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## HUGE CROWD ATTENDS LABOR DAY PARADE FESTIVITIES

This year the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade had everything it needed to be a success—the weather was the best ever, no sudden thunder storms roared through town and no accidents occurred along the parade route.

The past few years, our Labor Day Parade experienced all the things that could go wrong at a parade, but not this year! Every year our parade seems to be getting bigger and bigger. Huge crowds lined the entire parade route and Veterans Park was filled with people, many staying all afternoon. Most of the vendors actually ran out of food and give-aways by mid afternoon.

Beginning with the first event early Monday morning at the police department and ending up with the evening fireworks, everything was right on schedule. The members of the parade committee, who have spent the entire summer planning this event were all smiles by the end of the day. They should all be proud of how every event went off on schedule and without a hitch.

The morning started with an awards ceremony at the police department, attended by the mayor and council and several officers who are now retired. Pictures of the awards will be in next week's *Observer*.

Veterans Park was humming with activity by 7:00 a.m. Bill Beagle and his volunteers were gearing up for the 5k run and 1.5 mile walk which began at 9:15. Over 200 participants ran this year, the largest group so far. Pictures and winners will also be in next week's *Observer*. Vendors were also in the park setting up booths, preparing food and getting their tables and stands ready for the anticipated crowds.

When the parade kicked off at 10:05, those in the park were informed by Bill Cochrane, who has been the official parade announcer for years. He made sure the growing number of spectators were aware of where the parade was and when it would be arriving. As the various groups performed in front of the judges and dignitaries in the reviewing stand, he described each and every group.

Leading the parade, was the South Plainfield Marching Band, followed by this year's Honorary Grand Marshal, Mayor Dan Gallagher and his wife Marion. Also riding in a convertible was



Jessica Rapatski, who won the contest naming this year's parade.

Several politicians also were on hand. Among them were South Plainfield Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan, running for a seat in 18th District of the NJ State Assembly and Brett Schundler republican candidate for governor marching with local supporters carrying signs. Middlesex County Freeholders Dave Crabel, Jane Brady, Christopher Rafano and Stephen "Pete" Dalina and their opponents, the republican candidates Tina Martins, Tracy Ford, and Pradip Kothari. Mayor Jim McGreevy was not at the parade, but supporters were in the park distributing literature. Local council candidates, democrats Councilman Dennis Cerami and Charles Butrico and republicans Marjorie Sheedy and Jerry Harris also marched in the parade.

The evening began with entertainment by "Sound Investment." Members of the parade committee were stationed at the entrances of the Spring Lake Park, giving out free glow necklaces to the children as they came out to watch the fireworks. This was part of the 75th birthday celebration. The fireworks display was the final event and it was spectacular.

Not one activity would have happened on Labor Day if not for the many volunteers who spent months of planning and then worked tirelessly on Labor Day. If you see any of these volunteers give them a pat on the back, they deserve it. The only pay they get is the satisfaction of putting together this once-a-year parade. (What would this town be without our volunteers!) Committee members are: John Sorrentino, *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 and Ray Petronko, *Council Liaison*.

In addition to the parade committee, working many hours before and after the parade, were members of the police department, rescue squad, fire department, R.A.C.E. radio operators and the public works employees.

## Numerous Items Up for Auction Saturday

South Plainfield will hold an auction of various items they have accumulated in the past year. The auction takes place on Saturday, Sept. 8 starting at 10 a.m. at the South Plainfield Department of Public Works Building at 405 Spicer Ave. The public can preview items starting at 9 a.m.

Cars, trucks, tractors, computer and electronic equipment and over 40 bicycles will be up for auction to the highest bidder.

Some of the items to be auctioned are: a 1989 and 1993 Chevy Caprice, a 1987 Caprice Wagon, a 1969 P/U, a 1968 Dodge Power Wagon, a 1983 GMC Dump Truck, a 1972 GMC Tractor, a 1974 Tandem Mack, a 1969 Galion Grader, a 1972 CAT Truck Loader, a 19788 Ford Tractor, (2) 1979 Ford Farm Tractors, 1987 Toro Lawn Tractor, an eight foot tail gate salt spreader, 1985 crane carrier tandem dump with play and saltcr.

Surveying equipment is also on the list. It includes a Topcan GTS-2B and

tripod, Geo Tec AI-23, Optima 30MM offset, various tripods and measuring sticks for surveying.

Office and computer equipment include computers, printers, drafting tables, filing cabinets, swivel chairs, computer tables, desks, assorted overhead lights for vehicles, assorted computer cases with power supplies and motherboards, monitors, mice, CPU's floppy drives, computer boards, keyboards, notebooks and cables, typewriter and printer ribbons and toner cartridge.

There is also a long list of electronics and radio equipment including cellphones, phone cases, computer stands, lights, bullhorn, portable radios.

There will also be over 40 top name boys and girls bicycle.

A list of the entire inventory will be available for the public on the morning of the auction.

All sales are cash and carry at time of sale.



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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**  
Monday, September 17 ..... Thursday, September 20  
Monday, October 1 ..... Thursday, October 4  
Monday, October 15 ..... Thursday, October 18

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 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. 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 place sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

September 27, October 25, November 22 (no meeting), December 27.

