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Emil Leporino

Emil Leporino Dies; Active Volunteer

Emil Leporino, a 33-year resident of South Plainfield, died last Thursday.

Leporino was an active member of our community, always volunteering to serve on commissions, committees and fundraising events. His love of the youth of our town is evidenced by the many organizations which he either started, served on, or participated in. He served for two terms on the South Plainfield Board of Education and was one of the founders of the South Plainfield Education Foundation Vision 2001, and served as its president until earlier this year. Vision 2001 was truly one of Emil's proudest accomplishments. Under his leadership the foundation grew in size each year, handing out thousands of dollars in scholarships to high school graduates.

Emil was also instrumental in creating the South Plainfield Alumni Hall of Fame, as well as the Hall of Fame for the Arts and the Arts National Honor Society. He was very active with the South Plainfield High School Music Boosters, serving as president, and helped to organize the Marching Band Competition, which is still active today.

He was also a very active member of the South Plainfield Business Association, always working on recruiting new members and helping with the group's annual fundraiser golf outing. A Car Rodeo, held in the downtown area a few years ago and sponsored by the SPBA, was his inspiration. He was also a member of the South Plainfield Business Advisory Group.

Leporino was a member of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission, and was often on hand when the Clean Communities Glitter Award was presented. He was an active member of the South Plainfield Jaycees and the South Plainfield Polish Home.

"A man as dedicated as Emil was to the children of our town doesn't come along very often. He never asked for any recognition, just gave his all to youth of South Plainfield. I know we all will miss his commitment to the youth of South Plainfield," said Nancy Grennier, Publisher of the *Observer*.

For a full obituary, see page 10.

Candidates' Debate Next Wednesday

The candidates' debate, sponsored by the South Business Association, will take place Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Roosevelt School starting at 7:30 p.m.

Running for mayor this election are Democratic incumbent Dan Gallagher and the Republican challenger Jake Cataldo. Candidates for council are incumbent Democrats Jim Vokral and Ed Kubala and the Republican challengers, Marge Reedy and Geoff Champion.

The debate will be divided into two 45-minute sessions, one for the council candidates and the other for the mayoral candidates. Each candidate will begin with an opening statement, followed by a question and answer session and conclude with a short closing statement. A brief intermission will be held between the two debates and refreshments will be served. No political literature will be allowed in the gym during or after the debate, however there will be tables set up outside the gym. Absentee ballots will be

available.

All voters should attend this debate to hear from the candidates. Find out what they hope to accomplish and their plans for the future. Those attending will be encouraged to write their questions on a card, which will be submitted to the moderator. Questions must be related to the issues and not be personal attacks.

Moderator for the evening will be a member of the League of Women Voters and who will ask the questions and assure that candidates answer in the time allotted.

If for some reason you cannot attend, submit your questions ahead of time. None of the candidates will be allowed to see them prior to the debate.

If you need a ride to the debates call us at (908) 668-0010 and we may be able to arrange one. If you would like to suggest questions, do so by faxing to (908) 668-8819, mailing, or bringing them, to the *Observer* at 1110 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, or email us at ggnan@aol.com.

Vote

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Observer to Publish One Day Late

Due to the candidates' debates next Wednesday, the *Observer* will publish one day late next week in order to cover the event. The debates are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m., which is after our regular printing deadline.

In order to keep our commitment

to reporting on issues that are important to the residents of South Plainfield, we feel this event deserves coverage. We also didn't want our coverage of the debates to be the last issue before the election. By publishing a day late, we will still publish one more issue before Nov. 5.



Tulio "Cappy" Capparelli with his wife Prudence at last Saturday night's dinner held in his honor.

"Cappy" Capparelli Honored for Service

The South Plainfield Recreation Department and Police Athletic League held a dinner Saturday night in the new Senior Center to honor Tulio "Cappy" Capparelli.

The event, which brought out many friends, relatives, police officers (active and retired) and borough officials filled the room to capacity.

Bestowing awards were Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and Mayor Dan Gallagher, who presented proclamations from the State and from the Borough Council, respectively.

Master of Ceremonies and President of the Recreation Commission Bill Cochrane, also a retired police officer, presented "Cappy" with a plaque from the PAL and then announced the establishment of an annual "Cappy"

Award to be given to someone who volunteers their time for the betterment of our community. It will hang on the "Wall of Honor" at the PAL.

Sgt. Capparelli, or "Cappy" as he is known to his friends, has brought new meaning to the word *volunteer*. His activity and dedication to the youth of South Plainfield are well known to everyone. "There is no man who personifies what South Plainfield is all about more than Sgt. Capparelli," said Assemblyman Diegnan.

Cappy was a member of the South Plainfield Police Department for 30 years, retiring as deputy chief. He organized the South Plainfield Athletic League and served as the director for the PAL since its inception in 1959, and was instrumental in getting the original PAL building constructed.

Cappy established the PAL gradu-

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Veterans Day ceremonies took place this past Monday at Borough Hall. Congressman Mike Ferguson and Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan were just a few of those attending. It was the largest crowd ever in the 27 years that this UNICO-sponsored service has been held in South Plainfield.

Street Signs Honoring Heroes to be Unveiled

The Mayor and Borough Council will be holding a ceremony honoring those gallant men who gave their lives fighting for our freedom on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Municipal Building. Over the years, 28 streets have been named in honor of those men who died in the line of duty. Twenty-eight new street signs, which have been made and adorned with a flag and gold star, will replace the present street signs around town so the residents will know who the real heroes were. Families of these heroes will also be presented a new original sign, the same as those that will be placed around town, for their own memorials. The public is invite.

IN YOUR OPINION

Submit Letters to the Editor:

Letters may be submitted to our office: South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email at our website at spobserver.com or faxed to 908-668-8819. Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m. Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Please limit letters to no more than 500 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. We reserve the right to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the publisher.

While the Observer is a strong proponent of our readers' rights to express their opinions through submission of letters to the editor, we will not publish letters which accuse anyone of violating the law unless substantiated by a police report. Although it is political season in South Plainfield, and every individual has both the right and responsibility to support a candidate, the Observer will not be the vehicle through which rumors are perpetuated.

To The Editor:

I just finished reading a senseless and disturbing letter dated Oct. 11, from Debi Esposito. I would just like to say that she is a flat out liar.

First of all she claims that she has a lot of support from people, which she does not. Second, she is running for a PTA office and she is lowering herself by dragging children and racial issues that have nothing to do with the PTA or school for that matter. And third, I personally will not vote for an unstable person for PTA president of our school and I don't think anyone from Roosevelt should. And last but not least, she has absolutely nothing to be jealous of.

**ANNOYED PARENT
JOSE ACEVADO**

Dear Editor,

Last week's paper included a letter from Dennis Cerami, a Democratic

councilman. The letter, once again, distorts a Republican position and then attacks the distortion. This is a recurrent theme. The Democrats can never answer criticism directly.

Cerami attacked us for supposedly "criticizing a program that secures state-of-the-art equipment for our police without requiring bonding." Yet we did no such thing. We simply uncovered the falsity of the Democrats' pay-as-you-go slogan. We pointed out that Democrats are leasing instead of borrowing. In other words, they're still incurring debt, but its just not hitting the books. We went to great pains to say we did not criticize the Democrats for leasing, just for using a campaign claim that's deceptive.

If Cerami is so sure the article he discussed criticizes the leasing program – as opposed to criticizing the Democrats for making deceptive claims – I challenge him to write a letter to the paper quoting from the article where we criticized the leasing plan or what was being purchased. I'm tired of his party distorting things and then attacking the distortion. Maybe instead of twisting things, the Democrats should respond to what we actually say.

**MARGE REEDY, CANDIDATE FOR
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

To the Editor

I have lived in South Plainfield for many years and I have never been more proud of what I see. So many roads repaired, senior housing, the Senior Recreation Center, the new P.A.L. for our kids, a new park, so much land dedicated for open space, never to be developed, and elected officials who listen to me.

Our Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad have a new fire truck and a new ambulance, and once again there will be no municipal tax increase.

All these things happen when we have good people working for us. I am voting for Dan Gallagher, Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral and I urge you to do the same.

MARYANN SORRENTINO

Dear Editor:

Last week Councilman Dennis Cerami wrote to your paper to rail against the Republicans for exposing the myth of the Democratic pay-as-you-go claim. Ironically, Cerami's letter ended up admitting what he wrote to deny. That's right, Cerami admitted the pay-as-you-go slogan his party touts is inaccurate.

The letter states that the leasing program the council uses allows the town to "pay over time." Well, if the council is paying for big projects over time (just like if it borrowed), it's not paying as it goes. So the Republicans are right. The council is simply leasing instead of buying, even though both payment options entail long-term obligations. Therefore, the Democrats' pay-as-you-go government claim is a myth.

