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Board of Ed Unveils 5-Year Plan

An aggressive five-year plan for the South Plainfield school district was introduced at last week's curriculum meeting. The plan will be introduced at the Board of Education meeting next Tuesday.

Superintendent Dr. John Krewer, Dr. Janet Munger, Mary Ellen Martko and Frances Flannery each took turns discussing the five-year plan and what effect it will have on the student body.

Members of the Board of Education, school board staff and the community have been actively involved in the development of this plan during the past few months. A detailed examination of the present system's strengths and needs, as well as future needs, helped produce the proposed five-year plan.

Dr. Krewer explained that when he empowered the committee members to draw up a plan, the group went right to work, putting in long hours and they came up with an aggressive, but doable, plan for the future. The goal is to ensure that every student is equipped with the essential skills necessary to acquire a common body of knowledge and understanding.

The plan starts with the premise that every student *can* and *will* learn; that staff *can* and *do* make a key difference in the quality of education each student receives; that decisions should be guided by what is in the best interest of the students and they need to rely on staff, students and the community to make this plan succeed.

One aspect of the plan calls for grade schools to coordinate their studies, assuring that all students study the same lessons, no matter which school they attend. This includes assigning the same books for reading.

Advanced Placement courses will be increased to level the playing field for students applying to college.

Teachers will be offered training in language arts, literacy, mathematics, science and visual and performing arts. Volunteers from both the staff and teachers will also be asked to become facilitators to create leadership within and keep teachers totally energized. Teachers and staff will be trained and retrained to keep up with ever changing technology.

Students will be tested in several formats while the plan is being implemented, making sure everyone is learning at the level expected. If adjustments are required, they will be implemented as needed. The grading systems will be studied to make sure students are not just meeting minimal goals, but exceeding them.

Dr. Krewer thanked everyone involved in the process of developing the five-year plan. His enthusiasm and optimism was shared by everyone involved in creating the plan.



Since October is officially Fire Prevention Month, the South Plainfield Fire Department spent the month visiting every grade school and several day care centers in town teaching children about fire safety. They also held their Eighth Annual Fire Department Open House last Sunday. See photos and story on back page.

Planning Board Approves Plan for Industrial Site

Redeveloping the Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Site was the topic of discussion during last week's Planning Board hearing. The 27-acre property was designated a Superfund site in 1998 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Having a redevelopment plan might put the cleanup time on a faster track if it is included in the EPA's Brownfields program.

In April, the Borough Council passed a resolution directing the

that could take years.

Two former owners of the Hamilton Industrial Park located on Hamilton Blvd. had asked borough officials to lend their support for plans to redevelop the contaminated site. The companies, Cornell-Dubilier Electronics and Dana Corporation, no longer own the property but are responsible for the sites cleanup.

The property is made up of 21 individual tax lots, containing 29.33

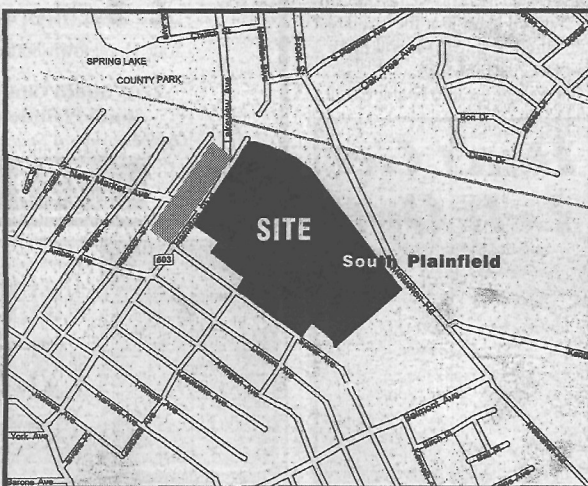
property on the opposite side of Hamilton Blvd. (grey area) saying that he felt both sides of the street should be developed at the same time.

Residents and nearby businesses were present to ask questions and express their view on the plan. Chin Brothers Car Repair was told that he would probably not be included in future plans and would have to be relocated.

Several questions could not be answered, such as how long the plan will take to be implemented and what businesses will not be included in the redevelopment. Businesses and residences that need to be relocated, would be compensated, however it was unclear what, if any, compensation would be made to rental properties. Compensation would include the cost of moving.

Representatives for previous owners of the Hamilton Industrial Park site announced their support for the Borough of South Plainfield Planning Board's decision to designate the site as a Redevelopment Area. The designation allows for a comprehensive redevelopment plan that will permit redevelopment of the 27-acre Superfund site to proceed.

"We are very pleased that the Planning Board has advanced the community development process another step through this action," said Monica Conyngham, an attorney representing Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Inc., a former owner along with Dana Corporation. "We support the redevelopment and the return of the Hamilton Industrial Park site to productive use, which will benefit the community."



Hamilton Industrial Park is located on Hamilton Blvd. just before the overpass.

Planning Board to review and make recommendations on the property. The board then asked Borough Planner Les Nebenzahl to draw up plans for redeveloping the site. According to Nebenzahl, the plan is just the first step in a long process

acres, consisting of retail, single family, semi-public and undeveloped property. Approximately 1/4 of the property is already wetlands and will not be redeveloped.

When Nebenzahl unveiled the redevelopment plan, he also included

THISWEEKEND

SATURDAY

Car Wash

SPHS Music Boosters will hold a car wash on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. Cost is \$5 for cars and \$8 for vans.

Harvest Fest

John F. Kennedy School third grade classes will host the annual Harvest Fest from 1-4 p.m. Festivities include games, food, raffles, pumpkin painting, arts and crafts, a hay maze, hayrides and face painting. The third grade will also be presenting a medley of patriotic songs.

Activity ticket prices, \$2 (for 3), \$4 (for 5) and \$6 (for 10), can only be purchased the day of the event. Raintdate is Sunday, Oct. 28.

Come enjoy the afternoon and help out a worthy cause. All proceeds will be donated to UNICEF and the American Red Cross.

PAL Teen Night

Come to the PAL Building on Maple Ave. at 7 p.m., for the kick off of this season's "Teen Night." Two live bands will play until 8:30 p.m. All middle and high school kids are welcome. \$5 admission. Proceeds will be donated to the White House "Children of Afghanistan Fund."

SUNDAY

Pancake Breakfast

Come for breakfast at the American Legion's Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. until noon. \$5, adults; children 6 to 12, \$3; 6 & under are free.

H.S. Band Festival

On Sunday at 1 p.m. the South Plainfield High School Marching Band will host the 20th annual Marching Band Festival. Nine bands will be attending this year. Trophies will be awarded to bands in the Group I, II, III and IV categories.

The festival will be held at the Frank Jost Memorial Field. SPHS band parents will be selling food and craft 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.

"Origins of Halloween"

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

The European origins of Halloween and how they changed in America through the years, as well as how trick or treat got started and how pranks and rowdy behavior have sometimes been checked by school, church and civic groups, will be discussed. Also, how Halloween became commodified with cards and costumes in the period following World War II and what this tells us about American culture.

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IN MY OPINION



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Dear Editor,

Patrick and Anita Diegnan have been friends of my husband and I for over 20 years. We know what great people they are. When Patrick first told us he wanted to run for State Assembly, we both encouraged him to do so. Dan and I are more aware than most people of how hard Patrick works for South Plainfield. He has worked with the Democrats to make our borough a model of open and efficient government.

I know that Patrick strongly supports "pay as you go" government and has worked hard to secure money for open space in or town. He cares about kids and thinks education is the most important thing facing our state.

South Plainfield has never had a resident in our State Legislature. Won't it be great to finally have a South Plainfielder in the Assembly?

Let's all show our pride in South Plainfield by voting for Patrick Diegnan and his running mates Peter Barnes and Barbara Buono.

Very truly yours,

MARION GALLAGHER

To whom ever is listening,

If you have been reading the *Observer* lately you have noticed the sickening letters on the Democratic side. Most of it is crap and I am sure the letters didn't really come from them.

It would be nice if some Republicans could write a few letters for Marge and I, because we can't do it all ourselves and expect to win.

We should also answer some of those letters they are writing, like Mike English saying our town is so safe and affordable. Well if the taxes keep going up and we keep letting all these druggies move in, it won't be for long. Another gentleman mentioned how great it was that so many roads have been repaved in town. Ask

them where they got the funds for that. It is all crap.

Try and spread the word and get others to write and ask questions.

Sincerely,

**JERRY HARRIS, REPUBLICAN
 CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL**

Dear Editor,

It was just about 25 years ago that I first met Patrick Diegnan and his lovely wife, Anita. As a newly married couple, they bought the house a couple of doors from mine. I witnessed first hand as the Diegnan family grew and prospered.

