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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

AGENDA MEETING **PUBLIC MEETING**
Tuesday, September 4 Thursday, September 6
Monday, September 17 Thursday, September 20

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27,
Dec. 11, Dec. 25 (no meeting).

zoning board of adjustment

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

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

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

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Monday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
September 18, October 8, November 12, December 10

environmental commission

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

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Tue. Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg., Tue. Sept. 18, Oct. 23 Nov. 20 Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

business advisory group

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor,

A week late, but we just wanted to extend our thanks to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department for the wonderful event they held. When the various trucks pulled up in front of our back gate on Saturday morning, we were a bit apprehensive as to what the days events would bring. But true to their word, the firemen left the street in better condition than it was before they got there! They are a very important part of our community, and deserve all of our support. They certainly have ours!

**THANK YOU,
THE REUTER FAMILY**

To the Editor,

I just read Friday, Aug. 24th's edition of the *Observer*. Let me first say that my family has always thoroughly enjoyed the pool and other activities the recreation dept. has to offer. But I have to agree with some other residents in our town.

I was also very displeased (to say the least) that the pool closed early to accommodate a private Rutgers' party on Aug. 16.

My family and I only get to the pool sometimes one or two times a week. So subsequently, I did not see the notice they put up until the day of the private party. And might I add that it was a VERY SMALL notice. They should have posted it sooner and a lot larger or at least gave notice in the observer or other local paper.

The worst of it was, that I showed up with three relatives from out of town at about 1:40 p.m. and was told that we would have to leave at 3 p.m. I asked if I could then at least have a raincheck for the guest passes. They said NO. So I proceeded to talk to the manager (a woman I'm not familiar seeing there) and she said NO (and mind you, not pleasantly).

I was very embarrassed by the whole thing. But, my guests decided to stay for the one hour and 15 minutes left before the party started. I can't blame them; they had already driven 10 miles with their granddaughter and everyone was quite warm. They really were disappointed.

Normally, I'm not a complainer and I've really had no complaints about the pool in the past. But recently I've noticed the grass could be cut more and the weeds are taking over. Also, the snack stand is constantly running out of things too.

As a resident and the amount we pay to be a member of the pool, I don't think we should have been asked to leave early.

I think the whole thing could have

Send us Your Letters/Opinions

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

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In My Opinion

been handled better. I can see now why membership is down and why more people are getting their own pools.

Like I said before, we enjoy the pool very much, but were disappointed about this whole turn of events.

And thanks *Observer* for letting residents have a place to vent their feelings.

SHARON MITCHELL

Dear Editor,

Recently, as many of you are aware, our father pled guilty to a federal crime. While most of the community, including our family, was understandably astounded and saddened by his conduct, we cannot let this truly aberrational behavior detract from his true character.

Our father has been a vital part of our lives. He has assisted us as much as he can and he has devoted all of his time and energy to ensure that we are happy and successful. We each have the deepest and utmost respect and love for him. We must not let his conduct overshadow the man that he has and will always continue to be — someone who is truly concerned for the well-being of both his own children and the children of our community.

Our father is a lifelong resident of South Plainfield who graduated from South Plainfield High School. Throughout his life, he has devoted countless hours to the community. His many accomplishments include over thirty-one years participation in the wrestling program that he created, fifteen years in Pop Warner, fifteen years as a Recreation Commissioner, and ten years in Ponytail Softball. During his time with these organizations, he coordinated the building of the current Pop Warner football fields, helped coordinate the construction of the soccer fields, campaigned for the Borough's purchase of the community pool, led the construction of the new wrestling building, and he most recently participated in getting the new Senior Center under construction. He is also a member of many refereeing agencies and he volunteers as a referee for soccer, softball, and baseball. He had been President of the Recreation Commission for almost 10 years, but sadly, he was currently removed from this position, pending an appeal.

Our father initially began participating in the town's programs at the age of 16. He continued to participate throughout all of our sporting endeavors by coaching us in softball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, and baseball. As evident by the age at which he began volunteering his time, his participation has not been limited to the activities that we pursue.

Currently, all of us are above the age of which participation is permissible,

and he continues to devote his time to the activities of the town. He continued to do so in each organization that he volunteered his time with.

Despite all of his work for South Plainfield, our father has also naturally made mistakes in life. While the degree of his most recent error in judgment may have been more severe than those commonly made, he is fully cognizant of the wrongfulness of his acts. He has admitted his guilt, accepted responsibility for his actions, and he knows that what he did was wrong. Many people in the community have contacted us concerning how they may help our father. We ask that anyone, both adults and children, who do wish to assist and support him, write letters to the court on his behalf by mid-September. We would be sincerely appreciative to those who would do so, as we want to do all that we can for him. We love him and do not want him taken away from our family for any period of time. We are very grateful and thankful to those who have and continue to support our father. Letters can be sent to his attorney, Robert J. Devlin, 27 Bridge Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840 or dropped off at our house.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
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CURCIO**

Dear Editor,

We lost our train station, now we have an old railroad car. We are losing many old houses in this town so they can build several homes where one house stood. We have Belgian block curbing throughout the town and benches placed too close to the road. There is a very contaminated stream running through town located behind Sherban's Diner and a contaminated piece of property that is fenced off across the street from a residential area. We need another bank on the same avenue as two others!

**SINCERELY,
JOHN C. BILLIAN**

Dear Editor,

The response to your picture and article about the South Plainfield Lions Club collecting old eyeglasses has been overwhelming. The South Plainfield Public Library alone collected over 100 pair of glasses in less than one week.

We hope that everyone will come to our food stand at Veterans Park after the parade. All profits go to help the blind, hearing impaired, diabetics, the needy, scholarships and much more.

Thanks again to everyone that gives us their support.

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Suspect Admits to Recent Burglaries

Michael P. Pfister, 32, with prior addresses in Keyport and South Plainfield, is being held at Middlesex County Adult Correction Facility in North Brunswick for his involvement in two recent South Plainfield burglaries and one attempted burglary. His bail has been set at \$25,000, with no 10% option.

He was charged with three counts of burglary, three counts of criminal mischief, two counts of theft and one attempted theft.

On Aug. 27 Police Officer Daniel Noonan observed the suspect walking out of an alley at the rear of the Speed Wash Laundromat on Maple Ave. He was covered with dirt, sheetrock dust and had cuts and scratches on him. Upon further investigations, it was discovered that he had broken into the Speed Wash through a roof vent. Once inside, he removed \$40 in cash and a customer's personal check. He was arrested at the scene and taken to police headquarters where he was questioned in regard to two other unsolved burglaries. It was determined that he was responsible for two Aug. 25 burglaries, at the VFW on Front St. and at Elaine's Hair & Nail Designs on Park Ave.

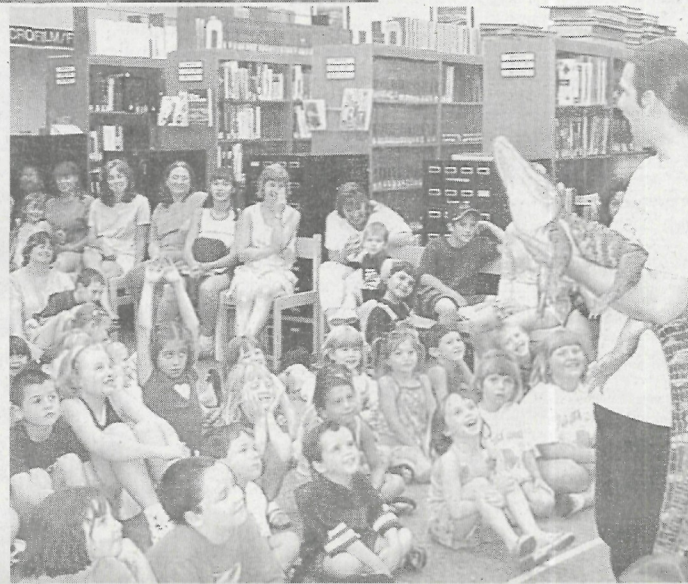
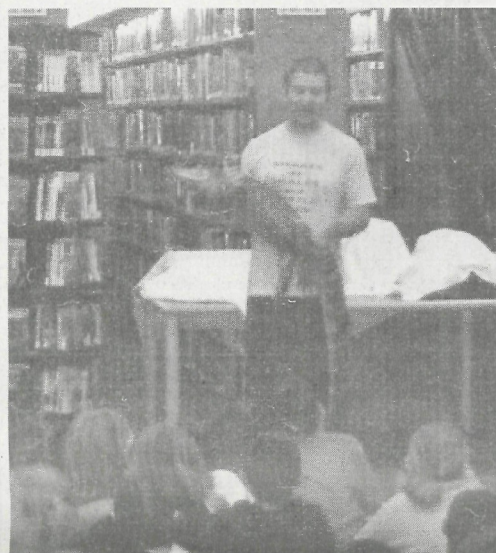
He smashed out a window at the VFW and stole \$2,200 in cash and caused damage to a door and cabinet. At the Park Ave. burglary, he smashed a window and entered the basement in an attempt to access the hair and nail salon. A neighbor called police after seeing him acting suspiciously in the area and he left before the police arrived.

Detectives confronted him with footprints recovered from the VFW and the suspect admitted to all three burglaries. His possible involvement in other unsolved burglaries is still being investigated.

"Snakes - N' - Scales and Turtle Tales" at the Library



The library was filled with reptiles of all sizes last week when Bill Boesenberg, founder of Snakes-N-Scales and Turtle tales, brought a few of his pets. This was the finale of the Summer Reading Program at the South Plainfield library. Kids and parents sat in awe when Boesenberg displayed several species of turtles, then an alligator and a crocodile. He talked about where each reptile lives and what they ate. This is just a fraction of the 300 reptiles he keeps in his house. After the program Summer Reading Certificates were handed out to participants.



Woman's Club Plans Surprise Program

A surprise program awaits members of the G.F.W.C. Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield at their Sept. meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Road. Program Chairperson Lois Triphagen, will only reveal that "a fun time is anticipated."

The Suburban Woman's Club is involved in many community service projects. New members are always welcomed. Anyone interested in membership information can call Dot Berny at 561-1908.

Przewozniks Renew Metuchen Rd. Adoption

Jean Przewoznik Evans, caretaker of the Marino/Ware property at 345 Metuchen Road, has signed a renewal agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association to adopt the stretch of Metuchen Road from the railroad tracks to the Itran property line. Her sons, Jeffrey and Joseph, and grandson Justin will continue to pick up litter from both sides of the road.

The family first adopted this spot in 1999, although they had been picking up for some time anyway. They were concerned that bottles and cans made the road unsafe for bicyclists and joggers, since there are no sidewalks. Metuchen Road is a heavily-used industrial road with a constant litter problem.

The CBA has been seeking more adopters. The corner of Metuchen and Belmont is being looked after by Bussel Realty Corp., which owns the adjacent property, and Conrail has also agreed to maintain the strip of property on their side of the guardrail. Atlas Realty, which owns the Mobil station on Durham Ave., has been trimming the grass between the gas station and the Rte. 287 fence. CBA President Joe Diegnan believes that if enough people commit to keeping small segments of the road clean, these efforts will add up to a better quality of life in South Plainfield.