The Democrats think they have us fooled. We'll see on Election Day.

JAMES GUOTH

To the Editor:

Thank you Rose Contey for writing the letter that I've been intending to write for the past six weeks! Our founding fathers never intended for one party to have complete control; they were wise enough to know that human nature is prone to self interest and cronyism. Having a one party mayor and council isn't even in the best interest of the registered Democrats of South Plainfield!

If the three Republican candidates win on Election Day, the Democrats will still be the majority, but at least we will have opposing representation to keep us informed. And that's what will be in the best interest of ALL our residents. I would be writing these same sentiments if South Plainfield had been governed by a Republican mayor and council for the last nine

To The Editor,

In November of 1965, during the dedication of Sacred Heart's newly built Church, I shot 2-25 foot rolls of 8 mm movie film. I covered the procession of the clergy from the rectory to the church and all through the ceremony.

Later I put the two rolls together making it one film and kept it in a 250-foot gray film can, with the word "dedication" written on the lid. I loaned it to someone for a presentation for their group. I not only never got it back, but I have lost the "sign-out card" for the person who borrowed the film.

I am writing about this now because the parish will soon be getting things together for the Parish's 100th anniversary. If I can get this film back and it is in good condition, we could have it converted to video tape for general viewing.

If anyone reading this has any information about this film, they may call me at (908) 756-9654. We can arrange for me to pick it up. Any help in this matter would be appreciated.

**SINCERELY,
WILLIAM TUTHILL**

years.

We need to return to a two party governing body. Maybe the south side of town wouldn't be so congested if we had our checks and balances in place all these years. Just think how nice it would be if we could all use the South Plainfield exits and entrances of 287 instead of going into Piscataway!

MAUREEN TERHUNE

Letter to the Editor:

There are a few people that qualify for the term "public servant." Council President Jim Vokral is one of those people. Jim dedicates a major portion of his day to serve the people of South Plainfield. He and his wife Debbie are totally involved in Sacred Heart Church and work tirelessly for those who need help.

But beyond volunteer activities, Jim also works hard for the residents of the Borough of South Plainfield, along with Ed Kubala and our Mayor Dan Gallagher. Everyone is aware of the great improvements to our town and it is no coincidence that during that time these three gentlemen have been elected to serve our town. It is important that all of us get out and vote for Jim Vokral, his running mate Ed Kubala and our Mayor Dan Gallagher.

WALTER KALMAN

To the Editor;

I have had the honor of knowing Dan Gallagher professionally and as a dear friend for over 20 years. He possesses all the qualities one desires in an outstanding leader. He is hard working, intelligent, honest and has a clear vision for the future of South Plainfield.

As Mayor, Dan Gallagher has proven himself to be a STRONG advocate for the students of South Plainfield. He is a frequent supporter, speaker and attendee at many school events including, Project Graduation. He truly cares about the future of South Plainfield's children, parents and seniors.

South Plainfield is truly fortunate to have a proven outstanding leader like Dan Gallagher as Mayor. It is an honor

to call him friend.

**SINCERELY,
HELEN GOTTLIEB**

To the Editor,

As a resident and a taxpayer of South Plainfield, I would like to give credit where credit is due. Over the past six or seven years I have been able to see for myself the many improvements in town. People may have already forgotten, but remember the poor condition of Hadley Rd., Today, it's a pleasure to drive. So many roads have been repaved that it's a pleasure to travel through South Plainfield.

As you drive around town, you can't help but notice the expanded PAL building, the new Senior Center, new Senior Housing and if you are one to visit the library or have business in Borough Hall, you will see how beautifully they have been renovated.

I'm sure that others can identify many more improvements in town, but I for one, believe in the "Pay As You Go" policy. The Democrats have certainly demonstrated that they are sincere in keeping the municipal tax rate stable. Three years in which there was no municipal tax increase! Mayor Daniel Gallagher, Councilman James Vokral and Councilman Ed Kubala have earned your trust and your vote. If you vote your conscience, vote for what's best for South Plainfield, you'll vote Democrat.

**SINCERELY,
MARCELLA THOMAS**

To the Editor,

When I first registered to vote, I registered as a Democrat. I used to vote a straight ticket until I realized that there were some good Republicans.

I started to vote for the person and not the party, although most of my votes were for Democrats.

When Frank Lautenberg ran for office, I decided to vote in a new member of Congress and voted for him each time he ran.

I regret to say that Frank has low-

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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, October 21 Thursday, October 24

Monday, November 4 Thursday, November 7

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

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

zoning board of adjustment

Meets on Thursdays

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Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - Nov. 12, Dec. 10,

Jan. 14, 2003, Feb. 11, March 11, April 1.

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

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

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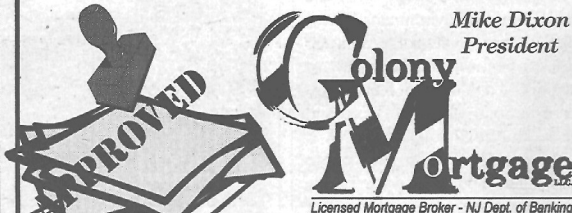
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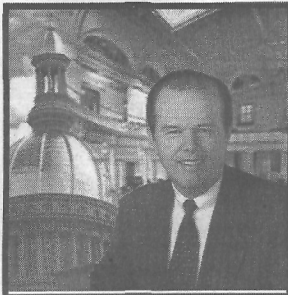


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News

From The State House

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan

Route 287 Interchange Improved

I think most people will acknowledge that government usually doesn't move at the speed of sound. However, in fairness, I have had the pleasure to deal with some very competent and responsive people during my nine months in the Assembly.

As you may recall, in one of my earlier columns, one of the first cabinet members I met with back in February was Transportation Commissioner James Fox. I told you at that time that I was really impressed with the Commissioner's energy and enthusiasm. We discussed traffic issues facing all of the towns in the 18th district and I pointed out two things in South Plainfield that really bugged me: (1) the lack of signage with the name "South Plainfield" on them on the exits off Route 287 and (2) the mess that exists at the entrance and exit to Rt. 287 on Durham Ave. The Commissioner promised that he would make these projects a priority and he has kept his word. You may already have seen the signs for South Plainfield at the Stelton Rd. exit going South on Route 287 and the Durham Ave. exit going North.

A couple of weeks ago, my Chief of Staff, Addie Levine and I met with George Caruso who works for the landscaping division in the Department of Transportation at the Durham Ave./Rt. 287 Interchange site. We went over the unsightly condition with him and he promised a landscaping plan would be developed. Within a matter of a few days, his supervisor, Pat Steele, forwarded a schedule to my legislative office. I am happy to say that within the next few weeks, both the ramp coming off Route 287 and the entrance onto Route 287 will be totally re-landscaped.

The existing sickly vegetation will be removed along with the weeds growing beneath the underpass. The area will be totally replanted including 48 Maple trees, 24 flowering Cherry trees, 24 flowering Pear trees, 60 Spruce trees and 60 White Pine trees. The thing I am most excited about is that yellow daffodil bulbs will be planted in some areas as a living memorial to the victims of September 11th.

This is a state project known as "Fields of Gold." It just goes to show that government agencies are a lot more responsive than we think. Keep your eye on the exit and entrance areas along Durham Ave. It should be fun to watch the progress. If you have any suggestions or ideas about any area of interest, please contact my office at (908) 757-1677 or email me at AsmDiegnan@njleg.org.



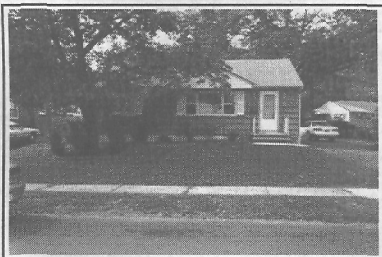
Brownie Troop 410 from Kennedy School recently spent a day at Camp Lou Henry Hoover in Middleville, NJ. Front row: Angela Spadavecchia, Rebecca Moskal, Kristin Darby, Samantha Hunterton. Back row: Emily Skula, Alexa Douras, Nicole Jones, Bianca Lobosco, Christina Kasmer, Emily Reineke, Meghan Heim, Nicole Kopchak.

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The local GOP recently honored South Plainfield's favorite son, Dennis Little, at a reception at Flanagan's. Little, who just stepped down as Middlesex County GOP chairman, is a former South Plainfield councilman and former Middlesex County clerk. Before that he chaired the South Plainfield Republican Organization for many years. Pictured are (from left to right) GOP Chairman David Guoth, mayoral candidate Jake Cataldo, Little and council candidate Geoff Champion. In addition to a plaque, Little received a custom-made stuffed elephant and the well wishes of about forty of his friends and colleagues.

