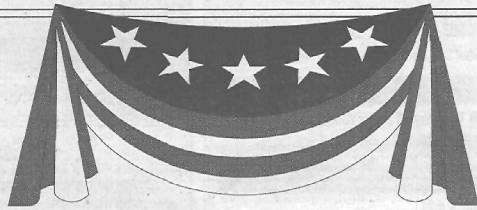
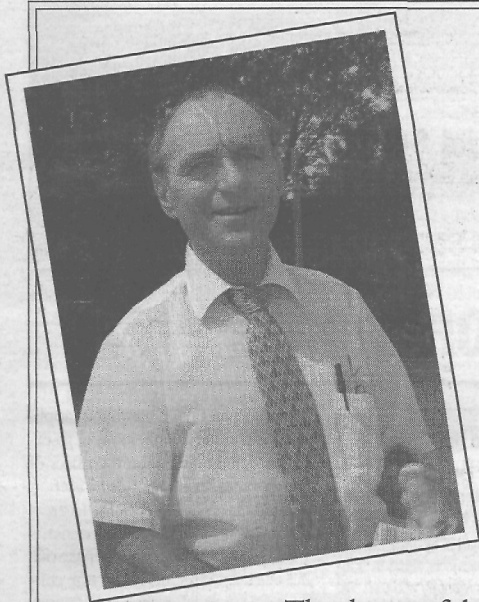


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AN INVITATION TO JOIN US AT THE

45th Annual Labor Day Parade

The 2002 Grand Marshal, Joe DeAndrea, Jr. and the South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee, have been working hard these past months and anticipate another great parade this year. The 5K Run begins at 9:15 a.m. and the Labor Day Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. with bands, floats and many groups and marchers.

The theme of this year's parade is "Celebrating Our Freedom." There will be a host of activities, games and contests at the PAL building.

Remember that the parade is taking a new route this year. It starts at Merchants Ave. near the Middle School, goes past Borough Hall and the Fire Department, where it turns left and proceeds down Maple Ave. to the PAL.

Several activities are planned at the end of the parade at the PAL—games and activities of all kind, including many vendors with handouts. Join in the fun of the watermelon and pie eating contests, and the water balloon and egg toss. If you think you're up to the challenge, sign up at the reviewing stand.

Aside from delicious food, there will be games, face painting and tatoos for children and many local businesses will have booths. The band "Backsplash" will be at the park to entertain from 2-4 p.m. Evening entertainment at Spring Lake Park will start at 6:30 p.m. with the band "Sound Investment." The fireworks will top off the day at dusk.

We invite everyone to come and celebrate this year's Labor Day Festivities in South Plainfield.

— Grand Marshal Joe DeAndrea, Jr. & Labor Day Parade Committee —

NYC Fire Rescue No. 5 to Participate in Parade

*Annual parade to feature familiar
favorites, new route and a few surprises*

The Borough's Labor Day Parade Committee has announced that as of presstime, there are 66 entries in the annual parade on Sept. 2.

After six months of efforts, the Parade Celebrations Committee is pleased to announce that New York City Fire Department Rescue No. 5 truck will be participating in this year's parade, courtesy of the NYC Fire Department and Absolute Fire Protection in South Plainfield. The NYC vehicle will lead the South Plainfield Fire Department vehicles. This is an extraordinary way for us to celebrate and honor our volunteers.

Please come out to watch the

parade and then join us at the PAL and enjoy all the afternoon events scheduled and, of course, don't miss the Spring Lake Park concert at 6:30 and fireworks at dusk.

Residents should be aware that due to the temporary closing of Veterans Park, the parade will follow a new route. (See map at right.)

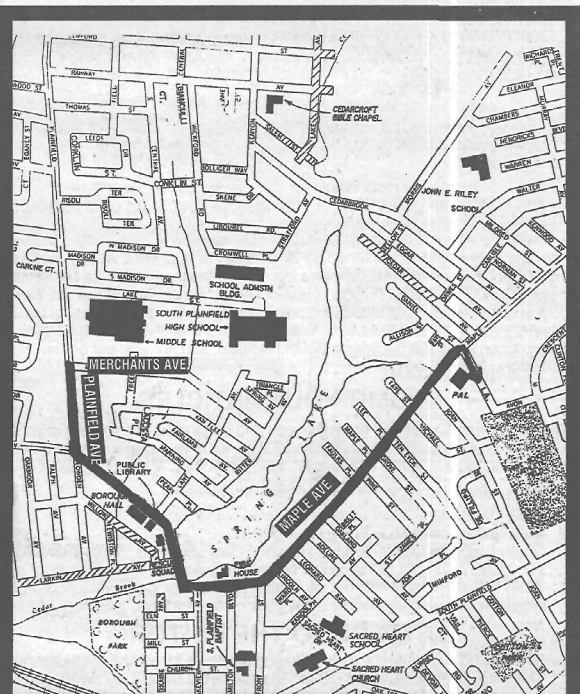
Be sure you stop by the *Observer* booth at the PAL, say hello and see the winning poster in our Labor Day poster contest.

Use this issue as a reference on Labor Day. Complimentary copies will also be available at the park.

Activities start early in the morning with a 5K run and 1.5

mile family fitness walk before the race. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. followed by many activities at the PAL. There will plenty of food, so come down and meet your South Plainfield neighbors and enjoy the fun. During the afternoon festivities the band "Backsplash" will be entertaining.

Also at the PAL will be "Rock Mountain," a 27' climbing wall, a giant slide and "Crazy Corner." "Sound Investment" will be performing an evening concert at Spring Lake Park in the Gazebo at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks at dusk will be a finale to a great day to a spectacular finish.



This map shows the new route of the Labor Day Parade, which starts at on Merchants Ave. near the Middle School and ends at the PAL. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

Full Parade Information on Pages 10 & 11

Mark your calendars

Log on to
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for the latest
meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, September 3 Thursday, September 5

Monday, September 16 Thursday, September 19

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Dec. 24 (no meeting)

zoning board of adjustment

Meets on Thursdays

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

Aug. 29, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-668-0538

site places sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

recreation commission

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

Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - Sept. 10, Oct. 8,

Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 2003, Feb. 11, March 11, April 1.

Regular Board Mtg., held Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. - Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17,

Jan. 21, 2003, Feb. 18, March 18, April 8.

business advisory group

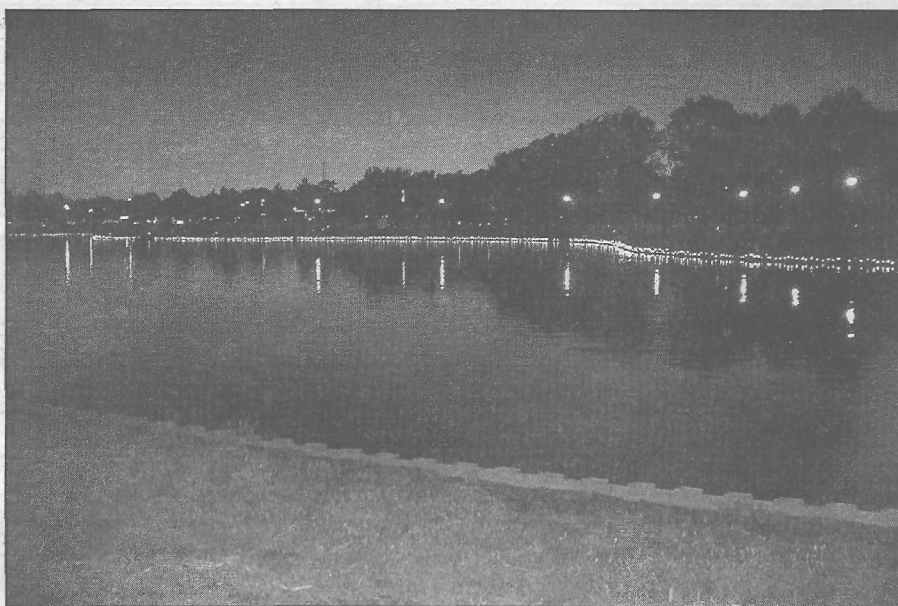
Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

(Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 18



Candlelight Memorial Set for Sept. 11

A memorial candlelight vigil will be held at Spring Lake Park on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. It will be similar to the service held last year after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The event is the inspiration of Marion Gallagher, who was instrumental in planning last year's vigil. The SPHS Band, bagpipers and clergy, will lead the crowd in prayer and songs. The event will last about an hour. Residents are asked to bring their own candles and to plan on placing them around the lake.

IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to one written a couple weeks ago about renaming Roosevelt School to William J. Cady Elementary School. If anything, it should be named the Richard H. Conklin Elementary School. Richard was the first South Plainfield police officer killed in the line of duty.

All of his life Richard wanted to be a police officer. After serving in Cuba and Vietnam with the Marines, his lifelong dream came true. However, on Jan. 21, 1972, Richard's life came to an abrupt end.

While transporting a patient to Marlboro Hospital in a rescue squad rig, this patient suddenly attacked Richard, ripped his holster off of him and shot him a couple of times. He died a short time later at Muhlenberg Hospital at the age of 27.

Richard was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conklin. He was also survived by two sisters and his beloved fiancée. Their new life as husband and wife was to begin in seven short weeks.

Since Richard was the first South Plainfield police officer killed in the line of duty, I think he should be honored by having the new school named after him. The new administration building could be named after William J. Cady.

BEVERLY BALL

To the editor:

It is always interesting when the political season starts, to see what kind of issues the candidates will try to create. Last week, I read with indignation as Jake Cataldo rambled on about how a young couple on Franklin Ave. was turned down when they wanted to build an addition on their house even though no neighbors objected. As chairman of the Borough's Zoning Board that heard this application, let me set the record straight. The purpose of the Zoning Board is to hear applications from homeowners and businesses who seek variances from the borough's zoning code. Mr. Cataldo was not present at any of the meetings when this case was considered, so his facts are a little off base. The house in question is located on Blecker St., not Franklin Ave. The young couple wanted to build an addition so that the side of their home would be two feet off of the side property line.

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A setback of eight feet is required for single-family homes. Now, I don't know what kind of vision Mr. Cataldo has for So. Plainfield, but I can say with 100% certainty that if every house was two feet off of the property line, South Plainfield would be a town of row houses. The members of the Zoning Board expressed their unanimous concern with a setback of two feet and asked the couple to reconsider the extent of the variance requested. The couple later decided not to pursue the variance and withdrew the application a few weeks later.

As for lack of objections from neighbors, I hope Mr. Cataldo doesn't think the purpose of serving on a municipal board is to win a popularity contest. Our job is to consider all of the facts and do what we think is right for the neighborhood and the entire borough. Sometimes that means having the courage to say no, even to your fellow residents.

