$2,423. Funds for these purchases are available from the forfeiture account.

■ The council also authorized the purchase of four NT1000 portable radios from Pagecomm at a cost not to exceed \$945 each, for a total of \$3,780. Funds are available from Firearms & Ammo and Protective Equipment Account.



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Congratulations Graduates



Future Stars Preschool

Graduation ceremonies were held Monday night in the high school auditorium for the Future Stars Preschool children. The classes put on a musical program to the delight of both parents and grandparents. Each student then crossed over the bridge to elementary school and received a diploma.

GREEN ROOM

Monday/Wednesday/Friday a.m.
Teachers Sue Butrico and Janet Errico, teacher aide Gail Klamm.

Gina Marie Bartone, Sommer M. Bovell, Quinn Alexander Bolivar, Joachim Cendana, Kendall Lee Christ, Samuel J. Demirjian, Erik Nicholas Eisman, Kristin Elizabeth Forbes, Nicholas John Huber, Sarah Ann Hunterton, Stephanie Marie Kearney, Robert John Kolyvites, Deirdre Macchia, Rebecca Marie Moskal, Kathryn M. Pacheco, Erin Lee Pensing, Kayla Marie Smith, John F. Sottiriou, Shawn Kenneth Stern and Chrystal E. Wedderburn.

GREEN ROOM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday p.m.
(Four Plus Class)

Teacher Sue Butrico, teacher aide Gail Klamm.
Kevin Patrick Belanger, Kinjal P. Dave, Sarah Norton, Aishani Akshay Patel, Joshua James Rochotte, Elizabeth Rubio, Brandon Scott Shaw, Joshua Smith and Kaitlin Rae Whalen.

GREEN ROOM

Tuesday, Thursday a.m.
Teachers Sue Butrico and Janet Errico, teacher aide Patricia Petronko

Joseph M. Affinito, Rachel Marie Billich, Kayla Carigma, Jenna Noelle Clemente, Meghan Anastasia Collins, Cody John Decker, Ryan Mark Guarraci, Jonathan J. Heilman, Meghan Ashley Heim, Jason Phu Lai, Emily Jo Lubach, Colleen Nicole Maricini, George William Nesler, IV, Joseph C. Parillo, Nicole Alexander Pieklo, Alison Ratti, Angelica Grace Smith, Joseph A. Stone, III, Seven P. Vincent.

BLUE ROOM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday a.m.
Teachers Gail Merlo and Patricia Waters, teacher aide Pat Robustelli

Patrick Thomas Boyle, Tyler John Calderone, Jesse Daniel Deffler, Tara Anne Dunn, Catherine Emery, Troy Heilmann, Samantha Hunterton, Erich Thomas Kaiser, Michelle Lynn Lesniak, Nicole Mejia, Owen P. O'Connor, Jeffrey Pellegrino, Joseph Pellegrino, Aaron Michael Pitchie, Brianna Marie Ross, Peter Scala, Anthony Michael Schmidt, Emily Lynn Skula, Kimberly Ann Walsh and Richard Zekas



YELLOW ROOM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday p.m.
Teachers Dorothy Ewing and Mrs. Janet Errico, teacher aide Loretta Hall

Taylor Augusta Aljian, Samantha Nicole Carney, Alex J. Dornick, Briana Marie Gratta, Victoria Rose Maino, Christopher David Markey, Amanda Leigh Montuori, Alexandra Nevill, Ryan Orsini, Kelly Janice Outeiral, Jess Podolin, Thomas Piccardi, Courtney Shea, Joshua Daniel Siepman, Joseph Spinelia, Michelle Leigh Stoecke, Rssell Dylan Teller and Croline F. Vill.

YELLOW ROOM

Tuesday, Thursday, pm.
Teachers Dorothy Ewing and Elyne Foscolo, teacher aides June Ward (Tues.) and Pat Robustelli (Thurs.)

Paige Albanese, Melissa Grace Chesek, Shane Francis Cusick, Michael Del Genio, Miles E. Dick, Jessica Nicole DiCindio, Shenne Edgar H. Dugtong, Joseph Eckert, Sal Anthony Esposito, Zara Harris, Kelsey McCoy, Melissa O'Neal, Frankie Patrick Reilly, Adam Sangiuliano, Daniel Sanko, Natashia Tomala, Jennifer Doan Tran and Joseph Yuill.

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- Aluminum Cans • Tin Cans (Steel & Bimetal) • #1 and #2 Plastic Bottles
- Corrugated Cardboard • Newspaper • Textiles • Used Motor Oil

July - December 2000

Thursday	Friday
7/13, 7/27	7/14, 7/28
8/10, 8/24	8/11, 8/25
9/7, 9/21	9/8, 9/22
10/5, 10/19	10/6, 10/20
11/2, 11/16, 11/30	11/3, 11/17
12/14, 12/28	12/1, 12/15, 12/29

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The Borough's Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue accepts all the above recyclables from residents and businesses (motor oil, paint and batteries from residents only).
Used Paint Drop-off - 3rd Saturday of each month, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Household Batteries - bring to Recycling Center or Public Library
Open Year-Round: Tuesday noon-7 pm, Friday 8 am-3 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm

The Borough's **Yard Waste Site** at the end of Kenneth Avenue is open to Borough residents only for leaves and brush. The Road Department collects leaves at the curb in the fall. (Residents may also bring grass clippings to the drop-off. Grass is not a mandatory recyclable. (We suggest Cut-It-And-Leave-It instead of bagging.)
Open Spring/Summer (March 16 - September 30): Tuesday noon-7 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm,
Open Fall/Winter (October 1 - March 15): Saturday 8 am-3 pm

Holiday Closings (closed on Borough holidays and any Tuesday following a Monday holiday):
7/4, 9/5, 10/10, 11/24, 12/26

Call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 226-7620 for more information.



