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Columbus Day Ceremonies at Borough Hall on Monday were sponsored by the Plainfield Chapter of UNICO.

Columbus Day Ceremonies Celebrate Italian Heritage

Columbus Day Ceremonies, held annually in South Plainfield, took place on Monday morning in front of Borough Hall. A larger than normal crowd gathered on the cool, windy autumn day to remember Columbus and to salute their Italian heritage.

The ceremonies were sponsored by the Plainfield Chapter of UNICO. Master of ceremonies was UNICO President Rich McNally.

Red white and blue was the theme of the day, with those attend-

ing wearing ties, pins and scarfs in the patriotic theme.

Attending were Councilmen Ray Petronko, Dennis Cerami, Ed Kubala, Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttigliieri, Police Chief Robert Merkler, Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan, the Mayor of Piscataway, Brian Wahler, plus many members of UNICO chapters from around the state.

Victoria DeAugustine and Isabelle Farry laid a wreath as the Italian flag was raised.



Nicola Risoli: A Prisoner-Of-War, The Battle Of The Bulge

(Nicola Risoli was an Italian-American who served in World War II. He wrote the following about his life, his service in World War II and the time he spent as a prisoner-of-war. Some of his memories are a little unpleasant to read, but we feel they need to be told.)

My parents came to America in 1909, landing at Ellis Island. I was born in 1916—the oldest of five boys and four girls. My father was an uneducated laborer, who could not read or write and my mother was a housewife. Both were hard working, God-fearing people who raised their children with respect and honor.

We were poor, but my parents were survivors and they taught us how to

be the same. They owned a piece of land 50' by 200', and raised cows for milk, chickens for eggs and hogs for meat. We lived on everything that we had and had nothing that we couldn't live on. We ate a lot of beans, potatoes and pasta, but never went on relief or got support from anyone. My parents were too proud for that. We were survivors! We were family! We were happy!

The first school I attended had four classes in a single-room schoolhouse. Every student had a chore to do. Mine was to make sure there was a bucket of water on the pot belly stove and to light the stove for heat.

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Annual Open House Sunday At Fire Dept.

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce that its 2001 Fire Prevention Day will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. at the Fire Headquarters, located at 123 Maple Ave.

Planned events include Smokey the Bear, The Saint Barnabas Burn House, P.S.E.&G. Co., apparatus and equipment display and much more.

So plan to come on out and support our local Fire Department. The event takes place rain or shine.



Middlesex Co. Health Dept. Sets Dates for Flu Shots

The Middlesex County Public Health Department will be administering flu and pneumococcal vaccines in South Plainfield on two dates. The first is scheduled at the PAL Building on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. and the second will be at Borough Hall on Oct. 29 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Flu shots scheduled on Oct. 17 at the PAL will be restricted for residents that are 50 years of age or over or those who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems and those with chronic meta-

bolic diseases. Residents under 50 years of age will be required to bring a prescription from their physician stating that they are under medical care for one of the conditions listed above. There will be no exceptions.

Flu shots are also scheduled for Monday, Oct. 29 at Borough Hall. They will be available for all residents 18 and older.

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 by calling the Health Department at (732) 745-3100 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.

Council Passes 2002 Municipal Budget

The Borough Council unanimously adopted the 2002 budget at last week's council meeting.

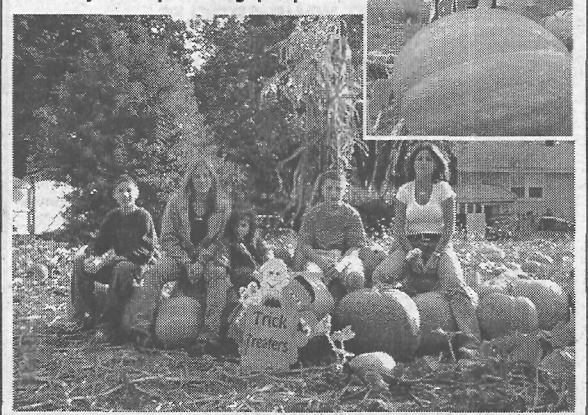
Only a half-dozen residents attended the meeting and very few questions were asked concerning the 2002

budget.

Appropriation for the 2002 fiscal year are \$20,370,832; an increase of about \$1.6M.

Municipal taxes will rise approximately \$70 per average household.

We have a pumpkin patch right in the middle of South Plainfield. Joe Adorna on Triangle Place submitted these photos to show this year's crop of his huge pumpkins.



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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 15 Thursday, October 18

Thursday, November 1 (*note change) Thursday, November 8

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

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. 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.

siteplace 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 Tuesday of the month, except July and August

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

November 6, December 4.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

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. 11 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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To The Editor:

The community of South Plainfield is a great place to live and bring up children. I know first hand. My family has lived here for four generations. Community expenses are manageable, the school system is excellent and the neighborhoods are safe. All of this is due to the caliber and character of the residents who have made the decision to call South Plainfield HOME.

Presently we have a dedicated Mayor and Council and a resident (John Pulomena) on the County Board of Chosen Freeholders. These people have made it their business to keep our town the way we like it.

For the first time in the history of the borough, we have the opportunity to elect a person from town to represent us in Trenton. We are truly fortunate to have someone who has dedicated most of his adult life to improving living conditions in our community. He is a life-long resident who had so much confidence in South Plainfield that he established a business here and has served in a professional capacity for the borough for over a decade.

Patrick Diegnan knows how hard it is to raise a family in Central Jersey, juggling family priorities, finances and concerns. He was born here, built his home here and raised his children here. He has been instrumental in guiding the Democratic Council to sound fiscal policies while enhancing the services provided to all residents. He is a warm, loving, caring individual who is much more comfortable listening to the concerns of others than hearing his own voice.

Let's give Patrick the opportunity to represent us in Trenton. If you need something done in state government it will be very convenient to call your neighbor and ask him to work on your behalf. PATRICK IS THAT NEIGHBOR. Our town deserves to have a voice in Trenton. Please vote for Patrick Diegnan for State Assembly. TOGETHER WE ALL WIN!!!!

**MICHAEL ENGLISH, FORMER
MAYOR OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter last week concerning use of the book "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" by Judy Blume in the grade school curriculum.

While the writers are certainly entitled to their opinion and have to do what is best for their child, I completely disagree with their view of the book. I do agree with them that any book being taught should first be read by the teacher using it and would certainly hope that is already being done.

Before anyone makes a decision based on either of our letters, I beg parents to read the book themselves or better yet, out loud to their children. I read this book, the first in the "Fudge" series, as well as the others, to my children when they were younger. Children appreciate the story-telling in these books and laugh out loud at Fudge's antics because they know he is goofy, silly and out-of-bounds. He is a modern Dennis the Menace, basically good-intentioned but a trouble-maker anyway.

I, also, do not condone storylines where kids are disrespectful or hurtful. I was the parent who didn't allow the younger ones to watch Bart Simpson and I do not care for some of the teenage comedy movies currently being produced, however, I cannot believe that the word "evil" was used in a letter concerning this book or its author. Fudge is a young child

and this isn't "The Omen." He is a broad character meant to make children laugh.

Fourth-graders will identify with Peter, the nine-year-old brother, who is a very realistic, believable child and who suffers over what it is like to be in the fourth grade and older brother to a pain-in-the-neck little one.

This book makes kids want to read and that is its charm. We should be much more wary of boring, poorly told, sloppily written books that discourage our students and make them reluctant readers.

Sincerely,
DONNA EGAN

Letter to the Editor,

It's time to exercise the freedom to vote that sets America apart from so many countries. One of the things that make this country so great is that we select our leader. If you want to elect two fine leaders for South Plainfield, please vote for Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico for Borough Council on Election Day.

CHRISTINE DIMAIO

Dear Editor:

It is the rare political candidate that embodies what our system of government is supposed to be. Such a person is Patrick Diegnan, running for State Assembly in the 18th District.

His profound belief in democracy led him to reintroduce citizen participation in South Plainfield, a concept that has lain dormant since the eighteenth century town meetings. Patrick created such imaginative innovations as the township's now famous annual Democracy Day, when citizens can cast non binding votes on individual major expenditures. The outcome of these plebiscites have always been accepted by the Town Council.

In addition, Patrick Diegnan initiated Citizen and Businesspersons Advisory Committees. I have known Patrick Diegnan for over twenty-five years and watched him work effectively to reduce debt while he improved education, relieved property taxes and increased open space. This is a combination that every candidate promises but few have delivered. He redeems my own faith in our political system in cynical times.

His outstanding running mates are Peter Barnes and Barbara Buono.

EDWARD CARCHIA

Dear Editor,

I currently live in Florida, but I've known my good friend, Patrick J. Diegnan, for over 25 years. I was born and raised in the same town as Patrick and was his secretary for over seven years before moving south. I have been in continuous contact with him and his family and I know he is cam-

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paigning for an Assembly seat in the 18th District.

His concerns for the future of New Jersey, which include property tax relief, reduction of debt, preserving open space, education and serving the citizens are sincere and important to him.