Mr. Cataldo should also try to learn a little of the law related to zoning issues. When the Zoning Board grants a variance, it creates a legal precedent for subsequent cases. Granting a two-foot setback makes it more difficult to refuse a two-foot setback for the next applicant. This type of zoning would lead to congested neighborhoods, less open space and more flooding from increased run-off after storms.

In my eight years on the Zoning Board, Mr. Cataldo has attended only one meeting and that was our last meeting on Aug. 15 and even then he left after a few minutes. I recognize that candidates need to stir up issues where none exist, but his accusations of favoritism and mistreatment of residents is outright despicable. In the last eight years, the Zoning Board has

turned down only a handful of applications from residents looking to expand their houses. The members of the Zoning Board are a cross section of what makes South Plainfield a great place to live: hard working residents who volunteer long hours to make our borough a better place for our children and grandchildren. The Zoning Board meets twice a month and meetings regularly run over three hours. If Mr. Cataldo had stayed for the entire meeting on Aug. 15, he would have seen that we heard ten applications and did not finish until after 11 p.m. Our members include a lawyer, a school teacher, an accountant, a manager of a home improvement store and a member of the county road department. Every applicant is treated with respect and in a serious manner. Mr. Cataldo should learn to treat people with that same respect. His accusations of favors to politically connected builders would be laughable if it wasn't so insulting to members of the Zoning Board. The members of the Zoning Board are a group of dedicated, hard working volunteers who deserve better than to have their motives and reputation questioned by Mr. Cataldo in a political campaign. Maybe Mr. Cataldo would know that if he ever came to a meeting.

BILL THOMAS

To The Editor:

Your paper attributed the following quote to Mayor Dan Gallagher last week: "For the third time since 1995, there will be no municipal tax increase." Gallagher's fibbing again.

In 1995 the tax rate was \$.59 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. It went up to .66 in 1996, then to .72 in 1997, and then to .76 in 1998. In 1999 it dropped by a penny during Gallagher's last re-election bid. But then it shot up to .80 the following year (2000). It then jumped up to .86 in 2001.

Other than during Gallagher's 1999 election-year tax trick, the rate has increased steadily since 1995. In fact, when Democrats took control in 1993 the tax rate was .48. It's now .86—an almost 80% increase. We're on to the mayor's tax tricks. Taxes have not stayed the same a third time, nor will I be fooled a third time.

DAVID GOUTH

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Milestone

Gebauer Named Orientation Adviser

Richard Dominick Gebauer of South Plainfield has been chosen to serve as an orientation adviser at the 2002 Freshman Orientation at Franklin & Marshall College.

Orientation advisers serve as peer guides to more than 500 first year

students during the college's freshman orientation program.

Richard, a rising sophomore, is a 2001 graduate of South Plainfield High School. He is the son of Richard and Donna Gebauer of South Plainfield.

Board of Education Accepts Krewer's Resignation

A formal vote was taken at last week's Board of Education meeting to accept Superintendent of Schools Dr. Krewer's resignation.

Krewer, who resigned after only 18 months of a four-year contract, read a short statement to the public explaining his reasons for leaving, saying that it was one of the hardest professional decisions he has made in his career. Krewer said that the long commute—about 2½ hours a day—and the hours he feels he has to put in were taking a toll on his family. Krewer, the father of twins who are entering eighth grade, expressed that he was unable to attend most of their events last year due to his responsibilities here.

Board members expressed their displeasure with his resignation. Dan Smith expressed his disappointment, saying this was the first time the Board had signed a four-year contract with a superintendent. He added that the board accommodated all Krewer's re-

quests so that the children of our district would have the best education.

Ken LaFreinere said he was saddened that Krewer never came to the board to say he was having a problem. He said the board would have been more than willing to work with him to find a way to accommodate his needs for his family.

Frank Mikorski added his regrets. He reminded Krewer that he had the same family when he took the job and knew how far he had to drive, but still took the job. He asked Krewer to submit a list of all of the programs he has introduced and is working on, and to compile an update of where each program stands prior to his departure.

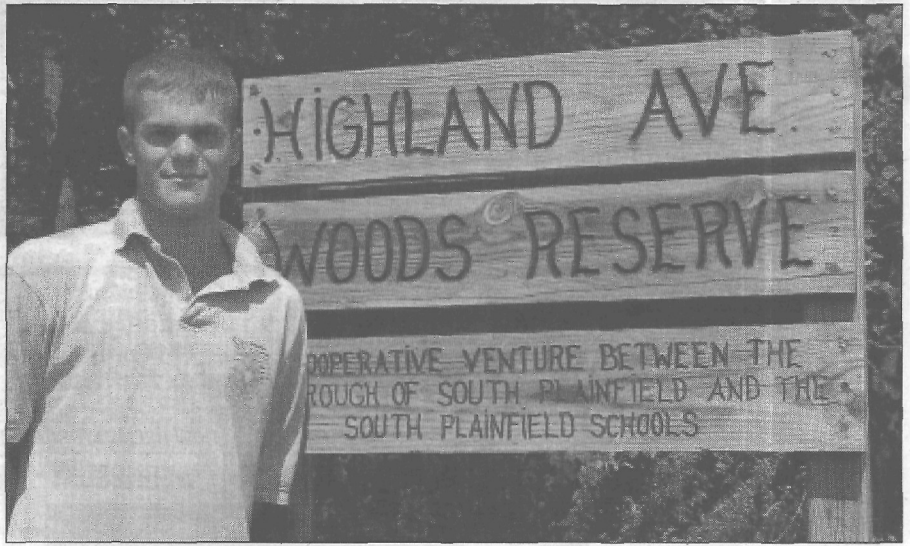
No one in the audience commented on Krewer's resignation.

Dr. Krewer's last day will be Nov. 11. He has accepted a position as superintendent of schools in Red Bank, which is only 20 minutes from his home.

Recycling Center Closed For Labor Day

The South Plainfield Recycling Center and Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 3, because of the Labor Day holiday. They will be open instead on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. The Recycling Center and Yard Waste Site will be open as usual on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The regular schedule at the Recycling Center is: Tuesdays 12 noon to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The regular Yard Waste Site schedule is: Tuesdays 12 noon to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.



Ian Levine of Boy Scout Troop 207

Levine Completes Eagle Scout Project

By Patricia Abbott

Ian Levine of Boy Scout Troop 207 recently completed his Eagle Scout project by rebuilding the entrance gate to the Highland Ave. Woods Reserve. He has been working as a volunteer with Friends of the Woods. His project was inspired by his interest in preserving the environment. He was encouraged by Dorothy Miele as well, who told Ian that the gate had been destroyed by vandals. The gate is necessary to deter further vandalism and prevent illegal dumping.

Ian credits many people with the success of his project. He discussed his project in detail with Dr. Alice Tempel. Police Officer Dave Franchak introduced him to a manager at Home Depot and the materials needed were donated by the store. Troop leaders Mr. Uffer and Mr. Germendan and Ian's father, Lou Levine, assisted Ian with the construction. The gate was built in sections in a leader's back yard because there is no electricity at the reserve to power the tools. On Aug. 25 the gate was moved to the reserve, was assembled and painted. Ian, along with fellow scouts, family and friends, also helped restore the Learning Center. They re-

placed the logs which serve as seating, weeded the area, removed garbage and cleared paths.

Ian, who is entering his junior year at SPHS said, "Due to good planning, the project ran very smoothly. We

cause I am very involved during the year with school, soccer, track, and my job. I hope our troop will continue to be involved with Highland Woods."

The Friends of the Woods volunteer to maintain the 35-acre Highland



Part of an Eagle project, the highest rank in Boy Scouting, is organizing the support needed to complete the venture. Pictured is Levine (center) with family and friends who assisted him in his efforts.

started at 11 a.m. and completed it by 2:30 p.m. It took several weeks of planning and very special adults who assisted me from the onset. I wanted to complete my Eagle this summer be-

Ave. Woods. The reserve, home to many native plants and animals in New Jersey, is used for educational purposes through workshops for the community of South Plainfield.

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Events Around Town

SPHS Class of 1969 Reunion Planned

August 31

SPHS Class of 1969 will be reunited on Aug. 31 at Willows Restaurant, 1013 N. Washington Ave., Green Brook. For information, call Jody Buccellato at (404) 847-0960 or Elizabeth Don at (732) 942-5170.

VFW Country Breakfast

September 1

VFW Post 6763 at 155 Front St. will hold a country breakfast on Sept. 1 from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. with an assortment of food. Adults meal price is \$5, children are \$2.50.

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

Battle of the Badges Charity Game

September 1

The annual Battle of the Badges Charity Softball Game, sponsored by the South Plainfield Elks Handicapped Children's Society, will be held Sunday, Sept. 1, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The South Plainfield Volunteer Firemen will be pitted against the South Plainfield Police Department. This annual event is a must see for all residents and the proceeds all go to the Elks Handicapped Children's Fund.

This year's softball game will be played at the Little League Field #2, in the Junior Baseball Complex, off of Belmont Ave.

Tickets for Yankees

September 3

Let's Go Out to A Baseball Game! Also, a trip to Yankee Stadium is planned to see the Yankees vs. the Red

What's happening in AUGUST

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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				

Sox on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Bus leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person! Tickets may be purchased at the PAL.

Bus Trip Planned by Wesley Methodist

September 7

Wesley United Methodist Church is running a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. to see the new stage production of *Daniel, A Den, A Dream and A Deliverer* on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Bus leaves Wesley Church at 9 a.m. Tickets for the 1 p.m. performance include dinner at Good and Plenty Restaurant in Lancaster.

Tickets are limited; reserve now. Cost is \$85 per person. For more information, call Paula Kowalski at (908) 668-7845.

SPHS Field Hockey Alumni Game

September 8

The SPHS field hockey field, located between the middle school and high school, will be rededicated as the Carol Espinosa Memorial Field on Sunday, Sept. 8. The rededication will take place at 3 p.m. The alumni game will follow. All alumni are welcome.

For more information, call Karen Maszczak at (908) 769-7136.

Historical Society Meeting

September 10

The regular next meeting of the Historical Society will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in SPHS library. The public is invited to attend.

VFW Annual Picnic To be Held

September 14

Memorial Post #6763 will hold their annual picnic on Sept. 14 on the Post ground, located on 155 Front St.

In addition to food and beverages, there will be music by Luke O'Malley, a Moon-Walk and pony rides for the children. The event will be held rain or shine.

Admission is free for children five years and younger, \$6 in advance for children six to 12 and \$7 at the gate; \$12 in advance for 13 years and older and \$14 at the gate.

Tickets are available at the Post Home daily after 4 p.m or 12 noon on weekends. For info, (908) 668-9751 during the above hours.

Adult School Trip Night

September 18

The South Plainfield Adult School fall semester brochure will be mailed out shortly. It contains many interesting classes and trips for the entire family.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School auditorium, the Adult School will hold a Trip Night. There will be a slide presentation on a number of upcoming trips as well as refreshments and door prizes.