Adult School

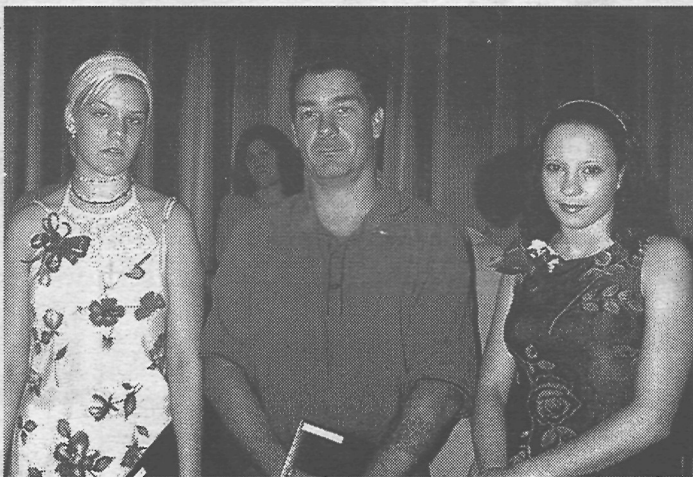
Congratulations Graduates

Last week the South Plainfield Adult school held their graduation ceremonies. Students returned to adult school to learn English as a Second Language or to earn their high school and GED certificates.

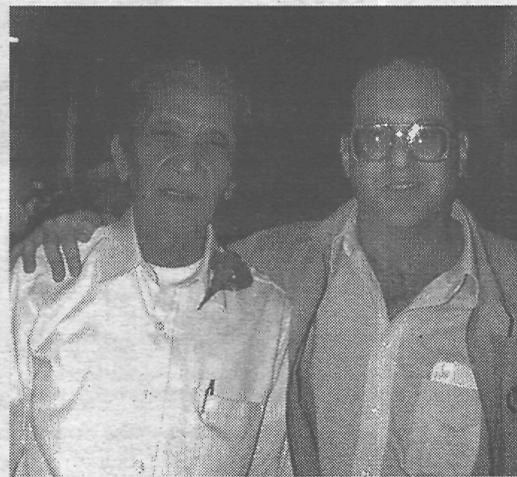
These students are always the happiest graduates we see each year. The same goes for their parents and friends.

Adult School students choose to return to school because they want to earn their high school diplomas and GED certificates or because they want to learn the English language. There are many reasons that people do not graduate from high school, but these students have managed to overcome whatever obstacles they may have had and achieved their goals!

Guests speakers for the evening were SP Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri, Councilman Ray Petronko and Paul Jurmo, board member of New Jersey Association of Lifelong Learning. Three graduating students were also invited to speak. They were Jeffrey Fritze, who is over 40. Jeff talked about his determination to get a high school diploma and how long it took him to finally receive it, quitting and returning many times. Marybeth Demarest and Arcadia Papalski thanked their parents and friends for the support they have received over the years.



Graduate speakers Arcadia Papalski, Jeffrey A. Fritz and Marybeth Demarest.



Jose Quevedo, 85 and ESL teacher Steve Bachrach.

During the ceremonies held for the students of English as a Second Language, one student stood out—85-year-old Jose Quevedo. Jose proved you are never too old to follow your dreams. Teacher Steve Bachrach said Jose was an inspiration to him the entire year.

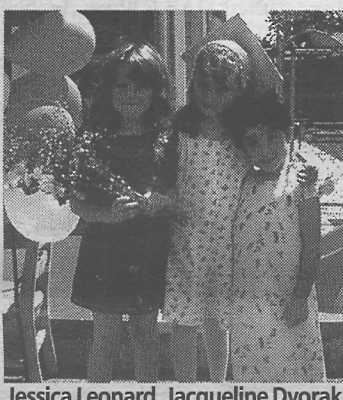
Sophie Domogala, adult school advisor, presented the high school diplomas and GED certificates to William Arnett, Dannie Earl Campbell Jr., Kate Elizabeth DelBeni, Marybeth Demarest, Shaila K. Dewan, Mat-

thew Dressel, Michael Federowicz, Jeffrey A. Fritze, April Gaines, Ana Marie Garcia, Douglas Konke, Diane Lopez, Omar Lopez, Danielle Nicole Massa, Cesar Alberto Mayta, Anthony McBride, Stephanie Mroz, Christian O. Nunez, Arcadia Papalski, Moho Patel, Edward Peters (GED), Tracy Pfaff, Milton Gustavo Pineda, Jason Seredocha, Thonms J. Townsend and Kristen J. Usher.

Creative Kids Academy



Ms. Heather and Kaitlyn McHugh



Jessica Leonard, Jacqueline Dvorak and Jacqueline Stenerson

Creative Kids Academy pre-k class graduated in style last Friday complete with caps, gowns and balloons and flowers.

Graduating from Ms. Lynn, Ms. Debbie and Mr. Kara's pre-k class were Anthony Ashnault, Jenna Bengivenga, Chris Burton, Ashley Dispenzierre, Jacqueline Dvorak, Sara Elshamy, Cassidy Gillis, Madeline Holtz, Jessica Leonard, Kaitlyn McHugh, Madison Miller, Steven Oehler, Paige Schneider, Jacqueline Stenerson and CJ Wallace.

Graduating from Ms. Heathers' pre-k class were Quinn Cochrane, Tommy Kellerman, Tin Trung Nguyen, Emily Pittenger, Tyler Schiavo, Matthew Ward, Matthew Whale and Isabel Zychlinski.



Moms Marge and Alice with daughter Jessica and brother Korchy.

Kids Learn Hands On Through Science Fair

By Patricia Abbott

Kennedy School's third, fourth and fifth grade students, along with science teachers James Miller, Jennifer Szemborski and Kevin McCann, recently presented a science fair at the school.

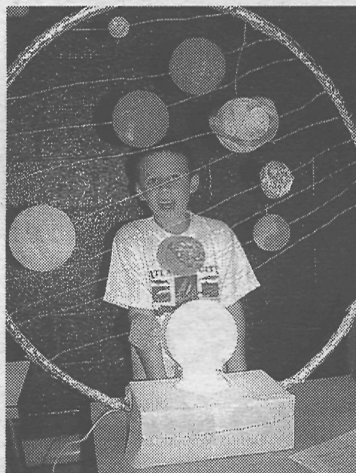
Fifth graders were asked to come up with a new invention or improve on existing items. Most students made posters outlining the details of their creations.

The inventions included Cindy Carlson's "Easy On Sock," a better way to put on socks. Jackie Miller created a "Wheel Ski" to

make pushing a baby carriage easy in snow or ice. Grade four conducted experiments.