He and his running mates, Peter Barnes and Barbara Buono, are anxious to serve the people of New Jersey and I know they will do a wonderful job.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET APPOLLONI

To the Editor,

I can't tell you how happy I was to hear that Charlie Butrico was running for the Borough Council on Nov. 6. I have known Charlie for many years and just think the world of him. He has been a lifelong resident of South Plainfield who has chosen to raise his family in this great borough. His strong sense of family, especially the kids of our community, will certainly make him a great asset on the Borough Council.

Charlie has always believed in giving back to community, either through programs at his childrens school or the many hours he puts into volunteering with the Summer Drama Program. Charlie is just a very special guy and we will be lucky to have him represent our interests on the council. Please elect the Democratic team of Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico to the Borough Council on Election Day, Nov. 6, 2001.

MARY AGUSTA

To the Editor:

Charlie Butrico brings fresh perspective to Borough Council. As the election for city offices draws near, I would like to encourage voters to support candidate Charlie Butrico for South Plainfield Borough Council.

I have known Charlie Butrico as a friend and fellow employee for eight years. During these times I found Mr. Butrico to be considerate and conscientious, offering insightful and creative solutions to problems when they arose. Additionally, his mode of logical thinking, mixed with a sense of humor, was often a factor in easing difficult situations.

Mr. Butrico has expressed his commitment to serve the needs of South Plainfield citizens on many occasions. I believe that South Plainfield voters would benefit by electing a candidate who is committed to preserving the

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To R.J.E.

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Thank You

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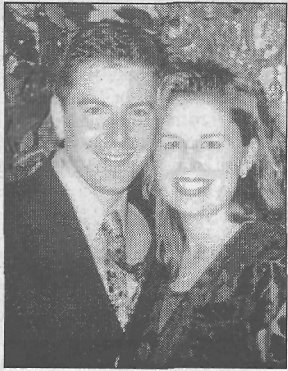
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Kristine Lauten, Brian Kingsbury to Wed



Michael and Ann Marie Lauten of South Plainfield proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Lauten, to Brian Kingsbury of South Plainfield.

The groom's mother is the late Marsha Kingsbury (formerly of Clark, NJ).

Kristine Lauten is employed by AT&T in Basking Ridge.

Brian Kingsbury is employed by PMK Group in Kenilworth.

The wedding is set for April, 2002.

Kelly Ann Rasmussen and Brion T. Kennedy are Married

On Friday, June 29, Kelly Ann Rasmussen and Brion T. Kennedy were married at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

Kelly (Rasmussen) Kennedy is the daughter of Pat and Paul Rasmussen of South Plainfield.

Brion Kennedy is the son of Ms. Terri Madera of Boynton Beach, Fla.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a graduate of UltraSound Diagnostic School in Iselin. She is currently employed by Sentara Healthcare Personnel Services in Hampton, Va.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Brentwood High School in Long Island, NY and attended the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. He is currently serving in the United States Air Force.

Tracy Rasmussen of South Plainfield served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Bunavage of Woodbridge, Stacey Corveleyn of South Plainfield, Maria DiLauro of Port Reading, Jamie Haines of Tinton Falls and Melissa Ibanez of Woodbridge. Kelli Hurley of West Haven



Kelly and Brion Kennedy

Conn. served as flower girl.

Rich Gomez of Hoboken served as best man. Groomsmen were Rocco Landi of Ringwood, Rick Kuehn of Hackettstown, Matt Viscito of Hanover, John Blair of Brentwood, NY and Vincent Madera of West Haven, Conn. Joseph Marchant of Berkeley Heights served as ringbearer.

The couple resides in Yorktown, Va.

Seniors Can Obtain Photo ID Cards

In light of the "Attack on America," the need for personal identification has increased tremendously, especially for travel purposes. To board a plane, a passenger must show a government issued photo identification card, a driver's license with a photo or a passport. This is of extreme concern to senior citizens, many of whom no longer drive and don't hold a driver's license.

Elaine M. Flynn, Middlesex County Clerk, would like seniors to be aware of a program offered by her office. The "Golden Key Identification Card Program" was designed for Middlesex County residents age 55 and older who would like to obtain a government issued identification card. There are also those seniors who already have a photo driver's license, but would like to have a second photo ID card.

The Middlesex County Identification Card Department will be in South Plainfield on Friday, Nov. 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the PAL building located on Maple Ave. Applicants must be 55 or older and live in Middlesex County. Applicant's photo will be taken. There is a \$3 fee per card.

Borough News

Council Notes

- Councilman Jim Vokral was appointed Acting Mayor until Oct. 26 due to Mayor Dan Gallagher's knee surgery last week.

- A lien of \$451.24 has been placed on a property on West 7th Street for costs incurred by the Borough to abate a public health nuisance.

- The council endorsed Middlesex County Public Question #1, which will be placed on the Nov. 6 ballot. The questions deal with the preservation of open space within the county.

- Santo Triolo has been hired as a Licensed Sanitary Sewer Operator at a salary of \$650 per month.

- The council authorized storing soil on Borough owned land located at West End Ave. The soil, donated by Edgewood Properties, Inc. will be used at the police shooting range.

Board of Adjustment

- Pilgrim Covenant Church was granted preliminary and final site plan approval and 14 waivers, with conditions for a second principal structure, a 1½ story building, to conduct a daycare/preschool/kindergarten.

- Robert Bengivena's application to construct a single family house on an undersized lot was denied.



The piano duo of Paul Kueter and Carolle-Ann Mochernuk will be performing Oct. 14 at a concert sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission at Wesley United Methodist Church.

"Bel Musica" To Present The Magic of Movie Music

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present the musical group "Bel Musica" in a program titled, "The Magic of Movie Music" on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 Plainfield Ave., beginning at 4 p.m. The group comprises four outstanding professional musicians who have performed in many parts of the U.S., Florence Lazzari, lyric soprano; Rick McElhiney, baritone; Paul Kueter and Carolle-Ann Mochernuk, piano duo.

Carolle-Ann Mochernuk is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and also studied with Rosina Lhevinne at Juilliard. She made her debut in New York's Town Hall, and subsequently concertized in Canada, the United States and Europe, where she played a recital in London's Queen Elizabeth Hall. For several years, she was a member of the faculties of Douglass College of Rutgers University and Kean College. She has recorded all of the Scriabin Preludes, Opus 11 for RPM Records.

Paul Kueter has performed as ensemble pianist in Carnegie Hall, Town Hall and Merkin Hall in New York, and has appeared as piano soloist with numerous orchestras throughout the North East. He studied piano with Rudolph Ganz at the Chicago Musical College and with Thomas Richner at Columbia. A former member of the music faculty at Douglass College, he has composed ballet scores, songs and piano pieces, and has arranged extensively for piano, four-hands.

Guest artist on the program will be a talented young violinist, Danny Hedinger, from Clark. An exception-

ally joyous and delightful program has been arranged, with each artist giving a sterling performance. (Of special note is the music produced by four professional hands on one piano!) Admission to the program is free, as is usual, for all programs sponsored by the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission.

"The Origins of Halloween" Program at Library

The Friends of the South Plainfield Library invite the public to attend a Special Program, "The Origins of Halloween," on Sunday, Oct. 21, starting at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Public Library on Plainfield Ave.

Angus Gillespie, Ph.D. Assoc. Professor of American Music, Rutgers University, a graduate of Yale University and a Fulbright Scholar, will discuss the European origins of Halloween and how they changed in America through the years. Gillespie explains how trick or treat got started and how pranks and rowdy behavior have sometimes been checked by school, church and civic groups. Gillespie traces the story of how Halloween became commodified with cards and costumes in the period following World War II and what these changes tell us about American culture.

Angus Kress Gillespie is a professor of American Studies at Rutgers University and the author of several books and numerous articles. Dr. Gillespie is an expert on folklore and American holidays. He is frequently consulted and quoted by the news media and has often shared his findings with radio listeners on National Public Radio and has appeared on "Good Morning America" as well as the History Channel.

This program is made possible through a grant from the NJ Council for The Humanities, a State Partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.


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Around Town

Recreation To Sponsor Two Trips to Broadway

October 13, December 16

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

The second trip is on Dec. 16 to see the classic Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show. Tickets are \$75 per person. The bus will leave the PAL Building at 1:30 p.m. Each trip allows everyone to shop and dine before the show.

Purchase tickets at the PAL building on Maple Ave., weekdays.

Polish Home Sponsors Atlantic City Trip

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.

SDW Reorganization Meeting

October 16

"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 by calling (908) 561-5255 or by e-mail at www.spsdw.com."

Suburban Woman's Club Book Fair

October 17

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield, a member of the NJSFWC, will be sponsoring a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road in Clark on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The proceeds of the event will be applied to the club's Scholarship Fund. The Suburban Woman's Club awards a \$1,000 Scholarship to a South Plainfield Senior each year.

Vouchers for book purchases will be available at the Clark store during hours of the Book Fair. For information call, (908) 755-1427.

Slide Show, Lecture at AARP Meeting

October 19

Chapter 4144 will meet on the third Friday on Oct. 19 at 12:30 p.m. at the PAL building on Maple Ave. Our speaker will be Professor William Dunscombe who will show the second series of the New Jersey slide-lecture. This program is not only entertaining but also informs us of the history of New Jersey's standards, symbols and natural history. This meeting will be very interesting and all are welcome to attend.