### recreation commission

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

September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

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., Aug. 28, 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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This picture was submitted by Rosemarie Smith, a lifetime resident of South Plainfield. It is a photo of the second grade class at Grant School, now the Keystone Community. Rosemarie could only identify a few of the children, some last names some first. Maybe it will bring back a few memories to someone in town. First row: third from the left is Charlie Parsch, next to Leo Brennan, (a former fireman and is now deceased). Second row: third from the left is Helen Carone Meyer, sixth Dorothy Johnson, seventh is Landitch and tenth is Sacco. Third row: James Saverd, (he was a Jr. Firemen Chief and life long member now deceased), William Cooper, Batog, John Sideck, (who is retired from the post office), Ejik and Joe Kisko. Fourth row: second from the left is Thornton, Rose Katula, Helen Kostick, Mildred Pomponio, Schecter and Abbruzzese. Top row on the left is Krelwitz, Abbruzzee, Joe Spock and Ochab

## In My Opinion

### A Note From Assistant Superintendent Barbieri

I hope you are enjoying the remaining weeks of summer. The Sunday papers are advertising "back to school" specials. That can only mean we are a few short weeks from the opening.

This summer has been busy with activities and programs for students and staff. One big project was the inspection of all playgrounds.

Recognizing that your child's safety is paramount, a voluntary inspection of all the playground equipment was conducted as a precautionary measure to ensure the continuing safety and well-being of the District's students. The standards set by the federal government were used in the inspections.

As you may be aware, the playground equipment at Roosevelt School was deemed to be not in compliance with today's safety standards. Since the manufacturer of the equipment could not retrofit any of the equipment to ensure compliance with today's stringent standards, the equipment was removed.

As a result of inspection, it was determined that several pieces of equipment were not in compliance, nor could they be made compliant. A decision was reached that the equipment would be removed.

Your building principal is aware of the piece(s) that are scheduled for removal.

I am aware that in some cases, the playground equipment that is being removed was donated to the Board

of Education and was the result of numerous fund raising activities conducted by hard working, conscientious parent volunteers. Their efforts are deeply appreciated, however removal is based on current safety standards.

The Board of Education is in the process of constructing an appropriate and equitable replacement plan relative to all of the district's non-compliant playground equipment.

I regret any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding in this matter. If there are any questions, please feel free to call me at (908) 754-4620 ext. 351.

**MARIO C. BARBIERE**  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

Dear Editor,

On Friday, August 24 there was a water main break at Sterling and Park Ave. in South Plainfield. The water was flowing at a significant pace towards the Kennedy School location and it appeared the water might flood out Kennedy School.

Thanks to the prompt attention of

public works staff, volunteer fire department, police department, rescue squad members, emergency management and Sodexo staff they quickly assessed the possible catastrophe facing the school. Water was cascading to within three feet of the school entrances. A plan was put into place to fill sand bags and place them at all entrances to the school. These sand bags prevented the water from entering the school.

Words alone cannot do justice to recognize those who worked so quickly and cooperatively to avoid disaster at the school with less than two weeks until the opening of school. Our thanks and appreciation is extended to all who worked as a team. You displayed a genuine concern for residents and community facilities.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. John Krewer, Assistant Superintendent Mario C. Barbieri and Kennedy School Principal Al Czech, a great big THANK YOU for a job well done.

**FRANK MIKORSKI**  
PRESIDENT, S.P. BOARD  
OF EDUCATION

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## southplainfieldpeople

### Milestones



Michelle and Dale Morin are wed.

### Michelle Suzanne Cochrane and Dale F. Morin are Married

On Saturday, Aug. 4 Michelle Suzanne Cochrane and Dale F. Morin were married at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in South Plainfield.

Suzanne (Cochrane) Morin is the daughter of Bill and Lorraine Cochrane of South Plainfield.

Dale Morin is the son of Betty Dunaway of Springboro, Ohio and the late Edward Morin.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of South Plainfield High School and

earned her bachelors and masters degrees at Kean University. She is currently employed by the Scotch Plains/Fanwood School District as a school counselor.

The groom graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1984 and is employed by the North Plainfield Department of Public Works.

Their reception was held in the Victorian Manor in Edison. They plan to reside in South Plainfield.

### Pilot Carpet Recycling Program Ends

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will no longer accept used carpet and padding. The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management financed the pilot program, which began at the end of last year. MCDSWM asked South Plainfield to host a collection trailer because it would be easy to divert carpet from the Borough's trash compactor to the Recycling Center across the road. The program was supposed to run for six months while carpet volume and recycling feasibility were evaluated.

Evergreen Nylon, the carpet recycler, recently suspended operations because of low demand for their recycled-content carpet. Therefore, the MCDSWM has ended the pilot program in South Plainfield. Residents who need to dispose of used carpet should bring it to the Compactor or make an appointment with the Road Department (755-2187) for a bulk waste pickup.

### 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 p.m. in Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield.



### South Plainfield Historical Society Raffles Winners

The South Plainfield Historical Society has announced the winner of their raffle. The tickets were pulled after the Labor Day Parade in Veterans Park.

The first place winner of the queen size quilt was Carol Thieme of South Plainfield. The second place winner of a brunch cruise on the Cornucopia Princess was Jennie Retti, also of South Plainfield. Both winners were



delighted when they heard the news. The proceeds of the raffle will go towards the Historical Society's Museum fund.

### Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Wine But Were Afraid to Ask...

Finally, someone has come along to help demystify the subject of wine for the average person. Linda Blank, an American who lived for two years in France and worked for a promotional agency for French wines in New York City, will be teaching two different courses on wine at the South Plainfield Adult School this fall.

"I want to help the average person enjoy wine and overcome the fear associated with buying or ordering wine. Wine is for everyone," Blank says. She noticed that while working at wine tasting events many people shyed away from the French wine table with a look of fear and discomfort. Once she convinced them to come over and taste the wines she explained that "good" wine is not based on being expensive but rather what your taste buds tell you is "good." Everyone's taste is different. The people relaxed and enjoyed tasting the wine without worrying if they selected the "right" wine. "Ever since those people thanked me for providing them with a delightful tasting experience and a background on the wines, I wanted to reach out to anyone who was afraid to ask a question to the liquor store employee or waiter in a restaurant."

