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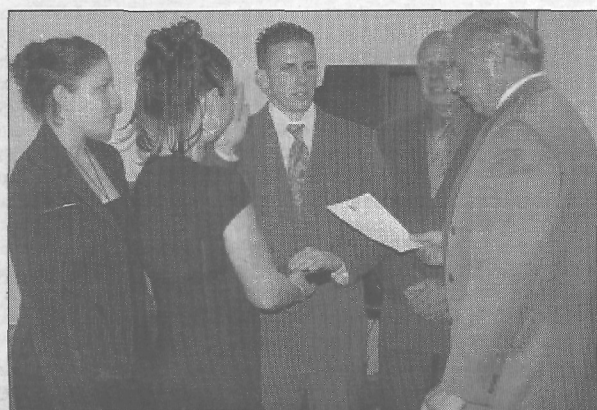
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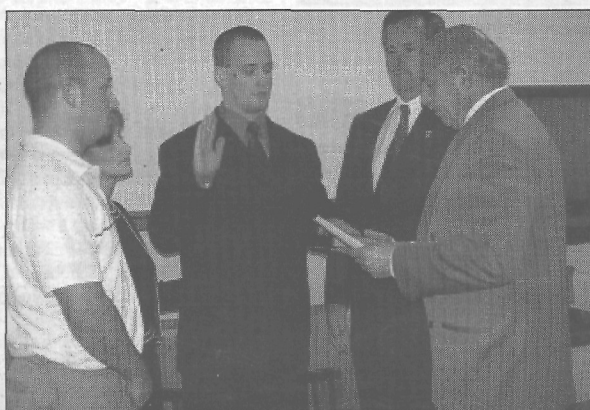
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Pictured at left in the center Peter Papa is sworn in as a South Plainfield police officer while mother Marty (holding a bible), father Joseph and sister Amanda look on. At right Shaun Clifford is also sworn in while his father William (holding the bible), mother Marie and brother Scott look on. Administering the oath is Councilman Dennis Cerami.



Local Tax Rate to Remain Flat in 2004

Mayor Gallagher and the Borough Council announced at last week's meeting that the borough's portion of the 2004 tax rate will be flat at .861. This is the fourth time in the last six years that it has remained flat, resulting in no tax increase in the local portion of the residential tax rate. This preliminary tax rate does not apply to either the school or county portion of your property tax. The school tax will increase this year as voters passed a budget which calls for an increase of \$104.78 per average household.

Mayor Gallagher credited controlled spending as one of the main reasons the rate will remain stable. Through attrition and staff changes the borough saved \$230,000 in employee salaries and by revamping their insurance they will see an estimated cost savings of \$260,000. Changing health insurance carriers and prescription plans were two reasons for the savings. CFO Glenn Cullen said that no one lost any benefits as a result of these changes.

Also helping was the fact that South Plainfield's collection on property taxes is 99.79 percent.

Cullen added that the refinancing of borough debt at a lower interest rate was another reason the borough was able to save money. Standard and Poors recently raised the bond rating on South Plainfield from A+ to AA-. The borough recently refinanced approximately 50 percent of their debt at an estimated savings of \$480,000 over five years. This is the first time in 23 years that the borough's rate has been adjusted.

Despite the "belt tightening," the borough was able to purchase a fire truck and an ambulance.

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Two Police Officers Sworn In Albertocki Appointed Interim Captain

Two new South Plainfield Police Officers were sworn in at last Thursday's council meeting. Peter Papa and Shaun Clifford took the oath with family members surrounding them. George Albertocki was also appointed interim police captain. He will be sworn in officially at a meeting some time during January of 2004.

Before swearing in the new recruits,

Councilman Ed Kubala reminded them that they are joining the finest police force in Middlesex County. "You are taking on an awesome responsibility, protecting the residents of South Plainfield," he said.

Peter Papa is the 22-year-old son of South Plainfield Police Officer Joseph Papa and Martha Papa. Peter graduated from South Plainfield High

School in 1999 and attended Engine City Technical Institute for certification as a diesel mechanic. He also attended Middlesex County College on a part-time basis.

Prior to his appointment as a police officer in South Plainfield, Papa worked at Foley Corporation in Piscataway. Peter, who is single, resides with his parents Joseph and Martha and his sister Annette.

Peter is already a certified police officer, having attended the Ocean County Police Academy and graduating at the top of his class. He has also worked for the Seaside Heights Po-

lice Department as a Class 2 Special Police Officer.

Lt. Albertocki is a 23-year-veteran of the South Plainfield Police Department. He replaces Capt. Robert Pilukaitis, who retired last month.

Police candidates are chosen from a Civil Service list issued by the state. The list is compiled using scores from written and physical tests, with the highest ranked first.

High School to Implement New Grading System

The Board of Education is going to change the grading system of all students in the high school beginning next year. The proposal, which already passed the Curriculum Committee, is in the Policy Committee and will then be voted on by the entire board.

The reason for the change in the grading system is to put South Plain-

field students on an even playing field when they apply for college. Schools in the surrounding areas have changed their marking system in recent years, making it seem as if our students are not performing as high as others.

The numerical grading value will be the grade on the report card. The grading scale for report card grades will be as follows:

Letter Grade Equivalent	Proficiency Rank	Numerical Grade Value	Grade Point *
A+		97-100	4
A	Outstanding	93-96	4
A-		90-92	4
B+		87-89	3
B	Good	83-86	3
B-		80-82	3
C+		77-79	2
C	Satisfactory	73-76	2
C-		70-72	2
D		65-69	1
F	Poor	0-64	0
	Unsatisfactory		

A grade average of "D" (65-69) for the full year, including all four marking periods plus two semester exams (if applicable), will be a passing grade.

To pass a course, a student must satisfy the following criteria: accumulate five points for a full year course; pass all four marking periods; achieve an average of "D" or higher for the first and second semester exams.

This new grading system will only effect the high school students, but will most likely be implemented in all grades in the next few years.



Interim Police Captain George Albertocki, wife Elaine and Dennis Cerami.

lice Department as a Class 2 Special Police Officer.

The tradition to protect seems to run in the family, and is often passed on to siblings and/or children of police officers. Peter Papa will be South Plainfield's fourth father and son team in the police department. There are also five sets of brothers and a father and daughter team serving. Not all members served simultaneously.

Somerset County Police Academy from July through December of 2003.

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meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

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

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, July 14 Thursday, July 17

Monday, August 11 Thursday, August 14

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28,

Nov. 11 (no meeting) Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Dec. 23.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

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

June 26, (July 10 5pm Special Meeting K-Land) July 10, July 24,

Aug. 14 (meeting cancelled), Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30,

Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: August 12, Sept. 9

Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: July 15, August 19

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

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

July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August

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

September 2, October 7, November 11 (Nov. 4 is Election Day) and December 2.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)

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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday-no meeting August) at 7 p.m.

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall



The Board of Education presented plaques to those retiring this year. Pictured is Theresa Binder, Josephine Thibault and Linda Rocca. Not pictured are Sally Baker, Susan Goldey, Mary Ann Stavina and Ann Schenck.

Four Teachers Announce Retirement

Susan D. Goldey, Linda Rocca, Ann Schenck and Mary Ann Stavina have announced their plans to retire from the South Plainfield School System this year. They will have served the children of South Plainfield for a total of 117 years.

Susan D. Goldey earned a BA degree from Douglass College, an Ed. M from Rutgers University and has done work at Kean College, Trenton State and St. Peter's College in Jersey City. She is certified to teach Spanish, English as a Second Language and General Science and holds a Supervisor's Certificate. She has been an educator for 35 years, taught Spanish and ESL in South Plainfield since 1972 at both the Middle and High Schools and is one of the few teachers remaining on the staff who taught split sessions in the old high school (the current Middle School).

As a team leader for more than 15 years, Goldey has had an abiding interest in curriculum. Most recently she has been instrumental in convincing the Board of Education of the necessity of having a serious elementary foreign language program, an exploratory language experience in the sixth grade, and a choice of Spanish and French in the seventh and eighth grades. The programs will begin this September. Last year she also brought the concept of teaching Heritage Spanish to South Plainfield. South Plainfield High School now has two classes of Hispanic students who are studying their heritage while honing their language skills. Previously these students were undervalued by placing them in classes which did not recognize the value of their backgrounds.

Goldey is a member of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese as well as Foreign Language Educators of NAJ (FLENJ). She attended World Language Supervisors' meetings to keep abreast of state mandates. She has endeavored to train the teachers in the World Language Department about the "new stan-

dards" and the use of authentic assessment tools.

As the sponsor of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society) for more than a decade, she is proud that two students from South Plainfield have won national scholarships and recognition from the organization. She also co-chaired the last Middle States Evaluation and was partially responsible, with Ms. Zajkowski and Mrs. Brown, for using the "Accreditation for Growth" paradigm to replace the outdated model which had been used for the previous half century. She received a commendation from the Board of Education for co-conducting the Middle States evaluation.

Goldey is an active member of her education associations, which include nine years as the South Plainfield delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly, 25 years as a representative to the Middlesex County Education Association, active participation in SPEA (from 1976 to 2000), and NJEA.

Maryann Stavina has taught in South Plainfield for 33 years and has been an educator for 38. She graduated from Youngstown State University with an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education/English. She has earned additional graduate credits in Education from YSU and New Jersey City University. She taught at "old, old" Grant School from 1970-1975, at Grant from 1975-1980 and at Franklin from 1980-present. Although she has taught third and fourth grades, she is currently teaching all grades as a "floater" or permanent substitute. Stavina is a member of NEA, NJEA, and SPEA, and served as a building representative for the later organization. She has also worked on curriculum development committees. In her spare time she enjoys reading, gardening and traveling.

Linda Rocca is currently a Resource Center teacher at Franklin School but has also taught third grade. She has been an educator for 24 years, 19 of them in South Plainfield. Rocca gradu-

ated from South Plainfield High School in 1964 and received her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Newark State (Kean University). She earned graduate credits for Teacher of the Handicapped and Dyslexia Specialist from Kean and Fairleigh Dickinson Universities. She is a member of NEA, NJEA, SPEA and International Dyslexia Association (IDA). As a member of the Orton Dyslexia Society, New Jersey Branch, she served on the Board of Directors and as the Chair of the Publicity Committee. Rocca also participates in outreach programs as an advocate for multisensory based reading programs. At school she has volunteered her time for Regular and Special Education Committees and as a member of PAC (Pupil Assistance Committee). In 1996-1997 she received the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award as an outstanding teacher representing Franklin School. She was also awarded a scholarship to the Scottish Rite Masonic Learning Center Teacher Training Program. Her husband Ed taught in South Plainfield for 34 years and retired seven years ago. Now Rocca is looking forward to traveling, swimming in the Gulf of Mexico and snowmobiling in Pennsylvania.