Road to Redemption At Alliance Church

October 19

The Alliance Bible Church of Warren will present a special showing of the movie *Road to Redemption* on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The fast-paced comedy is set on the road between Las Vegas and Lake Redemption, Montana. Amanda Tucker (Julie Condra) and her boyfriend Alan Fischer (Jay Underwood) borrow mob money from her boss and lose it on a fixed horse race. Now they need big money or else. For more information or directions, call the church office at (732) 469-1425.

American Legion Pancake Breakfast

October 21

The South Plainfield American Legion will holding a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Oct. 21, from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$5 for adults, children 6 to 12 are \$3; 6 and under are free.

High School to Host Band Festival

October 21

On Sunday, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. the South Plainfield High School Marching Band will host the 20th annual Marching Band Festival. Bands attending this year are Bloomfield High School, Metuchen High School, Lakeland High School, Bound Brook High School, Warren Hills High School, Haddonfield H.S., Hackettstown H.S. and Memorial H.S. West NY. The festival will be held at the Frank Jost Memorial Field. Trophies will be awarded to bands in the Group I, II, III and IV categories.

SPHS band parents will be selling food and crafts items. All monies collected will be given to Music Boosters and scholarships to graduating high school seniors in June.

For an afternoon of beautiful music and exciting marching, come out and support all these dedicated high school students. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 for students and seniors; gold card students are free.

Patricia Sherman to Speak at CHATS

October 22

Chats (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Patricia Sherman, LCSW, a member of the social work faculty of Kean University, will speak on "Parenting the Young Adopted Child." She has directed an adoption agency and counseled adoptees, adoptive parents and birthmothers in private practice and is the mother of two adopted children.

Anyone with an interest in adoption is welcome. There will be light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or www.community.nj.com/cc/chats for more information.

Fine Art Auction at Wesley Methodist

October 27

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., will hold an Art

Auction of Fine Art on Saturday, Oct. 27. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to preview the artwork. The auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

Art selections include works from Wooster Scott, Wyeth, Me Knight, Tarkay and many more. All artwork is custom framed and matted. Opening bids are up to 50% less than traditional framed gallery prices.

Hors d'oeuvres, coffee, punch and desserts will be served. All proceeds benefit the Church's World Service Benevolence. Admission is \$5.

For ticket information, please call (908) 755-3850.

Women To Gather For Transformation

October 27

These fragile times can make us feel vulnerable and at loss for how to proceed with rebuilding our personal and public lives. The YWCA of Plainfield is offering woman a unique opportunity to not only go forward with their lives but to change the hole that has been created by circumstances to a whole transformational experience. Women will gather to renew, revitalize and recognize to make the positive changes that are necessary to go forward with confidence.

Authors Patti Comforti and Doreen Carrie will facilitate a one day workshop in Celebration of Women and Their Spirit on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the YWCA in Plainfield. The program not only teaches methods that empower your life but provide the opportunity to experience healthy alternatives to old beliefs that have limited and held you back from a fuller and more meaningful life.

Koinia Academy Hosts Tricky Tray Auction

November 2

The Koinia Academy located at 1040 Plainfield Ave. in Plainfield is sponsoring a Tricky Tray Auction on Friday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The Admission fee of \$8 includes a sheet of tickets, desserts and beverages and much more. For reservations call (908) 508-0181. Tickets will also be sold at the door on a first come first serve basis. Koinia Academy is on the border of South Plainfield.

St. Stephens to Hold Annual Oktoberfest

November 3

St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., will celebrate their fourth annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Nov. 3. There will be two settings: 5-6:30 and 6:30-8 p.m. Authentic German food will be served.

Advanced ticket prices are: adults \$12; children 5-12, \$6. Tickets are available at the Church office on Park Ave. Reservations are encouraged. Takeout dinners will be available. For information, call 908-757-4474.

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. at 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.

Columbiettes Announce Fall Trips

November 3 & 25

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

On Sunday, Nov. 25, the group will go 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. \$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.

Republican Org. to Hold Pre-election Cocktail Party

November 4

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will be holding a pre-election cocktail party honoring candidates Marge Reedy and Jerry Harris on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the American Legion, located on Oak Tree Road from 1 to 4 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Congressman Mike Ferguson who represents the 7th congressional district. Tickets are \$50 per person. If interested, call 561-7209.

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.

Elks Sponsor Comedy Show

November 17

The South Plainfield Elks will hold a Comedy Show on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elks Club on New Market Ave. Admission is \$40 per person which includes food and drinks. For tickets, call Lisa at (908) 668-9750.

PAL Hosts SPHS Athletic Boosters Auction

November 17

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club is holding a Sports Auction on Saturday, Nov. 17. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door, which includes 25 auction tickets.

Some of the prizes being auctioned are Devils tickets, autographed balls, sports theme baskets, Rutgers tickets, a bicycle and television.

For more info, call the Keller's at (908) 753-1341, the Celentano's at (908) 757-5691 or the PAL.

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.

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**Theatre Co. Presents
Forever Plaid****Through October 27**

The Jersey Central Theatre Company, at the historic Dunellen Theatre, 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.

Cost is \$20. Student, senior, group and subscription discounts available. For info, contact Jersey Central Theatre Co. at 732-968-9010, or online at www.jerseycentraltheatre.com.

**Widow & Widowers
Dance at Wows****October 12**

Middlesex East Wows Carteret Chapter will hold a dance for widows and widowers on Friday, Oct. 12, at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, 7:30-11:30 p.m.. Admission is \$7. Live music & refreshment.

For more information, call 732-969-1123 or 908-757-0515.

**Dinner To Honor Clem
Santy of Dunellen****October 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 schools, as well as stores and businesses all over Dunellen and at the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Dunellen Lion's Club and the Dunellen/Green Brook Rotary Club. For 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. in Hillsborough on Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Special auction hours are on Friday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

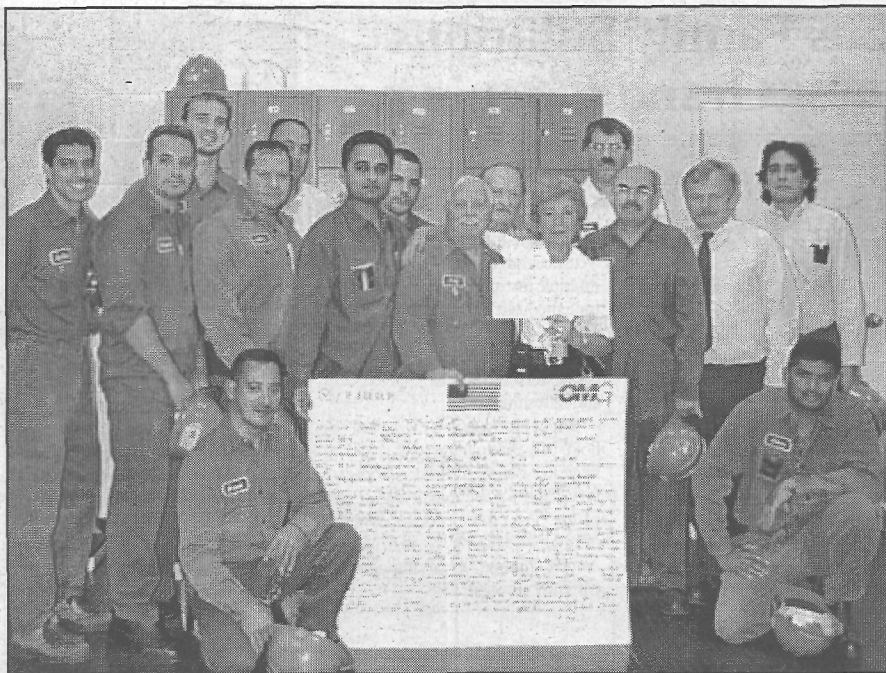
Last year's success allowed our church to donate \$2,500 to the Somerset Home for Displaced Children. We are targeting the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) and the Resource Center for Women and their families as the recipients of half of this year's proceeds.

**Central NJ Mensa
Offers Admissions Test****October 20**

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.

For more information or to apply for membership, call (800) 66-MENSA or visit www.us.mensa.org.

For registration, contact Martha McKeon, CNJM Testing Coordinator, 732-494-5826 or e-mail Mensa-Tester@att.net.

**Ferro Corporation and OM Group Inc.,
(formerly dmc2) Donate \$50,000 Picnic Funds**

When the employees of Ferro Corporation and OM Group, Inc. (formerly dmc2) learned of the tragedy the United States of America suffered on Tuesday, Sept. 11, they decided to cancel their 22nd Annual Family Picnic. The picnic, which was to have been held on the following Saturday, is a much anticipated annual affair. Instead the employers and picnic vendors took the funds allocated for the

picnic and donated them to the Central Jersey Division of The American Red Cross.

The employees directed The Red Cross to use the \$50,000 to specifically help those assisting in the recovery mission in the Twin Towers area, many of whom have also lost co-workers, relatives, friends and neighbors.