The two courses that will be offered at South Plainfield Adult School's evening program are, *Wine Basics* and *French Wine Basics*. "This will be the first time that wine courses will be in our catalogue. We're lucky to have someone with knowledge in wine teach at our facility without the huge fees associated with this type of offering," said Mr. Lenox, Director of Adult Education at the South Plainfield Board of Education.

To sign up for a course, call the Adult School at 754-4620, ext. 213, 214 and 215. Linda Blank, also known as Linda4Wine on America Online, has written articles for magazines, conducted chats on the food

channel of a large Internet site, organized wine and food pairing information and assisted at Bordeaux Wine Bureau tastings. Possessing a business degree in international marketing and two degrees in French, Blank has her

own speaker program consulting business and lives with her two teenage children in North Edison.

For more information, please call the South Plainfield Adult School at (908) 754-4620 ext. 213.

### Business Association Announces Speaker for September Meeting

The South Plainfield Business Association will be resuming their monthly meetings, after taking the summer off. The meeting takes place at Sherban's Diner on Thursday, September 20 at 9 a.m. They meet every month on the third Thursday of the month.

Guest speaker this month will be a representative from Epix, a Professional Employer Organization (PEO) company. Epix provides human resources serviced to small businesses, that are usually only available to larger

corporations. They provide health and medical packages that will help attract talented prospects to your business. Working with Epix will also help employers cut down on paperwork and administrative costs.

All South Plainfield businesses are encouraged to come out to the meeting, meet other businesses and tell the Business Association what you would like to see them target in future meetings. Bring a friend, the coffee is free and you might make a contact that will help your business in the future.

### 25th Anniversary Special!!

## Ernie Temple's School of Karate

(located in the Dunellen Knights of Columbus, corner of Grove & South Ave., Dunellen)

New Class Starts September 6


- Adult Classes, Mon-Tues-Thurs, 7:30-9:30 PM
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Coverage of the  
Labor Day Parade



# 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.

## Athletic Booster Club Will Hold 'Meet the Coaches' Night

September 11

The South Plainfield Athletic Booster Club will hold their annual "Meet the Coaches" night on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield High School cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with coaches from all sports, not just the fall season.

The clubs monthly meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each month.

## Historical Society To Meet

September 11

The next meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, at the South Plainfield High School library at 7:30 p.m.

There will be discussion about getting grant monies for a museum. New members are always welcome.

The raffle committee would like to thank the many people that took part in the raffle.

People have been asking about the anniversary book mentioned in the *Observer* a few weeks ago. They were handed out at Borough Hall the evening of the 75th "Birthday Party." There were a limited number of books printed and handed out. No more are available. According to Pat Vargo, at this time there are no plans to have more printed.

## Music Boosters Meeting

September 12

The South Plainfield Music Booster meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12. The Band will perform first at 7 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The group meets in the band/chorus rooms in the high school.

## Riley School Holds Annual Flower Sale

September 13

John E. Riley School will hold its annual sale of fall flowers on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. during Back to School Night. The sale continues into Friday, September 14 at 3 p.m. The sale will take place at the main entrance to the school located at 100 Morris Ave. All parents, friends and neighbors are welcome to come and shop.

## AARP Meeting Set

September 21

The general meeting for AARP Chapter 4144 will be held on Friday, Sept. 21 at the PAL Building at 12:30 p.m. Speaker will be Ms. Sally Triolo, a distributor for four major health supplement companies, who has devoted herself to teaching others how to regain and maintain good health. Ms. Triolo does one on one consultations as well as group teaching on the traditional uses of medicinal herbs and advances in the national health industry. Visitors are welcome.

Also, the Board Meeting for Chapter 4144 will meet on Friday, Sept. 7 at the PAL Building at 3 p.m.

## Cub Scout Pack 324 Holds Car Wash

September 22

Cub Scout Pack 324 from Kennedy School will be holding a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the front driveway of Kennedy School. Cost per car is \$5.

Profits will be used to help fund pack activities and events for the upcoming year. Webelos Scouts will also be working on the car wash as one step toward earning their Handyman pin.

Raindate is Sunday, Sept. 23.

## OLC Rosary Society Spaghetti Dinner

September 29

Our Lady of Czestochowa will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Sept. 29 at Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 4-8 p.m.

Ticket prices are: adults, \$7; seniors, \$6; children 5-15, \$3.50; children under 5 are free.

For more information, call Millie at 757-3925.

## 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 cancer 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 avail-

able 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—

## Kaleidoscope of Hope Walkathon To Benefit Ovarian Cancer

September 9

Walkers of all ages, including corporate teams, are invited to Morristown's Loanaka 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.

Walkers are asked to bring prepaid sponsorship pledges. Dogs are welcome for an extra \$10. Individual, group and corporate sponsorships are invited.

For information and/or pledge forms, call (973) 644-0500.

## Tourette Syndrome Asso. of NJ Meeting

Sept. 13 and Nov. 8

The Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey-Middlesex/Union County Family Support Group and the Somerset/Hunterdon County Chapter will meet on Thursday, September 13 and November 8 from 7-9 p.m. They will meet in the Neuroscience Institute of JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison.

The guest speaker at the September 13 meeting will be Debbie Johnson of the Tourette Therapeutic Program at Rutgers University. Ms. Johnson will explain the program and answer questions.

For more information, call Marilyn at (908) 757-5074 or after 6 p.m., Debbie at (732) 283-1439.

## TheraPet To Hold Annual Pet Show

September 16

On Sunday, Sept. 16, TheraPet, Inc. will again sponsor its Annual Pet Show. Located in the pavilion area of the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, 132 Evergreen Rd., Edison the Pet Show will begin at 1 p.m., with contest registration from 12 noon.

