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Boys Honor Uncles in NYC 9/11 Ceremony

South Plainfield was fortunate not to lose any residents as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. However, that does not mean residents did not lose relatives and loved ones who died in the attacks. One of the families who suffered the loss of close relatives did get the opportunity to participate in

the second anniversary ceremonies held at Ground Zero last month.

South Plainfield students James Seyffart, 12 and Paul Seyffart II, 9, spent September 11 this year in New York City, along with thousands of relatives and friends of those who perished in the 9/11 terrorists attacks.

James and Paul, who lost their uncles Keith and Scott Coleman that day, were asked to be part of the memorial ceremonies held at Ground Zero in September. James and Paul are the children of Paul and Ann-Marie (Ferrante) Seyffart. Keith Coleman was married to Ann-Marie's sister, El-

odie. Keith and his younger brother Scott worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 105th floor of World Trade Center #1. Their tower was the first one hit and the second to collapse. Both James and Paul participated in a week long camp for the children of 9/11 this summer. While they were at camp, the Seyffart's got word that children related to 9/11 victims would be reading names at the New York City ceremonies. Since September of 2001, the Seyffart's have joined several 9/11 family groups. Ann-Marie spoke to her sister, Elodie who said that she thought it would

be a great tribute for the boys to be involved in the ceremonies. Keith was their favorite uncle and a big kid himself. He would always play with them and they took his loss very hard. Both boys said they wanted to do it for Uncle Keith and Scott and for their Aunt Elodie and cousins Vaughn, now 4, and Neva, now 2.

The Seyffart family had never been to Ground Zero. They got up around 4:30 a.m. so they could register at the "readers' tent" between 6:30 and 7 a.m. The week before the ceremonies, Mayor Bloomberg's

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James Seyffart, sixth grader at Grant Elementary School with his brother Paul Seyffart, Franklin School third grader, kneel in front of their uncles' photos at Ground Zero on the second anniversary of 9/11.

Ed Niemczyk Earns First "Cappy" Award

The South Plainfield Police Athletic League and the South Plainfield Recreation Commission will honor Edward Niemczyk as the first recipient of the "Cappy" Award on Saturday, Oct. 25. The award is given to someone who has devoted countless hours to the community of South Plainfield, especially its youth.

Niemczyk started volunteering his time to South Plainfield's youth recreation activities in 1954. He ran the first basketball leagues out of a school in Plainfield because there wasn't any available space in town.

Ed was also one of the original founders of the South Plainfield Little League Baseball Program. Since 1962, he has been one of the supervisors at the PAL Recreation

Center. In fact, Mr. Niemczyk helped fabricate the steel used to build the building, since he had worked at Harris Steel in South Plainfield for 45 years. Many have said the Ed "taught the town how to play the game of basketball."

In addition to his commitment to the children of South Plainfield, Ed has been a member of the Polish National Home for 63 years. During those years, he has served as director, vice president and president of the organization. He served his country in time of war in the Navy and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign War #6763. In 1990 they named him "Outstanding Citizen of the Year." In 1988, South Plainfield honored Ed, naming him as honorary grand marshal of the Labor Day parade.

Ed and wife Gertrude have been married for 62 years. Their daughter Arlene and son Ed grew up here, and now have families of their own. Ed can be proud of the legacy of commitment, devotion and volunteerism he has shown to this community. South Plainfield is surely a better place because Mr. Niemczyk lives here.

Tickets (\$15) for the award's dinner to be held at the Senior Center at 7 p.m., may be purchased at the PAL. Dinner and dancing are included. For more information, call the PAL at (908) 226-7714.

Board of Ed Drafts Future Stars Resolution

The Future Stars program is looking in several directions for help to save the program from extinction. Just recently the Board of Ed was informed that, due to a state ruling, the Future Stars Program can no longer continue as a tuition-based program.

According to the ruling, the only way the program can continue under the present law is if the school board funds the entire program, and they cannot afford the cost. The Future Stars program, which has been in South Plainfield for more than 23 years, currently has more than 190

pre-school children enrolled.

A school board resolution passed last month asks that the law be changed to allow the program to continue. The resolution reminds the state that it already fully funds the Abbott's School Districts and should consider funding all pre-school pro-

grams, or as an alternative, it asks the state to enact legislation allowing it to operate as a non-profit program run by the local school district.

The Future Stars Program will run this year as usual, but next year there may not be a program if a solution cannot be found. Superintendent of Schools Robert Rosado said he is looking into the possibility of a non-profit group taking over the program next year. No definite plans have been announced.



Students at the new Roosevelt Elementary School enjoy the new playground. The facility was completely funded through the efforts of PTO members and Playground Committee.

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Putnam Park Day

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At 11:00 a.m.

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Handball Tournament
Volleyball Tournament

(sign up for all contests at the PAL)

Rides for the Children, Face Painting, Food & Music



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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING **PUBLIC MEETING**
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, 7 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
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

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To the Editor,

On Election Day, the voters of South Plainfield should just look at a few simple facts to see why Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick deserve to be re-elected to the Borough Council. The "pay as you go" fiscal strategy adopted by the Democrats has cut our Borough's debt by over 50% over the last ten years and kept our tax rate as one of the lowest in Middlesex County. This is a remarkable change in the way our borough government is run when you consider that the previous Republican administration borrowed millions of dollars for everyday expenses. These sensible fiscal policies demonstrate that government can provide excellent services without mortgaging our children's future. Just look at all of the improvements around town that have been accomplished without massive borrowing—over 130 roads repaved, new senior housing, a new senior recreation center, the new skate park, a new ambulance and a new fire truck.

The Petronko-Cusick record of accomplishment demonstrates that Ray and Bob are dedicated public servants who put the interests of the residents of South Plainfield first on every issue. They have shown the creativity needed to allow our borough government to provide top-rate services on a lean budget. They have also shown the courage to make the tough decisions on cutting the budget. On Election Day, look at the record and vote for Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick for Borough Council.

YVONNE T. SACCÌ

To the Editor,

The high school girls' tennis team article in the *Observer* last week was very nice. The team is very young with potential. The coach, Mrs. Barnett, is doing a great job. What the article failed to mention was that the girls have no place to practice. The girls get "kicked off" Spring Lake Park tennis courts during practice because they are entitled to only two courts with a permit. The high school tennis courts are a paramount of health hazards. Where can these girls practice?

These girls need the support of the South Plainfield community. South Plainfield is very active in many sports: wrestling, baseball, football, field hockey and softball. Let's put tennis in the line up. Will the courts be repaired or replaced? Is there money in any budget to repair or replace them? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then: when? I don't want to hear, "It's being taken care of," or "We already started." We need to "react now!" The norm is six months to obtain permits for construction. Six months from now will be springtime and then the boys' tennis team will need a place to practice. In addition to "no courts," the coach and girls have no uniforms.

PAT MAIORINO

Dear Editor,

Sometimes you read something in the paper and it just blows you away. That's how I felt when I read about Robert Cusick's supposed idea to build a new library. I say "supposed" because the suggestion to build a new library

was made before and the mayor and council turned it down.

It makes no sense. The library wanted to build and was told "no." We then renovated it, which cost lots of money. And now that the renovations are complete, Cusick (who we haven't heard from in three years) has this "great idea" right before election time.

Don't get me wrong. The library needs more space. But why did the council wait and spend all that money in the meantime? Is there any long-range planning? Or are these people doing whatever is best for them politically each year?

I get the feeling this is going to be another Helen Street project, or maybe another Hamilton Boulevard reconstruction. The Democrats are going to talk about it like it's going to happen tomorrow and then forget about the idea until the next election.

I suggest that the Democrats stop grandstanding and start explaining why they've cut our services, why they've done nothing about traffic and why they're letting the builders get away with murder. When they start addressing these issues, maybe I will start taking them seriously.

LINDA R. MACKENZIE

To the Editor,

As I drive around town, I can't help but think of Councilman Bob Cusick. No matter what section of town I'm in, there is a newly repaved road. Just the other day, I was on Belmont Ave. I saw that they are putting sidewalks and curbing along the entire road and it's being paid for by a grant from the Department of Transportation.

Bravo, Councilman Cusick! It's about time we have leaders that don't rely on the taxpayers to always foot the bill for infrastructure improvements. Also, I understand that during Bob's term, he has developed a curb restoration program using the same "pay as you go" philosophy. I think it's wonderful. Please keep up the good work.

I urge everyone to join me in voting for the Democratic Team for Borough Council—Bob Cusick and Ray Petronko on November 3.

ANN CAMPANELLI

Letter to the Editor,

The one fact that everyone should know about the Borough Council election is that Bob Cusick and Ray Petronko have worked hard for South Plainfield. Their list of accomplishments is unmatched: Bob has worked with Public Works and helped to secure many new pieces of equipment, such as grass cutters, trucks with plows, stump chippers, etc. Ray has done an excellent job rebuilding all of our parks, especially Putnam Park.