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

Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Ave.
South Plainfield, NJ

Very Rev. John Paul Alvarado, 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)

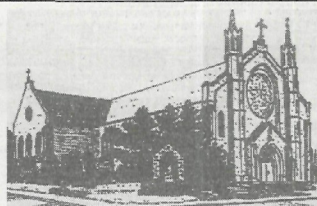
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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WINE TASTING

Saturday, September 29, 2001
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Embassy Suites, Piscataway, NJ

Tickets - \$70 per person

Ticket price includes:

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John Celentano (908) 757-5691

or

Mike Gallagher (908) 755-9874

Around Town

VFW Country to Hold Their Annual Picnic

September 8

VFW Post 6763 located on Front St. will hold their Annual Picnic on Sept. 8. Festivities scheduled are a moon walk, live music and games.

The menu will include a pig roast, chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs, kielbasa and sauerkraut, sausage and peppers, corn on the cob, baked beans, watermelon, coffee and cake.

Admission in advance is: 13 years and over-\$10; 6 to 12 years-\$5; and under 5 are free. At the gate prices are \$13 and \$12.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on weekends.

SP Fire Department To Host Wine Tasting Event

September 29

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

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

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

Open Your Heart to Cruise on Cornucopia

October 5

A benefit for children battling can-

cer and blood disorders will be held Friday, Oct. 5, aboard the Cornucopia Princess, sailing out of Perth Amboy.

The Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, a non-profit organization, formed by a group of Realtor-Associates at Century 21 Moretti Realty, is accepting requests for seating reservations aboard the Cornucopia.

Tickets can be purchased at \$100 per person, which includes dinner and dancing on two private decks aboard the Cornucopia Princess. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats by calling (800) 899-9199, extension 406.

Advertising space can be purchased for the Cornucopia Cruise Program. Advertising space is available from \$5 to \$100. A \$5 pledge will enable you to post a family name booster. Pages, half pages and quarter pages can also be purchased.

Monetary pledges will also be accepted for this worthwhile cause. To find out more about how you can help, call (800) 899-9199.

Columbiettes Announce Fall Trips

Oct. 6, Nov. 3 & Nov. 25

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will be hosting a bus trip to Bingo World in Baltimore, a shopping spree to Reading and a trip to see a Christmas Show in Connecticut this fall. All events are open to the public.

On Saturday, Oct. 6, patrons will have a choice to attend either the Inner Harbor or Bingo World, both in Baltimore. The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. from Sacred Heart Church parking lot and return at about 8:30 p.m. Cost to go to the Inner Harbor

is \$35 per person, while Bingo World will cost \$55 and includes a \$49 admission package good for the main session only. Reservations must be made by Sept. 30.

The Columbiettes' annual shopping trip to Reading, Pa. will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3. The bus will leave promptly at 8 a.m. from the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. and return at about 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 and includes a free lunch coupon and discount book. Dinner is on your own at the Cracker Barrel. Deadline is Oct. 26.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, the group will go and see the Christmas Show at the Spinning Wheel Inn in Connecticut. The bus will leave from the K of C Hall at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The \$65 cost includes the show and a four course meal, which is served in between acts. Deadline is Oct. 26.

For tickets and information, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

Recreation To Sponsor Two Trips to Broadway

October 13, December 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to New York to see Broadway Shows. The first show, *Contact*, will be on Saturday, Oct. 13. The cost is \$60 per person and the bus leaves from the PAL Building at 10 a.m.

The second trip is to see the classic Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Show. Tickets are \$75 per person and the bus will leave the PAL Building at 1:30 p.m.

Each trip allows everyone to shop and dine before the show.

To purchase tickets, visit the Recreation Office, located in the PAL Building on Maple Ave. The office

is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SPHS Class of 1981 20th Reunion

November 23

Attention classmates! The South Plainfield High School Class of 1981 will hold its 20th reunion of Friday, Nov. 23 at Madeline's in Bound Brook.

For more information, please call Jane (Lacey) O'Dowd at (908) 479-1684 or Gina (Rosania) Capizola at (908) 526-3262.

—Out of Town—

Middlesex East Wows Carteret To Hold Dance

August 31

Middlesex East Wows Carteret will hold an All Welcome Dance on Friday, Aug. 31, at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Admission is \$7. Live music and refreshments. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. For more information, call 732-969-1123 or 908-757-0515.

NJ Repertory Company Presents One-Woman Show

Through September 2

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

Kaleidoscope of Hope Walkathon To Benefit Ovarian Cancer

September 9

Walkers of all ages, including corporate teams, are invited to

Morristown's Loantaka Brook Reservation (South St. entrance) on Sunday, Sept. 9, to have a good time and show their support for ovarian cancer research. The Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation is sponsoring its second annual Walkathon, with options for a one, three or five mile course. Registration is at 8 a.m., followed by warm-ups at 8:30, and the walk at 9:30. A celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, featuring food, entertainment and massages. Walkers are asked to bring pre-paid sponsorship pledges. Dogs are welcome for an extra \$10. Individual, group and corporate sponsorships are invited. Information on ovarian cancer will be available, as all the proceeds from this event will go toward research. For information and/or pledge forms, call (973) 644-0500.

Burt's Bees Presentation Makeup Show

September 22

On Saturday, Sept. 22 from 1-3 p.m. Burt's Bees Presentation will be showing their fine line of makeup and more. Refreshments will be served. The event is being held at The Brass Lantern, 335 Main St., Metuchen. For more information please call (732) 548-5442.

Terra Nova Garden Club To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

November 15

The Terra Nova Garden Club is turning 50! Come and celebrate with them at their 50th Anniversary Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club, on Plainfield Rd. in Edison, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Featured guests will be noted floral designer Winifred Applegate and pianist James Nuzzo.

For reservations or more info, call Kay McCormack, (732) 548-1976.

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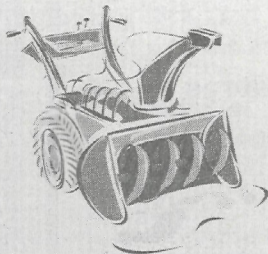
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Calling All Candidates

The political season in South Plainfield officially begins with the Labor Day Parade. Local candidates for Borough Council, as well as candidates for state and national seats will be marching in our parade and visiting Veterans Park, greeting the residents.

We hope all residents will have the opportunity to get to know the four local candidates and then make an informed decision on election day.

Two council seats are open this year. Running for those seats are incumbent Councilman Dennis Cerami (D) and first-time candidates Charles Butrico (D), Margorie Reedy (R) and Jerry Harris (R).

We welcome letters and comments from the candidates and residents alike. We will try to publish any and all letters we receive from the candidates as well as letters from residents. Several state and national candidates have also been sending us press releases and we will publish them when space is available.

Our letter policy states that letter submissions must include a name and telephone number for verification. Upon request, we will publish letters anonymously (as long as they comply with the above request). We also reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and length.

We hope all residents will make sure they are registered to vote. It's very easy to register, just stop in the Municipal Clerk's office and fill out an application. Don't wait until the last minute. If you don't vote, you have no voice in democracy. It's a lame excuse to say your vote doesn't really count and believe me, every vote does count!

Raffle Quilt Winner to be Announced After Parade

The South Plainfield Historical Society's quilt, the first place prize in this year's Labor Day raffle, will be displayed on a float in the Labor Day Parade.

The quilt is beautiful, hand-sewn and queen-sized from Kutztown, Pa. It is a modified log cabin pattern and is valued at about \$800.

This year, the raffle also has second and third place prizes. Each prize is a gift certificate for two tickets on the brunch cruise aboard the Cornucopia Princess, valued at \$90.

All raffle books, sold or not, must be returned to the Historical Society. They can be mailed to the SP Historical Society, PO Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or you can give them to a member at the Historical Society's booth on Labor Day, no later than 1 p.m.

The Historical Society is asking for volunteers to help sell tickets along the parade route.

The raffle drawing will be held at the park following the Labor Day parade. Tickets will on sale in the park until the drawing takes place.

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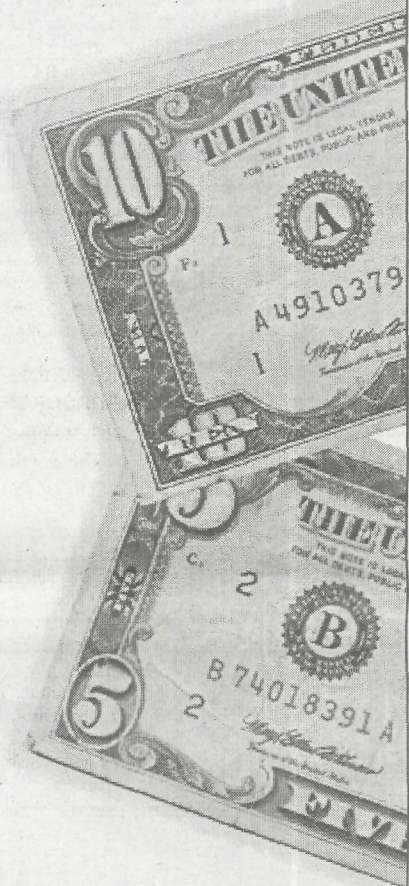
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Raman (pictured left) and his son, Jigar, who live in Edison, had a dream of owning their own business someday. Their dream came true when they opened Agnel Cards and Gifts, which is the former A Present Place on Park Ave.

Father and son are working hard to make this shop more than just cards and gifts. They now offer customized gift baskets, business cards and wedding invitation printing and much more. You can also find Ty Beanie Babies, calling cards, balloons, an ATM machine and the ever popular lottery. There are no lines here! You can still make your own copies and they offer fax service.

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Marty Papa, owner of Carousel Hair Salon (pictured right with her sister, Barbara McColgan) is proudly celebrating her 25th year in business in South Plainfield.

The Carousel Hair Salon, known around town as the 'Family Place' is located at 307 Oak Tree Ave. Customers tend to relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and piece of cake while having their hair done. Many customers stay after they are finished to visit with their friends in the shop.

Owner Marty Papa, Barbara McColgan, July Fava and Trista Moretti welcome new customer. They make them feel at home within minutes of entering the shop. Their hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 6:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 908-668-8397 for an appointment.

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For more information, contact a Columbia branch representative at (908) 757-1055. Pictured left are Maulesh Trivedi, Donna Rubino and Patti Kocher with Branch Manager Karolyn Brock (sitting).

CUSTOM CREATIONS & GIFTS

This shop is the best kept secret in South Plainfield. Owner, Donna Siepmann has turned the store into a true local gift shop. There is no need to fight the crowds at the malls to find the perfect gift for someone special.

She has brought in her own unique hand-crafted items that can be personalized and made to order for indoors or out. She carries a huge assortment of Country Home Candles and Village Candles, with unusual scents. There are flags for every occasion as well as holiday decorations. You can even find customized "South Plainfield" balloons for graduations or that special winning team. Her big sellers are her handmade Peek-a-Boo dolls which are life-size replicas of toddlers and make a great addition to any home.

Now is the time to start thinking about purchasing gifts for the holidays. Stop in and see what this local store has to offer.

