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## Downtown Facade Improvement Introduced

A facade improvement program has been announced for the downtown area. Businesses on Front St., Hamilton Blvd. and a portion of South Plainfield Ave. will be eligible for a low cost loan and matching grants will be offered to improve the buildings.

This program is an innovative approach to improving the physical appearance of the center of downtown district. With the as-

working relationships between the public and private sector and ultimately increase South Plainfield's business base and desirability.

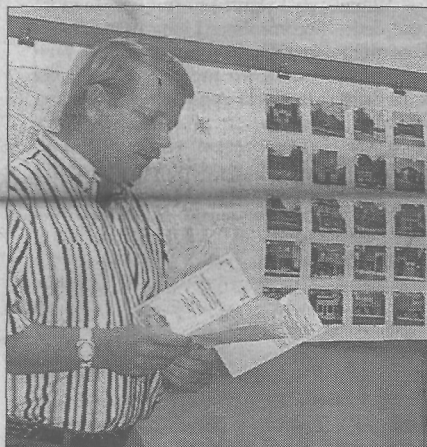
The Borough will commit up to \$40,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for individual grants and Columbia Savings Bank has committed \$500,000 in the form of low-interest loans.

Business owners located in OBC-2 Zone can apply for funding. The Borough will have available matching grants of up to \$5,000 per application for exterior facade improvements. The applicant will have to provide 50% of the total cost of renovation and the grant will provide 50%, not to exceed \$5,000.

The applicant may seek funding for the match or

for any other exterior facade improvement by applying for a low-interest loan from Columbia Savings Bank. Terms of the loan are prime rate minus 1% with loan amounts from \$3,000 to \$50,000 per application. The repayment schedule is up to seven years. Origination fees will be

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Mike Zushma explains the facade program.

sistance of Community Development Block Grant Funds and the support of Columbia Savings Bank, businesses and property owners will be offered a combination of grants and loans for improvements to their buildings and storefronts. It is hoped this program will improve the quality of downtown structures, foster



Chief Steven Merkler presents Todd and Bennett Sinclair with a Certificate of Appreciation for their heroism. On August 17, a motorist was stranded on the railroad tracks at New Brunswick and New Market Aves. The Sinclairs were stopped at the railroad gate crossing and noticed an approaching train. They quickly exited their vehicle and without regard for their own personal safety, ran to the vehicle on the track, removed the stranded motorist from his truck and pulled him to safety. Within seconds the train struck the vehicle, pushed it several hundred feet and destroyed it.

## Maxim's Celebrates Grand Opening

On Saturday, Oct. 3, Maxim's International Farmers Market located in the former A&P building at 3600 Park Ave. and Oak Tree Rd. will officially open its doors.

To celebrate their Grand Opening on Saturday and Sunday, a total of 5,000 1-1/4 pound live lobsters will be given away with a purchase of \$50. Also there will be 20,000-25 pound bags of Jasmin Rice and 20 pound bags of long grain rice given away with a purchase of \$100. On Saturday and Sunday the first 300 customers in line will receive a bag of rice free with a purchase of \$75. Giveaways are limited. (See store for details)

This new food extravaganza

will represent a multi-cultural assortment of cuisines and individual gourmet food specialties. The store will feature a 12,000-square-foot fresh produce department



that will, in the tradition of a farmers market, offer local produce specialties, certified organic fruits and vegetables, as well as a unique variety of ethnic produce, herbs and spices.

Maxim's Seafood Department will feature a large variety of fresh and salt water live fish, as well as shellfish in 15 fish tanks. Also they will have live crabs, shrimp and much more. Customers will make their seafood selection and have it steamed, boiled or fried at no extra charge while they shop.

A 5,000 square foot bakery department will feature the best of French, American and Spanish style freshly baked cakes, cookies, pastries, in addition to wedding cakes baked to order and an Asian/Oriental style bakery, featuring exotic baked goods and desserts.

Also in the market will be large fresh and frozen packaged-food sections, along with a fresh meat and poultry department, including a full service deli counter offering a wide array of cold cuts and a dairy department.

Maxim's will also offer a food court, offering a choice different styles of cooking. A Japanese style sushi-bar and kitchen, an International/American homemade soup-bar, Northern and Southern Italian specialties, assorted Asian foods, several styles of Chinese

food (Mandarin, Cantonese, Szechwan and more), Spanish and Mexican dishes, a Latin-salad bar and authentic Indian style vegetable dishes.