Ann Schenck, who plans to retire at the beginning of July, has been a part of the Educational Support team in the South Plainfield school system for 30 years. She has been the secretary to the Principal at Grant Central Sixth for the past three years. Her previous assignments have included Secretary to the Director of Federal Projects, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent at the Administration Building and Secretary to the Principal at Riley School. Schenck is a member of NJEA and SPEA and served as a PTA officer and Music Booster representative. She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren and her Maltese dog. Her hobbies include reading, traveling, collecting Longaberger baskets and pottery.

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Former Borough Tax Collector Charlie Haus (left) with tax collectors Maryellen Grabarz and Lorraine Petroziello and Mayor Dan Gallagher at a retirement luncheon held last week.

Long-time Borough Employees Maryellen Grabarz and Lorraine Petroziello Retire

By Jane Dornick

Maryellen Grabarz and Lorraine Petroziello have been serving the Borough of South Plainfield in the Tax Collector's Office for nearly 25 years, and are now ready to enjoy retirement. Many borough employees and friends came to wish the two ladies all the best at a luncheon held at Borough Hall last Thursday.

Maryellen, the deputy tax collector, began her career in the tax office in 1979. Lorraine has been working as a tax clerk since 1980.

Former Borough Tax Collector

Charlie Haus who was in attendance said hiring them was the best move he ever made and they had made life very easy for him. With mixed emotions he said, "It's a big loss, I think, to lose two people like them at one time and I wish their successors all the best." Current Borough Tax Collector Richard Lorentzen said, "It was a pleasure working with both them" and he hopes they enjoy their retirement.

In her free time now, Maryellen says she will be "playing in her garden and possibly get a part-time job." Her last day in the tax office was May 29.

Lorraine is currently doing admin-

istrative work at the Senior Center until her last day on July 7, while her replacement is being trained. After that, she plans on just enjoying her free time and doing some traveling.

Mayor Dan Gallagher said in tribute, "I don't know of a more difficult office than the Tax Collector's office. It's sad that you are going to be leaving us because you're a part of the family of South Plainfield. You're leaving a tremendous void, but we'll do what we can to fill it."

Carol Grennier and Kimberly Bufis have recently been hired as tax clerks to replace both women.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Linda Hansen

Summer is here and that can mean only one thing—the beginning of the Summer Reading Club at the library! This year's theme is "Camp Read-A-Lot." Children who participate will be issued a booklet to record the titles of library books they read (or that are read to them!) over the course of a six-week period. Each week children will receive participation prizes, and can earn larger prizes for reading 25 and 50 books. Registration for the program continues throughout the summer. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate!

In addition to the SRC, the library will be hosting a variety of programs this summer. The following are just a few of the great activities the entire family can enjoy:

Kidcraft—6:30 p.m. Mondays, June 30–August 11. Children ages 6+ (or able to use scissors) are invited to join us each week as we make a different camp related craft! Registration is requested.

Reading With Ms. Meija—7:15 p.m. Mondays, June 30–July 28. Each week Ms. Meija will read a different Junie B. Jones adventure!

Game Gang—11 a.m. Wednesdays, July 2–August 6. Children of all ages can come and play one of our board games, or may bring a favorite from home to share!

Ice Cream Party—6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9. All ages are invited to enjoy some ice cream while admiring our "Snow Quilt." Sixty-four children and parents each designed a square that represents an aspect of winter. The library will be unveiling the

quilt that night, and plans to raffle off the quilt at the end of the summer. Raffle tickets will be available July 9–Aug. 13. Tickets may be purchased at the library for \$1. Special thanks to Mrs. Kay Denton for all of her help with this project!

Mendhi (Temporary Henna Tattoos) Workshop—6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17. Mrs. Manisha Menon, an experienced mendhi artist will be at the library to explain this beautiful Indian art form as well as paint hands. This program is limited to 30 people and registration is required!

Patricia Shih—6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23. Shih is a renowned children's singer/songwriter. Her family oriented shows incorporate sign language with song. This program is suggested for ages 3+. Registration is requested. To find out more about Patricia please visit www.patriciashih.com.

We will also be continuing with our regularly scheduled Storytime & Craft programs. Storytimes are for ages 3+ and are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. Registration is not required!

We are beginning a new program especially for babies! "Books and Babies" will introduce children's literature to our youngest patrons. Parents and children up to three years are encouraged to join us at 10:30 a.m. Friday mornings beginning July 11. This program will feature songs, stories and finger plays as well as some free play time for the kids!

If you would like more information or are interested in registering for any of the programs please call the library at (908) 754-7885.

Recycling Center Closed For Independence Day

The Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Friday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. It will be open instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 3. The Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 5.

The regular schedule at the Recycling Center is: 12 noon to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The regular Yard Waste Site schedule is 12 noon–7 p.m. Tuesdays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

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

Crabiel to Manage Freeholder Campaign For Pulomena and Polos

Freeholder Director, David B. Crabiel, has been asked to manage the campaign of his Freeholder colleagues, John Pulomena and Jim Polos this year.

Crabiel noted that Pulomena was the innovator of the "Tech-2000" program that assures that a computer will be available in every classroom in

the county. He said Polos is the innovator of the program that assures significant cost-savings for prescription drugs for seniors and disabled citizens.

"The State Senate 'tops-the-ticket' this year," Crabiel added. "The only offices to be decided by the voters are the State Senate, Assembly, the two Freeholders and local offices."



FOND FAREWELL—A farewell reception was held at Sacred Heart recently for Father John Primach, who is being transferred to Spotswood. He will be missed by many in the parish. Pictured with Father John is Viola Burrell. Many parish members greeted Father after the 9:30 Mass and about 200 more arrived later. Father John promised that he would be back for the faculty basketball game and that brought a big round of applause from the students. Father John Werner will be coming in this week from Alpha in Hunterdon County.

Sons of American Legion Plan Golf Outing

The Sons of the American Legion, Chaumont Post 243 will hold its first annual golf outing at Bunkerhill Golf Course in Princeton on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The cost is \$85 per person and includes green fees, cart, prizes, breakfast (coffee and bagels), lunch (hotdogs and burgers), drinks (beer, soda, water), as well as a buffet dinner at Chaumont Post 243. Tee times start at 10 a.m. and a hole-in-one on the 13th hole will get you a trip for two in Hawaii!

If you would like to participate in the tournament or sponsor a tee for \$50 or a hole for \$100, please contact Mark at (908) 755-5914, or Joe at (908) 822-0494.

Proceeds will go to the various charities supported by the Sons of the American Legion. Please make checks payable to the Sons of the American Legion, Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Checks must be in by July 21.

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Events

Troop 207 Car Wash

June 28

BSA Troop 207 will hold a Car Wash on Saturday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. This fundraiser helps benefit the troop with camping supplies that are needed and for trips that are taken. A future trip scheduled is to the Thousand Islands. The cost is \$5 per car and \$6 for trucks/SUVs and vans. Come out and support the scouts!

Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast

June 29

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will be having a Communion Breakfast on June 29, at the Knights Hall on Hamilton Blvd. (across from Pizza Stop) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast will be served with a guest speaker. Donation is \$5 per adult, children 12 and under are \$3.50.

For more information and to make your reservations please call (908) 755-6203.

Polish Home Monmouth Race Track Trip

June 29

The Polish Home is planning a trip to Monmouth Race Track on Sunday June 29. The bus leaves the Polish Home, located at 312 New Market Ave. at 9:45 a.m. Cost of \$40 per person includes food, beer, wine, soda and a program. Call (908) 668-9442 for more information.

AARP Chapter 4144 Plans Trip to Catskills

July 14-18

South Plainfield AARP Chapter 4144 is offering a trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills from Tuesday,

What's happening in JUNE/JULY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
~Tickets are available for~ Hunterdon Hills Playhouse • July 28 Senior Transportation Reservations 754-1047				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am 30 Yoga 10:30-11:30am Ceramics 12-1:30pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 1 Lunch Available Ladies's Social Group 10am Men's Forum 1:30pm	Atlantic City Trip 9am 2 Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Line Dancing 10-11:30 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm	Shopping at Pathmark 9am 26 Practical Crafting 10-11am Video Exercise Class 9:30am-10:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 27 Pizza Lunch 11:30
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July 14 to the morning of July 18. Food, entertainment, swimming, all hotel activities, taxes, transportation, gratuities are included in the price of \$310 double occupancy and \$370 for single. A deposit of \$60 required on reservation. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 for information and reservations.

SPHS Class of 1968 35th Reunion

July 19

The SPHS Class of 1968 will hold their 35-year class reunion on July 19 from 7 to 12 p.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes a hot buffet, DJ, four hour open bar (7-11), prizes, alumni booklets and more. Reunion profits, if any, will be donated to the SPHS Project Graduation fund. Dress code is business casual attire, no jeans, gowns, ties, t-shirts, sneakers or sweatshirts.

Daily Events 9-11 AM Coffee & Cake 9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool (908) 754-1047

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Senior Center EVENTS

For information contact reunion organizer Bonnie (Gundersen) Risoli at (609) 971-3955 or SPHS1968classreunion@yahoo.com.

"Sizzle" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

July 28

The Senior Center is running a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Monday, July 28 to see "Sizzle," a new musical featuring an assortment of classic favorites, songs you love and songs you'll come to love. Tickets are \$45 per person and include transportation, lunch and show. Stop in or call the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135.

South Plainfield Golf Assn. Golf Tournament

August 6

The South Plainfield Golf Association will hold its ninth annual golf tournament for the benefit of the SPHS Golf Team on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at Bunker Hill Golf Course.

Entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in at 7 a.m., during which a continental breakfast will be served. Play begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Food and beverages will be available. A dinner and awards ceremony will follow. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin and a hole-in-one prize.

Registration is on a first-come basis with a deadline of July 21. Sign up early to secure a place. Register on-line at www.spga.org or print out and mail in entry forms. Corporate sponsorships are available.

For more information, call Dick DeAndrea (908) 755 1700 or Coach Mike Kavka (908) 753-6578.

Sonshine Bible School

August 11-15

Sonshine Bible School will take place Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m. to noon at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon

Ave., for children ages four through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Bible stories, games, crafts, singing, refreshments, and it's FREE!!