Bob and Ray have helped restore the confidence of residents in our Borough government. We know someone is listening at Borough Hall. Bob Cusick, Ray Petronko and the Democrats have shown that they trust the people of South Plainfield and want the people to participate in the governing of our Borough. Voters should support the people who trust the voters.

Vote for Bob Cusick and Ray Petronko for Borough Council on Election Day.

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Letter to the Editor,

I am not a registered Republican or Democrat. I have remained an independent voter for 46 years. I vote for the person who I think is the best candidate for the job. I voted accordingly every national and local election.

Politicians make all kinds of promises to get elected and when elected, they seem to have forgotten them. I have known Ray Petronko since he first ran for council. He stated that a new center for the seniors was needed and he promised he would put it high on his agenda if elected.

He was appointed council liaison to the Senior Advisory Committee. As a member of the Senior Advisory Committee, I have worked with Ray during his appointment to fulfill the seniors' dream of a new center. Ray has traveled with us to see other centers, taken all our ideas and recommendations to heart and spent many hours trying to implement them and help resolve problems when they occurred during construction of the new center. He has kept his promise.

I believe that the seniors of South Plainfield should be very grateful that they had a man of his caliber involved in getting our new center completed. I, for one, will show my support for him on Election Day.

JOE ZEKAS

To the Editor,

On Sept. 22, a little girl was hit by a car on South Central Ave. while riding her bike. This street has always been a high traffic area, where people are always in a hurry and young drivers love to speed. I understand this is the main road to get to and from school, but something must be done to help prevent another accident from happening.

I myself, along with many other parents who live on this street, have always been concerned and asked many times that something be done.

All that was done was a "speed trap" put up for one day. There needs to be a four way stop sign at the intersection of South Central and Conklin. This would enforce the drivers to slow down.

We need this for the safety of everyone; especially for our children.

CONCERNED PARENT
LINDA LANZA

To the Editor,

The residents of South Plainfield live through four seasons each year, but the Democrats seem to only care about one—the Election Season.

Winter was full of unplowed streets; fall left many wondering when the promised leaf pickup was going to happen; spring left miles of streets ignored by the street sweepers and summer ended with the second year of a closed Veteran's Park.

But Election Season turned the attention of the council towards the citizens they were elected to represent. One announcement was the grant from the county of a million dollars for our parks. While this funding is welcome, it is long overdue from our contributions to the county for Green Acres preservation. And what will be done with these funds? Will the council hire the public works employees needed to maintain these parks?

The "timely" announcement of Mr. Cusick's plan for a new library seemed extremely seasonal—where was the mayor and council when the library planned an expansion a few years ago—and were restricted due to a lack of funds? Many resources and learning spaces had to be discarded in the modified plans.

South Plainfield needs council people that bring benefits to our town all year—not just the two months before each election. Marge Reedy and Ray Rusnak will work every season—and not just Election Season.

BRUCE P. MADDEN

Parents' Persistence Pays Off

Bus Stop Relocation Safer for Kids

For Denise Littrean and other parents of students living in the Highlands apartment on Durham Ave., persistence, talking to the right people, and the assistance of Sgt. Kevin Murtagh, have resulted in a safer school bus pickup site for their children. Starting on Wednesday, students will now be picked up inside the complex, instead of outside on a road with no sidewalks and, in parents' estimation, in a very dangerous situation.

Last month, Littrean and several parents living in the Highlands attended the Board of Ed meeting to discuss the location where their children were waiting for the school bus. They emphasized that the safety of their children should come first.

At the beginning of this school year the transportation office established a bus stop for students attending Grant Elementary and the Middle School outside of the complex, on the corner of Hamilton Blvd. and Main St., between Valley National Bank and Crystal Car Wash, where there are no sidewalks.

Littrean, spokesperson for the group, presented letters and a petition from the parents asking that the stop be moved to a safer location. She distributed pictures for the board to study of the children while they were waiting for the bus, showing that there is no place for them to stand except in the middle of the street. With no sidewalks, cars turning onto Main St. do not see the children before they begin their turn, due to vegetation growth around the intersection.

Concerned for the safety of the children, Littrean had already contacted the superintendent and school administrator at the beginning of school, as well as some board members, asking for their help, but felt she was getting nowhere.

According to Board President Pio Penisi, several members of the school administration visited the bus stop. He said that a bus for the grade school children already picks up in the apartment complex, but it was a small bus. After a short discussion, School Administrator Edward Izbicki said he would ask Valley Bank if the bus could use their parking lot, but was not sure if it would work.

According to Littrean, the turning point in her campaign came when she met with South Plainfield Traffic Safety Officer Sgt. Kevin Murtagh. Littrean said all of the credit for moving the bus stop really belongs to Sgt. Murtagh and she and the parents in the complex are very grateful for his assistance in getting the bus stop moved inside the apartment complex, a much safer location.



The Holiday Inn, located on Stelton Rd. in South Plainfield, hosted a lunch last week for members of the South Plainfield Business Association. After lunch and a little networking, Gwen Chalkers and Iris Katz took SPBA President Jack Pedersen and association members on a guided tour of the hotel facilities.

Middlesex County Plans Flu Shots in South Plainfield

The Middlesex County Health Department has announced that flu shots will be available at the South Plainfield Senior Center at 90 Maple Ave. on Monday, Oct. 15, 9 to 11:30 a.m. for residents 50 years and older and on Monday, Nov. 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Only Middlesex County residents 50 years of age or older, or those who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems and those with chronic metabolic diseases, including diabetes mellitus, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies or immuno-suppression may obtain a flu shot on Oct. 15. Any resident who is less than 50 years of age will be re-

quired to bring a prescription from their physician stating that they are under medical care for one of the conditions listed above. There are no exceptions.

The second clinic on Monday, Nov. 10 will offer flu vaccines to any Middlesex County resident age 18 or older. No one under the age of 18 will be vaccinated and proof of age will be required.

For a pneumococcal vaccine appointment, call (732) 745-3100, Monday through Friday, between 2 and 4 p.m.

Please bring your Medicare card to the clinic.

Town History Day Promises To Be a Spectacular Event

The South Plainfield Historical Society will be sponsoring the inaugural Town History Day on Sunday, Oct. 19. The public is invited to enjoy an afternoon of programs, displays, entertainment and refreshments.

Planned events include a talk on the history of the Borough by Dr. Richard Veit, Director of New Jersey History at Monmouth University; a slide program of old houses and structures in South Plainfield; an antique fashion show and display; an antique car show; a silent movie; memorabilia; entertainment and access to the Society's extensive photograph collection. In addition, community service groups from the Elks Lodge to the South Plainfield Fire, Police and Rescue Squad have been invited to display their extensive photographic albums documenting the growth of

their respective organizations. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

The Senior Citizens Center is located at the intersection of Lakeview and Maple avenues, across from Spring Lake Park. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. The opening ceremonies and entertainment portion of Town History Day will begin promptly at 1 p.m., followed by the antique fashion show and history programs. There is no admission charge.

For further information, contact Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073, or email at SPHistoricalSoc@sc.com. Visit our website at <http://communitynj.com/cc/sphistoricalociety>. The Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of each month at the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Center at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Blessing of the Animals at Sacred Heart and Pilgrim Covenant This Weekend

Sacred Heart Church and Pilgrim Covenant is inviting everyone to come and celebrate the gift of life with all god's creatures, great and small this weekend.

Sacred Heart Church-Saturday, Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be held at Sacred Heart Church on South Plainfield Ave. with the Blessing of Animals and a Parade of Pets from Noon to 1 p.m. The event will be held (weather permitting) on the front lawn of Sacred Heart School at the statue of the Sacred Heart.

All creatures great and small are invited to attend with their human companions. Following the prayer and blessing, prizes will be given to those showing best in the following categories: smallest, largest, most colorful, best trained, most unusual and oldest.

Whether you have a pet to bring or not, join us for the prayer and fun. If you can't bring your pet and have a photo, come and share! Prizes, how-

ever, will only be given to animals present on Saturday.

Volunteers from Angel P.A.W.S. (Angel Pets Animal Welfare Society, Inc.) with home-fostered animals and a care center in Colonia will be on-hand with animal adoption information and pets to view. Look for them at petfinder.org of call (732) 349-1199.

Pilgrim Covenant Church-On Sunday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. Pilgrim Covenant church, located at 3121 Park Ave will also have a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet to receive a blessing! Pets must be on a leash, in a cage or otherwise restrained. Also bring your own water, treat (if desired) and plastic bag—you are responsible for any "gifts" your pet deposits on the church property.

If you cannot bring your pet, but wish to come anyway, bring a photo. If weather isn't cooperative the event will be rescheduled. Any questions, call the church office at (908) 756-2474.



DON'T PLACE YOUR TRASH ON THE CURB—Residents are reminded that they should not put their trash on the curb until the night before their scheduled pick-up date—not the day they call and request pickup. It is unsightly, unsanitary and against the law.