For the tea-lovers and coffee connoisseurs, Maxim's has set aside a special section dedicated to these warm soothing beverages with 150 kinds of teas to choose from, including herbals from around the world and a full service cappuccino bar.

For dessert shoppers can select from a wide variety of freshly juiced fruits and vegetables at the juice bar including pineapples, mangos, oranges, papayas, strawberries, carrots, tomatoes and the like.

There will also be a large variety of coffee beans, including Jamaican Brew and Hawaiian Kona and their own house brand ranging in prices starting at \$3.99.

Maxim's is open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## Don't Forget! CANDIDATES DEBATE

For Candidates  
for Mayor and  
Council

October 15, 1998

7:00 p.m.

South Plainfield H.S.

Questions from the  
audience are welcome.

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(Left to right) Tookie Harris, Paulette Giroux, Murial Harris, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Rusty Spooner, Stan Martin and Joe Massa standing in front of the walking bridge that will eventually lead to the Historical Society Museum. See additional photos on page 6.



## In my

## OPINION

Dear Editor,

As I was driving around South Plainfield the other day I thought about how much has been accomplished during the four years that Dan, Gallagher has been our Mayor. As I drove down Lane Avenue onto Plainfield Avenue and made a left onto Maple Avenue I realized that everyone of those streets have been repaved during the last four years. I came to the new traffic light at Maple Avenue and Front Street and remembered the back ups that used to take place in the mornings before that traffic signal was installed along with the new turning lanes. I then proceeded down Maple Avenue to Park Avenue and was pleased to see that after years of talk there will be turning lanes and turning arrows installed so that traffic won't back up for miles during rush hours. I then went down Park Avenue to Oak Tree Avenue and made a right turn onto Oak Tree Avenue to the Intersection of Oak Tree and Front Street. Again, finally after years of talk that intersection was widened last year so that you can make a left hand turn without backing up traffic for miles. I made a right turn and went to the newly restored center of town. For as long as I can remember everyone talked about revitalizing the center of town. It's only under Mayor Gallagher's leadership that something's been done about it. I then proceeded from the center of town to Church Street I made a left on Hamilton Boulevard and proceeded up to Hadley Road. Everyone of those streets that I just mentioned has been repaved during the last four years under Mayor

Gallagher.

In fact, 50 streets have been paved, all on a pay as you go basis. When I got to Hadley Road I made a right towards the Middlesex Mall. I thought what it was like four short years ago when Hadley Road looked like the dark side of the moon and was dangerous to drive on.

Before you go to the voting booth on Election Day, I suggest that you also take a ride around South Plainfield. It won't take long to realize what a terrific mayor Dan Gallagher has been and why it's important that all of us get out and vote for him and Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto on Election Day.

**SINCERELY,  
WALTER KALMAN**

Dear Editor:

You know the old saying "What a difference a year makes." Well in South Plainfield, the saying should be "what a difference five years make." The progress that has been made since Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Dennis Cerami were elected is tremendous. Over 50 roads have been repaved and improvements have been made to Putnam Park, Veterans Park, the PAL building and Borough Hall, as well as many others. I am extremely impressed that they have been able to accomplish so much without borrowing one cent. I urge everyone to vote for the Democratic team of Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Dennis Cerami, and Darlene Pinto. We deserve nothing but the very best!

**SINCERELY,  
FRANK FERRINO  
MAPLE AVE  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

Dear Neighbors,

I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 309 and currently working on my Eagle Scout Project. For my project, I have selected to go to Newark on Saturday, Nov. 28 and distribute food, clothing and toiletries to 200 homeless and poor individuals. On that day we will visit Lincoln Park, the YWCA, and the Carlton Hotel where these people will await our assistance.

The food needed will be donated by local restaurants and prepared by members of the troop and their families.

I have asked several large corporations, local dentists, doctors and pharmacies for toiletries and many have generously donated. The items that are still needed are trial size items of the following: deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, hand cream and shaving cream. The clothing most needed is casual pants/blue jeans.

These people depend on donations for survival. Without our help it would be impossible for these individuals to live. By doing this project I am attempting to help close the gap between urban need and suburban plenty. Therefore, I am asking for your assistance. If you have any of the above items to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would be so kind as to drop off these items at 267 Pearl Place, South Plainfield or contact me at (908) 755-3735 to arrange for pickup.

Thank you in advance for your help.