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Roosevelt School Parents Meet Their New Principal

Dr. Richard Hangge Introduces Himself at Open House

By Patricia Abbott

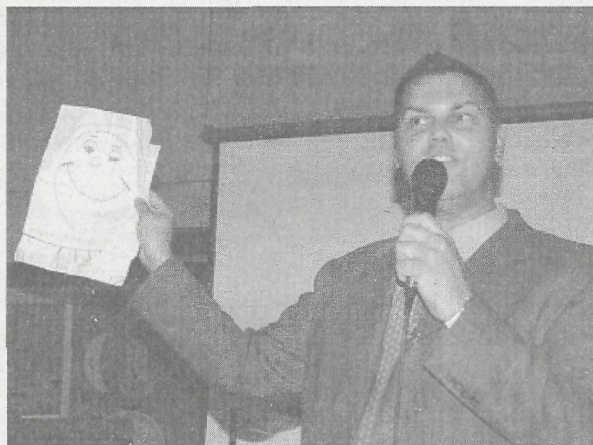
On Wednesday, August 15, approximately 200 Roosevelt School parents and students put summer on hold and fast forwarded to the approaching school year. They attended an open house at Roosevelt School to meet their new principal, Dr. Richard Hangge. Many teachers were on hand for the event. Before the formal portion of the meeting began, guests were treated to make-it-yourself ice cream sundaes. Old and young alike enjoyed the surprise sundaes, which was sponsored by Dr. Hangge and the PTA.

After Dr. Hangge introduced himself to the crowd, he proudly displayed his first gift from a student; a picture drawn by Jessica Thompson, who is entering the first grade. He predicted that someday he would look back on the simple but sincere crayon drawing and remember his first days at Roosevelt School. He provided parents with details of his educational background and explained his goals for the upcoming year. He also went over some basic rules and regulations, which are often overlooked in the opening rush of the new school year. Each family in attendance at the open house was given a math cube game packet. Students and parents joined with their new principal in a quick math game, proving that practicing math in a nontraditional way can be fun.

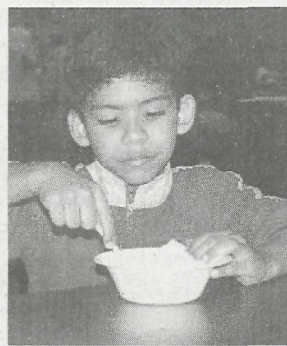
Parents who were unable to attend the open house have been visiting the school with their children to get acquainted with the principal. On the first day of school Dr. Hangge plans to visit each classroom and introduce himself to the students. He also plans to spend a lot of time in the lunchroom and playground, allowing the children a chance to meet him in a setting that is relaxed and comfortable to them.

Dr. Hangge noted there was little that needed changing as he takes over the reins at Roosevelt School. He said, "Things are running smoothly because of a group of highly dedicated teachers and support staff." In his role as the instructional leader he seeks to insure that the staff is up to date on current instructional techniques that lead towards each student working to the best of his ability. To promote this he will model teaching techniques in the classrooms as well as teach a professional development course on language arts for fifteen weeks. He plans to meet weekly with each grade level to discuss instructional strategies and curriculum. Outside of the classroom he plans to work closely with the PTA towards supplying the students with high quality enrichment programs.

Some of the plans he has for the 2001-02 school year are the implementation of Correlates of Effective Schools Research. He explained, "This includes having a clear mission statement, setting high goals and expectations so that all students can achieve, monitor student progress and make changes as needed and to build positive home school relations. I also intend to assist teachers with the new language arts program that they will be using." This program includes authentic literature to teach reading and writing. Dr. Hangge believes that the students have a lot of talents and he hopes to provide them with opportunities to display these strengths. He has his sights on a number of state competitions in science, math, social studies and language arts and hopes to have Roosevelt students compete. His work with the PTA will include more enrichment programs. Workshops will also be offered in the evening in



Newly appointed Roosevelt School Principal, Dr. Richard Hangge, holds up a drawing given to him by first grader Jessica Thompson at the recent open house held to meet the new administrator.

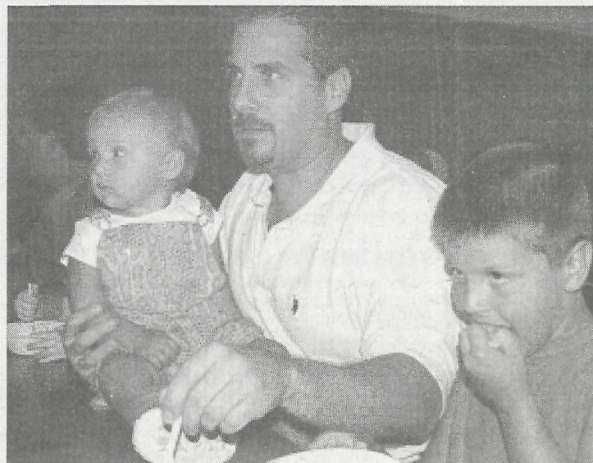
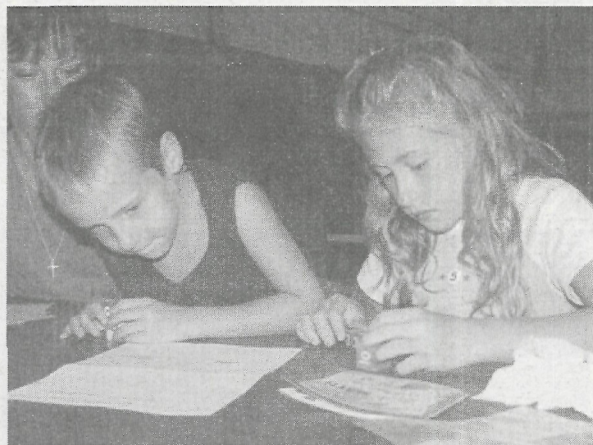
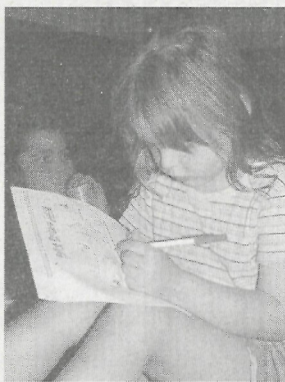


the areas of parenting and helping children become more proficient in math and language arts. These workshops will be conducted by Dr. Hangge, the student assistant counselor and teachers, so that parents can help their children become even more successful in school. Parents will also have the opportunity to be trained on *Triumph Learning*, a computer ESPA program for fourth grade students and *Skills Tutor.com*, a reading comprehension program for grades three, four and five.

A week before the open house, Hangge sponsored a luncheon at the school for the entire faculty and staff. He was pleased with the sharing session held after lunch. He said, "It was then that I knew I was blessed with a dedicated group of professionals who go above and beyond for the benefit of children."

Dr. Hangge resides in Plainsboro. He received his Bachelor's degree from Kean University in 1982. His undergraduate degree was in elemen-

tary education grades K-8 and reading, grades K-12. In 1985, he received his Master's degree as a Reading Specialist from Kean. In 1986 and 1988, he received his supervisor's certificate and his principal's certificate respectively. He earned his Ph. D. at LaSalle University in 1996 with a concentration on curriculum and systemic change. His teaching experience is widespread throughout Central Jersey. He taught elementary school for ten years. In 1992-1993, he taught English and reading at Plainfield High School. At the same time he taught English and reading courses at Middlesex County and Raritan Valley Community Colleges. He was also the supervisor of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Adult School. 1993 saw him move into the field of educational consulting which enabled him to travel around the world training teachers in the areas of language, arts, math and more.



"This was a great opportunity to see the world, but most importantly to find out what works well in schools that achieve high levels of success," he said. In 1997 he joined the Irvington Public School District as the Supervisor of Staff Development. He also held the position of math coordinator, public information officer and acting principal. He summed up his career to date with, "This wealth of experience has brought me to South Plainfield, where I now can share my talents with students, staff and the community. I have traveled around the world visiting schools and communities. South Plainfield is a warm, caring community with diverse people and cultures, and offers a quality educational system for all students. I felt welcomed from day one. South Plainfield is one school district that does things right. The Board of Education and the Superintendent have

a vision that will lead the district forward into the 21st century. I look forward to being a part of this team. Thank you for the opportunity to work with the entire school community. I look forward to spending many rewarding years in South Plainfield."

A new principal can be a confusing or frightening concept to children, especially the older students who were well acquainted with Mr. Barbieri. During the course of the evening many of the children, in a delightful display of confidence, stepped up to introduce themselves. Others had mom or dad by the hand as they shyly said hello. Dr. Hangge said that he already looks upon the 400 plus students of Roosevelt, as his own. Roosevelt School students and their new principal seem to have a wonderful head start on the new school year.



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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Del Negro Announce the Birth of a Daughter

Lawrence and Connie Del Negro are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Angelia Maria.

Angelia was born at St. Barnabas Hospital on Aug. 26. She weighed in

at 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Larry is the Deputy Chief of the South Plainfield Fire Department. Congratulations!



Samson could be South Plainfield's largest dog.

South Plainfield's Largest Dog??

Pamela Russo who just recently graduated from South Plainfield High School, sent in this picture of her dog Samson. She believes that her family has the biggest dog in South Plainfield. It is an English Mastiff named Samson and he stands over six feet tall on his back legs and weighs over 250lbs.!!! She says that he is also pretty well

known throughout the town as a "gentle giant." They named him Samson because of his great size and he has just recently turned six years old. He is very friendly and everyone who meets him falls in love with him. Does anyone think they have a larger dog, if so get in touch with us at the Observer, 668-0010.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, we're about to close out August and open up Labor Day weekend. Before you get moving on the last holiday weekend of the season, here's news from the South Plainfield Library:

Today is the last day you can see this month's display. It's an assortment of hand-blown glass items from Wheaton Village in Millville, NJ. The display was provided by local residents Peg and Jane Luehman.

The Library will be open normal hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) on Saturday, but we'll be closed on Sunday and Monday for Labor Day. Also, our Sunday operating hours will return later on in September.

Children's Storytime programs have been cancelled for the month of September. They'll return to their usual schedule in October. Meanwhile, children can still pick up their Summer Reading Club certificates.

We're between groups on the Video Circuit today. A new group should be in place and ready for borrowing on Monday.

There's been another change in our collection arrangement. Our collection of DVDs is now shelved at the tail end of our Adult videocassette collection, under our Circuit Books on CD. Circuit DVDs will remain on the video carousel in front of the Circulation Desk.

We've had a change of policy regarding items borrowed and lost, so here's how things are now: When a patron borrows an item and it's lost, the borrowing patron is responsible for the full purchase price of the item. When the item is paid for, there is a grace period of three months. During that time, if the lost item is found, the patron may return it to the Library and be fully reimbursed for the price they paid. After three months, though, if the item is found, the patron is no

longer eligible for reimbursement. If the item is found at that point, the patron is free to either keep the item or donate it back to the Library. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Still on the subject of policy, you may hear, on occasion, your fellow patrons bring you up to speed on "current" policy here at the Library. They'll tell you things like, "You're allowed to visit chat rooms on the Internet terminals now," or "You can borrow videos for two weeks." Our advice on this is simple: Don't believe rumors. While some people might be correct in what they say, it's more likely that they're wrong. When it comes to Library policy, your best bet is to go to the main desk and ask a staff member. They'll give you the best and most current information. Besides, when it comes to the Library, who are you going to believe? Someone who works here, or someone who doesn't.

Lastly, we'd like to remind people yet again about limiting the use of their personal communications devices, namely cell phones and pagers. If you bring them into the Library, we ask that you turn them off or, at least, set them in quiet mode. And, if you need to make or receive a cellular call, please take it outside the building or in the vestibule. This way, you won't be disturbing your fellow patrons. Thanks for your consideration.

That's all for now. See you next month.

Affordable Housing Agency Meeting

A public meeting has been called by the Affordable Housing Agency of the Borough of South Plainfield to discuss the affordable housing program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield.

