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Public Mtg. On 2002 Budget Set For Oct. 4

A public hearing on the 2002 municipal budget introduced last month will be held at the Oct. 4 council meeting. The public is invited to ask questions and/or voice objections.

When the budget is adopted, homeowners will see an increase in their municipal taxes of about \$70 per household.

Next year's proposed budget appropriation is \$20,370,832, an increase of about \$1.6M. The municipal tax rate will rise six points, or about \$70 per average household. Councilman Ed Kubala said that the increase in the budget was due to a rise in the cost of insurance rates and increases in wages of Borough employees.



Pictured above are Chief Robert Merkle, Jerry Minlionica, Sgt. Kevin Murtagh and Sal Severini. Severini and Minlionica, who represent two local golf leagues, donated \$528 to the police department towards the purchase of fluorescent strips which are placed on the poles of stop signs and pedestrian signs around town. (See story on page 5).

Flu Shots Available from Middlesex Co. Health Dept.

The Middlesex County Public Health Department will be administering flu and pneumococcal vaccines in South Plainfield at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Last year there was a national delay in the availability of influenza vaccines. In order to reach those South Plainfield residents at highest risk and in accordance with Centers for Disease Control guidelines, the health department will only be offering flu vaccines to those residents who are 50 years of age or over or who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems and those with chronic metabolic diseases including diabetes mellitus, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies or immuno-suppression. Any resident under the age of 50 years wishing to receive the flu vaccine will be required to bring a prescription from their physician stating that they are receiving regular medical follow-up for one of the conditions listed above.

Pneumococcal vaccines will be given by appointment only and are available to residents 85 years of age and older who have not previously received the vaccine.

Appointments for the pneumococcal vaccine can be made beginning Sept. 24 by calling the Health Department at (732) 745-3100 between the hours of 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As is their policy, these vaccines will be provided free of charge, however, Medicare will be billed where applicable. Residents are advised to bring their Medicare Cards to the clinic.

School Crisis Management Team Meets Students Needs

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield residents entrust the school district with far more than the monumental task of educating our children. In addition to their educational welfare, the district strives to keep our children safe both physically and emotionally. Watching for signs of distress in every day life is part and parcel of teaching. Counselors are available in each of our schools.

During the crisis America is experiencing, the task of emotional safety falls to the district's Crisis Management Team which is headed by Cindy Povall, Director of Guidance and Tom Baker, Student Assistance Counselor.

A Crisis Management Plan is put into effect during any extraordinary events that might present potential danger, upset or alarm students. A crisis would include a natural disaster such as hurricane Floyd, a suicide, homicides such as the Columbine shootings, a school or district-wide tragedy, or, as we are dealing with now, a national tragedy. The plan dictates how our schools should operate in order to retain calm and keep students, faculty and staff safe.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 and Wednesday, Sept. 12 were extremely busy days for the team. Since the national crisis presented no immediate physical danger to the students, the plan put into action was one to ensure emotional safety. Specific steps and procedures were followed, such as verifying facts via news reports.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer met with the high school administration and a statement was prepared for the staff. The Crisis Management Team met with administrators and those involved in counseling to develop a plan of action.

Most important was the decision to follow business as usual, to keep the students' day on schedule. Letters were created to be sent home with students. A list of students and staff that might be directly effected by the disaster was generated and calls were made to each home. Approximately 30 families in the high school had at least one parent working in Manhattan, as well as a number of families in each of the elementary schools.

One of the major tasks was to identify those families that were at risk. Each school had to review every student's emergency card and the job had to be done quickly. A time consuming operation at best. They were hampered by missing cards and/or outdated information. Cindy Povall, Director of Guidance stressed the importance of returning emergency cards immediately and updating necessary information.

The crisis management plan involved everyone in the district. Coun-

High School Counselors Available for Families

The SPHS Guidance Counselors are available to provide counseling services to families during non-traditional hours. Services include social/emotional counseling and academic planning. Call (908) 754-4620 at the extensions listed below to make an appointment. Because counselors want to provide an outreach to all families, it is not necessary to see your child's counselor in the evening.

High school counselors are available as follows: Eileen Boettger, Monday 12-7 p.m., ext. 294; Cheryl Fox, Tuesday 11-6 p.m., ext. 297; Marjorie Kopacsi, Wednesday 12-7 p.m., ext. 295 and Nadine Knight, Thursday 10:15 a.m.-5:15 p.m., ext. 302.

sors, social workers and school psychologists were each directed to a particular school for the day.

By Tuesday afternoon the team had met with South Plainfield Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma. Two shelters were quickly established. Grant and Roosevelt Schools. Grant was to provide food

and temporary shelter as well as counseling. Roosevelt was designated to be open all night. Luckily the shelters, while fully prepared, were not needed.

On Wednesday all schools were visited by Dr. Krewer, Mr. Barbieri and/or Mrs. Povall. In addition to the

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SPHS Seniors Nominated for 2001 Wendy's Heisman HS Award

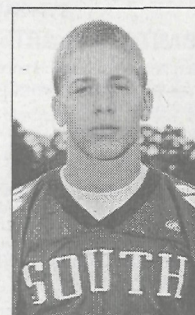
High school is a vital time for teenagers as they develop self-discipline, set goals and build confidence to help them achieve success in all walks of life as students, athletes, role models and leaders in their communities. With this in mind, the Wendy's High School Heisman Program honors the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a supreme "scholar-citizen-athlete."

South Plainfield High School selected two outstanding 2002 seniors, Danielle Schweers and Scott Doerr, to contend in the eighth annual Wendy's High School Heisman Program. These South Plainfield students were chosen based upon their admirable performances on the field, in the

classroom, and in their local community.

The program was created through a partnership between Wendy's International, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club (DAC), the home to the Heisman Trophy since 1935.

The Wendy's High School Heisman Program recognizes high school seniors nationwide who have learned to collaborate and appreciate the interrelation of academics, athletics and community service. Danielle Schweers and Scott Doerr have enhanced the quality of life, inspired others and embody the ideal characteristics of today's lead-



SPHS Senior Scott Doerr



SPHS Senior Danielle Schweers

ing youth.

Danielle Schweers and Scott Doerr were nominated for this program based on the following accomplishments:

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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, 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 (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

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

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:

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

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

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, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg., 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
Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26.

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Dear Editor:

None of us will ever be the same as a result of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. We all feel a need to show respect to those who lost their lives in that senseless, cowardly deed. It is difficult to just go about our daily lives without feeling that we should somehow be doing more. But our President has given us all direction as to what is the correct course of action. We must carry on. We can't let the terrorists think that they can take our spirit away from us.

Our most basic freedom is the right to choose those who will represent us. Although in all honesty, none of us have our heart in it, we must go forward with our local council campaign. We know our Republican friends feel the same way, but we can't just forget about the election. Too many lives have been lost to give us our freedoms. The highest respect we can give is to make sure the system works. With that in mind, Dennis Cerami and Charlie Buttrico will be knocking on your door to ask for your support and find out what you want done in our borough. I encourage the Republican candidates to do the same thing.

I hope we have the highest voter turnout in the history of South Plainfield on Nov. 6. Let's show those cowards, who have no respect for freedom, what this country is all about!

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.
DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPAL
CHAIRPERSON**

To The Editor:

Each of our lives has been touched by the "Attack on America." Our hearts, sympathy and prayers go to those who have lost a loved one. The cowardly person or persons behind the attack of terrorism thought they would kill America and the freedom it stands for. Instead, America has come together to help, heal and fight back. Among the thousands who have lost their lives working in the WTC and the Pentagon, are the firefighters, police and emergency service personnel who lost their lives trying to save others. It has brought even greater appreciation for our local fire department, police department, rescue squad, and emergency management. These men and women are truly the heartbeat of South Plainfield.

One of the greatest privileges we have as Americans is the right to vote. We have the ability to choose our elected officials from local and state to the national level. As much as some would like to put the "silly season" as many call it aside, there is an election in the near future. President

In My Opinion



Mark, 9 and Megan, 6 wanted to show their patriotism in a unique way. With the help of their mom and dad, Scott and Chris Roseman they painted an American Flag on the trunk of the family car.

Bush has asked all of us to return to our jobs and our lives as difficult as that may be for many.

Marge Reedy and Jerry Harris, the Republican council candidates and myself have made a joint decision to resume the door-to-door campaigning which is a vital part of an election. We feel it is important for you to meet the people who are asking for your support in November; people who need to know what is on your mind and how, if elected can continue to make South Plainfield one of the finest communities in New Jersey.

Terrorism may have brought down buildings, but we, as a nation will show the people responsible for the Attack on America the meaning of "with liberty, and justice for all."

**LINDA DASHUTA
REPUBLICAN MUNICIPAL
CHAIRWOMAN**

To The Editor:

On behalf of my third grade students at Riley School, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to their "Special Treats for Special Dogs" collection drive for the World Trade Center rescue workers. My class collected dog biscuits and dog food for the K-9 rescue dogs working at the site.

My students wanted to "do something" to help, but they wanted (and needed) the opportunity to actually do it themselves. They decided to collect dog biscuits because it was an item the students could personally select, purchase and carry to school. The students also told friends and family members about their drive and before we knew it, the contributions began pouring in to Room 12.

Thanks to the support of all who contributed, my young students were able to exchange their feelings of helplessness to feelings of helpfulness. Their "Special Treats for Special Dogs" drive did more than help

the dogs at the WTC site, it helped my students cope with this tragedy as well. For that I add my personal thanks to all those who supported their efforts.