My late husband, Larry and my sons and I have always admired what Patrick has been able to achieve. We were thrilled when we heard he was running for the NJ Assembly. Take it from someone who knows, Patrick Diegnan will be an excellent representative for the people of South Plainfield if he is elected to the Legislature.

I encourage everybody to vote for Patrick Diegnan who is running on the Democratic Line for NJ Assembly, along with his running mate Peter Barnes and Barbara Buono for State Senate.

BETTY MORRISON

Dear Editor:

I think South Plainfield is a great place to live and a great place to raise a family. That is no accident. We are a community where everyone works together and the results prove it. While other towns can't seem to get anything done without some kind of a fight, we just roll up our sleeves and get the job done.

How many towns would be able to double the size of the PAL, build a new senior recreation center, build a new senior housing complex and cre-

ate open space while keeping taxes, spending and borrowing under control?

We need someone in Trenton to show them how it's done. Patrick Diegnan will show them. He was born and raised in South Plainfield and is a graduate of South Plainfield High School. He will bring some South Plainfield values to our State as our Assemblyman.

This is an important election for our town. Regardless of whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, it has to be good for our town to have one of our residents working for us on the state level. Vote for South Plainfield's favorite son, Patrick Diegnan for State Assembly. His running mates, Peter Barnes and Barbara Buono are also outstanding people and I encourage you to vote for them.

Very truly yours,

GEORGIE MARTINKOVIC

To the Editor,

I have read the letter in last week's *Observer* from Mr. and Mrs. Olpinski. I am in agreement with them for being upset and concerned about the type of reading given to our students.

I have not had a child in the fourth grade for over thirty years, but if my child were there now, I am sure I would not want them reading the kind of books described by the Olpinski's.

I have never heard of Judy Blume, the author, but if her background is anything like it was described in the letter, in my opinion, her books do not belong in our schools.

It seems to me that we have enough counselors, principals, superintendents and assistants that the teaching materials should be better evaluated.

I am even more concerned when I realize that my tax dollars (which are increasing faster than my pension) are being used in such an irresponsible manner.

We need not wonder where our children are getting some of there, what we consider, strange ideas. Look to the likes of Judy Blume.

I hope our educators including Superintendent Krewer will consider this an open letter to them also.

TED KELLER

Dear Editor,

I know the Diegnan family. Joe Diegnan is my neighbor and Pat Diegnan is a friend as well as our family lawyer. I know that they are a first rate family and that Pat will make a first rate Assemblyman.

Won't it be great to be able to call a

neighbor about a problem you have in Trenton and finally have your voice heard by the State! If you care about South Plainfield and you care about the future of NJ you should vote for Pat Diegnan for Assembly. Although I don't know them as well, I also support his running mate, Peter Barnes for Assembly and Barbara Buono for State Senate.

PAULA DICK

Dear Editor,

The choice for South Plainfield this year is easy! Charlie Butrico and Dennis Cerami will continue the terrific record of the new Democratic majority and they deserve to be elected.

We also have something special this year. We can also put one of our own in the State Legislature. Let's give Trenton some South Plainfield common sense and vote for Patrick Diegnan for General Assembly along with Peter Barnes and Barbara Buono, who are running for State Senate.

EVELYN GORMAN

Dear Editor,

Anybody who lives in South Plainfield knows the challenges that face middle class America. We all want to live in a place that is safe, has reasonable taxes, a good school system and is good for our kids.

Patrick Diegnan is also a resident of South Plainfield. He shares our values and he will bring that approach to Trenton. It will be terrific to be able to say a fellow South Plainfielder is now an Assemblyman.

I ask all my fellow South Plainfielders to get out and vote for Pat Diegnan for Assembly on Nov. 6.

MARY ANN SORRENTINO

To the Editor,

The United States these past several weeks have seen the toughest times for those in my generation, the "twenty somethings." We always heard stories of the U.S. at war, but only experienced these in history books, stories from elders, and movies. Furthermore, they always happened somewhere else, not here on our soil. That all changed on Sept. 11, 2001. I worked in New York City for three years, and recently transferred to

a New Jersey office for AT&T Wireless. I used to be in the World Trade Center every day, and it's hard to imagine they are gone, along with the thousands that brought them to life every day. Being at ground zero in person, only a few days after the tragedy, really hit home with me. All I could think about were all those I commuted with, or passed in the mall under the World Trade Center every day, who didn't make it home to their families that night.

Everyone now is asking, "What can I do?" "How can I help?" One very basic way we all can participate is extremely simple. Vote! Times like now make us realize how important our leaders are not only in Washington D.C., but in Trenton, and even here in South Plainfield. These individuals guide and protect the founding principles of our society, freedom, liberty, and justice for all.

I'm fortunate enough to be able to write to you about a candidate that will uphold these values in the New Jersey State Assembly, because they are the very foundation of his entire life. My uncle, Patrick Diegnan Jr., the son of Patrick Sr. and Sarah, Irish immigrants who came to America to find and fulfill the American dream. This dream was not in material wealth, but the hope of a better life in the daily freedoms of religion, and free speech we take for granted each day. My grandparents raised their seven children to be honest, hard working, and to make a difference in the world. They succeeded, because where else but in America would the son of a milkman be able to run for New Jersey State Assembly? Patrick has been a leader of the Democratic party in South Plainfield for many years, as well as being instrumental in a host of various other civic organizations.

We, in these times of crisis need to exercise our right to vote for those that will help lead our state and country not only now, but for years to come. Isn't it about time that a resident of our small boro represents us in Trenton as well? The team of Buono, Barnes, and Diegnan, along with Jim McGreevey as Governor, will protect the rights so many have given their lives to protect.

JOSEPH S. RYDAROWSKI

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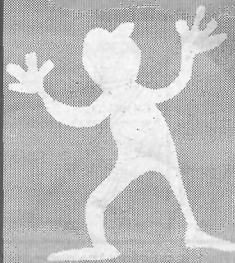
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\$26,590 Savings Seen at Yard Waste Site

So far this year, the yard waste site has saved \$26,590 in fees, compared to last year. An ordinance passed earlier this year restricted the use of the yard waste site to residents. In the past, out-of-town landscapers had been using the facility and the borough had seen a huge rise in fees.

Since the ordinance passed, police have been stationed at the site on weekends, enforcing the ordinance by checking stickers on all cars entering the area.

This year the yard waste site has seen a steady reduction in gross weight. Last year at this time costs totaled \$37,437.37. This year's fees so far are \$10,847.13, a savings of \$26,590.

News From Terra Nova Garden Club

The Terra Nova Garden Club is celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club, Edison, on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001. Guest floral designer Winifred Applegate will design arrangements and pianist Michael Nuzzo will provide musical accompaniment. For ticket information, contact Kay McCormack at 732-548-1976.

Garden Therapy will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 17, at the Muhlenberg Adultcare Facility in Plainfield. The October monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at it's NEW TIME of 7 p.m. at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison.

New members are always welcome.

Ponytail Softball Assoc. Meeting

The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on Oct. 23. New members are always welcomed.

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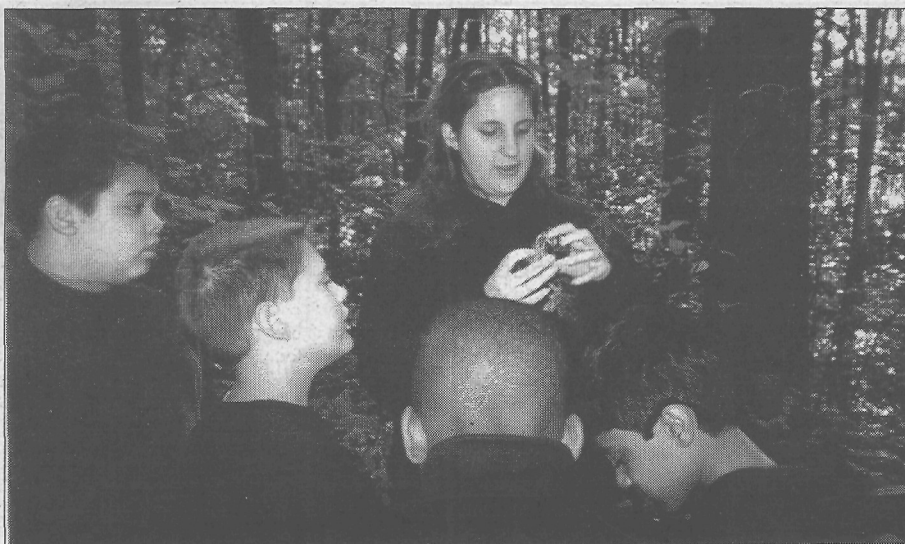
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Sarah Miele explains an Oak Apple Gall to Riley School students who visited the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Oct. 2.