The children had three weeks to choose a topic, gather materials, state a purpose or hypothesis, list the steps of the procedure and record their results. Experiments included electricity, magnetism, air pressure and an overwhelming favorite, the volcano.

Third grade students displayed projects that coincided with the topics discussed in their science class. Projects included the water cycle, plants, life cycle of the butterfly and the solar system.



By Cyrus N Moon Weekly Horoscope 6/16-6/22

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 This is a time to: not do anything! Mercury opposite Jupiter transit makes expansion a little tough at this time. Ideas and activities are not calculated to enhance your growth. So be wary of involvement's in get-rich-quick schemes and so called promising opportunities.

CANCER 6/21-7/22 This is the time to understand your feelings of love and affection. Issues that are in the forefront now may include the manner in which you express affection, how you relate to others, and how you handle your desires for comfort. Try to balance your needs with your partners!

LEO 7/23-8/22 You should feel especially good this week, and this is a time you can more easily succeed. If you are planning ahead, choose this week to schedule a family celebration, throw a party, or make a business presentation. How about planning that long overdue vacation.

VIRGO 8/23-9/23 Your mind will be very stimulated this week. You are fascinated by every new phenomenon that you encounter and may be eager for more. Try to make yourself flexible! Because if you can't it can be a little nerve wracking. It may well turn out to be a week of little surprises.

LIBRA 9/24-10/22 You may have strong feelings for the opposite sex this week. Be a little more aggressive about introducing yourself! This can be a wonderful time for you to meet someone on "site on seen" if you do not initiate the conversation, no other way to put it, your loss!

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 This is a week when your feelings and emotions are much more intense, but at the same time it stimulates your sensitivity! If at this time there is a separation in a relationship you can get past the superficial levels of communication that may have been driving you apart.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 This is a good time

to start a project, particularly one that you can work on by yourself, without having to take orders or coordinates other people's actions. A good way to release some high energy you may feel is to do some physical sport that you are comfortable with.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 You may have some very serious thinking to do. You may dwell on your sense of personal isolation, loneliness, difficulties in relationships, and other depressing thoughts. So what you need is a dose of positive thinking. You can correct your problems without being in the depression mode.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Take it easy! You're likely to be in a hurry, or to be feeling more impulsive, risk-taking and even rebellious than usual. SO GO, just watch out you don't precipitate an accident by being in too much of a rush! A tendency toward carelessness can happen! Pay attention to your surroundings.

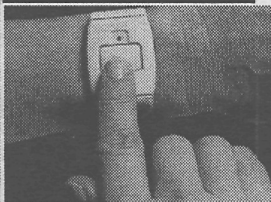
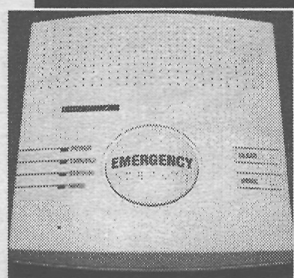
PISCES 2/19-3/20 Intellectual growth is obtainable this week, but also other bonuses, are spiritual and psychological growth also! This is an ideal time to study mysticism and spiritual metaphysics. Any one you meet you will have a strong impression about them may it be positive or not.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Hey, think about what you are going to say because a transit mercury/mars will have you in no uncertain terms telling people what you think about them, minus the tact that you customarily use. While debate can be constructive, angering others could make things worse.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 If you don't have to accomplish anything, there is nothing wrong with this mood. In fact it is a good time to take it easy. But be careful not to overindulge in food and drink; today's good feelings may be tomorrow's headaches. Be careful of a relationship that starts! Let it test some time before making a commitment.

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Sports

Ponytail Softball



All-Star Softball Tournament Begins

The South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association is sponsoring the South Plainfield All-Star Girls Softball Tournament.

The Tournament will be taking place from Wednesday, June 14 through Sunday, June 18 at the Pitt St. Park Softball Complex. Teams from South Plainfield, Iselin, Edison, Woodbridge and Hamilton will be competing in three different age brackets, 14

and under, 12 and under, and 10 and under.

Please come out and support the South Plainfield teams. Listed below is a schedule.

Our softball teams have been extremely successful. In 1999 all three teams finished in first place in their respective leagues (and their combined league record was 33-1).

Besides the excellent entertainment of our girls' softball prowess, there is a snack bar and picnic area for your enjoyment.

A League Results

Flanagans 9-Mr. English 15
Christine Volpe, Eileen Mikarek and Stephanie Stellakis timely hitting led Flanagans in a third playoff defeat.

Sportworld 18-Carpet Bazaar 16
In an exciting second round game. Sportworld won in extra innings on a hit by Jessa Jones. Other hitting stars for Sportworld were Jessica Senz and Nicole Carlson. Carpet Bazaar's hitting attack was led by Ashley Bishop, Danielle Arndt, Nicole Sutherland and Melissa Hansen.

SP Jr. Baseball 11-Year-Old Traveling All Stars Named

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club 11-Year-Old Traveling All Star Team has been announced.

Chosen to play on the 11-year-old all star team are Garrett Lake, Chris Stallone, Mike Stallone, Chris Pollin, Danny McCreesh, Anthony Cassano, Billy Ashnault, Nick Dorey, Joe Terrise, Justine Basilone, Anthony Neimchuk and Kevin Crilley. The team will be managed by John Stallone.

Congratulations and good luck to everyone.

The schedule for the weekend is:

Friday, June 16			
6 p.m.	10's	South Plainfield vs. North Edison	
	12's	South Plainfield vs. North Edison	
Saturday, June 17			
10 a.m.	10's	South Plainfield vs. Iselin	
	12's	Hamilton vs. Iselin	
	14's	Woodbridge vs. Iselin	
12:15 pm	10's	Edison Angels vs. North Edison	
	12's	South Plainfield vs. Hamilton	
	14's	South Plainfield vs. North Edison	
2:30 pm	10's	South Plainfield vs. Edison Angels	
	12's	North Edison vs. Iselin	
	14's	North Edison vs. Iselin	
4:45 pm	10's	North Edison vs. Iselin	
	12's	North Edison vs. Hamilton	
	14's	South Plainfield vs. Woodbridge	
Sunday, June 18			
10:00 am		First playoff game for each age bracket.	
12:30 pm		Second playoff game for each age bracket.	
3:00 pm		CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	
		for each age bracket.	