The success of my students' drive exceeded my expectations. We set a two-day limit for the collection. In that short amount of time, my class was able to fill five large packing cartons with dog biscuits and food. The kids sorted and packed the boxes and added a card they each signed. The cartons were brought to Hall's Trucking where they were loaded on a truck for transport to New York City. At this time, I would also like to extend our thanks to Hall's Trucking for accepting my students' donation and transporting it for them.

**MARGIE GUMINA
TEACHER, RILEY SCHOOL**

To Jim Vokral:

The Friends of the Woods would like to thank Officer David Franchak for his help in trying to stop the problems we have been having with vandalism in the Nature Reserve.

Officer Franchak, who regularly patrols the Woods by bicycle, is acquainted with many of the children and teenagers in the neighborhood. He recruited a group of 18 boys to

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Just A Reminder

Business Advisory Group (BAG) Meeting Changed

The Business Advisory Group meeting usually held on the first Wednesday of the month will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 2. The public is invited to attend.

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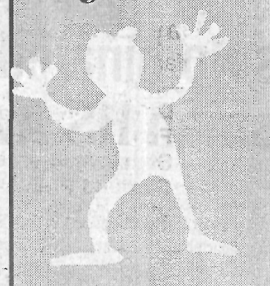
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To the Residents of South Plainfield

The members of your governing body are deeply saddened by Tuesday's tragic events.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who perished, were injured or sadly are yet unaccounted for. The waiting, hoping and not knowing must truly be unbearable.

We must acknowledge and thank the many firefighters, police officers and medical technicians who have worked tirelessly to ease pain and suffering.

South Plainfield responded with police, firefighters and rescue squad personnel and equipment providing needed and vital assistance.

Our Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Zushma, as always responded immediately setting up an emergency operations command center, two shelters for school students where parents or guardians might have difficulty getting back to South Plainfield. He organized the movement of portable lights, traffic rental signs, trailers and needed equipment to New York City.

We sincerely thank and applaud the many residents and businesses who responded with needed assistance, material, food and drink, tools, work clothes, trucks and trailers. The list would be too long to mention. We thank you all.

It is time for the healing process, as difficult as it may be, to begin. I ask that you keep all those so terribly affected in your prayers.

South Plainfield continues to open her arms and her heart and will do so whenever there is a need. I ask that you proudly display our flag everyday to show your support for our country.

May almighty God continue to bless us in South Plainfield and may God bless America.

**THANK YOU,
MAYOR DAN GALLAGHER**

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get together Saturday afternoon to clean up the Sylvania Place entrance.

He obtained donations of supplies from Vail Hardware and pizza and drinks from the Pizza Stop. He personally fixed the broken plexiglass in the bulletin board. The older boys weed whacked and mowed, while the others pulled weeds, sanded graffiti off the footbridge, scrubbed graffiti from the table and picked up litter. Three bags of litter and a big pile of weeds were gathered. When they had finished, they wanted to know when they could come back to do this again.

As a bonus, several budding naturalists emerged. After the cleanup, Dot Miele (Friends of the Woods president) and her daughter took four of the boys on a nature walk. When they went back the next morning, the children came running up and Sarah took them on another two hour walk.

We think Officer Franchak's initiative to instill a sense of ownership and stewardship in these boys will have long-term benefits.

ALICE TEMPEL

To the Editor,

We are writing as a majority of the New Jersey Council of YWCAs to publicly affirm our support for the historic vote by the YWCA of the USA to remain a single sex, women's-only organization. This decision was resoundingly approved at the 36th YWCA National Convention in July in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This was the first time in its 143-year history that the YWCA of the USA had voted on whether to change its constitutional rules to allow men to join as voting members and to participate in its governance structure. Men are permitted to join the organization as associates, but not to vote or hold leadership positions.

One could argue that much has changed in 143 years, and perhaps women no longer need an organization all their own. But the YWCA convention delegates felt otherwise. Due to their actions, the YWCA will continue as a single sex organization, and in doing so, will continue to act in concert with sister YWCA associations around the world. We strongly support this decision. We also feel it bears some explanation.

The YWCA's mission is to empower women and girls, and to thrust our collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary. These are the guiding principles for all YWCA programs—pre- and after school care; programs for youth and women; health and fitness; and anti-violence and social justice initiatives.

As a worldwide membership movement founded on the tenets of empowering ALL women and girls, we are committed to eliminating the injustices many of our sisters face every day, both here and abroad. A unilateral vote by the YWCA in the United States to include men in our membership and governance structure would show a disregard for this struggle, and would place us at odds with our sister YWCAs around the world.

In the United States, the legal justification for allowing the YWCA to remain as a single-sex organization is known as the Compensatory Purposes Doctrine. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that there is a compensatory purpose at work in an all-female organization whose purpose and programs are designed to enable members to overcome the limitations imposed by a male-dominated society. The YWCA in the United States meets the criteria of the Compensatory Purposes Doctrine.

It was not a desire to exclude men that moved the YWCA convention delegates to vote to maintain single-sex status. Indeed, we all appreciate the contributions of men and the need to include more men in our movement. But women still need an organization all their own, where they can set their own agenda, marshal their own assets, develop skills and grow leaders.

We cannot yet say that our mission has been achieved: women and girls continue to struggle for human, social, legal, economic, health and reproductive rights. When we have equality for all women throughout the world, we will gladly take another vote. We all look forward to that day.

Signed:

**YWCA OF THE FOLLOWING:
BERGEN COUNTY, CAMDEN
COUNTY, EASTERN UNION
COUNTY, ESSEX/WEST HUDSON
COUNTIES, MONTCLAIR,
PLAINFIELD/ NORTH
PLAINFIELD AND PRINCETON**



South Plainfield High School Marching Band is on the Move

The South Plainfield High School Marching Band was ready and geared up for their first competition on Saturday Sept. 22 in West Deptford.

Under the direction of Mark Tweed, the Marching Tigers performed at football game halftimes and competitions to the music of Disney's *Prince of Egypt*. The three dramatic selections will be *Deliver Us*, *The Plagues*, and *We Believe*.

The band recently returned from band camp in Honesdale, Pa. and already performed at the Labor Day Parade, Teacher Orientation, two football games and at the South Plainfield Candlelight Service in Spring Lake Park.

Tweed said, "The kids are strong and their attitude is fantastic. They represent our high school with dignity and honor. In regard to the recent tragic events of our nation, the patriotism they have demonstrated is inspiring. I'm proud to be their director."

He felt it was chilling to realize that the music they are performing originated with Disney's movie *Prince of*

Egypt, which summarized the plight of millions of people fighting over the same piece of land for thousands of years. And this is now the geographical piece of land our nation is concerned about.

Tweed will be assisted this year by Joe Borghese, assistant director and Color Guard Coordinators Kathy Petrocelli and Angela Gallagher, Kevin Adams, drill instructor and Dave Calepandro and Bob Publik, percussion instructors. Student coordinators for the 2001-2002 season are Allison Provaire and Chris Baron, Drum Majors, Sabrina Hollis, Color Guard Captain, Danielle Servidio and Jackie Noonan, Color Guard Co-Captains and Brian Publik, Drum Captain.

This season the band is 94 members strong and will be performing in the Tournament of Bands Competition Circuit in the Group 3 category. MaryBeth Quinn, president of the



Parent Music Boosters urges all residents to come out and hear this award winning band at the Home Marching Band Festival on Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. at Frank Jost Field. Music Boosters are raising funds for their spring trip and for scholarships and are selling "Kids Stuff" coupon books for \$25 and Home Interior Candles.

If you are interested in purchasing these items and supporting our hometown band call MaryBeth Quinn at (908) 754-1518.



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Around Town

Roosevelt School Car Wash

September 29

Fourth and fifth grade students from Roosevelt School will sponsor a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds from this event will go towards the November 2001 and 2002 Stokes Environmental trips. The fee for all vehicles is \$5.

During the car wash customers may purchase baked goods while they wait.

The car wash will take place in the Roosevelt School parking lot off Jackson Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. Rain date is set for Saturday, Oct. 6.

OLC Rosary Society Spaghetti Dinner

September 29

Our Lady of Czestochowa will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 4 to 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.

Future Stars Parents Group Meeting

October 4

Future Stars Parents Group will hold their first meeting on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grant School Cafeteria. All parents are urged to attend.

Adult School Seniors Meeting at PAL

October 5

The Adult School Seniors will hold a meeting on Friday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. at the P.A.L. Building. Sign-ups for the Senior Luncheon will be

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at the high school on Oct. 18.

Coffee and dessert will be served. Call 854-1047 for further information and transportation.

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. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats by calling (800) 899-9199, extension 406.

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

VFW to Hold Monthly Country Breakfast

October 7

The South Plainfield VFW Post 6763, located on Front St., will hold their monthly Country Breakfast on Sunday, October 7. Donation is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

The breakfast is sponsored by Pup Tent 41 Military Order of the Coatic. Proceeds go towards parties at the Lyons VAMC.

For information call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on week-ends.

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 on Dec. 16 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.

Atlantic City Trip Sponsored by Polish Home

October 14

The South Plainfield Polish Home's Scholarship Committee will be sponsoring a trip to the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City on Oct. 14. Tickets are \$15 per person with a \$9 coin return. Bus leaves the Polish Home parking lot, 312 New Market Ave. at 11 a.m. For reservations, please call Ann (908) 561-6551 or Millie (908) 757-3428.