Helen Street Project Moving Slowly to Completion

The Helen Street Project has been discussed for years. Residents received the latest update on the project from Councilman Charlie Butrico.

Helen Street was first proposed in 1981, but the actual conception and kick-off took place in 1988 and was adopted into the 2002 Master Plan.

According to Butrico, almost everyone in town has heard of the Helen Street Project, but many don't have any idea of where it is or what the project entails.

Butrico started by explaining the reason behind the Helen St. project was to help alleviate truck traffic from Hamilton Blvd. and Belmont Ave., which goes past schools, a church and residential property and to reduce congestion, noise and delays.

Helen Street is located off of Durham Ave. near the Quick Check. The road is only a few blocks long and dead ends at Collidge Ave. The plan calls for Helen Street to be extended all the way to Metuchen Rd. Along the way

it will intersect with Ryan St., which has a substantial amount of trucking and industrial businesses and right now is only accessible from Hamilton Blvd.

The project, which will cost between \$10-12M, is being funded by a grant from the Federal Government (FHWA). Each step of the process means submitting the information and waiting until it is processed.

Many environmental studies had to take place for the project to move to the next stage. Some studies had to be repeated. In June of this year, the final environmental plan was submitted to FHWA and they recently replied with 12 questions. After these questions are answered and resubmitted, there will be a public meeting held in either December of January. Also several pieces of property will have to be acquired to complete the project.

Butrico said that 'yes' the project is taking a long time, but working with the Federal Government slows it down. You can only do one step of the project at a time when working

with the FHWA. The funding is awarded annually and we must submit a request and the money gets awarded for the next year. "The good news is there is no cost impact on the taxpayers of South Plainfield. We are using Federal money, taxes that we have already paid to the government. We are just reclaiming some of that money to enhance our community and get this road done....The trade off is no cost to the community; but you wait a little longer to finish the project," said Charlie Butrico.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The library will have an exhibit on display during October during regular library hours. A team member will be at the library to answer questions every Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m.

Recycling Center Accepting Paint

The Recycling Center will be accepting paint, thinners, stains and varnish for recycling this Saturday between the 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Keep oil based paint separate from latex.

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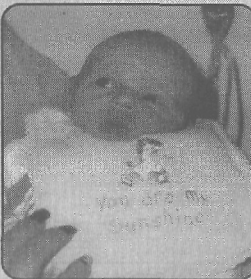
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Fall Harvest Festival At Franklin School

October 19

Franklin School will hold a Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food, games, vendors and flea market tables are all part of the festivities. Rain or shine.

Vendors, at \$15 per table, are still needed (no food). Contact Carolyn Relyea at (908) 754-0411 or (908) 256-6180.

Proceeds from the event go to the fifth grade stokes trip.

Alumni Soccer Game

October 19

The alumni soccer game date will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. on the Varsity Soccer Field on Lake Street in front of the high school. If you have any questions, please call Millie at (908) 561-0349 or email plumb7620@yahoo.com.

AARP Chapter #4144 Meeting

October 21

The October meeting of AARP Chapter #4144 will held on Monday, Oct. 21 at the new Senior Center, starting at 12:30. We will have a *Show and Tell*. Members are asked to look in their attic, closets, basements and garages for that very special item which brings back old memories and tell us about it. This is going to be fun.

Eighth Annual Charity Golf Classic

October 21

South Plainfield Education Foundation's 8th Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Monday, Oct. 21, at the Copper Hill Country Club in Flemington.

Come join us for relaxing day of golf. Fee includes lunch, golf and dinner with awards and prizes.

For more information contact Bob Hunter at (908) 756-2800 (w) or (908) 769-0439 (h).

Garage Sale to Benefit Football/Cheerleaders

October 26

The SPHS Football and Cheerleading Parents will hold a Garage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 26, on the South Plainfield Middle School lawn on Plainfield Ave., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale will benefit SPHS Football and Cheerleading Squads.

St. Stephen's Fifth Annual Oktoberfest

October 26

On Saturday, Oct. 26, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church will celebrate its fifth annual Oktoberfest with authentic German food.

There will be two seatings, one from 5 until 6:30 p.m., and a second from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

Purchase tickets in advance at the church office. Prices are adults, 13; children 5-12, \$6. Seniors are \$11. Reservations are encouraged.

For further information, call the Church office at (908) 757-4474.

Takeout dinners will be available. All proceeds go to charity.

American Legion Pancake Breakfast

October 27

Come enjoy eggs, sausage and bacon with the American Legion (Post 243) at their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Post Home at 243 Oak Tree Ave.

Tickets for adults are \$5, children are 3. Under 6 are free.

For info, call (908) 668-9414.

Events

What's happening in OCTOBER

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
My Life Financial Services Seminar, Oct. 18 Line Dancing Begins Oct. 30, 10 am				
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.

Seniors' Trip to the Woodlock Pines

Oct. 28-Nov. 1

South Plainfield Senior Citizens are planning a trip to Woodlock Pines from Oct. 28 through Nov. 1.

If you are interested or have questions, call Leader Mikie Panzarella at (908) 755-2487.

Rescue Squad Plans Fun Night

November 2

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring another night at the races. The event takes place on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. Fun Night begins at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person. Refreshments include hot dogs, tacos, ice cream, soda, chips. Plenty of fun will be provided from the horseracing, raffles and door prizes.

All proceeds benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. For tickets call Joan (732) 424-3661.

Halloween Party At Polish Home

November 2

The Polish National Home will be holding a Halloween Party on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The cost is \$25 and includes an open bar, buffet and prizes. Costumes preferred, so dress to impress.

DARE Walk-A-Thon Planned

November 3

The first annual DARE Walk-A-Thon is planned on Nov. 3 at Spring Lake Park. Ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. All children in South Plainfield will benefit from this program.

If anyone is interested in walking and/or donating, please contact ATA Blackbelt Academy's Tiffany Lewis at (908) 755-5440. Help make the DARE program Walk-A-Thon a Success!

Seniors Going to Taj Mahal

November 6

It's time to win some money at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. Join the bus trip to the Taj Mahal on Nov. 6. The bus leaves the senior center at 9 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up at the PAL.

SPHS Class of 1982 Reunion

November 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1982 announced that plans are underway for their 20 year reunion. The date is Saturday, Nov. 9.

If you have a new address or know of other classmates' whereabouts, contact Rosanne Demico-Illardo at (732) 878-9877. Please log onto www.classmates.com for more reunion information.

Polish Home Sponsors Atlantic City Trip

November 10

The Polish Home on New Market Ave. is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City Caesar's Palace on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Bus leaves the parking lot at 11 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person with a \$13 coin return.

Christmas Show at Hunterdon Playhouse

December 23

The Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Playhouse's Christmas Show.

The cost is \$50 per person. Bus leaves the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Register at the PAL.

— Out of Town —

An Evening of Philippine Music and Dance Fundraiser

October 19

Sacred Heart School Principal Sr. Cornelia Ramirez, RVM, director, mentor and arranger of the Youth Pops String Ensemble will open for a fundraiser entitled *Evening of Philippine Music and Dance* at the Union Catholic High School Auditorium in Scotch Plains on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

The program entitled *Evening of Philippine Music and Dance*, with the cooperation of the Filipino-American Assoc. of Sacred Heart, will also feature the Performing Arts Philippines, Inc., a dance troupe presided over by Remy Savellano.

Send Your Events to:

South Plainfield Observer,
1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B,
South Plainfield, NJ 07080, fax (908) 668-8819; or email ggnan@aol.com.

Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge.

The dance will have a live band and refreshments. The cost is \$8.

For information, call (732) 297-1775

Fenton Family Signing Event

October 24

George Fenton, president of Fenton Art Glass and grandson of company founder Frank L. Fenton will be at The Brass Lantern, located in Metuchen, next Thursday, Oct. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. Each year Fenton designs and produces items for their Family Signing Events. This year's item is a four inch vase in Amethyst Opalescent.

Barefoot in the Park at Union Catholic

Oct. 25-26

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, will present *Barefoot in the Park*, Neil Simon's Tony Award-nominated comedy on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. at the school.

Barefoot in the Park will mark the Union Catholic directorial debut of Cheri Addison. Addison, a professional actress whose credits include *The Trip to Bountiful* with Ellen Burstyn, teaches English and acting at the high school and holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Florida State University.

Seniors Tino Cerimle and Gabby Conforti head the cast as the young married couple whose misadventures are at the heart of the play. Supporting them are Junior Elizabeth Morasso of Westfield, Sophomore Vinny Napolitano of Union and Junior Eddie Hernandez of Hillside.

Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students and senior citizens) and all seats are reserved. For ticket sales, call (908) 889-1600. Union Catholic is located at 1600 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.