Riley Students Visit Highland Avenue Reserve

By Dorothy Miele

Eight students from Riley School explored the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Tuesday morning, Oct. 2. The group was led by Friends of the Woods nature guide, Sarah Miele, Dr. Alice Tempel, South Plainfield Environmental Specialist, and FOW president Dorothy Miele.

An enthusiastic group of students traversed much of the 36-acre nature reserve off So. Clinton Ave. for 1½ hours. They learned the difference between native and alien plant species, discovered purple and yellow mushrooms, examined clam-shaped bracket fungi, tracked deer prints, identified a plant older than the dinosaurs and hunted for an elusive amphibian.

Students learned how to make a swishing sound to attract birds, and were successful in calling in several species including nuthatches, chickadees, and jays. On a rare note, a nocturnal screech owl was heard, unusual for that time of day.

After learning about another unusual thing, an ice-age geological feature called a pingo, the students over-

turned rotting logs within the wet depression to find the only salamander species in the nature reserve, the red-backed salamander. It is an unusual amphibian, for it lays its eggs on dry land, not in water. To the students' delight, the agile salamanders put on a display of jumping ability in their attempts to escape from their captors. All were safely released and returned to their "homes," although some students thought they would make nice pets. The students also learned that the pingos are home to another amphibian species that were already hibernating under the leaves under their feet—Spring Peepers. Water fills the depressions in the winter and spring, and serve as a breed-

ing area for thousands of these noisy, tiny, chorus frogs.

The explorers returned to Riley School clutching field guides of the reserve and promises to return the following weekend with their parents and siblings for more fun in the woods. The reserve is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

The Riley students trip to Highland Woods Reserve was coordinated by fifth grade teacher Eleanor Gaffney. Students who attended were: Henry Carillo, Jennifer Ginliano, Louis Dubon, Mike Burton, Cornelius Mooto, Mark Piltz, Darien Miller, and Ivan Hughes. Student assistant Edith Coddington accompanied the group's eco-tour.

Hometown Heros Sub Shop Looking for 'Heroes'

After searching for two years to find the perfect community to start their new business venture in, Hometown Heros was able to find a great location in South Plainfield on Hamilton Blvd. They believe this is the perfect place to launch their "Hometown Heros" concept.

Hometown Heros is a combination bakery/delicatessen that will celebrate the local residential and business community. Their "Wall of Fame" will be filled with youth sports pictures and articles of achievement, such as honor rolls and Student of the Month Awards. High school sports and academic achievements will be posted as well. Pictures of the mayor, police chief, fire chief, Little League coaches, scout leaders, moms and dads and other local "Everyday Heroes" will also adorn the wall.

Hometown Heros will be serving fresh baked bagels, rolls, donuts, muffins, cookies, pastries, egg sandwiches

and regular and flavored coffee. They will also be bringing in fresh baked Italian bread from Brooklyn, along with other delicious specialty breads. They will also offer a variety of fresh "Hero" sandwiches, specialty sandwiches, homemade salads and spreads, as well as a catering menu for parties at home or at the office.

Hometown Heros is very excited about the opportunity to serve this

great community and is looking forward to meeting all of you. They expect to open before Christmas and would love to hear from the people in the community. Whether it's a picture you want to be posted or if you would like the store to be involved in a community based function, please contact Charlie and Debbie by e-mail at cdk867@aol.com Hope to see you soon...

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Around Town

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.

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, McKnight, 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.

Free Flu Shots Available

October 29

The Middlesex County Public Health Department will be administering flu vaccines in South Plainfield at Borough Hall on Oct. 29, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for all residents 18 and older.

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.

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 seatings: 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 Rd. 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 a television.

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

Menlo Park Mall "Evening of Thanksgiving"

November 18

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, which are required to attend this special evening, are available by calling 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 Youth Foundation.

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.

Recreation Sponsoring Trip to Broadway

December 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a 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. and allows time to shop and dine before the show.

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

— Out of Town —

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.

Two Great Shows at Villagers Theater

October 19-26

The Villagers Theater in Somerset, is excited to announce the premier openings of two great plays; the ever popular and well known classic *The Rainmaker* and the world premiere performance of *But Only Say the Word*.

The Rainmaker, will be showing Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 26-Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. and Sundays Oct. 26, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m.

But Only Say the Word will be showing Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

For ticket information, call the box office at 732-873-2710 or visit their website: www.villagerstheatre.com.

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.

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.

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.

Highland Park to show "La Ciudad"

October 24, November 7

"La Ciudad," David Riker's highly-acclaimed video film about the Latino immigrant experience in New York City, will be shown to the public at the Highland Park Senior/Recreation Center on South Sixth Ave. in Highland Park on Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Refreshments and discussion round out the evening. The showings are sponsored by the Highland Park Human Rights Commission. For additional information, contact Stanley Habib at (732) 545-2006.

Theatre Co. Presents Forever Plaid

Through October 27

The Jersey Central Theatre Company, at the historic Dunellen Theater, 458 North Ave. (Rt. 28) at Madison Ave. will present their premiere production of *Forever Plaid* on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Oct. 5-27.

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.

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.

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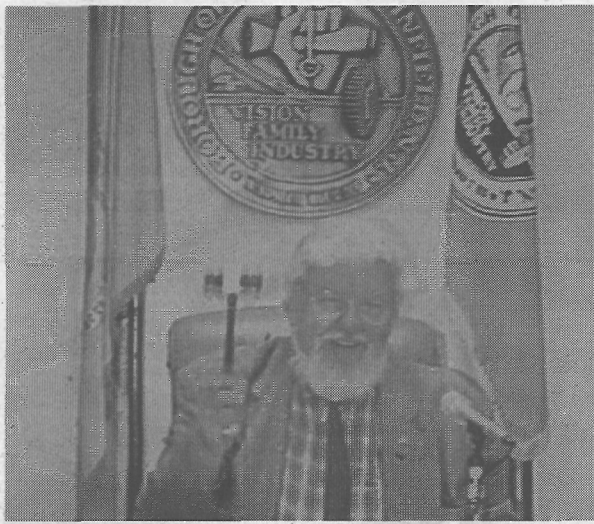
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Councilman Ed Kubala took the gavel at Monday nights agenda meeting and became acting mayor for the night. The absence of both Mayor Dan Gallagher, who is recovering from knee surgery and Councilman Jim Vokral, the acting mayor, allowed Kubala to wield the gavel.

Red Cross Assistance Available For WTC Victims

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross has put forth a third call for those eligible for assistance due to the World Trade Center tragedy.

"People are coming forward every day," explains chief executive officer of the chapter, Trish Mulligan. "The stream of people is steady, but much more gradual than you might think. There are several reasons for this, but the biggest one is that there are still people out there holding out hope that their loved one will return."

Mulligan sees the slow registration for assistance as understandable. "In this terrible event, the realization is coming very slowly to some, which is why, even though we have called most of the families, some have not been ready to make that final step toward accepting that it really is over. We're here for them when they do."

Red Cross financial assistance will also be extended to those who worked in the trade towers who no longer have a job, and to the residents and workers who lost pay, their homes or their jobs in the deeply impacted area surrounding the trade towers. The Red Cross is urging anyone who has not received financial assistance to come forward to receive the help.

Not waiting for the families of the deceased to come forward, the chapter did a "call down" of people in the area who lost a loved one. In some cases however, the families were with relatives or friends and could not be reached. "We decided to be proactive," Mulligan explained, "so we have been sending out teams to go to the homes to see if we could make contact. In some cases we were successful, but in other cases the family was still not home. We will keep trying."

Those people who worked at the Trade Center and surrounding areas

are asked to reach out to their local Red Cross to register for assistance. Mulligan offers, "we will come to them if they prefer, or they are welcome to come to our chapter to register in person. Either way, we are waiting to serve and assist them."

What kind of assistance waits for them? According to Sandy Hornak, disaster director at the chapter, a great deal of assistance. "We can offer families and those who lost their jobs instant assistance. Food, baby items, special needs and cash; whatever they may need to hold them over. There is mental health counseling available and assistance with burials. Then, the large tax free cash grants will be provided from our national organization," Hornak said. "These grants are based on several criteria, including the size of the family. The grants can be as much as \$30,000 or more in some cases."

What worries the chapter most? Mulligan explained, "Just one issue concerns me. I hope the American public will give us the time we need to complete the job properly. The Red Cross was the first to place large cash sums into the hands of the people who needed it, but it will take time for us to complete this mission. There is also the issue of emerging needs. We need to be able to address these needs down the road a little as well as right now, so I hope the public will give us the time we need."

