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Barbiere Resigns as Asst. Superintendent *Assumes post as superintendent in Hunterdon Cty.*

By Patricia Abbott

Each and every assembly began with, "Good morning, students!" And without fail came the students' lyrical reply, "Good morning, Mr. Barbiere!" This is perhaps one of the strongest memories of Dr. Mario Barbiere and one that students will carry into their adult years.

After more than 25 years with the South Plainfield School district, Dr. Mario Barbiere, assistant superintendent of schools, will leave the district to become superintendent of schools in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County.

Barbiere came to our district in 1977 as principal of Roosevelt School and held that position for approximately five years, until January of 1982. From 1982 to 1987 he served as principal of the Middle School before returning to Roosevelt, where he remained until 2001. In 2001 he was named assistant superintendent of schools.

His special memories of Roosevelt are centered around people; the children, staff and teachers and their activities. In particular he mentioned the "refrigerator doors" mounted in the main hallway, proudly displaying the work of students, the annual Breakfast with a Loved One and the Stokes trip.

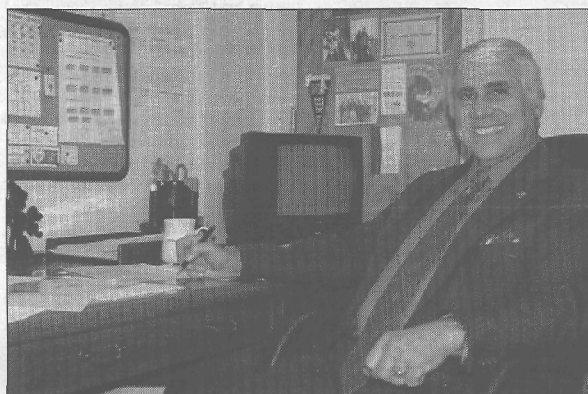
Barbiere's leaving will create a void for many; his former students, parents and staff alike. Pat Hajduk, his secretary of fifteen years said, "Dr. Barbiere has been one of the biggest influences in my life. He has not only been the most professional and caring boss I have ever worked with, he has become a wonderful friend. He allows an individual to grow and trust in their own expertise, which helps them to feel that there is truly nothing they cannot achieve. I remember him telling me that I am always entitled to my own opinion, people may not always agree but, it will always count. Great wisdom!"

Among his responsibilities the first year at Roosevelt were to monitor and evaluate the reading and math programs. He utilized a skills based program, Prescriptive Reading Inventory and Diagnostic Math Inventory, and within three years student scores were the highest in the district. He developed several reading programs and gave them titles, "Reading Olympics," "Dive for the Treasure" and "Mission to Mars." The latter was acknowledged by the *Courier News* as "One of the best original reading programs in the state." All three programs have been used district wide.

Barbiere discovered that the school was lacking in after-school activities for the students. He immediately began to create a diversified array of clubs that had something for everyone. During his 18 years, the list of

clubs continually expanded. Over the years the school has had drama and art clubs and a talent show. Athletic clubs included soccer, kickball and basketball clubs. His academic clubs were extremely popular as well and included Olympics of the Mind, Chess Club, reading and math-a-thons, D.E.A.R.-Drop Everything And Read, a computer club and more. One of the more unique clubs was the Stock Club, sponsored with Board of Education member Frank Mikorski.

During his years at the Middle School, he worked with the staff to create programs that addressed reading, writing and discipline such as W.I.N.-Writing Is Necessary. (Continued on page 12)



Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mario Barbiere will bid farewell to the South Plainfield School District on Oct. 13 after more than 25 years of service.

Cultural Arts Commission Celebrates 20 Years

Last Saturday evening about 180 special guests were on hand to help the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission (SPCAC) celebrate their 20th anniversary. The gala event was

held at the new Senior Center.

The Cultural Arts Commission was formed 20 years ago when then Councilwoman Joanne Graf asked Mayor Michael English to appoint a

committee that would be responsible for developing and coordinating a Cultural Arts Council in South Plainfield. Joanne's brother, John Graf, was its first chairperson.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan presented a plaque in honor of the 20th anniversary from members of the New Jersey Assembly. Mayor Dan Gallagher presented a plaque to President Judith Light on behalf of the Borough Council.

The entertainment for the evening was in keeping with their diverse selection of music the SPCAC has presented over the last 20 years.

Angel Burgos performed an original Salsa dance. Burgos has a ten year background as a lead singer and

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Cultural Arts Commission Vice Chair Terence Julien and President Judith Light display plaques presented to them on behalf of the NJ Assembly and South Plainfield Borough Council, respectively.

PLEASE JOIN THE COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATING

Putnam Park Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2003
11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Ribbon Cutting
At 11:00 a.m.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
Foul Shooting Contest
Handball Tournament
Volleyball Tournament

(sign up for all contests at the PAL)

Rides for the Children, Face Painting, Food & Music

ALL ARE WELCOME

Library Proposal to Almost Double Facility

Councilman Bob Cusick has asked Mayor Gallagher and the Borough Council to give their support for building a new library. The current library offers so much to the community that it has outgrown itself. The library, located directly across from Borough Hall, is a 6,300 sq. ft. building. The proposed building would provide 136,000 sq. ft.

Cusick's plan is to build the library on property already owned by the Borough next to Conroy's Funeral Home. He said that the plans are in the early stages and no date or design is yet available. He also proposed that space in the new library be set aside for the Historical Society to display and store their artifacts, including a propeller from

the old Hadley Airport that is now stored in someone's basement.

Five years ago the library circulation was about 88,000. In 2002 it was up to 136,000 and is on pace to increase by about 10 percent this year.

The existing library is approximately 39 years old and is utilized by the adults, children and students of South Plainfield. Space has been a problem at the library for quite some time, and even though the library added a second floor a few years ago, more space is needed to serve the needs of the borough.

Cusick added that there are many grants which can be applied for to help defer the costs of building and he will research and apply for any grants that are available.

Two-Year-Old Drowns in Neighbor's Pool

On Sunday evening, South Plainfield police responded to a call on the report of a missing child at a Sherman Avenue address.

Police were told the two-year-old Evelyn Toca had been missing for approximately 20 minutes. They immediately began a perimeter search of the residence and the adjoining rear backyards.

Minutes later an officer located the child in a Sherman Ave. resident's yard on top of their covered built-in pool. Apparently, the pool had not been utilized for many years. The cover contained between eight to 12 inches of accumulated rain water. The child was removed from the pool cover by officers and CPR was immediately initiated. Mercy 6 Paramedics were called and arrived shortly thereafter. She was then transported to Muhlenberg Hospital by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. Despite all the efforts by emergency personnel, the child could not be revived.

The girl's mother, Yolanda Toca, stated that her daughter, Evelyn, had been outside in their front yard with her grandfather when the child wandered away.

They briefly searched for her and then immediately called the police.

The toddler had apparently walked to a neighbor's yard to the rear of the property and was able to squeeze through a small opening in the fence, allowing her access to the neighbor's pool.

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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
Special Meeting Monday September 29 (public hearing on budget 7 p.m.)	
Monday, October 6	Thursday, October 9
Monday, October 20	Thursday, October 23
Monday, November 10	Thursday, November 13
Monday, December 8	Thursday, December 11

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Oct. 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
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.: Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

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? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

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

IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

On September 18, I was in attendance at the Council meeting, during which Councilman Robert Cusick announced his proposal to construct a new Public Library building. Both myself, as president of the Library Board of Trustees and my colleagues on the Board who were in attendance, were extremely heartened by the enthusiastic and unanimous support this proposal received from Mayor Gallagher and the other Council members.

The current library was opened in 1965 and was built to house 45,000 volumes. We currently have over 55,000 volumes in our collection. We would like to expand this number, but there is no space to do so. According to a study prepared by an outside consultant in 1990, the library building was undersized by at least 50% when it opened. Since 1998, the date of the last renovation, our circulation has increased from 88,000 to a projected 150,000 for 2003. Membership in the library has also increased significantly during this time period.

Anyone who has used the library recently knows how overcrowded it is. In fact, many of our patrons have commented that they would like to see a much larger, modern facility, which would contain an expanded and separate children's area, a computer training room for the classes that are given at the library, a meeting room where other civic groups can conduct their meetings and a larger reading area.

Historically, the public library has been one of the few places where all citizens, toddlers and senior citizens alike can find different activities and interact in a quiet and friendly atmosphere. A modern, state-of-the-art library will not only continue that tradition, but also enhance the quality of life for our residents for years to come.

To quote one of the most famous lines from the movies *Field of Dreams*: "If you build it, they will come." On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the staff of the library, I commend Councilman Cusick and the current administration for its foresight in proposing to construct a new South Plainfield Public Library. I urge all citizens to support a project that will benefit everyone.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
ERIC M. ARONOWITZ

Dear Editor,

Recently the local Democrats placed an ad in the paper calling themselves the "hometown team." That's funny. Two years ago they were "Team McGreevey." What happened? Did McGreevey's plunging poll numbers make them do an about face?

The local Democrats are part of the McGreevey machine. Like McGreevey, they will say or do anything to get elected. Like the governor, they have no problem giving no-bid contracts worth millions of dollars to campaign contributors. And also like McGreevey, they don't mind giving favors to big developers and appointing their friends and family to cushy jobs.