CHATS Adoption Support Meeting

October 28

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Thad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. Speaker will be Betty Allen, PhD., adoption therapist, and author of *Mother, Can You Hear Me?* Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://communitynj.com/cc/chatsforinformation>.

Cruisin' At the Docks Fundraiser

October 19

Ocean County Girl Scout Troop 258 will sponsor a 'Cruisin' At the Docks' fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Barnegat docks, exit 67 off the GSP. Raindate is Sunday, Oct. 20.

The event will feature classic, custom and antique cars and trucks, all makes and years. In addition there will be a petting zoo, Moonbounce, sand art, pony rides, musical entertainment, free blood pressure screening, fire safety demo, food and vendors. Trophies to be awarded. Free admission to the public. Car and vendor spots are \$10 in advance, \$12 the day of show.

For information, contact Pat DeNatale at (609) 698-3635 or troop258@comcast.net or Karen Riley at (609) 758-8082 or kfr62@hotmail.com.

Woodbridge WOWs Fundraiser Dance/Social

October 20

The Woodbridge area Widows Or Widowers (WOWS) Fund Raiser Dance/Social. Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elk's Hall, 665

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From the Republicans

Helen Street: Another Broken Promise

"This week the Borough Council held its annual meeting to update residents on the extension of Helen Street," said mayoral candidate Jake Cataldo. "The Democrats are now promising construction will start in 2005. This is even though they promised in 2000 to complete the project by the end of this year."



According to council candidate Marge Reedy, "the Democrats are on record promising construction would have started by now." In a November 2000 *Observer* article, Democratic council candidate Raymond Petronko stated, "Our residents can expect construction to begin during the early part of 2002 and be completed by the end of 2002." Democrats repeated their pledge in a campaign ad that same month: "Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick will continue to work so that Helen Street will be started within 18 months..."

Construction has yet to begin, and the same people who promised completion of the project this year now say it won't start until 2005. "This is another broken promise by the Democrats," said council candidate Geoff Champion. "Regrettably, they love to make promises at campaign time - even when they know they can't fulfill them. In fact, just two months after his party pledged during an election to complete the project in 2002, Mayor

From the Democrats

Open Space is a Priority to Gallagher, Kubala and Vokral

Mayor Dan Gallagher and Council members Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral commented this week on the new Democratic majority's outstanding record of open space preservation in South Plainfield. Mayor Gallagher said, "Of course Ed and Jim and I are proud of keeping taxes under control, cutting the borough debt in half, our new senior housing complex and senior recreation center, but the one thing that gives us special satisfaction is the new Democratic majority's record of preserving land from development. As amazing as it may seem, before the Democrats took back South Plainfield in 1994, not one inch of property was ever preserved as open space. The first piece which we designated as open space was the Environmental Preserve, which runs all the way from South Clinton Ave. on one side to New Market Ave. on the other and Fredericks Blvd. and then almost to Montrose Ave. This 30-acre tract has been recognized throughout the United States as one of the best examples of a town creating an area where environmental study can prosper. In fact, the environmental preserve was highlighted on Channel 4 News."



I am equally proud of the preservation of the intersection of Park Ave. and Oak Tree Ave. adjacent to Putnam Park, the piece next to the A&P shopping center on Park Ave., the property at the corner of Tomkins Ave. and Clinton Ave. and the land across from the Quick Check on Sampton Ave. Each one of these parcels was ready to be developed. It's only because of the proactive approach of the governing body that South Plainfield rather than Edison was not forced to deal with the Walgreen's Drug store. Today there could be 100 apartments on Park

Ave. and over 30 additional homes at the other sites. In total we have been able to save almost 100 acres from development. That is an open space record to be proud of."

Councilman Ed Kubala agreed with the Mayor. "Everyone knows South Plainfield is a great place to live and work. Regrettably we can't buy up every vacant parcel and preserve it as open space, but this Mayor and Council have done a tremendous job to preserve crucial areas as open space. Dan Gallagher, Jim Vokral and I are committed to expanding the borough's open space plan even further next year. I am happy to report that we have been given verbal approval of a grant application to the Middlesex County Open Space fund to acquire all privately held parcels on the undeveloped piece along Belmont Ave. between Harvard Ave. and Spruce St. Those 12 acres will therefore never be developed. We will also be designating approximately six additional acres along Garfield Ave. as open space next year. However the proposal I am most proud of is the anticipated open space designation of all properties along New Market Avenue all the way from the former bus lot to the crown of the road near the electrical supply office. That proposed 50-acre acquisition will have the dual effect of stopping development and creating permanent flood control. It once again shows the proactive, innovative approach of the governing body of South Plainfield."

Council President Jim Vokral summed up the Democrats' position. "We couldn't be prouder of any single accomplishment than our record on open space preservation in South Plainfield. No one is happy with traffic and congestion. Sadly it is everywhere in Central New Jersey. But Mayor Gallagher and the Borough Council have done all that they can to limit growth in South Plainfield. The proposed acquisitions for next year will almost double our open space inventory, while at the same time deal effectively with flood control in the borough. By preserving New Market Ave. as open space we will have substantially increased our passive recreational area and created a natural retention area for future flooding. This is just another example of creative solutions to complicated problems which this Mayor and Council are noted for. Just like other towns have copied 'pay as you go' government and 'Democracy Day', they will soon be copying South Plainfield's approach to open space acquisitions. I am proud of the Gallagher, Kubala, Vokral record and on behalf of the Democratic team, I ask for your support on election day."



Photo by Bill Tuthill

Sullivan's Auto Body, located on Hamilton Blvd., which was struck by lightning last year, is being rebuilt. The building was destroyed and had to be torn down and completely reconstructed.

Municipal Tax—Uncovering the Facts

After a great deal of confusion over the *municipal* tax rate, the *Observer* wanted a clarification from Borough Hall. A sample property, Block 532, Lot 12 was used as a reference.

The project was requested of the Borough Clerk, who asked the CFO Glenn Cullen to provide the taxes for a sample period of time.

The first major item that needs clarification is the difference between "fiscal year" and "calendar year."

Fiscal year is from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year. Calendar year is from January 1 of the current year to December 31 of the current year. The Borough of South Plainfield started using the "fiscal year" when it was voted in by the governing body in 1995.

The chart provided by Mr. Cullen includes the period from 1998 to and including 2003.

	Fiscal Year					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
RATE	0.76	0.75	0.801	0.861	0.861	0.861
TAX	971.28	958.50	1,023.68	1,100.36	1,100.36	1,100.36

Residents should be able to calculate their municipal property tax with the above information and come to their own conclusion.

The rate applies to all residential property owners in the Borough of South Plainfield. These are the facts, you do the math.

Music Boosters 21st Marching Band Festival Sunday

The South Plainfield High School Music Boosters is sponsoring their 21st annual Marching Band Festival on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Frank Jost Football Field in South Plainfield.

Area bands will be performing their shows starting at 2 p.m., and culminating with trophies for each winning band in Divisions I, II, III and IV. Hot food will be available for sale, including baked goods by the parents of band members. The award winning

South Plainfield Marching Tigers will be performing their 2002 show "Civil War" and marching to the songs, *By the Sword*, *How Many Devils* and *For the Glory*.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students. All proceeds benefit music scholarships for graduating seniors in the high school band and chorus programs. Interested bands may still join our lineup by calling Bob at (908) 755-2709.

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Gallagher publicly admitted they could not live up to that timeframe. That's right, on January 1, 2001 the mayor said it would take about five years to complete Helen Street. (*Observer* - 1/12/01). In fact, he said construction alone would take two years."

"If the mayor knew in January the project would take another five years, why did he let his party tell voters something different only two months earlier?" Cataldo asked. "What really bothers me is that I have a letter from the state transportation department saying that after all the work that's gone into the project, funding still is not guaranteed. This is a federal project, and we all know the federal government is tightening its belt. This means we could be waiting almost a decade for a project that might not ever happen."

"Unfortunately, this is not the first time the mayor and his party have made unfulfilled promises," Cataldo added. "For instance, in January 2000, the mayor promised to completely reconstruct Hamilton Boulevard by the end of 2001. (*Observer* - 1/7/00). Now he's making the same pledge this year."

"Cutting taxes is another broken promise," added Reedy. "In January the mayor guaranteed a tax cut this year. In fact, a front-page *Observer* headline said, 'Mayor to Reduce 2002 Municipal Taxes,' and the mayor was quoted saying, 'We can and will reduce taxes this year.' I don't know about anyone else, but my taxes didn't go down." (*Observer* - 1/11/02)

"It takes gall," Champion added. "They keep having Helen Street update meetings, and coincidentally these meetings are always held in October-right before the election. I guess the Democrats think we'll never catch on."

