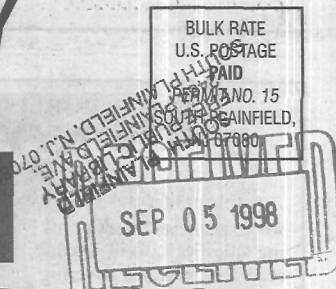


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Pictured left to right are Mayor Dan Gallagher, George W. Goodrich, Edith Miller Goodrich, Rescue Squad President Linda Zushma and Councilman Dennis Cerami.

Rescue Squad Donation to Boost Scholarship Fund

By Patricia Abbott

A generous donation to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad has enabled the Squad to breathe life into a newly founded scholarship fund. It all began early summer when long-time residents George W. and Edith Miller Goodrich contacted Rescue Squad Captain Mike Zushma. They told him they loved South Plainfield, were proud of their town and wanted to do something nice, to give something back to the community. That "something" turned out to be shares of stocks amounting to ap-

proximately \$11,000.

On Monday, August 24, Edith and George Goodrich met with Mike Zushma, Rescue Squad President Linda Zushma, Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Dennis Cerami, Liaison to Public Safety, and they presented the gift. The money will be used exclusively for the squad's David Beith Memorial Scholarship fund.

Scholarships will be awarded to Rescue Squad cadets who will be attending college. Requirements are as follows: the cadet must be a senior in high school, a squad member in good standing, maintain a C average, be on the squad

for one year prior to college and plan to attend college full time. They must reapply each year for the scholarship. Linda Zushma explained that the current cadets are the first group eligible.

David Beith, a life member of the Rescue Squad, passed away on Dec. 14, 1996. He had served as the Cadet advisor for many years. A scholarship in his name for cadets was suggested and finally initiated this year. Beith began his career with the squad as a cadet in 1969. He held the position of president from 1981 to 1985, also in 1991 and 1992. His family is delighted with a scholarship that will help young cadets continue their education.

Linda Zushma pointed out that today's cadets are the vital Rescue Squad members of tomorrow. She hopes the scholarship will encourage more teens become Rescue Squad cadets. The South Plainfield Rescue Squad is

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Kidnapping and Assault Reported

On Monday evening, Aug. 31, a 16-year-old was kidnapped and sexually assaulted near the Valley National Bank on Durham Ave.

The victim had accepted a ride with the suspect to a friend's house. She was driven instead to a wooded area, approximately 1/2 mile away, where the suspect reportedly molested her and attempted to kiss her. She was able to struggle free and escape the assailant, calling 911 from an area pay phone.

The suspect is described as a black male, medium complexion, aged 25-30, with a thin mustache and long narrow beard. He was driving a dark blue mini van, with dark tinted windows and chrome wheels. The vehicle possibly has a Pennsylvania registration.

The South Plainfield Police Department would like anyone with

knowledge of this incident or the suspect to contact them at 755-0700 or the detective bureau at 226-7660.

Labor Day Parade Plans are Finalized

The Labor Day Parade Committee is busy planning one of the best Labor Day Parades in recent history.

Activities are planned the entire day, starting early in the morning with a 5K run and 1.5 mile family fitness walk before the race. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. followed by many activities in Veterans Park.

The Department of Recreation will be holding contests and

games in Park at the completion of the Labor Day Parade. Recreation Superintendent Jaye Joyce, along with the assistance of volunteer Debbie Krawiec, are planning a variety of games and contests for young and old alike, including a tug of war between the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The Fire Department is also planning a Dunking Tank.

Children attending the Sum-

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School Openings Mark Changes

By Patricia Abbott

As South Plainfield enters the 1998-99 school year, "change" is the word to remember. In order to accommodate busing schedules and parents with students in both elementary schools and upper grades, there are new start/end times at the Middle School and High School. Both will start at 8:10 a.m. and end the day at 2:20 p.m. There is also a revised attendance policy that is described in the School's Handbooks.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lillian DeSimon pointed out a number of changes to the elementary school curriculums. Instructional time has been adjusted throughout the district to allow for needed increased concentration in science and social studies. Instruction time was reduced in language and reading and in mathematics. She stressed that the reduction will not affect these areas because they will be integrated into the expanded programs. Language and reading will be used widely in the Social Studies Program as they focus on reading historical accounts and writing reports. Mathematics will be easily integrated into the science curriculum.

Internet access and instruction will begin throughout the district this year. Policies are still in the works and should be in place by late September or early October. Approximately 300 computers

will have internet access.

Students can look forward to a number of improvements and changes in each of the schools.

Riley School....

Welcomes Beth Giakas as their Resource Room Teacher.

Riley is scheduled to receive ten IBM computers and five printers in readiness for the internet access program.

The area surrounding the playground equipment is being installed with a Fall Safety Zone substance. The school beautification committee run by the PTSO has installed flower boxes and planted flowers. The new playground equipment has been completely installed and is being enjoyed by the children.

Roosevelt School....

Welcomes Julie Anderson and Dawn Melody to the teaching staff and Theresa Paster as Student Assistance Counselor, long term substitute.

A Mission to Mars reading program will coincide with NASA's plans to launch a ship that will study and provide detailed data about the planet. The children will read and their reading time will equate to miles in order for them to "reach" Mars. In conjunction with this a Rocket Club is planned and a Mission Control

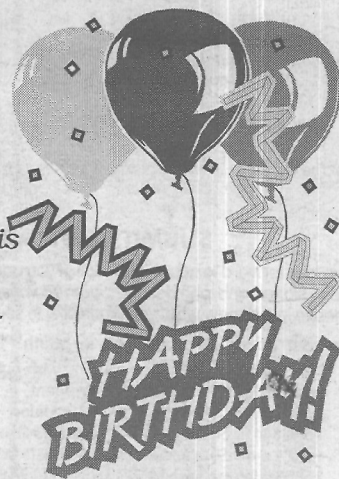
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Join the Hunt

The Observer is celebrating its one year anniversary. Only four days are left to enter the Scavenger Hunt.

Game Board is located on Page 10.

See Labor Day Supplement on page 8 for rules and prizes.



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

A year ago at this time, we were sitting in our office asking questions. Will anyone read a newspaper covering South Plainfield exclusively? What will we put in the paper? Will we have enough news? A year later most of these questions have been answered by our readers. We continue to get positive reviews with each issue. It will, indeed, be hard to top some of the past issues, but we are definitely up to the challenge.

One questions people most ask us is when will we go weekly? Our answer is yes, publishing on a weekly basis is a goal we are working towards.

The *Observer* has seen advertising grow with each issue. Some of our faithful advertisers have been with us since the first issue; some advertise occasionally. We thank them all for their support.

Let's not forget our faithful advertisers! Take a look at the advertisers in this paper and make it a point to tell them you saw their ad in the *Observer*. If they have a coupon or special, please use them.

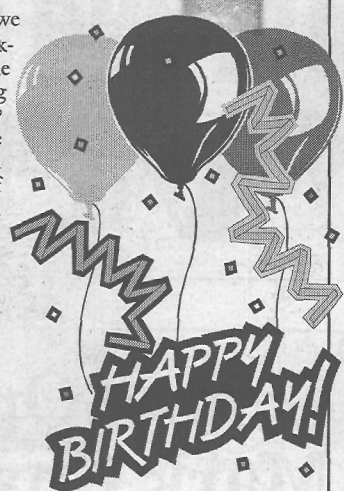
We have been thrilled with the responses about the *Observer* from the residents South Plainfield. If you look at other towns around us, you'll see they don't have anything that comes close to our coverage of South Plainfield. One just has to look back on the news coverage we had before the *South Plainfield Observer* was started. We remember! That's why we started this paper.

So, thank you again for your support and the support of our advertisers.

Make sure you join in the fun with our Advertisers Scavenger Hunt. The first prize is a basket of Beanie Babies. (See the complete list of prizes on page 7.)

We hope you stop by and visit our booth in Veterans Park after the Labor Day Parade. We will have past issues of the paper for anyone who may have missed one. We will be there celebrating our first birthday with cake and balloons and the drawing for prizes in the Scavenger Hunt.

Nancy Grennier



To the editor:

As a former South Plainfield Council President, I understand it is customary to enclose a letter with the tax bill promoting the record of the current office holders. I have no problem with this as long as the information contained in the letter is truthful.

Unfortunately, the letter from Council President James Vokral contains a statement that is clearly not true. He says "there will be no municipal tax increase this year". My tax bills say otherwise. According to my bills, I will pay more in municipal taxes in 1998 than I did in 1997. This is because the municipal tax rate, according to figures announced by the Middlesex Board of Taxation, is .76 for 1998 and .72 for 1997. This means that for a home assessed at \$110,000 municipal taxes INCREASED by \$44.

If Mr. Vokral can't tell the truth about taxes, how can you believe anything else he claims in his letter? Perhaps, at his own expense he should send another letter with correct information. While he's at it, he might want to also inform taxpayers, that since Mayor Gallagher took office the municipal tax rate has increased from .55 to .76 or \$286 for a home assessed at \$110,000.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
FERDINAND R. THIEL**

To the Editor,

Have any of you ever wondered why we have no women on the South Plainfield Police force? Perhaps you have been led to believe we have "no qualified female applicants." This is not the case!

Currently there is a lifelong female resident who scored 99.9%, the highest possible on the Police Exam. She had served as a firefighter for six years, having passed the rigorous physical and first-aid training with flying colors. At this time she is employed as an Emergency Response Operator for our town.

As Police Department retirees are expected, I hope we can rely on South Plainfield's Police Administration to catch up with the 20th century and start the 21st century with a police department reflective of an equalized society.