If being part of the Democratic "team" means being on the side of exclusion rather than inclusion, being on the side of "pay for play" and being on the side of nepotism and cronyism, I think we should elect a different team this year.

JERRY HARRIS

Dear Editor,

As a senior living in Edison, I am concerned about the escalating property taxes, violence against seniors, fraudulent telemarketers and expensive prescription drugs. Therefore, on Nov. 4, I am choosing to vote for a legislator who has shown compassion, concern and empathy for senior citizens during his legislative tenure, Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes, Jr.

As an Assemblyman for the past eight

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years, Peter Barnes has been deeply committed to serving the needs of one of America's most vulnerable populations- senior citizens. For example, in an effort to offer tax relief to those living on fixed incomes, Peter Barnes called for a Constitutional Convention to discuss property tax reform. In an attempt to reduce crimes committed against seniors, Peter Barnes supported a legislation increasing criminal penalties for individuals who victimize a senior citizen or a person with a disability.

As a retired Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Peter Barnes has used his experiences to speak to senior citizen groups about the various fraud and scam schemes that overwhelmingly affect seniors. Also, realizing the mounting costs associated with prescription drugs, Peter Barnes supported legislation creating the "New Jersey Fair Market Drug Pricing Act," which establishes a New Jersey Rx Card Program to reduce prescription drug prices.

Peter Barnes understands the issues facing senior citizens and with this running mates, Senator Barbara Buono and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, he has worked hard to address their concerns. Therefore, on Nov. 4, I urge my fellow seniors to re-elect the experienced Democratic team of Buono, Barnes and Diegnan for the NJ State Legislature.

VIRGINIA COMITO

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to an op-ed piece by Dr. Nehemiah Thompson in the Sept. 12 addition of the *Observer*. Dr. Thompson suggests that we need to reach out and understand Arabs and Muslims in order to prevent future 9/11 attacks. Here are some things I need help understanding:

- Why are women subjugated in the Muslim societies?
- Why does Saudi Arabia teach hatred of America in their school text books?
- Why did Palestinians dance in the streets when the towers fell?
- Why do middle eastern countries suppress democracy and free speech?
- Why do they make martyrs of homicide bombers?
- Why do they view Americans as infidels who must be converted to Islam?
- Why do they preach hatred of America in their mosques?

• Why do they oppose Israel's right to exist?

This is a flawed notion of grievances by Muslims, justifying attacks on innocent people and by extension, we somehow deserved what happened on 9/11. Well, we did not deserve what happened. They say they are offended by our government. Well, if they don't sympathize with terrorists, where is their moral outrage? It does not exist. We live in the most compassionate and freedom-loving country on the face of the earth; we don't oppress people, we liberate them. Let's all support our president and leave the soul-searching to the aggressors in this war.

PETER PARELLO

To the Editor,

I would like to give a big thank you to Councilman Bob Cusick for his proposal to go to the Borough to build a new library. It is encouraging when political candidates have fresh ideas for the future instead of complaints about the past. I can remember taking my children to the current library when it opened in the 1960's. At that time, it was a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility.

Our public library has served us well for almost 40 years, but it is time to bring this great educational resource into the 21st century. A new library will benefit South Plainfield for generations to come.

As Councilman Cusick explained, the Borough already owns the land and state funding is available for a portion of the cost. This is an idea that every resident should support. This proposal to build a modern library with no impact on our taxes shows that Bob Cusick, Ray Petronko and the Democratic team have the vision and ideas to lead So. Plainfield in the future. I can't wait until the day when I can bring my grandchildren to the new library.

MARCELLA THOMAS

Dear Editor,

I have been following with much distress and outrage, the editorial correspondence between Carol Byrne and Diana Joffe.

The vitriolic invectives thrown at a most talented, hard-working and dedicated teacher such as Ms. Joffe is renowned to be, indicates most clearly that Mrs. Byrne has some pathetic, paranoid and personal vendetta aimed at Ms. Joffe, not at all related to Ms. Joffe's qualifications as a highly regarded, respected teacher and person, not only by her colleagues, but by her students and their parents, as well.

In her last brief letter, Mrs. Byrne not only betrays her lack of knowledge of appropriate facts relating to Ms. Joffe's background, but also her literary ineptitude—to wit: "misquoting the board!" Shakespeare was not a "board" but a "bard!" Ms. Joffe did not misquote Shakespeare, but you, Mrs. Byrne, obviously cannot distinguish between a quote and a misquote. Also, to call Ms. Joffe a "junkyard dog" merely indicates

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Father Stephenson's Orchestra Returns to Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church was filled last Sunday afternoon, not for services, but for a very popular concert series. Father Alphonse Stephenson and his Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea brought their 2003 Fall Concert Tour to a huge crowd.

Father Stephenson and his 40-piece orchestra, along with three tenors, Thomas E. Bethman, Anthony Buonauro and Thad Shirley, filled the church with music, much to the delight of the audience.

Music for the concert ranged from classical to Broadway hits with several patriotic selections. The au-

dience enjoyed every aspect of the concert, as well as the performance of the tenors, applauding to each selection.

Father Alphonse and his orchestra will be returning to Sacred Heart next year. Sacred Heart is planning several special events in celebration of their 100th Anniversary and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea is just one of them. Watch the *Observer* for news of the exact date of his return.

If you missed this concert, make an effort to attend the next; you will not be disappointed.

Come Join the Fall Foliage Frolic in Nature Reserve

Crunching leaves...glorious colors...incredible mushrooms and toadstools. Bring cameras, sketchpads or just your eyes and ears. Wander the trails at your own pace or join a guided tour.

Friends of the Woods is sponsoring a Fall Foliage Frolic in the Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Saturday afternoon, October

4. We will meet at the Sylvania Place gate at 1 p.m. The Borough's Environmental Specialist, Dr. Alice Tempel, will be walking the trails looking for fall wildflowers and migrating birds, cocooning caterpillars and harvesting squirrels. Join her to see what's new in the Woods this season!

For more information, call Lisa Roseo at (908) 561-8280.

Suburban Woman's Club Husbands/Guest Night

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will hold its annual Husbands/Guests night on Oct. 2 at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Rd. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will follow at 7 p.m. Club members are

providing their favorite covered dishes and casseroles.

The evening's program, according to Vice President and Program Chairperson Marge Reidy, will be presented by Elio F. Diaz, Jr. RPT, CPT. The topic is "Sleep Apnea."

The club meets monthly with various and interesting programs. Several fund raisers are held each year with all monies collected donated to local charities and to an annual scholarship awarded to a South Plainfield High School senior.

New members are always welcomed. For further information call (908) 754-7410.

Correction

In last week's *Observer* we incorrectly reported the name of the student who suggested the 9/11 memorial at South Plainfield Middle School. Her name was Gina Butrico. We regret the error.

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Borough Gets \$1.246M in Grants

During last week's Council meeting, Councilman Ray Petronko announced that South Plainfield will be receiving four grants, totalling over \$1.2M. These grants were given after our applications were filed asking for funds on specific projects.

Three of the grants are dedicated to our seniors. The new Senior Center will be receiving a grant of \$61,000. This is a continuation of the community development fund money the Borough dedicated to the Senior Center when it was constructed. A \$30,000 grant was received to help

supplement the salary of the Senior Coordinator. A \$58,000 grant will help South Plainfield purchase a new senior bus. The bus will be equipped with a lift. This will give South Plainfield three vans to transport seniors for shopping, doctors visits, to the senior center and other activities.

In addition, it was just announced that South Plainfield will be receiving a grant of \$1.1M from the Middlesex County Freeholders for improving five local recreation sites. The grant will be used at the Highland Woods Environmental Reserve

to build a classroom and bathroom facilities for when students visit the reserve; the Junior Baseball complex will get lights for the A-field; the Ponytail Softball fields will be getting a pavilion for protection during inclement weather, as well as extending the snack bar area; the soccer field will get lights, a bathroom and finally the Jr. Baseball C-field will get lights.

Grants are not loans, but money which does not need to be paid back. However, they must be used for the specific project with which the grant application was filed for.

Marching Band to Host Tournament of Bands at SPHS

The South Plainfield High School Marching Band will be hosting a Tournament of Bands competition on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. The bands attending are Raritan High School, Gateway Regional High School, West Essex High School, Red Bank Catholic High School and Jefferson Township High School. Tickets are \$7 for the competition.

They will also be hosting their 22nd Annual Marching Band Festival on Sun., Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. The bands attending the festival are Nottingham High School, Hackettstown High School, Warren Hills Regional High School, Pompton Lakes High School, Dunellen High School, JFK High School and Saddle Brook High School. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

Trophies will be awarded to the bands in the Group I, II, III and IV categories. SPHS band parents will be selling various foods and craft items at both shows. All monies collected will be given to Music Boosters and scholarships to graduating high school seniors in June. The two shows will be at the Frank R. Jost Memorial Field, Maple Ave. Come out and support these dedicated high school students and enjoy their beautiful music and exciting marching.

Any questions can be directed to Nanette Babinecz at (908) 753-9181 or by email at nanetreis@hotmail.com.

Tax Office to Update Equipment

The Council has voted to approve the purchase of several items which will help streamline the tax office in Borough Hall and make it more efficient to the taxpayers in South Plainfield.