Any person who lost a loved one, lost their job, has diminished income or has been displaced due to the tragedy should call the American Red Cross of Tri-County New Jersey at (908) 353-2500 for immediate assistance. As always, all Red Cross assistance is free of charge, made possible by the generous gifts of the American public.

Riley School Students Send Donations For Relief Efforts

In the aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy and to show their concern for its victims and rescuers, John E. Riley School children conducted monetary and dog biscuit drives.

Amylin DiDario, second grader in Lisa Ventriglia's class, suggested the idea of collecting money at lunch time. She was assisted by two of Linda Bohl's first graders, Hayley and Ashley Robjohns. For three days a jar was passed in the cafeteria and \$483.75 in loose change was collected. A special thank you is extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Beagle for their generous contribution, as well as to all the students and staff who supported this worthy cause. Mr. DiDario helped his daughter donate the funds, earmarked for New Jersey disaster relief, to the American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter.

Meanwhile the students in Margie Gumina's third grade class organized and ran a collection drive to benefit the K-9 rescue dogs at the World Trade Center site. The students wanted to offer their help following the Trade Center tragedy. They were also very interested in the dogs that were working along with human rescue workers. These two factors resulted in the class's "Special Treats for Special Dogs" collection drive. The class decided to collect boxes of dog biscuits to send to the rescue dogs.

The class conducted their collection over a two-day period advertised only by their word-of-mouth to friends and family. The students collected enough donations to fill five large packing cartons with assorted boxes of dog biscuits and dog food. The students themselves sorted and packed the boxes. The class then added a card they all signed. Mrs. Gumina brought the cartons to Hall's Trucking in South Plainfield where they were loaded for transport to New York City.

Correction

In last week's story about the donation made by the employees at Ferro Corp and OM Group, Inc., we incorrectly named one of the vendors who contributed to the fund. The name should have read Sherzan Restaurant.

The History Of SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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Sacred Heart Girl Scouts Learn History from HS Walls

By Patricia Abbott

Sacred Heart Girl Scout Troop 305 recently stepped back in time to the early days of the sparsely populated area now known as South Plainfield. The scouts, working towards their Local Lore Badge, paid a visit to South Plainfield High School's History hallway, where the senior class has created murals depicting scenes that range from local Indians to the once modern Hadley Airport.

The tour of the hallway was led by SPHS Senior Sarah Miele. Sarah explained each mural to the girls, giving them a glimpse into the past. The theme hallway was painted as the senior class project. Sarah was instrumental in the creation of the project. She is the artist behind each mural. While the work was painted by a

number of senior students, Sarah created a master sketch that was transferred to the walls and color coded for easy painting.

Scout Troop 305 consists of: Daphne Aguinaldo, Carissa Baratta, Franchesca Beltran, Sara Crane, Samantha Crane and Ashley Forbes.

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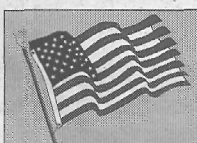
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

AAA..... It's beginning to look a lot like...autumn? Yes, it is, actually. Well, no matter the season, here's news from the South Plainfield Library.

Starting off with our children's programs, there's still space available, at this writing, in both the October Kidcraft program this afternoon at 4:30 and the Pumpkin Painting program tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. The Kidcraft program is for children ages six and over; all materials are provided by the Library. The Pumpkin Painting program is for children of all ages; there's a fee of \$1 to cover the cost of materials. Space is limited for both programs, so please call (908) 754-7885 to reserve a spot.

Turning to Storytimes, we'll be following the normal schedule next week. The programs are for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. For more information, please call us and ask for Miss Linda.

And here are a few adult programs we're hosting. First, there's the program on "The Origins of Halloween", with Angus Gillespie, professor of American Studies at Rutgers. This program, presented by the Friends of the Library, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited; refreshments will be served. Next, there's the program on "Interviewing Techniques for Job Seekers," conducted by Reference Librarian Allan Kleiman. That program is set for Thursday, Oct. 25, at 10:30 a.m. You must pre-register for this program. On Sunday, Oct. 28, we're

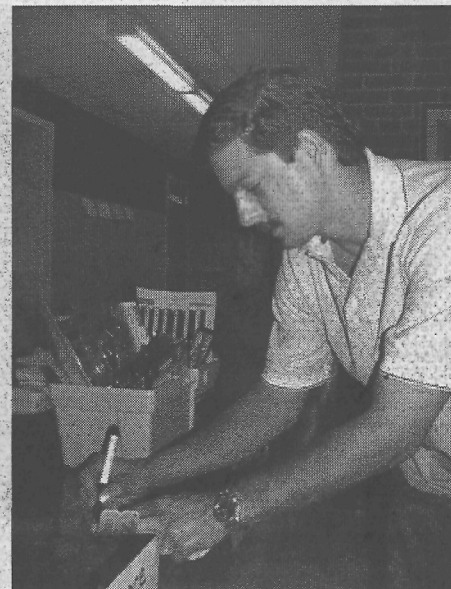
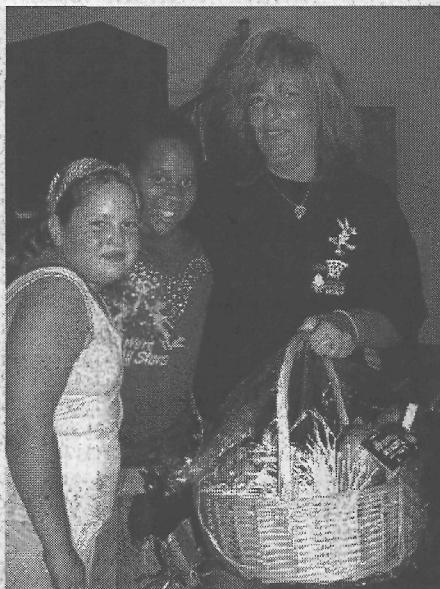
holding a program on Elder Law relating to health care. Attorney Harold L. Grodberg will speak on subjects including patient's rights, long-term health care costs and Medicaid benefits. The program starts at 2 p.m.; everyone is invited. Finally, there's our ongoing series of introductory computer classes, led by Allan Kleiman. Please call the Library for details and registration information.

We've added a new language to our selection of books from the Foreign Language Circuit. Books in Italian are now available, along with books in Russian, Spanish and Farsi. Books from the FLC may be borrowed for two weeks. One advisory though: the languages made available via the Circuit are based on their circulation. So, if you'd like the FLC to continue to provide books in these languages, show your support by borrowing them.

Selections from the new group of Circuit audiobooks are now available. Titles in this group include *The Mauritius Command* by Patrick O'Brien, *Champagne for One* by Rex Stout, *Leap of Faith* by Danielle Steel, *The Return of the King* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *'Twas the Night Before* by Jerry B. Jenkins and, on CD, *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger. Circuit audiobooks may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

In closing, please remember that we're always interested in your comments and opinions. You can drop us a note in the Community Suggestion Box near the public photocopier, write us a letter or give us a call. We don't have an e-mail address for the public yet; we'll let you know when one is set up.

That's all for this week. See you on the 26th.



Rain Doesn't Dampen Franklin School Harvest Fest

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

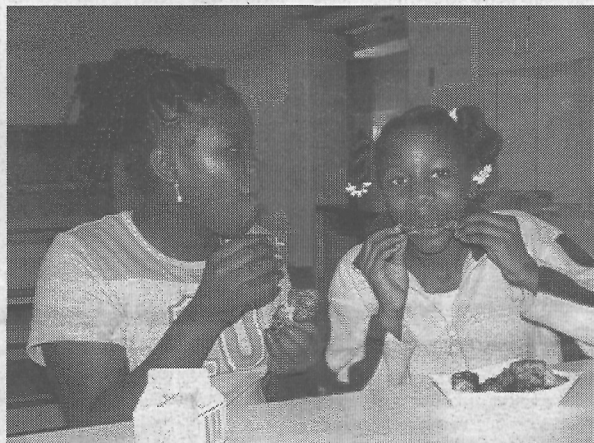
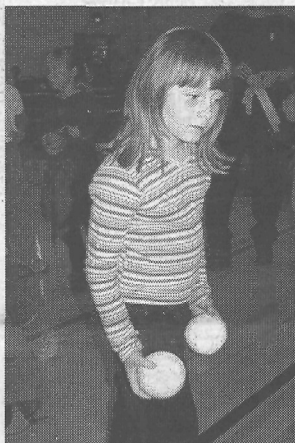
Despite the rainy weather, the Franklin School Harvest Festival had a good turnout and was deemed a complete success.