**SINCERELY,  
LEE STELLAKIS**

To Gary Hamrah,

On behalf of the staff and students of South Plainfield High School, I wish to formally and officially thank you for your recent donation of weight lifting/conditioning equipment.

Your donation of this firstline equipment was a significant step in our ability to upgrade the conditioning facilities available to our students. This equipment will be used extensively by students in our physical education classes and members of our athletic teams, along with those students who participate in our year round conditioning programs. We estimated that the value of the equipment was in the neighborhood of \$8,000 if we were to attempt to purchase it independently. Clearly, such an upgrade would be beyond our capabilities without your generosity. Gary, this has been only your most recent act of courtesy and benevolence towards South Plainfield High School. Thank you! By separate letter, I am informing the Superintendent and Board of Education of our good fortune.

My confidence in our community's support of its schools is

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bolstered by actions such as yours. Thank you again.

**SINCERELY,  
ANTHONY F. MASSARO  
SPHS PRINCIPAL**

Dear Residents:

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding during the storm of Sept. 7, and its aftermath.

We were confronted with hundreds of downed trees, electrical wires, transformer fires, branches, damaged homes, damaged cars and blocked roadways. Throughout the early afternoon, late into the night and next day, our Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Zushma, along with our Police Department, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Public Works worked feverishly to restore order to our Borough.

As Mayor I am angry at the lack of adequate response from Public Service Electric & Gas Company. Throughout Monday night and Tuesday morning, not one work crew was dispatched to South Plainfield despite repeated requests for assistance. Public Service Electric & Gas management could not provide information as to when we would receive assistance. While I sincerely appreciate the dedication and hard work of their field crews who spent countless hours working to repair the damage, it is the management of Public Service Electric & Gas that I hold accountable for their failure to mobilize a workforce and respond to our emergency demands.

We have some six residents on life-support systems requiring generators, which were provided by the Borough as Public Service could provide no assurance as to when service would be restored.

I have filed a formal complaint with the Board of Public Utilities demanding that Public Service Electric & Gas Company design and implement an emergency action plan, detailing responsibilities, response schedules and deployment of personnel and equipment to be able to meet the needs of our residents.

I have asked that this plan be presented to our Emergency Management Coordinator, Police, Fire, Rescue Squad and Governing Body to provide assurance of needed assistance

during emergencies.

I thank you for what you have done during the emergency.

**BEST WISHES,  
DANIEL J. GALLAGHER  
MAYOR BOROUGH OF SP**

To the Editor:

As a business person in the town of South Plainfield, I admire and support the Democratic candidate, Darlene Pinto, for council. Personally I have known Darlene for nearly 15 years. While I can declare her one of the most loyal, dependable and trustworthy of friends, I have to say that her endearing qualities extend from her personal life into that of business. It is her involvement with the local business environment that I would like to discuss.

My recollections of Darlene extend back to her banking days. Her devotion in its earliest form is something I am sure many people in South Plainfield can think back and remember.

Personally, I remember her ability to help all people and to make each person special and important. Her desire to over-extend herself for her customers was something that I recognized at an early age as being a quality I wanted to emulate. In more recent times I have been actively involved with Darlene in various town projects through the Business Association including the railcar project, downtown revitalization, the golf outing, the business newsletter and a membership drive. Darlene is one of those individuals you have to admire. While still maintaining her dedication to an ongoing family business, Darlene decided to implement one of her ambitions of owning her own business. From its inception in 1996, with the advice of family and friends, Darlene has continued to nurture and flourish in her business.

Her continued dedication and ongoing commitment to excellence demonstrates a loyalty that is admirable. Her highly motivated personality often enhances her ability to get the job completed to the fullest degree. She embraces tasks and executes plans with effortless devotion. Even the smallest detail is put into focus. She is highly efficient and extremely well organized in all that she does. She has touched

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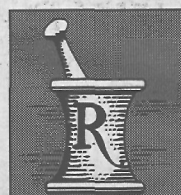
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## BOROUGH NOTES

## Council News

■ Ray Petronko said the planned renovations for the P.A.L. Building are moving forward. They include a 100 x 120 Butler Building to be added to the existing building. The weight room and front offices will be expanded and the electrical system will be updated.

■ Ray has met with Sgt. Mike Grennier about improving the networking of computers in Borough Hall. A committee has been formed and plans to meet in the near future.

■ South Plainfield will be requesting \$500,000 in discretionary aid from the state.