**YOURS TRULY,
MARIA SELIGA**

To Richard Polack, The Medicine Shop

Permitting us to call you by your first name has given us the confidence and courage to face many illnesses and tribulations since the Medicine Shop first opened. I know many others, especially senior Americans, who trust your intelligence and expertise in assistance with the pharmaceutical needs so vital to life.

My particular need has included family of all ages.

For twenty years I worked with terminally ill patients and recovery and realize the importance of structuring the medical needs of all needy: timing, reporting, effectiveness, etc. I worked for many years with the Visiting Nurses Association from Hunterdon Medical Center. Making the transitional period of going home a happy time for both terminal folks and those with a happy prognosis was equally important. This is the main reason why "the Medicine Shop" plays such an important role in our town of South Plainfield.

We never had a drug store where an individual's care was so respected and equal in importance - an organization where meeting the patient's pharmaceutical needs were provided willingly regardless of race, color or creed; where doctor's RX's were dispensed professionally and proficiently for the patient's progress (in clear cut language) thus bringing about speedy and most successful recoveries; in the familiar home setting which is so beneficial to the layman.

Of course, there are those who have medical personnel in the field who have more comfortable and less constrained access to medical needs due to social position and higher financial resource, who may never need that little lift your pharmacy offers so

humanely.

To the many like myself, born and raised proudly in the USA, who believe that torch held high in Lady Liberty's hand includes the Medicine Shop for helping "the needy and oppressed."

Richard Polack, R.P.H. of the South Plainfield Medicine Shop, please accept my sincere gratitude for your humane, professional service to an older, (large family) senior American whom you have helped in a competent, kindly manner all these years.

**THANK YOU,
JEAN EVANS**

Pershing Drive Residents:

The South Plainfield Planning Board met on Aug. 11 to consider an application from speculator/builder Bill Wilkins, who is seeking approval for two variances in order to subdivide the property located at 1717 Pershing Place into four lots, with less than required widths.

The Pershing Place property is the D'Addario estate and stretches back to Bullard Place. One of the issues which caused Board Member John Allen to raise a red flag was the builder's request to waive an environmental impact study. Mr. Allen also raised concerns regarding two significant trees on the property believed to be 100 to 200 year old. Tommy D'Addario, the last resident of the estate, referred to the older tree as the "Bicen-

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BOROUGH NOTES

Council News

■ The Mayor and Council introduced the 1998-99 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget during a special meeting held Aug. 25 in Borough Hall. The 17.1 million budget, the same amount as last years budget keeps the municipal tax rate flat.

The Mayor and each Councilmen emphasized that this budget was part of their campaign promise to hold the municipal tax rate flat, with no increase in the debt and no borrowing.

Mayor Gallagher noted that from 1989 to 1993, under Republican control, the municipal budget grew from 12 to 17 million and the debt was increased to \$40 million. He said that since the Democrats took control of the council the budget had been held to 17.1 million each year.

A public hearing on the 1998-99 Municipal Budget will be held on Oct. 8.

■ The Council will resume its regular schedule of meeting on the second and fourth Thursday of the month starting in September. The next agenda meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8 and the regular meeting will take place on Thursday, Sept. 10.

Board of Adjustment

■ CVS, Inc. on Oak Tree Rd. was granted a variance for seven additional signs.

■ First Union Bank, Oak Park Commons was granted approval to erect a third sign.

■ Mark Investments, Inc. asked to dismiss the its application for a Walgreen's Drug Store on Park Ave. and Oak Tree Rd..

■ Summit Bank on Oak Tree Road was granted preliminary and final site plan approval for a third drive-thru window.

■ Oak Tree Associates, Inc. was granted approval for a use variance to convert its space from warehouse to commercial retail.

Recycling Center and Yard Waste Site Closed Labor Day

The South Plainfield Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Avenue will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 8, because of the Labor Day holiday. Both facilities will be open instead on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from noon to 7 p.m. Both facilities will be open as usual the preceding Saturday, Sept. 5 from, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fall hours will begin Friday, Sept. 11. Regular fall hours at both the Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site are Tuesdays noon to 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

Twice Is Nice Announces New Hours

Twice Is Nice, located at 175 Front St. announced its starting its new fall store hours. The hours are Monday through Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-4.

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The Environmental Commission's history walk in the Sampton Baptist Cemetery in June proved to be a success. The walk had originally been scheduled in May; however, it was postponed due to rain.

Planning Board Postpones Approval On Villages at South Plainfield

The Planning Board held a special meeting on Aug. 25 to finalize the plans for a 252-unit apartment complex known as the Villages at South Plainfield. The builder was scheduled to submit the up-to-date site plans with any revisions that had been agreed upon during the last three meetings.

When the builder did not submit the revised plans, the Board was upset and did not want to vote on the proposed complex. Chairman John Hogan said he and the entire board had been

under the impression that the applicant would bring revised site plans to the meeting. Carl Bisgaier, attorney for RCP developers, said he did not feel it was necessary to submit site plans until the Board was ready to vote on the final site plan. He asked the Board to vote on a preliminary site plan and allow the site plans to be submitted later. Bisgaier said other towns do not require site plans until final site plan votes.

Hogan said it may be the case in other towns, however this is

the largest application South Plainfield has seen and should be done properly, including submitting the revised site plans.

Another concern brought up by Mayor Gallagher was the condition of the sanitary sewer line which the builder plans to tie into. Mayor Gallagher read a report that stated a camera had been sent down the sewer line and found the first 1,000 feet to be old but acceptable. However the sewer line beyond 2,000 feet is in poor condition. He questioned whether the line could take any additional load. Flooding already occurs during heavy rain and introducing any more sewage would worsen the flooding. A discussion was held regarding who would bear the cost of upgrading the line.

Gallagher said he plans to make sure the proper authorities see all of the reports on the sewer line and will he fight any approval for connecting to that sewer line.

John Hogan said because of the extraordinary nature of this application, he would reopen the public portion of the meeting. The applicants objected and refused to answer any questions from the public. Most of the public discussion pertained to the hookup of the sewer line. The Board stressed that it was a matter between the builder and the nearby developers.

A preliminary date for the applicant to return to the Board is set for Sept. 22. However, the builder must submit new plans 12 days prior to the meeting so that the Planning Board will have time to review the plans.

Rescue Squad Selling Super 50/50 Tickets

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad is selling Super 50/50 tickets. The 50/50 drawing will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 7 in front of the Rescue Squad Building.

Tickets are available at the Squad Building at 2520 Plainfield Ave., behind the library, or from any squad member. Volunteers will also be selling tickets along the parade route in Labor Day.

Tickets are \$1 each, with proceeds going to the Volunteer Rescue Squad's Cadet Scholarship Fund. The winner of last year's drawing took home more than \$3,000. For more information call (908) 753-5612.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

As the tittle to one of our videos says, "It was a short summer, Charlie Brown." Before you go off to enjoy the last weekend of the aforementioned short summer, here's some news from the South Plainfield Library.

This Saturday, Sept. 5, the Library will be open from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. We'll be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day. The following Saturday, Sept. 12, we'll return to our Saturday hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, the Library Board of Trustees will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Many present and future plans will be discussed, so the public is invited to participate.

Are your children less than happy about returning to school? Well, we're going to try and boost their spirits. On Monday, Sept. 14, we'll be hosting a back-to-school program at 7 p.m. We'll have refreshments, crafts, games and stories. All ages are welcome and no registration is needed. For more details, call us at 754-7885.

The Sixth, District Junior Alumni Woman's Club is collecting school supplies for needy children in homeless and battered women's shelters in our area. Pens, pencils, notebooks and like items are needed right away. Please put your donation in the collection box near the children's

room. Thanks for your help.

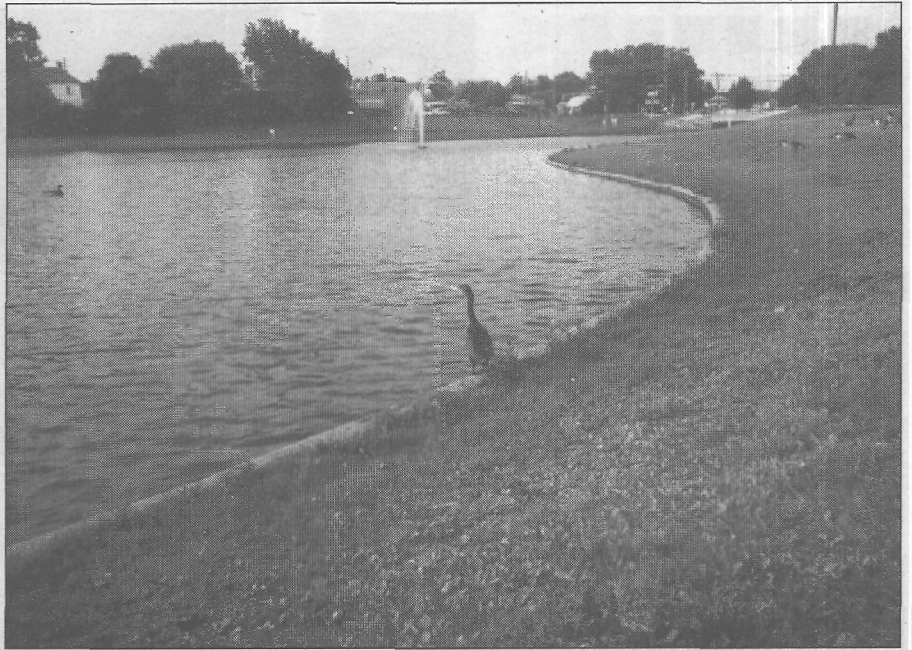
Children can still fill out a card for Governor Whitman telling about the fun that they've had this summer at the Library. You can find the cards at the main desk. Just write or draw your message and the New Jersey Library Association will make sure the Governor receives your note.