DARE Graduates Enjoy Pool Picnic

Fifth grade DARE graduates were treated to a day of sun and fun at the annual picnic held at the Community Pool, sponsored by DARE and SPASA. DARE officers Alan Lamonda and Joe Papa were kept busy from the start. In addition to use of the pool and all facilities, the day included lunch, ice cream and cold drinks. Each child was given a ticket for a chance to win one of many prizes including frisbees, mini calculators, tote bags, balls and one of three stuffed DARE lions. As they



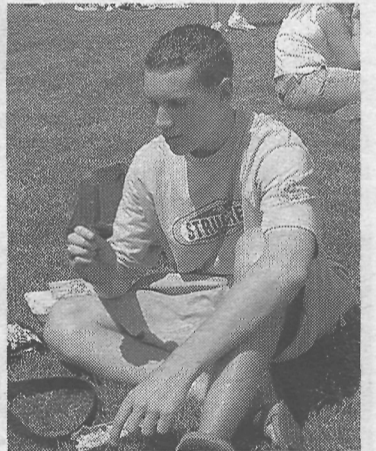
left the pool each child received a DARE water bottle.

Photos by Patricia Abbott



"Gold Card" High School Students Earn Rewards

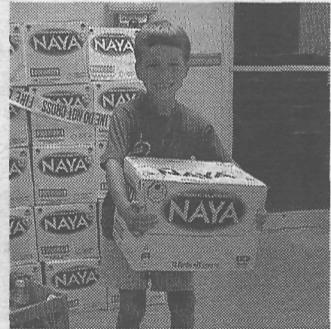
High school students who achieved the status of obtaining a "Gold Card" were treated to a picnic last week. Students earn their "Gold Card" status by recording good grades, low absenteeism and staying out of trouble in school. More than 300 students attended this annual event held on the field outside the gym doors. The annual "Gold Card" picnic is sponsored in part by Vision 2001. Marriott provided the a wide array of standard picnic fare that included hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob and more.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1542 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #801 ENTITLED, "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1978"** adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 16, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1542

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #801 ENTITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1978"

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, 1978, be further amended as follows:

Article III, Schedule of General Requirements, is amended to add the following:

ZONE	MINIMUM AREA SQUARE FEET	MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS WIDTH	MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS PRINCIPAL BUILDING				ACCESSORY		PERCENT MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT FEET
			FRONT	REAR	EACH SIDE	REAR SIDE	REAR	SIDE		
HDD	5,000	50	100	15	20	10	10	8	80	35
RH	87,120	250	250	50	50	50	20	20	30	4 stories, or 50 feet

Article IV, Establishments of Zones and Zoning Map, is amended to include the following revisions:

401. List of Zones

- HDD Historic Downtown District (to be added)
- RH Regional Hospitality (to be added)
- MF-1 Multi-family Residential (to be removed)
- MUD-2 Mixed Use and Development (to be removed)
- PRD-2 Planned Residential Development (to be removed)

402. Zoning Map. Aforesaid zones are hereby established by the designations, locations, and boundaries thereof set forth and indicated on the Zoning Map dated February 14, 2000 as amended. Said map shall be known as the "Zoning Map" of the Borough of South Plainfield and is hereby decreed to be part of this ordinance.

Article VII shall be amended to add the following paragraphs:

720. The Historic Downtown District (HDD)

A. Purposes of Zone. The HDD Zone is established for the following purposes:

1. Encourage commercial activity to the mutual advantage of both customers and merchants and thereby promote public convenience and prosperity.
2. Promote the creation of a pedestrian oriented commercial environment which encourages maximum pedestrian activity.
3. Encourage the maximization of off-street parking facilities to service the commercial activity.
4. Promote aesthetically harmonious development throughout the HDD Zone.
5. Encourage and promote mixed use structures.

720.1 Permitted Uses

A. The retail sale of goods, such as:

1. Grocery stores
2. Drug stores
3. Dry goods stores
4. Meat and Poultry stores, not to include slaughtering
5. Baked goods stores
6. Packaged liquor stores
7. Flower shops
8. Confectionery stores
9. Households supply stores
10. Stationary supply stores
11. Haberdashery, dress goods and notions
12. Hardware, plumbing supplies and electrical appliances
13. Computer hardware/software stores

The use and occupancy of a building for the sale of goods which would be permitted herein if at retail shall not be prohibited by virtue of the fact that part of its sales may be at wholesale to retailers, provided that the exterior of the building is in harmony with the general business character of the area and provided, further, that adequate off-street parking and loading spaces are provided.

B. The provision of retail and business services, such as:

1. Barber and beauty shops
2. Dry cleaning and tailor shops
3. Shoe repair shops
4. Business and Professional offices including banks
5. Restaurants and taverns
6. Radio and electrical repairing

C. Parks

D. Movies or legitimate theaters

E. Government and public buildings

F. Recreational and Fitness Facilities

G. Apartments provided that the apartment is located on the second floor, and further provided that the entrance for the residential use is separate from that of the non-residential use.

720.2 Permitted Accessory Uses

A. Off-street parking spaces

B. Off-street loading spaces

720.3 Off-street parking and loading

Notwithstanding the off-street parking and loading requirements specified in Article 6 of this Ordinance, the following parking standards shall apply within the HDD Zone. If no parking and loading standard is provided for a use within this Section, the standard in Article 6 shall apply:

1. For residential uses, two off-street parking spaces for every dwelling unit shall be created at an on-site location.
2. For permitted business and service establishments: one (1) parking space for each three hundred (300) square feet of gross floor area of the establishment shall be created at an on-site or off-site location.
3. Restaurants: one (1) off-street parking space per each three (3) seats, plus one (1) space per employee on the maximum shift.
4. Banks: one (1) space for each one hundred (250) square feet of gross floor area shall be created at an on-site or off-site location.
5. Off-street parking may be addressed off-site via a permanent recorded agreement with the Borough or another business within the HDD zone that has excess parking on-site, subject to a finding by the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment that sufficient off-street parking exists at the off-site location.
6. The off-street parking requirement may be reduced by one (1) for each on-street parking space immediately adjacent to the building housing one or more use.