■ Comcast Cable has donated \$1,500 toward the Labor Day Parade expenses.

■ Karen Hogan has resigned as a 911 telecommunications operator.

■ Peter V. Magnani, Jr. has been hired as a full-time Police Communications Operator effective Tuesday, Sept. 29. Peter has previously been a part-time operator.

## Planning Board

■ The Villages of South Plainfield was granted preliminary site plan approval to construct an apartment complex consisting of 12 buildings with 252 units. This case, which has been carried from four previous hearings, was voted on and passed. The builder submitted final plans to the satisfaction of the Board.

■ The Board voted to dismiss the application of Joseph Fazano of New Market Ave., because he failed to appear when scheduled.

## Board of Adjustment

■ Holiday Inn has filed suit against the Board of Adjustments challenging its approval of a use variance from Main Stay Hotel. The proposed hotel will be constructed on New World Way at the site of the old Lean Line property. It is also located near the Holiday Inn, Motel 6 and Days Inn Motels. Holiday Inn claims the developer did not prove a variance should be issued for the site. The site is located in an industrial zone.

## Domestic Violence Exhibit At Middlesex Mall

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Program is conducting an all day

exhibit on Oct. 10 at the Middlesex Mall located on Hadley Blvd.

Please join this group in their effort to raise community awareness.

## Father Thomas Ganley Joins Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church recently announced Father Thomas Ganley will be joining the church as an associate priest.

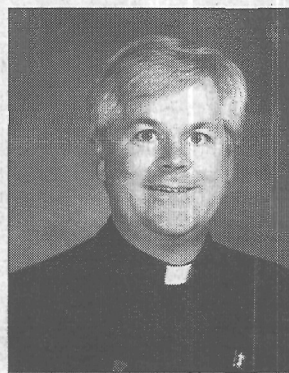
Born in Elizabeth, Father Tom is a graduate of the University of Scranton and studied for the priesthood at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained a priest in 1984. For the past 13 years Father Tom has worked with church groups, the Youth Ministry and various parish organizations.

During the last seven years Father Tom has been involved with Divine Mercy Devotions as a

charismatic priest and member of the Fraternity of Priests. Over the last two years his specialty branched into life and spiritual seminars, bible studies and Divine Mercy Healing Masses.

Presently Father Tom is enrolled at Seton Hall University in the Master of Arts in Judo Christian Studies Program. His parents, Edward and Teresa Ganley, reside in Flemington and his brother Ed, Jr. resides in Ewing Township.

Father Tom notes his motto is, "Have mercy, will travel."



Father Thomas Ganley

## Residents Reject Developer's Plans

Developer Bill Wilkins returned to the Planning Board asking to sub-divide and build four houses on property which extends from Pershing Place to Bullard Place.

The property is said to have several old trees, some of which date back over a hundred years. The developer has agreed to preserve two of the trees.

Residents objected to the construction of four homes on lot widths just 60 or 75 feet wide, saying the homes on each side on Bullard Place have property lines of 100 feet wide or more. Walter K. Abrams, the attorney representing the applicant, entered into evidence a map showing homes

in the area that are located on less than the required width. John Hogan, Board Chairman, was not impressed with the map, saying past decisions on lot size would not affect the Board's decision in this case. He also said he felt the builder is proposing to construct too many houses on the lot. He felt three houses would be better than four.

Mayor Gallagher reiterated what John Hogan said. He said he would vote no to four houses on that lot. Mr. Abrams then asked for a continuance so he could bring in a planner to further explain his case. Mayor Gallagher thought Abrams should

come prepared with a planner.

The session was opened to the public with the understanding that the public would be able to speak during the next hearing. Most residents felt four houses would be too many for this size lot; they preferred just two houses. Residents also objected to the ancient trees being removed. One of the trees the builder proposed to keep will be only 25 feet from the front of the house, "a sure death to that tree," said one resident. Future flooding was also a concern because so many trees and shrubs would be removed.

The Planning Board continued the case until the Oct. 13 meeting.

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# events around town

## Republicans to Hold Fashion Show

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will be holding their 5th annual "Fall into Fashion" Fashion Show and Brunch on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Metuchen Country Club in Metuchen from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fashions will be presented by BJ's Dressing Room in Scotch Plains and the Answer in the Menlo Park Mall.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Linda at 756-6519 or Maryellen at 755-4014. The price of a ticket is \$35.

## Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary to Sponsor Fashion Show/Brunch

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor their Annual Fashion Show/Brunch on Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Polish Home on New Market Ave. Doors will open at 12 noon. Fashions are by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman. Raffles will feature holiday baskets, a weekend at the Double Tree Hotel and many more exciting prizes.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by calling (908) 754-8275 or from any member of the auxiliary.

## Roosevelt School Annual Craft Night

Roosevelt School will be sponsoring its annual Craft Night on Friday, Oct. 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. Call Michele Kunie at (908) 753-0124 or Lori Jankoski at (908) 756-9477 for an application.

## AARP Chapter 4144 to Hold OctoberFest

AARP Chapter 4144 of South Plainfield is having an OctoberFest on Thursday, Oct. 22 at the Haubrau House in Atlantic Highlands. The tickets are \$40 which includes dinner, tips, taxes, transportation and entertainment. Also, on the way home, there will be a stop at Delicious Orchards in Potts Neck where you will have the opportunity to shop for a variety of

spectacular deserts for Thanksgiving or whatever you choose. For more information, call Mary at (732) 752-3764 or Lee at (732) 968-6613.

## VFW Post Plans Country Breakfast

A Country Breakfast will be held on Oct. 4 at VFW Post 6763 located on Front Street sponsored by Pup Tent 41 Military Order of the Cootie from 8-11 a.m. The cost is a donation of \$4, take-out is \$4.50. A children's menu will be available. For further information, call (908) 668-9751.

The Military Order of the Cootie is the Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign War. Pup Tent 41 holds ward parties once a month for the patients at Lyons VAMC.

## Pumpkin Decorating at the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their Annual Pumpkin Decorating Activity on Oct. 24 for children ages five to 10. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Contact Eileen Boosmann at (908) 756-1803 if you would like to donate pumpkins, paint, buttons, old jewelry, sewing notions, etc., for the children to use. Required registration for the event will begin on Oct. 9 at the library.

## Historical Society Hosts Pampered Chef

On Friday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m., the South Plainfield Historical Society will be hosting a Pampered Chef demonstration

as a fund-raiser for the Museum Fund. The event will be held in Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd. Snacks created using some of the utensils will be provided to those who don't know what you and the Pampered Chef can do together. Anyone interested in attending or placing an order from the catalog may contact Linda at 908-754-2386 for more information.

## Spaghetti Dinner at Czestochowa

Our Lady of Czestochowa Rosary-Altar Society is sponsoring their Annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Our Lady of Czestochowa Hall, 905 Hamilton Boulevard, from 4 pm to 8 pm. The cost is adults-\$7. each, senior citizens-\$6. each, children 5-12, \$3.50 each and children under 5 are free. For reservations or tickets, Call Millie at (908) 757-3925 or Mary at (908) 757-4490.

## Polish Home Halloween Party

The Polish National Home is holding its Annual Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 24. There will be music, prizes, finger foods and an open bar. For further information call 668-9442.

## Columbiettes Sponsor Bus Trip

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a bus trip to Reading, Pa. on Saturday, Nov. 7. The cost is \$15 and in-

cludes bus, \$100 in coupons, a food court coupon and bus driver gratuity. Seats are limited.

The bus will leave from the Knights of Columbus Hall at 334 Hamilton Blvd. at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. En route to New Jersey, the bus will stop at the Cracker Barrel for an early dinner (not included) and will include time to browse in the country store.

For reservations or information, call Mary Ann or Helen at (908) 757-8332.

## Czestochowa Plans Special Trip

The Ladies of the Rosary Society from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish are sponsoring a special trip to "Pinegrove Dude Ranch" in Pine Grove, New York on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Nov. 4-5-6.

We must have reservations to keep those dates available. The food is great, the rates are exceptionally good and the fun is guaranteed.

Cost of trip is Double-\$160

each, Triple-\$150 each or Single \$205 each. A deposit of \$25 is necessary to make your reservation. Come on a get-a-way trip — complete relaxation before the holidays. For reservations or additional information, please call Isabelle at 561-6367.

## Franklin School Fall Harvest Festival

Franklin School is holding its first Fall Harvest Festival on Oct. 17, from 9-4.

Flea Market and craft items are welcome. Tables are available for \$10. For more information call Mary Sacks at 756-6543.