"Now you can see why I've cautioned the people on my campaign about making promises," Cataldo explained. "Promises are easy to make and hard to keep. That's why we're not making a lot of them. Like I've said before, I promise the people of South Plainfield we will do our best to deal with the many problems the Democrats refuse to acknowledge. We'll also be your eyes and ears. Remember, even if we win this year, the Democrats will still control the council, but at least there will be some watchdogs looking over their shoulders. If you elect us, we will do our best to safeguard your interests. In the meantime, we hope to earn your vote in November."



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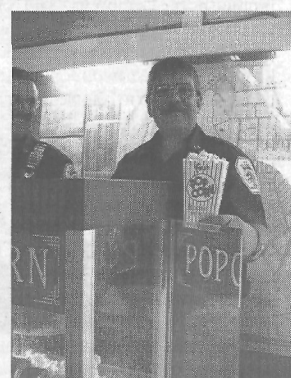
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Fire Department OPEN HOUSE



The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department 2002 Fire Prevention Day was held last Saturday at Fire Headquarters on Maple Ave. despite the threat of rain. Just as the opening ceremonies were about to begin, the fire alarm bell rang with the report of a house fire. The firemen, all dressed in formal wear, proceeded to put on their gear and answer the call, leaving the officials present all alone in the fire house. A short time later, opening ceremonies were led by Chief Larry Del Negro, who dedicated a wreath in remembrance of the department's members who died within the last year. Those honored were Dave Oeskovic, Paul Kvaka, Howard Elliot, William Carlson, Robert McAllister and Peter Eckel. Events included an appearance by Smokey the Bear, The Saint Barnabas Burn House, P.S.E.&G. Co., an apparatus and equipment display and much more. The department thanks those who came out to support our local fire department.



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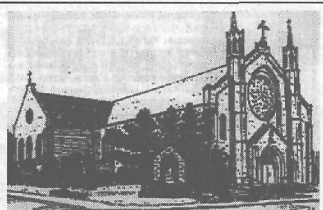
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

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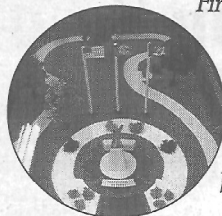
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

We've got a whole bunch of children's programs coming up. First, there's still time to sign up for the Pumpkin Painting program; it's scheduled for tomorrow morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There's a materials fee of \$1, payable upon registration. Next, we have our children's Storytime programs. They're 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. On Thursday evening at 6:30, we're hosting a special children's program featuring Robert the Guitar Guy. We ask that you pre-register for this program. Finally, On Monday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m., we're holding this month's Kidcraft program. This Halloween-themed event is for children ages six and over; advance registration is requested. If you'd like more information about our children's programs, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

We've also got a special program for adults on the horizon. On Sunday, Oct. 27, we'll host an antiques appraisal program from 2 to 4 p.m. Certified antiques appraiser Alan G. Snyder of A.G. Snyder & Associates of Watchung, will lead the program. Those interested may bring in their antiques, but are limited to two items per person. Due to time limitations, appraisals will be handled on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please call us

for more details.

Here's a brief word regarding the Friends of the Library: They're undergoing some reorganization at the moment. As a result, they're not planning on any regular meeting schedule for now. If you'd like more information about the Friends, or are interested in joining the group, please call us and ask for Mrs. Fenn.

We have a suggestion for those who attempt to renew items over the phone: When you speak to one of our staff members, be sure to remember to ask for the new due date of your items and make a note of it. Also, if you renew items via our Elvis computer system, we suggest that you call us during regular operating hours to confirm that the renewal went through without a hitch. The Elvis system works very well, but you might want to double-check for your own peace of mind.

Here's another reminder to those of you who have portable, personal communication devices. That is, cell phones and pagers. We realize that you feel you need to be able to be in immediate contact with someone else, hence the gadgets. However, you should realize that this is a library and you may be bothering another patron with said gadgets. So, we ask that you please set your cell phone or pager to "inaudible" when you're here, and please conduct cell phone calls either outside the building or in the vestibule. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

That just about wraps it up for now. We'll be back next week with more.

Emergency Services Plans Test Exercise at High School

Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma has been planning a test exercise at the high school to be held on Sunday, Oct. 27.

The main focus of the exercise is for personnel from the police and fire departments, the rescue squad, as well as emergency management to be kept on their toes, ready for any and all emergencies. By holding this exercise, personnel for all departments will be able to find out where their weaknesses and strengths lie and to make plans accordingly.

The public should be aware that this exercise is taking place so that they do not become alarmed when they see emergency personnel swarming around the high school.

The scenario involves an incident in the high school where a shooter is on the loose in the halls of the school and all of the emergency services are called in to participate. Zushma said that he will be applying for grant money to cover the costs of most of the drill.

Attending the preliminary meeting with Mike and Linda Zushma were Mayor Dan Gallagher, Rev. Charles Mingle, Councilman Bob Cusick, Gail Dougherty of social services, representatives from the police and fire department as well as the rescue squad.

Plans call for two shooters causing 30 to 40 injuries and five deaths. Several students will be trapped under the bleachers, causing a need for a rapid rescue of the injured students from a hazardous area. This will also include homicide crime scene processing, counselors to assist uninjured students and parents, the need for stress sessions and handling of public information.

The drill will be observed by the State Police.



L-R Jake Levine as an Oddity, Chuckles the Clown aka Chuckles the Chiseler and Chris Abbott as the Rat Boy in the Haunted Carnival

Visit Haunted Carnival for Halloween Thrills

South Plainfield residents Jake Levine and Christopher and Patricia Abbott are currently appearing in the Haunted Carnival at the Turtle Back Zoo. This exciting Halloween entertainment offers a hair-raising experience that will bring a shudder to young and old alike. Once known as the Haunted Village of Somerset, the annual Halloween spectacular has moved from Somerset to an exciting new location, the ever-famous Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange.

Enter the Haunted Carnival and prepare to be thrilled by Ringmaster Devlin and Chuckles the Clown; also known as 'Chuckles the Chiseler.' His steady shrieling and demonic laughter will send goosebumps up and down your spine. Devlin and Chuckles are not alone and around each bend awaits a new terror. The Haunted Carnival is being co-hosted by Dunn-Ley Productions, LLC and the Essex County Department of Parks and Recreation.

As legend has it, over a hundred years ago local villagers fearful of strangers in their midst, burnt down an evil carnival that set up nearby. The carnival's "Menagerie of Oddities" grotesque human displays and their ringmaster Devlin all went up in smoke. As the ashes settled, the vil-

lagers realized they had not completely rid themselves of the fearsome carnival. Strange noises were heard amongst the charred and haunted ruins. On the 100th anniversary of the fire, X TV has decided to run a contest daring the brave to enter and lead various groups through the haunted site. Are you brave enough to join them? Or are the legends of the phantom monstrosities too horrific for your fragile spirit?

This year's haunted event is geared toward PG-13 audiences and parental discretion is strongly advised. Bring your friends to see the return of the "Menagerie of Oddities" and experience the fright of a lifetime. It is important to know that while the sight you behold may chill you to the bone, audience members will never be physically touched by any of the monsters or ghosts.

The Haunted Carnival takes place on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 18-27 (excluding Oct. 26), 6:30-10 p.m. at Turtle Back Zoo, Northfield Ave. West Orange. Tickets are \$10 for adults; children (under 12) \$8. For additional information or directions call (732) 271-1119 or visit the website at www.njkingdom.com

Terra Nova Garden Club Events

The October meeting of the Terra Nova Garden Club will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the North Edison Library on Grove Avenue in Edison.

The meeting will feature a presentation by Don Friday of the New Jersey Audubon Society. The topic is *Fall Birds in New Jersey*, describing the resident and transient birds that we can observe in the autumn months.

Members are reminded to bring a plant for the Plant Swap. Anyone interested in gardening, flower crafts and the environment are welcome to come to any meeting to find out about our membership.

Garden Therapy will meet at 1 p.m. on the same Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the Muhlenberg Adultcare Facility in Plainfield.

Subscribe to Observer to Help DARE Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Police Department DARE Program is running a fundraiser so they can obtain a photo ID card machine. The machine will be used to make photo ID cards for the children of South Plainfield.

In order to aid in this fundraiser, we will contribute \$5 for every subscription to the *Observer* we receive during the month of November.

Any businesses that would like to make a contribution should call, (908) 226-7688. All donations should be made out to the South Plainfield DARE Program.

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Bowling Alley Ordinance Draws Supporters

During the past few months rumors have been heard around town that a bowling alley is looking to move into the Golden Acres Shopping Center.

Several of the residents who live in the area of Golden Acres Shopping Center have become concerned and met with the mayor and council.

The result was an ordinance which was passed at Thursday nights meeting. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Mike DeBenedetto, manager of Brunswick Bowl, who is the rumored bowling alley wanting to relocate, attended the meeting along with several residents who wanted to support the idea of a bowling al-

ley in South Plainfield.