During the next few months the tax office will be receiving check validators and bar code readers, a new computer server with an up-to-date version of Windows, as well as wiring and switchers.

The check validators and bar code readers will enable the tax office to log in property tax and sewer pay-



Charles Villa of Muglia Enterprises (left) presents a check for \$500 to South Plainfield Firefighters Joe Abbruzzese (center) and Michael Pelligrino for the Firemen's Memorial Fund on behalf of the South Plainfield Business Association.

Billboard Hearing Proposal Continued

The Board of Adjustment held a special meeting recently to hear the application for two more billboards along Rt. 287. Only one resident and a lawyer representing the Highlands Apartment complex were at the meeting to object to the billboards.

Carol Media is asking to put a billboard on the property on Bedford Ave., formerly owned by John Rosoli and recently purchased by Robert Ben-

givinga. Carol Media will be leasing the space to erect the 43-foot structure. The proposed billboard will be located just 420 feet from the Highland apartments and requires a variance.

According to testimony, the billboards will not be visible to residents of the Highlands because there is a buffer of trees, some 30 feet tall.

AMI is asking to put up a billboard on Durham Ave. next to the overpass of Rt. 287. The billboard will be 71 feet tall and also requires a height variance.

Both hearings were carried to the Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public.

Special Council Budget Meeting Announced

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building for a public hearing and adoption of the FY2004 Budget.

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Around Town

VFW Plans Meat Loaf Dinner

September 26

VFW Post #6763 will be hosting a meat loaf dinner, complete with mashed potatoes, vegetables and salad on Friday, Sept. 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the VFW Post at 155 Front St. Donations are \$7, children 12 and under \$4.

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

OLC to Hold a Spaghetti Supper

September 27

Our Lady of Czestochowa will be holding a spaghetti supper, sponsored by the OLC Rosary Society, on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7, children 5-12 are \$3.50, senior citizens are \$6 and children under five are free.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish Hall is located at 907 Hamilton Blvd.

Boy Scout Troop 207 Plans Car Wash

September 27

Boy Scout Troop 207 will be holding a car wash on Saturday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Middle School. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support the troop in the purchasing of new gear and summer camp.

Your support is needed, so please drive by and let us wash your car.

Republicans to Host Cocktail Party

September 28

Marge Reedy and Ray Rusnak, Republican candidates for Borough Council, will be guests of honor at a cocktail party on Sunday, Sept. 28 at Flanagan's Restaurant.

The party is from 2 to 4 p.m. and includes a two-hour open bar. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information, call Bob Jones at (908) 222-9435.

Senior Center Atlantic City Trips

Oct. 1, Nov. 5

The South Plainfield Senior Center will sponsor two trips to Atlantic City on Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 9 a.m. for the Taj Mahal. The cost is \$15 per person and you get \$13 back from the hotel. Stop by the Senior Center at 90 Maple Ave. to make your seat reservation. Reservations open up 30 days prior to the trip date.

For more information, call Joann at the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

October 4

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour

What's happening in SEPT/OCT.

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9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING TRIPS.... <i>September 28 & 29</i> <i>Cape May Trip</i> <i>October 16 – Annie Get Your Gun</i>			Shopping Day 9am Video Exercise 9:30am-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11am Computer Class 1-2pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch Computer Class 10am-11am
 EVENTS				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30 am-12:30 pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group Computer Classes 10-11 am or 2-3 pm	Atlantic City Trip 9am Exercise 8:45-9:45 Line Dancing 10-11:30 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 1-2pm	Shopping Day 9am Video Exercise 9:30-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11 am Computer Class 1-2 pm Decorative Painting Class 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch Computer Class 10-11am
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				

during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and additional information, visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com.

Antiques Appraisals Program at Library

October 5

Antiques appraisals by Allan G. Snyder will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 2-4 p.m. Limit of two items for appraisal. No registration is required. The event takes place at the South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave. For information, call (908) 754-7885.

Columbiettes Fashion Show

October 5

It's never too early to start planning! The South Plainfield Columbiettes will hold their annual fall fashion show on Sun., Oct. 5 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and the catered, family-style luncheon will begin at 1 p.m.

Fashions will be provided by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Women in South Plainfield. There will also be door prizes and a basket raffle. Proceeds go to support local charities.

Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased by contacting Gerri at (908) 753-2032. Deadline is Oct. 2.

Theatre Trip To "Annie Get Your Gun"

October 16

The Senior Center is running a trip to the Fiesta Dinner Theatre in Wood Ridge, NJ, on Thursday, October 16, to see *Annie Get Your Gun*. Tickets are \$39 per person and include transportation, lunch and the show. Stop in or call the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135.

Pocono Getaway to Woodlock Pines

October 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 \$475 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.

Knights of Columbus Trip to Army Game

November 15

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus trip to West Point to see Army play Houston University on Nov. 15. Game time is 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and the bus price will be \$25 per person.

If you are interested in getting tickets or need more details, please call Tony Moskal at (732) 727-4841 or Joe Scudato at (908) 754-0869.

The bus will be leaving from the Knights of Columbus building in South Plainfield on Hamilton Ave.

— Out of Town —

Touchstone Theatre Presents a "one-man Cirque du Soleil"

Through October 4

Touchstone Theatre is presenting Jon Held in *Tales of Lunacy*, a comic and poetic original play about a man who yearns to break the boundaries of time, space and perception.

Tales of Lunacy will run Thursdays through Saturdays until Oct. 4. Most performances are at 8 p.m.—with one 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Oct. 4.

For more information, call Touchstone Theatre at (610) 867-1689. Touchstone is located at 321 East Fourth Street, South Side Bethlehem. Free parking next to the theatre.

Culinary Extravaganza Show

September 26-28

The Garden State Convention and Exhibition Center in Somerset will host the Gourmet Food and Gift Show. Thousands that have been traveling to attend the event in Atlantic City during the last weekend in October, will be enjoying and treating

themselves to the delightfully decadent show much closer to home.

The Gourmet Food and Gift Show is set for Friday, Sept. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the show is \$15 per person at the door or \$12 in advance. Children age 12-17 are \$7.50 and children under 12 are free. To purchase tickets in advance, or for information, visit www.gourmetshows.com or contact the show manager at (609) 398-4450.

Babbie Mason to Appear on Stage

September 26

Babbie Mason will be appearing live on stage for an exclusive New Jersey fundraising event for the *Good News Home for Women*. Enjoy a special evening of entertainment with one of the most exciting recording and concert artists in Christian music today!

Concert prices are extremely reasonable, so based on this fact, please consider a generous donation when you attend.

The concert takes place on Fri., Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theatre, Rt. 28 and Lamington Rd., North Branch. Tickets are \$25 each (buy 20 tickets, get one free).

Call the *Good News Home* at (908) 806-7913 ext. 21 or the Theatre Box Office at (908) 725-3420. You can go on the *Good News Home* website at <http://www.goodnewshome.net>.

We look forward to seeing you.

St. Mary's High School Plans Liturgy

September 28

St. Mary's High School in Perth Amboy and St. Mary's High School in South Amboy invite graduates and friends to attend a Liturgy for deceased Sisters of Mercy who taught at both schools. The celebration will take place on Sept. 28 at 2:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Mary in Watchung. Call Marlene Fritz before Sept. 15 to register or get directions at (908) 756-0994, ext. 4007. You may also email her at mkfritzsm@hotmail.com.

Autumn Woods Plans Hawaiian Luau

September 28

Autumn Woods Assisted Living invites you to join us for a Hawaiian luau!

The luau will be held on Sun., Sept. 28 from 2-4 p.m. The Autumn Woods Assisted Living is located at 680 Route 202/206N in Bridgewater, NJ.

Come meet our residents, tour our facility and experience the warmth of our community.

For reservation and directions, please call (908) 252-3400.

4-H to Host Haunted House

Oct. 1 through 31, weekends

If you're looking for a good scare this Halloween season, the 4-H Teen Council will sponsor a Haunted House every Friday and Saturday in October through the 31. The haunting lasts from 7 to 10 p.m. each night.

Willing participants should visit the Middlesex County 4-H Center, on the corner of Cranbury and Fern Rd. in East Brunswick, and be prepared to scream. Parking is located near the adjacent Fern Rd. entrance.

The Haunted House is a fundraising event and the \$1 admission fee will go toward 4-H's Project GIFT. The annual event held in December is a free day of holiday shopping for Middlesex County families in need.

For more information, please contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 745-3446.

Open House At Union Catholic High

October 1

Union Catholic Regional High School will be hosting their Fall Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 1. All interested sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their parents are invited to attend this highly informative session. A formal program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Parents and students will have an opportunity to examine the curricular and extra-curricular programs, investigate transportation, hear about the Technology Program, meet with administration and faculty members and follow a scheduled tour of classes.

Our 20-acre campus is located at 1600 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains. For further information contact the school office at (908) 889-1600. Visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org.

Indoor Tennis Parties for Singles

October 4

A tennis party is being held on Sat., Oct. 4 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Princeton Indoor Tennis Center, 92 Washington Rd. in Princeton. The teams will be mixed doubles where you meet new friends.

The price is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Food and drinks are included. For further information, please call (609) 799-8214.