The Pet Show is open to dogs, cats and other pet animals as long as they are leashed, caged or otherwise under the handler's control at all times. A wide variety of fun contests will be held including Best Trick, Best Dressed Pet, Tail-Wagging, Biscuit Eating, Smallest, Largest and Most Medium Pet, Pet-Owner Look-Alike and others. A Best Pet of the Day will be selected from the winners of the other contests. An obstacle course will be available for dogs to compete against the clock.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets for entry into the various classes will be on sale at registration and all proceeds will support TheraPet, Inc.

New volunteers are always welcome and membership materials will be available at the Pet Show or by calling 732-340-0PET (0738). Interested members of the public are also invited to visit the new website at [www.therapet-inc.com](http://www.therapet-inc.com).

**Send Your Events:** Mail or drop off stories and photos to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax (908) 668-8819; or email to [ggnan@aol.com](mailto:ggnan@aol.com).

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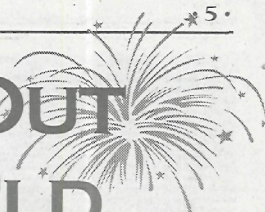
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Best overall entry as determined by judges

**GEORGE W. L. PAGE TROPHY—SOUTH PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPT.**  
Presented to the best civic entry

**BEST YOUTH MUSICAL GROUP—SPHS BAND**  
Awarded by judges to the best youth (high school and under) musical performing group

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Best overall float

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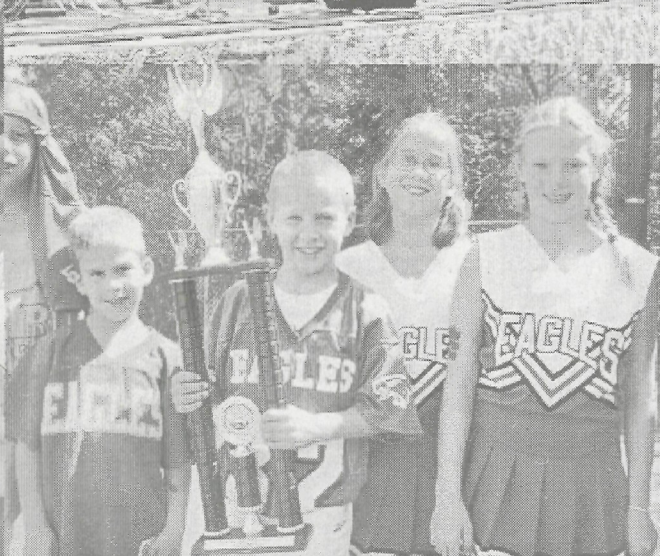
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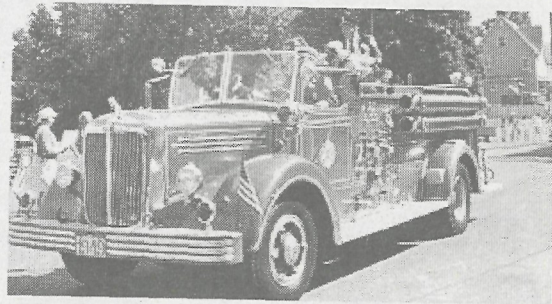
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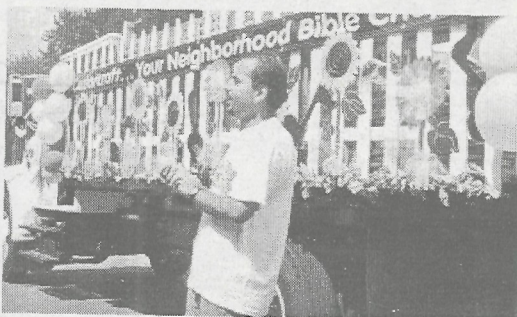
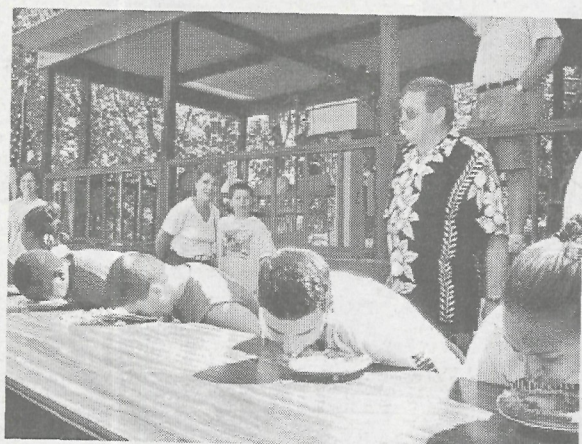