Mayor Gallagher explained that the ordinance does not restrict bowling alleys, but will compel them to go in front of the Board of Adjustment to seek a variance before they can move into South Plainfield and thus give the neighbors a public forum to object.

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Flo's Gold Award Students Perform

Pictured are the Gold Award students at the Second Annual "May Music" Piano Recital held in the center court at the Bridgewater Commons Mall. The recital included late elementary students ages 8 to 10. Pictured left to right are Cassandra Lee Vazquez, Jessica Volosin, David Ernest Walton, Jarred James Barnes, Samantha Leigh Rebimbas, Korey Elizabeth Watson, Matthew Alan Galinsky, Catherine Marie Krawiec, Domonique Renee Sims and (not pictured) Julia Zappi.

Kevin Hadjuk Participates in 'Living With a Star'

Kevin Hadjuk, a teacher at Roosevelt School, was one of 25 K-12 teachers and supervisors selected to participate in LWS (Living with a Star)—2002 Summer Institute this summer! The program was held at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez campus from July 15-21.

Throughout the week-long program the participants were taught how the Sun effects life on Earth. The concept of science was integrated into all the curriculum subjects. Each day included a two-hour lecture from different NASA scientists including Dr. Art Poland, who is one of the most experienced NASA scientists on the

concepts dealing with the Sun's activity. The field trips included a solar observatory visit in Aguadilla, a dry forest field trip, the mangrove and coral reefs, a visit to Phosphorescent Bay and the Aricebo Observatory.

The Aguadilla trip included the explanation and viewing of the Sun's activity for every second of the day. Trained United States Armed Forces explained how they monitor the Sun's activity throughout the day and then how other observatory centers from the United States and around the world continue the process of monitoring the Sun's activity as the Earth rotates all day. The visit to the dry forest pointed

out the changing climate on the island of Puerto Rico. At the end of the trip they were led to the Caribbean Sea for photographic opportunities.

Hadjuk viewed the mangrove and coral reef experience as "one of the most fascinating trips during the entire institute." At noon all the participants were taken out in groups of fives in a small boat. They reached the coral reefs where Dr. Gonzalez and his staff explained the unique corals, the life that exists in the Caribbean Sea and the effects the Sun will eventually have on the coral reefs in the coming years.

The final trip to the Aricebo Observatory, took the group to the world's largest telescope, the same telescope seen in the film *Contact*, which allowed participants "some once-in-a-lifetime scientific experiences."

The Summer Institute also created an inclusion model for school space and earth science using "inquire-based" instruction. Participating teachers developed model projects to be used in the K-12 school setting. During the year teachers will record and document students work and will report back to the EPO coordinator. As a team, participants will develop materials, activities, and projects with students to be used in each of their schools.

Hadjuk also noted that, "The Institute was a very rewarding experience professionally and socially for me. I met some friends from around the United States and Puerto Rico from this experience. A five year plan is in place for all the participants to engage in. Next year, I will move on to phase two of the program and will meet somewhere in the United States to review the science benchmarks and how best to incorporate the benchmarks into my future teaching experience. I look forward to continuing the program. There is a hope that the program will be extended to ten years. The work is in progress now for this to happen."

IN YOUR OPINION

(Continued from page 2)

were himself to the low life of Hillary (and Bill) Clinton, Tom Daschle, Dick Gephardt and Ed Kennedy.

The Democrats of this century, as well as the end of the last century, have really lowered their standards, down to the level of the A.C.L.U. (American Civil Liberties Union.)

One term McGreevy isn't too bright either. There is no way in hell, on earth, or in heaven, I will vote for any national, state or even county Democrat this year.

Lautenberg's move to bail out the Democratic Party has put a lot of distance between me and him, as well as the Democratic Party.

I hope the Democrats take such a beating that Tom Daschle will have to resign from the senate.

Am I furious? You bet I am!!

TED ZYCHLINSKI

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to write these few words on behalf of a lady I have known for a number of years.

Because she is a candidate for the Borough Council, I felt the voters of our town should know the great opportunity they have to elect a lady with unusual qualifications. Marge Reedy has already served on the Board of Education for nine years.

She is the mother of three children, two of whom graduated from our local schools and another who is still a student. She served as President of the Board of Education in 1991-92 and 1999-2000.

Marge is and has been active in school activities and community functions.

Such experience and knowledge of the community, it seems to me, should be of great use as a member of the

Borough Council and I would urge all of our voters to help elect Marge to the Council.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
CHUCK GOVER**

Dear Editor,

I have to travel down the same roads that everyone else seems to travel. I live here because of its location to everything and the highways. But I also live here because of its affordability and recreation and I too would like to get where I want to go as quickly as possible. It's great that they widened Durham Ave. and are in the process of widening Hamilton Blvd.

But when I heard of the Helen Street connection to Metuchen Ave., I became excited. I heard that Helen Street is being funded by a grant and will start soon. I don't think I stand alone when I say I'm excited about this plan. I have talked to the mayor and I saw the plans. I know plans of this magnitude take time, so I am encouraged by its progress.

The Mayor and Council have done their homework on this subject. With traffic important to me I have to support Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Jim Vokral and Councilman Ed Kubala.

**THANK YOU
BLAISE MCCARTHY**

Dear Editor,

Jake Cataldo is a life-long resident of South Plainfield and has been active in the town ever since we've known him. He is a good man, and we know he will be a great mayor. He's been there for our town and its kids, and he has two top-notch running mates in Marge Reedy and Geoff Champion.

We hope the people of South Plainfield see that we need a change—a positive one. That's why we invite everyone to join us in voting for Cataldo, Reedy and Champion.

WILLIAM AND TERRY SPISSO

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in an effort to acquaint the voters of South Plainfield with the fact that a great opportunity for the election to the Borough Council this year exists for our residents.

Marge Reedy has already shown her desire to serve the people of her town. She was elected to the Board of Education three times and served a total of nine years as a member of the board.

That experience will be of great value to our people should she be elected to the Borough Council at the November election.

Not to avail ourselves of this great opportunity would be a mistake on our part.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
CYNTHIA GIANCIONE**



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Sports



juniorbaseballclubnotes

By Kevin Lykes

Important New Info For Fall Registration

This upcoming season will bring major changes in the club's registration process. Early registration during the Fall sign-up period is highly recommended as both dates and fees will be changing from what they were in the past. In addition, late registrations will be significantly more expensive and will be treated a little differently from past years.

Registration periods and fee schedules for 2003 season are as follows: **Fall**—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-16, 2002. Fee: \$75 single, \$105 double, \$125 for three or more. **Winter**—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-18, 2003. Fee: \$95 single, \$125 double, \$145 for three or more.

At this point, we will be determining how many teams each of our leagues will be comprised of. It is likely that the only additional registrations accepted after this time will be those needed to fill out the teams which have been established.

After these dates, all late registrations will be at a per player cost to be determined, with no multiple discounts, if openings remain! Also, late registrants will be placed on a waiting list and assigned to teams following the March draft, but prior to the beginning of the season. Our reasoning is quite simple; each year a few kids decide that they don't want to play at the last minute, resulting in some teams going into the season with as few as 10 players, while other teams have 12. The pool of late registrants from which we can assign replacements, will help with this problem.

All registrants will be placed on a team, unless otherwise informed at time of registration.

As many of you may not be aware of, it takes a great deal of pre-planning to determine how many teams we will need in each league, as well as

how many managers and coaches and who they will be. New coaches need to become certified. Uniforms and equipment need to be ordered early to take advantage of discounts and to obtain the teams we want. All of these decisions must be made and put into place well before the early February coach selection and March 1st tryouts.

As you can see, it is important for us to know how many players will be participating as early as possible. Therefore, our new registration process offers greater incentives to register early. The earlier you register, the greater the savings, especially for families with more than one child participating. Please note that the actual cost for each player to participate each season is \$300 to \$350. Through various club fundraisers each family has the opportunity to reduce that cost to as little as \$75. Your Participation in Booster Weekend (for Small Fry players), snack stand shifts (mandatory for all) and field work details reduces your personal expense by \$50 each. The club assumes the remainder of the costs with funds raised through various other activities. Each family agrees to these commitments at the time of registration. However, should if choose not to take advantage of these opportunities, you should expect to pay a higher fee for your child to play.

I realize that these registration dates are off in the distant future. We will continue our usual practice of advertising through school flyers, *The Observer*, the Marquee at the complex entrance and street banners placed strategically around town, as well as leaving a message on the club answering machine at 754-2090 when the time nears. Please be aware of these dates and changes, mark your calendars, and plan to come out and sign-up early.