Auction at Public Works Building on Saturday

The Department of Public Works, located on Spicer Ave. will hold a public auction on Saturday, Oct. 4 starting at 10 a.m., with a preview at 9 a.m.

Items up for auction include a 1990 GMC Coach type bus, 1994 Chevy Caprice, 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, two Ford Brush Hogs, John Deere Flail, 1963 Vermeer stump chopper, 1996, Par 20" trailer, copiers, PCs and over 75 top name brand boys and girls bikes.

Everything is sold as-is and payment in full with cash or a certified check or

pre-approved checks made payable to Dingman & James, the vendor who will be running the auction.

For information call (609) 443-9339 or www.dingmanjamesauction.com.

Correction

In last week's *Observer* we incorrectly identified Suzanne Lyte in the story and caption, "Cultural Arts Commission Celebrates 20 Years," on page 1 and 12. We apologize for the error.

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The South Plainfield DARE Police Officers will be at Home Depot on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to fingerprint children, as part of their voluntary identification program.

Pilgrim Covenant Plans Open House

October 4

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center has proudly served our communities families for over 30 years. PCLC offers full-time and part-time enriched child care for your three or four-year-old and we are currently accepting enrollments for this fall and winter. Light refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please call Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center at (908) 756-4879.

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 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.

VFW Country Breakfast

October 5

The VFW Post #6763 will be holding a country breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the VFW, 155 Front St., from 8 to 11 a.m. Donation is \$5. There is a children's menu available.

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

Antique 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

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 open at 12:30 p.m. and a catered, family-style luncheon begins at 1 p.m.

Fashions 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.

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Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30 am-12:30 pm Advisory Board Mtg. 4:30	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am Computer Classes 10-11am or 2-3pm Men's Forum 1:30pm	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 9:30am-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11am Computer Class 1-2pm Decorative Painting 2:30-3:30pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch Computer Class 10-11am
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Suburban Woman's Club Yard Sale

October 11

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will hold a fundraiser yard sale on Saturday Oct. 11 at the American Legion Hall, Oak Tree Ave. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Raindate is Oct. 12. Baked goods will also be available.

Theatre Trip To "Annie Get Your Gun"

October 16

The Senior Center is planning a trip to the Fiesta Dinner Theatre in Wood Ridge 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.

Bingo Night Fundraiser for Fire Department

October 17

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.

Tournament of Bands Competition

October 18-19

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, Hackensack High School, Warren Hills Regional High School, Pompton Lakes High School, Dunellen High School, JFK High School and Saddlebrook 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. S.P.H.S. 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, located on Maple Ave.

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

Golf Outing to Benefit Education Foun.

October 20

The South Plainfield Education Foundation is holding its ninth annual Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing on Mon., Oct. 20 at the Copper Hill Country Club in Flemington.

Come join us for a relaxing day of golf. Your entry includes an 18 hole golf event, green fees and cart, lunch and a buffet dinner, with awards and prizes. The price per golfer is \$150. All gratuities are included. Casual attire is recommended and you may only wear rubber spikes while on the green.

The event will be using the Calloway Scoring System. Prizes include a new car, vacation, or Pot of Gold for a hole-in-one, as well as prizes for low net, low gross, longest drive, closest hole, closest to the line, corporate team net and corporate team gross.

For more information, contact Bob Hunter at (908) 756-2800 (work) or at (908) 769-0439 (home), or Rich Regan at (732) 249-4702 (work) or at (908) 756-4530 (home).

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 Pontytail softball, please join us on Oct. 28. New members are always welcome.

— Out of Town —

4-H to Host Haunted House

Weekends through Oct. 31

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.

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.

Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

October 8

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will have a business meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Main Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge. For more information, call (732) 297-1775.

Middlesex East WOWs Dance

October 10

Middlesex East WOWs Carteret Chapter will hold a dance for widows and widowers on Friday, Oct. 10 at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Admission is \$8. There will be live music and

refreshments will be available. The dance is from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. For more information, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

Springfield High Plans 55th Reunion

October 12

The Jonathan Dayton Regional High School of Springfield, Class of 1948 is planning a 55th Reunion for Oct. 12 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Gran Centurions in Clark. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of class members is asked to contact us. Let's make this event the best ever! All Regionalites are invited to join us.

For news of classmates, payment details, or more information, call: Trudy Lorenz Piccarillo at (908) 647-5958 or (908) 754-5976; Dorothea Constantino Campanelli at (732) 785-2754 or Irene Oltarzuski Wictry at (732) 381-4955.

Fall Poetry Workshop Series Offered

October 14, 15, 23, 28, 30

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company, a project of VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ), will offer the 2003 Fall Poetry Workshop Series for adults ages 16 years and over in cooperation with Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey. This is an eight-session course which will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on Oct. 14, 16, 23, 28, 30; Nov. 6, 11 and 13. Workshops will be held at the South Brunswick Municipal Building in Monmouth Junction, New Jersey.

For registration materials, contact VSA/NJ at (732) 745-3885, (732) 745-5935, or (732) 745-3913 (TTY). Registration deadline is Oct. 7.

NJ Ski Council Plans Jamboree

October 17

The New Jersey Ski Council, currently has 40 Ski Clubs with about 10,000 members, is planning a Jamboree, part trade show, part trip planning and part membership drive featuring informative displays by New Jersey/metro New York Ski Clubs, local and national ski resorts and local equipment shops.

A buffet dinner will be available from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at \$25 per person, cash bars, door prizes and DJ music from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

For further information, please call Claire Spingler, President NJSC at (201) 327-8482, or Pat Else-Terns at (718) 720-1660.

Bucks Cty. Trip To Benefit Homeless Pets

October 18

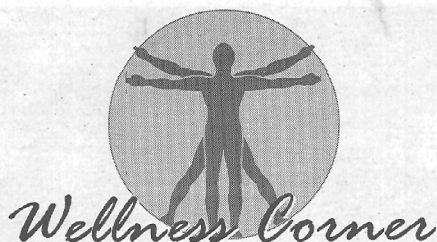
People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a bus trip to Bucks County, Pennsylvania on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The trip includes transportation, snacks, fun and games on the bus, lunch at Peddler's Village, followed by the stage show "Nunsense," the comedy. There will be time to browse and shop at Peddler's Village and in New Hope. A donation of \$79 per person is requested. The group will be leaving at 8:45 a.m. The bus will return around 8 p.m.

Reservations can be made by calling Progressive Travel at (908) 688-8787. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 15.

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Mail or drop off stories and photos to
South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B,
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Ear Infections & Children: More Treatment Options

By Patrick M. Aiello DC

In scanning the Internet this past week, I came across an article concerning ear infections I found quite interesting. To be clear, I've seen numerous articles from chiropractic publications detailing the effectiveness of manipulation with ear infections.



Dr. Patrick Aiello, DC

It was just nice to see our medical counterparts witness, or rather should I say, maybe have their eyes opened, regarding the benefits of manipulation in the treatment of ear infections.

In the September 2003 issue of the research journal, *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*, a study was done entitled "The Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment as Adjuvant Therapy in Children With Recurrent Acute Otitis Media." The study's objective was "To study effects of osteopathic manipulative treatment as an adjuvant therapy to routine pediatric care in children with recurrent acute otitis media (AOM)." The authors concluded that "The results of this study suggest a potential benefit of osteopathic manipulative treatment as adjuvant therapy, to prevent or decrease surgical intervention or antibiotic overuse." That's phenomenal but nothing that chiropractic hasn't been saying about manipulation for years.

For instance, Joan Fallon DC, a noted expert in the field of chiropractic pediatrics performed a study of ear infections in children in the October 1997 issue of the *Journal of Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics*. The study looked at 332 children who had otitis media (aka ear infections). The results indicated that there was a "strong correlation" between chiropractic care and the resolution of otitis media for children in this study. What's of importance to note is that while the *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine* study was positive for manipulation, only 57 people participated in the study. Dr. Fallon's study included 332

children.

There are also numerous and documented case studies which support chiropractic's effectiveness for the treatment of ear infections. That's important, because when you consider that ear infections are the number one reason that would cause a child to visit a pediatrician. Along with

antibiotics being the most prescribed treatment for ear infections, you are talking about spending a lot of healthcare dollars. What's scary is that this might not be the most effective path of treatment. That's not even beginning to address the issue if the ear infections were viral in nature. Which would not only render antibiotics useless but is believed to be a serious cause for the amount of antibiotic resistance seen in this past decade. That means the bugs are smarter than the drugs. Not a good thing to have happen.

Again, as you'll have seen from previous articles, as a chiropractor, I'm not against medications. One of my recent articles outlined just that. But what is to be addressed is the misuse, abuse or over-use of these medications. That way, when they are clinically needed, they'll be more effective.

House-Call Update

Since June 30, 2003, I've been treating my patients exclusively in their homes via house calls. Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and doctors can make house calls. I look forward to continuing this method of service. Should you have any questions or would like to schedule an in-home chiropractic visit, please feel free to call me at (908) 755-2289 or E-Mail me at SoPlfDoc@aol.com.