## Polish Home Sponsoring Bus Trip

The Polish National Home is sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Oct. 18. The bus leaves the Polish Home parking lot at 11 a.m. The trip cost is \$15. Vouchers for \$17 at the casino and \$2.50 for food will be given.

For reservations call, Ann at 561-6551 or Emily 757-3428.

## Pampered Chef Date Correction

The date stated in the previous issue of the *Observer* for the "Pampered Chef" program to be held at the First Baptist Church on Hamilton Blvd. was incorrect. The correct date is Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

To have your organization included in events around town, submit your information to the *Observer* editorial department at 530 Union Ave. Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax to 732 805-0815.

## October

# 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Taxpayers Advisory Group 7 p.m. Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Borough Council Agenda Meeting 8:00 pm	Friends of the Library 7:30 p.m. in the Library Board of Adjustment 8:00 pm	Business Advisory Group 6:30 pm. Court 9:30 am	Copy Deadline for <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i> Helen Street Public Meeting 4-7 p.m. Borough Council Meeting 8:00 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Council Agenda Meeting 8 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting 7:30 p.m. at High School Library Library Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Planning Board Meeting 8 p.m.	Environmental Comm. 8:00 pm Cultural Arts Comm. 8:00 pm PAL Court 9:30 am & 7:00 pm	 Candidates Debate High School 7 p.m. Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Land Management Advisory Committee 7:30 p.m.	Board of Adjustment 8:00 pm	Court 9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Borough Council Meeting 8 p.m. Copy Deadline for <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>		

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## HIGH SCHOOL

## SPORTS

## BOYS SOCCER

Spotswood 3, South Plainfield 0  
South Plainfield 6, Middlesex 1

Goals were made by: Edwin Diaz (2) and Trevor Willis (2), DeLuccia (1) and Eric Johnsen (1).

So. Plfld. 2, New Brunswick 0

Goals were made by Trevor Willis and Edwin Diaz.

## GIRLS SOCCER

South Plainfield 2, Spotswood 0

Shannon Bishop scored two goals, including one just five minutes left in the game.

So. Plfld. 11, New Brunswick 1

Scoring two goals was by Carolyn Schweers and one each were Wilcox, Curcio, Colicchio, English, Bishop, D. Schweers, Insante, Regan and Howells.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Old Bridge 2, South Plainfield 1

Metuchen 1, South Plainfield 0

## TENNIS

South Plainfield 5, Monroe 0

In singles Alison Barrett d. Cristina Venerucci 7-6 (7-4) 6-0; Jill Catarino d. Jessica Stockum 6-0, 6-1 and Erin Walter d. Sherri Kapler 6-0, 6-0. In doubles Leyna Bollwage/Judy Wang d. Kim Fuher/Heather Abramowitz 6-1, 6-1 and Pattie Walter/Prachi Rustogi d. Violetta Guberman/Meredith Blumenstock 6-0, 6-0.

South Plainfield 5, Mother Seton 0

In singles Alison Barrett d. Michelle Sampson 6-3, 6-3; Jill Catarino d. Caitlan O'Shea 6-2, 6-2 and Erin Walter d. Annabelle Dela Paz 6-2, 6-2. In doubles Leyna Bollwage/Judy Wang d. Jocelyn Tordecilla/Jennille Trinidad 6-3, 6-2 and Patty Walter/Prachi Rustogi d. Rosellen Rajan-Kristin Munectan 6-2, 6-0.

## Tigers Lead Fall Baseball Leagues

Submitted by John Atcachunas

The Fall Baseball Tigers are in first place in the Merrill Park/Fords League. They have a 6-1 record half-way through the season.

They defeated Bishop Ahr 14-3, Woodbridge 11-3, Roselle Park 14-3, Linden 4-1, Middlesex 10-8 and Edison 8-6. Their only loss came from Perth Amboy, 8-1. The team is led by seniors: Mike Vito leads off, who plays centerfield, and is 1-0 on the mound. Chris Atcachunas bats second, plays first base and has three no decisions in three pitching appearances. Mike Kapsch bats third, has two home runs, plays shortstop and is 1-0 pitching.

Pat Sarrullo hits fourth, plays second base and has a 2-0 pitching record. The ace of the staff, All County Pitcher Steve Bucchinagno, is 2-1 on the mound, bats fifth and also plays shortstop. Chris Malecki catches and hits sixth. Sophomore Sam Alexander plays third base and bats seventh. Junior Joe Scotto plays left field and bats eighth. Senior Kevin Krystopik bats ninth, plays right field and has two no decisions in two pitching appearances.