Rescue Squad to Hold Fun Night 2001

November 3

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold *Fun Night 2001*, sponsored by the Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Fun Night 2001 will take place at the Holiday Inn in South Plainfield. A donation of \$20 includes food and beverage. There will be a cash bar.

For tickets or information, call (732) 424-3661 or (732) 764-0620.

SPHS Class of 1976 25th Reunion

November 10

Attention all classmates! South Plainfield Class of 1976 will hold its 25th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Clarion-Windsor Ballroom.

For more information, please e-mail Debra (Hays) Bishop at sphs1976@hotmail.com.

SPHS Class of 1981 20th Reunion

November 23

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

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

South Plainfield Elks Veterans Selling Entertainment Books

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee will be selling Entertainment Books for \$30.00 each.

For more information on how to purchase one, please contact Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

— Out of Town —

Theatre Co. Presents Forever Plaid

Through October 27

The Jersey Central Theatre Company, a new non-profit troupe, taking up residence at the historic Dunellen Theater, 458 North Ave. (Rt. 28) at Madison Ave. will present their premiere production of *Forever Plaid* on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Oct. 5-27. The show pays tribute to the "good guys" of the era—not the greasers, but the ones who wore dinner jackets and bow ties.

The cost is \$20 per person. Student, senior, group and subscription discounts available. For more information, contact Jersey Central Theatre Company at 732-968-9010, or online at www.jerseycentraltheatre.com.

Unique Bridal Fair

October 7

On Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 6 p.m. the historic and picturesque Pillars of Plainfield Bed and Breakfast at 922 Central Ave., Plainfield, will host a Teddy Bear Bridal Fair to help potential brides make their plans.

Admission is by donating a new Teddy Bear (tags attached) to the "Teddies for Trauma" project which provides these comforting creatures to hospitals, rescue squads, police and other agencies which help children and others in crises.

There will be two shows, 1 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Although a new Teddy Bear is the cost of admission, reservations are required by phoning Cathy Demarais at (908) 561-5163, by calling The Pillars at (908) 753-0922 or sending an e-mail request to their web site: www.pillars2.com.

Dinner To Honor Clem Santy of Dunellen

Oct. 12

The Borough of Dunellen will be honoring Clem Santy, long-time recreation director, who has almost 53

years of devoted service, with a retirement dinner on Friday, Oct. 12.

The dinner will be held at the Pine's Manor in Edison from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and dancing with a live band. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are available at Borough's schools, as well stores and businesses all over town. Tickets can also be purchased at the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Dunellen Lion's Club and the Dunellen/Green Brook Rotary Club.

For questions or information call (732) 752-9229 or (732) 752-1278.

Craft Festival and Silent Auction

October 19

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church will hold their 16th Annual Autumn Craft Festival and Silent Auction at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Route 206 and Homestead Rd. Hillsborough on Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Special auction hours are on Friday, Oct. 19 are 6 to 9 p.m.

Last year's success allowed our church to donate \$2,500 to the Somerset Home for Displaced Children. We are targeting the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) and the Resource Center for Women and their Families as the recipients of half of this year's proceeds.

Tourette Syndrome Assoc. of NJ Meeting

November 8

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

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

South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department

123 Maple Avenue
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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:

Wine Tasting Reception 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Buffet Dinner 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Open Bar, DJ and Dancing 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Special Hotel Rooms Rate Available for Overnight Stay

For Tickets or More Information Please Contact:
John Celentano (908) 757-5691

or

Mike Gallagher (908) 755-9874



Cub Pack 324 from Kennedy school held a car wash last Saturday to raise money for pack activities and events for the upcoming year. Weeblo Scouts also participated as part of their requirement for earning their handyman pin.

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Milestones

Birth of Brianna Jon Fasano

Louis and Jessica Fasano of South Plainfield are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Jon Fasano, born on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 1:15 p.m. Brianna was born at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and is 19 1/4 in. long.

Brianna Jon joins her brother, Louis III who is five and sister, Jordan who is 21 months old.

Grandparents are Darlene Giordan, Robert Rasmussen, both of Rahway and Lou and Selma Fasano of South Plainfield.

Suburban Woman to Present Scottish Highland Dancing

Traditional Scottish Highland Dancing will be presented at the Suburban Woman's Club annual Husbands/Guests night. The event will be held at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Rd. in South Plainfield, Friday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner. Members of the club will be providing their food specialties.

The evening's dancers are Kathryn and Olivia Chrysostom. They have appeared in Edinburgh, Scotland and New Brunswick, Canada and Kathryn

has performed on Broadway. The program is to include six traditional dances, including the Sword Dance and the Highland Reel.

The Suburban Woman's Club participated in a Flea Market at Trinity Reform Church in North Plainfield on Sept. 22. This fund raiser was their first of the fall season. All monies collected are donated to various local and state charities. The annual local Scholarship Fund is one of their main projects. Several members are planning to attend the fall conference Oct. 24 held at the Forsgate Country Club.

Façade Funds Still Available

The latest business to take advantage of the Borough's Façade Program is Dr. Frank Licato, located on Plainfield Ave.

The Façade Program grants up to \$5,000 per applicant for exterior façade improvements. Grants are available for up to 50 percent of the total cost of, not to exceed \$5,000. This is a grant, not a loan and does not have to be paid back.

The applicant may seek funding for the match or for any other exterior façade improvement by applying for a low-interest loan from Columbia Savings Bank. Loan terms are prime rate minus one percent, with amounts

from \$3,000 to \$50,000 per application and repayment schedule is up to seven years. An applicant may apply for a grant, a loan or both.

Grant and loan funds may be used for exterior façade improvements. The following examples of work qualify: correction of exterior code violations, painting and siding, signs and awnings, exterior repairs, door and window replacement, shutters and trim-work. Businesses are encouraged to take advantage of this grant money which may only be available until the end of the year.

To receive an application, call Mike Zushma at 908-753-0377.

Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Ave.
South Plainfield, NJ

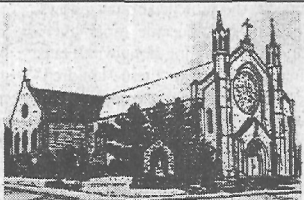
Very Rev. John Paul
Alvarado, Pastor

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Weekdays 7 a.m. (except Monday)
9:00 a.m. (church)
12 Noon (Chapel)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11 a.m. - 12 noon, 4:15 - 4:45 and after 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass



Monday Evening Mass

Monday: 3 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration,
Exposition, Divine Mercy
6:45 p.m. - Miraculous
Medal Novena, Benediction
7 p.m. Eve. Mass (church)

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

Borough News

Council Notes

- Joseph J. Bergen has been hired as a part-time senior citizen bus driver.
- Lynn Bias has resigned as a part-time telecommunication operator effective Sept. 7.

- The borough has contracted Cerulean Technology to provide service and licenses for their Mobile Data Computers at a cost of \$8,751. The contract runs from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

- Daryl N. Forster and Kevin Kennedy, Sr. have become volunteers at the South Plainfield Fire Department.

- David Ramos was hired as a part-time communications operator.

- The council has decided to return the railcar back to its original owner as soon as arrangements can be made.

- CVS will be donating items for the senior citizen building.

- The mayor has asked that the borough's phone and long distance bills be examined to see if the bills are accurate. He also wants separate bills for police, recreation, business office, etc.

Local Golfers Donate Money Towards Strips

The competitive spirit of two local golf leagues has proven to be a plus for South Plainfield. When the Italian American Club Golf League and the South Plainfield Recreation Golf League meet for their Monday-Tuesday Night Challenge Match, the outcome usually has more than one winner. In fact there are winners all over town. The two leagues captained by Sal Severini/SP Recreation and Jerry Minlionica/Italian American Club have been competing for three years with proceeds benefiting the community.

This year the leagues donated \$528 to the South Plainfield Police Department for the purchase of fluorescent strips which are placed on the poles holding stop signs and pedestrian signs. Police Chief Robert Merkle noted that these highly reflective strips make the signs more visible to drivers. There are currently 36 traffic signs with the strips, 30 stop signs have red strips and six pedestrian signs bearing the yellow strips. The gift from the golf leagues will help purchase 18 additional strips.

Previous donations from the leagues have gone to help the Keystone Residential Community and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Recycling Winter Hours Start Oct. 1; Closed October 9

The South Plainfield Recycling complex on Kenneth Avenue will start its winter schedule as of Oct. 1. Recycling Center hours will continue to be: Tuesdays, 12-7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. The Yard Waste Site will be open only on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Recycling Center will be closed for the Columbus Day holiday weekend on Tuesday, Oct. 9. Recycling will be open instead on Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 12 to 7 p.m. Both Recycling and Yard Waste will be open as usual on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Winter hours will be suspended during November, for leaf collection. The Yard Waste Site will be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For schedule updates, call the Recycling Hotline, (908) 226-7620.



Rivers, Arthritis And Degeneration

Dr. Patrick M. Aiello, D.C.

Take a moment and think about the Grand Canyon. I'm sure we've all pictured the Colorado River as it follows its serpentine path through the canyon. There's white water and near-calm, narrow fords and wide, impassable ones. But what's most amazing to me about the Grand Canyon is that it used to be flat ground: The Colorado River cut its way into the rock beneath it, forming first a small indentation, then a moderate swath, and finally the immense gorge it has become. Of course, this didn't happen overnight.

But it did happen. OK, while we don't have rivers running through our body like the state of Colorado. But we do have other variables and conditions which cause decay and degeneration to happen—even as the slow erosion of the canyon has.