720.4 Additional Requirements

A. Where a non-residential use is contiguous to a residential use or residential zone line, there shall be a landscaped buffer strip along the perimeter of the property where it is continuous to the residential use or zone residential zone. Such buffer strip shall be at least five (5) feet in depth measured from the residential property line. The five (5) foot width of the buffer strip shall be used as a planting strip on which shall be placed a 6 foot high, 100% solid fence and plant material (trees, shrubs, plants) a minimum of six (6) feet in height at time of planting. At least fifty (50) percent of all planted materials shall be of evergreen species.

B. The Municipal Agency, when analyzing HDD development applications, shall require the applicant to make a reasonable effort to provide harmonious architectural interrelationship of the front facade and signage of the applicant's

site, consonant with the front facade and signage of the existing structures on either side of the application site. This shall be demonstrated by architectural renderings, comparative photographs, etc.

720.5 Signs for Commercial Purposes

Notwithstanding the signage requirements specified in Article VIII of this Ordinance, the following sign standards shall apply within the HDD Zone.

A. One (1) facade or wall sign for each side of the building having frontage on a public street which is affixed to an exterior wall of the building and which projects outward from the wall to which it is attached not more than six (6) inches and which does not extend above the parapet, eave or building facade. The maximum permitted facade sign height shall be 15 feet above the front sidewalk elevation. The area of one (1) side of a facade sign shall not exceed an area equal to 10 percent of the ground story building facade area, or 24 square feet, whichever is less. The height of the lettering, numbers or graphics shall not exceed 12 inches. Wall mounted signs shall be permitted to uses occupying buildings facing on public streets only and shall not be allocable to other uses.

B. Barber Poles located at barber shops. Traditional barber poles which revolve are permitted.

C. One (1) wall sign shall be permitted on any side or rear entrance not facing or adjoining a residential use or zone. Such wall sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet and may be internally lit up to 10:00 PM, but such lighting may not be a flashing or multicolored light.

D. Projected signs, including graphic or icon signs for ground floor uses only, if mounted perpendicular to the building wall, and provided the following standards are met:

1. The signboard shall not exceed an area of six (6) square feet.
2. The distance from the ground to the lower edge of the signboard shall be 10 feet or greater.
3. The height of the top edge of the signboard shall not exceed the height of the wall from which the sign projects, if attached to a single story building, or the height of the sill or bottom of any second story window, if attached to a multi-story building.
4. The distance from the building wall to the signboard shall not exceed six (6) inches.
5. The width of the signboard shall not exceed three (3) feet.
6. The height of the lettering, numbers or graphics shall not exceed 12 inches.
7. Limited to one (1) sign per business. Projected signs are not permitted in conjunction with wall-mounted signs.

E. Painted, silkscreened, illuminated or neon window or door signs, provided the following standards are met:

1. The sign shall not exceed 10 percent of the window or door area or six (6) square feet, whichever, is less.
2. The sign shall be silkscreened, hand painted on or, if illuminated or neon, affixed to the interior of the window or door.
3. Limited to one (1) sign per business, painted, silk screened on or affixed to either the window or the door, but not both.
4. May be in addition to only one (1) of the following: a wall-mounted sign, a projecting sign or a valance awning sign. If used in lieu of a wall mounted sign, a projecting sign or a valance awning sign, the painted, silkscreened, illuminated or neon window or door sign shall not exceed 10 percent of the window or door area, or 24 square feet, whichever is less.

F. Awning Signs for around floor uses only, provided the following standards are met:

1. If acting as the main business sign, it shall not exceed 10 square feet in area and the height of the lettering, numbers or graphics shall not exceed eight (8) inches in height.
2. If acting as an auxiliary business sign, it shall be located on the valance only, shall not exceed four (4) feet in area, and the height of the lettering numbers, or graphics shall not exceed four (4) inches.
3. If acting as the main business sign, it shall not be in addition to a wall mounted sign.

G. Structures with upper story businesses shall be permitted one (1) wall mounted directory sign located next to the entrance, with each tenant limited to one (1) square foot in area, and a total area not exceeding six (6) square feet. Further, if only one (1) business is located on the upper stories of a building and there exists no entrance to that business on the front of the building, that business shall be permitted one (1) sign that, except for height and area, conforms with the provisions of paragraphs A or F above. The height of any such sign shall not extend above the building. The area of any such sign shall not exceed an area equal to five (5) percent of the upper story building facade area or 16 square feet, whichever is less.

H. In addition to other permitted signage, restaurants shall also be permitted the following, limited to one (1) sign per business:

1. A wall mounted display featuring the actual menu as used at the dining table, to be contained within a shallow wood or metal case, and clearly visible through a glass front. The display case shall be attached to the building wall, next to the main entrance, at a height of approximately five (5) feet, shall not exceed a total area of two (2) square feet, and may be lighted; or
2. A sandwich board sign, as follows:
 - a. The area of the signboard, single sided, shall not exceed five square feet.
 - b. The signboard shall be constructed of wood, chalkboard and/or finished metal.
 - c. The sign shall be located within four (4) feet of the main entrance to the business and its location shall not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular circulation.
 - d. The information displayed shall be limited to daily specials and hours of operation.
 - e. The sign shall be removed at the end of the restaurant's business day.

720.6 Parking Lot Landscaping, Buffering and Screening

In the HDD District, site plans shall balance the functional requirements of parking with the provision of pedestrian amenities. Transition areas between parking and commercial or residential uses shall be designed with textured paving, landscaping and street furniture.

A. Parking lot layout, landscaping, buffering and screening shall prevent direct views of parked vehicles from public view, avoid spill-over light, glare, noise, or exhaust fumes onto adjacent properties, in particular residential properties, and provide the parking area with a reasonable measure of shade, when trees reach maturity. In order to achieve these objectives, parking lots exposed to view shall be surrounded, at a minimum, by a four (4) foot high year-round visually impervious screen or, if adjacent to a residential use, at a minimum by a six (6) foot high visually impervious screen. The height of any required screen shall decrease where driveways approach sidewalks or walkways, in order to provide adequate visibility of pedestrians from motor vehicles, and shall not interfere with sight triangle requirements.