Freshman Bizup is the designated hitter batting tenth. The team is managed by Head Coach John Atcachunas in his third year. He has compiled a record of 25-10 with two appearances in the league's play-off finals. He is assisted by Coach Steve Bucchinagno, Sr. and Coach Sam Alexander Sr. The team plays Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Sundays 12:30 p.m. through Oct. 18. The umpires are South Plainfield Police Officer James Darby and Kennedy School Principal Al Czech.

## South Plainfield Football Eagles Results

SEPT. 20 VS. MAPLEWOOD

Mighty Mites

Maplewood-7 So. Plfld.-0

Jr. Pee Wees

Maplewood-6 So. Plfld.-7

Jr. Midgets

Maplewood-0 So. Plfld.-8

Midgets

Maplewood-14 So. Plfld.-12

SEPT. 27 VS. SOMERSET HILLS BULLDOGS

Mighty Mites

Somerset Hills-5 So. Plfld.-25

Jr. Pee Wees

Somerset Hills-0 So. Plfld.-13

Jr. Midgets

Somerset Hills-6 So. Plfld.-20

Midgets

Somerset Hills-0 So. Plfld. 18

**Mighty Mites**—defensive standouts were Tim Gaughan, Kyle Darr, Mark Wagner, Brad Martin and Michael Kress.

The standouts in offense were Tim Gaughan, C.J. Loiacono, Robert Gentile and Mike Muglia.

**Jr. Pee Wee**—defensive standouts were Justin Huffsmith, Chris Pollin, Tom Whalen and Jim Conroy.

The standouts in offense were Tom Deshaine, Connor Obrien, Mark Hankiewicz and Kyle Lendach. The touchdown was scored on a pass from Tom Deshaine to Connor Obrien. The extra point was no good.

**Jr. Midget**—defensive standouts were Dave Gerena, Nick Jefferys, Jimmy Keane and Joey Jaghab. The standouts on offense were Mat Finn, Guy Severini, Raj Jainarine and Jeffrey Toolan. The touchdown was scored on a pass from Mat Finn to Dave Gerena. The two point conversion was a run by Gerena, who also had two interceptions.

**Midget**—defensive standouts were Phil Derosa, Steve Maione, Mike Towers and Steve Johnson.

The standouts in offense were David Jacobs, Eric Forde, Steve Porcelli and Phil Derosa. Touchdown pass from David Jacobs to Mike Weiczorek. Recovering fumbles were Phil Derosa and Steve Johnson.

**Flag**—defensive standouts were Kyle Kaczka, Matt Cesare, Kevin Smith and Mike Wagner. Offense standouts were Elizabeth Martin, Ed Sullivan, Daniel Whalen and Nick Okosko.

**Mighty Mites**—offensive standouts were Tim Gaughan, Tim Durnak, Benny Gibson and Steven Cornish.

The defensive standouts were Vinnie Stark, Matt Schenck, Ace Schoenly, Kenneth Yefko, Tim Lester and Patrick Hunter. Touchdowns scored were two by Tim Gaughan and one each by Tim Durnak and Benny Gibson.

**Jr. Pee Wee**—offensive standouts were Tom Deshaine (touchdown), Justin Huffsmith (touchdown), Jeff Oslay and Bryan Hunt.

The defensive standouts were Mike Jakubik, Kevin Crilley, Sam Martin and Jeff Cianfrocca.

**Jr. Midget**—offensive standouts were Guy Severini with two touchdowns, Watkins with a 70-yard touchdown run, Michael Cappella, Kyle Baker and Greg Krylowski.

The defense standouts were Jimmy Bataille, Joey Jaghab, Anthony Fierro and Paul Ritchey.

**Midgets**—Offensive standouts were Marcellus Abrams (touchdown run), Steve Maione (touchdown run) and Kyle Prendergast (touchdown) pass from David Jacobs.

The defensive standouts were Eric Forde, David Spayder, Steven Porcelli and Frank Wrubleuski.

**Flag**—Standouts were Nick Heilmann, Kristopher Baker, Edward Sullivan and Matt Galinsky.

## NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick Competition Results

The results of NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick Competition held at the South Plainfield Eagles field are as follows:

**Girls 8/9 year old**—first place went to Allisson Huffsmith.

**Boys 8/9 year old**—first place went to Benny Gibson, second place to C.J. Loiacono and third place to Daniel Espin.

**Girls 10/11**—first place went to Kathryn Ruhnho.

**Boys 10/11**—first place went to Anthony Fierro, second place

to Bill Merkler and third place to Andrew Miller.