When the spine is aligned properly, it functions and works optimally. When this is altered (through various traumas, either physical, chemical or emotional in nature), a vertebral subluxation complex manifests itself. This condition (subluxation for short) sets in motion a series of further difficulties which, if left uncorrected, can cause your spine to wear down—far more quickly than the ground beneath the Colorado River, I might add.

To further understand this process, let's take a step back and review the spinal column: There are 24 oval-shaped bones which comprise the movable portion of our spines. Separating these bones are the spinal discs (a.k.a. inter-vertebral discs). These are soft, elastic structures which function to allow the bones between them to bend and twist freely and painlessly with the changing positions of the body. Along with the spinal bones or vertebrae, they carry a weight-bearing portion of our body; they act as shock absorbers when the spine is exposed to shock, force or trauma—even the minor, day-to-day trauma of living your life.

When the spine loses some of its alignment, the posture it takes doesn't

as easily allow for the spine to function and work as smoothly as it should. Thus, degenerative patterns develop and form. Like rivers cutting through a mountain or a canyon, these patterns can take years to become evident on such diagnostics as x-ray, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI's), etc. More subtle changes are evident in the early stages: Uneven shoulder heights; head tilt or rotation; pelvic misalignment; short leg syndrome; muscular imbalances demonstrated by palpation; and para-spinal electromyography.

Often, we are not to detect the early signs of arthritis and spinal decay. We often assume, incorrectly, that it's an old-age problem or genetically related. While those two factors *do* play a role, they are not the be all and end all in determining if one is going to suffer from arthritis.

Early detection and prevention utilizing wellness chiropractic care, exercises, strengthening, proper rest and nutrition can greatly aid in warding off this dangerous and all too common problem. After all, while the great groove cut into Colorado makes for a beautiful canyon, it's a result of constant erosion—which is something that, in *living* works of art such as human beings, we want to avoid.

Summer Drama Reorganization Meeting Planned

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold its reorganization meeting Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the high school faculty dining room at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in finding out more about the program is invited to attend. There are also a limited number of positions on the producing board. Anyone interested in joining can contact the Summer Drama Workshop at (908) 561-5255 or by e-mail at www.spisdw.com.

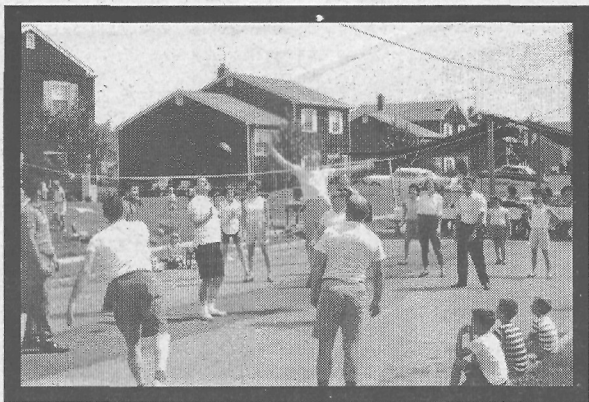
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40-Year Tradition Celebrates Friends, Simpler Times

By Patricia Abbott

Revere Road is a quiet street that runs parallel to Park Ave. near Oak Tree Road. Residents recently held a picnic that might qualify as the longest running block party in the history of South Plainfield. The question is, did it begin 41 or 42 years ago? The original families, also known as the "older generation," continued the friendly debate throughout the evening. The real number was not as important as the continuity, familiarity and fun of the tradition. In the "early" days there were 18 houses on the street and about 50 children. Today, children of those children, the third generation, were the largest group in attendance.

Memories of the annual picnic become a flashback, a glimpse into life in South Plainfield decades ago.

It was an era long gone—1959-1960—a time when young families lived the "American Dream" in their new homes in a newly built development. Former resident Barbara (Scarpitto) Geraghty returned to enjoy the annual event with her mother Dolly and old friends. She reminisced, describing idyllic days right out of "Leave It To Beaver" and "Father Knows Best."

For Barbara the picnics are, "a place to recapture times of family stability and security, a time when kids had more freedom to walk the neighborhoods without fear, a time when kids called adults Mr. and Mrs. and first names were reserved for our peers."

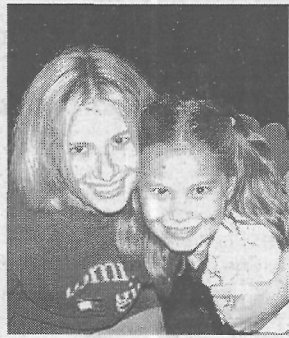
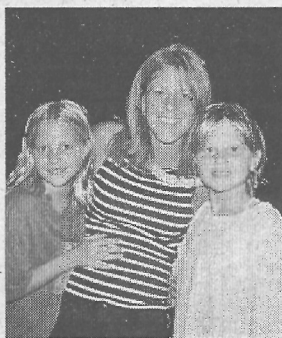
To the best of recollections, nine dads organized the early parties. On hand for the 2001 picnic were five of the original group; Joe Scarpitto, Al Behr, Bob Lyons, Don Jackson and Ray Horomanski. Not in attendance were Arty Porzio and Frank Cornell. Original organizers Ron Weber and Bill Macellara passed away 10 and 30

Revere Road Block Party Started in the Early 1960's and continues today as an annual tradition.



years ago, respectively.

The memories vary, but Grace Lyons remembers that Revere Estates and Beverly Road had picnics on Charlie Russo's farm in 1959 and 1960. Russo's farm later became a development known as Finchley Hill. Grace remembers, "Mr. Russo built a big double barbecue pit for our use and we had pony rides and ball games for the men and children. In 1961 we



started our block picnics on Revere Road. We wanted to keep from being on the highways on the holiday."

Dolly Scarpitto remembers moving onto Revere Road in 1957 when the development was new. Her memories are synonymous of the era. "We came from average backgrounds. The men worked and the woman stayed at home." Money was tight for young families with a new home. This didn't prevent the residents of Revere Road from a social life. On Friday or Saturday evenings the neighbors would often gather at someone's house and enjoy cake and coffee or a bottle of wine. Record collections were a standard form of entertainment. The men played softball and the children would play in the field near the game. In time they formed the Revere Social Club. Participants would save fifty cents a week and the treasurer would put the money in a bank account. At the end of the year they would hire a bus and go to a Broadway show and a restaurant afterwards. As the cost of living went up they saved a bit more each week.

The annual party is just an extension of the year-round camaraderie. Dolly Scarpitto said, "We may not have had any extraordinary happenings on Revere Road, but to me the extraordinary is that we have continued this relationship for all these years."

The annual picnic is always held the

day before Labor Day. As more cars traversed the once quiet street, organizers acquired a permit to block off the road. The children played in the street, thrilled to be able to do something otherwise forbidden. Games were organized for the adults and kids. There was a keg of beer and birch beer for the kids. Certain memories were shared many times throughout the evening. One in particular was the habit of first generation parents recalling a particular year by which a child was born or who was pregnant at the time. Another favorite memory is "bedtime." The youngsters were all put to bed by 9 p.m. The party didn't end for the resourceful youths but continued as they watched from windows. Their parents became more lively, dancing and singing along with Frank Sinatra. Several of these "children" described watching a parent or two climb onto a picnic table to serenade the others.

Mary Lynn (Scarpitto) Calder returns to the block with her son and husband for the event. Among the expected traditions are certain specialty foods. Mary Lynn lists just a few of them; Mrs. Lyon's beer dip and bread, Mrs. Horomanski's stuffed cabbage, Scarpitto's brownies and Mo Behr's Death By Chocolate. Resident Sharon (Weber) Hunt remembers that her mom, Gloria Weber, would make enough sausage and peppers for the whole

block the night before the big party. Sharon and most of her childhood friends have kept in touch. While some moved away, over a dozen raise their families here in South Plainfield. Steve Macellara, one of the second generation children, recently returned to Revere Road when he bought his mom's house two years ago. Another Revere Road native, Cheryl Jackson, is hoping to buy a house on the block in the future. The youngsters of Revere Rd. are now parents who view the block party as a family reunion. They enjoy seeing their own children experience the more than 40 year tradition.

"As we grow older we realize what a special gift we had growing and living on a block where everyone was like a family," Sharon explained. "We grew up together; there were fights, romances, friendships and good close relationships that have thrived through the years. We are all grateful that we can share them again and again each year at the end of the summer."

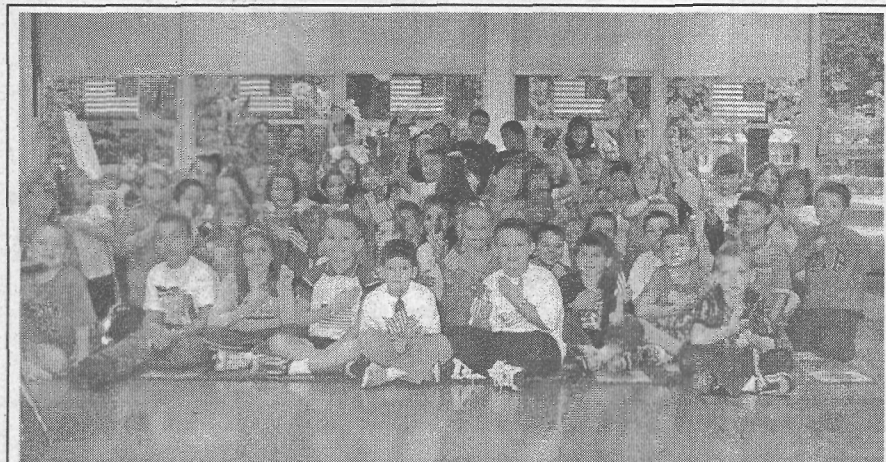
Barbara Geraghty noted the many changes over the years. "Families have grown, we've lost some precious members. The entertainment has graduated to a DJ. What has not changed is that we all flock to Revere Road every Sunday before Labor Day to celebrate again. ...So whether it is 41 or 42 years, it really doesn't matter. It is a long time. It has been a great long time."