I'm sure many of you have heard about restructuring in some of our leagues. Restructuring is one of many things being considered this off-season. Dividing teams more evenly to ensure the competitiveness each league is as balanced as possible is another. At this point nothing is certain, discussions will be going on this fall concerning these issues. The final decisions being made at our December meeting. There is a very good possibility that Pony will be divided differently from past seasons. Some possibilities are: 13-14 Pony B, 15-17 or 18 Pony A, or a 13-15 group and 16-18 group.

We're also taking a look ways of accommodating younger advanced players. As per our by-laws, a final determination on any issues will not be made until December's rules and by-laws vote.

I will keep you all updated in future messages as things become more clear.

SPHS FIELD HOCKEY

By Sharon Miller

Week of October 20

The varsity team's season continues to become more spectacular as their record climbs to an impressive 11-0-1 (as of Oct. 14) after wins against both Sayreville (5-0) and South Brunswick (10-0).

Believe it or not we are already entering the final week of regular season games. The must see game of the week takes place on Monday, Oct. 21 at 3:45 p.m. as the team faces their strongest competitor East Brunswick in East Brunswick. On Wednesday, Oct. 23 they go against Metuchen in Metuchen at 3:45 p.m. The final game of the week has us facing Westfield for the first time this season on Friday, Oct. 25 at home on the Carol Espinosa Field at 3:45 p.m.

This year's team is currently ranked as Number 1 in Middlesex County. They are steadily climbing in the Group 3 ranking as they take the ninth position. Please come out in support of a wonderful team of players. The best of luck to both players and coaches for a great season. (Rankings are as of Oct. 9).



Ponytail Softball

Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—October 22

The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on Oct. 22. New members are always welcomed.

Ponytail Softball Website

Visit Ponytail Softball online anytime at our website SPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams. Please feel free to contact me by keying on the email link Webmaster@ponytail.com found on our home page.

SOCCER

Bullets tie Blue Dragons on Sunday

On Sunday, Oct. 13, the South Plainfield Soccer Club boy's U-9 Bullets traveled to Kenilworth to face the Blue Dragons in a rain-soaked morning match.

For the first 50 minutes the Bullets owned the match, dictating play at both ends of the soggy field. Forwards Daniel Lyew, Daniel Zwatschka, Ryan Marcoux, and Steven Bichler continually pressured the Blue Dragon defense. The Bullets finally struck early in the second quarter. The goal was set up on a pass from sweeper Albert Vill to Lyew. Lyew then passed quickly to left winger Marcoux, who caught

the Blue Dragon goalie out of position and rifled home his 10th goal of the year. Marcoux added an unassisted goal (11 for the year!) halfway through the third quarter to put the Bullets up 2-0. Bullets goalie Tony Franczak had six saves in the first half of play.

It was the final 10 minutes of the game, however, that saw the Blue Dragons come alive. In that short span the Blue Dragons managed seven corner kicks and two goals. Steven Bichler, the Bullets goalie in the second half, did all he could to keep the game close, rejecting seven

shots. The Bullets defense of Nicko Rivera, Zachary Noll, Kevin Flanagan, Nick Pleeter and Albert Vill did a great job all game keeping the score close. On one of the final plays of the game, Vill headed a Blue Dragon shot out of bounds, preventing what many in the crowd thought was a game winner for the home team. The final score was 2-2. The Bullets now stand 3-1-1 on the year.

In a rematch of their season opener, the Bullets travel to Montgomery on Oct. 20 to face the Pumas in a 3 p.m. match.

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Obituaries

Marion L. Griffin Vance, 81

Marion L. Griffin Vance of Barnegat died on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in South Plainfield before moving to Barnegat in 1984. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She was the owner/operator of Revere Services in South Plainfield for 20 years, retiring in 1984. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barnegat, a volunteer at Southern Ocean County Hospital and a member of the Holly Auxiliary, both of Manahawkin. She was also a volunteer for the Deborah Heart & Lung Center, Browns Mills.

Her husband, Robert T., died in 1983. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Lori of Toms River; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Keith Rakoski of Keyport; a brother, Edward Griffin of Keyport, Md. and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by Bugbee-Riggs Funeral Home.

Emilio (Emil) R. Leporino, 62

Emilio (Emil) R. Leporino of South Plainfield died on Thursday, Oct. 10, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Emil, born in Acquappesa, Italy, was a former resident of Elizabeth and Linden before moving to South Plainfield 33 years ago.

Emil was the president and general agent of Leporino Insurance LTD in South Plainfield, a company he founded 25 years ago.

Emil was very active in his community. He was a member of the South Plainfield Jaycees and was selected by his peers to serve as a Senator on the Jaycees International Senate. He also served as president of Camp Jaycee in Effort, Pa. for two terms.

He served on the South Plainfield Board of Education for two terms and was one of the founders of the South Plainfield Education Foundation Vision 2001, where he served as president until June of 2002. He was instrumental in creating the South Plainfield Alumni Hall of Fame, as well as the Hall of Fame for the Arts and the Arts National Honor Society. He was very active with the So. Plfld High School Music Boosters, serving as president, along with organizing the Marching Band Competitions.

Emil was a member of the So. Plfld. Environmental Commission and the So. Plfld. Business Association and the Business Advisory Board. He was a member of the So. Plfld. Polish National Home and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Janice Wirtz Leporino; a son,

Paul E. Leporino of Belle Meade; three daughters, Debra Ann Leporino of South Plainfield, Patricia and her husband Norayr Ozbalik of South Plainfield and Christina L. and her husband Frank Monetti of Holmdel; three brothers Florio Leporino of Tucson, Ariz., Tony Leporino of Farmingdale Long Island and Frank A. Leporino of Linden; a sister, Angelina DeSteta of Acquappesa, Italy. Also surviving are his beloved grandchildren, Andrew Ohriska, Danielle and Kimberly Monetti and Brandon, Christopher and Matthew Ozbalik.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the South Plainfield Education Foundation Vision 2001, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Margaret C. (Phillips) Alles, 73

Margaret C. (Phillips) Alles died on Sunday Oct. 6, at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Alles had resided in South Plainfield for most of her life, before moving to Piscataway and then settling to Beachwood five years ago.

She had been employed by Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center as a nursing clerk and later transferred to the hospital's financial office.

An interest and love of Mrs. Alles' was her crafts and her dog, Candle.

She is predeceased by her parents, Frank and Eva Phillips and her brother, Jim Phillips.

Surviving are four daughters, Linda Jacob of Linden, Sue Pleter of South Plainfield, Diane Oslador of West Milford and Barbara Alles of Beachwood; two sons, Frank Jr. of Middlesex, John of South Plainfield and Robert of Piscataway; a brother, Bernard Phillips of South Boro, Mass. Also surviving her nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Gerard O. Conway, 79

Gerard O. Conway died on Tuesday, Oct. 8 in Green Brook Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Brooklyn, he resided in Winter Park, Fla. for four years before moving to South Plainfield 25 years ago. He also maintained a home in Eustis, Fla. for 10 years.

Gerry was employed by the Edison Board of Education as a Math Teacher. For most of his 25 year career. He taught in the John Adams Jr. High School and the last three years, he taught in J.P. Stevens High School. He received his Bachelors Degree in Education from Fordham University and his Masters Degree in Secondary Education from Seton Hall University.

He served on the South Plainfield Board of Education in the late 1970's and early 1980's and was a member of Sacred Heart Church. Gerry was a member and Past President and Captain of the Plainfield Rescue Squad.

His wife, Patricia and his son Kevin, have both predeceased him.

Surviving are a son, Gerard P. Conway and his wife, Lynne of South Plainfield; a brother, Francis Conway of Patchogue, NY; a granddaughter, Shannah Conway and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1606

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

Ordinance No. 1606 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 351, LOT 4 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 18, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1606

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 351, LOT 4 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 351, Lot 4, said property being situated on Jackson Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, the South Plainfield Board of Education is a board of the State of New Jersey as defined in New Jersey Statute 40A:12-13(b), and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 351, Lot 4 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a board of the State of New Jersey without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that the said property shall be sold to the South Plainfield Board of Education on October 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

1. That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title.
2. Easements, both of record and not of record.
3. Restrictions of record.

4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.

5. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition of the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

6. The subject parcel may only be used for educational purposes and the deed of conveyance shall contain a restrictive covenant confirming said restriction and a reversal clause in the event said restriction is violated.

7. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

9. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri,
Municipal Clerk

\$105.00 October 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1603

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

Ordinance No. 1603 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1363 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND CODIFYING ORDINANCE #730, 922, 1115, 1184 AND 1232 ESTABLISHING A STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCING AGENCY, CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES, ETC. was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, October 10, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$26.25 October 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1604

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

Ordinance No. 1604 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1440N ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH AND THE METHOD OF SUCH COMPENSATION was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, October 10, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri,
Municipal Clerk

\$24.50 October 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1608

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

Ordinance No. 1608 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF RECREATION LEADER (SENIOR CITIZEN) AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF SAID POSITION be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 18, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1608

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440N ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 AND 2005.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.