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Collecting Shoes: An Act of Community Service

In response to request for shoes for the homeless by Piscataway podiatrist Dr. Wishnie, South Plainfield High School senior Shannon Boyles organized a shoe drive.

Shannon's community service act received an overwhelming response. She collected 400 pairs of shoes in South Plainfield, Middlesex and Metuchen.

The South Plainfield Varsity and JV Cheerleading squad greatly contributed to this donation, as well as What's The Scoop in Metuchen and Shannon's job employer.

Shannon's project provided incentive for people to clean out their closets!

"I really enjoyed collecting the shoes. It made me feel good knowing that I was helping many people in need," explained Shannon.



South Plainfield High School Senior Shannon Boyles with the 400 pairs of shoes she collected for the homeless.

New Jersey Retailers Endorse Sen. Buono, Assemblymen Barnes and Diegnan

The New Jersey Retail Merchants Association's (NJRMA) political action committee, IMPAC (Interested Merchants PAC), announced its endorsement of Sen. Barbara Buono, who serves on the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

Committee; Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes, Assembly Majority Whip and Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., Vice Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, for re-election. The legislators are running for re-election in the 18th district, which encompasses parts of Middlesex county.

Richard Santoro, Treasurer of IMPAC, praised the legislators' hard work. "Senator Buono, Assemblyman Barnes and Assemblyman Diegnan have all been strong advocates for retailing and have worked tirelessly to build New Jersey's economy."

"IMPAC is proud to support Senator Buono, Assemblyman Barnes and Assemblyman Diegnan for re-election. They are a credit to the people of the

18th district and the New Jersey Legislature," said Joseph P. Teti, Chairman of IMPAC and President of Triangle-Your Creative Center, headquartered in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

The New Jersey Retail Merchants Association is the state's only retail trade association with membership that comprises both large and small retailers, from multi-state chains to local independents and serves all types of merchants, including apparel, furniture, home improvement and drug stores. NJRMA represents an industry that encompasses more than 3,000 retail establishments throughout the state. The retail industry provides over 575,000 jobs, making it the second largest employer in the state.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Sacred Heart School Student Takes Part in Pre-Teen Program

Khaliah Douglas-Talbot, the 12-year-old daughter of Adrienne Talbot of Plainfield, recently participated as a State Finalist in the Pre-Teen New Jersey Scholarship and Recognition Program held in August at the Hilton Parsippany in Parsippany.

Khaliah, a seventh grade student at Sacred Heart School was selected as the recipient of the Special Judges Outstanding Achievement in the Arts and Science and Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship awards for her academic and community achievements. Over \$5,000 in education bonds, prizes and awards were presented to the 92 young ladies who attended.

Pre-Teen America is an invitation only scholarship and recognition event involving young ladies, seven to 12 years of age. Participants are awarded and recognized for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities and sports accomplishments. Seven individual categories assure a total and thorough evaluation format. They include, academic achievement, volunteer services, school honors and activities, development of personal skills and abilities, general knowledgeability, communicative ability and on-stage acknowledgment of accomplishments.



Eighth Grader Takes Love for Reading to the Limit

Camille Romano, an eighth grade student at Sacred Heart School, has read over 150 books in the past 15 months. In addition to her school work and dance classes, Camille finds time to read a variety of novels. Titles she recommends to new readers include "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" by Ann Brashares. She said this is a down-to-earth book about the importance of friendship. The "Daughters of the Moon" series by Lynn Ewing is also one of her favorites. Two of her favorite authors are Amelia Atwater-Rhodes and Elizabeth Chandler. She said both of these authors write good fantasy books that are both exciting and scary. Camille volunteers one afternoon a week in the children's room at the South Plainfield Library.

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Local Junioresettes Earn Awards at GFWC Banquet

The Double Tree Hotel in Somerset hosted the end of the year convention and awards banquet for the GFWC Junior Membership on June

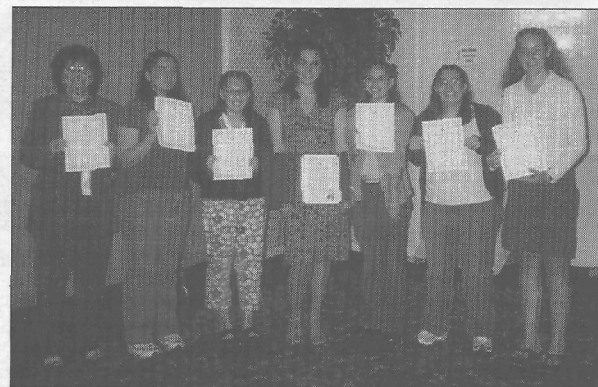
5. The General Federation of the Women's Club has a Junioresettes group in South Plainfield and six of the members attended the ceremony. The Junioresettes of South Plainfield brought home seven awards in the following categories: first place for Best Work in International Affairs, second place for Best Work in Membership, first place for Best Work in Health, second place for Best Work in Home Life, first place for Best Work in Ways and Means and second place for Best Work in Art.

The girls also received the Top Five Award. This award is for out-

standing service and dedication to the community, state and nation and for the Promotion of International Understanding.

The South Plainfield Junioresettes are currently starting their new year. The current officers are as follows: Jennifer Vasquez, president; Jennifer Mocerino, vice president; Jessica Vasquez, secretary and Colleen Kamen, treasurer. They are now accepting girls, ages 12-18, interested in helping others and having fun, for new members.

For more information, email us at njjunioresettes@yahoo.com.



Left to right: Kathleen Raiti, advisor; Jennifer Mocerino, Jennifer Vasquez, Catherine Flannery, Jessica Vasquez, Andrea Doell and Elizabeth Flannery.

BOROUGHNOTES

■ A block party, requested by Jack Pederson for Oct. 4 (no raindate) on Perth Place between Hillside Ave. and Duffy Pl. was approved.

■ Heidemarie Quinn has been hired as a part-time public safety telecommunicator effective of Sept. 22.

■ Detcon has received a contract to purchase two compactors at a cost of \$44,975.

■ The council approved a professional services contractor with CME Associates to prepare all documents necessary for the improvements to Durham Ave. at a fee not to exceed \$47,032. Funds for this project were received through a NJDOT Grant.

■ CME Associates was authorized to prepare grant application for improvements to Church St. culvert and the installation of decorative lighting on Church St. and Hamilton Boulevard.

■ The Borough received a \$15,000 grant from the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs for the municipal building and senior citizen center.

■ Robert Tumolo was hired as a temporary part-time plumbing sub-code official to fill in for Angelo Strillacci while he is on vacation.

■ The Borough approved the return of a portion of Block 541, Lot 10.02 to David DeLuccia and Bette DeLuccia. This property was deeded to the Borough as part of approval from the Planning Board but it is no longer needed by the Borough for roadway improvements.

■ Public safety telecommunicator operator Eric Milstein will resign effective Sept. 26.

■ The council approved the purchase of check validators and bar code readers from Edmunds Associates at a cost not to exceed \$9,652. These items will be used by the Tax Department.

■ The council approved the purchase of a new computer server from Hewlett Packard (State Contract #A81249) at a cost not to exceed \$15,945, the purchase of Windows 2003 from E-Plus (State Contract #A81185) at a cost not to exceed \$11,345 and the purchase of wiring and switches from E-Plus (State Contract #A81185) at a cost not to exceed \$18,030. These items are necessary for the improvements being made to the tax office.

From the Democrats

Petronko And Cusick Disappointed By Negative Republican Campaign



Councilpersons Bob Cusick and Raymond Petronko expressed their disappointment at the negative tone of the local Republican campaign this year. "I guess we shouldn't be surprised, but we are just about halfway through the campaign season and our Republican opponents have not made one positive suggestion about the future of South Plainfield. Sadly, it appears the Republican candidates and their campaign coordinators have a real personal dislike for anyone or anything that is supported by the Democrats. They have basically been attacking our honesty and integrity from day one. In response I'd just like to say, 'Get over it and talk about something positive.'"

Councilperson Petronko expanded upon his running mate's comments. "Bob and I are honest guys who just want to do some good things for the residents of South Plainfield. We, of course, are proud of our record of no municipal tax increases in four of the last six years, cutting the borough debt by \$10M, building a state-of-the-art senior center, doubling the size of the P.A.L., building the beautiful senior housing complex, repaving 130 roads, improving our parks, preserving 100 acres of open space and of course, the cornerstone of our philosophy... 'pay as you go government.' There would be nothing wrong with the Republicans admitting these are good things, committing themselves to continue them and then proposing some new ideas for the future. I can't believe they can't come up with one positive proposal on which we can exchange our positions and opinions."