In addition to the contributions of the employees, Ferro Corporation and

OM Group, Inc., the following picnic vendors contributed to the fund: Ace Canvas & Tent Corporation, Jack Frost Ice Cream, Bob and Rosie Jepson, N. J. Party Works, Party Pros, People Pleasers, Inc., St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church, Sherbans Restaurant and Unirec.

They also have sent their support and their prayers to those affected by the tragic events of September 11.

Residents Stepped Forward to Give Blood

New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS) thanks all the NJ residents who donated blood or tried to donate blood since the terrorist attacks. The number of people who lined up to give blood and the number of units that were collected are among the highest ever. This was the case not only in New Jersey but around the Nation.

"Thousands answered the call to donate. We were in awe of the willingness of everyone to wait hours to donate blood and in some cases standing in line for six or more hours," states John Giandelone, Executive Director of New Jersey Blood Services. "In addition to those who came out to donate blood, the amount of food, beverages, ice and other supplies donated by local businesses for the people waiting was also extraordinary," states Giandelone. "Of those who donated from Sept. 11 through Sept. 18, approximately 50% of them were people who donated for the first time. This is very encouraging. So many people don't donate because they are afraid. Now they have and have found that giving blood is an easy, painless thing to do to help someone in need," adds Giandelone. NJBS apologizes to all those who did not have the opportunity to donate. Because of the overwhelming response, it was necessary for us to request many of our residents to postpone their donation.

NJBS is asking those who have an appointment to donate at one of its

blood drives or at one of its sites to please keep that appointment. Those who pledged to donate by giving NJBS their name and other information will be contacted in the coming weeks and months.

"We are in no way discouraging people to donate. We are asking them not to all donate within a two or three week period. We are asking that they donate when we call them so we have a steady stream of donors which will help us to keep our blood adequate and stable," adds Giandelone.

While our inventory levels are well above average at this time and blood only has a 42 day shelf life, we fear that this precious resource would be wasted if we continued to over collect. Our job is to assure that we have at least a five day supply on hand after the daily shipments are made to our service hospitals.

NJBS encourages donors to keep their scheduled appointments at blood drives. Those who wish to pledge to give over the next weeks and months can call 1-800-933-BLOOD and leave their name, phone number, etc.

On behalf of the patients in New Jersey and the greater New York region, NJBS thanks all for their patience, concern, time and help.

Almost anyone can be a life-savings hero. Blood donors must be between the ages of 17 and 75, weighing over 110 pounds and be in good general health. The blood donation process

takes less than an hour and includes a free mini medical exam (temperature, iron count, pulse rate and blood pressure.) Photo or signature ID is required and knowledge of Social Security number. If you are on medication and not sure if you are eligible, please call us at (732) 220-7000.

New Jersey Blood Services is the blood center serving 13 counties and 60 New Jersey hospitals. In order to do this the Center must collect approximately 90,000 units of blood annually and conducts an estimated 200 blood drives a month within the area it serves.

Anyone wishing further information on giving blood or setting up a blood drive is encouraged to call NJBS at 1-800-933-BLOOD. You can also visit our website.

Those not eligible to donate blood, but would like to help, can send their checks to New York Blood Center, P.O. Box 16845, Newark, NJ, 07101, attention Development Department.

**Production
Staff Sought
For Footloose**

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will be producing *Footloose* next summer for their 31st season. Resumes are being sought for the positions of assistant director, stage manager, vocal director, musical director, production staff assistant (helps out the director, choreographer and vocal director as needed), costume coordinator, rehearsal pianist, set designer and lighting designer. The director and choreographer have already been selected.

Show dates are in August, 2002. Auditions will be in early June, with rehearsals beginning the end of June and through July. Anyone interested can fax their resumes to (908) 756-8790, or e-mail them through our website, www.spsdw.co. More information about our program can be found at the website, or for any questions you may have.

Deadline for applications is Nov. 23.

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop is also interested in theatre students who would like to participate as an intern, in cooperation with their school.

**Tickets
Available for
Menlo Park Mall
"Evening of
Thanksgiving"**

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop has tickets available for the "Evening of Thanksgiving," an event that includes entertainment and shopping, with part of the proceeds going to worthy causes.

The event will be held Sunday night, Nov. 18, at Menlo Park Mall. Many of the stores in the mall will be offering special sales, and many groups, including the Summer Drama Workshop will provide entertainment. They will perform on one of the stages in the mall that evening. There will also be prize drawings and other activities.

Tickets are required to attend this special evening, and they are available by calling the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop at (908) 561-5255. A portion of the ticket price will benefit the Summer Drama Workshop, with the rest of the proceeds being distributed to the Simon Foundation and other organizations.

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Bright Horizons Family Solutions Childcare Center Grand Opening



Pictured L-R are: Shawn Lewis cutting ribbon, Sonali Kamerkar, director holding Anabelle and Christian Malamug, Megan MacMillan, Motorola HR representative and Pat Wolfinger, Regional Manager.

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Bright Horizons Family Solutions officially joined the South Plainfield business community with an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 25. Bright Horizons is a nationwide employer-sponsored child care, early education and work/life consulting service. Director of the new center is Sonali Kamerkar. The new child care center is located in the Southfield building at 1 Cragwood Drive.

Bright Horizon's colorful playground, visible from Hadley Road, stands out from the bland office buildings that dominate the area. Their eye catching theme is carried indoors. The center features bright spacious rooms filled with all the necessities and more for learning and fun. Artwork and photos of the first young occupants are scattered throughout the rooms and hallways. Low windows allow youngsters to peek into other rooms and offices. Different age levels have their own rooms with age appropriate toys and furnishings.

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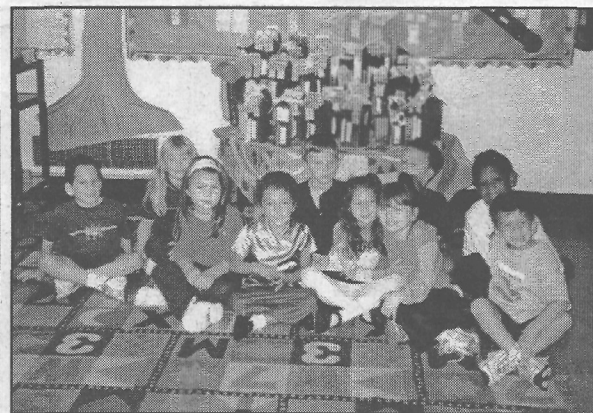
Visitors arrived to tour the facility and meet the staff. Prior to the ribbon cutting, those in attendance enjoyed a one man band. The children were delighted with familiar songs and multiple instruments being played simultaneously. The ribbon was cut by Motorola HR representative Shawn Lewis. After the formalities the youngsters and guests enjoyed cake and refreshments.

Bright Horizons has the capacity to hold 142 children ages six weeks to six years. Before and after school care is available for children up to 12 years of age. The center operates Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eleven children of varying ages are currently enrolled.

UPDATE: Senior Rec Center Work Progressing

The building of our new Senior Center is moving along.

The construction, which had come to a halt, waiting for a specially ordered brick and trim, has resumed and workers are busy laying brick and cement at the site.



Children enrolled in the two classes of the South Plainfield Enrichment Program have been learning the alphabet in a unique way. Teacher Pat Santillo, along with her aid, Pat Robustelli, is helping them build an entire town, using each letter to represent a building or item found in a town.



Nicola Risoli: A Prisoner-Of-War, The Battle Of The Bulge

Continued from page 1

in the classroom. We got our water from a hand-pumped well in the yard. The bathroom was an outhouse, with the girls on one side of a center wall and the boys on the other side—both sides used the same hole in the ground.

Later I went to a school downtown. We rode in a stagecoach that carried chickens and pigs in the front and children in the back. I can still see it and smell it—and I still remember all the fun we had on that old coach. Later I went to a school downtown. We rode in a stagecoach that carried chickens and pigs in the front and children in the back. I can still see it and smell it—and I still remember all the fun we had on that old coach.

When I was 16, I joined the Civilian Conservation Corp. (the CCC), which was started by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. My family did not want me to go, but I was young and wanted to see the world, so when I insisted, they let me go. I was sent to Fort Dix in New Jersey, and then to Hattiesburg, Miss. While in the CCC, I was taught how to use explosives to blow up tree stumps on the fire trails we built. Af-

ter the CCC, I worked 44 hours a week in a plant for \$14.75. Later I worked in a defense plant and was drafted into the army.

The army sent me to Fort Dix, NJ, for basic training and then on to Ft. Jackson, SC. I was put into the Combat Engineers Corps because of my CCC experience with explosives.

From Ft. Jackson, I was sent to Camp Atabury in Indiana and then to Boston, Mass., to board the USS Matthew bound for England. From England we crossed the English Channel to France, traveled up the Seine River and then went on to Belgium and the front lines in Luxembourg, near the Ardennes Forest.

I was a platoon sergeant in the 81st Combat Engineers, in charge of a 17-man demolition unit. On the night the 'Battle of the Bulge' started, a strange thing happened which probably saved the life of a young man. God truly must have been with him. This soldier had given me some trouble so I put him on night KP (Kitchen Police) duty in the mess tent on Dec. 15, 1944. About 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 16, someone woke me and said the soldier had burned his face and hands in the kitchen. I got up



and immediately sent him to medical headquarters. Within an hour, the Germans attacked and an 88mm shell hit the mess tent and blew it apart. Soon after shells began to fall all around us.