Are You Planning Fall Remodeling?

Look here first....
for all your home improvement needs.
The Business & Professional Section.

See page 11

YOUR GUIDE TO FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT



The first graders of Franklin School demonstrated their love and support for the rescuers and victims of the terrorists disasters by making flags and red, white and blue beaded bracelets.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car Makes \$3,000 Donation to Putnam Park Project

Enterprise Rent-a-Car is planning to open a new location at the intersection of South Clinton and New Market avenues. As a courtesy to the town residents, Enterprise has made a \$3,000 donation to the Putnam Park Project. Mayor Gallagher expects that the money will be used to construct a

fitness trail around the park. Enterprise wanted to make sure that the donation would benefit all town residents.

Enterprise specializes in local replacement rentals. They also offer corporate discounts as well as weekend specials. Cars range in type from

economy all the way to specialty vehicles such as SUV's and luxury cars. Enterprise works with all insurance companies and will even pick you up from your home, repair shop or business. All free of charge!

Enterprise plans to open their new location within the next six weeks.

Crisis Management

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Crisis Team, student groups such as Peer Leaders and RARE members were briefed and prepared to provide peer counseling for high school and middle school students.

Counseling is available for any student who is still upset or has concerns. They need only contact their child's guidance counselors or Student Assistant Counselor (see box on page one for contact numbers for counselors). Family counseling is available as well.

Additional hours have also been set up by high school guidance counselors.

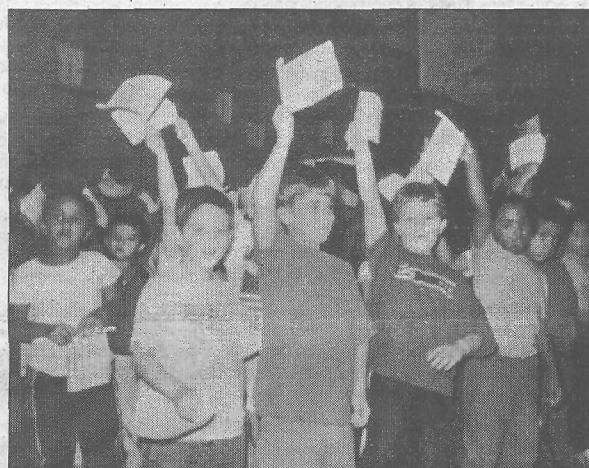
Thanks to the Crisis Management Team, South Plainfield's students as well as the staff have thus far come through these horrific events in a calm fashion.

Girl Scout Registration To Be Held

It's that time of year again! South Plainfield Girl Scouts will hold a registration evening for all girls interested in joining Girl Scouts. It will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 28 at John E. Riley School on Morris Ave. from 6 to 8 p.m.

Girl Scouting is open to all girls in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. The registration fee is \$7. This is an opportunity for girls to make new friends, learn new skills, and have lots of fun. Leaders are also needed.

Training is provided free of charge and our local Girl Scout Community has a wonderful support system for all leaders. Registration forms will be available at local elementary schools if you miss registration on Friday evening. So come on out and have some fun!



Riley School students display their flags and their patriotism at a school-wide assembly last week.

Riley Students Celebrate Patriotism

On Thursday, Sept. 20, the faculty, staff and students of John E. Riley School demonstrated their love and patriotism for the United States at an assembly directed by Mrs. Joanne Gurske, vocal music teacher, with the assistance of Media Specialist Joanne Orlowski. All the classroom teachers also helped by providing an opportunity for each child to make their own American flag.

The "Washington Post March" was played as the students entered the multipurpose room. The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance preceded by fifth grader Lindsay Fredericks explaining its history. Keri Gould gave the background of the National Anthem, which the fourth and fifth graders sang. Next, Alisa Calderone read the poem, "Refugee in America" and everyone sang America. Then Elizabeth Martin and Matthew Galinsky recited the poem "The Flag Goes By" followed by the first and second grade classes singing "When the Flag Goes By".

The program continued with Lee Aboosamara discussing "America the

Beautiful" and everyone joined in singing it. The poem *A Nation's Strengths* was read by Ryan Harrington and Courtney Easterday explained the significance of "You're a Grand Old Flag." There was an enthusiastic waving of handmade flags as the children sang a rousing rendition of this popular patriotic song. The program concluded with Michael Boyle introducing "God Bless America," which everyone sang while Mrs. Gurske played the piano. As the students left the multi-purpose room to return to their classes the "Stars and Stripes" was playing as a final tribute to our great country.

Excess Pension Money Will Fund Projects

The borough has been notified that their state contribution to their P.E.R.S. pension bill will be reduced by \$360,000.

The mayor and council decided to redirect some of these funds to pay for several projects around town. They will spend \$30,000 to repave the parking lot behind borough hall, \$8,500 for the senior citizen project, \$9,200 on the Durham Ave. widening, \$23,300 on Kenneth Ave. project, \$7,000 on the balance of Kenneth Ave., \$25,000 on curb replacement and \$11,500 to upgrade equipment to meet OSHA requirements at the fire department.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

While there's still some September left, here's some September news from the South Plainfield Library:

Today, the Video Circuit is between groups. The next group should be available by early next week. On the other hand, titles from the Audiobook Circuit will be around until Sunday. Some of the titles in this group include *Journey* by Danielle Steel, *Summer Light* by Luanne Rice, *The Two Towers* by J.R.R. Tolkien, and, on CD, *Three to Get Deadly* by Janet Evanovich. They may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks. We also have a new group from the Large Print Circuit. Titles include *The Cat Who Played Post Office* by Lillian Jackson Braun, *The Simon Chamber* by Steve Martini, *The Locket* by Richard Paul Evans, and *Scandalous* by Karen Robards. LPC books may be borrowed for two weeks.

On the subject of audiobooks, many patrons borrow from our collection of Books on Tape. But you may not be aware of our collection of Books on CD. We've been working on expanding our collection of these items; recent additions include a number of self-help titles and two productions originally presented on *Focus on the Family Radio Theater: The Secret Garden* and *Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Freedom*. Books on CD, like Books on Tape, may be borrowed, four at a time for two weeks. Our collection is found at the tail end of our adult non-fiction video shelves. Books on CD from the Audiobook Circuit are stored behind the Circulation Desk; ask a staff mem-

ber for assistance.

The Friends of the Library will hold their next meeting on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Following a month-long hiatus, our children's Storytime programs return next week. In case you don't remember the schedule, the programs are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 (featuring Mr. Tim), and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, music and a craft activity. They're for children ages three and older; no pre-registration is required. For more information, call us and ask for Miss Linda. The number is (908) 754-7885.

At this writing, you can still sign up for the job-searching program conducted by Reference Librarian Allan Kleiman. It's been scheduled for tomorrow from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Space is limited, so you must call ahead to reserve a spot. Also, Allan is still leading classes in basic computer use. Please call for information on times and availability.

Here's a request from the staff. At times, you may notice that an item you borrow may not be in perfect condition. The binding may be loose, a cassette window may be cracked, etc. If you notice that an item is damaged, don't merely assume that we'll pick up on it. Please let us know about the situation, and please be detailed, particularly regarding A/V items. The more information we have, the better we'll be able to assess the damage.

That's all for now. See you in October.

Central NJ Mensa Offers Admissions Test

On Saturday, Oct. 20, Central New Jersey Mensa will administer Mensa's qualifying test with a test session at the Edison Main Public Library at 340 Plainfield Ave. in Edison.

The American Mensa Admissions Test is composed of two tests that feature questions involving logic and deductive reasoning. A person who scores at or above the 98th percentile on one of these tests qualifies for membership in the national organization. A certified Mensa proctor supervises the testing session.

American Mensa also offers a selection of culture-fair, non-language tests.

"One in 50 people qualify," said Patrick McDonnell, president of Central New Jersey Mensa. "Chances are, if you think you might qualify, you probably do. The test isn't as hard as people think."

"Being a member of Mensa has been a great experience for me," continued Patrick McDonnell. "I encourage everyone to take the test and find out what Mensa can offer them."

Central New Jersey Mensa has over 700 members and is one of the nearly

140 local Mensa groups nationwide.

Based in Arlington, Texas, American Mensa is an organization for anyone who scores in the top two percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test. For more information or to apply for membership, interested persons can call (800) 66-MENSA or visit www.us.mensa.org.

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First Prize—Kathy Owens, Rectangular Stone Gift Set, Edison
Additional Prizes—Season Best Cookbooks, Gina Lewis, No Plainfield; Eva Green, Edison; Charisse Highs, So Plainfield; Shamagne Richardson, Piscataway; Rick Harzula, So Plainfield and Tracy Stokes, Piscataway.

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Michael Allocco, owner of AKA located on New Market Ave. presents a t-shirt to Rescue Squad Lt. Ronald Sward. AKA generously donated a t-shirt to every member of the rescue squad to thank them for their volunteer service to the community.