If you would like to attend, please call (908) 754-4620 ext. 213 or 217.

Rainbow Academy Open House

October 12

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to 10 years. There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten and Before & After care programs. Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service. For a demo of their video services, visit their website at www.parentwatch.com.

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and additional information, visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com.

SPHS Classes of 1972-73 Reunion

October 12

A joint reunion of the South Plainfield High School classes of 1972 and 1973 will be held on Oct. 12, at the Clarion Hotel and Towers Windsor Ballroom on Rte. 27, Edison.

If you are a member of either class, contact the organizers listed below.

For more information, call the Clarion, (732) 287-3500; JoAnne Kaschak Catelli, (732) 286-4310; or Carol Garrubbo Boyer, (908) 771-0901.

Rec Sponsors Trip To Broadway

October 16

On Oct. 16, the South Plainfield Recreation will sponsor a trip to see Billy Joel's new hit musical, *Moving Out*. The cost is \$100 and includes transportation and orchestra seat tickets. Leave from PAL at 4 p.m.

For info, call the PAL at 226-7713.

OLC Rosary Society Plans Trip

October 17

Our Lady of Czestochowa Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to see *Daniel at the Sight and Sound The-*

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Gang Member and Two Others Arrested In Weekend Road Rage Incident

Three young men, one a South Plainfield resident, wearing numerous gang member tattoos, were arrested and charged with assault and possession of a weapon early Saturday morning after intentionally ramming another vehicle.

South Plainfield Police received a call at 2:30 a.m. on a report of a fight on the street in front of Burger King on Park Ave. When police arrived no one was observed in the area. A short time later a call was received from Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield regarding a stabbing which occurred at the Park Ave. location.

The victims, Pedro Solano, 19, Angel Cannone, 24, and George Caballero, 20, all of Plainfield, said they were traveling south on Park Ave. when a car behind them flashed their headlights and passed them in the 25 MPH speed zone. They, in turn, passed the suspects and were rammed, causing extensive damage to both vehicles. The occupants of both cars pulled over, words were exchanged and the victims were then chased on foot to the front of Burger King.

Based upon descriptions of the sus-

pects, South Plainfield Police Officer Matt Mahoney was able to locate the suspect vehicle and two of the men involved, at which time they were placed under arrest. A 12-inch knife and two baseball bats were found inside the car, however it is believed that the bats were not used in the attack. Another suspect was located at 191 So. Plainfield Ave. and also arrested.

Juan C. Guerra, 21, of Plainfield stabbed Solano in the left side of his neck causing a four-by-one-inch cut that required numerous stitches and staples, and cuts to his arm and back. He also stabbed Cannone causing a one-inch laceration on the wrist. He was charged with aggravated assault and weapons charges and is currently being held on \$250,000 bail.

Franklin Calderon, 20, of Bound Brook, the driver of the suspect vehicle, was charged with four counts of aggravated assault with a motor vehicle and weapons charges. A 24-year-old woman was also inside the victims' car at the time of the crash. Bail was set at \$250,000.

Edward Israel DeLeon, 20, of South Plainfield was charged with

simple assault and possession of a weapon. Bail was set at \$250,000. All three men are currently being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Center in North Brunswick. The victims were treated and released.

Caballero was punched in the right eye, but declined medical treatment. The South Plainfield Police Detective Bureau brought in the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Violent Gang Task Force when they noticed the suspects were heavily marked with tattoos, including gang member tattoos. Spokesperson Brian Caffrey stated that he didn't want to release information on which gang as it would only further promote them.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service also has a detain order pending against DeLeon.

According to SP Police Captain John Ferraro, "The incident appeared to be some type of road rage case and then escalated into an assault." Caffrey said that he felt suspects were "flexing their muscles" and wanted to show people in the area that they are here.

The case is still currently under investigation.

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ater on Oct. 17. \$80 per person includes bus trip, Amish style lunch, theater spectacular, taxes and tips.

Checks made payable to OLC Rosary Society by Aug. 10. Mail your check to Maria Seliga, 1710 Pershing Pl., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or contact Maria at (908) 769-7735.

Dinner Theatre Trips

October 17 & December 23

The South Plainfield Senior Citizen Center will be sponsoring two dinner theatre trips.

The first trip will be on Oct. 17 to the Lafayette House, featuring the Ragtime Grannies. Cost is \$40 per person.

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For information and registration

— Out of Town —

Free Community Festival in Dunellen

August 31

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Charity Fund-raiser 5K Run & Fun Run

September 8

The 78th Division United States Army Reserve is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk, the "Lightning 5K," as well as a 1-mile "Fun Run" on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Both events will begin at the Kilmer Reserve Center, 91 Truman Drive South in Edison. The "Fun Run" begins at 9 a.m. and the "Lightning 5K" starts at 9:30 a.m.

These events are open to the general public. All proceeds raised are used to sponsor a holiday party for physically challenged children and young adults.

Runners pay an entrance fee of \$14 through Sept. 5, \$16 after Sept. 5. Fee on race day is \$20. First 500 to register receive a commemorative t-shirt.

For application and directions visit www.78div.army.mil/5k. For more info call Rich Miller (800) 575-9073 x1833 or Karl Chigas (732) 867-2046.

Wesley Methodist to Hold Open House

September

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Ecumenical Praise Service resumes Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. and Childrens Church School begins Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. All are Welcome.

Join us on Sept. 22 when we will host a Spaghetti Luncheon immediately following Sunday service.

For more information, call Pastor Leono at (908) 757-2838.

Alliance Bible Church Plans Sept. 11 Services

September 11

Alliance Bible Church located at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren will be holding a remembrance service on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. to honor those who died in last year's tragedy, and also to give hope to those still living. Testimonies will be shared from a man who was inside the towers when the planes hit, and also from a soldier just returning from Afghanistan. There will also be a time of recognition for our honored guests including local politicians, police, fires, rescue workers and military personnel. The service will end with a candle-light vigil.

For more info, call the office at (732) 469-1425 or check our website at www.alliancebiblechurch.com.

2002 Middlesex Co. 4-H Open House

September 22

If you've ever wanted to learn more about, or get involved with the local 4-H program, here is your chance. On Sunday, Sept. 22 there will be an Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. at the 4-H Center (645 Cranbury Rd.) on the corner of Cranbury and Fern roads in East Brunswick.

The Open House is part of 4-H's Fall Fest—a fun, free family event which takes place the weekend of Sept. 20-22. In addition to 4-H displays and demonstrations, Fall Fest will showcase animals, rides, a haunted house, vendors, games and crafts.

For more information on the Open House, contact the Middlesex County 4-H office, (732) 745-3446.

Where is the Promised Air Conditioning?

Prior to last year's school referendum vote, borough teachers and the public were promised that upgrades to electrical systems in local schools would include wiring for air conditioning units in classrooms.

The referendum committee had come to the conclusion that adding

the cost of central air conditioning to the referendum would result in a defeated referendum. Therefore, they decided to put electrical upgrades on the ballot and stated that air conditioning units could be donated through fundraisers at the elementary school level.

The referendum has since been passed, the electrical upgrades took place this summer, but no outlets were installed by the windows to allow the installation of air conditioners.

Voicing their disappointment during the public portion of last week's Board of Education meeting were many teachers and parents, and board member Steve Bohn that the wiring upgrades completed this summer did not include outlets for air conditioning. It was suggested that until outlets are installed, each time the

temperature hits 90 degrees, administration and school offices should be directed to turn off their air conditioning units.

According to those objecting, the doors to the classes have been shut and locked since Sept. 11, 2001, making it even more unbearable inside the schools.

According to Business Administrator Edward Izbicki, the board has two proposals to study on the requirements for the necessary wiring. He added, however, that putting in regular window air conditioning units may not meet state codes and that air conditioning units placed in classrooms must meet different standards than those for businesses. In schools, air circulation is state mandated.

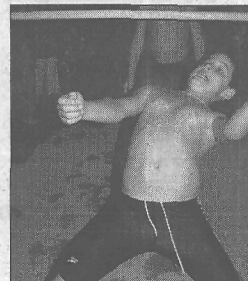
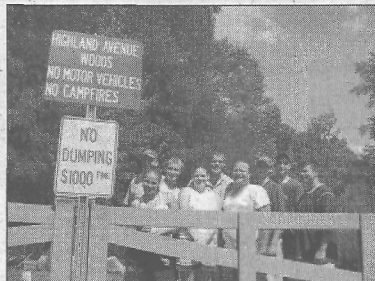
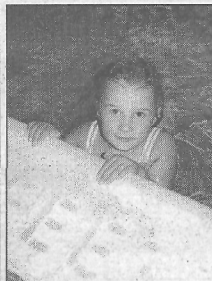
Environmental Commission

Meeting Date Change

The Wednesday, Sept. 11 meeting of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission has been changed to Wednesday, Sept. 18.

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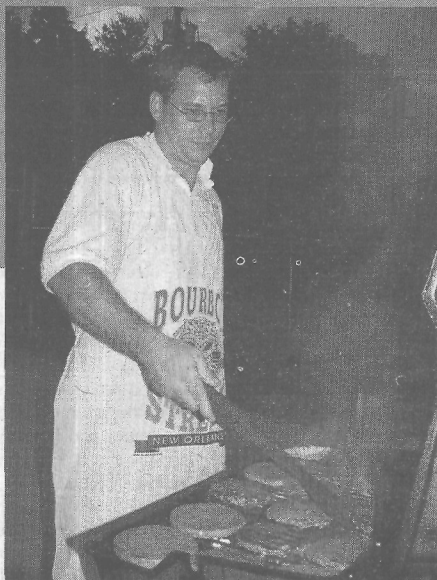
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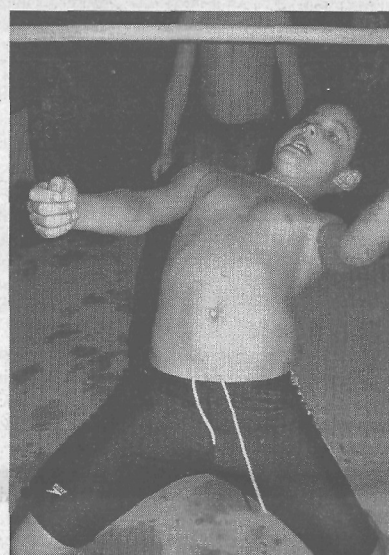


Community Pool Hosts "Hawaiian Night" for Members

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Community Pool lived up to its name as 350 plus residents attended the pool's Hawaiian Night. The open house offered food, games, music and of course, swimming. The Fire Department provided lights for the grounds after sundown. Many pool employees were decked out in crepe paper grass skirts. Decorations filled the entrance hall. A list of activities was posted with something for everyone.