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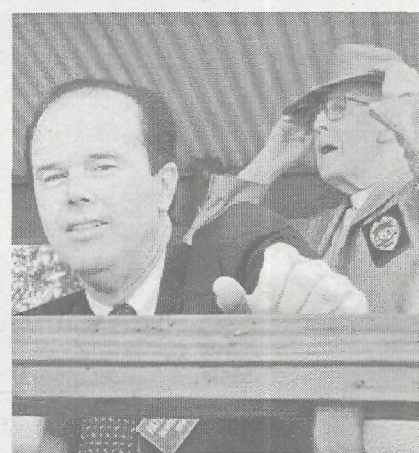
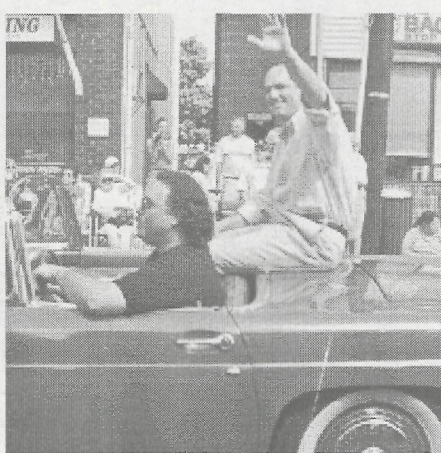
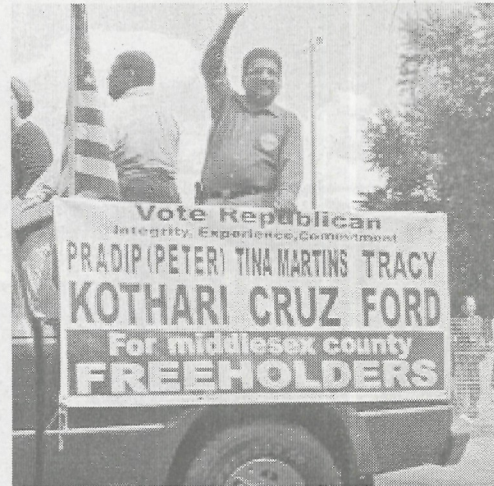
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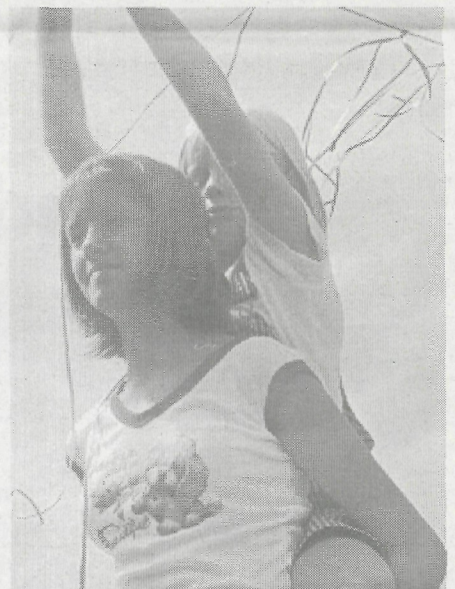
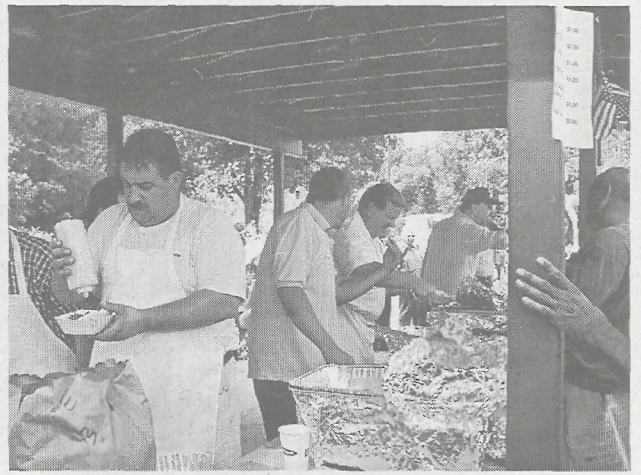


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# Sports

**THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECREATION SOCCER LEAGUE STILL NEEDS SEVERAL COACHES FOR THIS YEAR'S SOCCER TEAMS. GAMES ARE PLAYED ONLY ON SATURDAYS.**

**TO VOLUNTEER OR MORE INFORMATION, CALL MIKE ENGLISH AT THE PAL, 226-7713.**



By Tony Cassano

## juniorbaseballclubnotes

**EQUIPMENT RETURN / OLD TIMERS GAME / PICNIC SET-UP TONIGHT**—This year's annual Old Timers/Coaches game is set for tonight along with picnic set up and equipment return. The festivities will begin around 6 p.m. All managers, coaches and volunteers are welcomed.

**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC SET FOR TOMORROW AT 12 PM**—Our annual season ending picnic is set for tomorrow at 12 noon. All players and parents from all leagues are welcomed. Come and enjoy 'free' food and drink. Trophy presentation's will be made to the first, second and third place finishers in SFA, SFB, and SFC. In our Pony leagues, only first and second place will be presented.

**ITS NOW TIME TO SAY "THANKS AND GOOD LUCK"**—As many of you know, this will be my last article as Commissioner of the SPJBC. As mention in previous articles, as of September 1st, Kevin Lykes officially assumed the responsibility of leading our club as Commissioner for the 2002 and 2003 seasons. I wish Kevin and his new board the best of luck in the year ahead and I can only hope that he receives the same support from the membership and the South Plainfield community that my board and I received over the past two years.

It has been an honor to be the Commissioner of the SPJBC. Two years ago I set a goal and that was to carry the torch that so many before me did and bring pleasure to the children that participated in our program. I'm proud to say that I met my objective and exceeded my expectations. I'm also confident that what we did and what we accomplished as an organization will set the bar for future generations of the SPJBC. During the past two years, in spite of the typical obstacles that a volunteer organization faces on a daily basis, I've had the pleasure of working with so many wonderful people and interacting with volunteers from all walks of life. By sticking to our principles and working together, we have forged the way for a very bright future.

The SPJBC is a first class organization that is run by you, the people and volunteers. If I tried to name the individuals that supported me or my board or lent a hand, dug a ditch, hammered a nail, lined the fields, cleaned the kitchen, served the food, ordered our products, headed a committee, drove the sand pro, painted the dug outs, picked up garbage, flipped the burgers, attended my meetings, talked to me on the phone, coached the kids, and so on and so forth, I feel you get the point, this entire paper would have to be dedicated to the SPJBC and all the volunteers. With that said and for the last time, I want to thank my 2000 & 2001 Executive Board, Tom McCreesh, Danny Wasnick and Kevin Lykes and my trustee's over the past two years for all that you did for me and the club, but most importantly for the youth of South Plainfield. Your undivided dedication and effort in conjunction with the support of the membership of the SPJBC will always be remembered. Thank you again and good luck always.

## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller



**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 any time at our newly created website. .. [SPONYTAIL.com](http://SPONYTAIL.com). You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams.

## Shotman to Hold Fall Training Series at Wardlaw Hartridge

After having two successful training series at Wardlaw Hartridge High School in Edison this summer, Mike "SHOTMAN" Lanza will team up again with Rich "Three Card" Fonti to have another set of six "skill" sessions starting this fall on Sept. 30, and continuing for the next six weeks until Nov. 4. There will be two sets of sessions.

The first session will be from 9-11 a.m. for boys and girls in grades 4 to 7 while the second set from 11:30-1:30 PM will be for boys and girls in grades 8 to 12. Drills and contests will focus on shooting mechanics, free throw and shooting accuracy, and transferring mental techniques from shooting to other aspects of your game. The cost for all six sessions will be \$125.00, and you can register for it online at [active.com](http://active.com).

## Free Baseball Clinic Offered

Ron Hunt, former All-Star second baseman for the New York Mets, will host a **baseball clinic at the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School** baseball field located on Rues Lane in East Brunswick, NJ. There is no charge for the clinic, and youths 13-17 years old are welcome to attend. The clinic will stress the baseball fundamentals of hitting, fielding and base running. Pitchers and catchers will also receive valuable tips from Ron. The clinic will run for two consecutive days, starting each day at 9:30 and ending at 3:00 PM on Sept. 15 and 16. Attendees should plan to be there for both days and bring their own bats, gloves, hats and safety equipment. An athletic supporter is required for males. The first day will begin with position assignments, fielding and base running activities. The second day will include a scrimmage

game. Proof of insurance and a signed letter of permission to play **MUST** be completed at the field at 9:30 AM the first day, in order to participate. There will be no exceptions to the insurance and permission requirements.

Ron Hunt has founded the Ron Hunt Eagles Baseball Association, Inc. and has two teams, divided by age group, that compete in a summer program at his camp in Wentzville, Missouri. Any of the participants in the free two-day clinic may compete for an invitation to Ron's program, which is a paid program of 80-120 games of competitive baseball and tournaments. For more information, please go to the Eagle's Web Site at [www.rheba.com](http://www.rheba.com) for more information. Over 140 of the past participants in the program have gone on to college with scholarship assistance; 10 players were drafted by major league teams.

Attendees may participate in the Clinic with no obligation to try out for the Ron Hunt Independent Eagles program. Ron has donated his time each year for the past nine years, to return some of the support that he received as a player from the NY/NJ area. He also holds clinics in Canada, a return to the area he lived in when he played for the Montreal Expos.

Additional information: Call R. Hopps, (732) 238-3495 in East Brunswick, NJ.

## 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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## Obituaries

### Pasquale C. Muglia, 81

Pasquale C. Muglia of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, August 29 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in South Plainfield and had been a life long resident.

Mr. Muglia was a self employed builder and a project manager supervisor for several builders and contractors in the area for 35 years, before retiring in 1983. He was also the former building inspector for the Borough of South Plainfield.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Anna M. Colantoni Muglia, who died in 1995.

He is survived by his sons Alfonso and Patrick Muglia, both of South Plainfield; two daughters, Nina Turrisi and Emilia Muglia, both of South Plainfield, a sister, Anna Muglia of South Plainfield and his grandchildren, Janine, Stephen, Joseph, Michael, Kaitlin, Alfonso, Andrea and Nicholas.

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

### Leonard M. Moniz, 82

Leonard M. Moniz died on Friday, Aug. 31 in The Highlands Nursing Home in Edison.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., he resided in Harrison for many years before moving to South Plainfield in 1960.

Mr. Moniz was the owner of Ru-Lens Art Gallery in New Brunswick for over 15 years before retiring.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a member and past commander of the American Legion of Harrison for many years. Mr. Moniz was active with various drum and bugle corps in the Central Jersey area. He was the past chairman of the South Plainfield Traffic Safety committee and a past member of the South Plainfield Planning Board. He was also a member of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in

North Plainfield.

His wife, Ellen "Ruth" Moniz, died in 1997.

Surviving are his daughters and son-in-laws, Pamela and Nicholas Cesaro of Succasunna, Marsha and Scott Carney of Freehold; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Laurie Moniz of Strongsville, Ohio. Also surviving are five grandchildren Kristi, Nicholas, Lorenzo, Geoffrey and Lauren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Margaret (Maggie) A. (Mazza) Berry, 48

Margaret (Maggie) A. (Mazza) Berry of Edison, died on Sunday, Sept. 2 at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born in Mt. Holly and was raised and lived in South Plainfield before moving to Edison 23 years ago.

Margaret was a 1971 graduate of South Plainfield High School and was a data entry operator for Shop Rite in Edison for the last 11 years. Prior to that she worked for Mattel Toys in Edison for 10 years and was Shop Stewart and a member of the International Plastic and Leather Goods Workers Union in NY and a member of the United Commercial Food Workers Union Local 1262.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Donald Berry; her parents Mario and Sophie Spock Mazza of South Plainfield, her sister Sue and her husband Gary Romeri of South Plainfield.

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

### Norman (Niggy) R. Jenkins, 74

Norman (Niggy) R. Jenkins of Tamarac, Fla. died on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at his home.

He was born in Maine, raised in South Plainfield and was a former resident of North Plainfield, before moving to Tamarac 15 years ago.

Mr. Jenkins was a tile setter and worked for many local tile contrac-

tors for 50 years before retiring in 1986. He was a fifty year member of the Tile Setters Union.

He served his country during WWII in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Jenkins was an avid golfer and in 1959 won the N.J. State Amateur Golf Championships.