Cusick expressed the Democrats' frustration with the Republican team: "Except for going on record saying their campaign manager should have a job with the tax office, what else will they do if elected? Do the Republicans support my proposal for a new 10,000 to 15,000 square foot state-of-the-art library? Do they support Ray Petronko's plan to use a county grant of over \$1 million for improvements to our sports complexes and environmental preserve? Do they agree with our proposal to totally reconstruct Hamilton Blvd. with decorative lights, new sidewalks and curbs and traffic signals at St. Nicholas, Hollywood and South Clinton avenues? Will they continue the Helen Street project as funded through the federal government at no cost to the taxpayers?"

Ray Petronko summed up the Democrats' position: "Leadership consists of two parts. First, one must have a record of accomplishment which shows ability. Second, one must have a vision for the future. I ask the South Plainfield Republican party and its candidates to use the last five weeks of this campaign to concentrate on those two elements so that the voters can make the best informed decision on election day."

From the Republicans

Helen Street and Hamilton Blvd: Two More Broken Promises



Borough Council candidates Marge Reedy and Ray Rusnak this week pointed to the Helen St. and Hamilton Blvd. projects as examples of how the all-Democratic mayor and council repeatedly make promises at election time and then break them right after. Both candidates are calling on their opponents to stop making promises they can't keep.

"The Democrats promised the Helen Street project would be done years ago," said Rusnak.

"While running for council in 1996 the Democrats promised completion by 1997. A few years later, in November 2000, Democratic council candidates Raymond Petronko and Robert Cusick promised completion by the end of 2002. Despite these promises, not one shovel has hit the ground. Petronko and Cusick need to explain why they broke their word."

"Regrettably, the Democrats love to make promises at campaign time," explained Reedy. "Hamilton Boulevard is another example. In January of 2000, the mayor promised to completely reconstruct Hamilton Blvd. by the end of 2001. He made the same pledge last year when he ran

for reelection. He said it would be done in 2002. Now they are promising 2003."

"This year the Democrats are promising a new library," Rusnak added. "Marge and I support building a new library, and we will work hard to make it a reality if we get elected. But it's wrong to make election-time promises just to get votes. This should not be a political issue. We need to look at the costs and how it will be paid for without raising taxes. The Democrats have not said a word about the cost. That's irresponsible."

Reedy echoed these concerns. "Promises are easy to make and hard to keep. That's why we're not making a lot of them. We can promise, however, to do our best to deal with the many problems the Democrats refuse to acknowledge; things like runaway building, increasing traffic and diminishing services. Remember, even if we win this year, the Democrats will still control the council, but at least there will be some watchdogs looking over their shoulders. If you elect us, we will do our best to safeguard your interests. In the meantime, we hope to earn your vote."

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SCHOOL BOARD *Briefs*

• The Board of Education has approved the creation of a Multiple Handicapped class for students, ages 9-11, to be housed in the new Roosevelt School. Two students will be returned to the district from private placements and a third student will be maintained in the district as a result of creating the class.

• The position of Assistant Business Administrator was abolished.

• Donna Tolley was appointed to the newly created position of School District Accountant, replacing Loren MacIver, who resigned.

• Christopher Wendel resigned as high school Science teacher, effective Sept. 22 or sooner.

• John Dreher was appointed as high school physical Science teacher, effective Sept. 1.

• Eugene Leahy resigned as Middle School English teacher, effective Sept. 1.

• Kristin Tomasula was appointed as Middle School English teacher, replacing Eugene Leahy who resigned.

• Diane Del Campo was appointed as District Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant replacing Judith Janeczko who resigned effective Sept. 1.

• Anthony Perfilio was appointed as high school Social Studies teacher

replacing Robert Mussari who resigned effective Sept. 1.

• Elaine Schiano was appointed as high school Mathematics teacher, effective Sept. 1.

• David Landy was appointed as high school Special Education teacher replacing Arleen Suszko who decline the position.

• Donna Egan was appointed as high school English teacher replacing Rita Marcocci who retired.

• The sixth period appointments were approved for the following high school teachers, effective Sept. 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004: Richard D'Urso, Industrial Arts-Graphic Arts; Daniel Radakovich, Industrial Arts-Basic Woods and Christopher Fish-Science.

• Andrew Weiss was appointed as District Music Team Leader replacing Joan Stasio, who declined the position.

• Ann Snee was appointed as Middle School Saturday Detention Supervisor, effective Sept. 1.

• Kelly Richburg was approved for payment writing Spanish curriculum for a maximum of six hours per day, effective Aug. 12 and 13.

• The following head/assistant coaching appointments were approved, effective for the 2003/04

school year:

High School-Fall Season-John Ferguson, Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach and Kiersten Bohl, Assistant Field Hockey Coach.

Middle School-Fall Season-Laurie Stolz, Co-Field Hockey Coach and Rebecca Nemiroff, Head Co-Field Hockey Coach.

All Seasons-Robert Reilly, Equipment Manager.

• Louise Paffrath resigned as One-to-One Licensed Practical Nurse, effective Aug. 25.

• Janet Kanaley was appointed as One-to-One Registered Nurse, replacing Louise Paffrath who resigned.

• Perfect Attendance for the 2002/03 School Year-Secretarial/Clerical/Van Driver Staff awards went to: Janice Ebel-Van Driver, Deborah Czech, Grace DeCillis, Kathy Dranchak, Helen Gaub, Patricia Hajduk, Thia Kirchofer, Sharon Padula, Margaret Parillo, Joann Plate, Albert Rue-District Printer, Nancy Schenck, Deborah Schroeder, Nancy Smith, Dianne Sutton, Theresa Tempe and Adele Veirs.

• Patricia Robustelli retired as Kindergarten Enrichment Instructional Support Aide, effective Sept. 1.

• Dorothea Bohn was appointed as Substitute Caller, effective Sept. 1 for the 2003/04 school year.



High School Principal Anthony Massaro presents a tenure certificate to Jae Han. Also receiving tenure are Christopher Fish, Patricia Porzio and Kenern Weiner.



Middle School Principal Fredrik Oberkehr (far right) with teachers who received tenure certificates: (left to right) Gail Merlo, Kathryn Wolff, Robert Richkus and Andrew Cefalo.



John E. Riley School teachers who received tenure certificates are Jennifer Burgess, Christine Dispenziere and Kendall Shellhamer.

Boys Honor Uncles in 9/11 Ceremony

(Continued from page 1)

office had mailed two audio tapes and a typed list of names that the boys would read. At the bottom of the typed list was written "and our Uncle Keith E. Coleman and our Uncle's brother, Scott Thomas Coleman."

Both James and Paul listened to the names several times a day to prepare and even stood next to each other in front of a mirror in their living room practicing the pronunciation and alternating the names. But when it came to saying the words "Uncle's brother," James objected, saying he always called him "Uncle Scott" and that's what he wanted to say at the ceremonies, not "Uncle's brother." After the family had a short cry, it was decided that he could say whatever made him feel comfortable.

In New York City, Red Cross workers, the mayoral staff and all of the volunteers did everything in their power to make this day easy on the children and families. You couldn't shed a tear without someone from the Red Cross or a New York City volunteer offering you a little packet of tissues. They were wonderfully ac-

commodating. While we were in the readers tent, we were visited by Mayor Bloomberg, Governor Pataki, Ruddy Giuliani, Senator Schumer and Senator Clinton, who addressed the children, their parent or guardian and telling them that they should be proud of themselves for wanting to honor their loved ones by taking part in the New York City ceremonies.

Many family members from both the Coleman and Ferrante families also attended the 9/11 ceremonies and for some, it was the first time they had ever visited Ground Zero. Emotions that day were very evident. The children didn't seem nervous, they were just consumed by the what the day symbolized to them and it brought back a lot of emotions. James and Paul, both got upset more than once; in fact the whole family did!

After the event at Ground Zero, a private remembrance ceremony for Cantor Fitzgerald families was held in Central Park. The entire day was one of emotions, family bonding and sadness. One only had to look around and they could see the dev-

astation, suffering and pain that the events of 9/11/01 had caused.

It was a very long and emotional day for the Seyffart and Ferrante families. When they got home at 10 p.m. everyone was physically and emotionally exhausted. The family got many phone messages from friends and family members tearfully telling them what a wonderful job the boys did and how proud of them everyone was, especially Keith and Scott.

DeMolay Plans Open House, Gaming Tournament

The DeMolay leaders of New Jersey are proud to announce that our local Chapter in Lincoln Park is holding an open house and gaming tournament night on Saturday, Oct. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. to take place at the Scottish Rite Masonic Facility, 99 Two Bridges Rd. in Lincoln Park. The evening will begin with a presentation on what DeMolay is and what we have to offer the youth of the community.

Immediately following, DeMolay is teaming up with NumSkulls Comic Book and Card Shop of Lincoln Park to put on a trading card and video gaming tournament. Several young men and their families from the community are expected to attend this informational and enlightening presentation and to participate in the gaming tournament.

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men ages 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendships among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide. DeMolay alumni include Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, football Hall-of-Famer

Fran Tarkenton, legendary Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne, news anchor David Goodnow and many others. Each has spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in DeMolay.