Hamburgers, hot-dogs and pizza enticed many to forgo the water in favor of the barbecued goodies. Some families provided their own food, drinks and seating, and enjoyed the evening at their leisure. Music was provided by DJ Kevin Murtagh. The "limbo" brought dancers of all ages and heights to the game. While taller people struggled to clear the stick, toddlers breezed through. The Electric Slide and other dances brought parents and senior citizens out to dance with the youngsters.



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From the Republican Party Cataldo Challenges Mayor on Tax Claim

Mayoral candidate Jake Cataldo this week challenged his rival's claims that South Plainfield taxes are unchanged for the third time since 1995. Several local newspapers attributed Gallagher with the claim, and according to Cataldo, the statement is false.

"The municipal tax rate has gone from \$.48 per \$1,000 in assessed value in 1993 when Democrats took control, to .86 now," said Cataldo, a Republican. "That's an almost 80% increase."

According to Cataldo, South

Plainfield's tax rate was .59 in 1995, .66 in 1996, .72 in 1997, and .76 in 1998. It went down a penny in 1999 during Gallagher's last election bid, and then went to .80 in 2000. For 2001 the rate was .86, and it remains the same for 2002. These figures show that Gallagher's tax claim is incorrect.

"The numbers simply don't support the claim," Cataldo said. "In fact, the one time the tax rate fell, which was during Gallagher's re-election campaign, it shot right back up the following year."

Unity Bancorp Announces Termination of Acquisition

Unity Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: UNITY), parent company of Unity Bank, reported that First Bank of Central Jersey (First Bank) and Unity had ended negotiations for a definitive agreement under which First Bank would have merged into Unity Bank. On June 12, Unity and First Bank had signed a letter of intent providing for the merger. After subsequent due diligence both parties have been unable to reach a definitive agreement and all negotiations have recently ended.

"The termination of acquisition discussions with First Bank was based on a mutual difference on economic valuation," said Unity President and Chief Executive Officer, Anthony J. Ferraro. "Based on our further due diligence, the terms and conditions of the original letter of intent were no longer going to assure an acquisition that was accretive to Unity's earnings."

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Board of Education Welcomes New Teachers

As the first day of school draws near, students are getting ready for the new year. Many teachers will be preparing for their first day in the South Plainfield School District as well. Approximately 29 teachers were hired to fill vacated positions.

The middle and high schools welcome 15 new teachers:

- **Shannon Sullivan**, Spanish teacher at both the middle and high schools, holds a BS degree from Arizona State University and has NJ Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility.

- **Michele Bernstein-Holler**, middle and high school special education teacher, is a certified NJ teacher of the handicapped and a NJ elementary school teacher.

- **Jennifer Checchio**, who will teach middle school biology, has a BS degree from Rutgers University. A NJ Teacher of Biology Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is pending.

- **Nicholas Scalzo**, physical education teacher at the Middle School, holds a BA degree from Kean University, and NJ Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

- **Christina Shpunder**, Middle School special education teacher, has a BA degree from Kean University, and a NJ Teacher of Handicapped Certificate is pending.

- **Susan Schocklin**, Middle School special education teacher, holds a BS degree from University of Delaware. A NJ Teacher of the Handicapped Certificate is pending.

- **Rebecca Lerner** is a middle school music teacher. She has a BM degree from the College of New Jersey and a NJ Teacher of Music Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

- **Dana Marotto**, middle school science teacher, holds a BS degree from Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pa. and a NJ Teacher of Physical Science Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is pending.

- **Nadia Smirnova** is a middle school mathematics teacher. She has a BA degree from Novokuznetsk State Teacher's Training College, Novokuznetsk, Russia. A NJ Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is pending.

- **Charlie Garcia**, high school social studies teacher, has a BA degree from Bloomfield College and an M. Ed. pending from St. Peter's College in Jersey City. He has a NJ Teacher of Social Studies Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing pending as well.

- **Ann Garrison** will teach high school mathematics. She has a MS degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, a BS degree from Rutgers University and a NJ Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility.

- **Alexander Pittman**, high school science teacher, has a MA degree from New York University, MS degree from Rutgers University, and BS degree from Berry College, Mt. Berry, Ga. A NJ Teacher of Physical Science Certificate of Eligibility is pending.

- **Laura Doughty**, high school social studies teacher, is assigned to the information center at the South Plainfield High School. She has an MS degree from the University of Pittsburgh, a BA degree from the University of Delaware, Newark. A NJ Media Specialist certificate is pending. She is certified as a NJ teacher of social studies, NJ elementary school teacher, NJ teacher of English as a Second Language Emergency Certificate and library media specialist.

- **Myliissa Bauman** is a high school guidance counselor. She has a Ed.D., Ed. M. and a BA from Rutgers University, Graduate School of Education. She is certified in NJ student personnel services; NJ principal/supervisor; NJ School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility; NJ elementary school teacher and NJ preschool teacher.

- **Megan Mosher**, high school physical education teacher, has a BS degree from Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo. and a NJ Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is pending.

Franklin School welcomes three new teachers:

- **Cristy Coyle** has a MA and a BS from Rutgers University and a NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

- **Kiley Jackson** has a MA and BA from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and a NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

- **Sharon Hunt** is Franklin School's computer teacher. She has a BA degree from Rowan University, Glassboro and is a certified NJ elementary school teacher.

Roosevelt School welcomes three new teachers:

- **Allison Blinder** has a BA degree from Rider University and a NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

- **Doris Sepkowski** has a BA degree from Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL and is a certified NJ elementary school teacher.

- **Laura Mottley** has a BA degree from Loyola College, Baltimore. ANJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is pending.

Kennedy School has three new teachers as well:

- **Kathleen O'Brien** will teach art. She has a BA degree from Rutgers University, NJ Teacher of Art Certificate with Advanced Standing and a NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

- **Kathleen Renz**, special education teacher, has a BS degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, NY, is certified as a NJ teacher of the handicapped and a NJ elementary school teacher.

- **Kiersten Bohl** has Ed. M. and a BA degree from Rutgers University. An NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is pending.

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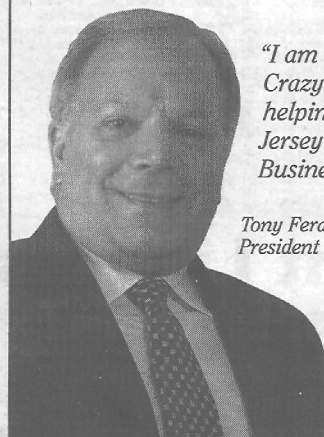
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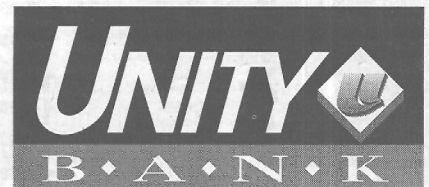
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Sports

Marching Band and Color Guard Preview

This past summer, every Wednesday from approximately 6-9 p.m., a group of students has practiced honing their musical adroitness and perfecting their visual flair. On Aug. 26, this group headed down to Camp Cayuga for a five-day trip to concentrate on sharpening their skills even further to prepare for their upcoming season. I am referring to the South Plainfield High School Marching Band and Color Guard.

Last year, the marching band received a number of first, second and third place awards as a unit in competitions. At the Old Bridge competition, they were presented with a special Best Percussion award. No matter where they went, they always received superior ratings.

In the competitions, the Tigers compete against a number of other comparably sized marching bands across the East Coast (in their division). According to Director and Instructor Mark Tweed, everything is judged as a skill. Musical execution, musical effectiveness as a whole, and performances by both individuals and the group are all taken into consideration. They are all important constituents of the visual package; everything ties in together.

The color guard is the visual part of the program. They add mood and

coloration to support the musical package. Also, they recently started using rifles and sabers to coordinate with the rest of their movements and to add sound to their enactment.

Every year, the marching band picks a different vehicle for their competitions throughout the season to capture the essence of music and story. Last year, they used music from *The Prince of Egypt*. There are usually seven or eight competitions per year, which allow 14 minutes total time for setting up, warming up, the performance, and clearing out; ten of those minutes are allotted for the performance itself.

Tweed, who will be entering his eighth year with SPHS and eighteenth year as an instructor, stated, "I feel pretty good about this year. We're using music from the Broadway musical *The Civil War*. I think it's really going to be conducive in doing a lot of visual things that we're capable of doing. I think that the kids are pretty excited by the upcoming season and the new vehicle that we're doing."

Tweed also said, "I just ask that the town come out to support the band at the football games and the home competition (on) Oct. 20."

When asked for some key names, Tweed said that there are about 60 musicians and 32 Color Guard members, so it would only be fair to give the names of the leaders. He also added that many kids emerge as strong leaders and get better as the year goes on. Drum majors are Brian Publik and Chris Baron; color guard captains are Tiffany Boyle, Jamie Glowacki, and Jackie Noonan; and the Weapons Coordinator is Wendy Kollarik. Some

people who assist Tweed with the band, many of whom enjoyed band in our high school and are voluntary, are Brian Toth, Brian Sleeper, Kevin Adams, Bob Publik, Charlie Bubnick, and Scott Carey. Kathy Petrocelli, Angela Gallagher, Kara Georgio, and Maggie Smith help direct the color guard.

Practices after school run from about 2:30 until 5 p.m. After warming up, the members change movements to fit the next competition when deemed necessary; learn new songs and routines when needed, determine what parts need to be worked on most, run through the entire program a few times to determine the quality of the unbroken performance, and add new parts to the show when decided that it would be advantageous to do so. During practices, they will modify their act over the whole season and work on certain parts that need improvement or fine tuning. The concept behind practices is to refine every area of the entire performance as the season progresses, according to Tweed. The Tigers want to present themselves as efficaciously as possible.

The thing that distinguishes band from any other sport or activity is that it is a totally collaborative effort. Every member of the band and color guard must work in unison with everyone in every section of rehearsal, so togetherness is stressed. However, individual performances all contribute to the collective effect, so those are also

necessary and encouraged.

The marching band and color guard focus on specific and general areas of expertise in music. As the season progresses, all of the specifics and more challenging parts are focused on heavily to polish the presentation of the program as a whole. Toward the end of the season, the main goal is to polish the general concepts and to reinforce all of the specifics. However, Tweed was quick to point out that the group may work very hard, but they try to have fun at the same time.

Senior trumpet player Laura Panton said, "I am very hopeful and confident that this upcoming season will be my best of the four years I have participated in marching band."

During my interview with Tweed, he also related movies to music to

give an idea of how it contributes to a movie's overall quality and is important to it. He said that certain intervals of music are mood inspiring and add to the visual picture to give it more feeling. He asked me to imagine a movie without music; I did and realized how different it would be.