Music/Movement & Art For Children with Autism

October 4 - December 13

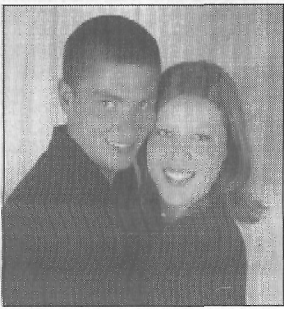
Classes for the Parent/Child workshops in music/movement and art for children with Autism or Autistic Behaviors will resume in October. Workshops will be held on Saturdays, Oct. 4 to Dec. 13 in New Brunswick, Morristown, Waldwick and Glassboro. The program is sponsored by VSA Arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ), a nonprofit statewide organization dedicated to providing accessible arts opportunities to children and adults with disabilities. These workshops are free of charge.

Send Us Your Events:

Mail or drop off stories and photos to
South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B,
South Plainfield, NJ 07080, fax (908) 668-8819;
or email to ggnan@aol.com.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Heather Roth, Jason Jorgensen to Wed



Jason Jorgensen and Heather Roth

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Roth are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Jason Jorgensen of Plainfield.

Heather is currently attending the college of Saint Elizabeth.

Jason is a graduate of Rutgers University.

A 2005 wedding is planned.

Send your Milestones to:

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William McCriskin Appointed to State Mortuary Science Board

Governor Jim McGreevey has appointed William McCriskin of South Plainfield to the State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey. McCriskin is vice president at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

The State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey was established in January of 2003 for the purpose of adopting rules and regulations for the promotion and improvement of service, protection and practice in the profession of mortuary science. The board

is comprised of 13 members: eight licensed practitioners of mortuary science, four individuals representing the public at-large, one of whom is 62 years of age or older and one employee of the State Executive Department most closely associated with the profession of mortuary science.

Members shall serve for terms of three years and shall not be eligible to serve more than seven successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.



South Plainfield Lions Club President Bob Desch presented plaques to the wife and daughters of George Reinhart, long-time member of the Lions who recently passed away. Pictured with Desch are Georgene Keenan, Patty Botbyl, Nancy Hal and Marge Reinhart. The Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Seeing Eye Foundation in Reinhart's name.



American Legion Commander John Blanchard presents one of the 130 t-shirts they donated to the 64 residents at Keystone. Keystone residents pictured are Robert Gaydos, Glen Wright, Ed Crespo, Michael Vigna, Eric Greene and Keona Esannason, staff member. Also pictured are American Legion members Dave Piscitelli and Lou Dauber.

IN YOUR OPINION

Continued from page 2

a hatred so vicious, compelling you to resort to sinking to the lowest depths of the vernacular.

Mrs. Byrne, I believe your diatribes, as an antagonistic former board member and former school employee, actually falls under "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," as most distinctively applicable in your case.

SYLVIA KESSLER

Dear Editor,

I have known Councilmen Raymond Petronko and Bob Cusick for years and know they have the best interests of the people of South Plainfield in mind. They have shown time and time again that they care about South Plainfield and the people that live here by the actions they have taken. They have implemented programs to control spending and reduce debt while at the same time continuing to complete projects to benefit all the people of the borough. Please join me this year by casting your vote for the Democratic team.

MARY LESO

To the Editor:

Wherever I go in South Plainfield, I see the work of Bob Cusick and Ray Petronko.

So many roads repaved, a beautiful recreation center for our seniors, affordable housing for seniors, an addition to the police athletic building, a new golf range and my tax bills show that they know how to manage our Borough.

Bob and Ray work for the Borough and residents of South Plainfield and their results have been excellent. Both deserve to be re-elected and I will be voting for them.

Keep up the good work!
MARYANN SORRENTINO

Dear Editor,

As an active senior and a registered voter in the 18th District, I am support-

ing the re-election efforts of Senator Barbara Buono. The senator has been a leader and a strong advocate on behalf of older New Jerseyans during her tenure as a state-elected official.

As a watchful constituent, I have witnessed first-hand Senator Buono's committed efforts to work with seniors to solve issues plaguing our community. For instance, when senior homeowners were worried about unscrupulous lenders trapping them in high-cost loans, Senator Buono responded by crafting New Jersey's first comprehensive law to combat such shameless and fraudulent schemes.

Senator Buono was also a major force in relieving seniors from the hassle of receiving unsolicited calls from telemarketers by helping establish a "do not call" list.

But perhaps one of Senator Buono's most pivotal contributions to the senior community was her successful bid to restore state funding to the senior prescription drug programs during budget negotiations. As a member of the Budget Committee, Senator Buono was a leader to eliminate the asset test for PAAD recipients. When faced with this reduction of PAAD, she proclaimed her support by saying "over my dead body" during a committee hearing. With that statement, it is clear

Senator Buono is on the side of all seniors.

For her continued support and advocacy on seniors' issues, I want to thank her for her hard work and urge others to re-elect Senator Buono on November 4.

Sincerely,
ARDYTH SMITH

To the Editor,

South Plainfield Memorial Post VFW #6763 and its Ladies Auxiliary thanks all those who attended our annual picnic on Sept. 6 and our friends in the business community that helped to make it a success. Our special thanks to Unity Bank, Haisch's Bakery, McCriskin Funeral Home, Freihofer's Bakery, Caldwell Tire, Salerno's Pizza, Al De Rosa Hair Design, Café Everest, Captain Wonka, Roth Brothers Tires, Razor's Edge, Parker's Greenhouse Farm, Carmen's Trattoria & Pizza, Dunkin Donuts at Maple Avenue, Nischwitz & Company and the South Plainfield Observer. Our thanks also to South Plainfield, Department of Public Works and Councilman Ed Kubala and Jack Donahue. Also, Eugene Pendolino for handling the pig roast. Again, thank you; your support is deeply appreciated.

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Finally... a Doctor Who Makes House Calls Local Resident Becomes Furniture Medic



South Plainfield resident David Stogoski recently launched his "medical practice" for ailing furniture.

Unless furniture is kept under lock and key in an airtight vault, wear and tear is impossible to avoid. Damage such as water marks, broken legs and surface scratches cannot always be prevented, especially in homes where children and pets are present or in a commercial setting. Furniture Medic, a franchise company that has pioneered a distinctive onsite method of furniture restoration and repair, has come to Middlesex and Somerset County.

Local resident David Stogoski recently launched his medical practice for ailing furniture, which serves both businesses and residences.

"Furniture Medic is an exciting new concept in furniture restoration," says Stogoski. "We are able to offer convenience by repairing damaged furniture in the customer's home or place of business, while also saving them money."

Furniture damage may occur during manufacturing, warehousing or by daily wear and tear and can be repaired for less than the cost of refinishing or replacement. Furniture Medic's patent pending Restoration Refinishing™ service uses environmentally friendly water-based products to give furniture a fresh, new finish without the odor, expense and inconvenience of conventional refinishing. Furniture Medic repairs scratches, dents, finish imperfections, water marks, broken joints, other damage and kitchen cabinet restoration.

"By repairing furniture onsite and using advanced technology, little down time is required," says Stogoski. "Hotels, restaurants and other businesses don't lose revenue and residential customers don't have to be without furniture for weeks."

A life-long resident of South Plainfield, Dave Stogoski was looking for a career change after spending 20 years in the food distribution industry, working for companies such as Coca-Cola Enterprises and Performance Food Group. As a long-time furniture restoration hobbyist, he was looking for an opportunity to put his passion to work for him in the form of a business. "Since I have been restoring and building furniture at home for many years, I was looking for an opportunity to use my love of woodworking as a way to make a living. When I learned about Furniture Medic, I researched the franchise and found it was just what I was looking for. I look forward to bringing Furniture Medic to the area because there is a significant need for the services we provide."

Stogoski recently completed an intensive training program (the first in the industry) at Furniture Medic world headquarters in Memphis, Tenn. The training program focuses on the latest technology advances in furniture repair using only environmentally friendly products, developed exclusively by Furniture Medic.

Founded in 1992, Furniture Medic

has more than 600 franchise locations across the United States, Canada and Europe. Furniture Medic is apart of the ServiceMaster Consumer Services network, which is headquartered in Memphis, and includes eight market-leading companies that provide a range of residential and commercial services. The other companies include TruGreen ChemLawn, Terminix, American Home Shield, Rescue Rooter, ServiceMaster Residential/Commercial Services, Merry Maids and AmeriSpec. For more information on mobile furniture repair and restoration, visit the Furniture Medic website at www.furnituremedic.com or call (908) 755-8440.

Fire Department Plans Bingo Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Bingo Night at Sacred Heart School on Friday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The Bingo Night is being held to help support the construction of the planned Firefighters Memorial next to the Senior Citizens Center.

Refreshments will be available.

Sacred Heart is located on Sacred Heart Dr., off South Plainfield Ave.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

As Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy recently said in *Ashcroft vs. Free Speech Coalition*: "First Amendment freedoms are most in danger when the government seeks to control thought or to justify its laws for that impermissible end. The right to think is the beginning of freedom, and speech must be protected from the government because speech is the beginning of thought." And this "freedom of thought" involves the free interchange of ideas, no matter how distasteful they might be.