The threat of rain moved the

Fourth Annual Event indoors. The huge moonwalk took up a corner of the room, while games of chance and skill lined another wall. Vendors with crafts and flea market items filled the Franklin gym. Food was prepared in

the kitchen instead of outdoor grills.

After the skies cleared a firetruck paid a visit to the school. The event was organized by Mary and Bob Sacks. Principal Nancy Erickson declared the festival another success.



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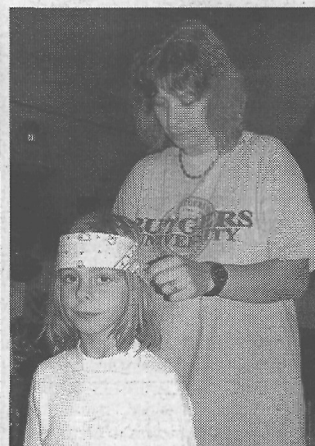
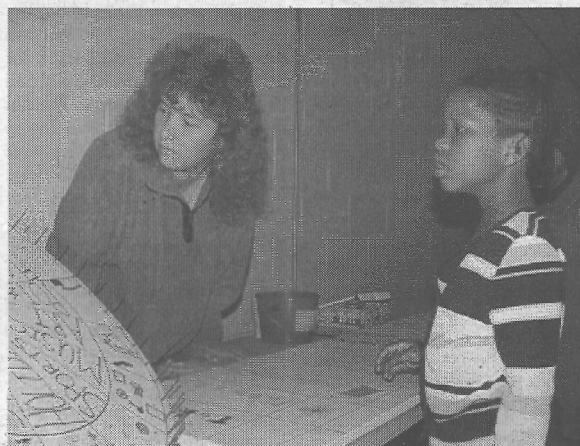
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YWCA Invites Community to Join 2001 Peace Campaign

The YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield and local churches organizations, and community leaders from Plainfield and surrounding communities joined together to celebrate the seventh Annual YWCA Week Without Violence campaign, October 13-21, 2001. The tragic events of Sept. 11 served as a stark reminder of the urgency and commitment with which

each of us is called to begin "a crusade for peace right where we are", said Tycene Hicks-Edd, President of the YWCA's Board of Directors.

This year's peace campaign, is international in scope, with individuals and communities focusing attention on practical and sustainable alternatives to violence in an effort to bring forth a vision of a safer, healthier com-

munity.

On Saturday, Oct. 19 a 'Walk for Peace' will kick off from the YWCA to Plainfield City Hall to No. Plainfield City Hall, returning to the YWCA plaza for recreation and demonstrations by the YWCA Health and Fitness Center staff. Registration time starts at 8:30 a.m. Fee is \$12 before the walk and \$15 on the day of walk.

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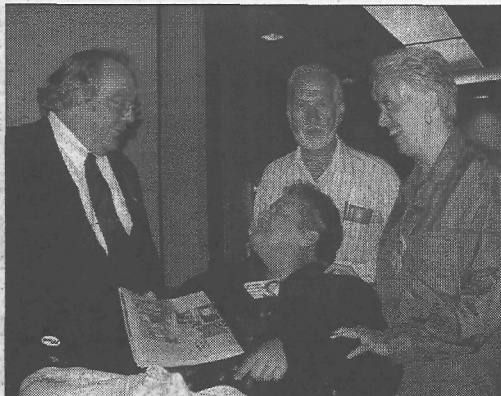
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Reunion organizers Helen Zimmerer Tetenburg, Margo DiDario Mann, husband Jerry Mann with Don Cucarello giving flowers.



Former Tiger mascot Christine Maddalone Orchard (seated), and L to R, her husband Jim Orchard, James Erdo and Jane Tener Erdo of South Plainfield, who was also a 1959 graduate.



Harry Lobby, Anthony Cotoia and Michael DeCarlo former teachers and coaches.

SPHS Class of 1959 Celebrates 42nd Reunion

By Patricia Abbott

The hallways rang with laughter as former students relived the memorable times of 42 years ago. The SPHS Class of 1959 began their reunion with a tour of the SP Middle School.

In 1959 the new building served as both a junior and senior high school. The tour proved to be a trip down memory lane. The tour was led by Middle School teacher Jim Makowski who explained what was taught in each classroom. Despite the passage of time and exceptions such as snack machines, computers and high tech equipment in shop classes, the graduates noted that the

school had changed little over the years. Good natured debates rang out over the location of classes and teachers. The school library had in recent years been renamed for teacher and principal George Fallis. This generated still more memories as former students recalled the man nicknamed "Froggy."

There were 109 graduates in 1959; 63 returned to reminisce and share old times with long lost friends. They had just two days to relive the memories of youth and catch up with friends. The official reunion kicked off at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Road. As graduates and guests entered the room faces lit up with recognition,

and kisses, hugs and handshakes were the order of the evening. The reunion was organized by South Plainfield residents Margo DiDario Mann, her husband Jerry and Hillsborough resident Helen Tetenburg Zimmerer.

Margo and Jerry Mann spent many hours organizing the reunion. Their work included a memorabilia table that held a Tiger mascot suit, yearbooks, programs, school papers and dozens of old photos. The banquet room was lined with computer copies of senior photos. Their son James Mann and his wife Amy had spent over 60 hours cleaning autographed yearbook photos. Margo's brother, Paul DiDario SPHS '71 was on hand to lead the group in the school song.

Graduates who still live in South Plainfield are Margo DiDario Mann, Bill Ball, Lillian Bolesta Barnes, Bill Butrico, Pat Malec Kudrick, Pete Piro, Gail Rizzo Golas, Jane Tener Erdo, Diane Thornton Murphy and Tom Murphy. Guests included a number of former teachers including Anthony Cotoia, Harry Lobby, Michael DeCarlo and Leonard Stilo.

The Class of 1959 boasts a number of distinguished graduates, including Thomas Kapsack, president of the Class of '59, who has clearly lived up to his high school nomination as "Most Likely to Succeed." The current Section Chief of the Major Crimes Unit of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, Kapsack said, "High school is a critical point in your life when you are looking for identity, self-worth and to fit in socially." Like many of that era, his parents never finished elementary school but Tom Kapsack Sr. valued education. He was determined that



his son would further his education. Thomas followed his natural interest in law and became the well-known prosecutor he is today. Kapsack married Rosemary Raio, a 1961 SPHS graduate. They have twin sons, Dan and Chris, who have both followed in their father's legal footsteps. Dan is a lawyer working for the Justice Department in Washington DC and Chris is a Prosecutor in Middlesex County.

The Class of '59 gave South Plainfield not one but two Police Chiefs—Tom Boyle, who served from 1984 to 1991, and John Muller, who served from 1992 to 1997. Boyle and wife Carolyn Bowden Boyle attended the reunion.

The Tiger mascot for the 1958 football team, classmate Christine Maddalone Orchard, had had a minor stroke a week before the reunion. She was released from Morristown Hospital for the evening to attend the reunion. Orchard told a classmate

that this reunion was the highlight of her life.

Classmate Eric Margenau, a noted N.Y. sports psychologist who has written for *The Daily News*, was unable to attend the reunion because his best friend had just died of injuries received in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11.

Classmates Don Stilo and Bruce Crosby traveled from abroad to attend the reunion. Stilo arrived from Leipzig, Germany and Crosby, who retired recently from a petroleum company in Saudia Arabia, arrived in America prior to the September 11 attack. Roger Halvorson, also in Saudia Arabia, was unable to attend due to a travel restriction imposed by the company he works for.

Reluctant to see the evening end, classmates lingered in the hall for that one last good-bye. Four decades and a lifetime ago the SPHS Class of 1959 left to begin the rest of their lives.



Middle School Demonstrate Newton's Second Law of Motion. Seated in his science chariot is Steve Lingrin, who made the cart from a hand truck, skateboard and lawn chair. He was assisted by Kyle Lendach, Maff Jeglinski and Robert Strand. All of these future scientists are in Mr. Kavka's science class at the Middle School.

Metuchen-Edison NAACP Branch Creates WTC Tragedy Relief Fund

The NAACP Metuchen-Edison Area Branch has established a fund to assist the families of victims of the devastating event that took place at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. To focus on the families affected in the areas the branch serves, assistance will be specifically for residents of Metuchen, Edison, Piscataway, Highland Park and South Plainfield.

For those who would like to make a donation, checks or money orders should be made out to NAACP M.E.A. Branch WTC Tragedy Relief Fund and mailed to NAACP Metuchen-Edison Area Branch, P.O. Box 86, Edison, NJ, 08818. For cash or credit card donations or further information call Paulette Williams at (732) 205-9888 ext. 1.



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South Plainfield Soccer Club Power U10G.

Shutout Evens Power's Record to 2-2

Sunday, Oct. 14, found the Power, South Plainfield Soccer Club U10 girls' team at the Summit Recreation Center playing the Splash.