To register, call Bobbie at (908) 754-8069 or e-mail bosseeight@aol.com.

Trip to Niagara Falls, Canada

September 8-12

South Plainfield Recreation is planning a five-day, four-night trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, with a side trip to Toronto. The trip will take place from Sept. 8-12.

The package includes White Star Escort for the entire trip, motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging in Niagara Falls, four full course breakfasts and dinners and all taxes and standard gratuities. Activities include an all day tour of Niagara, including Niagara-on-the-Lake, an all-day tour of Toronto, centering on a harbor cruise and Casa Loma, IMAX Theatre, Famous Maid of the Mist Boat Ride and a tour of the falls and more.

The price is \$400 per person double, triple and quad occupancy. Single supplement is \$99. You must bring a raised-seal birth certificate and photo ID or passport along when traveling into Canada. Cancellation insurance is available upon request.

For reservations or information, call him at (908) 226-7714.

Fall Pocono Getaway to Woodlock Pines

Oct-27-31

The South Plainfield Seniors will be running a trip to the Woodlock Pines Resort in the Poconos, Oct. 27-Oct. 31. The cost is \$465 per person based on double occupancy and includes transportation via private motor coach, four nights accommodation, all meals from lunch on Monday through breakfast on Friday, hotel tax and gratuities. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Mickie at (908) 755-2487 or the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135. This is a very popular vacation, so sign up today.

— Out of Town —

Child Car Seat Check in Metuchen

June 28

On Saturday, June 28, the Metuchen Police Department will be sponsoring a Child Car Seat Check. This free, educational event will take place in the Friendly's Restaurant parking lot at 550 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 27) in Metuchen. The check-up event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to everyone.

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be on hand to check your child seat(s) for recalls and to demonstrate the proper usage and installation of your child seat. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that eight out of 10 car seats are incorrectly installed.

The Metuchen Police Department received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Highway Traffic Safety to sponsor this Child Safety Seat event. Contact Cpl. Jeffrey Temple at (732) 632-8546 for additional information.

Chinese Auction at Autumn Woods

June 28

The Autumn Woods Assisted Living invites you to a Chinese Auction! The auction will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2-4 p.m. at the Autumn Woods Assisted Living, located at 680 Route 202/206N, Bridgewater. The cost is 5 tickets for \$3. To attend, please call (908) 252-3400.

Woodbridge WOWs Dance

June 29

Woodbridge Area Widows Or Widowers (WOWS) Fundraiser dance/social. Sunday, June 29 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Live band. Refreshments.

Cost is \$8. The dance will take place at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Call (732) 297-1775.

Cabaret Series at Wayne Manor

July 1 & July 8

Perennial productions will be introducing its new Cabaret Series "Tuesday Nights on the Terrace" in the Starlight Room at the Wayne Manor, 1515 Route 23 in Wayne.

The first of the series is entitled "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber." It will feature five singers with Warren Helms at the piano.

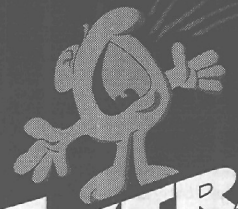
The dates are Tuesday, July 1 and Tuesday, July 8. The Early Bird shows are \$29, the night owl show are \$32.

Ticket price includes all-you-can-eat buffet, soft drinks and dessert. Cash bar available. Tax included. For reservations, call (800) 414-9721.

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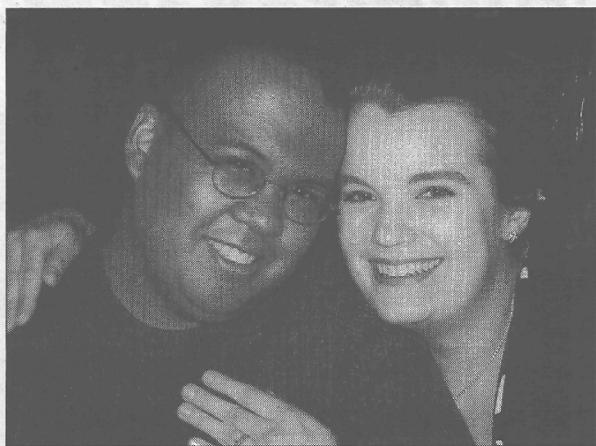
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Milestones



Kathryn Shoremount and Rusty Obra

Kathryn Shoremount and Rusty Obra Announce Engagement

Robert and Deborah Shoremount of Mansfield Township announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Kathryn Shoremount of New York City to Rusty Obra of Wharton, NJ. Rusty is the son of Restituto and Loreto Obra of Pahala, HI (formerly of South Plainfield).

Miss Shoremount is a 1997 graduate of Warren Hills Regional High School (Washington, NJ), and a 2001 and 2003 graduate of Manhattan School of Music, NYC, with both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Classical Vocal Performance. She is an opera singer, currently employed as a young artist with Opera

Theatre of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, and as a young artist with the Juilliard Opera Center at The Juilliard School in NYC.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of South Plainfield High School, a 1999 graduate of Manhattan School of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree in Classical Vocal Performance, and a 1999 graduate of the French Culinary Institute, NYC, with a diploma in Culinary Arts. He is employed by Benchmark Hospitality and is a lead cook at the North Maple Inn at Basking Ridge.

A June of 2005 wedding is planned.

Russos Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Russo, Sr. recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their children.

The couple were married on June 20, 1953 at St. Bartholomew Church in Scotch Plains. Mary Russo's sister, Rose Fania, served as matron of honor and Tony Santacross, a friend of Philip, was his best man.

As a young man, Philip served in the U.S. Air Force from June 1948 until June 1952 as a staff sergeant. He was stationed at McGuire Air Force Base. Mary Russo (formerly Mary Helen Appezatto) worked for the Rose Sportswear Company in Plainfield prior to her marriage. After her marriage, Mary (known to her friends as Molly) worked for a period of time as an aide at Roosevelt School, but mostly dedicated her life and time to raising their four children, Phillip Russo, Jr. of South Bound Brook, Lee Ann Graziano, Diane Russo and Anthony Russo of South Plainfield.

Philip Russo, Sr. was a partner for many years in a family construction company in Plainfield, where the couple resided before building their house and moving to South Plain-



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Russo, Sr.

field. They have lived in South Plainfield for the last 35 years. Prior to his retirement, he was employed in the maintenance department of the Busch Campus of Rutgers University for 20 years.

In addition to their four children, the couple also has 12 grandchildren, Philip III, Jessica, Christopher, Brit-

tany, Alan, Shelly, Kaitlyn, Jay, Alyssa, Megan, Michael and Danielle, and two great grandchildren, Brooke and Summer.

Philip and Mary Russo are loved by all their children and grandchildren and they are respected and admired for their 50 years of dedication and devotion to their family.

Wojcik Earns Degree from Univ. of the Sciences

Michele M. Wojcik of South Plainfield graduated from University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP) during a special ceremony held on Tuesday, May 20, as part of USP's 182nd Commencement Celebration in Philadelphia, Pa.

Michele graduated with a Master of Occupational Therapy degree and Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. Wojcik is the daughter of Michael and Victoria Wojcik.



Michele M. Wojcik

Peloquin Named To Dean's High Honors List

Matthew Peloquin, a 2002 graduate of SPHS, was named to the Dean's High Honors List for the fall and spring semesters at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. He recently completed his freshman year at MC, where he is majoring in Petroleum Engineering.

Matthew, the son of Thomas and Linda Peloquin, was one of only two freshmen in the country to be awarded an internship this summer with Anadarko Petroleum Corp., Midland, Tx.

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8 am at
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Deadline to register is July 14

The tournament will consist of 2 divisions & run as follows:

Open Division • Mens Slowpitch • Double Elimination • \$250 Entry Fee • \$500 Prize (1st Place) • \$250 Prize (2nd Place)	Charitable Division • Co-ed Slowpitch • Single Elimination • Limited Homeruns • \$200 Entry Fee
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Teams can register by contacting Det. Gary Cassio at (908)226-7663, Det. James Parker at (908)226-7661, or the South Plainfield PAL on Maple Ave., (908)226-7714.

All other donations will be greatly appreciated to help defer all costs of the lab fees and medical costs for David Kile.

Rain Date: Sunday, July 20

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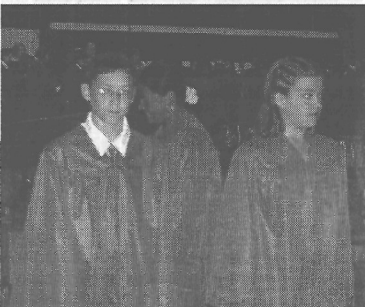
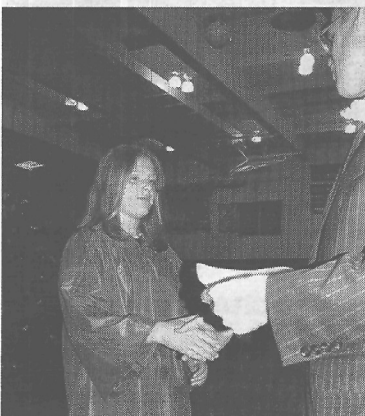
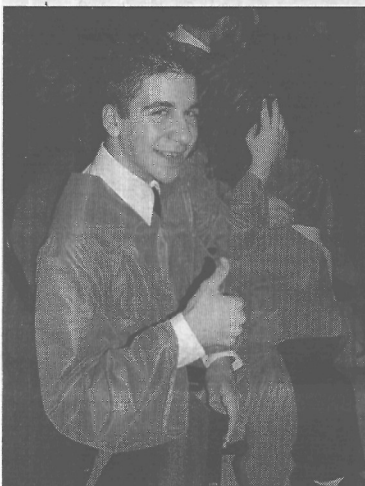
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Congratulations South Plainfield Middle School



The Middle School graduation was held last Wednesday evening. Because of inclement weather, the ceremonies were held in the high school gym. Despite the weather the eighth grade students were all smiles as they marched into the gym. The bleachers were packed with family and friends all cheering them on. Student Council President Megan Boyle, Valedictorian Christopher Stallone and Salutatorian Meshva Patel all spoke, thanking their teachers and family. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, Principal Frederik Oberkehr and Board of Education President Pio Penisi also spoke to the graduates. In his speech, Oberkehr spoke of student Thomas G. McCullen, who passed away a last month and was scheduled to graduate with this class. Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage announced the names of the students who received Presidential Awards. The SPMS Class of 2003 are now officially the SPHS Class of 2007.