The group of circuit videos for Sept. is now in place and available to the public. This group features recent hits like "George of the Jungle" and "Contact" as well as classics like "Wings" and "True Grit." Feel free to pick up one of the tapes, but don't delay; the group will only be here until Sept. 26.

Have you been having trouble finding things in the library, lately? Well, don't worry, your sense of direction hasn't conked out. In our continuing effort to make the best possible use of our sorely limited space, we've shifted some things around, particularly in the children's room. If you need help finding something, just ask a member for help; we'll blaze a trail for you.

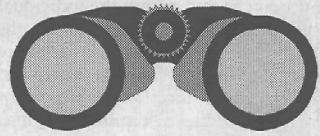
We'll finish up this issue's Library column with some news about the Library staff. Starting September 8, Deb Messling will be starting here as a supervising librarian working with our reference and circulation departments. Please be sure to stop in and welcome her aboard.

Thanks for checking on the latest from the Library and we hope you have a fun Labor Day weekend. We'll see you in the fall, which supposedly starts next Tuesday.



Bird Watch

By Jay Scovronek



Once again, our visiting Double-Crested Cormorant is spending time at Spring Lake Park. Shy with people, it will hop off the curb into the water if someone approaches within ten feet, unlike the Canada Geese, which tolerate humans up close. The cormorant is slimmer than Canada Geese and lacks their distinctive neck markings.

In the water the cormorant rides quite low and the visible head and neck look like a submarine periscope moving through the water. From time to time it will disappear underwater, only to

emerge some fifteen seconds

later about twenty feet away, sometimes with a fish in its mouth. Apparently, it has not seen the posted signs warning against eating contaminated fish.

Out of the water, the cormorant will stand on the curb with its wings spread out, exposing the feathers to the drying effects of sun and wind. The feathers lack the oil of other waterfowl, so to keep from getting waterlogged the bird must dry out between dives.

Welcome in South Plainfield, the cormorant is not universally popular. On Aug. 9 *The New York Times* reported that unidentified hunters shot almost 1,000 Double-Crested Cormorants at Hudson Harbor, NY. It seems that these birds have been destroying the sport fishing there by eating the small-mouth bass, perch and other game fish. A Federal law governing migratory birds protects cormorants.

So far, Spring Lake Park shows no signs of being overwhelmed by a cormorant population explosion and our visitor merely adds to the bird watcher's fun. In addition to the pigeons, gulls, ducks and Canada Geese (and Canada

Geese and Canada

Geese), we've also been cheered by the presence of a long-legged Snowy Egret that usually frequents the Cedar Brook just above the bridge. Recently, however, a Great Blue Heron has also been patrolling the shallow water near the bridge. For hours it stands thigh deep, hardly moving, waiting for fish to approach. The heron resembles the egret with its long legs, neck and beak, but is dark gray rather than brilliant white.

Great Blue Herons have been hunting along the Bound Brook, about 100 yards from the confluence of the Bound Brook and the Cedar Brook. They have been seen there often by hikers on the Veterans Park Nature Trail.

For a free copy of the Veterans Park Nature Trail Guide, call Borough Hall at 226-7621.

Jay Scovronek has been a member of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission for over 10 years.

Register Now for Girl Scouts

During the month of September the South Plainfield Girl Scouts registration will be held at each elementary school's "Back to School Night." Flyers for registration of new girls will be available in the Middle School. Anyone interested in information regarding registration or volunteering should call Nancy Regan, 756-4530.

Sacred Heart Looking for Volunteers, Choir Members

Father Mike McQuire of Sacred Heart Church is looking for volunteers. Needed are ushers for all Masses, lectors, teachers for the Children's Liturgy on Saturdays and Sundays and teachers for the CCD Program on Wednesday and Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m.

For more information call the Parish Center at 756-0633.

The Sacred Heart Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday,

Sept. 9. If you are thinking about joining, this would be good a time to start. The choir rehearses each Wednesday, evening at 7:45-10 p.m. and sings Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. You don't need to read music in order to join, you just need a reasonably good ear and the love of singing.

For more information on the choir, call Liz Harrington, choir director at 755-5487.

Volunteers Sought for Trail Maintenance

Join the South Plainfield Environmental Commission and Friends of the Woods in Fall trail maintenance activities at the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve.

Meet at 9 a.m. Sept. 13 at the Sylvania Place entrance. Clippers, pruners, hammers and screwdrivers are also needed. Call Alice Tempel at (908) 226-7621 to register or for more information.



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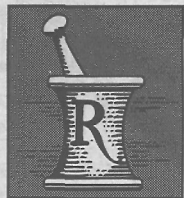
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The Alternative View

By Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C.



Dear Dr. DeCosta,
My neighbor is always ranting and raving about her juicer and how healthy it is for you? How good is juice therapy?—G.M.

Dear G. M.:

For centuries, plant juices and extracts have been used for their healing and medicinal properties. In fact, the word chemical comes from the Greek word chemia, meaning "the juice of a plant."

Juice therapy uses fresh, raw juice of vegetables and fruits to nourish and replenish the body. Used as nutritional support during periods of stress and illness, juice therapy can also be used as part of a comprehensive health maintenance plan.

Juice therapy follows a system of cleansing and restoration, and uses fresh juices to provide a nutritional foundation for the body's curative processes. Fresh juices play an important role with virtually any regime to cleanse the body and restore vitality. With juice therapy, nutrients are supplied in a concentrated, raw and unprocessed form that is easy to consume and digest, making juice an ideal companion to fasting and health maintenance regimes.

Juicing is the easiest and most efficient method for extracting the high level of nutrients stored within the individual cells of fruits and vegetables. When a fruit or vegetable is juiced, the fibrous plant cell wall is cut open and the juice of the cell, which contains the cell sap, sugars, starches, proteins, enzymes and other nutrients, is released.

Fresh fruit and vegetable juices are a concentrated source of energy and are rich in carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. According to Steven Bailey, N.D., of the Northwestern Naturopathic Clinic in Portland, Oregon, "By separating the juice from the pulp, you end up with a liquid that contains most of the nutrients with a much reduced mass. For example, it takes approximately five pounds of carrots to make one quart of carrot juice. Although eating five pounds of vegetables two to three times a day is nearly impossible, most people can easily drink two to three quarts of juice a day."

Juices with a high content of vitamin C, such as citrus fruits or cabbage, help the body absorb iron when added to a meal. This is particularly beneficial for the health of children, who often get inadequate amounts of iron from their diets.

Nutrient-rich juices, such as collard and kale, may also be added to soups and stews or used as a substitute for other liquids in cooking recipes. Ideally, the juices are added last to minimize heat destruction of vitamins and enzymes.

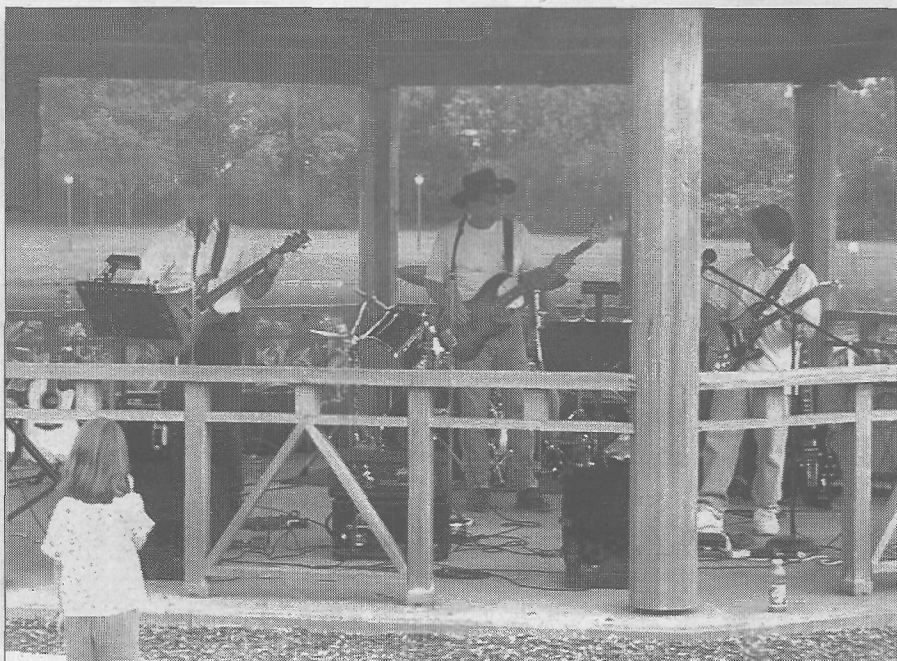
Since fruit juices have a high sugar content and ferment rapidly in the stomach, they should be diluted with water 1:1. People with diabetes or hypoglycemia should be sure to only drink fruit juices with food. Tomato and orange juices are not recommended as they are highly acidic and tend to upset the body's natural pH (acid-base) balance.

Vegetable juices are used extensively in fasting and as nutritional supplements because of their high vitamin and mineral content. Fruit juices, however, provide a quicker pick-me-up as they are immediately absorbed.

Fruit juices also remain stable for a longer period of time and "travel" better than vegetable juices, which oxidize quickly, breaking down the protective enzymes and vitamins. It is always preferable to juice fresh, organic fruits and vegetables oneself just prior to drinking in order to maximize nutritional value. If this isn't possible, juices should be purchased from a health food store the same day they are made.

The following are recommended reading for more information on juicing: *The Complete Book of Juicing*, Murray, Michael, Rocklin, Ca., Prima Publishing, 1992, Maureen B. New York; *Juicing for Life*, Calborn, Cherie, and Keane, Avery Publishing Group, 1992 and *Juicing for Good Health*, Keane, Maureen B. New York, Pocket Books, 1992.