At the halftime, the Power was in the lead 1-0, with a goal by Karla

Rodriguez assisted by Dana Hunt. A stronger Power team dominated the second half of the game. Jenna Heckel scored unassisted followed by another unassisted goal by Jessica Ray to end the scoring for the day.

Goal keeper duties for the shut out were shared by Samantha Pauls and Jessica Ray. The 3-0 victory for the Power evened their record 2-2.

Great job girls!

Typhoons U-12 Boys Sting Scorpions

The South Plainfield Boys U-12 Typhoons (2-2-1) won their second game in a row Sunday, 4-1 over the

Piscataway Scorpions.

Once again, Brendan O'Shea led the offense as he scored all four goals as the Typhoons extended their unbeaten string to three. Although it didn't appear that either team wanted to be playing on this windy Sunday afternoon. Both sides came out looking a bit lethargic in the early going and it wasn't until the 25-minute mark of the first half when O'Shea took the ball from mid-field and past all defenders for the first score of the day. But Piscataway would take advantage of the lackluster play and answer with a goal of their own minutes later and a halftime tie, 1-1.

Coaches Pennisi, Ullom and

Heckel would re-group and pump up the team during halftime as they came out with renewed enthusiasm and energy. O'Shea would score three times in the second half, twice unassisted and once off an assist from Brandon Ullom. Goalie Grey Coppi once again held the opposition in check, allowing just the one goal in the first half and stopping all other threats with great timing and poise. Additional solid play by John Polizzano, Dan Pompilio, Steven Guevara, Jonathan Marcoux, Brian Fabino, Ullom and Matt Helgesen helped contain and control Piscataway for the remainder of the game.

As they continue to gain momentum, the boys will travel to South Brunswick this Sunday in an attempt to avenge a 1-0 opening game loss and get above .500 for the first time this year.

All South Plainfield Soccer Alumni

The Annual Alumni Soccer Game for men and women will be played on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. on the Varsity Soccer field on Lake Street.

All Soccer Alumni are invited to come, play and have a good time while renewing old friendships.

Beginning this year, the Alumni Game will be held the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend, so you can make plans. Hope to see you there!

Comets Trounce Berkeley Heights Timberwolves

South Plainfield Soccer Club's U12 Girls did themselves proud this past Sunday bringing home a 6-0 victory over Berkeley Heights.

Tight teamwork from a front line consisting of Jackie Bosse, Victoria Plasse and Alyssa Sutherland backed by an aggressive midfield comprised of Brooke DeNitzio, Stephanie Szeliga and Megan McHugh kept the Timberwolves on the defensive from the first whistle.

Keeper Katie Baldassarre saw little action thanks to the powerful kicks from defenders Chelsea Moubarak and Courtney Wilhelm. Allison Whitefleet provided excellent stops and assertive passes. Sweeper Rachel Senz was always in the right place at the right time, firing the ball to the outside for a waiting teammate to take it up the field. Brooke DeNitzio scored the first goal with an assist from Victoria Plasse. Shortly after that, Stephanie Szeliga's power kick

from the middle sailed into the net for goal number two.

Substitutions now in place, the Comets were fueled by the fresh determination of Kate Reichert, Clare Kelly and Maria Lipnick. Stephanie Lanza and Lindsay Fredericks shored up the midfield defense. It wasn't long before Maria Lipnick scored with Stephanie Szeliga assisting.

The second half saw a few position changes. Keeper Kate Reichert made two good saves holding the Timberwolves at bay. The Comets however, couldn't be stopped. With boundless energy Stephanie Szeliga scored her second goal of the game. A beautifully placed throw-in by Rachel Senz was seized by Katie Baldassarre to score goal number 5. Chelsea Moubarak's switch from defense to offense yielded the Comets final goal of the game. Congratulations on a well-deserved victory!

Submitted by Deanna Fredericks

Hotspurs Fall To Heat

The South Plainfield Boys U-8 Hotspurs played another hard fought game Saturday in South Brunswick. Although they came up short 4-0, they displayed a lot of heart and desire against an undefeated team that continuously put pressure on the Hotspurs defense.

The defense led by goalie Daniel Lyew, fullbacks Albert Vill, A.J. Celentano and Taylor Born as well as midfielder Eric LaVerne worked as hard as a unit could against a relentless attack by the Heat.

And even though the offense didn't get many chances, the hustling play of forwards Quinn Bolivar, Zachary Noll, Ryan Marcoux and Paul Seyffart did result in a handful of opportunities, only to come up short deep in the opponents zone.

The kids showed great improvement since their last game two weeks ago and hope to get their first victory of the year next Saturday at home against the North Brunswick Eagles at 11:30.

Submitted by Jeff Marcoux

Sonics U-9 Post Back to Back Shutouts

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the Sonics, South Plainfield's U-9 Soccer team traveled to Sondeck Park and defeated the South Brunswick Rays 5-0. Scorers for the Sonics were Danny Hunt with three goals, Jeff Gillen and Nick Okosko with one goal each.

Sunday, Oct. 14, the Sonics hosted the Montgomery Falcons at Riley Field and blanked them 6-0. Goal scores were Anthony Cardoso with a hat trick; Steven Lanza with two goals

and Danny Hunt with one goal.

Outstanding midfield and defense both days was displayed by Shaun Alers, Marc Paez, Dan Sticco, Mike Dispensiere, Daniel Peel and William Mott. Between the pipes for the Sonics were Shaun Alers, William Mott, Jeff Gillen, Danny Hunt and Steven Lanza. The Sonics current record is 4-1-1 with 3 shutouts.

Great job Sonics.

By Kevin Lykes

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COME OUT TO REGISTER FOR NEXT SEASON AND PURCHASE A PIN TO SUPPORT OUR COUNTRY!

South Plainfield registration for the 2002 season will be held at the complex on Thursday, Oct. 24 and Friday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. and also on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All new registrants should bring their birth certificate.

All children who will be eight years old or older by July 31, 2002 are eligible to play. In addition, any seven year-olds who will turn eight during August or September, 2002 will have a one time option to select to "play up" as an eight year old. Call the club's number at (908) 754-2090 and leave a message if you require additional information.

The club will be sponsoring a fundraiser featuring tradition American Flag lapel pins and Stars and Stripes ribbon lapel pins for \$3 each. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

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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

Baboon Makes a Dental Visit in South Plainfield



Pictures by Michael Cortese

By Roxanne Cortese

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, a very special client was transported to the Plainfield Animal Hospital on Park Ave. His name is Gunther. Gunther is a 9-year-old, 80-pound male Guinea Short Tail Baboon, who has lived at the Staten Island Zoo since 1996, along with three female baboons. Gunther was brought to the Plainfield Animal Hospital for an abscessed tooth. Previously he had had his fourth premolar removed by Dr. Andrew Major, the Zoo's Veterinarian, but the abscess persisted.

Gunther was then brought to Dr. Scott Linick, Veterinary Dentist and Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry for further evaluation. Dr. Major had addi-

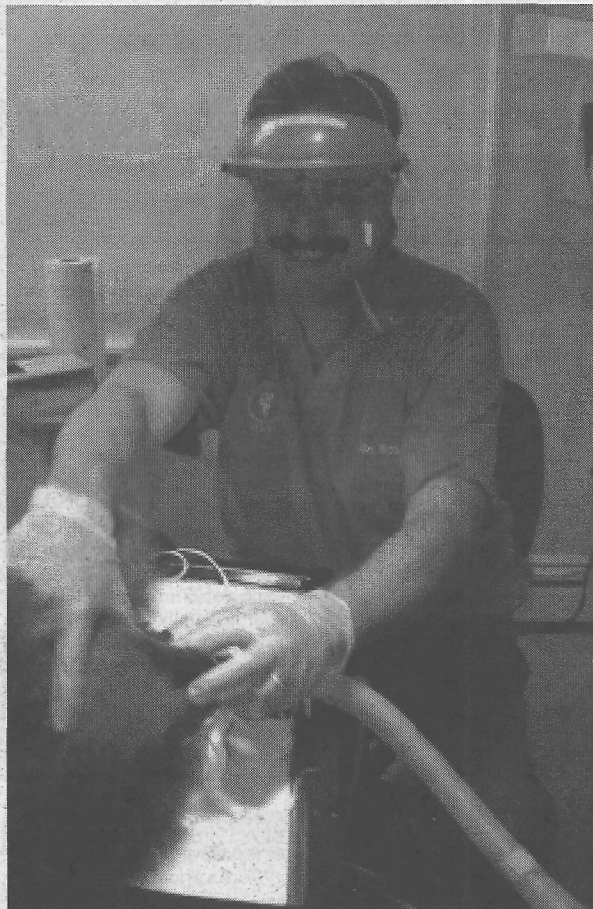
tionally discovered a deep cavity in one of the other maxillary teeth. X-rays performed by Dr. Linick confirmed root involvement of this tooth. Dr. Linick removed this tooth, then explored and cleaned up the area of the previous extraction. The surgery was successful and when Gunther awakened, he sent was back home to the Staten Island Zoo to recuperate.