When I went to the marching band practice on Aug. 21, I knew almost nothing about it. Having never had a penchant to play music myself, I had to ask general questions and have Tweed elaborate on them. He did and helped me to understand how the players and participants work to perfect their music. Tweed said that he has never had a year he was unsatisfied with, and having heard his opinions on this year's group, I can decidedly say that this year does not look like it will be an exception.

preview
high school sports
by tim morgan



SPHS To Host NJFHCA Field Hockey Scrimmage Workshop Sat., Aug 31

Summer is just about over and it is time once again for Field Hockey. In preparation for the start of the season, the girls have been practicing extensively this past week under the guidance of head Coach Fran Flannery, and assistant coaches Tammy Zurka and Joanne Haus. The season kicks off as SPHS hosts the NJFHCA Preseason Scrimmage which takes place on Sat Aug 31 from 9 a.m. to noon. Other schools participating are Monroe(M), Watchung Reg(WR), Sayreville(S), Mountain Lakes(ML), and Johnson Reg(JR). Vendors will be onsite offering field hockey clothing. There will also be refreshments (drinks and light snacks). Please join us in support of our team for an exciting morning of field hockey.

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11:00-11:25	ML vs JR	M vs ML
11:30-11:55	JR vs SP	ML vs JR

Submitted By: Sharon Miller


The SPHS Athletic Booster Club is hosting a "Meet the Coaches" night on Tuesday Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All parents/guardians are invited to attend to meet and talk with the coaches of all sports in the high school. There will be a complimentary buffet dinner for all attendees. Booster Club representatives will be selling SPHS clothing items as well as accepting membership dues. Please join us!

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Sportworld is moving on Sept. 30 to 17 South Plainfield Ave. (formerly Pik-A-Toy). Watch for our Grand Opening/25th Anniversary Celebration!

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BRING YOUR SNOW BLOWER IN FOR SERVICING NOW AND RECEIVE \$10.00 OFF ANY SERVICE.

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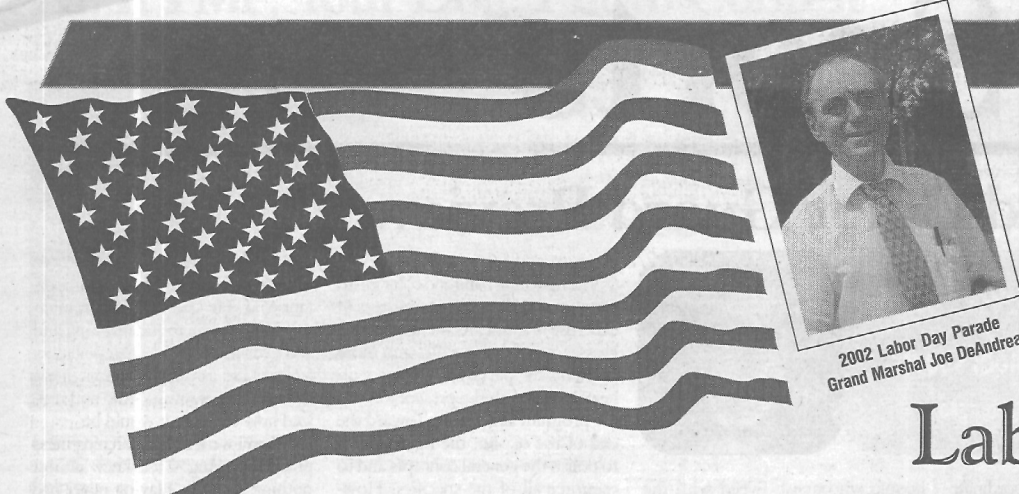
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Join
South Plainfield
on Monday, Sept. 2
for the 45th Annual
Labor Day Parade

“Celebrating Our Freedom”



2002 Labor Day Parade Trophies

to be awarded in the following categories:

*** HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL TROPHY ***

Given by Honorary Grand Marshal to best overall entry in his/her opinion

JUDGES' TROPHY

Best overall entry as determined by judges

GEORGE W. L. PAGE TROPHY

Given to the best civic entry

BEST YOUTH MUSICAL GROUP

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

BEST ADULT MUSICAL GROUP

Awarded by judges to the best adult musical performing group

BEST APPEARING MARCHING GROUP

BEST MUNICIPAL GROUP

Given to the best overall entry connected to the borough government

BEST NON-INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMING GROUP

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

BEST YOUTH GROUP

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

MOST OUTSTANDING FLOAT

Best overall

BEST YOUTH GROUP FLOAT

High School and under

BEST CIVIC FLOAT

MOST PATRIOTIC FLOAT

MOST OUTSTANDING VISITING ENTRY

Awarded to the best appearing entry from out of South Plainfield

BEST ANTIQUE VEHICLE

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

MARIE D. PAGE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AWARD

Awarded to the best overall instrumental musical performance entry

2002 Parade Participants

- South Plainfield Republican Organization
- South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission
- Teamsters Local 877/ Congressman Ferguson
- Unforgettable Autos- Ben Deutschman
- Gardner Detachment-marine Corps League
- South Plainfield Senior Citizens
- Crop Walkers-south Plainfield
- SPJBC 9-Year Old Travelling All Star Team
- American Martial Arts
- South Plainfield Hs Cheerleaders
- South Plainfield Football Eagles & Cheerleaders
- Jeff Pellegrino 1968 Chev. Camaro Super Sport
- Teamsters Horseman Motorcycle Assoc.
- South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept.
- American Ex- Prisoners Of War
- South Plainfield Cub Scouts
- Tiger Sharks Swim & Dive Teams
- Tim Carden For Congress
- South Plainfield Democrats
- New Market Volunteer Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary
- South Plainfield Girl Scouts
- Watchung Valley Model A Restorers
- Korean War Veterans Assoc. Middlesex Cty
- Watchung Model A Ford Club Of Marc
- Jam Steppers Drill Team Of Plainfield
- American Legion Chaumont Post 243
- A Small World Preschool On Hamilton Blvd.
- Hk Vol. Fire Co-1926 American La France
- South Plainfield Right To Life
- Knights Of Columbus
- Crop Walkers-Plainfield
- Pamela Janiszak
- St. Stephens Lutheran Church & Crop Walkers
- Cedarcroft Bible Chapel
- Paul Kosinski-1968 Camaro Convertible
- Unity Bank Pt Cruiser
- Ata Black Belt Academy
- South Plainfield Free Public Library
- Mcgruff The Crime Dog
- South Plainfield Rescue Squad
- Watchung Fire Department
- South Plainfield Elks Lodge 2298
- Elaine Flynn, Middlesex County Clerk
- David Crabel, Middlesex County Director Freeholder
- Libertarian Party Somerset And Middlesex Chapter
- James & Lynda Singleton- 1979 Cadillac
- Military Order Of The Purple Heart
- Republican State Committee - Candidate For Senate, Douglas Forrester
- Freeholder Candidates Joe Paone And Roger Craig
- Rescue House Of Prayer, Prayer Warrior Drill Team
- Family & Friends Dance Team
- South Plainfield Board Of Education
- Boy Scout Troop 124, South Plainfield
- Memorial Post 6763, Veterans Of Foreign Wars
- Middlesex Board Of Chosen Freeholders
- Assemblywoman Arline Friscia
- Phillip Burgess- 1929 Model A Ford
- Borough of Sayreville Fire Department
- Bear Bucket Brigade 1967 Hann Fire Engine
- Greenbrook EMS
- 1954 Ford Pickup - Owner Dale Peltier
- Company B 2nd Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Marching Soldiers
- 1970 Olds Cutlass Convertible - Owner Adam Tennenbaum
- New Market Fire Department
- NYC Fire Rescue No. 5
- Class-The Girls Next Door
- HumV 42nd Infantry Div. Support Command

THE PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

The following people have been working behind the scenes to make this year's parade a success. They deserve our thanks for all their efforts. Every committee member is a volunteer. The only compensation they receive is the satisfaction of putting together this once-a-year parade.

John Sorrentino, *Chair*

Don Alexa • Darlene Pinto • Marion Gallagher
Patricia Vargo • Michael English • Joseph Scrudato
Ray Petronko, Council Liaison • Michael Mannix, Jr.

Also working very hard on the parade are members of the police department, rescue squad, fire department, R.A.C.E. radio operators and the public works employees.

Parking Restrictions & Road Closings

Roads along the parade route and the 5K run will be closing at approximately 9:15 a.m. If you are coming to PAL, plan to arrive early. If you are marching in the parade, be sure to be at your assigned location by 9:15 sharp. Various streets along the parade route will be closed during the parade, including Plainfield Ave. and Maple Ave., the actual parade route.

There will be no parking in Spring Lake Park at all on Labor Day. Roads will be closed at 7 p.m. for fireworks. Police are asking residents to use South Plainfield High School parking lot for the evening concert (6:30) and fireworks (dusk).

There is no parking allowed at Borough Hall, the library, Rescue Squad or Senior Center.

The best parking will be at the high school or the P.A.L. Building. Both have extra lighting and are easy to access.

Bring the Whole Family!

Fireworks at dusk in Spring Lake Park preceded by the entertainment of "Sound Investment"

Observer Celebrates 5th Anniversary with Poster Contest

Be sure to visit the PAL after the parade. The *Observer* will have a booth there, as always, and our staff will greet residents and parade participants, and hand out complimentary newspapers.

We will be giving away gifts, surprises and we will announce the winning entry in our "Celebrate our Freedom" poster contest and award the grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Sportworld.

We will cover all the day's festivities, starting early with the 5K run, the parade, all of the contests and games at the PAL, as well as the bands, fireworks and of course, the visitors who come out for the fun.

This marks the fifth year we will be participating in the parade. The *Observer* published our first edition Labor Day in 1997. It is official our fifth birthday and we plan to celebrate it along with all who want to join us.

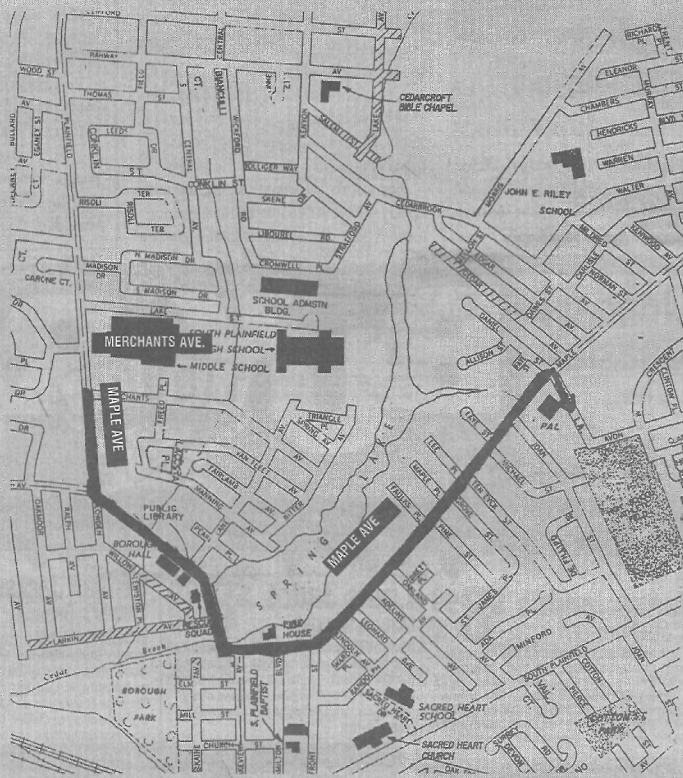
Stop by our booth. We look forward to meeting all of our readers and appreciate your opinions.