Michelle Alcantara*
Qur'an Ra-amon Ali
David Alston
Joseph Anarumo
Michelline Anim
Kimberly Arki
William Ashnault
Joseph Attanasio
Nicholas Baldassarre*
Arun Balkaran
Karylanne Baker
Frank Banghart Jr.
Robert Barnard
Stephanie Bartfalvi
Justin Basilone
Sean Battison
Jake Bayak
Daniel Becker*
Nicole Benak
Angela Benko
Amber Berkowitz
Paige Berkowitz
Tina Bijlani*
Dorian Bishop
Christopher Bizup**
Kevin Bolivar
Julianne Bosse*
Ryan Bovee**
Samantha Bowser
Megan Boyle
Courtney Breland
Steven Breslau
Caitlyn Brindley
Stephanie Brizak
Sarah Brooks
Brandee Brown
Kenton Brown
Renne' Brown
Kiran Budhan*
Melissa Budhan
Christopher Burke*
Raven Burnett
Thomas Burnett
Ginamarie Butrico*
Michelle Butrico
Dana Cacciatore
Dorothy Cameron
John Carigna*
Cynthia Carlson
Angela Carney
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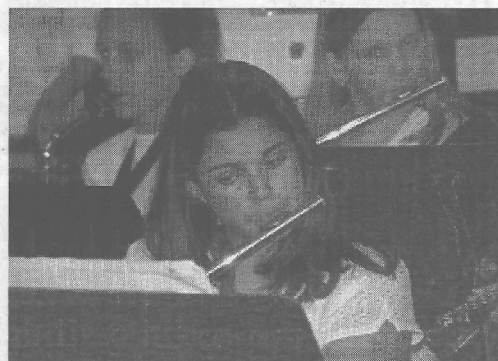
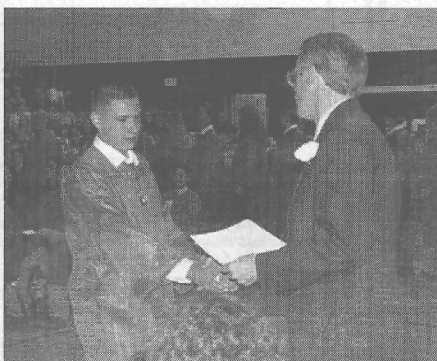
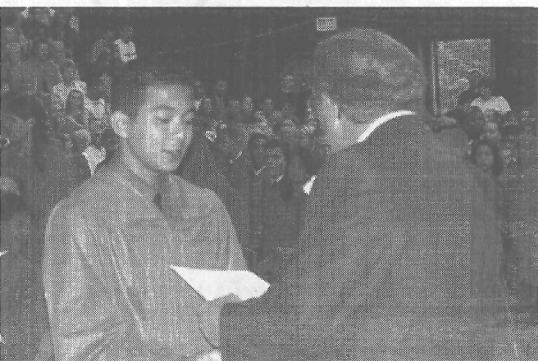


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Umit Cayli
Amit Chandler
Ying Chen
Ashleyanne Chosney**
Jeffrey Cianfrocca*
Samantha Cihanowyz*
Charles Clark
Zakiya Clarke*
Jonathan Clary
Katelyn Conrad
Jennifer Copeland
Kyle Corrado
Samantha Corveley
Jessica Cristello
Adam Cruz
Joseph Cupo**
Kristina Cursi
Ryan Curtis**

Ashlee Cybulski
Kathryn D'Alao
Rebecca Dacchille
Kamal Darji
Desirae Davis
Dana DeCillis
Jenna DeLillo
Nicholas DeSimone**
Tina DeStefano
Louis Delos Santos
Charles Decker III
Thomas Deschaine
Lauren DiFrancesco
Dianne Dimayuga
Matthew Doell
Harrison Donahue
Nicholas Dorey
Kelly Downes
Karla Dubon

Vanessa Ducuara
Jack Duong**
Kathleen Eder*
Ryan Egan**
Matthew Emery**
Matthew Fabino*
Robert Fallat
Stephanie Falzarano
Laura Fernandez
Samantha Fiore
Alexandra Fodor
Melissa Franzson
Lauren Frazzano**
Ryan Fredericks**
Nicole Freitas**
Lauren Fry**
Frank Fugazzi
Angela Furka
Kimberly Galinsky*

Chesney Gamble
Donna Garcia*
Raul Garcia
Kevin Garman
Jennifer Garzon
Ashleigh Gaspari*
Samantha Gaughan
Jerry Geczy
Robert Gentile, Jr.
Michael Allen George
Michael Jacob George
Crystal Ghanem
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Class of 2003



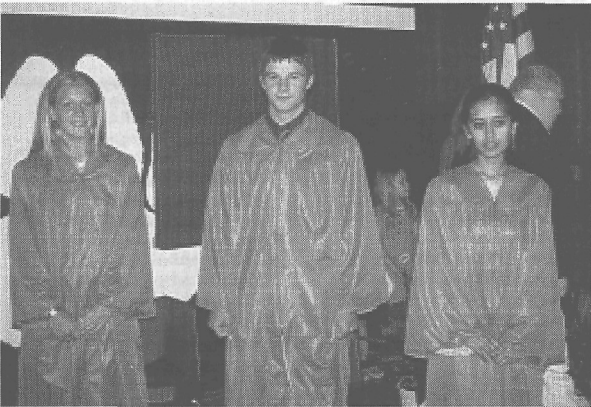
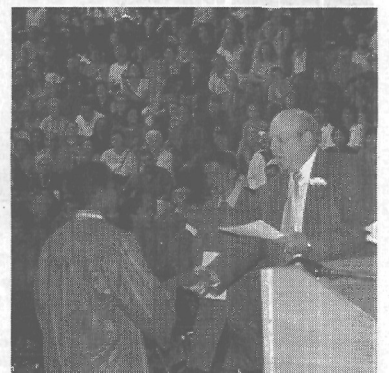
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Matthew Gross
Ron Guancione
Lourdes Guardado
Olwin Guthrie
Stephanie Hansen
Dondray Hardin
Katie Hardy
Amber Hartman
Meghan Hartmann
Allison Hart
Amanda Harzula*
Nicholas Haupt
Angelica Hebreo
Damian Henderson
Christopher Herbster
Jose Hernandez
Jennifer Herrera
Jessica Hill
Cassandra Hoffman*
Sara Holbrook*
Britney Hollaway
Asta Hollis*
Stephanie Holowka
Fred Hooks, III
Samantha Horvath
Brianna Howarth*
Daniel Hubner*
Danielle Hunt
Bryan Hunt
Trucy Huynh
Jamel Idrissi
Danielle Indico
Al-Farad Inzar
Padmani Itwaru
LaChan Jainarine
Michael Jakubik
Briana Jennings
Steven Joaquin

Tony Joe
Barney Johnson*
Jillisa Jones
Gauri Joshi*
Kassandra Joyner
Carl Kaasik
Ryan Kamen
Wael Kanj*
Rebecca Keller
Tovannai Kelly
Andrew Keraga
Shannon Kertes
Devin Kile**
Marissa Kline
David-Josiah Krause
Matthew Krupit
Garrett Lake
Joseph Lammi
Christine Lanza*
Sebastian Lasota*
Phillip Van Le
Phuong Le*
Joshua Lennon
Hannah Levine
Ashley Little
Jennifer Little
Charles Loiacono, Jr.
John Lopez
Maria Lopez
Stephen Lopez
Ronald Loyo
Andre Lutas
Philip Luzry
Kyle Lykes
Alan Maglaque
Amanda Makowski
Taylor Mandel
Ramona Mangal

Shalini Mangra
Kimberly Marin
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Brittany Marino
Jalaz Marrero
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Melvin Martinez
Joy Maszczak
Nicole Mathew*
Kyle Mathews
Robert Mathis, Jr.
Stephanie Mazurak
Daria McCall
Michael Mclean
Daniel McCreesh
Thomas McCullen+
Erin McGill
Kory McGovern
Luisa Medina
Shannon Meehan
Cynthia Mejia
Tricia Merryman
Nicole Miglis
Benjamin Milcarek
Jacquelyn Miller*
Ryan Miller
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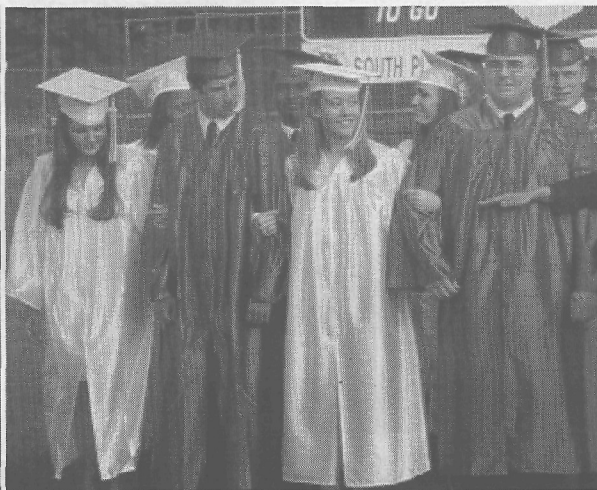
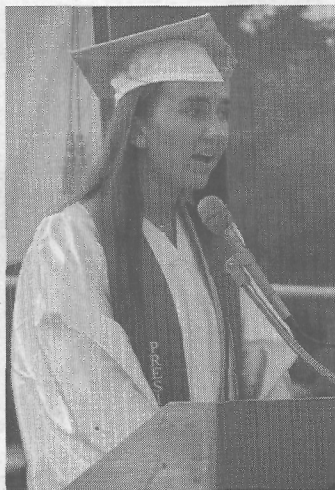
***South Plainfield Middle School 8th Grade Presidential Award Recipients**
For: Outstanding Academic Excellence (Gold Certificate)

****8th Grade Presidential Award Recipients**
For: Outstanding Academic Achievement (Silver Certificate)

+Diploma awarded on the 5th day of June



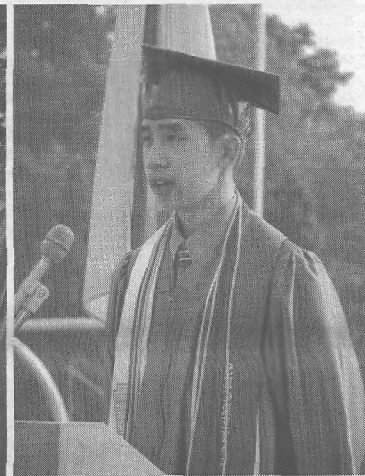
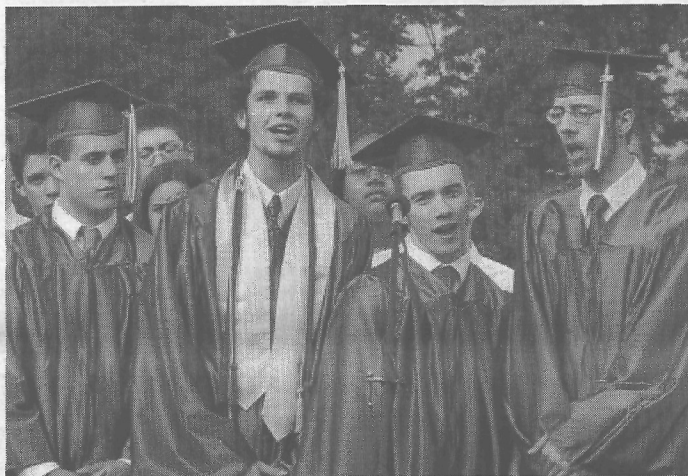
Congratulations South Plainfield High School



The SPHS class of 2003 graduated last Thursday evening under a threat of rain. The decision to hold the ceremonies outdoors was not made until late in the afternoon. The rain held off the ceremonies were held without a hitch.