For more information concerning

DeMolay and to reserve a spot at our open house, feel free to contact us at (732) 745-2884 or via email at egonzalez7@hotmail.com.

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Sports



South Plainfield Football Eagles

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The South Plainfield Football Eagles hosted the New Providence Hawks at home on Sunday, Sept 28.

The Flag team started the day off with a great game. The improvement of our youngest football players is obvious as they become more experienced. All players displayed great sportsmanship and South Plainfield spirit. Standouts this week were: Jules Carone, Zach Franchak, Anthony Gray, Chris Kuberiet and Dion Pender. Cheering their team on, Flag Cheerleaders were full of South Plainfield spirit! Highlighted this week are: Alyssa Capone, Dianne Ferraro, Dominica Kapolka, Kayla Massaro and Kara Slattery.

The *Mighty Mites* ended their game in a tie 6-6. Tyler Hunt was responsible for the Eagle touchdown.

Preventing the Hawks from scoring all but once were, defensive leaders Malik Cisson with many open field tackles, Patrick Boyle, and Justice Dickerson. Matt Hurst kept the pressure on during the game by getting into the backfield. On offense Joe Jakubik had some great runs, along with offensive standouts Corey Stasenko, Troy Davidson and Michael Dolan. Keeping the cheering loud and proud were our Mighty Mite Cheerleaders. Highlighted this week are: Ashley Annetta, Amanda Driscoll, Kaitlyn Hughes, Joanna Marston and Kelly Pierce.

The *Junior Pee Wees* sent the Hawks home with a sound loss winning 23 - 6. Nick Heilmann returned a punt for a touchdown and also ran a kickoff return to a touchdown. Mike Wagner playing excellent offense and defense had a 12 yard run for a touch down. Responsible for the extra

points were Mike Wagner and Mike Molinaro. Dylan Papa had tackles in the backfield and a sack. David Smith also sacked the Hawks quarterback. Charlie Graver had a safety bringing an additional two points to the Eagles win. Awesome defense was provided by: Robert Alexander, Brandon Downes and Shawn Gorman. Outstanding offense Anthony Torchia, David Smith and Alex Lisewski.

Our Junior Pee Wee Cheerleaders of the week are: Alexis Cargill, Lainie Harris, Brianna Kizman, Emily Reibeke and Allison White. The JPW Cheerleaders also wowed the crowd with their half time show.

Our *Junior Midgets* ended the day by finalizing the defeat of the New Providence Hawks winning 6-0. On a scoring drive Kyle Hughes caught and pitched the ball to Michael Burton on the Hook and Ladder. Burton ran the ball 45 yards for the Eagle touchdown. Matt Kopchak had an exceptional defensive game with a punt block, two fumble recoveries, sacks causing a fumble and numerous tackles. Pat Millard was responsible for a sack and a fumble recovery. The

Eagles defense was awesome preventing the Hawks from scoring. Doug Bush had two sacks and Vikash Budhar had numerous tackles. Jimmy Gorman returned from injury and played great offense and defense. The Junior Midgets are looking forward to the return of Marcell Counts return from injury for next week's game against West Orange. The Junior Midget Cheerleaders are also preparing for the upcoming MVC Cheerleading competition by providing a great half-time routine weekly and practicing several times a week to prepare. During the game the JPW cheerleaders had no trouble keeping the crowd into this exciting game, highlighted this week are: Amanda Fritze, Tori Huber, Jessica Rosocha, Alyssa Scudato and Jennifer Urrutia.

Punt, Pass and Kick competition sponsored by Pepsi was held Saturday Sept. 27, a full report of the results will be in next week's report.

THE FOLLOWING CHEERLEADERS have met the criteria for consideration for Pop Warner Little Scholars National All-American Scholar Awards:

Carly Ashnault, Rachel Aalexa, Lauren Annetta, Elizabeth Gratta, Grigitte Kelly, Natalic Madurski, Meghan Makowski, Amanda Plum, Cassie Prendergast, Jessica Scarpitto, Amanda Steger.

Looking Ahead.....

Friday, Oct. 3—Eagles Night at the SPHS Varsity game against Monroe Township. Football players and cheerleaders will be admitted free in uniform. The Eagles will be recognized during half-time.

Saturday, Oct. 4—Night game, away at West Orange, Junior Midget 6 p.m., Junior PeeWee 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5—Game Away at Princeton, Flag 10 a.m., Mighty Mites 12 noon.

Sunday, Oct. 12—Home Game against Maplewood.

Saturday, Oct. 18—Mountain Valley Conference Cheerleading Competition, Bridgewater-Raritan High Exhibition Cheering Flag-8:25 a.m., Mighty Mite-9:20 a.m., Junior PeeWee-10:20 a.m. Competition Cheering Junior Midget Cheerleaders-3:30 p.m.



Fall 2003

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS SCHEDULE

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS SOCCER 2003

OCTOBER

1	Wed.	J. F. Kennedy	Home	3:45
3	Fri.	Sayreville	Away	3:45
7	Tues.	North Brunswick	Home	3:45
9	Thurs.	Monroe Township	Away	3:45
14	Tues.	Perth Amboy	Home	3:45
16	Thurs.	Colonia	Away	3:45
18	Sat.	J. P. Stevens	Away	11:00am
20	Mon.	Woodbridge	Away	3:45
22	Wed.	Delaware Valley	Home	3:45
23	Thurs.	Perth Amboy	Away	3:45
25	Fri.	GMC Tournament State Tournament		

FRESHMEN BOYS SOCCER 2003

OCTOBER

1	Wed.	J. F. Kennedy	Away	3:45
3	Fri.	Sayreville	Home	3:45
7	Tues.	North Brunswick	Away	3:45
9	Thurs.	Monroe Township	Home	3:45
14	Tues.	Perth Amboy	Away	3:45
16	Thurs.	Colonia	Home	3:45
18	Sat.	J. P. Stevens	Home	3:45
20	Mon.	Woodbridge	Home	3:45
22	Wed.	Delaware Valley	Away	3:45
23	Thurs.	Perth Amboy	Home	3:45

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

OCTOBER

3	Fri.	Sayreville	Home	3:45
4	Sat.	Spotswood	Away	10:00am
7	Tues.	North Brunswick	Away	3:45
9	Thurs.	Monroe Township	Home	3:45
11	Sat.	Middlesex	Away	11:00am
14	Tues.	Perth Amboy	Away	3:45
16	Thurs.	Colonia	Home	3:45
18	Sat.	J. P. Stevens	Home	11:00am
20	Mon.	Woodbridge	Home	3:45
22	Wed.	Delaware Valley	Away	4:00
		GMC Tournament State Tournament		

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 2003

OCTOBER

6	Mon.	North Plainfield	Home	3:45
8	Wed.	North Brunswick	Away	3:45
14	Tues.	Sayreville	Home	3:45
18	Sat.	GMC Meet	Away	
28	Tues.	Colonia	Home	3:45

NOVEMBER

4	Tues.	Monroe Township State Sectionals	Away	3:45
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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 2003

OCTOBER

8	Wed.	North Brunswick	Away	3:45
18	Sat.	GMC Meet	Away	
28	Tues.	Colonia	Home	3:45

NOVEMBER

4	Tues.	Monroe Township State Sectionals	Away	3:45
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GIRLS TENNIS

OCTOBER

1	Wed.	Colonia	Home	3:45
3	Fri.	Monroe Township	Home	3:45
8	Wed.	Montgomery	V&JV Away	

3:45

9	Thurs.	GMC Tournament @ Middlesex County College		9:00am
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10	Fri.	GMC Tournament @ Middlesex County College		
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10	Fri.	Union	Away	3:45
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11	Sat.	GMC Tournament @ Middlesex County College		
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13	Mon.	Bishop Ahr	Away	3:45
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14	Tues.	Carteret	Away	3:45
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15	Wed.	J. F. Kennedy	Home	3:45
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20	Mon.	North Brunswick	Home	3:45
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22	Wed.	Mother Seton	Home	3:45
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27	Mon.	Perth Amboy State Tournament	Away	3:45
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FRESHMEN FIELD HOCKEY

OCTOBER

17	Fri.	Union	Away	3:45
29	Wed.	Union	Home	3:45

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY 2003

OCTOBER

3	Fri.	Monroe Township	Away	3:45
4	Sat.	Pingry	Away	1:00
8	Wed.	Sayreville	Home	3:45
10	Fri.	South Brunswick	Away	3:45
13	Mon.	Johnson Regional	Away	4:00
14	Tues.	Old Bridge	Home	3:45
16	Thurs.	Piscataway	Away	3:45
20	Mon.	East Brunswick	Home	3:45
22	Wed.	Metuchen	Home	3:45
28	Tues.	GMC Tournament		
30	Thurs.	GMC Tournament		