Questions for The Alternative View should be addressed to The Alternative View, c/o Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C., 129 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.



John Alles and Cruise Control performed at Music-in-the Park Sunday, August 23. Residents brought their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoyed the music on a lovely Sunday evening. John Alles is a Sergeant in the South Plainfield Police Department.

Rescue Squad July Calls

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad responded to 142 calls in July, including 112 emergencies, 13 motor vehicle accidents, 5 fires, 10 transportations and 2 mutual aid requests.

The squad's volunteers spent nearly 354 crew hours answering the July calls.

Volunteer Fire June/July Fire Report

Chief Abbruzzese reported the fire department answered a total of 197 alarms during June and July. A total of 2,089 man-hours were spent during the two month period.

The breakdown of hours are, 1,617 alarms, 266 maintenance, 181 drills and 25 extra duty.

Noteable Mentions

Congratulations

McKnight's Mark 25th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKnight celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to the Outer Banks in North Carolina.

Accompanying the couple and hosting the celebration was their two sons, two daughter-in-laws and five grandchildren.

Corner Deli Owners Celebrate 25 Years in Business

Congratulations to Doreen and Stanley Bolesta and Ruth and Frank Ferraro, owners of the Corner Deli, who are celebrating 25 years in business.

Birth Announcement

Philip J. and Doris J. Aquilina, III are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexes Jean, born on June 2, at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick. Alexes weighed in at 6 lbs., 4½ ozs. and 18½ long. She joins her 15 month old brother Philip J., IV at home.

The maternal grandparent is Richard E. Benson of Edison. The paternal grandparents are Philip J. and Madelyn L. Aquilina, Jr. of South Plainfield.

Congratulations

Doreen & Stanley Bolesta and
Ruth & Frank Ferraro

on your

25th
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Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

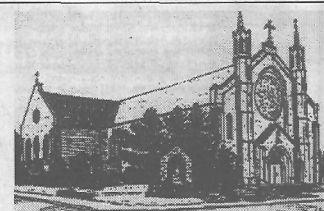
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

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

Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7, 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11 a.m. - 12 noon, 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.
and after 5:45 p.m. Vigil Mass



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1998 Labor Day Supplement

Family+Fun = Your Hometown

Bill Cochran Surprised by Choice

By Patricia Abbott

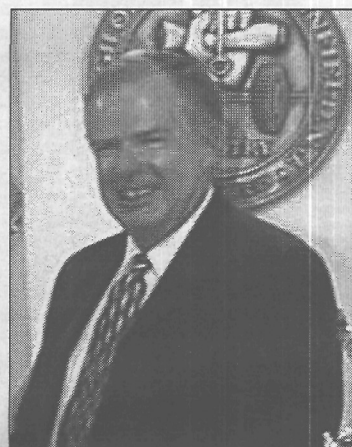
Bill Cochran is never at a loss for words. Eighteen years as an announcer for various high school sports and 17 years as Master of Ceremonies at the Labor Day Parade Reviewing stand have proven that he always knows what to say!

Bill has seen a lot in his 30 years in South Plainfield. Four children and two grandchildren have kept him busy in the community. Add to that, 28 years with the South Plainfield Police Department, as of Monday August 31. Throw in time spent as Junior Baseball Commissioner, Vice President of Eagles football, Presi-

dent of the local PBA from 1975-79 also a member of Recreation Commission and Athletic Boosters Club. With this kind of life experience it would take a lot to surprise someone. But on Monday, August 10 a simple phone call left Bill more than a little surprised when the Parade Committee called to inform him that he had been chosen as the Grand Marshall of the 1998 Labor Day Parade. "I was taken aback! Shocked!" said Bill. He was nominated by Police Chief, Steve Merkler. Chief Merkler nominated Bill to acknowledge all he has done for the community and his years of service on the police force.

Recovering from the news, Bill is ready to fulfill his honorary role. Traditionally the Grand Marshall rides in a convertible at the head of the parade. Bill has decided to break with tradition and walk the parade route to the reviewing stand, where he will officiate over the parade.

In expressing his thanks to Steve Merkler and Pat Vargo and all the parade committee, Bill also wanted to thank the people of South Plainfield. He stated, "I hope people realize what a great community they have and take the opportunity to get involved." Bill said the rewards of becoming more involved in the community are not such things as being selected Grand Marshall of the parade but being able to help other. He spoke of the kids he has worked with over the years, saying it was a pleasure to watch them grow up. He occasionally runs into some of these kids today, now in college or married. He noted that some are even officers in the police department with him. Perhaps Bill is in for more surprises, be-



Parade Grand Marshal Bill Cochran

cause traditionally the annual parade and events throughout the day fill the park with people, creating a wonderful opportunity for people to discover old friends.

Only 4 Days Left in Observer Scavenger Hunt

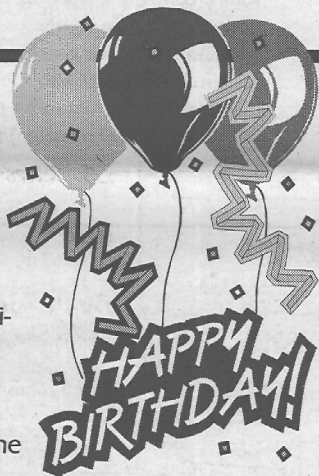
Labor Day marks the first anniversary of *The South Plainfield Observer*. To celebrate our first birthday, we are having a party on Sept. 7 in Veterans Park, at the conclusion of the parade. Cake, balloons, giveaways and prizes including the drawing of winners in our *Advertisers Scavenger Hunt* will be held.

On page 10 you will find the Scavenger Hunt game board with the names of the participating advertisers. To enter the contest, participants should go to these businesses and pick up a label with the business' name and affix it to the game board in the appropriate space. There are 12 advertisers listed, but you are required to fill only 10 spaces to be eligible for the drawing. Contestants may complete more than one game board, however, you can only collect one *Observer Scavenger Hunt* label from each advertiser at a time.

Completed cards must be brought to *The Observer* booth in Veterans Park from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Labor Day. Cake will be served at 1:30 and the drawings will take place at 2:00. Labels can be picked up from participating advertisers beginning Aug. 20 through Labor Day. All game boards must be dropped off by 1:30 p.m. All correctly completed entries will included in a drawing to win various prizes.

Prizes are being donated by many of our advertisers. The top prize will be a basket containing a variety of Beanie Babies, including the Peace Bear and Valentino Bear.

Call the Observer with questions on contest rules at 732-469-4380. Enjoy the contest and we'll see you at the park on Labor Day.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7:45 am Registration for 5K Run 1.5 mile Family Fitness Walk
- 9:25 am Start of 5K Run and 1.5 mile Fitness Walk
- 9:30 am Parade Roads Closed to traffic
- 10:00 am **Labor Day Parade Starts**
- 12:30 p.m. Games and activities in Veterans Park
- 1:15 pm Tug-of-War
- 1:30 pm Biggest Homegrown Tomato Contest
- 2:00 pm Pie Eating Contest
- 2:00 pm Nature Walk begins
- 6:00 pm Buffalo Rythum Kings concert in Spring Lake Park
- 7:45 pm Roads Closed for firework display—Best Parking at High School or the P.A.L. Building—No Parking will be allowed at Borough Hall, the Library, Veterans Park and Lowden Ave. or Willow Ave.
- 8:30 pm Fireworks Display

SCAVENGER HUNT PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE:

- A BASKET OF BEANIE BABIES, INCLUDING THE PEACE BEAR, VALENTINO BEAR, STINGER, FETCH, EARLY, STRETCH, ANTS, WHISPER AND JAKE AND TRACKER.

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- CAROUSEL — A GIFT BASKET
- TWICE IS NICE—A GIFT BASKET
- TWIN CITY PHARMACY—A GIFT BASKET OF WRAPPING AND FRAMES
- AIELLO—AN ORTHOPEDIC PILLOW
- YOGURT EXPRESS—A FROZEN YOGURT CAKE
- SERVICES PLUS—A FLAG
- COOKIE'S BAKERY—A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A 10 INCH CAKE
- SAL'S SPIRIT SHOPPE—A GIFT CERTIFICATE
- MOHNS FLOWERS—A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT OR STUFFED TOY DEPENDING ON AGE
- HOLLY PARK VIDEO—THREE FREE MOVIE RENTALS
- MR. PORKY'S—A FREE DINNER
- JOANNES—A GIFT CERTIFICATE
- CICCIO'S PIZZA—A LARGE PIZZA

Celebrate South Plainfield

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US AT THE 41ST ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE

From Kathy Vokral, Parade Committee

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee is anticipating a great parade this year. The 5K Run begins at 9:15 a.m. The Labor Day Parade will step off at 10 a.m. with bands, floats, McGruff the Crime Dog, Sesame Street Characters and many other groups and marchers.

Our theme "Family + Fun Our Hometown" will bring a host of new activities, games, rides and contest in Veterans Memorial Park.

The Tug-Of-War competition between the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad will be a real battle. Be sure to come out and support your favorite team. Tug-Of-War begins at 1:15 p.m.

Are you a South Plainfield backyard farmer? Do you have the biggest tomatoes. Well put your Jersey Tomato where your mouth is and enter it in "South Plainfield's Biggest Homegrown Tomato" contest. Enter your Tomato by 1:30 p.m. and you may be a Blue Ribbon Winner!

Don't miss our first ever "Pie Eating Contest." If you think your up for the challenge be sure to enter by 2 p.m. The Pie Eating Contest begins at 2:15 sharp!

Don't forget about the nature walk at 2 p.m. sponsored by the South Plainfield Environmental Commission in the Park.

Besides delicious food there will be games and rides for children and adults. Pony rides, a petting zoo, dunking tank as well as local businesses who will also have booths.