Although we were a demolition unit, we were each given a rifle, four clips of ammo, and two hand grenades and were sent to form a line in a farm field near the town of Belief. On the morning of Dec. 17, 88mm shells began to rain down on us and I went forward through some haystacks to see what was happening on the other side of a small hill. I never made it. I was hit by shrapnel and lay against a haystack bleeding until the German Panzer Grenadiers overran us.

They took me into the town of Belief. I was interrogated by a Panzer Lieutenant and beaten to get me to answers questions. While he was beating me, I could see one of my men lying dead on the ground. He was only 20 years old.

Later, a high ranking German officer saw the marks and blood on my face and asked me what happened. I told him a German officer beat me. He asked if I could pick him out. I said I could but I would not. He saluted me and said in perfect English, "You are a good soldier, and for that I salute you."

Agenda Meeting Date Changed

The Agenda Meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council, originally scheduled for Monday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. has been rescheduled to Thursday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.

From Belief, I was sent to Camp Garelsstein. To get there, we had to cross a mine field. When I saw the area, I remembered the mines and yelled out "Mines!" and all the prisoners froze and wouldn't move until one of the German soldiers led us through. It was snowing and even after we all crossed, you could see only one set of footprints through the mine field.

We hadn't eaten for about three days and our first meal at Garelsstein was of barley soup. It tasted so good, I thought I was in heaven. From Camp Garelsstein, I was sent to Camp Limburg 12-A. On Dec. 24 1944, the English bombed the camp. Two bombs hit our barracks and the door flew off and hit me in the back of the head. We pulled many bodies out of our barrack, but we managed to save a few of the prisoners. Altogether, we lost about 60 men that night. After fifty years, I still have nightmares about it. We had to bury our dead that same day. It was a terrible job.

Later they put me in with about 65 men in a boxcar that would only hold forty. They kept us there for two nights and three days, while they moved us to another camp. We had no food or water or any means of sanitation. I managed to tear a hole in the roof so that we could get more air to breathe. When the Germans finally let us out and saw the hole, they were so angry they wanted to execute the one who did it, but no one would tell them who it was.

They gave us a loaf of black bread to share among 7-8 and some watery soup, and then started us on a march, but wouldn't tell us to where. It was winter and cold and snowing and a lot of men froze to death. Almost as bad as the cold were the lice. To get back at the German guards for the way they treated us, they would strike us in the back with their rifles if we stumbled or did not walk fast enough for them, we would pick lice off ourselves at night, and then hold them in our hands and slap the guard on the back in the morning and say loudly, "Good Morning." When they would start scratching themselves, we would get a big laugh out of it.

Later, we were forced to march from Ubretes to near Hamburg. On the way we passed a forced labor camp.

Sometime around the middle of March of 1944, while we were headed toward a camp near Hamburg, spring came and the dandelions began to grow in the fields along the road. Whenever we stopped and I could do

it, I would pull up the dandelions and eat them. Many of my men, who were also prisoners, thought I had gone crazy and was eating grass, until I told them that dandelions were good to eat. Then they started eating them too. God feeds the birds, and I fed my men and myself and also kept us alive on that long march.

After five months of being a prisoner, I was set free when the 51st Scottish Brigade liberated the camp, which was about 15 miles south of Hamburg. Before the 'Battle of the Bulge,' I weighed 176 pounds, when we were liberated, I weighed under 100 pounds. There are many ways of being tortured, but hunger is one of the worst.

While I was a prisoner, I could have tried to escape many times and I was sure I could have gotten away. But my men were very young and would not have tried to escape with me. If I had escaped alone, some of them would have been killed by the Germans in retaliation. Only three of the seventeen men in my unit are still alive today.

After being freed, I was sent to Camp Lucky Stride. There I was delirious. They sprayed us with DDT from head to toe.

At this camp, we had the first real meal we had since becoming prisoners. It was broiled chicken and it was delicious. We were served by Italian prisoners.

I still have scars on my body from the 'Battle of the Bulge,' emotional distress that comes from then and I had lots of nightmares. I wouldn't want to fight that battle again or ever be a prisoner of war again. But I am glad I fought for my country and I would do it again if I was physically able. This is the greatest country in the world. I love to see our colorful flag wave in the breeze. I can't understand people who burn our flag and seem to hate their country and who will not fight for it. I do not understand them at all. They are not my kind of people.

My kind of people are God-fearing patriots who understand the price they have to pay to keep our freedom and are willing to do it, just as millions did in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and as thousands did in the 'Battle of the Bulge.' Every American soldier who ever fought for his or her country, or who was ever a prisoner of war, especially the ones who died in battle or in the prison camps, is a hero and we should always remember them and what they did for us.

Nicola Risoli, 1994

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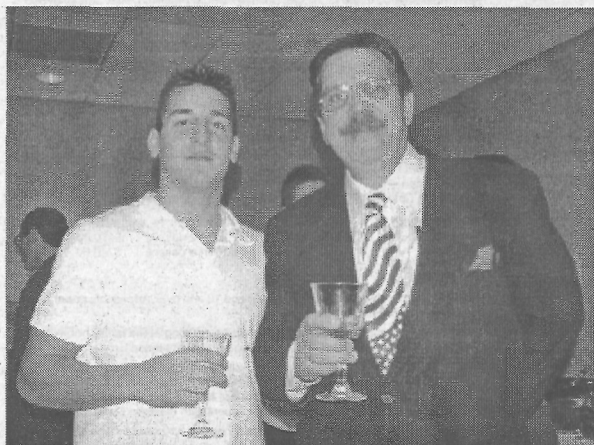
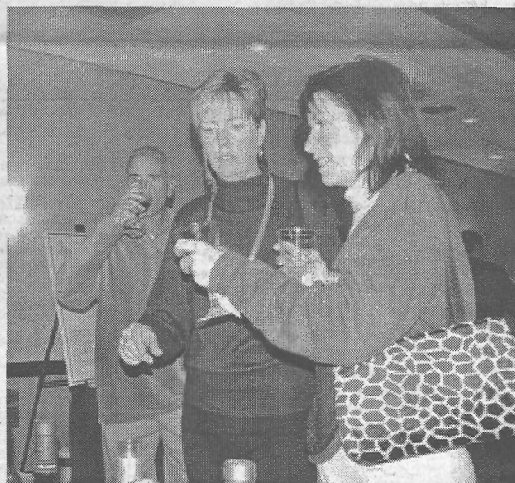
The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department's Second Annual Wine Tasting event was both successful and enjoyable. About 150 people attended the fundraiser held at Embassy Suites in Piscataway. Vendors from numerous companies had tables set up with their products, from simple table wines to flavored liquors, imported vodka and more. Guests were able to sample various beverages during the first two hours of the event.

The group observed a moment of silence in honor of those firefighters and police officers who lost their lives in the World Trade Center attack.

After dinner, everyone enjoyed dancing to music provided by Kevin Murtagh.



Photos by Patricia Abbott



From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

We'll follow our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour; features stories and a craft activity, and is for children ages three and over. No pre-registration is required. And, there are a couple of special children's programs next week. At this writing, there's still space available for this month's Kidcraft program. It's set for Friday, Oct. 19, at 4:30 p.m. It's for children ages six and over; all materials will be provided by the Library. Space is limited, so you must sign up in advance. Also, there's the Pumpkin Painting program the following day (Saturday, Oct. 20) at 10 a.m. This program is for children of all ages. Pre-registration is required; there's a fee of \$1 to cover materials, payable upon registration. For more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

There are also a couple of adult programs coming soon. On Sunday, Oct. 21, we'll be hosting a program called, "The Origins of Halloween." It'll look at the European origins of the observance, how it changed in America, and its effect of American culture. The discussion will be led by Angus Gillespie, professor of American Studies at Rutgers. The program starts at 2 p.m.; everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. This program is presented by the Friends of the Library. Next, there's a class on Interviewing Techniques for Job Seekers. This class will be led by Reference Librarian Allan Kleiman. It's scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25, at 10:30

a.m. You must sign up in advance for this program.

This month, our display wall and display cabinets feature artwork by South Plainfield resident Pat Garhart Butynski. The display features several of her watercolor paintings, as well as selections of her work in the graphic design field. You can see this exhibit at the Library throughout October.

Things are starting to pile up again in our Lost & Found box. If you've misplaced something and think we may have found it, please stop by the main desk and ask. Be prepared to properly identify the item in question.

We've made another change in our internal layout. Recently, materials related to job searching were found on a book cart near the Comcast computer terminal, in order to make them accessible for our job searching classes. There's since been a slight alteration. While some items may remain on the aforementioned cart, the bulk of that category's offerings may be found on the shelf near the start of our Reference section. They're recognizable by the green labels on the spines. Ask a staff member if you need help finding them.

Finally, a request from the Reference staff: When you request an Inter-Library Loan item, please be sure to give your proper name and phone number. (By proper name, we mean the one you're registered under in our computer.) The name will better allow us to check the ILL item out to you as soon as it's received. The number will help cut down the time needed to contact you about the ILL item's arrival. We appreciate your help on this.