To acknowledge the fact that certain people try to limit that free interchange the American Library Association sponsors an annual event called BANNED BOOKS WEEK. This year it will be from Sept. 20 to the 27.

What this week notes are the titles most challenged in libraries, both school and public. For the third year in a row the Harry Potter books are the most challenged. Others on the list of top ten most challenged books include Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (both

perennial favorites). Also *Bridge to Terabithia*, 1978's Newberry Award winner, and 1977's Newberry winner *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* made the list.

Furthermore, a new factor has been introduced into this topic. The recently enacted Patriot Act strips away constitutional protections concerning records of what an individual reads. The federal government has the right under this act to request library records without informing the person being investigated, nor is the library allowed to inform the patron that his/her library records were requested. The order for the search is given by a secret court in a closed proceeding.

For more information on this topic (including a copy of the law itself) you can go to: <http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/usapatriot/>.

Being able to choose what you read is truly fundamental in a democratic society and has been a shining example of one of the freedoms for which the United States has been known. So this week, stop in the library and read a banned book! And a reminder, storytimes began again on Sept. 23. Don't let Miss Linda get lonely!

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1633
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance 1633 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "NOISE" be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 26, 2003 and that a public hearing be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 9, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1633
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "NOISE"
Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that Chapter 135 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield be hereby amended as follows:
SECTION 135-3.
(10) Domestic Power Tools / Construction Equipment.
Operating or permitting the operation of any construction equipment and/or any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, snowblower or similar device used outdoors in residential areas between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. the following day so as to not cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

All other provisions of Chapter 135 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield shall remain in full force and effect.
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$48.25 September 26, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1634
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1634 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE ON AGING be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 26, 2003 and that a public hearing be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1634
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE ON AGING
BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:
Section A.
This ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the "Office on Aging Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield".

Section B.
MISSION STATEMENT
The Office on Aging is dedicated to meeting the needs of our senior citizen population by providing access to services, advocacy for the rights and needs of seniors and resource management to insure effective and efficient coordination of services. The goal is to provide programs and services that promote and enhance health and wellness and create a positive image of aging and improve their overall quality of life.

Section C.
Intent and Purpose
1. It is the intent and purpose of this Ordinance to

establish an Office on Aging that will:
a. be the designated department to advocate, plan, coordinate and provide program and services to the senior citizens of the Borough, their families and caregivers.
b. serve as the connecting link between the Borough and Middlesex County Office on Aging and the State Department of Health and Senior Services in the development and enactment of various senior programs initiated by federal, state and county directive.
c. provide programs and services that focus on the health, education and welfare of our seniors and seeks to improve the quality of life of older adults with particular emphasis on those seniors who are frail, isolated and home bound.

Section D.
Organization and Appointments
1. The Council shall appoint not more than nine (9) members to an Office on Aging Advisory Council. Members shall serve at the will of the Council. The Executive Director of the Office on Aging shall be a member of the Advisory Council and shall serve as the Chairperson of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall review policies and procedures of the Office on Aging and make recommendations to the Director.
2. The Office on Aging shall be under the Supervision of the Executive Director, who shall serve as Department Head and shall be responsible for the planning, implementation, coordination and operation of the Office on Aging and the Senior Citizen Center. Under the supervision of the Mayor and Council, the Executive Director shall maintain liaison with the Middlesex County Department on Aging, the State Department of Health and Senior Services and all other government and service agencies related to senior citizen matters to ensure optimum program performance on behalf of the borough's senior population.

Section E.
Program
The Office on Aging shall develop and coordinate programs and services for the senior population and shall include but not be limited to, the following:

Information and Assistance (Title III B)
Assisted Transportation
Community Outreach and Advocacy
Nutritional services including Senior Meals Delivery Program
Home Support services
Recreational programming
Health Promotion and Wellness Program
Resource and referrals for the senior population, their families and caregivers

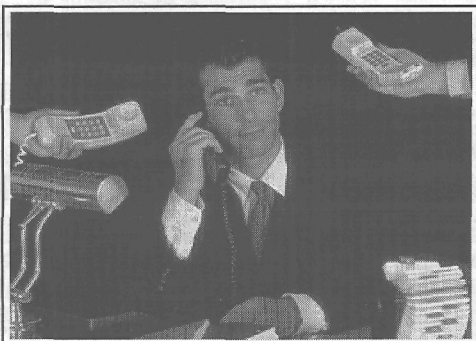
The initial point of contact for all senior citizen matters shall be through the Director's office at the Senior Center. The Center shall also serve as a resource center for agency personnel and caregivers to the elderly. Many programs shall also provide practical help and a social outlet for healthy, active older persons. The Office on Aging shall seek to create an environment that promotes a positive image of aging by encouraging personal growth, social interaction, education and independent living skills among older adults, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life.

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

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$129.75 September 26, 2003

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1635
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ord. 1635 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440N ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR THE YEARS 2003 THROUGH 2005" be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 26, 2003 and that a public hearing be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1635
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440N ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2003,2004 AND 2005.
Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

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

POSITION	2003	2004	2005
OMNIBUS OPERATOR/TYPING	23,000	23,805	24,638
OMNIBUS OPERATOR/RECREATION LEADER	25,000	25,875	26,781
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE ON AGING	45,000	46,575	48,205

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

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

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$79.80 September 26, 2003

Haunted Woods Tour at Putnam Park

South Plainfield's Almost Famous Players Troupe will offer a new kind of entertainment this Halloween. The Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, Oct. 28, 29 and 31. The audience will tour the wooded area helping tour guides with an 'investigation'. The thrills and chills of Halloween, as well as laughs, take place along the way. Each tour is limited to 15 people. Advance ticket sales are available. The



event has the approval of the mayor and council.

The volunteer theater troupe's goal is to give back to the community. Proceeds from this event will benefit the South Plainfield Lions Club. Shows will run approximately every 20 minutes from 7 to 9:15 p.m. On Halloween night, the tour will begin at 7:30 instead of 7 p.m.

The troupe is asking for donations of supplies and funds to help purchase the items necessary for the success of the show. Letters will be mailed to area businesses seeking help in the coming weeks. Needed are the loan or donation of battery operated camp lanterns, portable lamps, batteries and material for costumes. Actors will be donating and providing their own costumes and props when possible.

Most of the talent comes from South Plainfield Middle and High schools, although there will be a number of surprise performers from within the community. The experienced staff are mostly homegrown. Patricia Abbott, founder of Almost Famous, is directing the show. Dan Dvorak is production manager; Lory Jackson Alcaro will handle finances. Allison Katla will do make up and effects. Students Christopher Abbott and Jake Levine will choreograph fight scenes and Marie Lombardi will serve as director/production assistant.

We are also in need of old clothes to make scarecrows and dummies and clothing for at least two dozen "bodies," long sleeved shirts, long pants or jeans, long sleeved hooded sweat-shirts, shoes and boots.

For more information, leave a message at (908) 756-8011.

From the Democrats

Cusick And Petronko Praise Freeholder John Pulomena



Democratic council members Bob Cusick and Ray Petronko praised South Plainfield's own freeholder, John Pulomena, and thanked him for all he has done for his hometown. Council member Cusick commented, "John Pulomena is an outstanding example of how good old fashioned South Plainfield pride and dedication can be put to good use for the residents of Middlesex County. As you may know, Freeholder Pulomena is responsible for education in the county. The County Superintendent of Schools, the Vocational and Technical High Schools and Middlesex County College are part of his department.

No freeholder in history has ever done more to help educate our residents than John. During his tenure, the new High School Of Science And Math, which is located on the campus of Middlesex County College, was both conceived and constructed. A new, cutting edge vocational and technical high school is also being built in Perth Amboy. At the same time, Middlesex County College has grown to be recognized as the leading two-year institution in the state and for the first time ever students admitted to Rutgers University can spend their first two years at Middlesex in a totally transferable curriculum. However, the program, which our freeholder should be the most proud of, is the "Middlesex County Tech 2000 Program." It was designed to ensure that every classroom in Middlesex County has a state of the art computer. These computers are provided by the county at no cost to the school districts. Everyone who knows John Pulomena recognizes that he is a low-key person who doesn't seek the limelight. But we here in South Plainfield realize that he is one of the best freeholders in the history of our great county."

Ray Petronko continued his running mates' comments saying, "The best thing about Freeholder John Pulomena is the fact that he is always looking out for South Plainfield. Just look at the open space at the corner of Oak Tree and Park avenues, which was acquired through a \$1 Million Dollar Open Space Grant from the

county. Instead of expanding Putnam Park there would be a drug store on that corner if not for John's efforts. The revitalization of the center of town with curbs, sidewalks and decorative lamps is another of John's projects. However, I was fortunate enough to be involved with the best project John Pulomena has worked on so far. Just last week, Middlesex County awarded South Plainfield \$1.1M to put lights at the soccer complex and girls softball field, make improvements at the boys and girls baseball complex and soccer complex and put a permanent learning center at the Highland Woods Preserve, because John Pulomena went to bat for his hometown.

Believe it or not, the best is yet to come. Next year Hamilton Blvd. will be totally reconstructed from New Market Ave. all the way to Stelton Rd. with a right hand turning lane from New Market Ave. to Hamilton Blvd. and traffic signals at St. Nicholas, Hollywood and South Clinton avenues, with four lanes from Valley National Bank at Durham Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. all the way to Stelton Rd...all to be paid for with a grant from Middlesex County arranged for by guess who? JOHN PULOMENA!"