Dr. Linick, owner of Plainfield Animal Hospital is one of the few certified veterinary dentists in the country. Dr. Linick, who practices dental procedures from root canals to braces on dogs and cats, said he enjoyed the opportunity to work on an exotic specie. When asked if he has ever performed surgery on any other types of zoo

animals he stated, "I once worked on a river otter, but this was my first baboon."

Gunther had to wait awhile to be seen. His original appointment date was Sept. 11, 2001. Just as Dr. Andrew Major, the zoo's veterinarian arrived at the Staten Island Zoo to pick up Gunther, the World Trade Center was attacked. If they had left earlier that day they would have not been able to return home for two days and Gunter may have had to be brought to the Philadelphia Zoo and remain until the bridges were open again.

Gunther was transported in a very small crate which helped to keep him quiet and still. He was partially anesthetized for the trip which allowed him to be handled



Dr. Scott Linick prepared to perform surgery on Gunter.

in a safe way for his arrival. When he was taken out of the crate and being prepared for surgery the entire staff at the animal hospital took turns coming to look at the wonderful creature.

I was very pleased to be invited to observe this unique dental procedure. It is not often that you get to witness this type of animal up-

close and personal. His fur is softer than it appears, and his hands and fingers are much like human hands and fingers. You couldn't help but touch his hands. Dr. Linick started his dental procedure as I stood outside the room to observe the surgery. Everyone brought their cameras to capture this event, including myself.

ID Photo Cards for Seniors

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.

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.

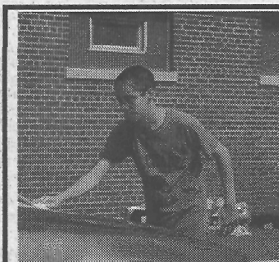
Applications are also being accepted for the positions of Football Commissioner and Cheerleading Commissioner for the 2002 season.

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 or-

der 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.

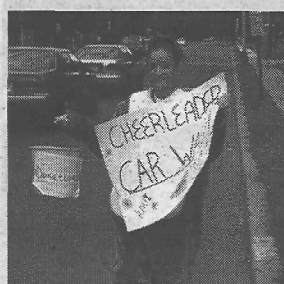
Anyone interested in applying for any of the above positions must complete an application (available at the Field House) and return it before Oct. 31. A slate of new officers and commissioners will be presented to the Board and voted on during the month of Nov. 2001.



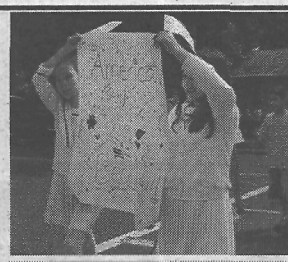
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Obituaries

Joyce Ann (Williams) DeAndrea, 61

Joyce Ann (Williams) DeAndrea of South Plainfield died on Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in New Brunswick and has lived in South Plainfield her entire life.

Joyce loved children and her job as a pre-school teacher at the Creative Kids Academy in South Plainfield for the last six years.

Joyce and her mother loved Bingo and played at the various churches in the area for many years.

She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Angelo P. DeAndrea; her son, Carl A. DeAndrea of South Plainfield; her daughters and son-in-laws, Annmarie and Angelo Butrico of Warren and Angela and Louis Dicellis of South Plainfield; her mother, Lucille Kollien Williams of South Plainfield; three brothers, Jerry Martin of Piscataway; David Williams of Florence, NJ and Raymond Williams of Richmond, Indiana.

Also surviving are her beloved grandchildren Joseph, Armanda, Gina, Nicole and Lauren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 401 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the charity of your choice.

Harry C. Kehrer Jr., 86

Harry C. Kehrer Jr. died on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Kehrer was a lifelong member of the National L.P. Gas Assoc. and recognized leader in safety training for fire departments and state police in the safe handling of liquefied petroleum gas. He received a lifetime achievement award for 50 years of distinguished service from the NLPGA in 1996.

Born in Dayton, Kentucky, he served in the U.S. Army during WWII, receiving four Bronze Stars for his participation in the D-Day Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. After returning home, he married and settled in Oklahoma City.

For 12 years he was employed by the Corken Pump Co. and became a sales manager. He moved with his family in 1959 to South Plainfield to help establish the first petrochemical equipment distributor in the state, Pro-Chem Co. The company was acquired by Ray Murray, Inc., of Lee, MA in 1989. He was a consultant for RMI until 1997.

Mr. Kehrer was active in the Masonic Fraternity, becoming Master of Soothwood Lodge from 1985-1987. An avid reader and NY Yankee fan, his hobbies included gardening, fishing, golf and a variety of pets. He was always glad to volunteer his help to friends and neighbors for home projects, landscaping and carpentry.

He was devoted to his family and wife, Vivian of 52 years, who predeceased him in 1998.

Surviving are his daughter, Sharon Tillou; his son, H. Craig Kahrer; his brothers, Howard, August and Richard and a sister, Alberta.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in his memory be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ, 07080 or the Humane Society of NJ.

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• On October 5, an Edison woman reported that while she was in Villa Pizza, someone had attempted to pick her driver side door lock.

• On October 6, a Cambridge Ave. woman reported observing two males sitting in her unlocked vehicle. As she approached, the vehicle the men walked away. She noticed that there was damage to her ignition.

• On October 7, a Kenyon Ave. resident reported that someone stole \$35 in change from his Dodge van which was parked in his driveway.

• An employee of Liquid Assets on New Market Ave. reported that his motorcycle had been knocked over and damaged and a carton of cigarettes had been taken from the side leather bag on the bike.

• On October 8, the general manager of Days Inn reported that a room had been ransacked.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported that two of his vehicle's tires had been slashed. Another resident around the corner on West St. also reported that his vehicle's tires had been slashed.

• On October 9, a Lafayette Ave. resident reported that someone had removed their vehicles antenna with an American flag attached.

• An Oak Tree Rd. resident reported that someone had attempted to remove his quad off a trailer that was parked on the east end of his home. The trailer was open and the tarp removed.

• Police responded to an alarm going off at Footlocker on Oak

Tree Ave. When they arrived they saw that the window in the front of the store was smashed out. Also the metal door on the side of the building had pry marks and was partially open. A stolen vehicle was also found wedged between a tree and the building. Police then pursued a man riding away on a bike. A foot chase ensued through backyards and arrested an 18-year-old West Ave. resident.

• A Plainfield Ave. woman reported finding her garage door partially open and two air guns missing from a tool box.

• On Oct. 10, several buses parked at the rear of 1301 New Market Ave. reported damaged windows and windshields from rocks being thrown.

• On Thursday, a Durham Ave. resident reported that her vehicles door lock had been damaged.

• On Friday, a Grant Ave. resident reported the theft of his son's BMX style bike from the deck in his backyard.

• On Saturday, CVS reported the theft of \$290 worth of Kodak disposable cameras.

• An E. Golf Ave. resident reported that someone had attempted to punch out his driver side door lock.

• A Woodland Ave. resident reported the theft of his 1995 Ford Taurus from his driveway.

• On Sunday, a Kenneth Ave. resident reported that his lawn mower had been taken from the backyard of his house.

• On Monday, a Piscataway woman was arrested at Pathmark for shoplifting \$157.67 worth of seafood.

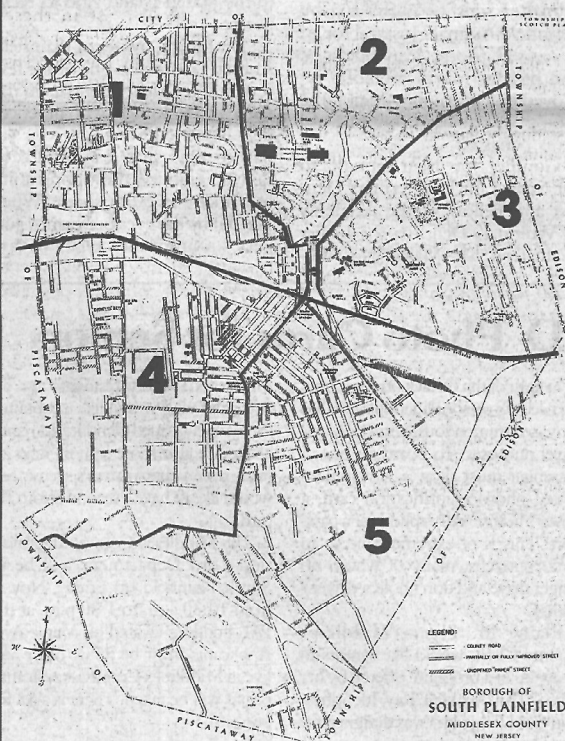
• An E. Nassau Ave. woman brought what she thought was a suspicious looking letter to police headquarters.