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

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Celebrate 100 Years in Metuchen

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic order of men with schools around the world, celebrated the 100th Anniversary of their arrival and establishment in Metuchen on Sept. 29.

The Brothers, who began their ministry in Lyons, France in 1821 with the mission of educating poor children, established the Metuchen site in

1901 and, subsequently, founded Saint Joseph High School in 1961.

The Brothers also led the groundbreaking ceremony, kicking off the first expansion to the school's facilities in 40 years, an initiative made possible by the "Building for the Next Century" campaign and the support of hundreds of alumni.

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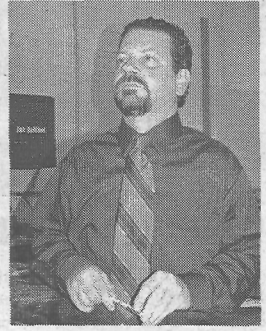
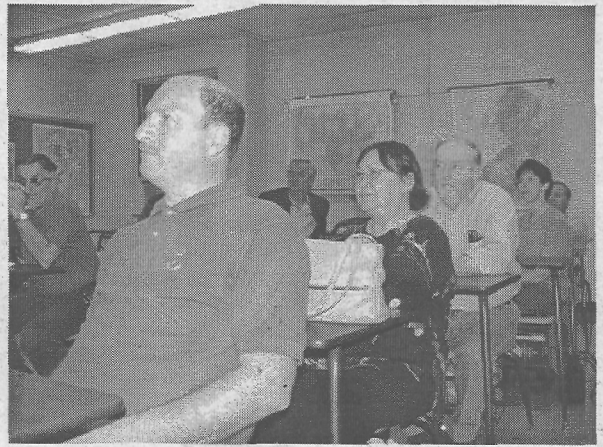
By Patricia Abbott

SPHS Back to School night began with Superintendent Dr. Krewer gave an brief introduction of the *Skillstutor* computer program. Dr. Krewer stressed the need to teach each child individually and the how *Skillstutor* would benefit students. Director of Technology Russell Mattoon gave a brief explanation on how the program works. Afterward the regular

PTA meeting was held.

The remainder of the evening put parents back in the classroom as they followed their child's schedule for an abbreviated school day. Teachers were in their classrooms to explain courses and answer questions. The hallways resembled the first day of school as parent's attempted to find each class. The French Club took advantage of the crowd by sponsoring a bake sale. They had tables set up at both main

entrances. The Athletic Booster Club signed up new members and sold sweatshirts, T-shirts and more. The South Plainfield Library had a table offering assorted literature. The cafeteria was turned over to Project Graduation. The committee had a video running throughout the evening of the Project Graduation 2001 party. Parents were able spend their 'lunch period' enjoying refreshments in the cafeteria as well.



Braunschweiger Jewelers Conducts Food Drive to Benefit Food Banks

Braunschweiger Jewelers in conjunction with The Food Bank Network of Somerset County, is declaring all three of their retail establishments as collection sites for this year's food drive. Donations of non-perishable food items as well as non-food items for personal hygiene, laundry soaps and paper products will be graciously accepted at any of the three Braunschweiger Jewelers locations. Drop-off sites in Morristown, New

Providence and Warren are collecting items throughout the month of October.

"Braunschweiger Jeweler's participation in this year's food drive is a way to assist in the collection of approximately 35,000 bags of food that is distributed to those in need in Somerset County. By providing stores as collection sites for donations they help the Food Bank Network of Somerset County to receive the

much needed food provided to people in our own community, especially those that fall between the cracks of other public assistance programs," states Gretchen Braunschweiger of Braunschweiger Jewelers.

The Food Bank Network of Somerset County also accepts clothing, volunteers, as well as cash contributions to help fund some of their other programs which include assisting woman returning to the workforce, seniors in

need of prescriptions, families in need of rent and utility assistance and providing children with gifts on the holidays. The Food Bank Network needs help in identifying those in need of assistance by calling 732-560-1813.

Throughout 2001, Braunschweiger Jewelers places special emphasis on community donations to these issues.

For more information, call 973-538-0668 or visit their website at www.braunschweiger.com.

News From the SP Rescue Squad

The squad answered 184 calls, consisting of 386 actual man hours.

On Sept. 11, the day of the WTC tragedy, the squad, which is part of the 14th District, responded along with 30 other Middlesex Co. squads to Giants Stadium which was setup as a triage area for injured patients. 2,500 victims were processed over a 9 day period. The SP rescue squad is an all volunteer organization, which relies heavily on donations.

Legal Notices

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1577

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

Ordinance #1577 entitled: AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE #1568 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #801 ENTITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1978" be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 12, 2001 and that a public hearing be held at 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1577

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE #1568 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #801 ENTITLED "ZONING OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1978."

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield adopted Ordinance #1568 on May 10, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Business Advisory Group has expressed concerns in reference to same; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that said ordinance should be revisited before implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD THAT Ordinance #1568 is hereby rescinded and shall have no further force and effect. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

Approved October 4, 2001

Jim Vokral/Acting Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

\$55.00 1T October 12, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1576

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

Ordinance #1576 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MAKING PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES" REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES AT WOODLAND MANOR WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 12, 2001 and that a public hearing be held at 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1576

AN ORDINANCE MAKING PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OR VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE WOODLAND MANOR AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Woodland Manor Associates has filed a written consent with the Borough of South Plainfield that the provisions of Subtitle One of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey or Various Traffic Regulations to be made applicable to the semi-public roads, streets, driveways and parking lots at The Woodland Manor located in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex and the following regulations shall be enforceable:

1. GENERAL PARKING:

- All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.
- No person shall stop or stand a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described below, except in areas covered by other parking restrictions.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
All Road	Both	All	Entire Lengths

2. HANDICAPPED PARKING:

All stalls shall be 12 foot wide as shown on the attached site plan and signed with the R7-8 and R7-8P (Reserved Parking Sign and Penalty Plate) in the designated parking areas for persons who have been issued the Handicapped Parking Permit by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

3. THROUGH STREETS, STOP INTERSECTIONS:

A. Through Streets:

The following streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as Through Streets. Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting the Through street except where Yield signs are provided for in the designation.

Name of Street	Limits
Calderone Street	Entire Length

B. Stop Intersections:

The following described intersections are hereby designated as Stop Intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

Intersection	Stop Sign(s) on:
Frederick Avenue and Brennan Court	Frederick Avenue
Yednak Drive and Kennedy Road	Yednak Drive

4. SPEED LIMITS:

A. The speed limit for both directions of traffic in the parking lot(s) shall be 15 M.P.H.

B. The speed limit for both directions of travel on the following roadways are:

Name of Roadway	M.P.H.	Limits
All Roads	15	Entire Lengths

C. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits authorized by the Department of Transportation.

5. TOW-AWAY ZONES:

Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area pedestrian walkway, or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owners or operators expense.

That all signs, posts, or other necessary materials be installed and paid for by the applicant. All signing shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by the New Jersey Statute every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$1000.00 dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days or both.

If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion of the Ordinance.

Upon final passage, a certified copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Transportation for their approval.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

Approved October 4, 2001

Jim Vokral/Acting Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$195.00 1T October 12, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1574

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

Ordinance #1574 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 FOR THE RESURFACING OF SYLVANIA PLACE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, October 4, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

\$17.00 1T October 12, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1575

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

Ordinance #1575 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2002 MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 12, 2001 and that a public hearing be held at 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1575

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield that:

Annual fees for use by Borough residents of the municipal pool complex shall be amended as follows:

Residents	On or before 4/15	After 4/15
Family	\$250.00 plus 10 free passes	\$280.00
Husband and Wife	\$195.00 plus 10 free passes	\$225.00
Individual	\$140.00 plus 10 free passes	\$170.00
Single Parent Family	\$220.00 plus 10 free passes	\$250.00
Senior Citizen	\$ 50.00 plus 10 free passes	\$ 60.00
Family/Full Time Child Care	\$310.00 plus 10 free passes	\$340.00

Non Residents	Family	Individual
Family	\$470.00 plus 10 free passes	\$470.00
Individual	\$240.00 plus 10 free passes	\$240.00

Definitions

INDIVIDUAL - Resident of South Plainfield age 12 and over. Applicants under 18 must have parental consent.

FAMILY - A husband and wife and their children residing at the family home in South Plainfield. Children included under this membership are those born after September 1, 1983.

FAMILY WITH FULL TIME CHILD CARE - Families who employ a full time child care provider (child-sitter, nanny). This card is not transferable. Provider must be 18+. Provider/family must show proof of employment with cancelled check.

HUSBAND & WIFE - Couple must be legally married and reside in the same house in South Plainfield.

SINGLE PARENT FAMILY - A single parent and his/her children. Same rules apply as for family membership. Proof of single parenthood required. (A copy of 2000 federal tax return with original address label is acceptable.)

SENIOR CITIZEN - 62 years of age or older.