Bob Cusick and Ray Petronko ended their comments by saying, "When you cast your vote on Nov. 4, remember to support an individual who works for South Plainfield every day, our hometown freeholder John Pulomena and his running mate, Jim Polos."

From the Republicans

Reedy, Rusnak: Stopping Overbuilding Should be Council's Top Priority



Curbing overdevelopment should be at the top of the Borough Council's list of priorities, announced council candidates Marge Reedy and Ray Rusnak this week. If elected, both candidates want to focus on overbuilding, a problem that is hurting quality of life in South Plainfield.

"I have no problem with planned growth," said Rusnak, "but new homes, condos, strip malls and apartments are spring-

ing up at an alarming rate. Unbridled growth strangles our town's resources: things like our schools, roads and other services. We need to slow things down, but for some reason our town's leaders don't grasp this and are doing just the opposite."

Both candidates see the council's decision to sell borough-owned land to developer Jack Morris as proof the current administration, including council candidates Robert Cusick and Raymond Petronko, just don't get it. The council is adding to the problem rather than solving it.

"The council just sold two parcels on West End Ave. to a company owned by Jack Morris, a developer who donates big money to the Democrats," said Reedy. "He's obviously trying to develop that area, and we could have stopped him—until the council gave him everything he wanted."

"Unfortunately, I see no end in

sight," Rusnak said. "The builders have *carte blanche*, and they, rather than the people of South Plainfield, set the rules. This has to stop."

Reedy said several solutions could help the borough rein things in. First, we need to reevaluate the zoning ordinance to see what changes can be made to improve quality of life, especially traffic congestion. Second, we have to stop letting owners demolish historic homes and cram in several small homes in their place. Finally, and most importantly, the Democrats must stop selling borough-owned land to builders. We have to stop making the problem worse by giving them the land to build on."

"We should also look at charging impact fees on developers," said Rusnak. "Carteret last week enacted an ordinance doing just that. The builders will probably challenge the ordinance, and if Carteret prevails, we should enact a similar ordinance. For every dollar collected in taxes, new developments cost taxpayers between \$1.04 and \$1.67 in services. Development fees recoup these costs. It's only fair. The developer makes a profit on the homes and should share in the cost of supporting the homes and the people they bring in."

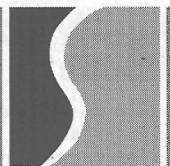
"If we don't get a handle on overbuilding soon, it will be too late," Reedy explained. "The current administration is ignoring the problem. They squandered 10 years by letting developers build what they wanted where they wanted. This must end. Controlling overbuilding must become a priority if we want to salvage our quality of life."

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South Plainfield Football Eagles

On Sept. 14, The South Plainfield Football Eagles hosted their first game of the season against Washington Rock.

The Flag team continues to improve weekly. Our youngest football players show great sportsmanship. Standouts were: John DiDolce, Jared Boyce, Brian Csober, Dillon Harris and Thomas Heim. Showing great team spirit were: Diana Pender, Elissa MacKenzie, Danielle Lapolla, Lauren Dicellis and Shannon Fonte.

The Mighty Mites won over Washington Rock 6-0. Joey Pellegrino was responsible for the touchdown and Tyler Hunt had an interception. Providing great blocking were Ryan Bors, Joshua Coupe and Nick Graves. Defensive standouts were Matt Gruver, Ricky Zekas and Justice Dickerson. Mighty Mite Cheerleaders were full of spirit, cheering their team to victory were: Cassidy Gillis, Jessica Pietschker, Megan Skelly and Kristen Wong.

The Junior PeeWee's defeated the Rock 26-7. Nick Heilmann began and ended the game with touchdowns. Mike Wagner had a 65 yard run for a touchdown. Brandon Downes also had a touchdown. Responsible for the extra points were Charlie Gruver and Mike Wagner, who also had an interception. Great blocking was provided by Shawn Gorman and Kevin Smith. Outstanding defensive players were Mike Molinaro and Alex Liszewski. Junior Pee Wee cheerleaders showing great spirit and a great half time show: Gerianne Scarpitto, Jamie Quail, Casey Butrico, Gabriella Lewis and Brittany Coupe.

The Junior Midgets suffered a loss to the Rock 19-26. Michael Burton had two touchdowns and Kyle Hughes had the third of the day. Tim Gaughan stepped up as quarterback. Matt Kopchak and Tareek Watkins provided excellent blocking and Corey Hay and Pat Millard were standouts on defense. Keeping their teams spirits up and providing a great half time show were: Elizabeth Gratta, Nicole Molinaro, Nicole Slatky, Amanda Plum and Brigitte Kelly.

On Sept. 21, The South Plainfield Football Eagles were away at Watchung Hills.

The Flag Team started the day with a great game. Vincent Pellegrino, Frank Ferraro, Brandon Rickert, Connor Skelly and Tyler Smith were standouts. Cheering for their team and showing great South Plainfield spirit were: Erika Bullard, Jaimie Donato, Chelsea Housel, and Angela Ruhnke.

The Mighty Mites suffered their first loss of the season to Watchung Hills 0-12. Eric Burnham made saving tackles preventing two touch-

downs. Joe Jakubik ran the ball well. Kyle Brady, Matt Hurst and Justin Glover were defensive leaders, while Ryan Hughes and Patrick Boyle were standouts on offense. Although the Mighty Mites lost this game they all played well. Mighty Mite cheerleaders kept the team going and cheering very short staffed, due to a Brownie weekend, provided a great half time show. Highlighted this week are: Zoya Hodge, Carly Kensey, Nicole Miller, Kelly Outerial and Emma Slotterback.

The Junior Pee Wee suffered their first loss of the season, 0-6, a heart-breaker as they played their toughest competition of the season. Although this was a loss, this team played an exciting game. The defense was awesome as they prevented all but one terrific pass setting up Watchung Hills for their one goal of the game. The Junior PeeWee's prevented the extra point and continued to defend against additional scoring. Defensive standouts were: Mike Wagner, who also sacked the Watchung Hills Quarterback, Frank Malecki, and Dylan Dorey. Outstanding Offense was led by Nick Heilmann, who also had a great interception, Ryan Aguiar, and Mike Tangorra. Our Junior PeeWee Cheerleaders continued to encourage and keep the crowd supporting the team, they also provided great half time entertainment. Highlighted this week are: Brielle Valle, Kim Walsh, Sara Yocum, Amanda Tjong, and Samantha Patison.

The Junior Midgets suffered a loss to Watchung Hills, 6-26. This team is still suffering from pre-season injuries. John Wylam, Anthony Louise, Marcell Counts, Matt Quadreal and Jimmy Gorman are missed by their teammates on the field. We are awaiting their healthy return. Michael Burton scored the only Eagles touchdown of the game and played outstanding offense, along with Brian Babinetz and Darius Harris. Defensive standouts were Steve Mazzelli, Seth Yocum, Vincent Appello and Mike Jefferys. The Junior Midget cheerleaders had to keep the team up with encouraging cheers and also provided all with a great half-time show. Highlighted this week are: Danielle Yulick, Julie Rosocha, Caitlyn Hogan, Dina Douras and Samantha Barthel.

Girls Tennis Preview

By Tim Morgan

A 4-4 record doesn't sound like a significant accomplishment, but that's how the South Plainfield High School Girls' Tennis team is doing so far (as of September 23), and 20th year Head Coach Maureen Barnett is pleasantly surprised. This is not as peculiar as it sounds. With only one returning Varsity letter winner this year, Barnett understandably didn't have high expectations for the Lady Tigers this season. Now they have already qualified for the State Tournament, and things are looking up.

Back in 2000, the Lady Tigers posted a .500 record and recovered from the previous year's dismal season. In 2001, they were tied for first in the White Division, and last year they tied for second and placed third in the GMC Tournament; they posted records of 16-4 and 15-5 those years. However, they knew that the turnaround they experienced could not last since they would graduate almost all of their Varsity players (in 2002). Now the Lady Tigers are replacing their pessimism with optimism. They have a real chance of ending the sea-

son above .500 and making a mark in the GMC Tournament, much higher goals than they had at the beginning of the season.

Currently, the team has fourteen members. Senior Marissa Judd, the only member of last year's Varsity squadron, is the team captain.

She is the first single, and Coach Barnett says that she has improved tremendously since her first match. Sophomore Morgan Walter is the second single, and sophomore Laurie Sobel in the third single. Senior Martina Ganiaris, junior Melissa Hansen, and sophomore Toni Maiorino have all played first doubles thus far, while sophomores Carlie Kazmir and Amanda Smalley form the second doubles team. Senior Shari Sangster will probably play a few Varsity matches as well.

Barnett said that her girls are getting better every time they play and that they have a real interest in the game. The major factor weighing the Lady Tigers down is obviously inexperience. However, the team is stable and should doubtlessly continue to get better. With that improvement, their goals and aspirations will rise back to their former levels in a relatively short period of time. According to Barnett, the girls will expand their repertoire of plays and understanding of the game as experience is gathered. Another reason the girls will certainly get better is that much of the skill involved in executing this knowledge can only come from play-

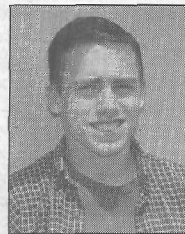
ing. Progression is definitely showing, and there is no question that the Lady Tigers' potential is only in the incipient stage right now.