B. The interior of all parking lots shall be landscaped to provide shade and visual relief. This is best achieved by protected planting islands or peninsulas within the perimeter of the parking lot. The Zoning or Planning Board may waive this requirement in parking lots with less than ten (10) spaces if it determines that there is adequate perimeter landscaping. If the perimeter landscaping is found to be inadequate, and in parking lots with eleven (11) or more spaces, a minimum of one (1) deciduous shade tree shall be planted for every ten (10) parking spaces. Choice of plant materials, buffer width, type of screening, location and frequency of tree planting shall be flexible, provided these objectives are substantially satisfied.

C. Parking lot layout shall take pedestrian circulation into consideration. Pedestrian crosswalks shall be provided, where necessary or appropriate, and the cross walks shall be integrated into the wider network of pedestrian walkways. Parking lot lines shall be painted white; fire lanes and handicap stalls shall be painted yellow. Pavement textures shall be required on pedestrian accessways, and strongly encouraged elsewhere in the parking lot, as surfacing materials, or when used as accents.

720.7 Loading and Service Areas

A. Loading docks, solid waste facilities, recycling facilities and other service areas shall be placed to the rear or side of buildings, in less visually obtrusive locations.

B. Screening and landscaping shall prevent direct views of the loading areas and their driveways from adjacent properties and from the public view. Screening and landscaping shall also prevent spill-over light glare, noise or exhaust fumes. Screening and buffering shall be achieved through walls, fences and landscaping shall be a minimum of six (6) feet high, and shall be visually impervious. Recesses in the building, or depressed access ramps can also be used.

720.8 Pedestrian Circulation, Sidewalks and Walkways

A. Walkway design shall promote pedestrian activity within each site and throughout the district. Walkways shall be separate and distinct from motor vehicle cartways to the greatest extent possible. Walkways should be designed to provide a pleasant route for users, promote enjoyment of the site and encourage incidental social interaction among pedestrians.

B. Walkways shall be constructed of brick, slate, colored/textured concrete pavers or slabs, or some combination thereof that is compatible with the style, materials, colors and details of the surrounding buildings as well as with the public sidewalks. The functional, visual and tactile properties of the paving materials shall be appropriate to the proposed functions of pedestrian circulation. Walkways shall be raised and curbed along buildings and within parking lots, where suitable.

C. Barrier-free walkway systems shall be provided to allow pedestrian access to buildings or uses from parking lots and public sidewalks.

720.9 Walls and Fences

A. Walls and fences shall be designed to create visual interest, to define space, to differentiate public, semi-public and private space, to provide a sense of enclosure, and to guide pedestrian circulation, as well as for their ornamental functions.

B. Walls and fences shall be made of durable materials, and shall be compatible in style, materials and color with the surrounding buildings. Brick walls with a stone or cast stone cap are encouraged. Wood walls and fences, decorative metal or cast iron fences, masonry or stucco walls and stone piers are permitted. Board on board type wooden fences, with reinforced corners and entrance poles, are permitted in rear and side yards only. Chain link, split rail, highway-style guard rail, stockade or contemporary security fencing such as barbed wire or razor wire are prohibited.

C. Walls and fences shall not interfere with sight triangle requirements.

720.10 Shade Trees

A. Shade trees shall be provided along each side of all streets, public, or private, existing or proposed. Shade trees shall also be massed at critical points, such as at focal points along a curve in the roadway. On streets where healthy and mature shade trees currently exist, the requirements for new trees may be waived or modified.

B. Shade trees shall have a minimum caliper of three (3") to three and one-half (3½") inches at time of planting, and maximum spacing of thirty (30') feet on center, with exact spacing to be evaluated on a site-specific basis. Trees shall be planted, wrapped and staked in accordance with well accepted standards. The trees shall be protected with four foot square metal grates or other approved devices.

C. The adopted shade tree species are Acer Rubrum "Red Maple", Acer Saccharum "Sugar Maple", Fraxinus Americana "American Ash", Tilia Cordata "Little Leaf Linden", Zelkova Serrata "Village Green" and "Green Vase", Gleditsia Triacanthos Inermis "Honey Locust" and Pyrus Calleryana "Callery Pear". As mature specimens, these trees will form a canopy over streets or walkways, reinforcing the pedestrian space and sense of enclosure.

720.11 Street and Site Lighting

A. Sites shall provide adequate lighting, while minimizing adverse impacts, such as glare and overhead sky glow, on adjacent properties and the public right-of-way. House side shields shall be provided where abutting a residential use.

B. Pedestrian scale decorative lamp posts shall be located at regular intervals along sidewalks, parking areas, driveways and interior walkways. Posts shall be spaced at no more than eighty (80') feet on center—exact heights, spacing, wattage, etc., will be determined, based on the photometric performance of alternative combinations, and in order to provide an efficient and safe illumination.

C. Decorative lamp posts shall conform with the decorative lighting within the HDD Zone and shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment.

720.12 Street Furniture

A. Elements of street furniture, such as benches, waste containers, planters, phone booths, bus shelters, bicycle racks and bollards should be carefully selected to ensure compatibility with the character of the area and with each other. Consistency in the location of the various elements of street furniture is critical, for maximum effect and functional usage.

B. Utilitarian elements such as utility boxes should be discrete, blended into the background and screened, where possible.

720.13 Outdoor Cafes

A. Outdoor cafes shall be permitted only in conjunction with a restaurant on sidewalks, plazas and courtyards, provided pedestrian circulation or access to store entrances is not impaired.

B. Sidewalk cafes shall maintain a minimum of four (4) feet of sidewalk width to allow for pedestrian circulation.

C. Planters, posts with ropes or other removable enclosures are encouraged and shall be used as a way of defining the area occupied by the cafe.

D. Extended awnings, colorful canopies or large umbrellas are also recommended as a way of creating a festive environment for the area.

E. Outdoor establishments shall not be entitled to additional signage.

F. The operators of outdoor cafes shall be responsible for maintaining a tidy appearance within the area of their activities.

720.14 Sidewalk Displays

A. Sidewalk displays are permitted directly in front of an establishment, provided at least four (4) feet of sidewalk width is maintained at the storefront entrance to promote pedestrian movement. Display cases shall be located against the building wall and the display area may not exceed fifty (50%) of storefront length.

B. Display cases shall be permitted only during normal business hours, and shall be removed at the end of the business day for that establishment.