DAILY ADMISSION PRICES

	MON - FRI	WEEKENDS/HOLIDAYS
All Ages - before 5:00PM	\$8.00	\$10.00
All Ages - after 5:00PM	\$5.00	\$ 5.00
Groups of 20 or more (must be pre-registered)	\$5.00	\$ 5.00

Approved October 4, 2001

Jim Vokral/Acting Mayor

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$104.00 October 12, 2001

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Sports

Soccer



2001 GIRLS SOCCER ROSTER— Krystal McCullen and Debby Soriano (seniors); Kelly Eustice, Shelly Graziano, Loubna Idrissi, Judith Ringel, Elizabeth Sabosik, Takara Kaczowski (juniors); Shade Colman, Jaime Gaughan, Dana Genova, Brittany A. Hartman, Johanna Hedler, Tara Israel, Darleen Marin, Kate Scialabba, Jenna Smith, Chiara Tomei, Sandra Amaya, Audrey Wilham, Jessa Jones (sophomores); Karen Barrientos, Dawn Besser, Ashley Bishop, Ashley Elliott, Karen Estonactoc, Anna Ferrer, Christine Manfredo, Annie Nguyen, Danielle Plasse, Lesley Sideck, Danielle Arndt and Caitlin English (freshmen); head coach, Bruce Hunt and assistant coach, Dennis O'Neil.

Back to Back Wins for Girls Soccer

Last Friday and Saturday, the South Plainfield Girls Soccer team played two games with Mother Seton of Clark. The SPHS girls won both by identical scores of 8-0.

Friday's game saw Johanna Hedler with a hat trick and an assist. Jessa Jones tallied two goals and an assist. Danielle Arndt had one goal and two assists. Judy Ringel had one goal and

one assist and Kristal McCullen had the final assist. The shutout was recorded by a rugged Tiger defense that included goalkeeper Kelly Eustice, sweeper Chiara Tomei, Liz Sabosik and Caitline English.

A rainy day game on Saturday saw Danielle Arndt score the hat trick and two assists. Freshman Dawn Besser had two goals along with single goals by Jessa Jones, Shade Coleman and Loubna Idizzi, finishing the Tigers scoring for the day. Other assists were by Johanna Hedler, Loubna Idrissi, Karen Barrientos and Jessa Jones with two.

The shutout was shared by goalkeepers Kelly Eustice and Jenna Smith. Congratulations Lady Tigers!

Typhoons Crush The Crusade

The South Plainfield Boys U-12 Typhoons captured their first win of the season in convincing fashion Sunday, 6-2 over the Hillsborough Crusade. It took the boys most of the first half to warm up on this cold and blustery day, but once they did, they exploded.

Led by the left foot of Brendan O'Shea, the Typhoons opened up a 3-1 halftime lead and never looked back. The scoring began at the 25-minute mark of the first half when Matt Helgesen forwarded a pass to O'Shea, who promptly drilled it into the net for the first of five goals that he would score on the day. Within minutes, Steven Guevara was able to advance the ball through a crowd to Brendan and another left footed bullet and a 2-0 lead. Then before you could blink, O'Shea grabbed a loose ball from close to midfield and outran everyone before drilling the third goal of the day deep into the net. The Crusade would answer with a goal of their own before the intermission but were not able to sway the momentum away from a Typhoon team that now appeared driven to grab their first victory of the year.

Goalie Grey Coppi was once again fantastic in the net for South Plainfield as he sacrificed his body on more than a few occasions to stop the charging Hillsborough offense. In addition, fullbacks J.R. Licato and Keith Heckel along with midfielders Zach Olim, Guevara, Chris Pennisi and Brandon Ullom were equally tough in preventing the Crusade from mounting any sustained pressure in our zone.

The second half began similar to the first, as Helgesen got his second assist of the game when O'Shea took his pass and sent a rocket from the left side deep and high into the goal and a commanding 4-1 lead. Jonathan Marcoux put his name into the score book minutes later as he converted a beautiful crossing pass from Brian Fabino for his first goal of the season. The Typhoon scoring would then wrap up with fifteen minutes to play when Marcoux led O'Shea with a forward pass and his fifth goal of the afternoon. Aside from a late penalty kick goal for the Crusade, South Plainfield was able to maintain control of the game and come away with the 6-2 win.

Second Win for SP Sonics

On Sunday, the South Plainfield Sonics U9 Boys traveled to take on a tough North Hunterdon squad. Anthony Cardoso scored the first goal of the match for South Plainfield. Danny Hunt followed shortly thereafter increasing South Plainfield's lead to 2-0. North Hunterdon fought back and scored just before the half.

In the second half, the Sonics came out firing, receiving goals from Anthony Cardoso, Steve Lanza and Danny Hunt to take a 5-1 lead. A determined North Hunterdon Invaders

squad scored the final goal of the match. Final score was Sonics-Invaders 2.

Rugged goalkeeper duties were shared by William Mott, Jeff Gillen, Steve Lanza and Danny Hunt. A tremendous team effort was given by Marc Paez, Daniel Peel, Danny Sticco, Nick Okosko and Shaun Alers. Nice job Sonics!

New Hours at Weight Room

Fall hours at the weight room at the PAL building are now in effect.

The weight room is open Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

Dates to Take Remember:

The annual Fall Registration for the 2002 baseball season will take place on Thursday, Oct. 25 and Friday, Oct. 26 from 6-9 pm. Also on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9 am to 3 pm., at the baseball complex. All new participants should bring a birth certificate. Look for street banners, flyers brought home from school and here in the *Observer* for more reminders in the coming weeks.

It is our hope that next baseball season will again present the opportunity for challenge and enjoyment for all involved.

Pop Warner Eagles Donate Their Snack Stand Funds

The South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles have donated \$225 to the American Red Cross.

At our first home game held on Sunday, Sept. 16, they placed a donation jar at the front gate and of their snack stand. The people of South Plainfield and Watchung (the opposing team) were very generous in placing money in these jars for the American Red Cross.

Even the 50/50 winner donated his share of the winnings to the fund.

Just like all Americans, the members of Pop Warner were deeply troubled by the events that took place on Sept. 11. They hope that in some small way their donation will touch the lives of some of the people affected by this tragedy and let them know that they care.

Recreation Youth Wrestling Registration

Registration for the 2001 youth wrestling program will take place at the PAL building on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is open to all children ages five (as of Oct. 1) to 11.

The fee is \$25 per participant with

no refunds. A parent must accompany their child to register. A birth certificate and proof of residency is required. Coaches are also needed.

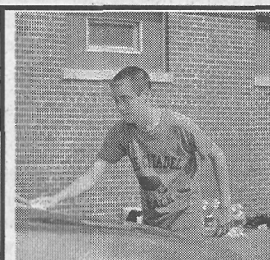
For more information call the PAL at (908) 226-7713

Seniors Invited to Join PAL Walking Club

South Plainfield seniors who want to get out of the house and move those muscles, should come out and walk with the Walking Club at the PAL.

The club walks every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the PAL.

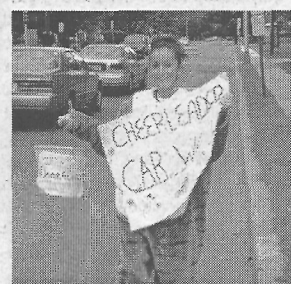
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Obituaries

Doris R. Anderson, 80

Doris R. Anderson died on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born in Hoboken and has been a life long resident of South Plainfield.

Doris was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

She is survived by her sister Betty Emmons of Edison.

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

Memorial donations in her memory can be made to the First Baptist Church, 201 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield or a WTC Disaster Relief Fund of your choice.

Noreen M. Allen, 55

Noreen M. Allen died on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains.

Born in Jersey City, she resided in Lake Parsippany and Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield 30 years ago.

Noreen was a former member of Sacred Heart Church and also the church's choir. She volunteered with many organizations including Sacred Heart Church, nursing homes, veterans hospitals and boy scouting. She had a tremendous love for her family and friends and she will be remembered by many.

She is predeceased by her father, William Jeffrey.

Surviving are her daughters Carol Allen of Rahway, Jennifer and her husband, Frank Nuzzi of Short Hills; her son John Allen of New York City; her mother Doris Jeffrey of Northridge, Ca.; her sisters Rosanne Lehmann of Northridge, Ca. and Marybeth Strano of Linden; her brothers William of Glendora, Ca., Michael of Cliffwood Beach, Richard of Northridge, Ca. and Paul of Granada Hills, Ca. Also surviving are her two grandchildren, Elizabeth and James Nuzzi.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Marie A. (Stillman) Groeling, 73

Marie A. (Stillman) Groeling died on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Toms River Community Hospital in Toms River.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Groeling had resided in Roselle for many years before settling in Manchester in the mid 1980's.

She had been a homemaker for most of her life. She had a great love for bowling, leading her to voluntarily run numerous leagues for the former Federal Lanes in Roselle and holding the secretary and treasurer's positions. She also had a great love

and talent for crocheting afghans for her family through the years.

She is predeceased by her husband, Robert Sr. who died in 1983 and her two sons, Michael and William.

Surviving are her daughter, Judy and her husband Art Kleinman of South Plainfield; her two sons, Robert and his wife Judy of Hatfield, Pa. and Edward of Manchester; her sisters Ella Mac and Louise and her 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Gerald R. Booth, Jr., 29

Gerald R. Booth, Jr. died Monday, Oct. 1 at home.