Principal Anthony Massaro, Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado and several members of the board attended the ceremonies. Drawing applause and cheers as they spoke were Student Council Amanda Lynn George, Salutatorian Alexander Huyuh and Valedictorian Christina Lee Furka. The roll call of the graduates were read by Class President Nicole Ashley, Amanada George and National Honor Society President Elayne Marie Russell.

The South Plainfield High School chorus featured the seniors who were singing together for the last time. Each graduation this is a very touching moment for the graduates to perform for one last time together and it was evident by the emotions showing on their faces.



The South Plainfield High School Graduating Class of 2003, along with their awards (in alphabetical order) are:

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Kristy Rose Aboosamara
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence

Cassandra Megan Adams
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Emil Leporino Memorial Scholarship, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Christopher Matthew Addvensky
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence

Joseph Peter Adorna
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Emil Leporino Memorial Scholarship, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Juan Carlos Aguilar
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence

Jenifer Yurline Castro Aguirre
Spanish National Honor Society

Taurean Kamal Ahmed
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

Ashley Marie Allocco
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

Michael John Allocco, III
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

Alain Amazan
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

Annette Anderson
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

Okie Mensah Annum
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

Kimberly Dawn Arend
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

Ariel Lucas Avalos
National Honor Society, The French National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Burton-Walker Scholarship

B

Kristin Mary Baker
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence

Katherine Lynn Baldessari
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence

Christopher Joseph Baron
National Honor Society, The Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Presidential Award For Educational Excellence

John F. Kennedy School PTSO

Scholarship, Italian American Progressive League Scholarship, South Plainfield Education Foundation Scholarship, Giakas Family Foundation Scholarship, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program, Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education, Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame for Instrumental Music, Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame for Vocal Music, Henry Banker Memorial Scholarship, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Heather Anne Barrett
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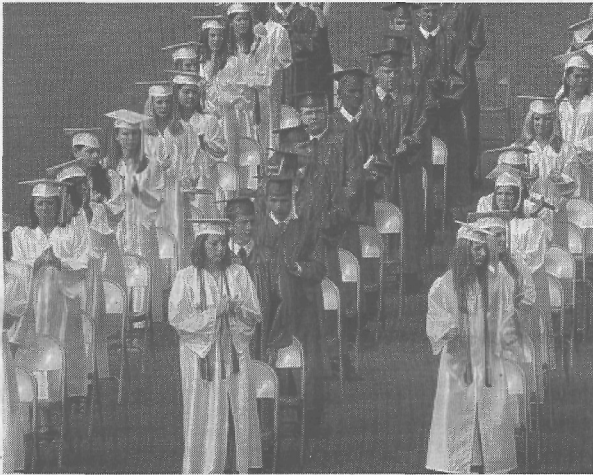
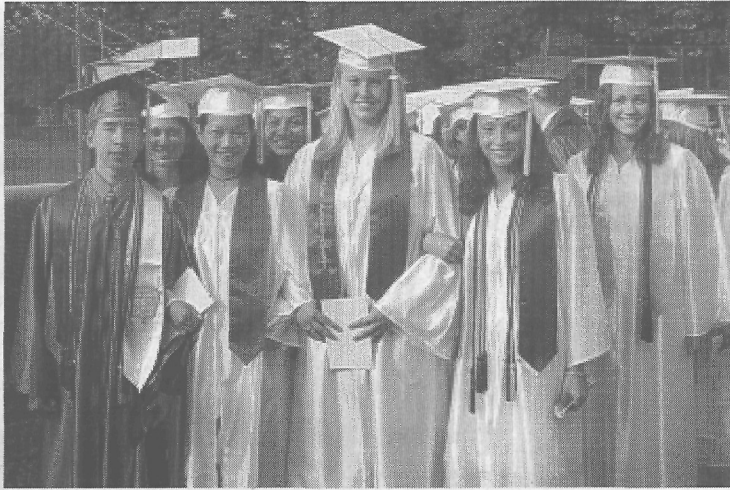
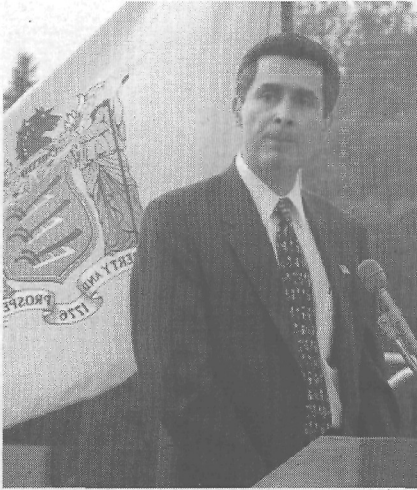
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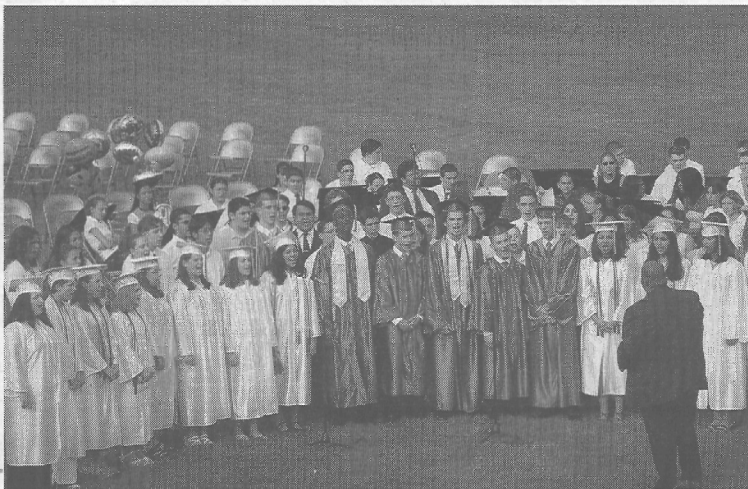
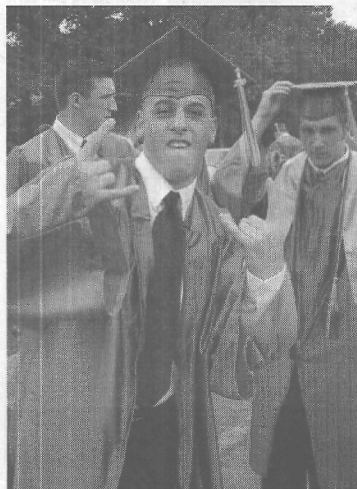
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Katharine Harris Lawrence
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Brick Computer Science Institute
Kyle Ryan Prendergast
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Megan Ashley Pulomena
South Plainfield Football Eagles Scholarship

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Jawaria Shafqat
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John Edward Wiekowski
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Michael Paul Wiczorek
Knights of Columbus Scholarship
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Principal's Award for Citizenship
Jeffrey Alan Williams
Presidential Award for Educational Achievement, University of North Carolina Athletic Scholarship
Nicole Ashley Chin Woo
Presidential Award Educational Achievement
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Wellness Corner

Housecalls in the 21st Century??

By Dr. Patrick M. Aiello DC

Over the past several weeks, I have begun to make changes in the structure of how I service my patients. Over the last year or so, I've contemplated how I can best serve my patients in the face of the economic issues all healthcare practitioners must address. From increasing overhead expenses to the daily battles with insurance companies, today's healthcare provider has to balance out not just the aspects of implementing and managing patient care, but how to do so in a cost-effective manner.

That being said, chiropractors and myself in particular are no different, have to address these same issues. From the emergence of all the "medi"-Centers out there to doctors being more and more in group practice, the solo-practitioner is going the way of the dinosaur. Well, instead of having my practice become extinct, I posed the question to myself as how to best serve my patients while maintaining a living for my family and myself.

After exploring and quite frankly, continuing to explore several positive options available to me, my brother came up with a unique and unconventional idea. Instead of having my patient's come to me, I'll go to them. Thus, the idea of "The House-Call Doc" was born.

Admittedly, I was a little concerned about how my current patients would receive such news. Now that the cat



Dr. Patrick Aiello, DC

is out of the bag and the reviews are in, I've been extremely humbled by the outpouring of support and encouragement they've shown. The vast majority of patients have signed on for this type of care and quite a few of my patients whom I hadn't seen in awhile have also given their nod of encouragement.

The House-Call type of practice I'm looking to build has taken root and looks to be a great way to maintain the relationships I've built upon these past twelve years in practice. That's also great news for my patients as they'll have their chiropractic needs met in the comfort and convenience of their own home.

So, as of June 30, 2003, while the physical location of my office will no longer be on the corner of New Market and South Clinton avenue in South Plainfield, my practice will actually encompass the entire South Plainfield locale along with the surrounding towns. My phone number will still be (908) 755-2289 along with patient's being able to access my online at SoPlfndDoc@aol.com.

As I am simply restructuring how I'm servicing my patients, their office records, x-rays, etc. will still be stored as part of Aiello Chiropractic Center PC. For those wanting access to those records, simply call (908) 755-2289 and the necessary arrangements will be made. In the meantime, thanks and soon I'll be coming to a home near you!!!!

Shoppers Evacuated from K-Mart Front End Loader Stolen in Separate Incident

Last Thursday morning, police and fire personnel responded to the K-Mart on Hadley Rd.