Ovarian Cancer Survivors Take Second Kaleidoscope of Hope Walkathon

The three dynamic women at the heart of the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation, Patricia Nini of New Vernon, Lois Myers of Harding Township and Gail MacNeil of Chatham, announced a growing roster of corporate sponsors and contributors for the second annual Walkathon in support of ovarian cancer research. The Walkathon will take place on Sunday morning, Sept. 9, at the South Street entrance of Loantaka Brook Reservation in Morristown, NJ. Registration begins at 8 a.m., warm-up activities at 8:30 a.m., and the walk at 9:30 a.m. Participants have the option of a guided 1-, 3- or 5-mile course through the reservation, and dogs are welcome for an additional \$10. A celebration begins at 11 a.m., featuring food, entertainment, massages, gift bags and prizes.

Nini, Myers and MacNeil, founding members of Kaleidoscope of Hope and ovarian cancer survivors themselves, announced that fund-raising has already outpaced last year's \$25,000 total, an unusually successful result for the first year of an event, which also drew more than 150 walkers. Proceeds are donated to ovarian cancer research. Last year's recipients were the National Ovarian Cancer Early Detection Program at Northwestern University, a major international research program supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund in New York.

The founders work closely with the Morristown Memorial Hospital's Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, a state-of-the-art facility combining all aspects of cancer care in one location. The group also has a high-powered Advi-

sory Board, including Kenneth Adler, M.D., Hematology-Oncology Associates; Ray Mann, Vice President, American Home Products; Maureen B. Passerini, president and COO of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, New York Metro Region; Susan F. Simon, New Vernon; and Daniel Tobias, M.D., Morristown Memorial Women's Cancer Center. "We deeply appreciate the substantial support we receive from people and corporations throughout New Jersey and plan to expand our advocacy efforts throughout the year," said Myers.

Those who wish to become corporate sponsors or participate in the Walkathon are asked to call the Foundation at 973-644-0500 or write to them at Post Office Box 1124, Madison, NJ 07940.

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12 OZ NR BTLS 2/12 PAK CASE	14.99 CASE
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TWISTED TEA 12 OZ NR BTLS	18.99 CASE
CORONA EXTRA OR LIGHT	
12 OZ NR BTLS 2/12 PAK CASE	19.99 CASE
BECK'S, BECK'S DARK OR BECK'S LIGHT	
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Labor Day Parade Plans are Finalized

The Labor Day Parade Committee has put the finishing touches on preparations for the big parade and day-long festivities. Each year this event gets better and better. Mark your calendar and come out to watch the parade and then come on down to Veterans Park and enjoy all the afternoon events scheduled and, of course, don't miss the Spring Lake Park concerts and fireworks.

Stop by the *Observer* booth at Veterans Park and say hello. We'll be giving away balloons and gifts for the kids. Give us your opinion on how we are doing and if you have a story idea, drop by and let us know. Our cameras will be busy capturing photos of the entire day's events beginning on Saturday when the floats are assembled up until the fireworks on Monday night. At the Plainfield Ave.

entrances of the Spring Lake Park, the borough will give out glow necklaces to the first 4,000 children who come to the fireworks. Supplies are limited, so come early.

Use the centerfold of this week's *Observer* as a program guide; it contains all the information you need to help you be at the right place at the right time. Complimentary copies will also be available at the park.

Activities start early on Labor Day with a 5k run and 1.5 mile Family Fitness Walk before the race. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Wesley Methodist on Plainfield Ave. and winds down to Veterans Park. A map on page 10 displays the parade route.

Bring the entire family to the park after the parade; there will be plenty of food, two rides, face painting, sand

art, clowns and borough-sponsored activities. During the afternoon festivities, "Backsplash" will provide musical entertainment. The Historical Society will be holding their annual quilt raffle at about 2 p.m.

"Sound Investment" will be performing at Spring Lake Park in the Gazebo at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks by Serpico International Fireworks will bring a great day to a spectacular finish.

Marchers Line Up for Labor Parade

(Marching Order)

Division 1

Pershing Place

South Plainfield Police Car
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Chaumont Post 243 American Legion
1929 Ford Model A - Philip Burgess
1935 Ford Coupe Named Henry
South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim & Dive Team
Democratic Organization - Candidates For Council,
Freeholders & Assembly & Senate
Legionnaires Senior Marching Band



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Division 2

Firth Street

Characters
Jessica Rapatski In Tenebaum's Car
South Plainfield Cub Scouts
Funny Factory Band
Memorial Post 6763 VFW
Chapter #10, Military Order Of Purple Heart
American Ex-prisoners Of War
Republican Organization
Historical Society
South Plainfield Fire Dept.
1968 Camaro - Jeff Pellegrino
Commerce Bank
Passaic County Sheriff Dept Concert Band



Division 3

Clifford Street

South Plainfield Rescue Squad
South Plainfield Girl Scouts
South Plainfield Elks Lodge 2298
Motor Corps Of Salaam Temple
1931 Woody Wagon - Roger Carroll
1970 Monti Carlo Chevrolet - Warren Scheller
South Plainfield Right To Life
Knights Of Columbus
Senior Citizen Van
Fred Lehotay Ragtimers Band
South Plainfield Pop Warners Football
Unity Bank - Pt Cruiser
1966 Dodge Dart - Dennis Holowka
1958 Corvette Melanie & Lee Dombrowski
Highland Park Fire Department

Division 4

Rahway Avenue

International Brotherhood Teamsters Local 877
New Market Fire Dept.
South Plainfield Parent's Ponytail Assoc.
Oriental Salaam Temple Band
Rescue House Of Prayer/Prayer Warriors
Unforgettable Auto's Of Mid-jersey
Falun Gong
Dunellen Fire Dept
ATA Black Belt Academy
Class "The Girls Next Door"
1967 Antique Hahn Fire Engine
JJ Gardner Detachment Marine Corp
Greenbrook EMS & Fire Dept.

Division 5

Thomas Street

American Martial Arts
1926 American LaFrance - Hk Vol Fire Co
Pilgrim Covenant Church
Roma Food Ent. Inc.
Pipes & Drums Of The Atlantic Watch
1961 Corvette - Patricia White
Cedarcroft Bible School
Watchung Valley Model "A" Restorers Club
Artcar-epicentral Shrine Helping Hand Vehicular
Middlesex & Somerset City Libertarians
1957 Chevy Bel Air - Ed Renz
Army Military Unit
Police Car

Famous Handy Car to Participate in Labor Day Parade

The Handy Car (The Epicentral Shrine of the Helping Hand Vehicular), an Artcar famous throughout Maryland, will make its first visit to New Jersey for the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade.

The Artcar was commissioned by First Night Annapolis and was created by former South Plainfield resident Conrad Jay Bladley (onetime South Plainfield Historical Society President).

The car started out life as a 1990 Pontiac Grand Am but it no longer resembles that vehicle. Instead the car is now a shrine complete with Grotto, Praying Hands (hundreds of hands), a place for letters of thanks for help received and requests for assistance.

The slogan of the car is "Never Underestimate the Power of the Helping Hand." On the roof are two speakers which play music (about hands,

of course!), a fountain (where a hand shoots water into a small pond on the roof), and on the back bumper are two hands ready to give free hugs to all who request them.

All over the car are handprints, slogans about hands and quotations about hands from the Bible. You will recognize Conrad Bladley in the crowd at the parade. He will have his hand rain coat covered with hand prints on as well as his handicap, a helmet with a life-size hand on top.

Handy reaches out to everyone to encourage helpfulness. Requests for help submitted via a slot in the trunk lid are passed on to service organizations. Donations placed into the slot help keep the car on the road.

For pictures and more information about Handy, log on to <http://www.geocities.com/artcars/handyweb.html>.

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Schedule of Activities

(All times are approximate and subject to change)

- 7:45 a.m. Registration starts for 5k run and 1.5 mile Family Fitness Walk
 9:15 a.m. All major roads will be closed in town
 9:30 a.m. 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Fitness Walk begin
 10:00 a.m. **Parade Kicks Off at Plainfield and Tompkins Avenues**
 12:30 p.m. Parade Ends at Veterans Park
Food and drinks available all afternoon at the park
Recreation/Veterans Park Activities
 1:00 p.m. Rides for the Kids, Sand Art
 Clowns, Balloons, Face Painting,
 Pie Eating Contest
 Egg Toss Starts
 Potato Sack Races
 Watermelon Eating Contest
 Water Balloon Contest
 "Blacksplash" will be entertaining
 1:15 p.m. Parade Trophies awarded
 2:00 pm. Historical Society Raffle Drawing
Evening Activities
 6:30 p.m. "Sound Investment" Concert - Spring Lake Park
 Dusk Fireworks Display by Serpico International

44TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE

Observer to Cover Every Event During Labor Day Celebration

Make sure that you visit Veterans Park after the parade. The *Observer* will be in the same spot in the park as last year, greeting the residents and parade participants.

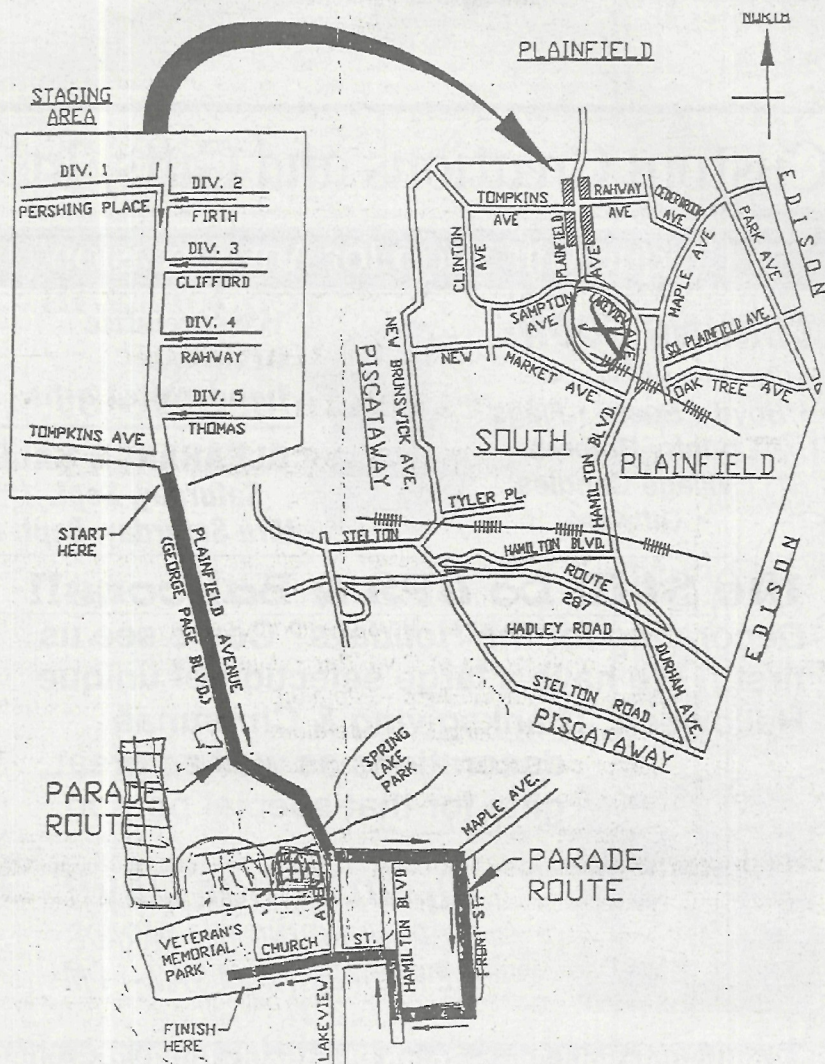
We will be giving away balloons, lollipops and other a few other surprises.