Born in Plainfield, he was a life long resident of South Plainfield.

Mr. Booth had been employed as a mechanic for Stelton Lanes in Piscataway.

He was an excellent bowler, bowling with various leagues throughout Central New Jersey and a person who loved the outdoors.

Surviving are his parents, Gerald R. Sr. and April (Mueller) Booth; his son, Gerald R. Booth, III; his sisters, Jennifer Booth of South Plainfield and Tracy and her husband James Smith of Middlesex and his paternal grandmother, Irene Booth of Louisville, Kentucky. Also surviving are his two nephews, James Smith III and Dustin Smith.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family and will be greatly appreciated.

Joseph R. Kizmann, 83

Joseph R. Kizmann died on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Genesis Elder Care - The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born in Austria, Hungary, he came to the United States in 1929 residing in Jersey City and Avenel before moving to South Plainfield in 1968.

He had been employed as a High Tech Mechanic for Penn Truck Lines in Kearny for 35 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of the Teamsters Local Union #561 and a former member of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa J. Kizmann; five sons, Mark and his wife Susan, Paul and his wife Pat, Jeff and his wife Pamela, Barry and his wife Dawn, Eric and his wife Denise; three sisters, Ann Shustowicz, Rose Mastroilli and Clara McGill and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.



Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan (left), the democratic candidate for State Assembly in the 18th District, receives a contribution from Walter X. Kalman, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers New Jersey Chapter (NASW). The NASW recently endorsed Diegnan's candidacy.

NJ Fraternal Order of Police Endorse Pat Diegnan

The New Jersey State Lodge, Fraternity Order of Police and its 16,000 members has announced its endorsement for the candidacy of Patrick Diegnan for a seat in the New Jersey Assembly in the 18th district.

"I have always held police officers and the work they do in the highest esteem," Mr. Diegnan said. "The past few weeks have demonstrated their dedication and willingness to sacrifice themselves for others. To have their support during these most difficult times for our country and our State means a great deal to me. I believe it is an acknowledgment of my continual support for their efforts and the difficult job they face daily in trying to protect all of our citizens."

Mr. Diegnan, who is South Plainfield's Township attorney, is running on the Democratic ticket with Peter Barnes, who is also running for an Assembly seat in the 18th district, and with Barbara Buono, who is running for the State Senate.

IN MY OPINION

Continued from page 2

neighborhoods character. His fresh perspective would certainly energize the town council.

He will work toward a long-term vision for the town he loves, and not give in to short-term pressures or profits. He is one of the most principled and thoughtful people I have ever worked with. He would be a superb borough council member.

TODD CARMOSINO

Dear Editor:

Did you happen to notice the Democratic slogan this year? Well, I sure did and boy, is it appropriate. "DEMOCRACY WORKS" is their slogan. The two candidates running for council on the Democratic side, Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico, have really hit the nail on the head, so to speak. They believe in, and want to continue, the way our Democratic Mayor and Council have decided this town should move forward. I am 100% behind that philosophy and I will certainly be voting for the Democratic team of Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico for Borough Council.

Let me give just a few examples of why I think Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico are the superior candidates for Borough Council.

Firstly, has anyone noticed all the improvements that have been done to our roads. I've got to believe that since Dennis and the Democrats took control of borough government, close to 100 roads have been repaired. I was at a council meeting last year when a resident came in asking to have their road repaved. The mayor and council said they would do everything they could to accommodate the residents of this street. Low and behold, I noticed in the paper that this road was included in this year repaving schedule. Now that's the way DEMOCRACY WORKS!

Secondly, I can remember all the residents who were not happy with the potential development on the corner of Clinton and Tompkins Ave. Dennis and the Democrats listened and figured that the Borough would be better off buying up that property from the developer and preserving it for open space. Now that's the way DEMOCRACY WORKS!

I could go on and on with examples, but I think you've got the idea. Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico must be elected to the Borough Council on Nov. 6. We need them representing our interest and making sure that DEMOCRACY WORKS for all of us.

FRANK FURINO

police report

• On Oct. 1, a Roselle man was arrested at Pathmark for shoplifting \$306 worth of batteries. The manager of the store and a security guard were assaulted as the man fled the store. He was later apprehended by police.

• A Spicer Ave. resident reported that the apartment that she had been renting out had been severely damaged.

• A Crown Ln. resident reported that a pair of shoes, valued at \$290 had been slashed by her son's ex-girlfriend.

• On Oct. 2, an Adams Ave. resident reported that someone had attempted to obtain a credit card in his name.

• A Fairmount Ave. resident reported that someone had opened his overhead garage door and cut the lock cable of his son's bicycle and removed it.

• A Clinton Ave. resident reported that his home had been burglarized. Someone had forced open the bathroom window and took \$100 in cash, a VCR and an undetermined amount of jewelry.

• On Oct. 3, K-Mart reported the attempted theft of \$197.73 worth of Polaroid film. The suspect had the film concealed in his jacket and when confronted by security he dropped the film and fled the store.

• A Union resident reported that her vehicle had been stolen from the parking lot of 2325 Plainfield Ave. Evidently a woman with the same exact car, who's keys fit, had taken the wrong car home by mistake.

• A Maple Ave. resident left her wallet at Acme on Park Ave. and when she returned to retrieve it, \$343 in cash was missing.

• On Oct. 4, Eckerd Drugs on Park Ave. reported that they had apprehended a man who was attempting to leave the store with \$216.87 worth of over the counter drugs. Several displays had been knocked down, the front door was damaged and several employees had minor injuries.

• A Maltby Ave. resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Senior Housing Project on Schedule

The new senior housing project located on Morris Ave. is on schedule, according to Councilman Ed Kubala.

The projected finish date will be sometime in February or March. Borough Administrator Frank Derosa reported that seniors have been asking when they can fill out applications. He added that he has been compiling a waiting list of those who want apply for senior housing.

Councilman Kubala said that applications will be available three to four months prior to completion.

Beauty

Hillside Cemetery's gentle slopes are dotted with stately trees and evergreens. Flowering trees and bushes accent the grounds. The serene landscape is meticulously attended and renowned for its care and upkeep. All lots are fully developed areas and include perpetual care. Located on Woodland Avenue in Scotch Plains, a non-profit organization. 908.756.1729

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Middle School Student's Attend New Jersey Peer to Peer Training Workshop



Mentor Dale Salisbury speaks with Middle School students at a New Jersey Peer to Peer workshop given at the Holiday Inn in South Plainfield last Thursday.

By Jane Dornick

Students from the Middle School participated in a substance abuse awareness training program called N.J. Peer to Peer last week. NJPTP is a coordinated statewide strategy designed to promote student health, resiliency and safety. The primary goals of NJPTP include developing leadership capacity and reducing the incidence of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other dangerous substance use among middle school students.

Sponsored by the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Service, NJPTP is a school-based leadership development and prevention program for seventh and eighth grade students. Teams of peer leaders meet with adult men-

tors regularly each week, using a structured curriculum that emphasizes team-building, leadership development and learning about substance use prevention. Peer leaders, in turn, lead interactive activity based prevention groups with younger peers. Students learn about the dangers of substance use and develop skills to improve relationships with peers, parents and teachers.

New Jersey Peer to Peer was initiated in 1997 by Governor Whitman in response to the 1995 Middle School Survey on Drug and Alcohol Use indicating alarming rates of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana use among seventh and eighth grade students in N.J. The program was then developed and coordinated by the Princeton Center for Leadership Training in Princeton.

The students who attended the Oct. 4 training session at the Holiday Inn were chosen from a large group of students who volunteered to participate in the program. Student's were selected based on interviews and writings which they submitted. These students will continue to train at various seminars throughout N.J. along with students representing other schools around the state.

Their goal is, through intense education and training, to be able to go back to their friends and classmates and pass on the knowledge they have acquired.

The New Jersey Peer to Peer program has demonstrated a proven track record. Students have been more likely to confront and talk to their peers with a greater amount of success.

Pop Warner Accepting Applications

South Plainfield Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Organization will be accepting applications for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, (2) two-year trustee's and (1) one-year trustee for the 2002 season.

All Board positions require attending meetings monthly from Jan.-Dec. and twice monthly June-Nov. at the field house, all home games, be at the field house from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., assist in various functions throughout the year and attend at least one practice a week from Aug. 1-Nov. 1.

Applications are also being accepted for the positions of Football Commissioner and Cheerleading Commissioner for the 2002 season.

The Football Commissioner duties include attending all Board meetings, Mountain Valley Conference meetings, a majority of team practices, assemble rosters for the MVC certification, handle-certified weigh-ins and order uniforms and equipment. They must also act as a mediator between coaches and parents, act as high school liaison, ensure field is ready for home games and organize and run the NFL Punt/Pass/Kick Competition.

The Cheerleading Commissioner duties include attending all Board meetings, Mountain Valley Conference meetings and a majority of the team practices. They also must assemble rosters for MVC certification, oversee competition prep, order uniforms and equipment and act as mediator between coaches and parents and act as high school liaison.

Anyone interested in applying for any of the above positions must complete an application (available at the Field House) and return it before Oct. 31. A slate of new officers and commissioners will be presented to the Board and voted on during the month of Nov. 2001.

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