We invite everyone to come and celebrate this years Labor Day Festivities held in South Plainfield.

If you have any questions regarding the parade, park activities or fireworks, call Kathy Vokral at (908) 754-8765.



The South Plainfield Parade Committee presented a plaque to Bette Schiavi in appreciation for her many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade. Betty was especially helpful with her advise and expertise last year when entire Labor Day Committee was new to the job.

Labor Day Parade Plans Finalized

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mer Parks Recreation Program have painted special signs for use in a coin toss. Contestants can win gold fish or if they hit a specially marked target, one family could win a membership to the Community Pool next season. All the coins used in the coin toss will go to the Rescue Squad. Other games include a belly bumper contest, an Izzy Dizzy contest, a ski walk, water balloons, an obstacle course and lots of other games and activities.

Pony rides and a petting zoo will also be at the Park after the parade. "People Pleasers" will be have a giant slide, giant castle, riding tubs and a climb through rides.

The Historical Society will be holding its annual quilt raffle in the Park at about 2 p.m.

The famous Funny Factory Clowns will be marching again. Bugs Bunny and Tweety Bird and other Warner Brother characters will also make an appearance

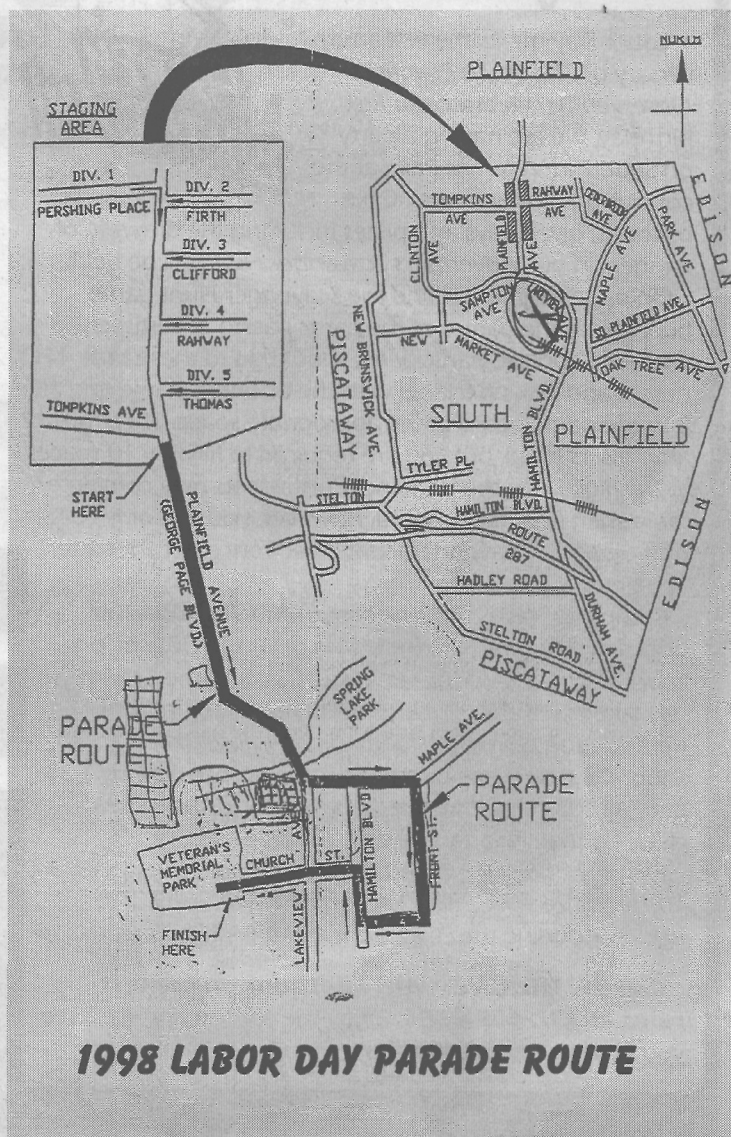
The Buffalo Rhythm Kings will be performing at an evening concert at Spring Lake Park around the Gazebo from 6-8 p.m. Fireworks by Pyrotecnico will follow. A special sound system will be set up, as the fireworks will be synchronized to music. Parking around Spring Lake Park

will be restricted because of the fireworks display. No parking will be allowed at Borough Hall, the Library, Veterans Park and Lowden and Willow Ave. Spring Lake Park will allow handicapped parking only. The best parking will be at the High School and the P.A.L. Building, which have extra lighting and easy access. Roads will close at 7:45 for the fireworks.

The Alliance for Substance Awareness and Ricochet Racquet Club will hold a 5K run and 1.5 mile Fitness Walk before the parade. Registration will begin at 7:45 on the day of the parade. The fee is \$12. For more information call Bili Beegle at 754-4620.

The Environmental Commission will sponsor a walk on the Veterans Park Nature Trail. Walkers should meet at the start of the trail where the log fence meets the Cedar Brook at 2 p.m. Bring binoculars for bird watching and wear sturdy shoes. Free trail guidebooks will be available.

The concession booths in the park this year have increased. The Lions Club will be selling beer, steak and sausage sandwiches. The Music Boosters will have hot dogs, soda and miscellaneous snacks. The Little Store will be feature Polish food. Other concessions will be Rita's Italian Ice and Dandee's Pets.



Highlights



Concessions

- South Plainfield Lions Club featuring beer steak and sausage sandwiches
- South Plainfield Music Boosters featuring hot dogs, soda And misc. snacks
- The Little Store featuring Polish food
- Rita's Italian Ice
- Dandee's Pet with hermit crabs, gold fish
- Popcorn and snowcones

Committee

This year's Parade Committee have worked many hours planning a fun-filled Labor Day. They have all volunteered their time in making this day one that South Plainfield can will be proud of. So if you see any of committee members, give them your own personal thank you, they deserve it!

Members of the 1998 Labor Day Committee were Kathy Vokral, Darlene Pinto, Marion Gallagher, Addie Levine and Debbie McCarthy.

The Recreation Commission advisors were Jaye Joyce and Debbie Krawiec.

Also adding their support and expertise were Pat Vargo; Councilmen James Vokral, Ray Petronko and Vinnie Buttiglieri and Emergency Managment Coordinator, Mike Zushma

5K Race/Walk

The Eighth Annual 5K Race and 1.5 mile Fitness Walk, sponsored by the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the Ricochet Health and Racquet Club will be held before the Labor Day Parade. Last year 200 runners and 30 walkers participated in this event.

The first 200 race entrants and 80 walkers will receive T-shirts along with a packet of various items and substance awareness information. The run/walk will be begin at 9:25 a.m. from Veterans park with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m. The fee is \$12. Please park at Drug Fair or other places but not in Veterans Park or along the parade route. Again this year, Aiello Chiropractic Center will offer post race/walk massages.

All proceeds for the race go to supporting the efforts of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness in making the South Plainfield community drug free. Last year's race/walk was the biggest yet. Bring a friend in support of healthy exercise by running or walking and reducing substance abuse.

The many sponsors for the race are Aiello Chiropractic Center, Bagel Pantry, Buy-Rite Auto Parts, Casablanca Is Hair, Ciccio's Pizza, David's Stationery, Domino's Pizza, Flanagan's Restaurant, Giakas Cleaners, Home Depot, James W. Conroy Funeral Home, Joe Romer Trophy Shop, K.C.'s Korner Bar and Restaurant, McCrisken Home For Funerals, Mohn's Florist, Oak Tree Farms, Poland Spring Water, Presto Pronto Service, Ricochet Health and Racquet Club, Rodolfo's Pizza, Sherban's Diner/Restaurant, South Plainfield P.A.L., South Plainfield Liquor Store, South Plainfield Middle School Graphic Arts Department, Sportworld, Spring Lake Texaco Service Center, Twin City Pharmacy and Vail Hardware.

Labor Day Parade Participants

Note: List includes names of participants at press time and is not the order in which they will March.

- Grand Marshal-Bill Cochrane
- Big Bird, Ernie, Bert, Elmo & Cookie Monster
- Karate School-Maple Avenue
- South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop—Float
- South Plainfield Football Eagles—Float
- Cedarcroft Bible Chapel—Float
- Legionnaire's Marching Band
- Anthony Pisanelli—Antique Car
- New Market Fire Co. Truck, GPM Engine, 95 Foot Aerial Platform
- PSE&G Local 94—Childwatch Program
- South Plainfield Tiger Sharks—Float
- South Plainfield Rescue Squad
- South Plainfield Fire Department
- Christopher Bond, Antique Car
- South Plainfield Democratic Club
- Local Union 675, IBEW—Float
- Military Order of The Purple Heart—Maybe Float
- JJ Det. Marine Corps League Color Guard
- Model A Restorers Clubs—Antique Cars
- Bears Bucket Brigade—Antique Fire Engine
- Watchung Valley Restorers Club—1931 Ford Station Wagon
- South Plainfield High School Music Boosters
- South Plainfield Seniors
- Middlesex County Republican Club
- Antique Car—1976 Pontiac Trans AM
- South Plainfield Republican Party
- South Plainfield Historical Society—Float
- American Ex-P.O.Ws
- South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Columbiettes
- HK Volunteer Fire Co.—1926 American La France Fire Engine
- Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society—Float
- South Plainfield High School Cheerleaders
- Polish National Home—Float, Dancers
- Abe Lincoln—Walking the Parade Route
- South Plainfield Republican Party including Bob Franks
- Vietnam Vets of Ocean County Color Guard
- Jeff Pellegrino-1968 Fully Restored Camaro Convertible
- Caruso Photography Studio—Louis Caruso dressed as Charlie Chaplin with Irish Setters
- 11th Virginia Co—Civil War Re-enactors
- South Plainfield Elks—Float
- Uncle Sam Riding on Bicycle
- Lakeview Black Belt Academy
- South Plainfield Girl Scouts
- Funny Factory Clown Band
- Sacred Heart Third and Fourth Grade Cheerleaders
- Model A Restoration Of American Ford Motor Club
- 1-800 Flowers