• Danbarrie Construction reported that there was a broken ceiling fan and spackle poured at a home under construction at 123 Lexington Ave.

• A Clinton Ave. woman reported the theft of her wallet from her shopping cart at Pathmark. The wallet was later found at Shop Rite in Piscataway.

• Two tractor trailers were reported missing from 101 Kentile Rd. Both were found in Newark.

2001 Leaf Pick Up Program



Section 1	Week of Oct. 29
Section 2	Week of Nov. 5
Section 3	Week of Nov. 12
Section 4	Week of Nov. 19
Section 5	Week of Nov. 26

Twenty free biodegradable paper bags are available at the Public Works Garage starting on Oct. 22 through Nov. 16. Residents must present a coupon, which is mailed directly to each home in order to obtain the bags. Along with the coupon is a map showing which week a section of town is scheduled for leaf pick-up.

All bags must be left at the curb. Residents wishing to purchase additional bags may do so at a local hardware store. With mother nature being unpredictable, please do not call the Public Works Office for leaf pick-ups, as trucks will be returning to all sections throughout the leaf program.

The Road Dept. will be taking biodegradable paper bags only during the 2001 residential leaf bag program. For your convenience the compost area only will be open Mon. through Sat., 8 a.m.-3 p.m. starting Oct. 29 through Dec. 1.

Legal Notices

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

TAKE NOTICE that Madison Inn, LLC trading as the Ramada Limited has applied to the Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield for a new license for premises situated at 2089 Hamilton Boulevard, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

October 12, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on October 9, 2001.

A. Case #642—Home Depot, USA, Inc.—Block 472, Lot 36; OBC-3 Zone; 3096 Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan for a tool rental center was hereby GRANTED, with waivers and conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Muccilli
Recording Secretary, Planning Board

\$17.00 October 19, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

October 11, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on October 2, 2001.

A. Case #52-01—Clifford Johnson—Block 188; Lot 28.01; 263 Fairlamb Ave.—Applicant's request for exceeding lot coverage was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #53-01—Victor Jordao—Block 430; Lot 8.04; 121 Pompano Ave.—Applicant's request for rear setback variance and exceeding lot coverage was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #41-98/S—Pilgrim Covenant Church—Block 95; Lot 3; R-15 Zone; 3121 Park Avenue—Applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan was hereby GRANTED with waivers and conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Muccilli
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On Oct. 6, several neighborhood youngsters, ages seven to 13, felt a need to help the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy by having a bake sale. They put up signs and sold cookies, cupcakes, brownies, USA flag pins and red and blue beaded necklaces at the corner of Smith St. and Harvard Ave. The children raised a total of \$400 for the Red Cross Relief Fund and did it again last Saturday in the same place. The good deed doers are Michelle and Christina Costanza, Rebecca and Joseph Dacchille and Michael, Heather and Kristy Ray.

NJ State Nurses Assoc., Assoc. of Social Workers-NJ Chapter and HPAE Endorse Patrick Diegnan

The New Jersey State Nurse's Asso., the Association of Social Workers-NJ Chapter and the Health Professionals and Allied Employees (HPAE) have endorsed the candidacy of Patrick Diegnan for a seat in the NJ Gen-

eral Assembly for the 18th District.

"Health care is a major concern for every NJ resident. Nurses, health care professionals and social workers find themselves on the front lines dealing with critical issues daily," Mr. Diegnan said.

"I am thankful that these organizations have recognized my support for and interest in these health and social welfare issues, and most especially my concerns for them, the people and commu-

nities they serve and the policies that affect all of us in the health care field."

Mr. Diegnan, South Plainfield 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.

Mr. Diegnan, a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, would be the first

Did You Know?

June 14, 1777—The first flag of the United States was adopted by Congress.

April 4, 1818—Congress enacted a law stating the flag was to have 13 alternating red and white horizontal stripes and a white star was to be added following the admission of each new state.

October 21, 1892—The Pledge of Allegiance was first given national prominence as a part of the National Public Schools Celebration of Columbus Day, marking the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the Americas.

June 24, 1912—President William H. Taft signed an Executive Order fixing the proportions and arrangement of the 48 stars in six horizontal and eight vertical rows, each star with one point upward.

June 14, 1916—A proclamation was issued by President Woodrow Wilson calling for a national observance of Flag Day on June 14. In 1949 Congress resolved that June 14 was designated as Flag Day and signed into law by President Harry Truman.

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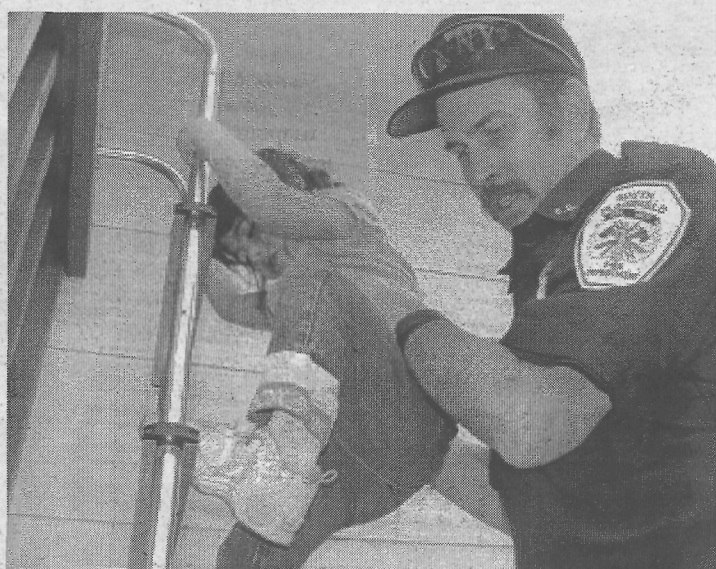
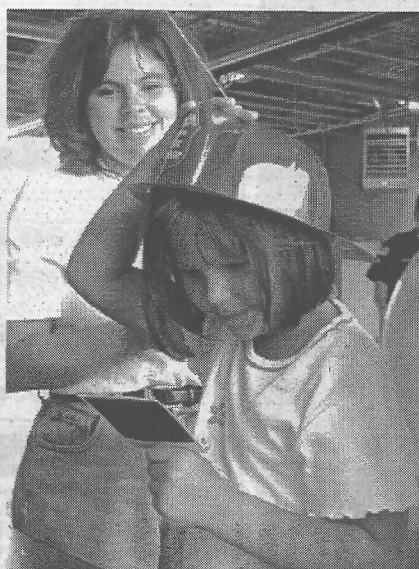
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Fire Department's Eighth Annual Open House

The South Plainfield Fire Department was kept busy last Sunday as they hosted their Eighth Annual Open House.

Approximately 500 children, escorted by their parents, spent the day

touring the fire department, including the apparatus and tools.

The children enjoyed free juice, balloons, ices and popcorn. Giveaways included balloons, coloring books, rulers, fire hats, pencils and spinning tops.

Children were able to try on the firefighters' equipment and explore the various fire trucks in the fleet.

The Saint Barnabas Hospital Burn Trailer was on hand. The trailer, complete with a fire escape ladder, is used

to teach fire safety. Youngsters were given a chance to practice climbing down the ladder as simulated smoke filled a mock window. After the descent they were asked, "Where do you go now?" Everyone knew the answer was to run to a safe gathering area.

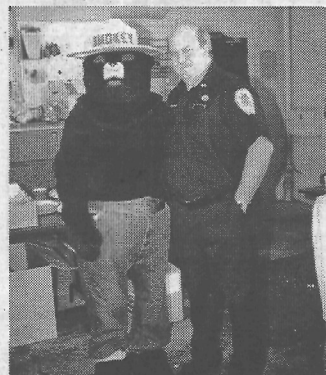
Smokey the Bear posed with children and firemen for photos. Smokey and St. Barnabas have been attending the South Plainfield Fire Department open house for the past four years.

The Annual Super 50/50 was drawn at the end of the open house. Donations from area businesses helped make the day a success; orange drink was provided by McDonald's and Italian Ice was donated by Ralph's.

Monies collected will be donated to the New York City Firemen's Fund. All firemen who participated or worked behind the scenes donated their personal time.



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