POSITION	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AFSCME EMPLOYEES					
RECREATION LEADER (SENIOR CITIZEN)	0	34,000	35,190	36,422	37,696

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after the publication thereof after final passage.

Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor

Attest:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC
Municipal Clerk

\$84.00 October 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1607

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

Ordinance No. 1607 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 351, LOT 6 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 18, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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WHEREAS, the South Plainfield Board of Education is a board of the State of New Jersey as defined in New Jersey Statute 40A:12-13(b), and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 351, Lot 6 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a board of the State of New Jersey without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that the said property shall be sold to the South Plainfield Board of Education on October 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

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3. Restrictions of record.

4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.

5. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition of the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

6. The subject parcel may only be used for educational purposes and the deed of conveyance shall contain a restrictive covenant confirming said restriction and a reversal clause in the event said restriction is violated.

7. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

9. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri,
Municipal Clerk

\$105.75 October 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Shamrock Builders LLC (T/A Davcon Associates Inc.) for public improvements at 246 Kosciusko Ave. in South Plainfield, Lot 17, Block 345.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Shamrock Builders LLC (T/A Davcon Associates Inc.) for public improvements at 246 Kosciusko Ave. in South Plainfield, known as Lot 17, Block 345, listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held November 4, 2002, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Shamrock Builders LLC
(T/A Davcon Associates Inc.)
260 Mack Place
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

\$35.00 October 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1605

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

Ordinance No. 1605 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 705 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "OB3C REGIONAL BUSINESS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, October 10, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri,
Municipal Clerk

\$22.75 October 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

October 15, 2002

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on October 8, 2002.

A. Case #01-03/V-Dan & Christine Pasola-Block 420; Lots 6 & 7; 133 Lexington Ave.-Applicant's request for amended subdivision was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #02-05/V-Lawrence Massaro-Block 348; Lot 10; R-10 Zone; Tremont Avenue-Applicant's request for preliminary and final subdivision was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #04-08-Cosmed Sterilization-Block 447; Lot 2.03; M-3 Zone; 3458 South Clinton Ave.-Applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan was hereby GRANTED.

D. Case #650-Kobo Products, Inc.-Block 409; Lot 7; M-3 Zone; 690 Montrose Ave.-Applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED.

E. Case #02-04-Satellite Builders-Block 137.02; Lot 15; R7.5 Zone; Northwesterly corner of intersection of Clinton Ave.-Clinton Terrace-Applicant's request for a final minor subdivision was hereby GRANTED.

F. Case #02-08-South Plainfield Board of Education-Block 351; Lots 1 & 2; Jackson Ave.-Applicant's request for final minor subdivision was hereby GRANTED.

G. Case #02-07-Michael Zarro, Jr.-Block 177; Lot 1; R-10 Zone; 201 Merchants Ave.-Applicant's request for a minor subdivision was hereby GRANTED.

H. Case #630-Iran Rubber Corp.-Block 222; Lot 7.01; M-3 Zone; 375 Metuchen Road-Applicant's request for final site plan was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Muccilli,
Recording Secretary Planning Board

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• Valley National Bank on Durham Ave. reported that a counterfeit check had been cashed on Sept. 25. The woman suspect had just been arrested for passing other bad checks in Little Falls.

• On Oct. 8 the Plainfield Area Regional Sewer Authority reported the theft of a sewage sampler machine valued at \$3,500.

• A stolen vehicle was found in the driveway of an abandoned house on Sherman Ave.

• On Oct. 9 Branislav Vasiljevic, 18, of Somerville was arrested for hindering, possession of a controlled substance and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Juan Anibal Serrano, 19, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of marijuana and an outstanding warrant.

• Megan Lynn Kenny, 18, of Metuchen was arrested for shoplifting \$102.50 worth of jeans and a bra at Kohls.

• A Chambers St. resident reported that someone had attempted to steal his motorcycle which was parked in the driveway. The motorcycle had been left in the middle of the road.

• On Oct. 10 Dennis Moskal, Asst. Commissioner of Jr. Baseball reported that the snack stands had been vandalized at the baseball complex.

• The PAL reported the theft of a bike.

• On Oct. 11 Bosch, on Corporate Blvd. reported that the front showroom door had been smashed with an axle. A U-Haul box truck had been spotted driving at a high rate of speed with it's lights off down Haines Ave. The back door of the truck was open and various stolen power tools fell out and were recovered.

• On Oct. 12 Ivelisse Matta, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting \$235.50 worth of fragrances and a hat at Macys.

• Sunset Drywall of Somerset reported the theft of a 16' aluminum scaffold plank from a job on Montrose Ave.

• An Orchard Dr. resident reported that he had observed the light on in his unlocked vehicle with someone sitting in it. When asked what he was doing in the car the suspect fled.

• On Oct. 13 Stelton Gulf reported that a female had asked for her car to be filled up. When the total came to \$21, she handed the employee \$10 and said she only asked for \$10 worth of gas and drove off.

• On Oct. 14 Wayne, M. Radice Jr., 23, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic syringe and five outstanding warrants.

• Robert Gutmanski, 35, of Edison was arrested for shoplifting \$398.26 worth of food from Pathmark.

• A St. John's Pl. resident reported that four tires had been cut on his vehicle overnight.

• On Oct. 15 Frederick E Visco, 23, of Hazlet was arrested for the theft of the Evergreen Ln. resident stolen Toyota Tacoma.

• A Blecker St. resident reported the theft of his vehicle, which he left running outside his home.

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The piano duo of Paul Kueter and Carolle-Ann Mochernuk will be performing Sunday, Oct. 20 at a concert sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission at the new South Plainfield Senior Center.

"An Autumn Serenade" at South Plainfield Senior Center

The South Plainfield Senior Center, in collaboration with the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission, will stage the first public program at its new building at 900 Maple Ave. (across from Spring Lake Park) on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m.

The program, titled "An Autumn

Serenade," will feature a performance by the famous piano duo Paul Kueter and Carolle-Ann Mochernuk, along with baritone Rick McElhiny.

A program of very beautiful music has been arranged for the occasion and a very enjoyable afternoon is anticipated.

"Cappy" Honored

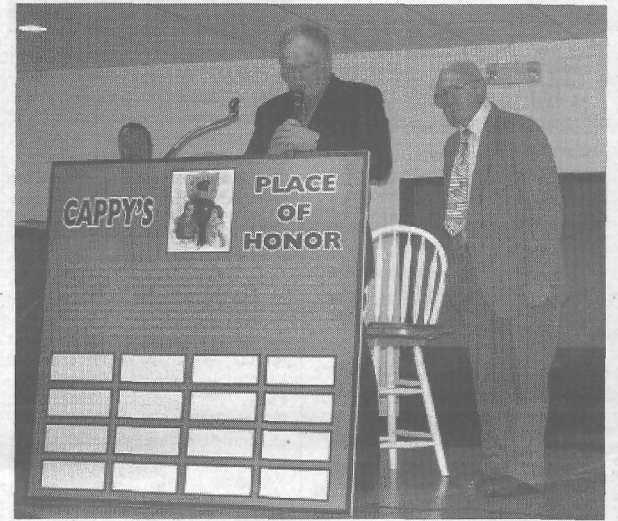
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ating awards for gifted high school seniors and a summer camp program for needy children. He has been a mentor to the senior citizens of the borough. He established many sports programs for the youth of South Plainfield. The police department program, "Otto the Auto," was his brainchild and utilized a painted, smiling Volkswagen that was electronically outfitted to talk. It was a great safety-training tool for local children.

Cappy also headed several drives to raise funds for needy residents of town. He has been recognized over the years for his contributions. In 1959, he received the NJ Jaycees Man of the Year Award, and was awarded the Man of the Year in 1981 from the Plainfield Chapter of UNICO. In 1982, the VFW Post #6763 named him "Outstanding Citizen." He has been awarded an Honorary Life Mem-



bership by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and is a Gold Life Member of the P.B.A. He is currently a member of the South Plainfield American Legion, the South Plainfield Elks, the Plainfield Chapter of UNICO and the Police Athletic League.



Master of Ceremonies and South Plainfield Recreation Commission President Bill Cochran presents Tulio "Cappy" Capparelli with "Cappy's Place of Honor" for a lifetime of dedication to South Plainfield. Pictured left Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan presents Capparelli with a proclamation from the State of New Jersey and below Mayor Dan Gallagher also presents him with a proclamation from Borough Council.



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