NOVEMBER

1	Sat.	GMC Tournament State Tournament	Home	
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GYMNASTICS

OCTOBER

2	Thurs.	East Brunswick	Away	5:00
9	Thurs.	Piscataway	Home	5:30
16	Thurs.	North Brunswick	Home	5:30
23	Thurs.	GMC Championships@Old Bridge		6:00
27	Mon.	Randolph	Home	5:30
28	Tues.	Somerville	Away	6:30
29	Wed.	Novice Meet	Home	6:00

NOVEMBER

1	Sat.	Sectional Meet	Away	
7	Fri.	Team & Individual Championships	Away	

VARSITY FOOTBALL

OCTOBER

3	Fri.	Monroe Township	Home	7:00
10	Fri.	Carteret	Away	7:00
18	Sat.	Colonia	Away	1:00
24	Fri.	North Brunswick	Home	7:00
31	Fri.	Bishop Ahr	Away	7:00

NOVEMBER

27	Thurs.	North Plainfield State Playoffs	Away	10:00am
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JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

OCTOBER

6	Mon.	Monroe Township	Away	3:45
13	Mon.	Carteret	Home	3:45
20	Mon.	Colonia	Home	3:45
27	Mon.	North Brunswick	Away	3:45

NOVEMBER

3	Mon.	Bishop Ahr	Home	3:45
17	Mon.	North Plainfield	Home	7:00

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL 2003

OCTOBER

3	Fri.	Monroe Township	Away	3:45
10	Fri.	Carteret	Home	3:45
17	Fri.	Colonia	Home	3:45
24	Fri.	North Brunswick	Away	3:45
31	Fri.	Bishop Ahr	Home	3:45

NOVEMBER

17	Mon.	North Plainfield	Home	5:00
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Sports



2003 Girls Volleyball Roster-Juniors: Shakera Beverley, Ashley Bishop, Edna Hernandez, Destiny Jazikoff and Annie Nguyen. Sophomore: Therese D'Adezzio. Freshmen: Zakiya Clarke, Kristen Ciandella, Stephanie Hansen, Padmani Hwaru, Amanda Makowski, Marjorie Restrepo and Emeraldal Silvonek. Head coach is John Ferguson.

SPHS Volleyball Team Begins Competition

The South Plainfield Girls' Volleyball Team played their first ever match last Saturday, losing to Point Pleasant Beach JV Team in five very tough games. The scores were 22-25, 26-28, 25-20, 25-20 and 12-15.

The South Plainfield team was led by juniors Edna Hernandez, who had eight serving aces and six

kills and Ashley Bishop, who had five serving aces. Freshmen Zakiya Clarke and Amanda Makowski also contributed with two aces and two kills. The SPHS Girls' Volleyball team will be playing a limited JV schedule, with plans to become a varsity sport in 2004.

The team's next scheduled game is Oct. 9 in Secaucus.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL From Sharon Miller

Field Hockey Corner Weekly Wrap-Up

Weekly Wrap-up

Congratulations to the team as they go 7-1 after two big wins this past week against Piscataway 6-2 and East Brunswick 2-1.

The team is ranked number two in Middlesex County behind Sayreville. (ranking as of 10/01)

Week of October 4

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

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

Wednesday, October 8—Sayreville at home at Jost Field at 7 p.m. This is a must-see game of the week..... Senior Night.

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!

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on **OCTOBER 21, 2003 at *** 10 AM ***** prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building on 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

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October 3, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Robert Holleran requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the construction of a front porch. Proposed porch lacks the required 30' front setback, 28' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 132 W. Crescent Parkway on Block 209, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 16, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and present any objections to granting the relief requested.

\$35.00

October 3, 2003

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By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

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 Oct. 16, 17 and 18. Representatives of the SPJBC will be there on Oct. 16 and 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The registration fee 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 Oct.

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. The Flea Market will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 and pancake breakfast are underway. More details to follow on those two events. In addition, we are looking at a day in Cooperstown at the Base-

Ponytail Softball Art Auction Friday

The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents Association will host an art auction presented by Ross Galleries in the South Plainfield High School cafeteria on Friday, Oct. 3.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Debbie Boyle, Mark Sutherland, or Sharon Miller

(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.

Jr. Baseball Woman's Auxiliary Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

Menlo Park Mall is hosting its seventh annual "Evening of Giving," with a night of holiday shopping on Nov. 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The price per ticket is \$8. The night is filled with special shopping discounts, entertainment and events.

The event includes special one-night store discounts and promotions, entertainment hosted by WPLJ radio, Blockbuster Video, face painting and give-aways, music by Mystic Vision Players, a carnival at the Santa set, pictures with Santa, costume characters,

ball Hall of Fame. Yes, the Baseball Hall of Fame. On Monday, Dec. 29, we will be leaving early in the morning by bus and arrive in Cooperstown at 11:30 a.m. and take the complete tour of the Baseball Hall of Fame. We will leave Cooperstown and stop at the Old Country Buffet on the way home. This will be a great trip. Final details will follow in this column next week.

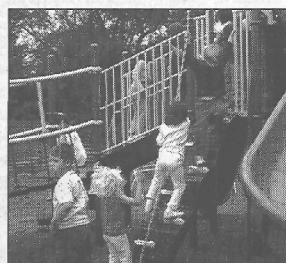
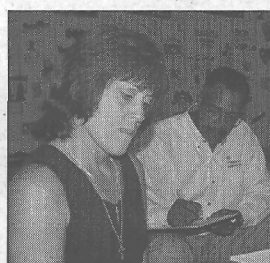
We would like volunteers on Saturday and Sunday mornings to start working on our fields. There is much to be done in preparation for our 2004 season. Please come down and give us a hand. This would be greatly appreciated.

Our monthly meeting is coming up this Monday, Oct. 6. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Come out and get involved with the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club. "It is a new beginning!"

a silent auction (some items include Jingle Ball tickets, theatre tickets, a ski weekend, concert tickets and gifts donated by mall stores). Meet soap star Aden from *All My Children* and children's folk singer and performer Danny Alderman will entertain.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary members Stacy Lake, (908) 757-9531 or Betsy Spayder, (908) 757-8928. Tickets can also be purchased at the baseball complex in the clubhouse during registration on Oct. 16, 17 and 18.

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Obituaries

Evelyn A. Diaz, 2

Evelyn A. Diaz died tragically on Sunday, September 21.

Evelyn was born on Feb. 3, 2003 in Plainfield. She is the daughter of Yolanda Toca and Edwin Diaz, both of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Virginia M. Ashley (nee McCluskey), 66

Virginia M. Ashley (nee McCluskey) died on Friday, Sept. 26 at her home.

Born in Plainfield and raised in South Plainfield, Virginia has been a lifelong resident of the borough. A graduate of St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick, Virginia also attended and graduated from the former McDowell School of Fashion in New York City.

She was an avid quilter and was a member of the Pieced Together Quilter's Group and the Monday Morning Quilter's Group for the homeless. Able to live life on her own terms, Virginia had a real love for her family and also enjoyed her summer home at the shore.

She is pre-deceased by her parents, Hugh and Marie McCluskey and by her brother, Robert.

Surviving is her husband, Francis R. of 42 years; two daughters, MaryJane Zajac and her husband Trevor of Ulster Park, NY and Sarah Brake and her husband Patrick of Hillsborough; two sons, Mark E. and his wife Tracey of Fort Myers, Fla., and Raymond of Pennington; two daughters, Mary Nelson and her husband Carl of South Plainfield and Ann McCluskey of South Burlington, VT and two brothers, Hugh McCluskey Jr. of Oakhurst and Daniel and his wife Joann of Hampton. Also surviving are her sister-in-law, MaryAnn McCluskey of Watchung and her eight grandchildren, Hugh, Zoe, Patrick, Thomas, Christopher, Serena, Edward and Fiona.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Helen (Menges) Richter, 75

Helen (Menges) Richter died on Thursday, Sept. 25 in St. Peters Medical Center, New Brunswick.

Born in Irvington, she resided in Hillside before moving to South Plainfield in 1953.

Helen was employed by Bellcore of Piscataway as a telephone operator for 17 years before retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763 Ladies Auxiliary.

Her husband, Gilbert L., Sr. and her son, Kevin have both predeceased her.

Surviving are two sons, Gilbert L., Jr. and Todd G.; a daughter, Deborah Kratz; a brother, Edwin Menges and two grandchildren, Joseph and Shyann, all of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Elizabeth "Betty" Bogeatzes, 67

Elizabeth "Betty" Bogeatzes died on Monday, Sept. 29 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Aliquippa, Pa., she grew up there and married in May of 1961. She and her husband, Andrew, to whom she was married for 42 years, resided in Monaca, Pa. and later moved to New Jersey, residing in Metuchen for two years before settling in South Plainfield in 1968.

She had been employed for the past 25 years with the South Plainfield Board of Education as a teacher's assistant for special education, teaching mostly in the John F. Kennedy School. She was an active member of the NJEA and was on the negotiations committee.

Mrs. Bogeatzes was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield. She was active with the Philotochos Society (ladies group aiding the poor) and the Tag Group (Trinity Adult Group).