Of course we will be busy taking pictures of all the activities, starting early with the 5K run, the parade, all of the contests and games at Veterans Park, as well as the bands, fireworks and of course all of the visitors who come out for the festivities. This is South Plainfield's day to shine. It's the one day that residents all become one big family, marching, watching and joining in all the celebrations.

This marks the third year we will be in Veterans Park. The *Observer* published our first edition and distributed it at the Labor Day Parade in 1997. It is our official birthday and we plan to celebrate it along with anyone who wants to join us.

Stop by our booth. We look forward to meeting all of our readers and getting their input into where the paper should be heading in the future.

LABOR DAY PARADE ROUTE



Parking Restrictions And Road Closings

Roads along the parade route and the 5k run will be closing at approximately 9:15 a.m. If you are coming to Veterans Park, you should plan to arrive early or you may not get in to the park. If you are marching in the parade be sure to be at your assigned location by 9:15 sharp.

The following streets will be closed at some time during the parade: Plainfield Ave., Maple Ave. Front Street, South Plainfield Ave. and Hamilton Blvd.

After the parade, roads will be re-opened. Only limited parking will be

available in Veterans Park.

The evening concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parking will be restricted around Spring Lake Park because of the fireworks display.

No parking will be allowed behind Borough Hall, the library, Veterans' Park, Lowden and Willow Ave.

Spring Lake Park is designated handicapped parking only. The best parking will be at the high school or the P.A.L. Building. Both have extra lighting and are easy to access. Roads will close at 7:45 p.m. for the fireworks.

The Public Celebrations Committee

The following people have been working behind the scenes to make this year's parade a success. They deserve our thanks for all the work and time they have put in. Everyone on the committee is a volunteer. The only compensation they receive is the satisfaction of putting together this once-a-year parade. (What would this town be without our volunteers.)

John Sorentino, Chairperson

Don Alexa, Marching Bands

Debra Krawiec, Fireworks

Darlene Pinto, Participation, Park & Concessions

Marion Gallagher, Judges, Park, Concessions

Pat Vargo, Judges, Park & Concessions

Linda Zushma, Invitations

Michael Zushma, OEM Coordinator

Mike English, Recreation Department activities, publicity

Joe Scrudato, Parade Marshals, reviewing stand

Ray Petronko, Council Liaison

In addition to the parade committee, working very hard at the parade are members of the police department, rescue squad, fire department, R.A.C.E. radio operators and the public works employees.

Ricochet/SPASA Sponsor 5k Run

The Eleventh Annual Ricochet Health and Racquet Club/South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness (S.P.A.S.A.) 5k Labor Day Run is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Racers will be running before the 10,000 people gathering to watch the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade which begins at 10 a.m. The race starts and ends at Veterans Park and t-shirts will be given to the first 200 entrants. The entry fee is \$12 for race day registration. All proceeds go toward supporting the substance awareness activities of the South Plainfield Alliance.

Additionally, Ricochet and S.P.A.S.A. are sponsoring a 1.5 mile Family Fitness Walk. Walkers will start right after the runners at 9:30 a.m. They will walk the race route to Borough Hall and return to Veterans Park. A \$5 registration fee includes a single walker or the whole family. T-shirts will be presented to the first 75 walkers.

Prizes and awards are presented to runners in several age categories. Awards take place immediately after the race is completed. The race is organized by S.P.A.S.A. chairperson Bill Beegle. Prizes and age categories are listed on the application form. Trophies are provided by Joe Romer Trophy Shop.

Dr. Patrick Aiello will be on hand before and after the race to give massages. Call Bill Beegle for info, 908-754-4620 ext. 310 (W) or 732-873-1019 (H). Applications are available at Ricochet or South Plainfield P.A.L. Building.

Rules for Labor Day Parade Marchers

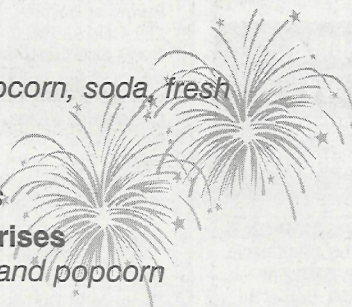
- Parade will be held on Monday, September 3. There is no rain date. The parade will begin on Plainfield Avenue at Tompkins at 10 a.m. SHARP! Units must begin forming at 9:15 a.m. in the marshalling areas off Plainfield Avenue.
- Floats can be no taller than eleven (11) feet above street level.
- All units are required to follow the entire line of marchers to be eligible for an award.
- All entrants must plan on being in the parade until 1 p.m.
- Parade must be kept moving. Drills and performances will be permitted ONLY in front of the reviewing stand in Veterans Memorial Park. Each organization's performance is limited to three minutes including set-up and break down.
- Cooperation of participating units with all parade officials, as well as adherence to these parade rules, will be considered by the judges for any award. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in disqualification and may affect the entrant's involvement in future parades.
- Trophies will be awarded at Veterans Memorial Park approximately 1½ hours following the parade. Trophy to be awarded to entry as name appears on application. If no one is present to receive an award it will be presented to the next eligible entry.
- For the safety and enjoyment of the spectators, no entry will be allowed to campaign for any candidate, organization or issue handouts, direct promotion, signs or solicitation either from within the line of march or along the route, unless given prior written authorization by the committee. Also, the throwing or other distribution of any material (candy, balloons, literature, etc.) from floats and/or participating units or along the parade route is prohibited.
- All entrants must have a complete list of names of all participants in their unit.
- All floats must have at least 4 spotters (2 on each side) along the parade route.
- Parade entrants are responsible for all vehicles connected with their entry and are responsible for any person marching with their entry.
- No support vehicles will be allowed in the line of march. Buses, vans, station wagons, etc. will be directed to a meeting area at the end of the parade route.
- Location in the line of march will be given to each entrant as they arrive on Labor Day. A marshal will be located at Plainfield and Tompkins Avenues and will direct each participant to their proper location.
- No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the parade. Any entry found with any alcoholic beverage will be removed from the parade immediately.

ENJOY THE DAY!



In Veterans Park CONCESSIONS

- **South Plainfield Lions Club**
Beer, steak and sausage sandwiches and drinks
- **So. Plainfield High School Music Booster Club**
Hot dogs, chili and soda
- **South Plainfield High School Cheerleaders**
Water, candy chips, pretzels and baked goods
- **Knights of Columbus**
Fruit cups
- **D & D Concessions**
Cotton candy, pretzels, popcorn, soda, fresh lemonade & water
- **Carnival concession**
Zeppoles and funnel cakes
- **T/A Amusement Enterprises**
Snowcones, cotton candy and popcorn



Parade Trophies to Be Awarded

HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL TROPHY

Presented by Honorary Grand Marshal to best overall entry in his opinion

JUDGES' TROPHY

Best overall entry as determined by judges

GEORGE W. L. PAGE TROPHY

Presented to the best civic entry

BEST YOUTH MUSICAL GROUP

Awarded by judges to the best youth (high school and under) musical performing group

BEST ADULT MUSICAL GROUP

Awarded by judges to the best adult musical performing group

BEST APPEARING MARCHING GROUP

BEST MUNICIPAL GROUP

Given to the best overall entry connected to the borough government

BEST NON-INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMING GROUP

Awarded to the best appearing drill team, twirling group, gymnastic group, etc.

BEST YOUTH GROUP

Awarded to the best appearing youth (high school and under) entry

MOST OUTSTANDING FLOAT

Best overall float

BEST YOUTH GROUP FLOAT

High school and under

BEST CIVIC FLOAT

MOST PATRIOTIC FLOAT

MOST OUTSTANDING VISITING ENTRY

Awarded to the best appearing entry from out of South Plainfield

BEST ANTIQUE VEHICLE

Awarded to the best appearing antique vehicle entry of any kind entered as a separate unit

MARIE D. PAGE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AWARD

Awarded to the best overall instrumental musical performance entry

Judging Floats and Bands:

Lynne Glasser-Sward, Frank Mikorski, Betty Richards, Steve Merkler and Rich McCriskin

Veterans Park vendors will have plenty of food and beverages to choose from.

Tables/Booths

- Plainfield Curling Club ~ Literature
- South Plainfield Observer ~ Balloons, lollipops and pens
- McGreevey Campaign ~ Literature
- Commerce Bank ~ Literature and popcorn
- Sons of Veterans of Civil War ~ Literature
- American Martial Arts ~ Literature
- Petro Oil ~ Heating & Air Literature
- Historical Society ~ Raffle tickets for quilt
- Falun Gong ~ Literature
- Cedarcroft Bible ~ Literature
- ATA Black Belt Academy ~ Literature
- South Plainfield High School French Club ~ Face painting/tattoos
- Deborah Boehm ~ Literature
- We Care Medical Supply ~ Literature
- United Trust/Mobile Bank ~ Free balloons and give-a-ways

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

2001/2002 School Hours & Bus Routes

Bus and van drivers will make every attempt to pick up students at the proposed times noted on the student bus pass. However, there could be delays such as traffic, student loading, inclement weather and other unknowns. If delays occur, everyone's patience and cooperation will be appreciated.

Student school hours for transportation for 2001/2002

High School (HM1,2,3,4 & 7) 8:10 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
Middle School (HM1,2,3,4 & 7) 8:10 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
Grant Central Sixth (HM1,2,3,4 & 7) 7:50 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.
Roosevelt School (R1, R2 & Multi 3) 8:35 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
John E. Riley School (JR1,2,3 & Van) 8:35 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Kennedy School (KS1 & Van) 8:35 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sacred Heart School (SH1 & Van AM) 7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Timothy Christian School (TC/NL) ... 8:30 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
New Life Christian (TC/NL) 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Bishop Ahr High School (BA/SJ) 7:58 a.m. to 2:02 p.m.
St. Joseph's H.S. (BA/SJ) 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.



A list of bus stops for all the routes will be posted at all schools near the main offices, in the administrations building, and in borough hall.

Please note, there may be revisions to these stops.

ROUTE HM1

(High School/Grant Central 6th, Middle School)
212 Durham Ave.
Durham at Hogan
Durham at Jankowski
Yurgel at Clover
Crown at Regency
Durham at Crown
Durham Ave./Across from Crown Lane
The Highlands Bldg. #7
The Highlands Bldg. #11

ROUTE HM2

(High School/Grant Central 6th, Middle School)
402 Hollywood Ave.
Kenneth at Birch
Lorraine at Delmore
Arlington at Garfield
162 Zwolak Ct.
113 Zwolak Ct.
544 Wooden Ave.
Garfield at Jackson

ROUTE HM3

(High School/Grant Central 6th, Middle School)
214 Hopkinson
Hopkinson at Jackson
Hillside at Beatrice
Hillside at Perth
Hillside at Harvard
Belmont at Harvard
Belmont at Kosciusko
Belmont at Delmore
Delmore at Fulton
Arlington at Garibaldi
Spicer at Hamilton

ROUTE HM4

(High School/Grant Central 6th, Middle School)
1500 Woodland Ave.
1714 Woodland Ave.
1910 Woodland Ave.
1930 Woodland Ave.
2222 Woodland Ave.
2242 Woodland Ave.
2250 Woodland Ave.
2306 Woodland Ave.
2312 Woodland Ave.
2546 Woodland Ave.
3400 Woodland Ave.
Elissa Ct. at Clark Lane
Caffrey Terrace at Park
May at Banta
Oaktree at Putnam
Babes Dr. at Bori Dr.
Oaktree at Teepie
Universal at Fleet
Fleet at Park St.