Seniors Nominated for Wendy's Heisman Award

Continued from page 1

Danielle Schweers
GPA: 3.446

Civic Involvement: Girl Scouts (Silver Award), tutoring

Academic Awards: High O'Brien Youth Leader Ambassador, Kodak Young Leader Award, National Honor Society

Sports: Soccer (Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year), basketball, softball (Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year), winter track (Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year)

Scott Doerr
GPA: 4.054

Civic Involvement: Volunteer at Pilgrim Covenant Church, volunteer at Plainfield Country Club

Sports: Wrestling (Tournament Individual), football, golf

School Clubs: French Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, Jersey Club, Math Team, Academic Team, Student Assistant

Schools can also receive something in this program. Wendy's now awards money to schools that have students who are State Winners, National Finalists or National Winners. It's a great way to thank high schools for contributing to their students' individual achievements and invest in future educations. Schools can receive anywhere from \$500-\$4,000.

Principals from across the country's estimated 23,000 high schools were invited to nominate one male and one

female student that fulfills the minimum program requirements. Students are judged based on academic achievements, community service involvement and athletic accomplishments.

All nominees will be posted on the Wendy's High School Heisman Website on Oct. 3. To track a student's progress or to find out more about the program please log on to www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com or call (800) 244-5161.

The Wendy's High School Heisman Program currently constitutes five phases-Nomination, State Finalists, State Winners, National Finalists and National Winners. Entries are initially evaluated by the scholastic review service CTB/McGraw Hill during the State Finalist and State Winner phases. Finalists are then passed on to a distinguished panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients and education, business and community leaders to elect the National Finalists and National Winners.

Twelve National Finalists will be granted the opportunity to fly to New York on Dec. 6-9 to participate in the Heisman weekend festivities. ESPN2 will feature all 12 National Finalists during the Wendy's High School Heisman Awards ceremony aired before the live ESPN broadcast of the College Heisman Memorial Trophy Awards, featuring the two National Winners on Dec. 8.

Shotman Basketball Camps Plan Another Training Series

After having two successful training series at Wardlaw Hartridge High School in Edison this summer, Mike "Shotman" Lanza has teamed up with Rich "Three Card" Fonti to have another set of six "skill" sessions starting this fall on Sept. 30, continuing 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 four to seven, the second is 11:30-1:30 p.m. for grades eight to 12.

The cost for all six sessions will be \$125 and you can register for it online at active.com.

For information, contact Mike Lanza at (908)-754-2692, visit our web site at <http://www.shotman.net>, or via e-mail at mlanza@shotman.net.

Sports

Small Field Dreams (at 12)

By Tom McCreesh

The tryouts began as always late May, 34 players from the leagues seven teams. With the knowledge that only 12 make the team, They all had their Small Field Dreams.

The kids displayed their skills for three days, And all did what Coach Stallone asked. Everyone who witnessed the tryouts knew, That picking the team was no easy task.

The squad was selected the first week in June, A few short weeks to prepare for July. Fine tuning their skills, adjusting the swings, Be confident set your goals high.

South Plainfield was the first tourney on tap, Defending their crown would be tough. Because everyone from the players to coaches, Knew the competition, surely was rough.

The team won their three round robin games By a combined score of 59 to 5. The playoffs that loomed ahead were delayed, The Babe Ruth Districts now were alive.

The team won their first district game, The second game lost with one bad inning. Sometimes it takes a good sound beating, To re-focus, and get back to winning.

The next game up was South Plainfield National, For the first time ever, friends against friends. But this time friendships were put aside, With a loss the tournament ends.

Our team was victorious, the next game as well, To set up a battle with North Edison. We jumped out to an early lead The lightning and rain provided their medicine.

We all agreed to pick up the next day, As we drove off into the fog. Like Wonka, be careful what you wish for, As they let the tail wag the dog.

North Edison scored three in the top of the 4th We scored one in the fifth, down by one. With the game on the line, the kids were excited, Were their smiles from nerves or just fun.

Game now tied, two men on, with first base open, The intentional walk loaded the bases. Four balls later, we won, celebrating began, The officials had egg on their faces.

The victory in hand, the states loomed ahead, North Bergen became their Field of Dreams. But now the playoffs in South Plainfield were up One more time to hear our home fans screams.

As fate would have it, first game was North Edison, Revenge on their mind for this clash. We hit eight home runs, two were grand slams, Their pitchers were hit with whiplash.

There was no doubt now, which team was the best, An awesome offensive attack. At 24-1, John Sterling would be proud, When we went back to back to back.

The finals were next against South Brunswick, To win, we must play our best. Meet at the high school, for pre-game warm-ups Bucketball provided an early test.

Lifetime members, invited the guests, To join them in the outfield to play. five points awarded for the hitting the bucket, You also got three for croquet.

Respect the game or feel the wrath Prepare for the drive out of town The CD now burned, who said Light My Fire? The Yahtzee King soon would be crowned

We jumped out to an early lead, But like a good team they closed in. The had bases loaded in the last of the sixth With a base hit now they would win.

But we prevailed with a final K Hugs abound and yes a few tears. This team has won the South Plainfield tourney, For the fourth time in five years.

The coaches were pleased with the teams progress, And in assisting their Small Field Dreams. Coach Ashnault taught the pitchers each day, And healed their aches with the magical cream.

Coach McCreesh worked with their hitting, Coach Cassano positioned the field. Unfortunately, there was no defense For the foul ball that broke his windshield.

Pat announced the games from the booth, For ground rules, Mario's the guy Herman was not a very happy fella, And Dennis met you eye to eye.

With the States in full swing, games every night, Each facet of the game was workin' Three games on Saturday, two on Sunday, And nightly trips to North Bergen.

The first State game, was one for the ages, Each team had two hits and no runs. In the top of the ninth, we exploded for eight And a birthday full of home runs.

Another win against last years state champ, Two wins away from winning the crown. But it wasn't to be, with two straight defeats, The kids were proud, no time to be down.

In the other two tourneys, each time in the final. Both tight knit games from the start. We ended up on the short end of both, But not from a lack of heart.

The kids were the story, as they let us witness, Their wonderful season at twelve. They'll always have a brilliant reminder, With trophies to fill up a shelf.

Bill Ashnault was a Eureka at third, Mike Stallone was an Oreck at short. Nick Dorey ate up ground balls like a Hoover, Danny McCreesh was a Kirby of sort.

Chris Pollin started as did Billy Daly, Anthony Niemczyk put out the fire. Garrett Lake pitched fine as well, And so did "The Bear" Tommy Pryor.

Anthony Cassano patrolled all outfield positions, Chris Stallone solid, behind the plate. Kevin Criley led us in our pregame, And in the Pesci Death Match debate.

For the twelve of them, it's just a game, No realization of how good they are. For only two teams in the state of New Jersey, Could say that they went as far.

A quick five years, a special group, With each year different teams. Summers of memories, sleep well boys You've lived your Small Field Dream.



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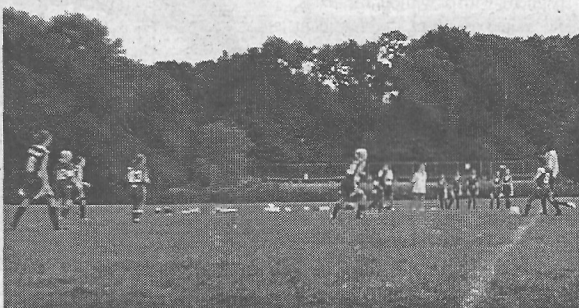
Sports

Soccer

Who Says That Comets Can't Strike Twice!!!

Sunday, Sept. 23 was a great victory for the Comets. They won their second game against Metuchen 6-2. The girls had a slow start, but they quickly overcame that and proceeded to play their hearts out!! Our first goal of the game came from Claire Kelly shortly after the game started. Stephanie Szeliga made the second goal from about the 20 yard line for a straight shot into the goal. Our third and fourth goals came once again from Claire Kelly and the final two goals were scored by Victoria Plasse.

The girls really played well together as a team and they should all be commended for their hard work. I cannot



forget to mention the defense and the remainder of the team; for without their assistance this win might not have

been possible. Great job girls and we look forward to another exciting game.

Typhoons Lose Another Tough One

The South Plainfield Boys U-12 Typhoons lost their second straight one-goal game to the Perth Amboy Magics 2-1. The Typhoons had to battle hard against a very quick and excellent ball-handling team.

In addition to excellent defensive performances by fullbacks J.R. Licato, Greg Watts and midfielder Brandon

Ullom, Grey Coppi once again played a stellar game in the net, keeping the Typhoons within striking distance all through the match. Only a perfectly placed corner kick would lead to the first goal for the opponents early in the game. But the Typhoons offense responded quickly with an aggressive attack that would result in a penalty kick

goal by Brendan O'Shea and a 1-1 tie.

The two teams came out in the second half playing as determined as they had in the first. Perth Amboy's superb ball-handling was matched only by South Plainfield's quickness up and down the field. Both teams would create plenty of chances, but a brief defensive breakdown by the Typhoons led to the Magics' only score of the half and the victory.

Throughout the game, South Plainfield would penetrate numerous times only to be denied deep in the zone. In addition to O'Shea, other standout offensive performers were Brian Fabino, Dan Pompilio, John Polizzano, Matt Helgesen and Jonathan Marcoux.

The Typhoons will travel to battle Metuchen next Sunday in search of their first win of this young season.