He was predeceased by his son, Gregory Jenkins.

He is survived by his wife Ann; his daughter Karen and her husband Soren Pilman; his sisters, Phyllis Madsen and Lois Colburn; his step children, Voann Fredericks and Robert Page and eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

Donations in his memory can be made to Hospice Care of S.E. Florida, 309 SE 18th St., Ft Lauderdale, Fla., 33316.

### Betty Jane Pfeiffer, 56

Betty Jane Pfeiffer died on Monday Sept. 3, at John F. Kennedy medical Center in Edison.

Born in Rahway, Mrs. Pfeiffer has resided in South Plainfield for the past 20 years.

She had been employed as a bartender at the Spain Inn in Piscataway from 1972 until several years ago.

Mrs. Pfeiffer is an avid NASCAR fan. Her and her husband have been annually attending the race at Dover Downs International Raceway for the past 20 years. She also enjoyed arts and crafts as well as, working around her home.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield.

She is survived by her husband, Frank E.; a son, Edward Hatton, of South Plainfield; three step sons, Robert, Michael and Gerald Hatton; a sister, Dolores Fortin of Ocala, Fla. and a sister-in-law, Joyce Pfeiffer of North Plainfield. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made to our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 120 Kosciusko Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

### Patricia A. Buchman, 65

Patricia A. Buchman of Edison, died on Saturday, Sept. 1 at JFK Medical Center in Edison

Born in Manhattan, she resided in Edison for 38 years. She had received her Masters of Library Science from Queens College.

Mrs. Buchman was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen.

Surviving are her husband, Henry J.; a daughter, Kathleen Fredericks of South Plainfield; a son, John J. of Annandale; a brother, James Walsh of Denville; three grandsons, Michael, Matthew and Kyle Fredericks.

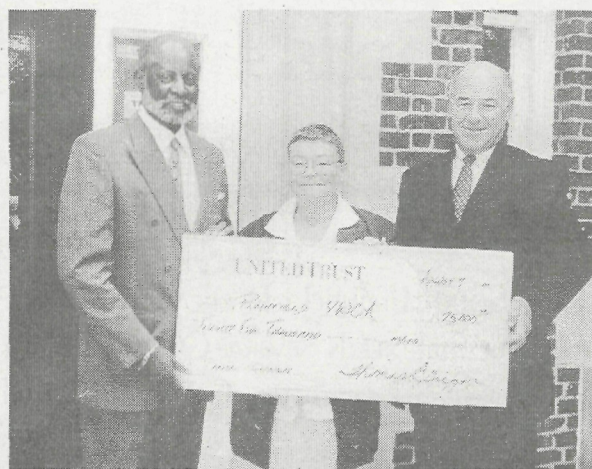
Funeral services were held at Costello Runyon Funeral Home.

In her memory, please make donations to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main St., Fords, NJ 08863.

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## UnitedTrust Presents Proceeds from First Annual "Charity Classic" to YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield

Thomas C. Gregor, Chairman and CEO of UnitedTrust and Nathaniel C. Harris, Jr., Senior Vice President, visited the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield recently to present a check for \$25,000. Jacquelyn M. Glock, MSW, Executive Director of the Plainfield YWCA, grinned from ear to ear as she gratefully accepted the oversized check, which represents the proceeds of the UnitedTrust Charity Classic, a golf and tennis outing that was held at the Raritan Valley Country Club earlier this summer.

The UnitedTrust Charity Classic, which was attended by more than 120 business men and women from throughout Central New Jersey, is the first of what UnitedTrust hopes will become an annual event, with proceeds to benefit community agencies.

The \$25,000 donation will be designated for new construction of the Early Childhood Center, part of the

YWCA's comprehensive restoration of their Front Street building, which is listed on the State and National registers of historic places. The building has been utilized as a YWCA since its construction in 1925, and has never undergone any significant renovation.

Construction of the Early Childhood Center will allow the YWCA to provide care for children 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to the childcare center, plans for the building include restoration of the YWCA's 250 seat theater, and restoration of the building's exterior.

The YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield has served the greater Plainfield community since 1906, and has as its mission the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism and sexism. If you would like more information about the Plainfield YWCA, please call (908) 756-3500 during regular business hours.

## police report

• On August 28, SB Power Tools on Corporate Ct. reported that an unknown person had ordered \$2,000 worth of roto hammers under a fictitious name.

• Pizzeria Uno on Stelton Rd. reported that seven stereo speakers were stolen. A key had been given to a plumbing company from Middlesex, however they know nothing about the missing speakers.

• On August 29, Ed Wisnerski of Buckhorn Construction on W. Eight St. reported the theft of a DeWalt cordless drill and a ladder from his unlocked vehicle which was parked in the fenced in back yard of his house.

• On Thursday, a 13 year old girl who resides on Linden Ave. reported that an unknown black male had knocked on her door trying to sell something. He asked if anyone was home and she replied, "no." He then took hold of the outside door handle and asked if he could use the bath-

room. He was told no again and left. He returned a few minutes later and asked if he could have something to drink. She refused to open the door and called her father at work and he reported the incident to police.

• On Saturday, CVS on Oak Tree Rd. reported the theft of a stick of deodorant by a male who frequents the store and attempts to return items.

## Legal Notice

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

September 4, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on August 4, 2001.

A Case #00-09/V-AmerLand, Inc.-Arlington Ave. (nearest intersect. with Belmont Ave.), Block 341; Lots 7, 8 & 9—Applicant's request for waivers and preliminary subdivision was hereby GRANTED, with conditions

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Tiffany Boyle and Brian Publik took home first place prize.