ROUTE HM7

Traditions
2928 Hamilton Blvd.
Hamilton at West End
Rush at Pitt
1104 Rush
Mondoro at Woolworth
Rush at Christopher
2nd at Pomponio
Hamilton at Montrose
Bell at Montrose
So. Clinton at Sylvania
New Market at Astor
New Market at Highland
New Market at Carmine

ROUTE R1

(Roosevelt School)
Hamilton at West End
Hamilton at Easton Blvd.
212 Durham Ave.
Durham at Hogan
Durham at Jankowski
Clover at Yurgel

Famularo at Crown
1308 Durham Ave.
Durham at Crown
Brooklyn at Moriatti
New Durham at Traditions
The Highlands Bldg. #7
The Highlands Bldg. #11
Hamilton at Hillside-K

ROUTE R2

(Roosevelt School)
Mondoro at Christopher-K
Second Pl. at Pomponio-K
Second Pl. at Somerset-K
Montrose at Second Pl.-K
Lexington at Bell Pl.-K
402 Hollywood Ave.
Garfield at Jackson
Jackson at Matis
714 Jackson at Day
Belmont at Harvard
Belmont at Kosciusko
Belmont at Kenneth
2205 New Brunswick Ave.
New Market at Middlesex
New Market at Parker
New Market at Highland
Valley at Carmine-K
New Market at Anthony-K
New Market at Pitt-K
New Market at Hancock-K

ROUTE MULTI 3 (R3)

(John E. Riley School)
Beatrice at Wooden
120 Zwolak Ct.
Garfield at Arlington
Green at Delmore
Green at Spicer
Kenneth at Chatham
Lorraine at Delmore
Lorraine at Arlington

ROUTE JR1

(John E. Riley School)
189 So. Plainfield Ave.
Church at Hamilton
Church at Kaine

Randolph at Front
Brett at Oakland
St. James at Oakland
Leonard at Maple-K
Maple at Grove-K
Maple at Daniel-K
Maple at Faye-K
Sprague at Woodland
E. Golf at Oxford-K
Oxford at Fairmount-K
1930 Woodland Ave.
So. Plfd. Van Stops:
Sampton at Martin
Sampton at Norway
Sampton at Oakmoor

ROUTE JR2

(John E. Riley School)
So. Madison at No. Madison
So. Madison at So. Central
So. Central at No. Madison
Plainfield at Risoli Terr.
Plainfield at Thomas
Thomas at Field
Field at Rahway
Rahway at Plainfield
Wadsworth at Field
Field at Firth
Clifford at Central
Wadsworth at Central
Marsh at Kenyon
Wickford at Rahway-K
Skene at Kenyon-K

ROUTE JR3

(John E. Riley School)
Fred Allen at Schillaci
217 Fred Allen Dr.
221 Schillaci La.
Willow at Loden
Merchants at Freed
Stop Before 324 Spring Ave.
Ritter at VanFleet
VanFleet at LaCosta
LaCosta at Manning
Manning at Lane

ROUTE KS1

(Kennedy School)
Michael at Joan - K
Dolores at Oxford - K
East Crescent at Oxford
E. Fairview at Whispering Hills Rd.-K
Elissa Ct. at Clark La.-K
Caffrey at Brenda-K
Clark La. at E. Nassau-K
Park at W. Elmwood-K
Park Ave. at May-K
May at Beverly-K
W. Nassau at Schindler Dr.-K
So. Plainfield at Minford-K
So. Plainfield at Vail Ct.-K
Joan at Cybowski Ct.-K
Oaktree at Puba-K
Oaktree at DeSepio-K
Oaktree at Celentano
Surrey at Devon
159 Oaktree Rd.
Diana at O'Loughlin
Babes at O'Loughlin
Oaktree at Temple
Universal at Victory
Universal at Fleet
Fleet at Park Street
Woodland Ave. In On Van
K-Kindergarten Stops

ROUTE SHI

(Sacred Heart)
Regency at Durham

The Highlands Bldg. #7
Hamilton at Hillside
Hamilton at Matis
Hamilton at Montrose
Day at Jackson
Belmont at Kosciusko
Lorraine at Arlington
Lorraine at Delmore
Garibaldi at Kosciusko
West at Second Pl.
Rush at New York
Carmine at Pitt
Fred Allen at Schillaci
Cherry at Clinton
Cherry at Chestnut
Sussex at Monmouth
So. 9th at McDonough
Clinton at W. 8th
Dumas at Baker
Plainfield at Risoli
Rahway at Field
Kenyon at Stratford
Cedarbrook at Dawes
*Srague at Oxford
*Oxford at Hendricks
*Terrace at Maple
*Park at May
*Babes Dr. at O'Loughlin
*So.Plfd. Van in SH1 Home

ROUTE TC/NL

(New Life Christian - Dunellen)
(Timothy Christian - Piscataway)
Irving at Foster
Clinton at O'Keefe
Clinton at Cherry
Sampton at Fred Allen
Plainfield at Merchants
Geary at Grant
Greenwich at Franklin
Tompkins at Baker
O'Donahue at Delaney
So. Central at Conklin
Bolinger Way at Kenyon
Michael at Maple
3152 Woodland Ave.
Gubernat at So. Plainfield
Babes at Oaktree
Hamilton at Pomponio
Hamilton at Montrose
Durham at Hogan

ROUTE BA/SJ

(Bishop Ahr/St. Joseph's School)
Durham at Jankowski
Durham at Crown
Hamilton at Hillside
Hamilton at Day
Belmont at Arlington
Delmore at Fulton
Hamilton at Pomponio
Carmine at Valley
Sampton at Dunham
Sampton at Orchard
Sampton at Fred Allen Dr.
Cherry at Clinton
Ludden at Clinton
Clinton at So. 9th
Clinton at Tompkins
Rayway at Central
Merchants at Plainfield
Maple at Oakland
Maple at Joan
Murray at Chambers
Sprague at Oxford
Terrace at Maple
E. Crescent at Park Ave.
Clark at Elissa
Oak Tree at Putnam
Babes at OakTree
Universal at Fleet

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Senior Project Continues a High School Tradition

By Patricia Abbott

The SPHS Senior Project is a tradition that began in 1996. Each year prior to the opening of school, the incoming senior class puts a fresh coat of paint on a hallway, then fills the walls with a theme of their own design. The class of 2002, has chosen the history hallway. With a limited number of hallways and a new senior class each year, eventually the cycle will have to begin again. The history hall was originally decorated by the class of 1997. This is the first hallway to be painted over.

The senior volunteers held a meeting in early August to organize and collaborate their ideas. With the approach of Labor Day and the celebration of South Plainfield's 75th birthday, the students hit on the ideal theme, fill the walls with the history of South Plainfield. Among the senior volunteers is artist Sarah Miele. Senior Class Vice President Gina D'Urso noted that Sarah and her mother Dorothy were instrumental to the project. They have been researching and writing a book on the history of South Plainfield for the past 10 months. Gina said, "They have helped us out so much and deserve credit."

While there is plenty of written material there are few existing photos of the young growing South Plainfield. Life before photographs is left to the imagination. With her extensive research to guide her, Sarah drew 10 pictures depicting life and events in South Plainfield. Sarah realized that not all students are artists, in order to make it easy for non-skilled volunteers. She colored-keyed the drawings turning the project into a paint by number. The artwork was transferred to transparency paper, placed on an overhead projector, enlarged, then traced on the walls by the volunteers. Each giant sketch was filled with numbers that corresponded with a completed work on a smaller sheet of paper. Each color was labeled so the students knew what to paint. Before the creative work began the students put a white base coat on the walls and painted all the door frames and baseboards black.

The scenes are in chronological order and begin with the Lenape Indians as they settled along the High Land Avenue woods in 1000 B.C. Other scenes include: Thomas Gordon's farm on the Cedar Brook in 1684; The Brooklyn Gristmill in 1732; a revolutionary war skirmish at Samptown 1777; the Drake House 1762; Swiftsure Stage Line circa 1780; an old-fashioned grocery store and phone circa 1900; the Lehigh Valley Railroad first coal train 1875; the South Plainfield train station in 1887; Holly House



1801/Holly Pond 1906/Merry-go-round 1920; Spicer Manufacturing 1912; Hadley Airfield 1924; Henry Aggar circa 1930; a racetrack circa 1934 and a representation of the poultry farming of the 1930s. Additional scenes include the SP town seal and a collage of the class of 2002 memories, such as their Junior Prom.

High School Principal Tony Massaro said, "The senior project that your class of 2002 just completed is truly 'off the scale' in terms of positive contributions to South Plainfield High School. The young men and woman who worked on this have unquestionably distinguished themselves, and I am so very proud of them! I invite anyone who would like to see firsthand what these students have accomplished, to come in and visit us. At that time, they would also be able to see the other senior projects which have been ongoing since 1996. This type of project convinces me further that I made the right decision to work with the youth of South Plainfield."

The finished work was sealed with acrylic spray to keep the images bright, fade-proof, and washable. The seniors came in to paint as often as

their busy schedules allowed. Many of them fit the project in around work and other activities. The job took two weeks to complete.

The students are proud of their contribution to SPHS and hope that children in the middle and elementary schools will be able to view the hallways and perhaps learn something about the history of our town.

New Internet Programs Available for Students

New Programs Will Cost Taxpayers Nothing

Three new programs will be launched this semester to help students improve their grades. These three new internet programs will not cost the taxpayers a single penny, according to Superintendent of School Dr. John Krewer.

The three new programs are *Skills-tutor*, *Successmaker* and *Triumph-learning*, all programs are either internet or computer based and will be available to students in the South Plainfield school district.

Russ Mattoon was on hand to demonstrate the new programs to the Board of Education and they all got to try out the programs on computers and were very enthusiastic about the direction the school district is taking.

Dr. Krewer's enthusiasm when introducing these new programs was evident. He was delighted to be able to launch these new internet programs this school year and even happier that South Plainfield has obtained all of them at no cost.

His affiliation with *skillstutor.com* is carried over from his former job in Point Pleasant. While serving there, he was asked to speak at a convention on behalf of the company and in turn his district received the program in their school system at no cost. When he became superintendent here, he contacted the company and they agreed to let South Plainfield use the program for free if he could continue to speak at the next convention.

Dr. Krewer said these programs are just the beginning of where our schools system is heading, technology, technology and more technology. He said that he hears many parents say, "The schools have really changed since I went to school." But he answers, "The problem is that schools haven't really changed a bit."

Skillstutor, the first program introduced, is internet based. It will be available for students grades six

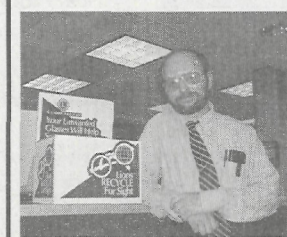
through 12. Each student in the district will be given their own password. Everytime they log on, *skillstutor* will keep track of their progress, what they studied last and then continue on with lessons. The first time the program will test the student to discover just where they need to improve their skills in several subjects. No student can see what other students are doing, the system is secure.

An even greater part of the program is the aid to teachers, principals and administrators, in finding out what the students need more work on and how each school is doing. A teacher can log on and get the entire classes progress, where they are weak or strong and thus prepare lessons. The principal can call up all the classes in their school and see how each class is doing against other classes. The administration can call up each school in the district and get results, compare them with other schools, thus keeping track of where they stand.