The incident occurred in the automotive department of the store. An unknown suspect had taken a set of jumper cables and connected the terminals on a battery that was on display for sale causing a short in the battery. The caused a minimal smoke condition which was put out with a fire extinguisher. Shoppers were evacuated for a short time as a precautionary

measure. No injuries were reported and no suspects were arrested.

Bobcat Loader Stolen

In a separate incident, between June 20 at 4:30 p.m. and June 23 at 7:30 a.m., an unknown suspect removed a 2002 Bobcat 553 Loader from Presscrete Company on Oak Tree Ave.

The loader is described as white with a blue stripe and black lettering. It was valued at \$22,000. There are no suspects at this time.



Code Red Rover: Lowe's Brings Home Safety Show to Students

Elementary school students throughout town participated in "The Great Safety Adventure" sponsored by Lowe's.

Interactive shows presented by the Lowe's staff inside two trailers made youngsters aware of potential hazards around their home. One trailer had a life-sized kitchen, bathroom and bedroom and staff helped point out to students what is not safe and in this areas and to tell an adult about problems they might see. Children participated in a presentation that enabled them to identify hazards such as: fire

and burning, falling, poisoning and choking. Red Rover the Safety Adventure Mascot worked with the children so that they will know how to react when these dangers are present. Students learned the motto, "Code Red Rover Grown Up Come Over" to say in case of danger and to alert their adult partners that something is wrong.

Each child was given a Red Rover Ranger Sticker and a Red Rover Activity book that reinforces what was taught in the program. Parents are encouraged to go over this booklet with

the students and are invited to visit coderedrover.org to continue teaching safety to their children.

The Great Safety Adventure teaches home safety messages supported by Risk Watch, the first only comprehensive injury prevention program for kids pre-k through eighth grade. Spearheaded by the National Fire Protection Association and co-funded by HSC, Risk Watch was launched in 1998 to teach children and families the skills and knowledge they need to make positive choices about their personal safety and well-being.

policereport

- An Oakmoor Ave. resident reported that the glass on her patio table had been broken.

- Public Works reported the theft of two sets of street signs.

- A Durham Ave. resident reported the theft of an unlocked Mongoose mountain bike from Spring Lake Park.

- Jose Ricardo Alfaro, 21, of North Plainfield was arrested for burglary and theft of an O'Laughlin Dr. home.

- Conway Central Express reported the theft of a tractor from their secured facility.

- Franklin School reported the theft of a hand held mobile radio and radio adapter from the main office.

- Foot Locker on Oak Tree Ave. reported that a cash deposit of \$354 had not been made by an employee.

- A Park Ave. resident reported that two of his unlocked vehicles in his driveway had items stolen. A pair of sunglasses, a cell phone, a radar detector and some change were missing.

- St. Stephens Lutheran Church on Park Ave. reported that three front glass windows had been shot out by a BB gun.

- A Sims Pl. resident reported the theft of a Huffy mountain bike from the front of Corner Deli on Hamilton

Blvd.

- A No. Madison Ave. resident reported that someone had spray painted a blue line of the rear panel of her vehicle.

- YMCA Kids Place on Park Ave. reported that the glass door to the office had been smashed in and an unknown amount of cash was taken from a locked filing cabinet.

- On June 21 New Image Landscaping on Mack Pl. reported that

someone had attempted to move a Holland skid steer machine.

- On June 23 an E. Crescent Parkway resident reported that some jewelry was missing after a family party.

- Canada Dry on New Dr. reported that someone had opened an unlocked bay storage area of a truck and stole 92 cases of soda and water.

- Presscrete Co. on Oak Tree Ave. reported that a Bobcat loader was missing from their yard.

Roosevelt School Loses Power After Truck Hits Wire

On June 18, at about 10:15 a.m., a tractor-trailer owned by Old Dominion Trucking of Springfield, IL and operated by Richard Governale, age 52, of Edison, was making a delivery at Roosevelt Elementary School when the truck struck a cable guide wire as it entered a parking lot, snapping the telephone pole. This caused a power outage within several areas of the school. Within 20 minutes of the incident, PSE&G responded and power to the school and surrounding area of Jackson Ave. was shut off while repairs were made. There were also sporadic reports of phone service interruptions in the area.

All the children, grades K through fifth grade, were escorted to the gymnasium, and were eventually dismissed at 1 p.m. without incident. The students were already scheduled for early dismissal as part of the year-end calendar. There were no injuries involved.

Members of the South Plainfield

Police and Fire departments responded, along with personnel from the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and the Office of Emergency Management.

A vehicle owned by Mary Spisso of South Plainfield was damaged when an insulator for the power lines fell on her car while parked on Jackson Ave. near Evona Ave. Spisso is employed as a school crossing guard at that location.

Three homes also sustained damage. Two homes on Jackson Ave. had the electrical service ripped from the homes. Another was damaged by water when the sump pump failed due to the power outage.

The cause of the accident was determined to be a low hanging cable guide wire near the entrance to a new parking area on Jackson Ave. The parking lot was constructed last year, however, the wires were not raised.

Officer Wayne Diana is investigating the accident.

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Sports



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

Recreation Season Ends—The recreation softball season ended in the same way it began; with a lot of rain. Unfortunately the A and B league playoffs were postponed and finally cancelled due to the bad weather. Thank you to Recreation Director, Mike English, who in order to compensate the girls for all of the lost games, has sent each girl in the program a free one-day pass to the community pool. The pass can be used any time over the summer season.

South Plainfield Tournament, June 28 and 29—The SP Tournament will be held on June 28 and 29. Games will be played at both Ponytail Park (formerly Pitt Street Park) and the SP High School softball fields. Snack bar and

bathroom facilities will be available at both sites. Good luck to all teams. **Recreation Fall Softball League**—The recreation department is considering starting a fall softball league. Games will start in September and only played during the week, not on weekends. If any girls are interested they should contact the PAL at (908) 226-7714. Mike English will then determine if there are enough girls to form the league. **SP Summer Softball Camp—July 14 through July 18**—The South Plainfield Recreation Department will be running a summer softball sports camp for girls ages 7-15. It will take place at the SPHS varsity softball field. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. Applications are available at the PAL. For more information, contact Recreation Director

Mike English. In case of rain, the camp will be held in the SPHS gym.

Sponsorship Program—Last year we revised our sponsorship program. Our sponsors can have an advertising sign placed on the outfield fences of our fields at the Ponytail Park Complex (formerly the Pitt Street Park Complex). The sign will be 4 feet by 8 feet in size. Sponsors can design their sign with any information or logo they choose. The signs will be up for our Spring, Summer and Fall programs (through end of Oct.). Sponsors will have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$300 or a two-year agreement at a cost of \$400 (either includes cost of sign with two colors). Additional colors may be added at a cost of \$20 per color. After the initial agreement period is up, the annual renewal fee will be \$175. This new program offers our sponsors a cost-effective advertising opportunity which will reach hundreds of families. All of the funds, which are collected from our sponsors and fundraisers, go directly towards improving and upgrading the Pitt Street Park softball facilities, as well as benefiting the girls who play recreation and all-star softball. If you are interested in funding a sign, please contact any member of the S.P. Parents' Ponytail Association or contact me via our website at www.spponytail.com.

Ponytail Softball Website—Visit Ponytail Softball anytime online at www.spponytail.com to find the latest news/events, rosters, schedules, etc. Please feel free to contact me by keying on the email link webmasters@spponytail.com found on our home page.



B League Lady Cougars—Danielle Armistead, Katie Baldassarre, Katyah Cisson, Kristie Crilley, Amanda Freitas, Alexa Kunch, Lyndsey Murtagh, Brittany Musolino, Kristina Palazzo, Emily Piekarski, Kayla Prins, Emily Roseo and Lucille Roseo. The team is coached by Tim Crilley.



2003 Pocono Ryder Cup Champions

Woodland Hills, Hideaway Hills and Olde Homestead in Pennsylvania were the host for the annual Pocono Ryder Cup event. The champions squeezed out a 30-24 victory in the three day Ryder Cup format. Pictured left to right are Bob Besser, Butch Woodhull, Joe Sosnak, Bill Schulte, Jack Kudrick, Lenny Padulla and Ralph Fech. Not pictured is Bill Lane (who is in the witness protection program).

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1570B

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

Ordinance #1570B entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1570 AND #1570A APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE REPAVING OF BELMONT AVENUE be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 27, 2003 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 17, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1570B

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1570 AND #1570A APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000.00 FOR THE REPAVING OF A PORTION OF BELMONT AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

BE IT OBTAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the repaving of a portion of Belmont Avenue in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 2. That the improvement described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvement for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purpose stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$322,000.00.

B. That the cost of said project shall be financed by a grant received from the Local Pedestrian Safety Program portion of the Transportation Aid Fund of the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$100,000.00 and the Fiscal Year 2003 Transportation Trust Fund Grant which said sum is available for said purpose.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvement is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Section 5. This law shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$78.75 June 27, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1623

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

Ordinance #1623 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440M 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 2002 THROUGH 2004 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, June 19, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.50 June 27, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Steven Marston requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a pool. Proposed pool lacks the 30' secondary front setback, 27.5' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1328 Farnham Drive on Block 531, Lot 1 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 June 27, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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

WHEREAS, by ordinance adopted July 15, 2002, the Governing Body of South Plainfield designated the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site as an area in need of redevelopment, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council determined that redevelopment needs of the Borough of South Plainfield would best be addressed and achieved through the uniform and coordinated efforts of a single municipal subcommittee, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-12.1 et seq., the Governing Body of South Plainfield created the "Borough of South Plainfield Redevelopment Committee" which oversees and coordinates the redevelopment efforts in the Borough of South Plainfield at the direction, advice and consent of Council, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough of South Plainfield Redevelopment Subcommittee for the Governing Body of South Plainfield to enter into a

professional services contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq., with PMK, Inc. as the engineering and design firm to be on call to provide planning and consulting services for the Redevelopment Area known as the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Governing Body of South Plainfield declares that PMK, Inc. is designated as the engineering and design firm to be on call to provide planning and consulting services for the Redevelopment Area known as the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$45.50 June 27, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield in need of retaining an engineering firm to act as Borough Engineer, and

WHEREAS, the Borough is currently using CME Associates as the Borough Engineer since July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, CME Associates has submitted a proposal to continue serving as the Borough Engineer for South Plainfield for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), and

WHEREAS, funds for said contract will be made available in the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a Professional Services contract with CME Associates to act as the Borough Engineer for the period from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The fees are set forth in the proposal.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$40.25 June 27, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1612B

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

Ordinance #1612B entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$137,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BOROUGH'S ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, June 19, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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Sports

By Kevin Lykes

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Commissioner Kevin Lykes (left) presents a Commissioner's Award to Charlie Decker, Sr. at ceremonies held several weeks ago.