U8 Hotspurs Vs. Hillsborough

The South Plainfield Boys U-8 Hotspurs lost Saturday on the road against the Hillsborough Rocket Stars 3-1. For the second straight game, the boys fell behind early and spent much of the game playing catch-up.

The Hotspurs, playing their first game away from home, started the game a little sluggish from a long car ride and a player short. The Rocket Stars took advantage, scoring two goals early in the first quarter and another quickly in the second to build a 3-goal lead they wouldn't give up.

Following the team getting back to full strength and a halftime pep talk from Coach Bolivar, the Hotspurs played an inspiring second half of soccer. A stingy defense led by goalies Daniel Lyew and Quinn Bolivar, as

well as fullbacks Albert Vill, Paul Seyffart, Taylor Born and Zachary Noll kept Hillsborough out of the goal for the remainder of the game.

An energized front line of Eric LaVerne, Ryan Marcoux, A.J. Celentano, Bolivar and Lyew created numerous opportunities in the final two quarters only to fall short on all but one attack. In the 4th, Marcoux was able to punch the ball out of a crowd deep in the opponent's zone to an open LaVerne who drilled it into the far corner of the net for what turned out to be the team's lone goal.

The kids will return to Riley School in search of their first win against North Plainfield next Saturday at 11:30.

Submitted by Jeff Marcoux

Sonics Claim First Victory

South Plainfield Sonics hosted a tough Montclair squad on Sunday, Sept. 23.

The Montclair Meteors opened the scoring with a nice give and go 10 minutes into the game to take a 1-0 lead. The Sonics regrouped and scored four unanswered goals to go up 4-1. Newcomers William Mott and Marc Paez played very well as welcome additions to an already potent lineup. The scorers for the Sonics were Stephen Lanza, Danny Hunt, Jeff Gillen with Anthony Cardoso and

Nick Okosko.

The Meteors scored another goal with five minutes left in the match to finish the scoring for the day. The final score was South Plainfield Sonics 4 - Montclair Meteors 2. Outstanding goalkeeper duties were shared by Jeff Gillen, William Mott and Danny Hunt. The defensive line of Shaun Alers, Mike Dispenzier, Daniel Peel and Danny Sticco did a great job.

Congratulations to this new team on their first victory.

Pop Warner Results

The Pop Warner Eagles started their season at Maplewood.

Flag level standouts were, Erich Kaiser, Patrick Boyle, Matthew Gruver, Nicholas Brinks and Quinn Cochrane.

The Mitey Mites won 21-0; Jr. Pee Wees won 20-7; Jr. Midgets won 12-0 and Midgets lost 8-25.

The next week was our season opener against Watchung Hills.

Flag level standouts were, Malik Cisson, Justin Glover, Troy Heilmann, Ryan Hughes and Johnny DiDolce.

The Mitey Mites won 13-7; Jr. Pee Wee won 19-7; Jr. Midgets won 14-12 and the Midgets lost 8-37.

Next, the Eagles were on the road at New Providence.

Flag standouts were: Stephen Petriello, Cody O'Conner, Erik Elsmann, John McDonough and Cory Stassenko.

Mitey mites won 13-0; Jr. Pee Wee won 20-6; Jr. Midgets won 8-0 and the Midgets won 22-0.

We would like to thank all of the coaches for their hard work and time spent working with our players.

The Eagles are at home this week playing West Orange. Games start at 10 a.m. and the snack stand will be open. The field is located at the end of Kenneth Ave. See you there!

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

Attention All Members

The General Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 1 to discuss Rules and By-Laws has been changed to Monday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Please make a note of this change

Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary President Says Thanks!

As President of the SPJBC Women's Auxiliary, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Board and each and every person who took the time to help us this past year. I am sending out a sincere thank you to everyone as the names would be to overwhelming to list. Whenever we needed help, from Casino Night, to 50/50 sellers and everything in be-

tween, you all stepped up and did your part. Again, thank you and I look forward to the 2002 season.

I would also like to welcome Colleen Hubner to the Women's Auxiliary as our new treasurer. She has been involved with our organization all year, and my board and I are glad to have her on board for the coming year.

—Stacy Lake, President

Fall Baseball Report

In the 11 and 12 year old division: the Yankees received outstanding hitting from Tramaine Miller and the Phillies received great pitching from Nicholas Giannakis.

The Phillies then took on the Dodgers with Dominic Papa for the Phillies and Michael Niemczyk for the Dodgers having outstanding games.

The Yankees shut down the Mariners with Rick Walton leading the way.

The Pirates played twice, with Vinny Padula and Frank Alfano had outstanding games.

In the 9 and 10 year old division: the Giants and White Sox battled to a 12-12 tie. Mark Brindley knocked in three runs and Matthew Galinsky had an outstanding pitching performance for the Giants.

The White Sox William Whitefleet

had an outstanding hitting day.

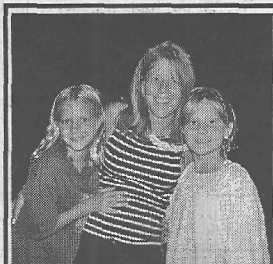
The Blue Jays received great pitching from Stephen Coppi and timely hitting from Zachary Mitchell in leading the Blue Jays against the Giants.

The Giants Ryan Flanagan and Mark Bundly had outstanding hitting performances.

Adult Basketball Night Registration

The Recreation Dept. has announced that Adult Basketball will be played on Thursday nights at the PAL.

Games begin on Nov. 15 at 6,7,8 and 9 p.m. Registration begins on Sept. 24. The fee is \$550 for a 15 member roster. Registration deadline is Oct. 29. You must be 18 years of age or older. Register at the PAL.



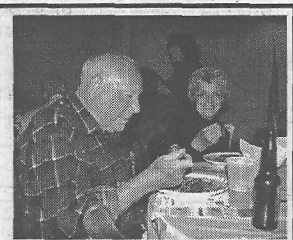
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Obituaries

Frank A. DeCillis, 68

Frank A. DeCillis died on Thursday, Sept. 20, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Elizabeth, he has resided in South Plainfield since 1968.

DeCillis was the owner and operator of the American Disposal Co. of Elizabeth for the past 30 years.

Mr. DeCillis served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Grace DeCillis; a daughter and son-in-law, Julian and David Bickunas of South Plainfield; his sons- and daughters-in-law, Nicholas and Stacy DeCillis of South Plainfield and Matthew and Angela DeCillis of Iselin; a brother, Thomas of Cedar Grove and his mother in law, Carmella Licciardone of South Plainfield. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Nicholas, Dana, Jaclyn, Leann and David.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc., Northern NJ, Chapter, 299 Cherry Hill Rd., Suite 201, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

John Papianni, 74

John Papianni died Thursday, Sept. 20, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Newark, Mr. Papianni had resided in Newark and moved to Long Branch for a short time, returning to Newark, before set-

ting in Piscataway in 1985.

Mr. Papianni served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII serving state side.

He was employed by the Essex County Probation Dept. in Newark as a probation officer from 1962 until his retirement 10 years ago.

Mr. Papianni is a former communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in Newark.

He is predeceased by a daughter, Beth Ann Papianni, who died in Feb. of 1991.

Surviving are his wife Theodora (MacNeill) Papianni, three daughters; Deborah Widman of Margate, Fl., Denise Alexander of Potomac, Md. and Diane Francovitch of Edison; two sons, Mark of Garfield and Christopher Papianni of South Plainfield; a brother, Frank Papianni of Berkeley Heights and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Pasquale J. "Patsy" Affinito

Pasquale J. "Patsy" Affinito died on Monday, Sept. 24, in John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Mr. Affinito was born in Bronx, New York, where he had resided for most of his life, before moving to South Plainfield in 1966.

He had been employed as a shipping clerk for the Hudson Carpet Company of Bronx, NY for 30 years, before retiring in 1986.

He had served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a member of the New York District Council of Carpenters Union Local # 2287 in New York.

Surviving are his wife, Susanne C. (Dobratz) Affinito; two daughters, Patricia Egan of South Plainfield and Marie Brown of Macungie, Pa.; a son, Joseph Affinito of South Plainfield; three sisters, Frances Jarrel and Olympia Coniglio, both of Bronx, NY and Gloria Finnilli of Mt. Vernon, NY. Also surviving are four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

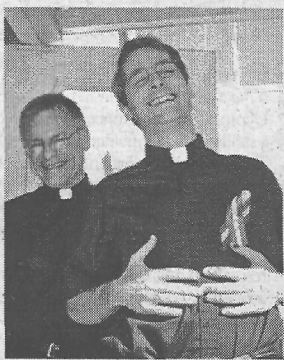
American Legion Dinner Exceeds Expectations

Photos/story by Patricia Abbott

The Sons of the American Legion Spaghetti Dinner was well attended by over 100 people who enjoyed the homemade food. Legion member Vince Lee happily noted the dinner exceeded expectations.

Volunteers from Sons of the American Legion, American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary members filled plates with salad, bread and a large plate of spaghetti, with or without meatballs, and waited on tables. Local resident Tom Wyckoff organized the event and oversaw preparations and earned the title "The Spaghetti King."

A number of local businesses supported the Sons of the American Legion, making donations or offering discounts. The spaghetti and sauce were donated by Ferraro Foods on Hadley Rd. Roma Foods on St. Nicholas Ave. provided a discount on the meatballs and olive oil. Wine was donated by Buy Rite Liquors on Oak Tree Rd. Stop 'n Shop and Pathmark also donated gift certificates.