Parents are encouraged to logon to *skillstutor.com* and find out more about the program before school starts.

Successmaker and *Triumphlearning* are both computer based programs. *Triumphlearning* is a test preparation program for grades 4, 6, and 8. This will be a great aid in preparing fourth graders for the ESPA tests they are mandated to take each year. A sample test will be taken in the beginning of the school year to find out where each student needs to increase their skills and then take another test a few months later. A final test will be taken a month before the espas test actually is given. Teachers will be training for this programs in October.

All of these new programs will be introduced and explained during each school's Back to School Night in the district. Parents are encouraged to come out and learn more about these programs that are geared to move our schools into the 21 century.



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Jo-Ann's is the official training for Feigley's School of Gymnastics. Daughter Tarra (Falkner) Catalin is the Artistic Director of Jo-Ann's and also the award winning LeCenter Dance Ensemble, which has won many awards for innovative and creative choreography.

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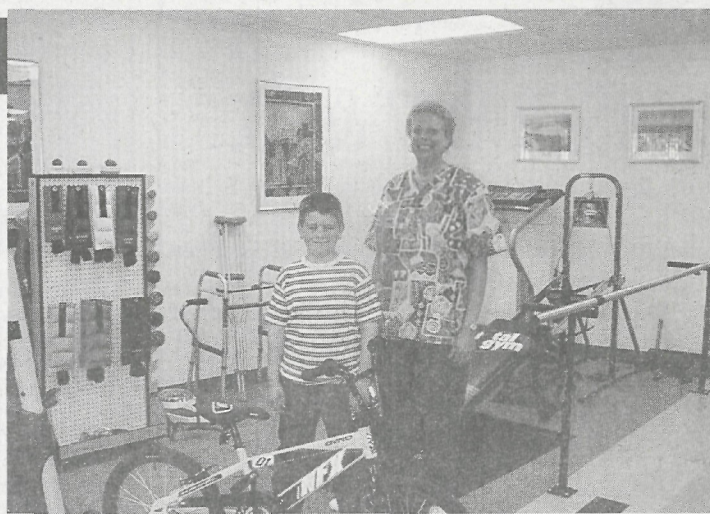
Lynne Glasser-Sward is a physical therapist and the owner of The Physical Therapy Center of South Plainfield. Lynne has 20 years experience in such settings as nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and private practice.

As a resident of South Plainfield, Lynne especially enjoys helping others in her community. Pictured right Lynne is presenting a "Dyna" 20 inch bike to Mike Mocharski, 8, of South Plainfield. Physical Therapy donated two bikes to be given away at this year's Bike Rodeo. Lynne and her husband Ron are very active in the South Plainfield community. Ron is a Lieutenant in the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and volunteers countless hours helping out there.



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Sports

Police and Fire Department Square Off In Annual Charity Softball Game



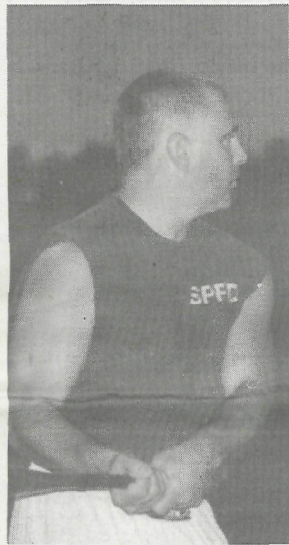
By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Police and Fire Department recently battled each other in a charity softball game. Proceeds went to the Elks Handicapped Children's Fund. The teams face off once a year in an annual event which pits the two departments in a good-natured rivalry and at the same time challenges the teams and their staunch supporters against the mosquitos in Veterans Park.

Individually the teams display camaraderie, team spirit, an ongoing humorous vendetta to win, along with good sportsmanship. The fire department almost didn't show up because of the water main break on Park Ave. They left the area less than an hour before the game was scheduled to be played. But true to their dedication, they arrived a little tired but eager to take on the police department.

The game was fast and furious, but the Fire Department didn't stand a chance after the cops got cooking. Fans cheered for their favorite team from the bleachers while the younger set supported their team from the climbing apparatus. Elks members were also on hand to sell soda and snacks. The coveted trophy sat on a table waiting to be claimed by the victors. The heat was on and the game sizzled but the Police Department were once again victorious with a 15-6 win over the Fire Department.

A parting note from this writer, while inquiring as to the final score after the game, one disillusioned firefighter announced the score as "16-14" (was he just hopeful for next year?)



Council Recognizes Recreation Wrestlers



Mayor Dan Gallagher presented Distinguished Contribution Certificates on behalf of the Borough Council to four Recreation Club wrestlers. Left is Billy Ashnault, the Junior Division Champion, center is Rocco Petriello the Midget Division Champion and right is Ryan Sacco the Bantam Division Champion. Mike Wagner, the Bantam Division Champion was not present.

By Tony Cassano

juniorbaseballclubnotes

NEW BOARD TO ASSUME CONTROL AS OF SEPTEMBER 1—Effective officially tomorrow, Kevin Lykes -Commissioner, his three Executive Board Members and four Trustee's assume the responsibility and control of the SPJBC. As Commissioner, Kevin and his Executive Board team will be overseeing the club for the 2002 and 2003 seasons. The first general membership meeting Kevin will conduct is the September meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept. 10 at 7:30.

EQUIPMENT RETURN / OLD TIMERS GAME SET FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7 AT 6 PM—This years annual coaches/old timers game is set for Friday night Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. In addition, any manager that has not returned their equipment can drop it off during the evening. Any member, coach or parent interested in playing softball and having a few laughs is welcome to join in.

2001 PICNIC TO BE HELD SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 AT 12 NOON—This years annual club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8 at 12:00 p.m. The 'free' picnic is open to all players and their parents. A full days events are scheduled along with great food, drinks and lots of fun. Please come and join the SPJBC as we celebrate a great season and award trophies to the first, second and third place winners in most leagues. Picnic set up is the night before and welcome anyone that can lend a hand and assist in preparing for the days events.

FALL BALL TO START WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10—Final details and preparations are being made as we prepare for the first year of Fall Ball at the SPJBC. It looks like the 1st games will be played the week of Sept. 10. More details will follow along with a formal notification. Teams and schedules are now being formulated and will be announced in the not too distant future. The club is also looking for volunteers to assist in opening the snack stand during games. Responsibilities will be to serve hot dogs, drinks and snacks only. If interested or for any additional information on Fall Ball or the Snack Stand, please contact our Fall Ball Director Lee Flanagan at 908-594-1480.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS—

Sept. 7 - Old Timers Game, Picnic Set-Up - Volunteers Needed
Sept. 8 - Pony A Championship 9:30 a.m. on Field 4 (2nd game to follow)
Sept. 8 - Club Picnic 12 p.m. -All SPJBC Players/Families Welcome
Sept. 10 - General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association will be entering a float in the 44th annual South Plainfield Labor Day Parade. We need the assistance of association members and parents in order to make this year's float a success. We will be meeting at Hall's Trucking on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. to assemble the float. The coaches will call all parents to provide them with further details.

Labor Day Parade—September 3rd—All-Star players and coaches who wish to be part of this year's float as well as parade committee members please meet at Rahway Ave. by 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 3. There will be some finishing touches which will need to be made to the float once it arrives at Rahway Ave. Parents it would be appreciated if once you drop your child off, you could plan on assisting us for about 15 minutes in order to complete the work on the float. The coaches will call all parents to provide them with further details. Parents, please advise the coach whether or not your child will be riding on the float. Coaches, please provide me with a list of players who will participate in the parade.

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—September 25—The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on Sept. 25. New members are always welcomed.

Ponytail Softball Online—You can now visit Ponytail softball online anytime at our newly created website... SPPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams.

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Aerobics Are Back At The PAL

Starting Monday, September 10 the Recreation Dept. will be offering an aerobics class. The fee is \$35 per person for 20 lessons. Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10 a.m. Babysitting is available.

For more information, please call the PAL at (908) 226-7713.

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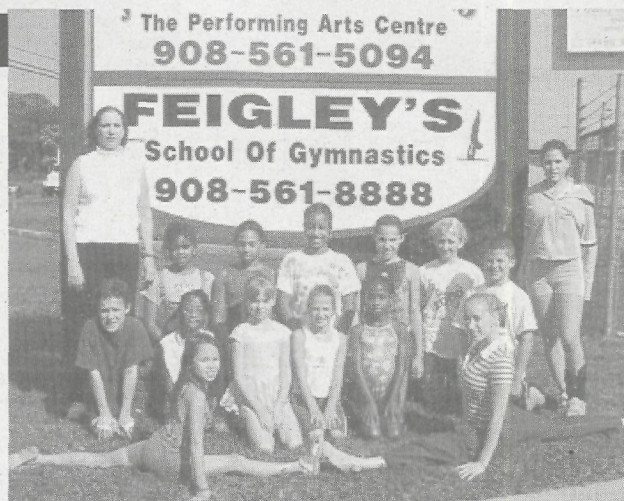
Feigley's School of Gymnastics is a world class facility which has been teaching gymnastics for the past 29 years. In competitive team competition, during years 1999 through 2000 they have produced first place gymnasts in nine out of ten levels. Over the years, owner and director, Trish Sutphen and owner, Dave Feigley have helped 10 girls obtain complete college scholarships through their guidance.

Aside from teaching gymnastics to children starting at age 1½, they also have adult programs, a cheerleading program and a new class for developmentally disabled children. The goal of the new program is to help teach well needed social and emotional skills as well as develop their physical coordination and have fun at the same time! Currently they have three children in this new class and are looking to expand this group.

Feigley's has two open houses coming up, Sept. 6 and Sept. 20 at 6:45 p.m. You are encouraged to come and take a look at their facility and they look forward to seeing you there! Also look for their "sleepover night" coming in November. The gym is fully air-conditioned. Feigley's has two locations, South Clinton Ave. in South Plainfield and at 149 Mt. Bethel Rd. in Warren.

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A lifelong resident of South Plainfield, Dr. Patrick M. Aiello received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Human Biology in 1989 and his chiropractic degree in 1991, both from The National College of Chiropractic.

After getting his feet wet in the field working as an associate in the early 90's, Dr. Aiello realized a dream in April 1993 when he opened Aiello Chiropractic Center PC in his hometown.

Since then, he's seen his practice grow and thrive, due in good part to the relationships he's developed and nurtured with his patients. Never forgetting the most important aspect of active practice, "Keep the best interests of the patient at heart," Dr. Aiello works to continually improve his knowledge, so as to best serve everyone.

Community participation is very important to the doctor, and he's volunteered his time with such organizations as The Lions Club of South Plainfield where he was the first three-term president.

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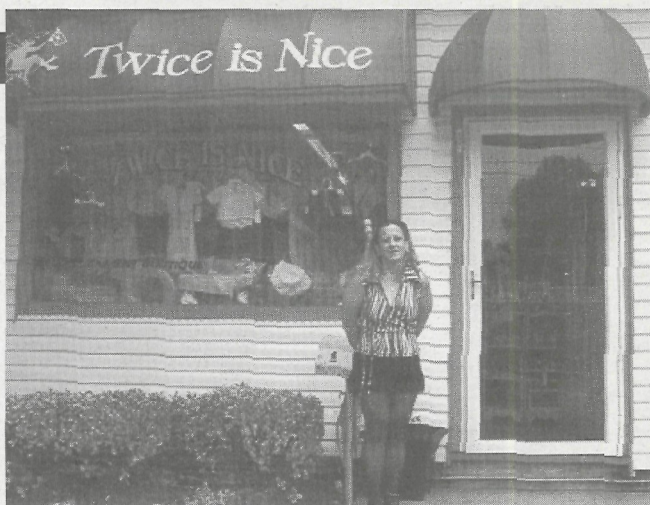
Twice Is Nice Consignment Shop is owned and operated by Carol Collins, who specializes in gently worn name brand clothing from infants to junior sizes. You can find names such as Talbots Kids, Gymboree and Gap, all reasonably priced and even clothes that are new, still with their tags attached. She also carries shoes, socks, coats and formal wear.