Booths and Groups

- The Observer — birthday party celebration
- PSE&G - Childwatch
- Women's Crisis Group
- South Plainfield Business Association
- Civil War Re-Enactors
- The Reporter — Games
- Historical Society - Quilt Raffle

Veterans Park Activities

- Largest Tomato Contest-Bring your tomato to be judged
- Pie Eating Contest
- Tug of War - South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad
- Dunking Tank - Fire Department
- Pony rides
- Petting zoo
- People Pleasers - Giant Slide, Giant Castle, Riding Tubs and Climb Through rides
- Coin toss
- Obstacle course
- Ski walk
- Issy Dizzy contest
- Water Balloons
- Belly bumper contest

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Please enter my completed game board entry into the Observer's Scavenger Hunt Drawing.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

OFFICIAL GAME RULES:

Contest participants should visit advertisers listed above and pick up pre-printed labels with their business names and affix the labels in the appropriate spaces. Board is considered complete when at least 10 spaces are filled. Participants may complete more than one game board, however, only one label may be picked up from each advertiser at a time. Participants should visit advertisers during normal business hours. Completed game boards should be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Observer booth in Veterans Park on Monday, Sept. 7. Winners will be chosen randomly from all completed game boards. Drawings will take place at 2:00 p.m. Prizes to be awarded include gift baskets donated by local advertisers, gift certificates to local businesses and a grand prize basket of Beanie Babies, including Peace Bear. Winners need not be present to win. Contest begins on Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998 and ends Sept. 7, 1998. Observer reserves the right to substitute prizes. All prizes will be awarded.



Jenna Cianfrocca cools off on a hot day!

South Plainfield Celebrates Summer

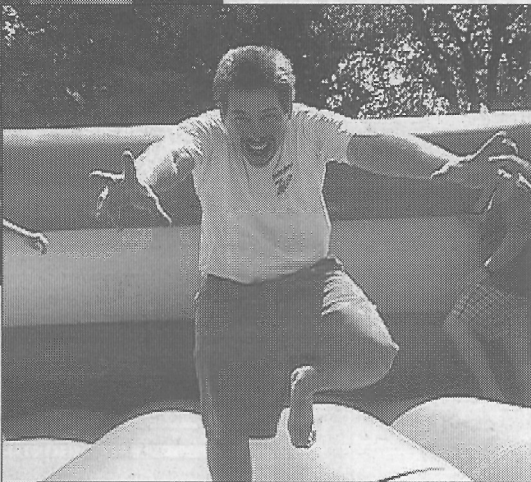


Jamie Morris at a surprise party for a friend.



A surprise party for Chris Imbrosciano

Dan Cianfrocca enjoys a "moon walk".



School Openings

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Club in which students will go on-line to get the latest information about the project.

The successful Roosevelt Drama Club will return for it's second year.

Kennedy School...

Welcomes Mrs. Sherry Dvorak as a new second grade teacher.

The PTO has funded new basketball courts and new swing sets for the upcoming school year. They also purchased a new 60" TV to be used during inclement weather and for academic purposes throughout the school year.

The children will once again be challenged to read 20,000 book for a five month period.

Emphasis will be placed on cultural diversity at the third grade level through a variety of programs throughout the year.

Franklin School...

Welcomes Linda Bohl and Meredith Migliaro as long term substitute teachers as well as Theresa Paster as Student Assistance Counselor, long term substitute (also working at Roosevelt).

A "Parade of the Decades" celebration will be held in the spring after a year long study of the historical and cultural events of each decade in the 20th century.

Three new handicapped accessible bathrooms have been installed.

Mission to Mars reading program is planned. Photography and drama clubs will begin.

Middle School.....

Welcomes Mrs. Brandi Hill, Special Ed., long term substitute, Mrs. Julie Flasser, Special Ed. and Mrs. Jackie Barton, Spanish.

An additional classroom has been created to accommodate the incoming sixth grade. In addition some of the seventh grade teachers will also be teaching sixth grade classes so that class size will not be increased.

In-class support sections number 14 this year. This is two teachers in a classroom to support special education students.

High School...

Welcomes teachers, Laura Alexander, Mathematics; Jackie Barton, Spanish; Anna Catania, Spanish; Franklin Ferrara, Science; Angela Gallagher, Science; Gene Kearn, Science, and Maria Nesgood, Business Education.

In-class support will have nine teachers this year.

Advanced Placement English returns for the second year, Advanced Placed Physics will be reinstituted. Project Acceleration is in its third year.

The 1998-99 senior class improvement project that involved repainting and decorating the English hallway has been completed.

The Butterfly Garden project is ongoing.
* Watch for an update on the PTAs and PTOs next issue of *South Plainfield Observer*.

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The 1998 South Plainfield Nine-Year-Old American League All Star Team: Kneeling from left to right are Billy Ashnault, Joey Turrisse, Mike Stallone, Mike Jakubik, Nick Dorey and Danny McCreesh; standing from left to right are Garrett Lake, Anthony Cassano, Chris Stallone, Billy Daley, Kyle Lendach and Chris Pollin. Coaches from left to right are Bill Ashnault, Tom McCreesh, John Stallone and Tony Cassano. Submitted by Tom McCreesh.

Nine and Learnin'

Submitted by Tom McCreesh

Last year they were just eight years old
Their young competitive drive was burnin'
A new season, new tryouts, and a new team
as they were nine and learnin'

The tryouts like last year, on Memorial Day
the kids all looked real fine.
But the reality was that Coach Stallone
could only keep 12 of 29.

Three days into night, they all worked hard,
and all performed at peak
The waiting began, the nerves were tight
and they all found out that week.

The team was set, there was no turning back
It was now all systems go.
Practice hard, refine their skills
Forget about El Nino.

Hit the cutoffs, Time the bases, Think about the game
Be proud to wear the green and white vest with their name

The thoughts of last years' success
were fresh in everyone's head
But if they tried to live off the past,
The team would quickly be dead.

The coaches were positioning kids each day
And some would surely be moved.
Because as SP was honing their skills
the other towns had all improved.

The first two tournaments, competition was fierce
Many games, the momentum was turnin'

Four losses by a total of five runs
Yes, they were nine and learnin'

The games were close, the team played well
But that's how it sometimes goes
Some broken hearts and broken dreams
And even a broken nose.

Flemington was the final test,
a round robin for them, a first.
Five games against all new teams,
Then a playoff balloon to burst.

Each player was asked if they were ready
To get this tournament won
Play South Plainfield baseball
Work hard and have fun.

Good pitching most games was the norm
In keeping the team rollin'
Garrett Lake, Billy Daly,
Kyle Lendach and Chris Pollin.

The team had to play well each game
Nothing was ground in stone.
Joey Turrisse, Mike Jakubik
Mike and Chris Stallone.

Like a finely crafted puzzle,
Each player was a vital piece.
Billy Ashnault, Anthony Cassano
Nick Dorey and Danny McCreesh.

The ride to Flemington was long
For all the players, coaches and fans
Each game six lucky players
Watched movies in the Ashnault van.

An undefeated trip was a goal that the team had set
Coaches Cassano and McCreesh began each game
Throwing batting in the net.

The pitchers warming up each game
with Coach Ashnault in the heat.
His pitching rubber and home plate
Set at forty-five feet.

The first five games were all big wins
The playoffs were next in line.
Single elimination from here on in
Play the same and they'd be fine

A new spirit in the dugout,
The fans would hoot and holler.
The team was playing their opponents
The ump's, and 200 dollars.

The playoffs ahead, the first two games
were wins with many glitches.
Quick bats, quick feet, good defense
and even some quick pitches

The finals ahead against South County
One win to complete a dream.
No losses for them either,
But we were the home team.

Play ball, they said, the rain began
We jumped to an early lead.
The four runs that we scored
Would be all that we would need.

As fog rolled in, the trophies presented,
in the humidity and the mist.

A TEAM won the title,
Game by game and fist to fist.

A 4-2 win, each player chipped in
A time for pride and joy.
Sometimes we act like they are men,
but they're just little boys.

So Danny, Joey, Nick and Kyle
Anthony, Garrett, too.
Two Chris, Billys and two Mikes
We would like to thank you

Be proud of what you've done,
What you've accomplished has been earned.
As we look at this past summer
You were nine and yes, you learned.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECREATION FALL EVENTS

Junior Bowling Leagues Starting Up

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is presently taking registration for their Junior Bowling Program. The program is open to residents ages 9-18. Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 11.

The registration fee is \$22 and bowling is \$7 per week. The fee includes lane fees, awards and end of season pizza party. The bowling season runs Sept. 12 to February 19 at Brunswick Edison Lanes in Edison.

For more information or to register, call 226-7713 or come in person to the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

Craft Mania Registration Underway

Imagine a craft program for children with crafts you will be proud to display in your home. Imagine a crafts program where children learn how to do more than just cut paper, finger paint and glue. If this sounds like the perfect program, sign up to enter the world of Craft Mania.

Classes are held at the PAL Recreation Center on Maple Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Grades K-1 will meet from 4-4:45 p.m. and grades 2-5 from 5-5:45 p.m. starting on Sept. 15. The cost is \$20 for 10 classes.

For the exact dates and times or to register, call the Recreation Department at 226-7713 or come to the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

Aerobics & Body Toning Classes

Shape up beautifully with exercises and dance routines choreographed to popular music. Aerobics is designed to condition the heart and lungs. Body Toning will trim and firm the body, as well as promote flexibility. Step combines the two for a total workout. Aerobics and Body Toning are ongoing programs. Each session is make up of 20 classes.