## Local Teenagers Place First in Garden State Championship

Local teenagers, Tiffany Boyle and Brian Publik, recently completed their drum corps season with the Phoenix Drum Corp. The Drum Corp recently won the coveted Garden State Championship in Easton, Pa. Tiffany marches with the color guard for the youth organization and Brian is a snare drummer on the drum line.

Phoenix Drum Corp is a drum and bugle corps from Toms River which is an organization dedicated to creating a drug and alcohol free environment where youth, ages 14-21 can be challenged musically and given opportunities for leadership and excellence. The group practices every weekend

from January through August, and competes during the summer months when high school bands are not yet competing.

Phoenix recently completed a 14 day tour through Pennsylvania and culminated in Buffalo, NY where they became DCI Atlantic Finalists.

Tiffany, a junior at South Plainfield High School, was the Marching Tigers Color Guard co-captain last season and Brian, also a junior at South Plainfield High School is the Marching Tigers Drum Line Captain.

Both are continuing their drum corps commitment through next season.

## Community Pool Open to Residents Saturday, Sept. 8.

The community pool will be open on Saturday, Sept. 8 from noon to 6 p.m. All South Plainfield residents are welcome come and spend the afternoon at the pool.

## Volunteers Clear "Litterjam" From Cedar Brook

Several residents joined the Environmental Commission in the Cedar Brook on September 1, clearing out about a half-ton of litter trapped behind a fallen tree.

The Environmental Commission had sent out a press release, urgently seeking volunteers to help clean the Brook at the start of the Veterans Park Nature Trail. Dry conditions during the summer had lowered the water level in the Brook enough so that people could actually get down into the stream. The EC wanted to take care of the cleanup before the fall rains filled up the stream again. Also, the EC thought the annual Labor Day nature walk might be spoiled by the unsightly trash.

Six people worked for nearly two hours Saturday morning. As they tried in vain to keep their feet dry, they marveled at the sheer concentration of litter that had come to rest in a space smaller than an average backyard. Bottles, cans, take-out drink cups, picnic plates and forks, cigarette lighters, pens, tennis balls, every kind of plastic (whole and in pieces), an umbrella and a hula-hoop were all bagged and dragged out to the dumpster behind Borough Hall. The volunteers filled seventeen large orange plastic bags. When they were done, only a myriad of small pieces of plastic and crumbled Styrofoam, too many and too small to be picked up, remained.

The Borough's Clean Communities Program funded the bags, gloves and donuts. Anybody who would like to get involved with the program can contact Alice Tempel, the Clean Communities Coordinator, at 226-7621, or e-mail her at atempel@south-plainfieldnj.com.

## Nature Walk Takes Place Afterall

The Veterans Park Nature Trail walk which usually takes place on Labor Day, was not going to happen this year, but late last week a resident called Alice Tempel to ask about it. She was so disappointed when told there wouldn't be a walk that Alice agree to meet her at the trail 1 p.m. on Monday.

A quick announcement was made from the reviewing stand on Monday to see if anyone else wanted to join. Lo and behold they ended up with a group of ten people on the Nature Trail, more than they've had for the past several years when the walk was publicized.

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time once again for the latest news from South Plainfield Library:

The latest group of titles from the Video Circuit is now available for borrowing. Selections in this group include, *A Civil Action*, *Coyote Ugly*, *Death on the Nile*, *The Outsiders*, the Powerpuff Girls tape *Birthday Bash*, and, on DVD, *Family Man*. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. This group will be available until Sept. 24.

Our children's Storytime programs have been cancelled for September. They'll return to their normal schedule in October. Of course, if your children want to come in and see Miss Linda anyway, we have no problem with that.

The Library Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on Tuesday night at 7:30. The public is invited and encouraged to attend what promises to be an informative meeting. The meeting will include a period for questions and comments from the public, held shortly after the meeting begins.

Gladys Hector, who's our computer administrator, is organizing another bilingual computer class. It's been scheduled for Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM. Space is limited for this program, so you must register in advance. For more information, call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Gladys.

Later this month, the Friends of the Library are planning a sale on A/V items, including audiobooks and videos. We'll have further details on this ASAP. Meanwhile, feel free to stop in and see what items are featured in their ongoing book sale.

Here's a reminder for parents. We realize that, when it comes to kids, cleanliness is next to impossible. That said, please try to keep your children from messing up our materials. Lately, children's items have been returned with all manner of gunk on them. We'd appreciate it if you brought the items back relatively clean and neat. (And if it's the adults that are responsible, you should know better.)

Recently, we decided to refine our policy regarding Internet access. Specifically, we're talking about the use of

bar codes to log onto the system. Normally, a patron logs on by typing in their personal bar code, found on their Library card. At times, if a patron has forgotten their card, we'll provide them with their number. Unfortunately, some patrons have been abusing this privilege, and then there is the problem of someone misusing another person's code number. So, from now on, patrons will be required to have their cards in their possession to log onto the Internet. If you forget your card, you must present valid proof of identity before we'll give you your number. (Be advised, though, that we'll only do this once.) We realize that this may cause you some inconvenience, but we feel that it's necessary for the security of you, our patrons.

With that, we'll close out things for this week. Thanks for your attention. And we hope you enjoyed your summer and are easing nicely into fall.

(Although, technically, it's still summer and fall doesn't arrive for another couple of weeks, but we won't get into that now.)

## Franklin Bus Schedule

Last week the *Observer* received a number of phone calls from parents of Franklin School children. The bus schedule printed in last week's issue did not list anything from Franklin School.

The school's transportation department was notified and they explained that only kindergarten students are bussed. Parents should have received their schedule and bus pass in the mail prior to the start of school.

## Vendors Needed

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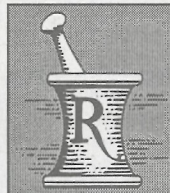
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