720.15 Architectural Design Standards and Guidelines

A. New buildings shall generally relate in scale and features to other area buildings, showing respect for local context. As a general rule, new construction shall reflect a continuity of treatment obtained by following cornice lines, in buildings of the same height; by maintaining base courses; by extending horizontal lines of fenestration; and by echoing architectural materials, details, colors or design themes found in surrounding buildings.

B. A diversity of architectural styles adds interest to a streetscape or neighborhood. No particular architectural styles are preferred, and both contemporary contributions and reinterpretations of older architectural styles with a contemporary flavor are encouraged. However, a diversity of appearance in facades shall be counterbalanced with continuity in massing, wall line and horizontal elements.

C. Architectural styles shall be consistent for each building—stylistic combinations are discouraged, and all architectural elements and exterior details shall be appropriately chosen for the particular style of the building.

721. Regional Hospitality District (RH)

A. Purposes of Zone. The RH, Regional Hospitality District is established for the following purposes:

1. Recognize and serve the needs of the traveling public and the large corporate base within the Borough and Region.
2. Recognize and establish standards for the existing hotel and convention facilities within the Borough.

721.1 Permitted Uses

- A. All uses permitted in the OBC-3 Regional Business Zone.
- B. Hotels, including extended stay hotels and convention centers.
- C. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above uses.

721.2 Lot and Yard Requirements

A. See Schedule.

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NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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26th day of June, 2000 at 10:30 am In the Court Room at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ

expose for sale the several parcels of land hereinafter specified to make the amount chargeable against said lands respectively together with interest on that amount to the date of sale and including costs of sale.

The said lands will be struck off and sold to such person as will purchase the same

subject redemption at the lowest rate of, but in no case in excess of eighteen (18) per cent per annum. The payment for the sale shall be made in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 237, PL. 1918 and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23-23.11 et seq.), The Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial State Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1k-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

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- A Ten Eyck St. resident called police after finding a man lying on his lawn. Police found the man, an Evergreen Lane resident, asleep, covered with vomit and a heavy order of alcohol. He had no shoes. The rescue squad was dispatched to the scene. The suspect awoke soon after police arrived and stated he had no idea how he got there. A car was found nearby with the door open and one sneaker on the floor of passenger side. He identified his sneaker and said the car belonged to a friend. He said the friend had driven him back from a party. A burnt marijuana cigarette was found on the front console of the car. When the suspect was asked to empty his pockets, he said he didn't have anything else on him. He then pulled a bag of marijuana from a front pocket, expressed surprise and stated he didn't think he had had any left. He was arrested for possession and released on summons.
- A Maltby Ave. resident reported the theft of a 25 ft. aluminum ladder from her yard. The resident stated that she had loaned the ladder to a handyman in the neighborhood on two previous occasions. This time the ladder was taken without permission and a letter was left stating he would return the ladder in a few minutes. The ladder was never returned. The victim had also loaned the suspect \$15 which was not repaid. The suspect's mother was contacted but could provide little information. A records check on the suspect was negative.
- An Atlantic St. resident reported the theft of her son's bike from the ga-

rage. The grey/gold bike is valued at \$1299. The bike was registered. The resident stated that her ex-boyfriend could have been responsible as he had had a key at one time. A check with the ex-boyfriend resulted in his claiming no involvement with the theft and that he had returned the key. A check of his garage proved negative.

- A Desepio Ave. resident reported that someone had damaged his vehicle while it was parked in his driveway. Scratches were found on the rear passenger door, rear and rear fender.

- A Maple Ave. resident was arrested for shoplifting at Drug Fair. An employee apprehended the suspect with \$43.61 of cosmetics and candles.

- A Bergen St. resident reported harassment over an ongoing issue. The suspect, an Elsie Ave. resident, approached the victim at the OLC fair and threatened to kill him. The victim's wife and an E. Crescent Ave. resident witnessed the incident. The victim signed complaints against the suspect.

- A Park Ave. resident was the victim of theft by deception. The suspect, Alan Kennedy, of Al's Construction, Mountainside, approached the victim and offered to do home repairs for \$1,200. The victim gave the suspect \$600 for materials. The check was cashed and the suspect never returned with materials or began the work. The suspect was contacted and said he was not going to do the work or return the money and the victim could sue him.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTH PLAINFIELD
BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied to the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield for Preliminary and final major Subdivision of premises as described below, and any additional variances or relief deemed necessary by the Board.

The property in question is located at:
Block: 368 Lot(s): 2, 3, 4, 7, and 6.01
Street Address: Kenneth Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

A hearing will be held on this application by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield, at the Council Chambers, South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, on Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. All interested parties will be heard for the purposes of stating objections, protests or arguments against or in favor of the application.

The file, plans and maps relating to this application may be inspected in the Zoning office of the South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey during regular business hours between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
Dated: June 16, 2000

Applicant's Name: Ameriland, Inc.
Case No: 99-14
John L Sullivan Jr., Attorney for Applicant
1273 Bound Brook Road, Suite 12A
Middlesex, New Jersey 08846

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

An appeal has been filed by Joseph J. and Susan Dezmin requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the installation of an 18' x 24', (52" high), above ground pool. Proposed pool lacks the required 30' front setback from Beverly Road, 5' being proposed; and any other such variances that may be needed, said property being located on Block 239 Lot 8 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, July 18, 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 am and 5:00 pm.

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Obituaries

George Helbo, 74

George Helbo died on Wednesday, June 7, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in South Plainfield, Mr. Helbo was a life long resident of the borough.

He is pre-deceased by his brother, John Helbo, who died in 1998.

Surviving are four sisters, Mary Kavanaugh of Forked River, Ann Jackson of Jamesburg, Pauline Rades of Paterson and Margaret Klein of Canada and a brother Charles Helbo of North Plainfield.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

summer home in Seaside Heights.

She was born and raised in Jersey City and was a former resident of North Bergen before moving to South Plainfield seventeen years ago.