Session Four will start on Sept. 14 and run until Nov. 6. Session Five will start on Nov. 9 and run until Jan. 8.

Classes are open to residents of South Plainfield ages 18 and over and are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Babysitting is available for the morning sessions at an extra cost. Classes are limited to 50. Registration is taken on a first come basis.

For exact dates and times or to register, call (908) 226-7713 or visit the Recreation Office in the P.A.L. Building on Maple Ave.

Trip planned to see Phillies and the Mets

The Recreation Department is planning a trip to Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, on Thursday, Sept. 10 to see the Phillies play the New York Mets. The bus leaves at 5 p.m. The cost is \$28 for adults, \$18 for those 16 and younger and \$38 for non-residents. The fee includes tickets and deluxe motorcoach transportation.

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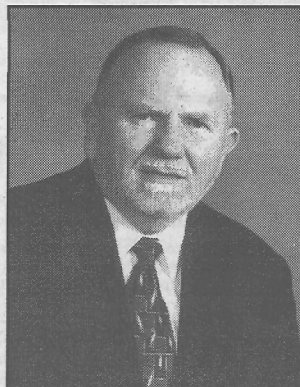
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INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbottom



Wow, what a Summer it has been. Great weather, boats and beaches. With a convention in Wildwood, another on the west coast, a family reunion out of state, a quick trip to Vermont and a week in Maine and Gloucester, Mass., I even managed to miss a deadline and my column. (Even writers need a break). But thank you very much for email and the Internet, because I was never very far from my desktop. Even on a mountaintop in Maine, I was in touch with reality (that is, I did leave my electronic gear at home!). Whoever said: "the world is too much with us" knew the real value of being disconnected once in a while. It can be a good thing!

I received some great news while on the road to somewhere else: Fredrik Oberkehr wrote to advise me that our schools should all be online by opening day of the new school year. He is our school system's technology coordinator as well as the Project Director of the grant program, which is bringing the Internet to our schools. This is good stuff for all our kids in school. I also heard from a friend of mine, Arnold Milstein, from the Amateur Computer Group of New Jersey (ACGNJ) who also lives in our town. He reported that he now has Internet access via the high speed cable modems we've been waiting for so long. It's been a year since Comcast Online first said we'd be online here. They're finally coming through for us. Good news indeed! Since I've been on their tails continuously since then, I'm sure I'll be the last one connected (they've even told me so!). But nonetheless, if you contact me, I'll pass your name on to them and get you hooked up ASAP. I may not be their favorite advocate, but business is business and I'm sure they'll get you online promptly. If you email me so I can pass your name along. (Bruggo@earthlink.net).

TIP: With the cable modem Internet access, you have a "static IP address" which means your internet computer address (not your email address) remains con-

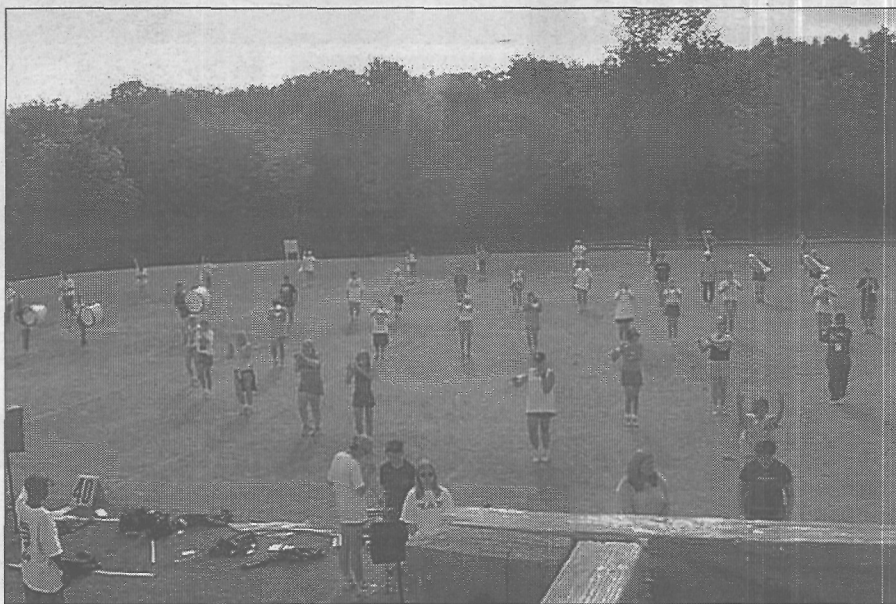
stant. The technicians who install the cable modems and software will help you with the proper setup. There may be some security issues and other things that you are not familiar with that they can help with too.

How many readers monitored the progress of Hurricane Bonnie as she moved up the coast? I know I did and it was pretty cool too. Not only were the satellite pictures fantastic, but so were the real time videos and data reports from the remote weather and sea condition monitoring stations. Glad we missed her! Bonnie was no beach party and she left a lot of unhappy people in her wake.

I'm curious, how is everyone or anyone making out with Windows98? From what I've heard, all of you with new computers with Win98 originally installed are having the fewest problems. The nightmares and scare stories seem to come from upgrades and networked installs. Can anyone help shed some light on this topic? Myself, I'm looking forward to Windows98 (as soon as I can squirrel away enough money for a new computer). I really want one of those light speed workstations connected full-time to the net. You can do that with cable access, since you stay connected all the time. Forget hourly billing and dial-up connecting. Turn on your computer, you're still connected to the net and forget it. Leave it on, it's ok! I can't wait.

TIP: Check out the latest in voice recognition software for your computer. This stuff is getting real good too. Tell your machine to "take a letter" and it does! But, there's always one of those, remember this: you're computer has to learn "your" voice. It does take a bit for it to do this, but hey, it does do it! Better than your kids do too? The trick is to realize that it is best to ask it learn only one voice! Try a separate login configuration for other users. Let me know how this works out for you. The more voices, the more memory is needed.

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On the practice field at Camp Cayuga, the band moves to a new position during Carmen.



On the practice field at Camp Cayuga, the horns and flags practice Pagliacci.

South Plainfield High School Band Prepares for the Upcoming Season

In preparation for the 1998 band competitions and football games, the South Plainfield High School Marching Band conducted a week long band camp at Camp Cayuga in the Pocono's. Learning the drill and music to the 10 minute show, the 100 members of the band and color guard worked morning, noon, and night, to perfect the show.

The 1998 music included selec-

tions from Bizet's "Carmen," "Saint-Saens," "Bacchanale" from "Sampson & Delilah" and R. Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci," "The Clowns" featuring a trumpet solo.

The band will lead the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade on Sept. 6th. Come out to see and hear the band and all the entrants in the parade.

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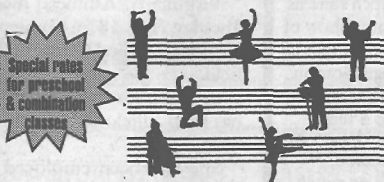
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Obituaries

Rose Marie "Rosie" (Famularo) Hayeck, 53

Rose Marie "Rosie" (Famularo) Hayeck died on Sunday, Aug. 23, at her home.

Born in Plainfield, she had resided in South Plainfield all of her life.

Rose had been a self employed hairdresser in South Plainfield for many years.

She had been a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and had been a member of the South Plainfield Polish National Home.

Surviving are three daughters, Lisa Outten, Cary of N.C., Teresa McNamara of Newton, Pa. and Patricia Hayeck of Roselle Park and her loving companion Ronald Hudasko. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Rose M. (Laquino) Riccardi, 73

Rose M. (Laquino) Riccardi died on Sunday, Aug. 23, at her home.

Mrs. Riccardi was born in Plainfield and has resided in South Plainfield since 1948.

During WWII, Mrs. Riccardi had worked as a stock clerk at the former Mack Truck Co. in Plainfield and then went with Eastern Aircraft Co. in Linden where she worked in the bearing dept. Af-

ter the war, she worked as a waitress for Nat'l Coffee Shop in Scotch Plains and later she worked as a waitress in the Colonial Restaurant, also in Scotch Plains. She retired in 1965.

Mrs. Riccardi was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, where she was a former member of the Altar Rosary Society.

She was predeceased by her sisters Mary Giovino, Sarah Ronzo and Catherine Palmieri and her brothers August, Patrick, Anthony and Gregory Laquino.

Surviving are her husband Fiorvanti "Foo" Riccardi, two sons, Gregory F. Riccardi of Piscataway and Patrick A. Riccardi of South Plainfield; two sisters, Loretta M. Quagliarello and Angela Ventriglia, both of South Plainfield and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Hospice Program would be appreciated.

Raymond F. Scott, 77

Raymond F. Scott died on Thursday, Aug. 13, at Community Medical Plaza in Glendale, Arizona.

Born in New Jersey, Mr. Scott had resided for most of his early life in Scotch Plains and later in Piscataway before moving to Florida in 1973. He had spent the past 23 years in Colorado before settling in Congress, Arizona for the past year.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served in the Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Scott had been a self employed mason for many years in the Central New Jersey Area before his retirement.

He is a former communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

His first wife, Marie (Hellebrand) Scott, died 10 years ago. He was also predeceased by his two brothers, Paul and Al Scott.

Surviving are his wife, Gayle (Hemmenway) Scott of Congress, Arizona; two sons, Wayne P. Scott of Piscataway and Raymond G. Scott of South Plainfield. Also surviving are three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held in Wickenburg, Arizona.

Virginia A. Ashmead, 74

Virginia A. Ashmead died on Tuesday, Aug. 18, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in South Plainfield, she has been a lifelong borough resident.