SPJBC 50th Anniversary Celebration—We have reserved the Woodbridge Sheraton for Sept. 19 to hold our 50th anniversary celebration dinner... here are the details:

In celebration of the completion of fifty seasons, our fiftieth anniversary and the beginning of the next half century of youth baseball in South Plainfield, the SPJBC family will be getting together for a night of fun, food and cocktails on Friday, Sept. 19, at the Woodbridge Sheraton. There will be no fundraising, no work details, no snack stand duty, no speeches—just a good time for all.

The cost of the celebration dinner is \$75 per person and includes an open bar, cocktails, a sit down dinner and entertainment. Additional details can be found on our webpage which is www.spjbc.com. Look under the tab that says Anniversary Dinner. At this time, please direct any questions to Kevin Lykes at (908) 756-3671. Additional information to follow in upcoming weeks.

—Submitted by Bob Nilan

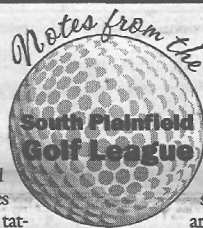
Aiello Chiropractic put an end to KC's Korner's undefeated record with a crushing 15-5 win as Ed Banach fired a superb even-par 33 while teammate Fred Kirchofer, who continues to play with his lucky, tattered glove, chipped in with a 38.

With this victory, Aiello stretched its own winning streak to six in a row and moved into first place in the National Division, a half game ahead of KC's Korner.

VFW took advantage of Patti's Construction, who played with one man short, to win their match 11-9. Matt Ward had a 39 for Patti's as they dropped into last place.

Twin City had a surprisingly easy time, defeating Hank's Hackers, 15-5. Jay Coppola's 37 and Frank Capparelli's 38 led the way for Twin City. In American Division action, Steve Schock was the medalist for Plainfield Animal Hospital as they handily defeated Elks 14½- 5½.

Frank Matthews was low man for Sport & Social, as last year's champs gained their second win of the season, downing Pornovets, 12½- 7½.



Witty's hammered Masters, 15-5, to remain in a three-way tie for second place in the American Division.

At the halfway point in the season, the standings in the league are as follows:

American Division

	W	L	T
PAH	5	2	0
Pornovets	3	3	1
Witty's	3	3	1
Elks	3	3	1
Masters	2	4	1
Sport & Soc.	2	5	0

National Division

	W	L	T
Aiello	6	1	0
KC's Korner	5	1	1
Twin City	3	3	1
Hank's	2	4	1
VFW	2	4	1
Patti's	2	5	0

Leading Scores for the Night were: Ed Banach-33, Jay Coppola-37, Frank Capparelli-38, Fred Kirchofer-38, Matt Ward-39 and Rich Steele-39.

Varsity Golf Season Review

By Tim Morgan

What I always found interesting about golf is that you shoot a tiny ball into an expansive fairway (at least hopefully instead of the rough or worse, the path of another hole) only to have to sink it into a tiny cup four inches in diameter. It is one of the world's most popular sports for several reasons, two being that it is a lifetime sport and that just about anyone can play it. The flip side to that coin is that it is also one of the most challenging and skill-oriented. Golf is a sport that can provide enjoyment just as easily as anxiety. If you think I'm exaggerating, go out on a course and find out for yourself.

A common argument is that golf is not a sport, because there is little physical activity involved. The dictionary definition of the word sport by itself refutes this argument. The accuracy, mental focus, variety of skills, precise physical movements, and constant, integral decisions to make required by the player are all undeniable elements of a sport. As for the physical fitness aspect, I won't argue that you need to be in outstanding shape, but players in competition are required to walk the full 9 or 18 holes (roughly two to four miles), which is indeed exercise.

Moving past my using this column as an opportunity to vent indignation, the South Plainfield High School Varsity Golf team posted another impressive season this year. Improving on last year's 17-5 record, the boys went 19-3-1 to win the White Division.

The truly impressive thing about the golf program at SPHS is that Head Coach Mike Kavka considered this to be only an average season. There were a lot of good things to say about this

season, especially the White Division Championship; Kavka did not consider it to be a disappointment by any means, just not a great one. While he was fairly satisfied with the team's eighth place finish in the state tournament, he thought the GMC Tournament results were a disappointment, because South Plainfield, South Brunswick, East Brunswick, and St. Joe's are considered the top four who often duke it out for the top spot, and the Tigers placed a still respectable seventh overall.

In his 21 years, Kavka has always had high expectations for his golfers. "You set out to win each match as they come along," said Kavka, adding that you have to be prepared each time you set foot on the tee. "It (golf) is the sport that is the most fun to play. If it came too easy, we would tire of it and not play it," Kavka also said.

When asked why SPHS has always been a consistently strong golf team, Kavka said, "There's a lot of interest," adding, "If you want to play, you've got to be better than the next guy."

Last week, I wrote that high school tennis teams are inherently small; the same applies to golf teams. There are only six Varsity positions per match open, but all of Kavka's 12 golfers got to play at least five rounds. Junior Danny DeAndrea was this year's MVP and led the team with the lowest average (40 strokes for nine holes). Senior Frank Gaspari averaged 41; juniors Mike Alvarez, Guy Severini, and Billy Weaver all averaged 42; sophomores Billy Padula, who was Rookie of the Year, and Pete DeAndrea averaged 43; and sophomore Brian Murtagh averaged a 44. Senior Mike Jankoski, a regular Varsity golfer for the last three years, suffered an injury this season. DeAndrea and Gaspari

were Second Team All-Area selections by the *Home News Tribune* while Severini was a Third Team pick and Padula received an Honorable Mention.

The Tigers practice at West Nine Golf Course five days a week. Before matches start, they have a month of preparation to regain any skills they may have lost over the seasons since it is almost impossible to play golf not only in the winter season, but also if you play other sports in other seasons. They play full rounds (in practice), but working on skills is paramount to the overall score, which is the main focus of competitions instead. The Tigers focus on driving, getting the drive to the green in as few shots as possible, chipping, and putting, all while being as accurate as possible and being sure to correct errant shots while avoiding compounding mistakes and maintaining composure.

"It's always personally rewarding to see (young) people improve their skills and enjoy the game," said Kavka, an avid golfer himself. "Golf is something that you look forward to playing, and when you have a good round or you make a good shot, there's the personal satisfaction that you get from preparing yourself to do that."

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Obituaries

John N. Boccia, 68

John N. Boccia, 68, died on Sunday, June 15 in the Medical Center of Plano, TX, following a sudden illness.

He was born in South Plainfield and grew up here. In 1965, he moved to Howell Twp., where he lived for 23 years. He moved back to South Plainfield for 10 years before moving to Plano four years ago.

John started working as a young boy at the Plainfield Country Club as a caddie and he later worked as a locker attendant.

After high school, he attended Rutgers University. During the Korean War, he served in the US Army's 19th Infantry.

He had worked on numerous classified projects and had been a design engineer with the former Lockheed Electronics of North Plainfield for 15 years and later with Frequency Engineering Labs of Farmingdale, NJ for 10 years. Around 1975, John changed his career and became a computer programmer and had worked as a programmer for the Fabrege Co. in Jersey City. He then held a programming position with Air Co. of Union. He finished his career 13 years ago, serving as the data center manager for the DeGussa Huls America Co. of South Plainfield, the former Tenneco Chemical Co.

While he lived in Howell Twp., he was active in politics and organized, in 1984, the United Homeowners Assoc. of Howell. Through the association, he declined a nomination to run for mayor. John was also well known in Toms River, having assisted his son in his business, "Mike's Services Center" on Rt. 166.

He was a former member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church where, for many years, he had worked on the Feast of St. Anthony Carnival, being in charge of making meatballs and sausage and peppers. When he moved to Texas, he became active in St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Plano, where he was instrumental in organizing a carnival and became known as the "Meatball King." In Plano, he was also known for his gardening.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Anderson Boccia; two sons, Robert Boccia and his wife Annegret of Allen, TX and Michael J. Boccia of Toms River; a brother, James "Sonny" Boccia and his wife Sylvia of South Plainfield; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Jonathon, Jessica, Christopher and David Boccia; his mother-in-law, Ellen Anderson of Neptune; a god-daughter, Karen Boccia and two nieces, Deborah Palmer and Jamie Boccia.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Susan M. Notte, 89

Susan M. Notte, 89, died on Tuesday, June 17 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York, she resided in Hillside and Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield in 1960.

Susan was an avid reader, craftsper-

son and a tremendous cook and baker. She was a loving wife and mom and was extremely devoted to her family.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur R. Notte; a daughter, Cheryl Tenisci of South Plainfield and a son, Bruce (Joyce) Notte of Tinton Falls. Also surviving are two grandchildren, John and Anthony.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Anthony (Tony) Barletta, 54

Anthony (Tony) Barletta, 54, died suddenly on Thursday, June 19 at his home.

Tony was born in Plainfield and was a former resident of Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield 30 years ago.

Tony was a graduate of Middlesex County College and Seton Hall University with a degree in accounting. He went on to become a certified public accountant and worked for Verizon Wireless in Bedminster as the manager of regulatory and reporting for the last eight years.

He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey Society of CPAs.

Tony served his country as a sergeant in Company C 250th Signal Battalion in the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Tony loved listening to music and played the guitar. He also loved computers and was a self-taught computer wiz. Tony loved the outdoors, especially fishing, and could be found bass fishing on the many lakes near his summer home in New York State.

He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife, Roseanne Rubinetti Barletta; a son, Anthony L. Barletta of Tucson, AZ; his parents, Lawrence and Carmela (Millie) Giordano Barletta of High Bridge; a sister, Laura Anne Barletta of High Bridge; his in laws, Anthony and Rosina Rubinetti; two sister-in-laws, Fran Julie and Patricia Rubinetti; a brother-in-law, Peter and his wife Laurie Rubinetti; a nephew Vincent and a niece, Elena.

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

Dolores Behr, 66

Dolores Behr, 66, died on Sunday, June 22 at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born and raised in Long Island City, NY, she moved to South Plainfield in 1960 where she resided for over 40 years.

Dolores was a devoted wife and mother who cherished her family first and foremost, fondly being called "Ma" and "D.D." by her grandchildren. Her proudest moments were the achievements of her children. She was an avid reader who also enjoyed to cook, talk with friends and neighbors, but most of all, just cherished being a mom.