Setting A Place At The Table For Everyone National Hunger Campaign Has Local Impact

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This unique campaign is a team effort among The Pampered Chef's customers, independent Kitchen Consultants, company employees and

America's Second Harvest, the largest hunger-relief charity in the United States. Last year's \$1.2 million donation from The Pampered Chef brought the Round-Up campaign's 10-year total to more than \$5 million, the largest cash donation of any promotional sponsor in America's Second Harvest's history.

The Pampered Chef's more than 62,000 independent Kitchen Consultants across the country promote the Round-Up Heart campaign dur-

ing Kitchen Shows they conduct between Sept. and Feb., 2002. Customers contribute to the campaign by rounding up their purchase totals to the nearest dollar or more. The funds are then sent to America's Harvest food banks in the region where the donations originate.

For more information, contact Marie Markey at 908-755-3213 or visit our Web site at www.pamperedchef.com.

Beauty

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Legal Notice

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Dan Barrie Realty & Construction Co. requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 2' cantilever in front of house proposed, cantilever lacks required 30' front setback, 28.98' is being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 420 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 Oct 2, 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 September 28, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Joseph Adorna requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 16' x 19' wood deck. Proposed deck lacks the required 30' front setback from Triangle Place, 23' being proposed and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 179, Lot 1 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 Oct. 16, 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 September 28, 2001

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, to transfer Witty's Liquors at South Plainfield, L.L.C., trading as Witty's Discount Liquors, for the premises located at 2370 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, the Plenary Retail License No. 1222-44-004-004 heretofore issued to B.J.B. Corporation, t/a Witty's Discount Wines & Liquors, for the above premises, i.e. 2370 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The person who holds an interest in this license is:

Hemendra K. Patel
22 Boxwood Circle
Edison, New Jersey 08820

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Borough Clerk, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Witty's Liquors at South Plainfield, L.L.C.
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Note: This is only an application for a person to person transfer and not for a place to place transfer.

\$81.50 2T September 28, 2001 & October 6, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
September 19, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on September 18, 2001.

A. Case #36-00—Robert Bengiwenka—Block 278, Lot 4; R-10 Zone, Ralph Ave.—Applicant's request for variance for undersize lot was hereby DENIED.

B. Case #38-01/S—Subhlatmi Grocery, Inc.—Block 472; Lot 3.01, M-3 Zone; 4490 Stetson Road—Applicant's application was DISMISSED without prejudice.

C. Case #54-00/S—AJV Auto Air & Service, Inc.—Blocks 473.01 & 473.02; Lots 5 & 6, OBC-3 Zone; 3201 Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for a use

variance and preliminary and final site plan was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

D. Case #24-01/S—Hells Warehouse—Block 254; Lot 27; M-3 Zone; 330 Oak Tree Road—Applicant's request for a clarification that existing tower and antennas and preliminary and final site plan was hereby GRANTED.

E. Case #45-01/S—Cingular Wireless—Block 254; Lot 27; M-3 Zone; 330 Oak Tree Road—Applicant's request for a clarification that existing tower and antennas and preliminary and final site plan was hereby GRANTED.

F. Case #33-01/S—Elite Landscaping, Inc.—Block 307; Lots 3, 4 & 5; M-3 Zone, Roosevelt Ave.—Applicant's request for a use variance for a contractor's storage yard and a variance to obtain site plan approval for a period of two years, was hereby GRANTED.

G. Case #23-99/S—Home Depot USA—Block 472; Lot 36; 3098 Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for a modification of their approved site plan was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

H. Case #43-98/S—Robert & Patricia Stilo—Block 308; Lot 37; 3005 Anderson St.—Applicant's request for a use variance and preliminary site plan for site plan was hereby GRANTED.

I. Case #48-01—Donald Jackson—Block 236; Lot 9; R7.5 Zone; 205 May Avenue—Applicant's request for a rear yard variance to construct a deck, was hereby GRANTED.

J. Case #50-01—Robert Gillis—Block 68, Lot 4; 2054 Audubon Ave.—Applicant's request for a front yard variance to construct a porch, was hereby GRANTED.

K. Case #31-01/S—Hamilton Gas, Inc.—Block 327, Lot 3; OBC-1 Zone; Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for a use variance and preliminary site plan was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

L. Case #41-98/S—Pilgrim Covenant Church—Block 95; Lot 3; R-15 Zone, 3121 Park Ave.—Applicant's request for a use variance for an addition for daycare/preschools kindergarten, was hereby GRANTED, with conditions

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Muccilli Secretary,
Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$70.00 September 28, 2001

policereport

- Maintanco on Kennedy Rd. reported the theft of two 10 X 10 standard metal fences which gated their rear yard.
- A Piscataway resident reported the theft of her pocketbook from her unlocked car parked at Regal Cinema on Hadley Rd.
- Witty's Liquors on Plainfield Ave. reported that someone pried open a door and cut wires on the roof and in front of the building. A pry bar was found on the counter and a safe, weighing a couple of hundred pounds was taken.
- A Clinton Ave. resident reported that someone had made purchases on her Kohl's credit card even though the card was still in her possession.
- K-Mart reported that a female had gone behind a counter and ran out of the store with a carton of cigarettes worth \$34.
- A car window had been smashed out on E. Golf Ave.
- An employee of Hobart on Hadley Rd. reported that after getting into her parked vehicle, a black male had gotten into the passenger side. He put a small buck knife to her neck and told her to give him her money. After she did so he ran behind neighboring buildings.
- A Plainfield resident reported the theft of a rental car from the parking lot near 174 Front St.
- The owner of Royola Pacific Corp. on Hadley Rd. reported two bad checks received from a company in Belmar. The checks totalled \$8,368.
- An Ivy St. resident reported that their shed door had been damaged with a pry tool.
- Elite Landscaping on Sage St. reported that their front gate lock had been cut and a hydro seeder, vibrating tamper and two tile saws had been stolen. The value of the items is \$21,900.

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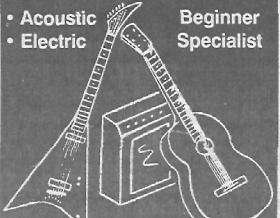
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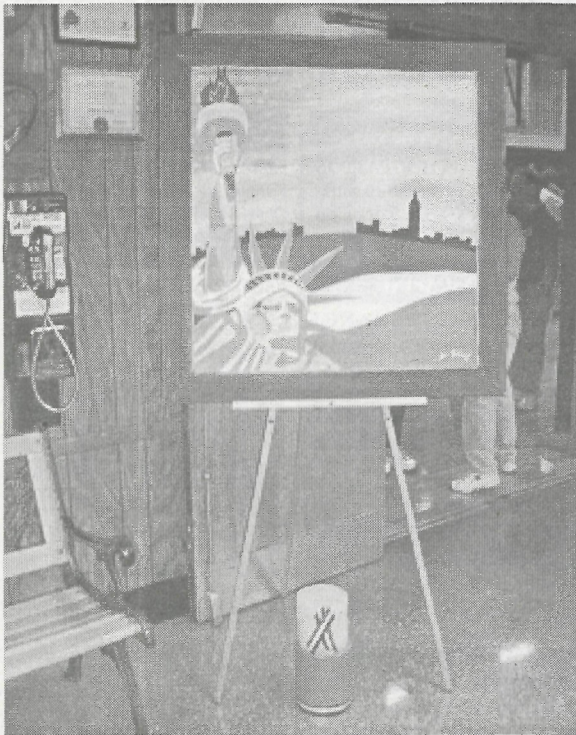
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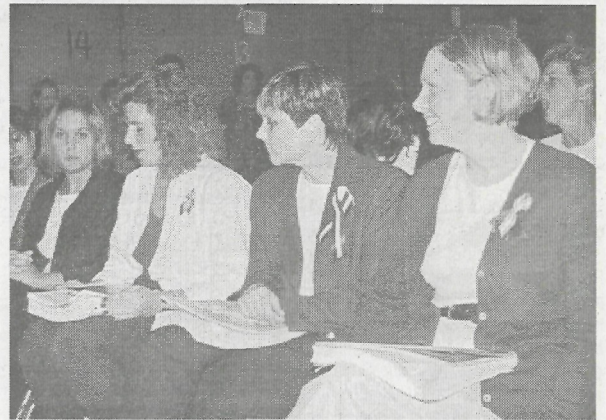
at Franklin, Kennedy, Riley and Roosevelt



Four South Plainfield Schools have already invited parents to come attend Back to School Nights to meet their children's teachers. Parents were addressed by School District Superintendent Dr. John Krewer and Technology Coordinator Russell Mattoon, who explained a few of the new computer-based programs introduced this year in the district.



South Plainfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer addresses parents at a recent Back to School Night.



Franklin School fifth grade students perform "America the Beautiful" for parents and teachers at Back to School Night.



Russell Mattoon, Technology Coordinator for the district, explains the new programs available for students.



Kids' Fall Festival at Highland Woods

The South Plainfield Environmental Commission and the Friends of the Woods, invite all kids, young and old, to the Highland Ave. Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. The annual Fall Festival will feature guided nature walks through the 36-acre reserve, during which time the kids and parents will scavenge for materials such as leaves, dried flower heads, nuts, seedpods and twigs to fashion into interesting crafts at the tables located at the main gate.

The program is free. No registration is required. The nature reserve's main gate is located on Sylvania Place, off South Clinton Ave. For further information call Dr. Alice Tempel at (908) 226-7621. Rain cancels.

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Tony Feraro
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