Barnett calls the competition the girls will face "manageable." Certainly there will be a few tough games in store for them, North Brunswick in particular, but Barnett is confident that none of their matches will be too lopsided at any point in the season.

The biggest obstacle the girls' program will face in the future is getting more kids interested in playing. Tennis is a low-profile sport in South Plainfield, and the numbers have never been that high for the team. But that has always been a challenge that the team has faced and eventually met. The middle school has been expanding their sports program for the past few years, so a tennis team could be in the future.

The girls practice for about two hours every day by running, doing calisthenics, performing a variety of drills, and playing against each other in game situations.

Barnett believes that tennis is "a skill-specific sport" and said, "The girls all do it for the love of the game." She calls her team "a group of girls that get along very well that enjoy being at the tennis courts."



Tim Morgan, Jr

Ed Neimczyk Basketball League Accepting Applications

The 2003 Ed Niemczyk Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Rec Department, is open to all South Plainfield youth, ages seven to 14 (as of Oct. 1, 2003). The fee is \$35 per child. There will be no refunds.

Register at the PAL at 1250 Maple Ave., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. First timers must have their birth certificate. Everyone must show proof of residency.

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Sports



2003 Tiger Field Hockey Team

Seniors are: Nicole Carlson, Tarryn Carlton, Catherine Flannery, Heather Loenser, Ngozi Okparaekwe and Amanda Rastelli. Juniors are: Cassandra D'Urso, Lauren Haus, Jamie Jakubik, Katherine Kelliher, Jessica Manning, Jessica Miller, Stephanie Miller, Jacqueline Muglia and Kelly Thomas. Sophomores are: Dana Chepulis, Samantha Deffler, Courtney Eustice, Breanne Fore, Kathryn Koury, Brittany Patrusевич, Courtney Sacco, Melissa Szeliga, Heather Thompson, Rebecca Watts, Krystal Williams and Megan Wilson. Freshmen are: Nicole Benak, Julianne Bosse, Brandee Brown, Samantha Corveleyn, Lauren DiFrancesco, Kelly Downes, Nicole Freitas, Amy Haus, Hannah Levine, Nicole Miglis, Ai Phi Nguyen, Jenna Pein, Selene Rayho, Kimberly Russell and Lori Sepkowski. Team manager is Kim Gaub. Head Coach is Fran Flannery and Asst. Coaches are Tammy Zurka and Kiersten Bohl.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL From Sharon Miller

Field Hockey Corner Weekly Wrap-Up

Congratulations to the Field Hockey Team as they go 5-1, after defeating South Brunswick (7-0) and Union (7-1) this past week. The team suffered its first loss of the season to Sayreville (2-3) in overtime. They face Sayreville again at home on Oct. 8. The team is ranked 13th in the Top 20 best teams in NJ (ranking as of 9/17).

Week of September 28

Monday, Sept. 29—This is the must-see game of the week, as the team goes against East Brunswick in East Brunswick at 3:45 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3—Monroe away at 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4—Pingry away at 1 p.m.

Special Events, Senior Night

Senior Night takes place on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Frank Jost Field. The team, once again, will face Sayreville. In addition to an exciting game, this night is a memorable one for seniors, as they are honored in a special ceremony. Congratulations to a great group of seniors. The best of luck in all of your future endeavors. We will miss you next year!

Please come out and support a wonderful team of players. We wish the best of luck to players and coaches for a great season. Go Tigers!

Sonics Invade No. Hunterdon

Our Sonics U11 soccer team traveled to North Hunterdon on Sept. 21 to take on the Invaders. The first half score did not reflect how the Sonics dominated the field. The outstanding defense line up of Shaun Alers, Lucas Goitandia, Will Mott, Nick Ross, and Agu Ufondu minimized the Invaders scoring opportunities.

With just under three minutes left in the half, Will Mott scored on a rebound off of a North Hunterdon defender. The Sonics were up 1-0 at the half.

Attackers Mike Dispenziere, Dana Hunt, Steve Lanza, Jose Moya, Nick Okosko and Mike Zelasko played a tremendous second half. Steve Lanza passed to Dana Hunt who slipped one by the keeper. Shortly after, Dana scored again with an assist from Danny Hunt and the Sonics were up by three. Midfielders Ryan Billich, Charlie Huber, Danny Hunt, Kurt Maniaci, Shane O'Connor and Nick Tuyp were relentless throughout the second half. With 10 minutes left in the match, Jose Moya took a pass from Danny Hunt and maneuvered around several players to score making it Sonics 4-Invaders 0.

Goalkeepers for the game were Danny Hunt, Will Mott, Nick Ross and Nick Tuyp. The combined effort of these players preserved the shut out with several fantastic saves. The final score was South Plainfield 4-North Hunterdon 0.

The Sonics record stands at 2-0. Our next game is home at Kenneth Avenue on Sunday is against the Hopewell Valley Thunder.

Great start Sonics.

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By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Our registration for the 2004 baseball season is underway. You can go to the SPJBC website and download the form. The registration will also be conducted at the baseball club on October 16, 17 and 18. The registration from now to the first of the year is \$75. The Women's Auxiliary will be selling South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club apparel at all the registration days.

For the first time the SPJBC will be conducting a flea market on October 25. All types of vendors are welcome; the cost will be \$15 for a spot. Food and refreshments will be available at our snack stand. If you would like to reserve a spot for this event, please call the baseball club at (908) 754-2090 and leave your name and telephone number. Someone will get back to you immediately.

Plans for a spaghetti dinner are underway for the month of November. Also, we are looking at a day in Cooperstown at the Baseball Hall of Fame. Final details of these events will be announced soon.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

Ponty Softball Association Meeting—October 28

The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on Oct. 28. New members are always welcome.

Art Auction—October 3

On Friday, Oct. 3, the SPPPA will once again be hosting an art auction presented by Ross Galleries in the South Plainfield High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Debbie Boyle, Mark Sutherland, or myself (via our website). Art preview is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

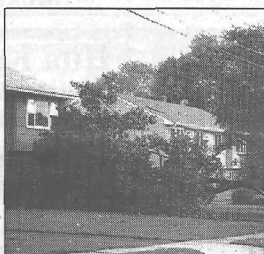
Attention SPPPA members: the fundraising committee is looking for volunteers to help out during the auction. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Debbie Boyle or Mark Sutherland.

Weight Room Accepting Members

The PAL is accepting members to join and use their weight room. Fees are \$60 for six months or \$100 for one year. The weight room's hours are weekdays, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1

p.m. to 5 p.m. All members must bring a towel and their ID cards at all times. For information on the weight room, call (908) 226-7713. To tour the weight room, you can come to the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

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Obituaries

Rosanne Pomovetz, 45

Rosanne Pomovetz of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at her home.

Rosanne was born in Plainfield and has been a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

Rosanne was a former staffing coordinator for Hobart West Group of Piscataway. Prior to that she was a management assistant for Phillip Morris USA for 13 years.

She was a member of Sacred Heart in South Plainfield.

Rosanne loved the New Jersey shore and enjoyed spending time on the beach.

She was predeceased by her mother, Rose Pijak Pomovetz, who died in 1976.

She is survived by her father, Frank Pomovetz of South Plainfield; a sister, Joyce A. and her husband Steven C. Felton of Lakehurst; two nephews, Clifford and Eric and a niece, Victoria Felton.

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

Carolyn Trotta Penders, 80

Carolyn Trotta Penders of South Plainfield died on Saturday, Sept. 20 at her home.

Carolyn was born in Plainfield and was a former resident of North Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 45 years ago.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, William Penders, who died in 1976.

She is survived by her daughter, Helen M. and her husband, Jack Pedersen of South Plainfield; her son, Thomas Penders of South Plainfield and her grandchildren, Michael, Thomas and Rachael Pedersen.

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

Jennie (Sacco) Maimone, 96

Jennie (Sacco) Maimone died on Sept. 22 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Maimone came the United States at the age of five. She had resided in Brooklyn and in Rosedale, Queens, for many years before settling in Plainfield in the early 1990's.

She had been employed with the

International Ladies Garments Works Union in Brooklyn.

She is a former member of the Knights of Columbus in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Maimone was a devoted wife and mother.

She was predeceased by her son, Joseph who died in 1998; her sister, Sister Gabriel Sacco and two brothers, William and John.

Surviving are her husband, Frank; her daughter, Rosalie Maimone of Plainfield; her daughter-in-law, Janet Maimone and grandson, Jonathan.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Fannie A. Capua, 84

Fannie A. Capua died on Monday, Sept. 22 in her home.

Born in Plainfield, she resided in Plainfield for most of her life before moving to South Plainfield for 18 years.

She was a member of St. Bernard's Church in Plainfield, where her and her late husband were both active members. Her husband, many years ago, constructed the shrine that is located in front of St. Bernard's Church. The shrine was a part of their lives that they were very proud of.

Fannie was a homemaker.