She had been employed as a

quality control supervisor for Revlon Company, formerly of Edison for 20 years, before retiring in 1993.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and a former member of the church's Rosary Altar Society.

Surviving are her husband, George P. Ashmead; two sons, George Ashmead of Toms River and Robert Ashmead of South Plainfield; a daughter, Patricia Lake of Somerset and a sister, Mary Gonzalez of South Plainfield. Also surviving are eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Lottie H. (Margalski) Pesta, 88

Lottie H. (Margalski) Pesta died on Thursday, Aug. 13, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Pesta was born in Nanticoke, Pa. and had resided in South Plainfield since 1941, until moving to Piscataway in 1997.

She had worked for the former Markay Bag Co. of Plainfield and later in South Plainfield, for over 20 years in production. After her retirement in 1980, she worked part time in the cafeteria in the Greenbrook School System for four years.

Mrs. Pesta was an active member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, where she was a member of the Rosary Altar Society.

Her husband, Andrew M. Pesta, died in 1988. She was also predeceased by three brothers, Frank, Leo and Joseph Margalski.

Surviving are three daughters, Marion Alvarez of Bonita Springs, Fla.; Barbara Fetchina of Piscataway and Diane Moshier of Piscataway; a son, Ronald C. Pesta of South Plainfield; a brother, Edward Moskal of Middlesex and eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Joseph B. Garofola, 79

Joseph B. Garofola of South Plainfield died on Friday Aug. 24, at his home.

He was born in New York City and was a former, resident of Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 50 years ago.

Mr. Garofola was a construction foreman for the Carpenters Union Local 221 in Elizabeth for 35 years before retiring in 1981.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was predeceased by his wife

Mary Russo Garofola, who died in 1992.

He is survived by a son, Louis P. Garofola of South Plainfield; two daughters, Maryann Longo of Macungie, Pa. and Josephine Leach of South Plainfield. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

Doris M. (Longfield) Niemczyk, 68

Doris M. (Longfield) Niemczyk of South Plainfield died on Friday, Aug. 14, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Irvington and was a former resident of Iselin before moving to South Plainfield 46 years ago.

Mrs. Niemczyk was a secretary for Westinghouse in Edison for 15 years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Iselin and was a 28 year member of the choir. She was one of the original members of the Bible study group. She was also a Girl Scout leader at the church for the Woodbridge Council for many years.

Mrs. Niemczyk was a volunteer for the Middlesex County Meals on Wheels out of JFK Medical Center in Edison and a member of AARP.

Mrs. Niemczyk was the secretary for the Wednesday afternoon ladies bowling league at the Brunswick Edison Lanes in Edison.

She was a life member of the Polish National Home in South Plainfield.

She is survived by her husband Thomas E. Niemczyk; three daughters, Cynthia May Niemczyk-Hodges of Brimfield Mass., Debra L. Sullivan of Asbury and Catherine Spagnuolo of Fanwood; her sister, Hazel Cooper-Reight of Whitting; her brother, Melvin Longfield of Tuckerton and three grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations maybe made to the National Cancer Institute, Bldg. 31 Room 11A-16, 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MA 20892 in her memory.

Jose G. Padilla, 76

Jose G. Padilla died on Saturday, Aug. 15, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Mr. Padilla had come to New York City as a child and resided most of his life in the city. He later resided in Metuchen before entering the N.J. Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park 10 years ago.

He retired over 20 years ago from Johnson & Johnson of New Brunswick where he had worked as an electronics technician for many years.

Prior to J&J, he had worked for Gullon Industries in Metuchen as an electronics technician. He was an Army Veteran of WW II and Korea.

Surviving are two daughters, Valerie Dziepak-Cavill of Metuchen and Joyce Babin of Phoenix, Az.; two sons, Joseph Padilla of Edison and Louis DuBon of Somerville, S.C. Also surviving are eight grandchildren.

Private cremation was under

the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Daniel J. DiMaria, 66

Daniel J. DiMaria died on Monday, Aug. 17, at Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Born in Freeland, Pa., Mr. DiMaria lived in Bound Brook before moving to South Plainfield in 1979.

Mr. DiMaria had been a self employed tile contractor in the Central New Jersey area for the past 46 years.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Mr. DiMaria was a member of the Italian American Progressive League of South Plainfield.

He is predeceased by his two brothers, Anthony and Ralph DiMaria.

Surviving are six daughters, Dana Kennedy, Danielle DiMaria, Denise DiMaria, Doreen DiMaria, Devon DiMaria and DaniJo DiMaria, all of South Plainfield; a son, Michael DiMaria of Bound Brook and a sister, Mary Louise Hartman of Pa. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Brittanni Kennedy and Daniel C. DiMaria.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Vera I. (Ackerman) Mueller, 72

Vera I. (Ackerman) Mueller died on Monday, Aug. 17, at the Genesis Elder Care Woodlands Care Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Mueller was born in Plainfield and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 45 years.

She had been an injection machine operator for the Lerner Plastics Co., which later became Loreal Plastics of Garwood. She was with the company for 38 years before her retirement seven years ago.

She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local 132 of Plainfield and a former member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

For many years, she was an avid bowler and had been a member of various leagues in the Greenbrook Lanes and in the Strike 'N Spare Lanes, also in Greenbrook.

She was predeceased by her son, Clifford Mueller.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Modafferi and April Booth, both of South Plainfield. She is also survived by four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Chapter, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08818.

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POLICE REPORT

• Jersey Oil on Park Ave. was burglarized on the evening of Aug. 29. Someone knocked out the window pane at the front door, then reached in and unlocked the door. The burglars took numerous packs of cigarettes and then broke into a desk and removed money and calling cards. In all a total of \$1,760 was stolen.

• Police were called to the Polish Home on the report of a fight. Two patrons had words over a past girlfriend and it escalated into a fight. One of the men pulled a knife and waived it around. The bartender disarmed him and called police and an arrest was made.

• During a motor vehicle stop, police arrested Cassius Blue from Westfield. He was charged with an expired license and had four outstanding warrants, totalling \$1,510.

• K-Mart called police when a customer struck the manager. The customer had left a bag which contained merchandise from another store on the counter and when she returned it was gone. She want the store to reimburse her. When the manager refused, the woman threw her baby in the stroller and struck her. She was arrested and charges with simple assault.

• Howard Bennett from Orange was arrested after a motor vehicle stop. Mr. Bennett had numerous outstanding warrants, including assault. The outstanding warranties totalled

\$6381.

• A resident on Plainfield Ave. reported her house was broken into. The burglar tried to enter through the basement window, but could not get in. He then used a garbage can to climb into the the bathroom window after breaking the screen and window. The burglar stole several rings and a pearl necklace valued at \$5,300.

• Home Depot reported someone stole four power washers and a generator from the rear of the building valued at \$1,500.

Letter

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ennial Tree." Residents of the area fondly recall how it was decorated for every fourth of July.

Another major issue was the square-foot coverage of the proposed buildings; depictions offered to the Board were not clearly indicative of what might be built.

On the motion of the Chairperson, John Hogan, this request has been tabled to Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. Area Residents should mark their calendars to attend this meeting to see that the integrity of these landmarks and the quality of the neighborhood are maintained.

SINCERELY,
MARIA SELIGA



PartyLite Consultant Veronica Lowich (left) with Senior Regional Vice President Cynthia Vail (right).

Local Resident Attends PartyLite Nat'l. Conference

Local resident and independent consultant with PartyLite, Ronnie Lowich, recently attended the annual PartyLite National Conference in Washington, DC last July. PartyLite Gifts, Inc. is the world's leading direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories.

Donation

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always looking for volunteers, if you'd like a unique way to give to the community, call (908) 754-2343.

Update: It has been announced that George and Edith Goodrich have recently made a matching donation to the Fire Department. Watch for more on this and a spotlight on George and Edith in our next issue.

Computer Corner

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TIP: Also check out the CT (computer telephony) applications on the shelves these days. Voice quality is as good as you get over a regular telephone and keeping in touch with friends and relatives becomes simple and free. Combine that with a video camera and over your cable modem connection, you've got a real time video-phone "conversation" going. Very nineties, don't you think?

Well, we're running out of time and space for this issue. Don't forget the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade next week. The *Observer* will be one year old and celebrating. Stop by and say hello to Nancy and Susan who have worked so hard to bring South Plainfield's news back to town. I'll be around too. You'll see me leading the South Plainfield Elks in the parade and I'll also be around the *Observer's* table to sign autographs, kiss babies and shake hands (only kidding). Hope to see all of you there. Plan on a great day in town and terrific fireworks at night. And, of course, when that's all over; good luck to all of our kids this year in school and to our teachers as well. Work hard and do well! It's worth it.

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By Briggs Longbothum

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ship. Kenny, who will be attending Kean University this semester, will be majoring in education.

The Lions Club of South Plainfield, formed in 1947, has numerous functions, such as our Labor Day in the Park, Gourmet Breakfast on Palm Sunday, and White Cain Day to name a few. Proceeds from these fundraisers go to support South Plainfield and its citizens via scholarships, donating eye glasses and exams for those less fortunate and various other activities associated with sight and hearing impairment.

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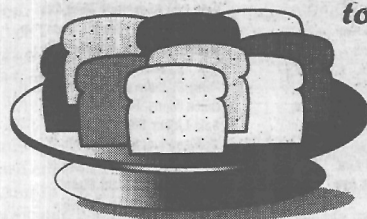
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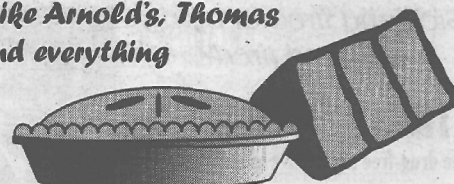
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