Cool Off at the Community Pool After the Parade

After the Labor Day Parade, residents can go over to the community pool and swim for only \$2 per person. So bring your swimsuits and cool off at the pool all afternoon.



labor day parade 2002 route



Due to the temporary closing of Veterans Park, the 2002 Labor Day Parade will follow a new route.

Schedule of Activities

(All times are approximate and subject to change)

- 8:15 a.m. Registration starts for 5K run and 1.5 mile family fitness walk
9:00 a.m. Road closings
9:25 a.m. 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Fitness Walk begin
10:00 a.m. **Parade Kicks Off at Plainfield and Merchants avenues**
12:30 p.m. Parade Ends/Activities Begin at PAL
Food and drinks available all afternoon at the park
- Recreation Activities at PAL**
- 12:45 p.m. Pie Eating Contest
1:30 p.m. Potato Sack Races
1:00 p.m. Parade Trophies awarded
1:15 p.m. Water Balloon Toss
1:00 p.m. Watermelon Eating Contest
12:45 p.m. Egg Toss Contest
- Evening Activities**
- 6:30 p.m. "Sound Investment" Concert – Spring Lake Park
Dusk Fireworks Display, Spring Lake Park

Concessions at the PAL

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South Plainfield Music Boosters	P&D Concessions-Popcorn, Drinks, Cotton Candy
Hotdogs, Soda, Water, Chili	The South Plainfield Observer
South Plainfield Lions Club	South Plainfield Environmental Commission –
Sausage, Cheesesteaks, Drinks, Beer	<i>Literature</i>
Summer Drama Workshop	Ponytail Parents Association
Barbecue-On-The-Stick, Soft Drinks, Water, Packaged	<i>Selling Tickets For Art Auction</i>
Goodies And T-shirts Supporting Their Program	Civil War Group – Frank McGonigle
Republican Party – Literature	Unity Bank – Literature/Giveaways
American Martial Arts	Carnival Concessions – Funnel Cake, Zeppolla’s
Pilgrim Covenant – Temporary Tattoos	Ata Black Belt Academy
French Club From High School – Face Painting	South Plainfield Free Public Library
National Honor Society – Wet Sponge Throwing	Victory 2002 – Literature (Political)
Party Lite/Mary Kay Cosmetics Representatives	Libertarian Party Somerset And Middlesex
John Birch Society – Tim Hogan – Literature	Athletic Boosters – High School Spirit Items
Tim Carden For Congress	Bunchi’s – Crafts
Commerce Bank – Literature/Giveaways	Hometown Hero’s- Catering Needs And Food

**12th Annual 5K
Labor Day Run &
Family Fitness Walk**

This year marks the 12th year that the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the Club at Ricochet will sponsor the 5K race.

Registration starts at 8:15 a.m.
Race begins 9:25 a.m. at the PAL.

Prizes include \$100 in cash, a one month free membership to Ricochet, \$50 gift certificates donated by Home Depot and Nike running shoes donated by Sportworld. Trophies are also awarded to first place finishers, in each age group, male and female. Trophies are donated by Joe Romer Trophy.

Entry fee for the walk is \$5 for individuals or the family. The first 50 entrants receive a t-shirt. The 5K run entry fee is \$15. The first 200 entrants receive a t-shirt.

Aiello Chiropractic Center will be on hand to offer pre- and post-race/walk massages.

Participants are asked to park in the parking lot at Jost Athletic Field and not park on either Cady Lane or Avon Ave. Those roads will be used for the parade floats to exit after the parade.

Proceeds from the race help support the Drug Awareness activities of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness.

Rules for Parade Marchers

Parade begins on Plainfield Ave. at Middle School at 10 a.m. SHARP! Units must begin forming at 9:15 a.m. in the marshaling areas off Plainfield Ave. Units are required to follow the entire line of march to be eligible for an award. All entrants must plan on being in the parade until 1 p.m.

Parade must be kept moving forward at all times. Drills & performances will be permitted *only* in front of the reviewing stand at the PAL Field. *Each organization's performance is limited to three minutes including setup & break down.*

Cooperation of participating units with all parade officials, as well as adherence to parade rules, will be used by the judges in consideration for any award. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in disqualification, and may affect the entrant's involvement in the future parades.

Trophies will be awarded at the PAL Field Reviewing Stand approximately 1 hour following the parade. Trophy to be awarded to entry as name appears on application. Categories are listed on the back of entry form.

For the safety and enjoyment of the spectators, no entry will be allowed to campaign for any candidate, organization or issue handouts, direct promotion, signs or solicitation either from within the line of march or along route. Also, the throwing or other distribution of any material (candy, balloons, literature, etc.,) from floats and/or participating units or along the parade route is prohibited.

All entrants must have a complete list of names of all participants in their unit. All floats must have at least 4 **spotters** (2 on each side) along the parade route.

Parade entrants are responsible for all vehicles connected with their entry and are responsible for any person marching with their entry.

No support vehicles allowed in the line of march. Buses, vans, station wagons, etc. will be directed to a meeting area at the end of the parade route.

Location in the line of march will be given to each entrant as they arrive on Labor Day. A Marshal will be located at Plainfield Ave. and the Middle School and will direct each participant to their proper location.

Hi! It's Me, Your Dog! Photo Contest

Borders Books & Music Search for the Cutest Canine in NJ



Just think, your dog can compete in a dog show and never have to enter the ring!

You know your dog is cute, now it's time to let the rest of the state know just how adorable your dog is. Enter your funniest, cutest or most adorable photo of your dog in the Hi! It's Me, Your Dog! Photo Contest.

Take or send your nonreturnable picture to the participating Borders store nearest you between Sept. 1 and

Sept. 30. One entry per person. Please put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photograph.

Your dog's picture will be displayed in the store until Sept. 30, 2002.

Emmy-winning journalist Lisa Mendoza, author of the informative and entertaining "Hi! It's Me, Your Dog!," will select the top three photographs. First place winner will receive a trophy, second and third place will receive ribbons. Winners will be notified by Oct. 20.

Hi! It's Me, Your Dog! is written from a dog's perspective. It takes you for a walk through a dog's world, but don't worry, you don't have to wear a leash! Hi, It's Me, Your Dog! educates as well as tickles your funny bone.

For more information, please call (800) 497-4909 Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Friends Of The Woods Seek Volunteers For Nature Reserve

Friends of the Woods needs help at the fall Trail Maintenance Day in the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Sunday morning, Sept. 22. People can report to either the Sylvania Place gate or the Carmine Avenue forest restoration site at 9 a.m. to sign in and join a crew. Work will continue through the morning, so late arrivals are also welcome.

Volunteers will work on a variety of projects, including trail building, trail maintenance (pruning, blazing), control of invasive alien plants, erosion control and litter cleanup. Gloves and bags will be provided. Volunteers are asked to

bring any appropriate tools they can. These include shovels, rakes, hoes, pruners or loppers, saws, wheelbarrows or carts.

Friends of the Woods holds two Trail Maintenance Days a year. These keep the trails safe and enjoyable for the science classes, scout troops and the public that use the Nature Reserve year-round. They also offer an opportunity to learn more about the Woods, and to meet other people who like to be around trees and wild-life.

For more information, call the South Plainfield Environmental Specialist, (908) 226-7621 or e-mail her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

With the generally recognized end of summer just one weekend away (as opposed to the actual end of summer, which isn't for a few weeks), we're still in low-tide mode here at the Library. But, we still have a few announcements to pass along:

We're between groups on the Video Circuit today. The next group should be available by late next week.

The Library will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. However, we will have a float in South Plainfield's Labor Day Parade (think "white satin jump suits," folks) and we'll have a table with Library information at the end of the parade route. Please be sure to stop by.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the monthly meeting of home schooling parents has been postponed. They'll meet in the Children's Room at the Library on Monday evening, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Our children's Storytime programs have been cancelled for next week. They'll return at their usual times the following week. In the interim, if you'd like further information about our children's programs, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

Following their summer hiatus, the next meeting of the Friends of the Library has been re-scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend.

We'll be re-starting our very well received Sunday operating hours (1:30-5 p.m.) on Sept. 15. We're also planning on several special Sunday programs this fall. We'll keep you informed as the details are worked out.

Unfortunately, we have to remind everyone of a problem regarding our computers. In spite of our best efforts, there are times when our computer terminals break down or are momentarily disabled. If this happens when you're using a terminal, please let us know about the problem right away. DO NOT try to fix it yourself. You may be a genius with software and hardware, but these aren't your computers and fixing them isn't your responsibility. Just turn the matter over to us and we'll take care of it, as we're supposed to. Besides, if a computer breaks down and you inadvertently make it worse, it'll cost a lot of money to fix it (on top of the bigger lot of money it cost us to buy them). And you'll have the dubious honor of footing the bill.

That's about all for now. We hope you all have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend. See you next Friday.