Her late husband, Michael Capua, died in 1976.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Ralph Lodes of South Plainfield; her daughter, Michele Capua of South Plainfield and her grandsons, Michael and Robert McGail.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 9 a.m. in the McCriskin Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. in St. Bernard's Church in Plainfield. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Antoinette R. Giordano, 93

Antoinette R. Giordano died on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in the Bronx, NY on January 10, 1910 and had attended both private and public schools in the Bronx, studying business.

Her first place of employment was Morgan's Laundry, where she worked as an accountant. While at Morgan's, she had perfected her proficiency in numbers and was later employed by J.P. Stevens in New York City, doing similar work.

Upon her retirement, she became active in the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Organization where she served as treasurer for several years. One of her great enjoyments was going to Atlantic City to try to win the "jackpot," while once or twice she came close to "striking it rich."

Antoinette also loved to travel and

had been to Europe, Mexico, Bermuda, Florida and the Virgin Islands.

She is predeceased by her two brothers, Gerard and John Giordano and by John's wife, Agnes.

Surviving are her nieces, Kathryn Spisso and her husband, Ernie of Forked River and Diane Bjornstad and her husband Peter of Downinton, Pa.; her sister-in-law, Barbara Giordano; two great-nieces, Debra and Terri Spisso and Terri's husband, Daten Cohen and their son, Zeke and by Michelle and Christopher Bjornstad.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in the McCriskin Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave. followed by a 10 a.m. mass at Sacred Heart RC Church. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Lawrence G. Colvin, 54

Lawrence G. Colvin died on Monday, Sept. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Staten Island, NY, he resided in Edison for 10 years before moving to South Plainfield in 2000.

He was employed by Consolidated Edison (Con Ed) in Staten Island, NY for 37 years as a chief lineman.

Larry served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict.

Surviving are his wife, Cynthia M. (Quagliano) Colvin.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. in the Evangel Church in Scotch Plains. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains. Relatives and friends may call at McCriskin Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Ernest R. Niebergall, 58

Ernest R. Niebergall died suddenly on Friday, Sept. 19 at his home.

Born in Newark, he grew up in South Plainfield and had resided in the central New Jersey area for most of his life before settling in Raritan, four years ago.

He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1973.

Mr. Niebergall was employed in quality control for Nitta Casings of Somerville and had been previously employed by Howell Electric Motors of Plainfield as a design engineer. He also worked, part-time, at the Clinton and Seventh Exxon Gas Station in South Plainfield.

Ernie loved spending his spare time playing video games, watching and following college football and crabbing.

He was predeceased by two sons, Ernest R. Jr. and William Scherer; his father, Charles and two brothers, Butch and Charlie.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Scherer; three daughters, Kimberley and her husband, Rodney Hilton of California, Diane and her husband, James Heilman, Jr. of South Plainfield and Melissa Niebergall and Richard Moss of Raritan; his mother, Helen (Yoroli) Niebergall; his sister, Barbara and five grandchildren, Nicole, Jonathan, Gregory, Rodney Jr. and Anthony.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Melinda M. Pomovetz, 40

Melinda M. Pomovetz died on Monday, Sept. 22 at the Haven Hos-

pice in JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, she grew up in South Plainfield and had been living in Point Pleasant for the past ten years.

Melinda had graduated from the Piscataway Campus of Middlesex County Vo-Tech High School in 1981. She then attended the Vo-Tech's nursing program and earned her LPN license.

For the past 20 years she had worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the JFK Medical Center in Edison. She retired, due to her illness, this past December.

Surviving are her parents, George and Georgia M. Pomovetz of South Plainfield; four sisters and their spouses, Debra and Alfred Schroeder of South Plainfield, Diane C. Pomovetz and Eugene J. Wilson of Point Pleasant, Donna J. and Bill Wilson of Point Pleasant and Georgia G. and Christopher Fenimore of Hillsborough; her brother and his wife, George C. and Cristine Pomovetz of Dayton Beach, Fla. and her eight nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 9:15 a.m. from the McCriskin Home for Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

Entombment will follow in the Mausoleum at Resurrection Burial Park in Piscataway.

Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Friday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations be made to the Haven Hospice c/o JFK Foundation, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08817 or to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main St., Fords, NJ 08818.

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policereport

• On Sept. 18 a Wickford Rd. resident reported that their 2003 GMC Envoy was stolen from their driveway. The vehicle's On Star tracking system had been activated and the truck was located in Newark with the suspects in it.

• On Sept. 18 a Plainfield Ave. resident reported that a "For Sale" sign had been stolen.

• On Sept. 19 a 16-year-old was jumped and assaulted at the PAL by three black male youths and his BMX Mongoose bike was taken.

• A patron of Quick Foods on Park Ave. reported that her purse had been stolen from her unlocked car.

• Marinoware on Metuchen Rd. reported that a wallet containing identification and a driver's license was taken from an unlocked locker.

• Kim Chi Hana Restaurant on Hadley Rd. reported that stainless steel sinks and tables had been taken from the rear of the business. The

restaurant is currently undergoing renovations.

• FlexPac on Hadley Rd. reported seven company checks had been taken from a filing cabinet.

• On Sept. 20 a South Plainfield Ave. resident reported that a flag and pole had been ripped from their siding.

• A Church St. resident reported that the rear passenger side window of his vehicle was smashed. Nothing was taken.

• A patron of Pathmark reported that their windshield had been cracked and both rear windows were smashed. Nothing was taken.

• Last week Kathleen Rabic, 46, and Tara Lassandro, 26, both of Edison were arrested for forgery. Both had been stealing checks out of mailboxes in several towns and cashing them at various stores in the area. They were caught using a forged check at Pathmark.

LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE
REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND**

To Lawrence Massaro for public improvements at 705 Delmore Avenue, 614 Spicer Avenue and 618 Spicer Avenue, respectively known as lots 2.10, 2.08 and 2.09; block 367.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the reduction of a performance bond posted by Lawrence Massaro for public improvements at 705 Delmore Avenue, 614 Spicer Avenue and 618 Spicer Avenue, respectively known as lots 2.10, 2.08 and 2.09; block 367 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield.

Said public hearing will be held on Monday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Lawrence Massaro
35 Davis Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

\$35.00 September 26, 2003

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RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND**

To Lawrence Massaro for public improvements at 825 Spicer Avenue, Lot 2.01; Block 378.

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Barbara Harley. The trio performed several songs from Harley's debut CD, "First Glance."

The Peter Smith School of Irish Dance, a traveling dance troupe, performed several Irish Folk dances and were dressed in colorful Irish costumes. These dance students have performed at competitions

throughout the country, as well as for four presidents.

The Memory Lane Singers performed popular songs from past. The group includes Eddy Fischgrun, Bob Marino, Mizar Turdiu and Barbara Friedman. Turdiu is the anchor on the Morning Edition of News-12 NJ. She also served as the hostess for the evening.

Present members of the SPCAC are Suzanne Lyte, chairperson; Terence Julian, vice chairperson; Natalie Bergen, treasurer; Melanie Friedman secretary. Other members include Errol Bailey, Robert Bengivena, Nancy Field, Frank Furino, David Joshi, Margorie Reedy, Hugh Scott and Myra Stillman. Seating hostesses for the evening were Amelia Lyte and Tany Joshi.

The evening concluded with refreshments provided by South Plainfield Cake & Bakery and Sherban's Diner. The evening was a huge success and some invited guests suggested this should become a yearly celebration, not a 20-year event.



Mayor Dan Gallagher presents a plaque to South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission President Judith Light and Vice Chair Terence Julian on behalf of the Borough Council.



Clockwise from top left: Mizar Turdiu, hostess for the evening; Flat, Broke & Busted trio member Barbara Harley, Angel Burgos along with his partner and The Peter Smith School of Irish Dance performs an Irish Folk dance.

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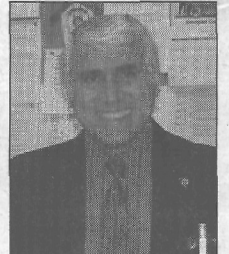
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Dr. Mario Barbieri

Barbieri Resigns

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Barbieri received his B.A. and M.A. Doctorate from Seton Hall University. His certification includes New Jersey Administrator, Supervisor and Principal Certificates, as well as New Jersey Teacher of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, K-8. Barbieri is a life member of the National PTA.

The list of activities and accomplishments, both in school, the community and his hometown, is lengthy. Barbieri, who was listed in *Who's Who in America*, was nominated for "Heroes in American Education." He belongs to the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, New Jersey, Middlesex County and National Associations of Elementary School Principals. He coached Intercounty soccer for a total of six seasons, as well as

coaching recreational soccer, baseball and wrestling in Westfield. He served as cubmaster for Westfield's Washington School Pack 270 for 13 years, and played with the Westfield Community Band for 10 years. His presence could also be found in South Plainfield, where he is a former member and past president of the South Plainfield Lions Club. He also served on the South Plainfield Clean Campus Advisory Board.

Roosevelt Student Assistance Counselor Margaret Mosley is among those who will be sorry to see him leave our district. She said, "Dr. Barbieri is a humanistic leader. He is supportive and nurturing and inspires his staff to achieve their potential and goals. He is a secure and well rounded individual and treats his subordinates like valued professionals. I will truly miss him and have valued his friendship."

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