Mrs. Doloszycki was a seamstress for Star Coat Company in Hoboken for 20 years before retiring in 1983. She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

She was a member of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Plainfield and a former member of the Rosary Society at Our Lady of Libra in West New York

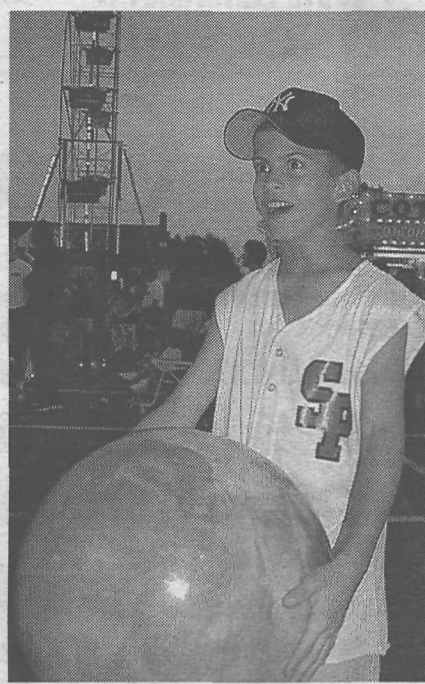
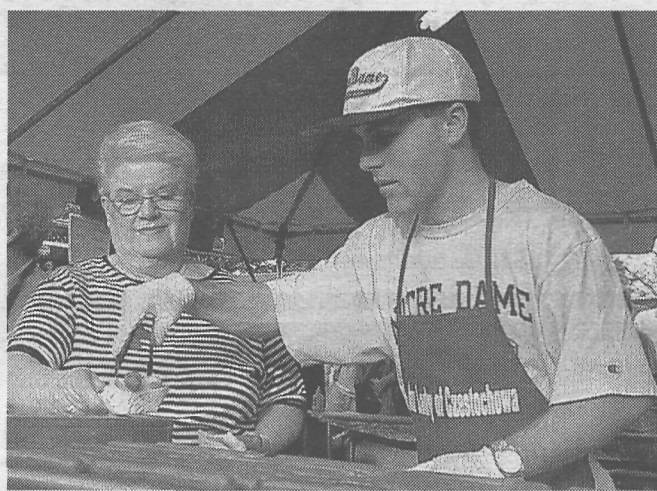
She was predeceased by her husband, John Doloszycki, who died in 1978.

She is survived by her daughter, Marianne D'Addario of South Plainfield and her grandson, Joseph D'Addario, two brothers George Castagno of South Plainfield and Anthony Castagno of Kearny and a sister, Carmella Setola of Hilton Head, SC.

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

Consuela (Castagno) Doloszycki, 73

Consuela (Castagno) Doloszycki of South Plainfield died on Monday, June 12 at her daughter's



SCENES FROM THE FAIR

Our Lady of Czestochowa celebrated its annual Feast of St. Anthony Fair last week. Festivities included rides, games and homemade foods.

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by Robert Hunter

CONFRONTING A STARK REALITY

Confronting the death of a friend is occasion for much grief and soul searching. As Antoine de Saint-Exupery lamented: "On the day of a burial there is no perspective - for space itself is annihilated. Your dead friend is still a fragmentary being. The day you bury him is a day of chores and crowds, of hands false or true to be shaken, of the immediate cares of mourning. The dead friend will not really die until tomorrow, when silence is round you again. Then he will show himself complete, as he was to tear himself away, as he was, from the substantial you. Only then will you cry out because of him who is leaving and whom you cannot detain."

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- George Santayana

Recycling Comm. Seeks Help at Yard Waste Site

The Recycling Commission is seeking a part-time groundskeeper at the borough's yard waste site through the end of Sept. Duties include general site maintenance, assisting residents unloading materials from cars and checking IDs to ensure that only residents use the site. The commission is looking for someone who is both physically fit and able to deal well with the public. Exp. operating a front-end loader a plus. Call the Recycling Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

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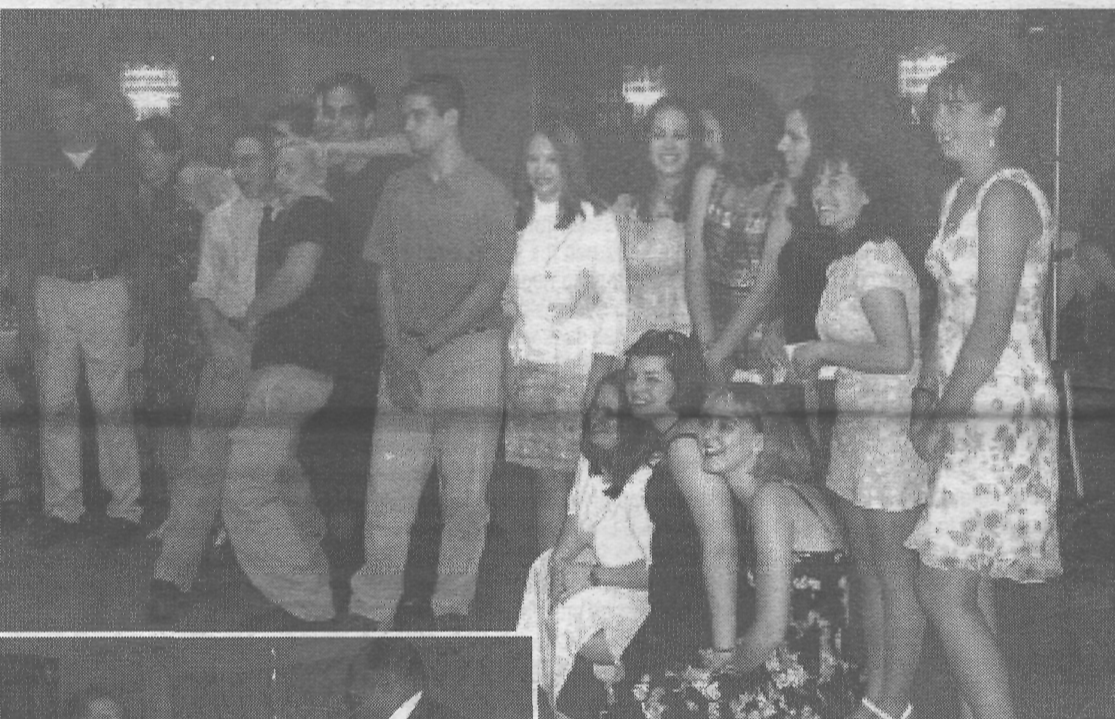
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