BUY RITE

"The place for people of great taste"

Mondavi Coastal
Merlot
8.99
750 ML

THIS WEEK'S WINE FEATURES

Beringer Founder's Cabernet This wine starts with distinct flavors and aromas redolent of deep, dark fruit - blackberries and cassis - only to reveal subtle vanilla mocha notes and hints of spicy cinnamon and nutty oak. Some of the foods that go well with this wine are lamb braised with rosemary and garlic or simply a fresh grilled tuna steak.	Louis Jadot Macon Villages Macon-Villages is a clean, fresh Chardonnay with typical varietal fragrance. Vinified without oak contact. The delicate acid balance of citrus and white fruit flavors carries into a refreshing, crisp finish on the palate. Goes well with fish.	Kendall Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay Forward fruit flavors and aromas of peach, green apple, melon and tropical fruit are layered with butter-scented oak. Lush and rich with balanced acidity, this wine is delicious as an aperitif or a complement to a wide array of dishes, including grilled fish, shellfish, roasted chicken and creamy style pastas.	Rosemount Shiraz This wine delivers crushed berry and spicy anise aromatics, richness, mouthfeel and a tasty medium-length finish. A wine for the grill, a party, you name it - this Shiraz shows no faults.
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THIS WEEK'S WINE SPECIALS

Foxhorn Chardonnay 1.5 Liter \$5.99	Arbor Valley Merlot 1.5 Liter 4.99	San Francisco De Mostazal Cabernet Reserva 750 ML 7.99
Arbor Valley Chablis, Rose, Burgundy 4 Liter \$6.99	Beringer White Zinfandel 750 ML 4.99	Almaden Chablis, Burgundy, Blush, Rhine 5 Liter Box 8.99
Cavit Pinot Grigio 1.5 Liter \$9.99	Estate Cellars Cabernet, Merlot 1.5 Liter 5.99	M&R Asti Spumante 750 ML 8.99
Rosemount Shiraz/Cabernet Blend 1.5 Liter \$10.99	Rene Junot Rouge & Blanc 1.5 Liter 5.99	Franzia Cabernet, Chardonnay, Merlot 5 Liter Box 10.99
Redwood Creek Merlot 1.5 Liter \$11.99	Carlo Rossi Burgundy, White Grenache, Chab, Sang, Chianti 4 Liter 7.99	Beringer Stone Cellars Chardonnay 1.5 Liter 11.99
	Robert Mondavi Woodbridge White Zinfandel 1.5 Liter 7.99	Robert Mondavi Woodbridge Cabernet 1.5 Liter 11.99
	Luna di Luna Chard/Pinot Grigio Blend 750 ML 7.99	

Moet & Chandon White Star Extra Dry
24.99
750 ML

THIS WEEK'S SPIRITS & CORDIAL SPECIALS

Seagram Coolers 4 Pak 3.99	Gordon's Vodka 1.75 Liter 13.99
Stock Sweet or Dry Vermouth 1.5 Liter 6.99	Seagram Seven Crown Whisky 1.75 Liter 14.99
Dekuyper Peachtree Schnapps 750 ML 7.99	Clan MacGregor Scotch 1.75 Liter 15.99
Zelco Vodka 1.75 Liter 9.99	Christian Brothers Brandy 1.75 Liter 16.99
Cruzan Banana, Coconut, Orange Pineapple, Vanilla Rum 750 ML 9.99	Romana Sambuca 750 ML 16.99
Club 400 Blended Whisky 1.75 Liter 10.99	Jose Cuervo Gold Tequila 750 ML 17.99
Port Royal Rum 1.75 Liter 10.99	Courvoisier VS Cognac 750 ML 21.99
Canadian Peak 1.75 Liter 11.99	Beefeater Gin 1.75 Liter 26.99
Fleischmann Dry Gin 1.75 Liter 11.99	Dewar's White Label Scotch 1.75 Liter 31.99
Black Velvet Canadian 1.75 Liter 12.99	Jack Daniel's Whisky 1.75 Liter 32.99

Bacardi Light & Gold Rum
\$17.99
1.75 Liter

Crown Royal 80 Canadian
\$18.99
750 ML

Smirnoff 80 Vodka
\$18.99
1.75 Liter

Tanqueray No. 10 Gin
\$22.99
750 ML

Chivas Regal Scotch
\$25.99
750 ML

Absolut Vodka
\$28.99
1.75 Liter

THIS WEEK'S BEER SPECIALS

Corona Extra & Light 12 oz NR btls 20.99 Case	Miller Lite MGD Reg & Light/Icehouse 12 oz cans \$15.99 -3.00 mfg rebate 12.99 30 Pak	Becks, Becks Dark, Becks Light & Octoberfest 2/12 pak 12 oz NR btls 19.99 Case	Foster's Lager 2/12 Pak 12 oz NR btls 17.99 Case
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Natural Light & Ice 2/12 Pak 12 oz cans 8.99

Coors Extra Gold 30 Pak 12 oz cans 11.99

O'Douls (Non-Alcoholic Lager or Amber) 12 oz NR btls or cans 11.99

Michelob & Michelob Light 30 Pak 12 oz cans 15.99

Samuel Adams Lager & Light 2/12 Pak 12 oz NR btls 19.99

Pilsner Urquell 12 oz NR btls 19.99

Mike's Hard Lemonade or Hard Iced Tea 11.2 oz NR btls 21.99

8.99
Case

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30 Pak

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15.99
30 Pak

19.99
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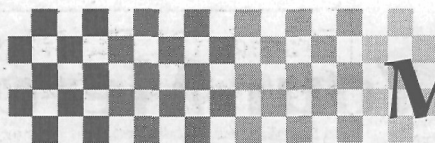
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Discount Wine & Spirits
902 Oak Tree Road, South Plainfield (Across from A&P)

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Mon. Tues. Wed. 9-9
Thurs. Fri. Sat. 9-10
Sun 10-6

**South Plainfield
Observer**

The following businesses
are proud to serve the
South Plainfield community



Meet Your Merchants

Since 1997, Columbia Bank has been providing "quality service" and "banking convenience" to the residents and business owners of South Plainfield. In keeping with their service/convenience focus, customers can now bank in person, by ATM, by telephone and by personal computer. The branch, which is located at 620 Oak Tree Ave. and Case Dr., also features extended service hours, where customers can interface with a "live" teller from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Branch Manager Karolyn Brock is a well-known supporter of community initiatives, serving as an active member of the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Chamber of Commerce. This close community involvement is what differentiates Columbia from most other banks.

For more information, contact a Columbia representative at (908) 757-1055.

Left to right are Pattie Kocher, Shannon Jeffries, Donna Rubino, Branch Manager Karolyn Brock and Manjushree Gurjar.

Columbia Savings Bank

620 Oak Tree Avenue and Case Drive • (908) 757-1055



With a dollar and a dream, Clem Approvato, Laura Searles and her two children, Alexandra and JJ, opened Animal House.

One year later, with the help of Janice and Kristin, they are counting their blessings. Family, friends and the people of South Plainfield have made their dream come true.

Please come visit us at Animal House and become part of the family. We would love to take care of all your pet grooming needs.

Pictured left to right are Alexandra Searles, Laura Searles, JJ Searles, Kristin Kneer and Janice Treesh.



18 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield

(908) 755-3342

AnimalHousePet@aol.com



Charlie and Debbie Kurland opened their first bagel store in Woodbridge in 1985 and ran a wholesale bagel operation serving many establishments in central Jersey.

They were the former owners of Designer Bagel and Deli and All American Burger in Edison, and sold them in order to design their new concept Hometown Heros located at 340 Hamilton Blvd. They are famous for their "Hero of the Month" catered luncheons that they provide to local names that have been submitted for consideration of this honor. They also donate food to local fundraisers and are always looking for new ways to be involved in our community.

Along with their takeout or eat-in deli sandwiches and salads they will also cater any special occasion. For more information all them at (908) 755-HERO.

HOMETOWN HEROS

340 Hamilton Boulevard

908-755-HERO (4376)



Although Bunchi's will be celebrating its first anniversary in October, it has already become a South Plainfield landmark. When it comes to arts and crafts collectibles and treasured curiosities, Bunchi's boutique, which is set up just like your own home, offers a wonderful array of gift items and home decor in a welcome environment that brings back the days before mall mentality took over.

Because of Bunchi's popularity, owner/ artist Yorka Ralwins has opened her art studio right next door where all ages can come and learn how they too can create beautiful keepsakes. Private craft parties have also become very popular as an alternative from the usual birthday gathering where children and adults alike can celebrate and create at the same time.

All About Arts & Crafts

Bunchi's

Your Home Town Gift & Home Decor!

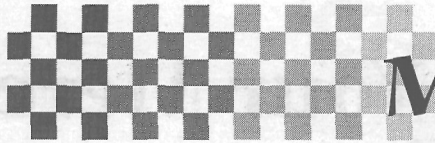
179 & 175 Front Street

(908) 755-4049 www.bunchis.com





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Meet Your Merchants

Directors Christine Glennon and Joy Schmelzer invite you to visit Rainbow Academy on the South Plainfield/Edison border to see what a difference we can make for your child. This beautiful school with state-of-the-art facilities offers a variety of programs for children from ages 6 weeks to 10 years. Operating hours are from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday – please feel free to come by for a tour and additional information about the curriculum. Now Enrolling - Limited Space Available!

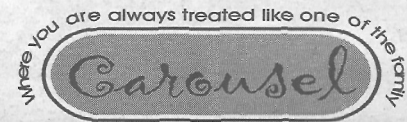
Rainbow Academy
2177 Oak Tree Road
908-769-3224
www.rainbowacademy.com



The Carousel Hair Salon at 307 Oak Tree Ave. is known around town as the “family place.”

Owner Marty Papa and her staff make everyone feel at home within minutes of entering the shop. For 26 years they have been supplying customers with coffee and cake while they get their hair done. Most clients stay well after they’re done just to visit with their friends in the shop.

The salon is open Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 6:45 a.m. until 3 p.m. For an appointment call (908) 668-8397.



307 Oak Tree Ave. 908-668-8397
Wed.-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 6:45am-3pm, Closed Sun/Mon/Tues

Sam Ghanim, also known as “Sam the Carpet Man,” and partner Nichole Schaefer recently opened My Way Carpet, located at 119 Hamilton Blvd. near the corner of Maple Ave.

Sam was raised learning the trade by his father, who deals mostly in high end carpets. Sam worked as an installer, and he and his father started their own business out of their home. After building a name locally, Sam decided to open a store front.

More than half of our family is in the carpet business throughout New Jersey and all installations are done by people we love and trust to represent our name.

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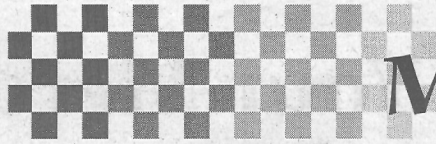


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As a resident of South Plainfield, Lynne especially enjoys helping others in her community. She and her husband Ron, who is captain of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, spend many hours donating their time to the community.

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Since owner Donna Siepmann opened Custom Creations & Gifts over a year and a half ago, she has turned it into much more than a gift shop.

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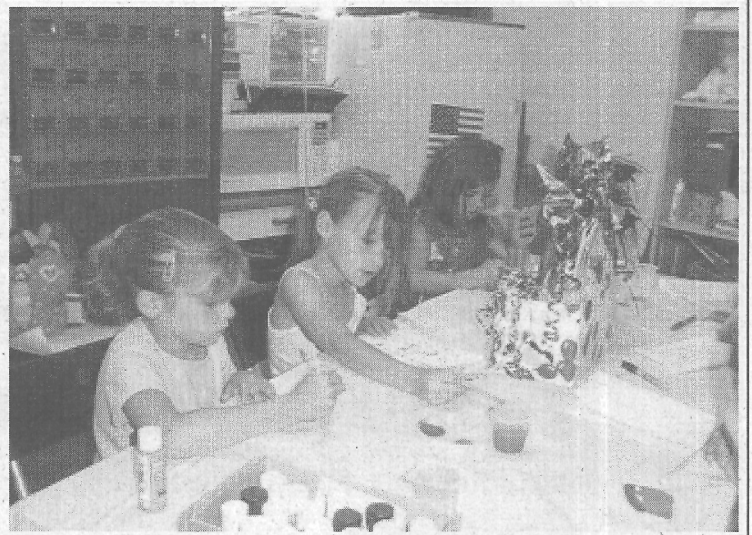
Donna's shop can also provide opportunities for many of the programs that are required for the Girl Scout of America badges from Daisies to Cadets. Call her for more info!