Carol took over the store three years ago and since then has added quality used baby items such as strollers, high chairs, toys, books and even hand-crafted items.

Carol is currently looking for consignors of fall and winter clothing. If you have anything that you may be interested in consigning at her shop, please call for an appointment. Store hours are Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop in and take a look around. You never know what you might find!

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Pictured left are Manager Tommy Casio, Manager Sandy Severino, Siobhan Burke, Stephanie Zarrie, Chris Cassio, Pharmacist Bill Ashnault and Dave Penyak.



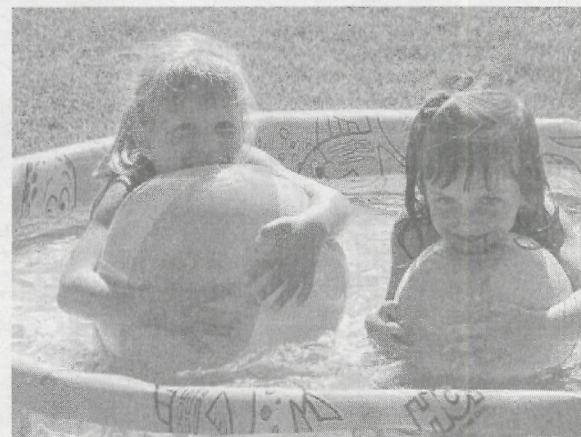
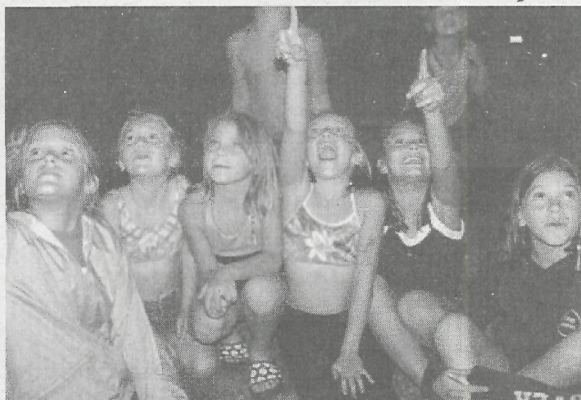
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Harvard Avenue Residents Get Together for a Block Party



Over 125 residents of Harvard Ave. enjoyed their 10th annual block party. The party began at noon and was still going strong at 9 p.m. A table filled with salads and finger foods was refilled throughout the day. Assorted grills were fired up all afternoon providing hungry guests with burgers, hot dogs, chicken and more. A band played in one residents back yard. Youngsters played in the street on bikes or skates. Several of the younger children had their wading pools put curbside so mom and dad could enjoy the party while keeping an eye on them. In the evening the kids enjoyed a scavenger hunt. The more daring adults took part in an egg toss under the streetlights. The evening wound down with a fire works display.



Obituaries

Joseph Dobozinski, 79

Joseph Dobozinski of Richmond Hill, NY died on Friday, August 17 at his home.

He was born in Lithuania and came to the United States in 1955, settling in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Dobozinski was a machinist for Alloy Flange Corp. in Queens, NY for 25 years before retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Teamsters Union Local 966 in NY.

He is survived by his nieces Antoinette Banul and Kathleen Dobozinski, both of South Plainfield, Veronica Dobozinski of South Bound Brook, Helen Debernardis of Freehold; his nephews Anthony Zaremba of Toms River and Stanley Zaremba of Middletown; Joseph and John Zaremba, both of Brooklyn, NY.

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

Dolores M. (Watson) Altenau

Dolores M. (Watson) Altenau, 66, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, at Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis, NY.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Altenau had resided in South Plainfield for 30 years before settling in Gettysburg, Pa. 13 years ago.

She is a graduate of Immaculate College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. She had been a teacher for Sacred Heart RC Church School in So. Plainfield and

later ran the Latch Key after school program for the So. Plainfield Board of Education.

Mrs. Altenau is a former communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in So. Plainfield and a current communicant of USE Francis Xavier Church in Gettysburg, Pa.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur; her two daughters and their husbands, Lori & Sal Esposito of So. Plainfield and Lisamanc and Dr. Charles Marks of Gettysburg, Pa.; her two sons, Michael and his wife Maureen of West Long Branch and David Altenau and his partner, Greg Sutton of New York City; her mother, Pauline (Salvatore) Watson of Fla. and her sister, Jean and her husband Peter Johnson of Washington, DC. Also surviving are her nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08818.

Helen (Iskrzycki) Dlugosz, 92

Helen (Iskrzycki) Dlugosz of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, August 21 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

She was born and raised in Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield five years ago.

Mrs. Dlugosz was a seamstress for the former Ricky's Shirt Factory in Elizabeth for 25 years before retiring in 1971. She was a member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Union Local 126 in Elizabeth.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Albert Dlugosz who died in 1962 and her daughter Mary Malosz, who died in 1999.

She is survived by her daughter Lorraine Lembo of South Plainfield; her grandchildren Karen Geremia of Hillsborough, Gregory Lembo of Neshanic and Denise Tondi of Eliza-

beth and four great grandchildren.

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

Irene (Harvilick) Patti, 72

Irene (Harvilick) Patti died on July 31 in Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born in Plainfield, she resided there for many years before moving to Indianapolis 30 years ago.

Mrs. Patti was employed as a secretary for the past 4 years for the Bob Cummings Transfer & Storage Co. in Indianapolis. Previously she was employed as an administrative clerk for the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was a member of St. Jude's R.C. Church in Indianapolis and was an avid animal lover.

Surviving are her sister and brother in law, Margaret and Ed Nichuck of South Plainfield; her two nephews, Thomas Nichuck of Piscataway and Edward Nichuck of Milford. Also surviving are three great nephews and one grand niece.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Clara L. (Brogia) Bruno, 83

Clara L. (Brogia) Bruno of South Plainfield, died on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at her home.

She was born and raised in Cannonsburg, Pa. and has lived in South Plainfield for the last 48 years.

Clara was an assembler for the former Gindoff-Grunther Hand Bags in South Plainfield for 15 years before retiring.

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

She is survived by her beloved husband, Arnedo Bravo; a son, Anthony and his wife Rosemarie of Martinsville; a daughter, Rosemarie and her husband Phillip Moherek of Oakley Beach; her grandchildren, Richard, Beth Ann and Michael and her great grandson, William.

Funeral services were held James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

policereport

• On Aug. 20, Tot Tran, owner of Matrix Hair and Nails on Maple Ave. reported that a Cassio cash register and a bank bag containing \$200 were missing from the front desk of the shop. The building is currently being renovated and a construction worker had been there after hours.

• On Aug. 21, a New Brunswick resident reported that while at Hadley Mall her vehicle had been broken into and the ignition had been removed.

• On Aug. 22, an Andover Ave. resident reported that his license plate had been removed while he was parked at the Middlesex Mall.

• On Friday, Craig Allen Grant of

Piscataway was arrested in Middlesex for theft and burglary after breaking into a home there. He was found leaving the premises in the car that had been stolen from 130 Conklin St.

• An employee of the Holiday Inn reported that the entire passenger side of his car had been scratched with a sharp object.

• Durham Mobil Station on Durham Ave. reported the theft of cigarettes by a lunch truck driver.

• On Saturday, Just Packaging Inc. on Oak Tree Rd. reported that their gate was unlocked and a section of the warehouse bay door had been removed..

Legal Notice

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Victor Jordao requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 54.7' x 19' x 4' (around pool) wood deck, proposed deck exceeds lot coverage, 2,187.5 SF allowed and 2,595 being proposed, exceeds coverage by 407.5 SF or 4.6% and lacks required 20' rear setback, 5' being proposed, and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 430, Lot 8.04 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 September 18, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 1T August 31, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Clifford Johnson requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 13.6' x 20' wood deck, proposed deck exceeds lot coverage by 71 SF or 1.42%, and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 188, Lot 28.01 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 September 18, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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Applicant's Name: Ameriland, Inc.

By: John J. Sullivan, Jr., Attorney for Applicant
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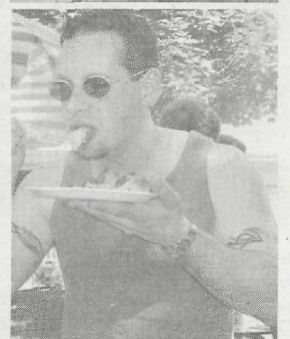
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Audubon Ave Neighbors Hold Get Together



Residents of Audubon Ave., between Carol Place and Clarke Ave., relaxed with friends and neighbors at their recent block party. The party was organized by Marge Witkowski. Marge noted that while a block party was often discussed it never materialized. Marge took it upon herself to see to it that this summer would mark the return of the party. The last block party was held about 27 years ago.

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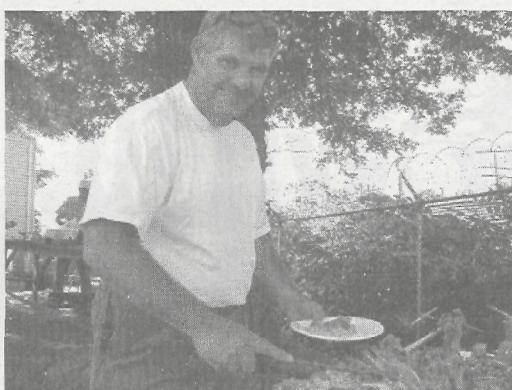
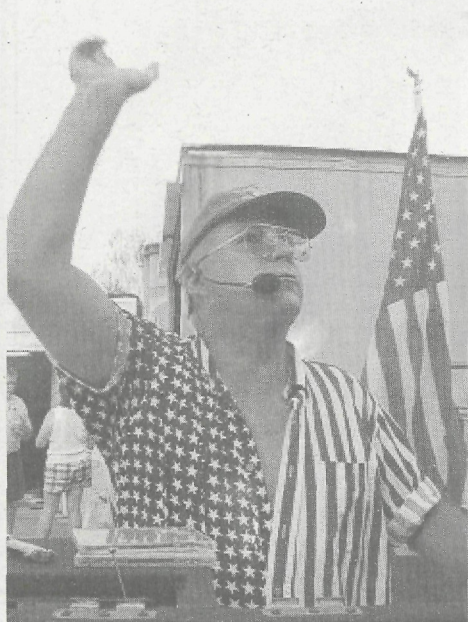
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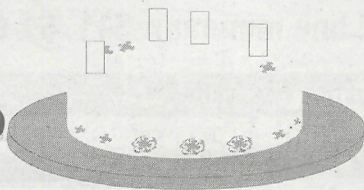
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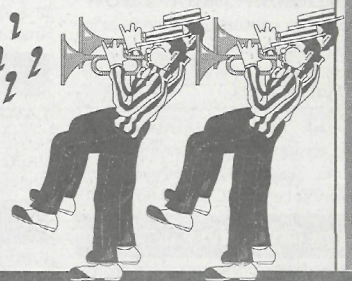
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