She is survived by her beloved husband and best friend, Alfred, of 47

years. Together they created countless memories that made their family what it is today. Also surviving are her four children, Maureen Cerulli and her husband Anthony of Philadelphia, Pa., Thomas and his wife Cindy of Bethlehem, Pa., Michael and his wife Lisa of South Plainfield and Alfred Jr., also of South Plainfield. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Jacqueline, Christie, Freddie, Jake, Aleece and Mikey.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, 100 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 1089, Morristown, NJ 07962.

Marian (Gage) Fischer, 84

Marian (Gage) Fischer died Tuesday, June 24 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in North Plainfield, she had resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1952.

Mrs. Fischer had been employed as a Lab Technician for Calco Company in Bound Brook and later worked for Two Guys from Harrison in Watchung before her retirement.

An active member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dunellen, she is a long time member of the church and a member of their women's club. Mrs. Fischer was also a member of the AARP Chapter 4144 of South Plainfield where she had served as vice president.

Her husband, Julius G. Fischer, died in 1999. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Rice-Marotta of Spotswood; a son, Conrad of South Plainfield; her sister, Georgina Wilkinson of Dunellen; and her four grandchildren, Crystal, Jessica, James and Justin.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Luke's Church.

William "Billy" J. Carlson, 49

William "Billy" J. Carlson, 49, died on Wednesday, June 18 at his home in the Raritan Section of Bridgewater.

Born in Plainfield, he grew up in South Plainfield. Billy had lived in Dunellen and Dayton before settling in Bridgewater nine years ago. He graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1972 and in 1978 he started working as a bookkeeper in his family's business with his mother, sister and brother. He had also been a supervisor of maintenance at The Charleston Place Senior Citizen Apartments in Kendall Park, retiring four years ago.

Billy is a former member of the South Plainfield and Monmouth Junction volunteer fire departments. He was also a member of the New Jersey and Monmouth Junction Exempt Fireman's Association and a life member of the NJ State Fireman's Association.

He had an adoration for computer games and building model railroad

layouts.

According to his family, "Billy was the most wonderful man in the world and will be sadly missed."

He was predeceased by his father and step-mother, William and Stella (Wisniewski) Carlson, who both died in 2002.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Lisa Dippel Carlson of Bridgewater; his mother and step-father, Doris (Paulina) and Bill Boehm of Forked River; a sister, Karen Scalera of Middlesex; a brother, James Carlson of Somerset, and by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

John (Jack) Piltz, 72

John (Jack) Piltz, 72, died on Sunday, June 22 at the Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

He was born in Dalhart, Texas and was a former resident of Dunellen before moving to South Plainfield 14 years ago.

John was a bartender for Schneider's Tavern in Dunellen for 10 years before retiring in 1988.

John was a sergeant in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He was an avid bowler and was a member of the B.P.O Elks 2298 in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Traxler Piltz; three sons, Glenn and his wife Carol Piltz of Raritan, Mark and his wife Sue Piltz of South Plainfield and James Piltz of Jackson; a daughter, Charlene Kovalevich of Dunellen; a sister, Bobbi Lyn Mitchell of Leesville, La. and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Richard Nanni, 74

Richard Nanni, 74, died on Tuesday, June 17 at V.A. Medical Center, East Orange.

He was employed by Newark Airport for many years working in the Air Cargo Division. Richard served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged as a corporal.

Surviving are his aunts, Angie Chirchiello of Union and Gloria Tanala of Matawan; cousins Dolores (Anthony) Thomas of Union and Linda Stroller of Middletown.

Funeral arrangements were by McCriskin Funeral Home.

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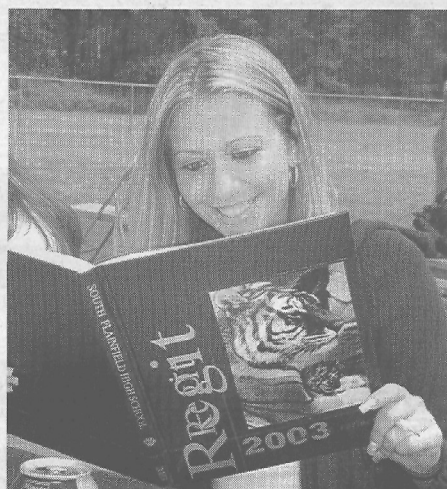
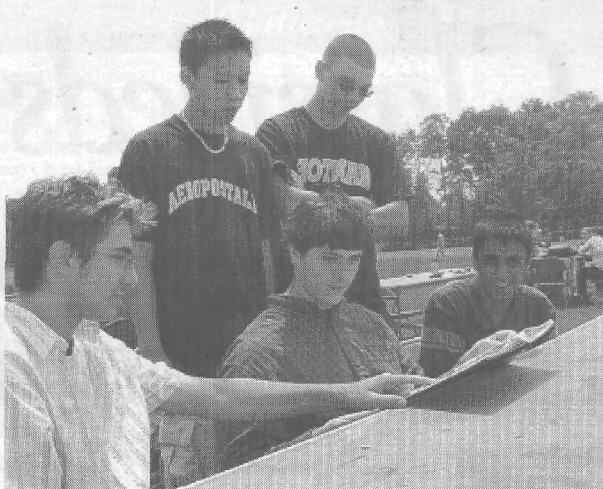
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By Patricia Abbott

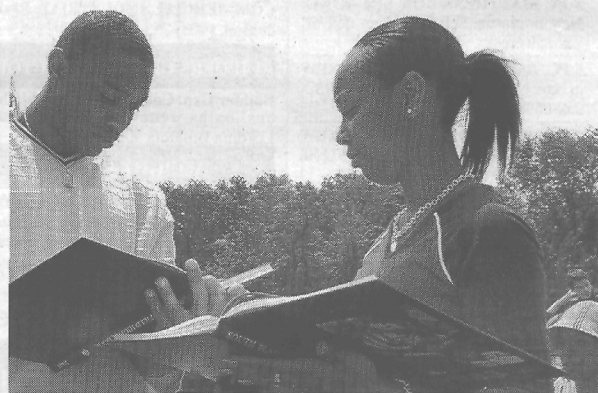
Mother Nature added a perk of her own to the SHPS Gold Card amenities by supplying students with a perfect spring day for their picnic. The annual event was held on the field behind the school. The grassy expanse was transformed with the help of tables and chairs, and an abundance of requisite picnic fare such as hamburgers, hot-dogs, chicken and all the trimmings.

It was a day for relaxing, browsing and signing newly acquired year-books, chatting with friends and just plain having fun. For those not content to sit still there were several games of team Frisbee in progress.

Being a Gold Card holder has many advantages, among them the opportunity to win prizes. Approximately forty students were winners when their names were pulled from a hat. Ten students received refunds on their prom bids, ten more on their year-

books. In addition, twenty more students received gift certificates for Wendy's.

Over 300 students attended the picnic. The Gold Card is awarded each marking period to students who attain 3.0 GPA and are active in at least two extra curricular school activities. Students cannot have unexcused absences, tardiness or disciplinary actions against their name. The card gives them discounts at area businesses as well as free admission to school functions.



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- 1 Pie Crust
- 1 qt. Strawberries
- 4 1-ounce square white chocolate
- 1 8-ounce cream cheese
- ¾ cups milk
- 1 package white chocolate instant pudding
- 1 ½ cups fresh blueberries
- 1 thawed whipped topping

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place piecrust in deep-dish pie plate. Prick bottom using hold and slice. Bake piecrust for 10-12 minutes. Cool completely on nonstick cooling rack.

Rinse strawberries in colander and carefully pat dry. Select eight uniform sizes for garnish. Slice each strawberry in half using three-inch paring knife. Hull remaining strawberries using tomato corer and slice with egg slicer.

Melt white chocolate in covered micro cooker uncovered on high one minute. Stir after each 10-second interval until smooth. Do not overheat. Dip strawberry halves in melted

chocolate, cut side down. Place in refrigerator 15 minutes until set.

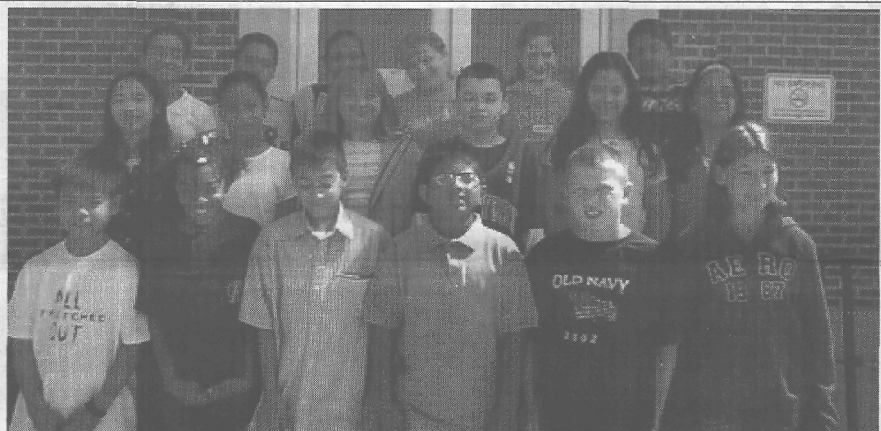
Using skinny scraper, spread remaining melted chocolate over bottom of prepared piecrust, spreading evenly coat entire bottom and sides. Layer sliced strawberries over sides.

Beat cream cheese in classic two-quart batter bowl with whisk until smooth. Gradually beat in milk until blended. Add pudding mix, beat until mixture begins to thicken. Spread evenly over strawberries using super scraper.

Arrange blueberries evenly over middle of topping. Fill easy accent decorator with whipped cream. Pipe rosette around edge of pie. Place strawberry halves on whip topping border.

Calories 370 per serving. Fat 20 grams. Sodium 330 milligrams. Dietary Fiber two grams. Serves eight. Cook's tips: substitute vanilla pudding for white chocolate.

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Mrs. Sepkowski's Class was accidentally left out of last week's paper. They are Angela Ang, Laurie Ascencio, Mark Brindley, Luisa Cepeda, Katyah Cisson, Chelsea Dobrowolski, Joseph Fierro, Joseph Freeman, Samrin Ghai, Darren Guiang, Jaimie Handwerker, Steven Kovalevich, Gabrielle Littrean, Kellen Naranjo, Aesha Patel, Ryan Rajkumar, Angel Sarmiento, Courtney Schaefer, David Stogoski and Nina Visaggio.



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