Her family was blessed with having her with them and she will always be in their hearts.

She leaves behind her husband of 42 years, Andrew; three daughters and their husbands, Terri and Michael Pisack of New Providence, Kathy and David Ball of Easton, Pa. and Stephanie and William Whiting of Windham, Maine; a sister, Sylvia Fortunato of Pittsburgh, Pa. and a brother, Theodore Passaris of Beaver Falls, Pa. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Ryan, Andrew, Christopher and Lianne and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4 from the McCriskin Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., followed by funeral liturgy at 10 a.m. in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield.

Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Friday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

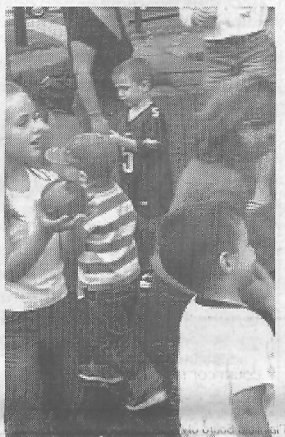
Madison Drives Annual Block Party a Blast

By Jane Dornick

Morning rain did not curtail plans for their annual block party on Madison Dr. Neighbors on North and South Madison, as well as Central Ave., participated and spent the morning preparing food and erecting a long line of canopies to keep out the elements.

The weather held up for most of the afternoon and the pony ride for the kids went on as planned. DJ John Lymyanski kept things lively with music for line dancing and numerous games. Children and adults enjoyed egg and balloon toss games, which got a little out of hand when it was the "big kids" turn. There was also bobbing for apples and musical chairs. Prizes were given for winners in all the day's events.

Residents Donald and Ginny O'Brien should be thanked again for putting together another wonderful summer afternoon of fun for their neighbors.



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• A Plainfield resident reported that while parked at 1907 Park Ave. his car window had been broken and the door unlocked. Nothing was taken.

• On Sept. 23 an Edison resident reported that she left her wallet in a carriage in front of Pathmark. The wallet was never found.

• On Sept. 25 Plainfield Animal Hospital reported that four bottles of cough suppressant for animals was missing.

• On Sept. 27 a Hollywood Ave. resident reported that an orange substance had been dumped on his lawn.

• On Sept. 29 Jose E. Urbina-Guardado, 32, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Hancock St. resident reported the theft of a Pacific mountain bike from their unlocked cellar and a Pit Bull puppy was also missing.

• A Tooz Pl. resident reported the theft of a water bottle containing approximately \$1,500 in loose change and currency. There was no forced entry.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

September 24, 2003 Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on September 23, 2003.

Case #507/V—Scotchbrook Associates; Block 97; Lot 1; 1600-1604 Park Avenue. The applicant's request to withdraw this application for preliminary site plan approval and a bulk variance was hereby GRANTED.

Case #02-01—A. Ferraro Construction; Block 255; Lot 34; Delancy, Good Luck and Spring Streets. The applicant's request for preliminary and final major subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED.

Case #03-02/M—Brian Capparelli and Mario Porchetta; Block 428; Lot 7; 1405 Peek Street. The applicant's request for minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$29.75 October 3, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

September 26, 2003 Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on September 25, 2003.

Case #94-02/S—Conti Enterprises; Block 445; Lots 10.01 and 10.011; 200 St. Nicholas Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance, a one story pre-fab warehouse, a wash pad, the display of motor vehicles and preliminary and final amended site plan approval with voluntary conditions was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

Case #50-03—William and Theresa Wilson; Block 265; Lot 26; 134 Front Street. The applicant's request for a use variance in order to install a 10 foot by 10 foot hot tub and a 10 foot by 18 foot deck was hereby GRANTED with one voluntary condition.

Case #51-03—Brad Bullard; Block 174; Lot 58; 193 Garden Drive. The applicant's request for the construction of a porch and second floor addition to his home with a 25.5 foot front yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Case #52-03—James Flasser; Block 79; Lot 10; 604 Dolores Avenue. The applicant's request for an 8 foot by 12 1/2 foot addition to an existing garage with a 3 foot side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Case #54-03—Nicola DeSantis; Block 229; Lot 55; 214 Oak Manor Parkway. The applicant's request for the construction of an addition and porch to his home, with a 28 foot front yard setback for the first floor of the addition, a maximum of a 6 foot side yard setback at the SE side of the proposed addition, a 7 foot 6 inch side yard setback variance for the fireplace on the proposed addition and a 29 foot 7 inch front yard setback variance for the proposed porch and with a conforming second story addition was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

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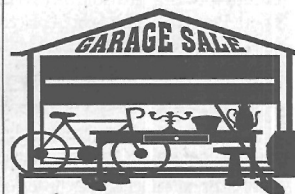
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Pictured are drummers Greg Garbowski, Lee Tetrault and Gary Levudsky as they warm up before competition (left). Pictured right are Scott Rann and Pat Canterella.



SPHS Marching Band Begins Competition

The 2003 Marching Tigers started off their competition season last Sunday at the U.S.S.B. Marching Band festival at J.P. Stevens High School in Edison.

Performing to the theme of "X-Men," the 90 musicians and newly outfitted colorguard students from South Plainfield High School placed third in their Group IV division with

a score of 65.7.

This year's drum majors for the band are Wadji Kahn and Joseph Rodriguez and are assisted by Student Director Joshua Jackson. Colorguard co-captains are Sam Gentile and Ashlen Udell. Drum captain is Danny Lammi and Pit co-captains are Alyssa Bubnick and Anjelica Keller. The students have been prac-

ticing all summer for this complex music arrangement under the direction of Band Director Mark Tweed and Assistant Director Kathy Petrocelli. Drum instructor is Bob Publik, assisted by Charlie Bubnick and Cymbal Instructor is Maggie Temple. Assisting the directors are Kara Georgio, Joe Borghese, Kevin Adams and Angela Green.

Join The Fall Foliage Frolic in The Nature Reserve

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

SDW Has "Evening of Giving" Tickets

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop has tickets available for the Menlo Park Mall's "Evening of Giving," a chance to enjoy local performances and some shopping experiences, along with celebrity appearances and other surprises.

The event takes place Sunday,

Nov. 23, and the SPSDW will be participating for the third year, and will perform during the evening.

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By Joan Delman

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In our reference collection you will find the latest editions of Peterson's Directory of four-year colleges, the College Board College Handbook, and the multivolume College Blue Book; these directories must be used in the library. Our circulating collection contains up-to-date books on preparing for the SATs as well as AP (Advanced Placement) tests. In addition, the library has books on acing your college interview and writing winning applications essays, as well as books on financial aid and scholarship grants.

There are also many useful online resources available. Peterson's Education Portal (petersons.com) allows you to search and compare colleges & universities, and includes information on distance learning, admissions essays, test preparation, financial aid, and more. At the College Board website (collegeboard.com), you can register for the SAT online and practice with actual SAT test questions; you can also identify and search for suitable colleges, apply to college online, explore career options, and learn about college costs and financial aid. The Princeton Review website (princetonreview.com) provides information about undergraduate and graduate schools, plus access to online applications, and advice on admissions & financial aid. The collegecatalogs.org site offers a collection of over 25,000 college catalogs in full cover-to-cover, original page format. (This site charges a fee for access, but you can register for a free trial.) The U.S. Department of Education's guide to financial aid is available on the web, as is the FAFSA application.

To find these and many other helpful internet sites dealing with select-

ing a school, applying for admission, and obtaining financial aid, go to the South Plainfield Public Library homepage (www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) and click on "Useful Websites." Select "Education" from the subject grid, and then click on "College and University Information."

This Week At The Library:

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the South Plainfield Police Department's Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Program will have a Domestic Violence exhibit on display at the library throughout the month. A member of the Outreach Program team will be at the library to answer questions Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. You can also find resources for Domestic Violence Awareness Month on the library's website. From our homepage (www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us), click on "Websites of the Month."

Adult Programs: On Sunday, Oct. 5 from 2-4 p.m., the library will offer a program on Antique Appraisal by Allan G. Snyder. Bring in two antique items for appraisal.

Monday Oct. 6, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.—Drop-in computer and Internet training: Stop by to speak to our librarian on duty with questions about using a computer, learning how to use a mouse or just how to gain confidence on the Internet.

Wednesday Oct. 8, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.—Understand Buying a Computer in 90 Minutes: Participants will learn about the parts of the computer, how to read computer ads and how to buy a computer online. The program is FREE, but space is limited and reservations are required.

Children's Programs: Stories and craft for ages three and up, Thursday, Oct. 2, 1:15 to 2 p.m. Join Miss Linda for stories and a fun craft.

Books-n-Babies for ages up to three, Friday, Oct. 3, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Join Miss Linda for simple stories, songs, rhymes and action songs.

REMINDER: The Library will be closed Sunday, Oct. 12 and Monday, Oct. 13, for the Columbus Day holiday.

Blood Drive at Sacred Heart

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