The rear of the store at 24 So. Plainfield Ave. was expanded to hold ceramic classes and kids craft birthday parties. She has many exciting and different ideas for that special birthday child. Ceramic classes are forming now for the fall. Call (908) 755-5060 now to reserve a space, seating is limited.



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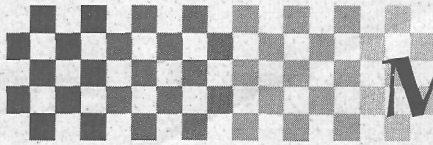


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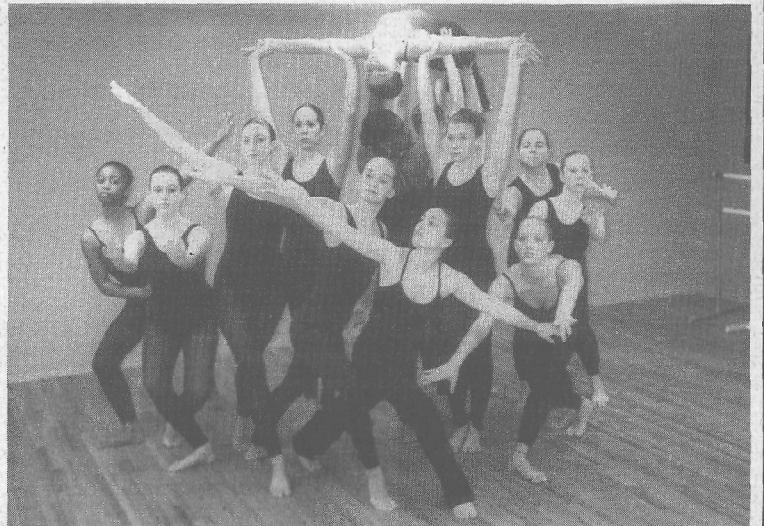
JoAnn Faulkner is the director and owner of Jo-Ann's Dance Studio-The Performing Arts Centre at 4475 So. Clinton Ave. She is proudly celebrating her 25th year in South Plainfield.

Her studio is the official dance training center for Feigley's School of Gymnastics. Tarra (Faulkner) Catalin, JoAnn's daughter, is the artistic director at Jo-Ann's and heads up the award winning LeCenter Dance Ensemble, which has won praise for its innovation and creative choreography.

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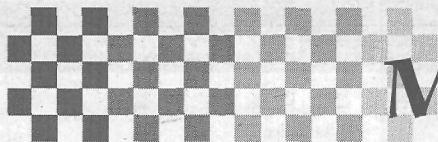
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Pictured left to right are Mike Dixon, his daughter, Vice President Sarah Dixon and General Manager Frank Budden.



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

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

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Obituaries

Barbara (Noss) Schwab, 90

Barbara (Noss) Schwab died on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Francis E. Parker Memorial Home in Piscataway.

Born in Japan to missionary parents, she grew up in Aizuwakamatsu, Japan and moved to the US in 1929, when she began to attend Mt. Holyoke College in So. Hadley, Mass. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1933. For the several following years she had resided in New York City where she worked as a librarian for the NY Public Library. She later moved to Oradell, NJ and had continued to work as a librarian for the Oradell Library. When she turned 50, Barbara went back to school for computer programming and began a 15-year career as a programmer with Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark, which later moved to Roseland. She retired from Prudential at age 65.

During her retirement years, she and a group of associates formed their own company called Hospital Billing Systems in Oradell. She worked with her company until she was 75. For the next 10 years she enjoyed traveling the world with her daughter, Virginia.

She was a member of the Mt. Holyoke College Alumni Association. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, in 1981. She was also predeceased by her 10 brothers and sisters.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia Schwab of North Plainfield and Harriet Sideck and her husband, Jon of South Plainfield; a brother, David Noss of Tiffin, Ohio and her two

granddaughters, Lesley Sideck and Lisa Keller.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to the Francis E. Parker Memorial Home, 1421 River Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Bernard Leo Cavaliere, 72

Bernard Leo Cavaliere died on Friday, Aug. 23, at his home.

Born in Jersey City, he had resided in Plainfield and Woodbridge and then South Plainfield for 15 years before settling in Whiting a year and half ago.

Bernie served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, with the helicopter squadron of Lakehurst and aboard the USS Block Island.

Before his retirement in 1989, Bernie was the owner and operator of Bernie's Getty I & II on Hamilton Blvd. and the Hamilton Blvd. Extension for 10 years. Prior to the gas stations, he was the service manager for DiFeo Buick of Jersey City for 35 years.

Bernie is the founder and a life member of the White Tail Rod & Gun Club. He is also a life member of the So. Plainfield Italian American Club and a member of the South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post 243. In addition, he had also been a mayoral candidate for the City of Plainfield in 1968.

His parents, James and Madelon (Mount) and two brothers, Andrew and Charles have predeceased him.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Catherine (Dunn) Cavaliere; four daughters, Bernadette Williams of Ormond Beach, Fla., Maria Vanderbilt of Waretown, NJ, Catherine Cavaliere of Dunellen and Madelon Cavaliere of South Plainfield; two sons, James of Forked River and Bernard of Tampa Fla.; 21 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Kathleen MacFarland Basile, 51

Kathleen MacFarland Basile of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at her home.

She was born in Brooklyn and was a former resident of North Plainfield before moving here nine years ago.

Kathleen was employed in the housekeeping department at Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home in Green Brook for 14 years before having to retire last year.

Kathleen loved her trips to Disney World in Florida while vacationing with her family.

Surviving are two sons, Cornelius M. and his wife Ann of Villanova, Pa. and Scott and his wife Jennifer of Carlsbad, Ca., two sisters, Margie Stokes of Port Murray, NJ and Irene Donatelli of Vero Beach, Fla. and a brother, Bobby Totan of Metuchen.

Also surviving are her grandchildren, Ashley, Joshua, Taylor, Ali, Chelsie and Liam Donobuc.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

If Plants Could Talk presents Garden Defense Tips

One of the most common problems for area gardeners is wildlife damage to landscape plants and vegetable gardens. In an effort to help you keep your plantings intact, the Middlesex County office of Rutgers Cooperative Extension presents the upcoming episode of *If Plants Could Talk* on NJN Public Television. We'll discuss some practical techniques to reduce wildlife damage and take a look at some beautiful landscape plants that have proven to be distasteful to deer.

The half-hour show airs on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 12:30 p.m. and has become one of the most viewed locally produced programs on the network.

The show's mission is to offer helpful, information in the areas of gardening, landscaping and agriculture to the public. Hosts Bill Hlubik and Nick Polanin (Middlesex and Somerset

County Agents, respectively) present research-based content in an effort to spread the message of environmental stewardship to the masses.

Long-time Master Gardener and Perth Amboy resident, Donna Pemberton will also share with viewers a look at how her neighbors have turned their city lots into lush green spaces, with just a little imagination.

At the show's award winning website, www.ifplantscouldtalk.rutgers.edu, you can download fact-sheets, take virtual garden tours, and view educational streaming videos. The site even offers a slide show on how to decrease the risk of the West Nile Virus by reducing mosquito populations.

So tune in to NJN Public Television the first Saturday of each month at 12:30 p.m. to find out what all the "talk" is about.

New Teachers

(Continued from page 7)

Riley School welcomes two new teachers:

- **Lori Polito** has a BS degree from Monmouth University, West Long Branch. A NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing and NJ Teacher of the Handicapped is pending.

- **Angela Raimondo** will teach special education. She has a BA degree from The College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown and a NJ Teacher of the Handicapped and NJ Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

Grant Central Sixth Elementary welcomes three new teachers:

- **Rebecca Nemiroff** will teach English. She has a BA degree from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA and certification from Rider University. A NJ Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing is pending.

- **Kristin Hunt** is a special education (autistic) teacher. She has a BA degree from William Paterson University, Wayne. She is a certified NJ teacher of the handicapped and is currently studying at Kean University.

- **Alana Fernandez** is the media specialist at Grant School. She has a BS degree from NJ Institute of Technology. A NJ Education Services Certificate of Eligibility is pending.



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• On Aug. 20 an O'Donohue Ave. resident reported that her car had been scratched down the left side. Four other vehicles on the block also had been scratched.

• A Margaret Ct. resident reported that upon arriving home she had found that her house had been ransacked. The basement window had been smashed. It was unknown if anything was missing.

• Kendrick D. Magazine, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, resisting arrest, failing to wear a seat belt and contempt of a court order at a motor vehicle stop. Jamila H. Carter, 21, of Bound Brook was also arrested for hindering apprehension.

• Hollywood Video reported that a black male had walked out the door with two Playstation games worth \$78 which were concealed in his pants.

• On Aug. 21 a Carbray Ct. resident reported that someone had entered her locked 2002 Dodge Durango and stole a laptop computer, turbo token ring PC card and the computer's carrying case.

• On Aug. 22 Blockbuster reported that a white male left the store with seven to 10 DVDs without paying.

• Thomas E. Shell III, 18, of Piscataway was arrested for shoplifting nine CDs valued at \$126.91

from K-Mart.

• On Aug. 23 Leonard Sterling, 55, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and reckless driving at the corner of Rahway and Field avenues.

• Juan Leon-Torres, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of a weapon on Clinton Ave.

• A Holly Ave. resident reported that someone had entered his vehicle while it was parked in front of his house. The owner's manual, including the registration and insurance cards, a prescription card, sunglasses and a pair of prescription glasses were taken from the glove compartment.

• A New Brunswick Ave. resident reported that someone had entered her house through her unlocked front door while she was upstairs. Her purse, on the floor in the living, was taken. The pocketbook was later located by police 100 yards from the house in the weeds. Nothing was missing.

• On Aug. 25 Louis Beddoe, 41, of Bayonne was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving on Sampton Ave.

• A New Brunswick Ave. resident reported that he had left his wallet on the ground next to a tree in front of the community pool entrance. When he returned it was gone.

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**PAL FIELD
FESTIVITIES
INCLUDE:**

- 5K Race & 1.5 Mile Walk
- Pie/Watermelon Eating Contests
- “Backsplash” will entertain
- Egg Toss
- Potato Sack Race
- Water Balloon Toss