**Boys 12/13**—first place went to Guy Severini, second place to David Gerena and third place to Robert Hoffmann.

**Boys 14/15**—first place went to Marcellus Abrams, second place to Frank Wrubleuski and third place to Steven Porcelli.

First place winners will advance to sectional competition. Time and place to be announced at later date.

## Youth Basketball League Registration

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is holding registration for Youth Basketball League.

The league is open to all South Plainfield residents ages 7-14 as of Oct. 1, 1998.

The games are played Saturdays at the Middle School. Practices are at coaches' discretion, weekday afternoons and evenings at various locations. The fee is \$30 per participant. Birth Certificates are only required for registrants who have not participated in a

Recreation sponsored Youth League in the past 24 months.

Register at the Recreation Office, located in the PAL Recreation Center on Maple Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registrations will be accepted until 8 p.m., Oct. 19. The Recreation Office will also be open from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5 and Oct. 19.

For more information call 908-226-7713.

The Observer  
is seeking a writer  
to cover local sports.  
Call 732-469-4380.

## Sacred Heart Church

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Very Rev. Michael A.  
McGuire, Pastor

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Saturday Evening Mass 5:45 p.m.

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

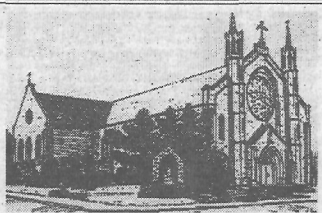
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

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



## RECREATION

## Soccer Results

Indians—C League  
Second Season Game

(7-4) Victory

(1-1) Record

Great Defense from Chris Hartje, Brian Erhardt and Christopher Izzi.

Scorers were Allison Huffsmith with three goals, Aaron Wright with three goals and Jose Charneco with one goal.

Third Season Game

(9-1) Victory

(2-1) Record

Great defense from Chris Hartie and Molly O'Brien. Scorers were Aaron Wright with four goals, and scoring one goal each were Chris Ascencio, Jose Charneco, Justin Dittmare, Keith Heckel and Allison Huffsmith.

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to see the scores of your team in our paper, please fax us at 732-805-0815 or mail them to 530 Union Ave., Ste 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846.

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# Obituaries

## Robert T. Cobb, 72

Robert T. Cobb, formerly of South Plainfield, died on Friday, Sept. 18, at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

He was born in New York City and was a former 40 year resident of South Plainfield and a former resident of Doylestown Twp. before moving to Warrington, Pa. nine years ago.

Mr. Cobb was a captain in the South Plainfield Police Department for 28 years before retiring in 1977. He was a 1975 graduate of the FBI Academy and a 1976 graduate of Rutgers University where he received his BA in Criminal Justice. He was a member of the PBA Local 100 in South Plainfield and was a member of the SPPD Pistol Team and served as tactical squad leader. Mr. Cobb became Chief of Police for Doylestown Twp. Police Department in 1977. He was a member and past president of the South Eastern PA Chiefs of Police Association and the Bucks County Chiefs of Police Association, the International Intelligence and Organized Crime Investigators Association and the National Association of Chiefs of Police.

He was a member of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department and the South Plainfield Exempts Firemens Association and New Jersey Exempts Firemens Association.

He was a founding member and president of the South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles. He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War in the US Marine Corps where he received a purple heart in the Philippines. He was a member of the VFW Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield. He

was a former cub scout master for Troop 224 in South Plainfield.

He was predeceased by a son, Bruce D. Cobb.

He is survived by his wife, Monica Jennings Cobb; four sons, Robert A. Cobb and Johnathan T. Cobb, both of Warrior Run Pa. and David T. Cobb and Mical T. Cobb, both of Warrington Pa.; a daughter, Deborah Spessart of Doylestown, Pa.; two brothers, Gary R. Cobb of Exeter, Pa. and Richard T. Cobb of Newhope, Pa. and six grandchildren.

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

Donations in her memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## Joseph "Joe" J. Crescenzi, 51

Joseph "Joe" J. Crescenzi died on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Lyons.

Born in Plainfield, he had resided in South Plainfield for most of his life. He had resided at various times in Tampa, Fla. and in Forked River before he entered the VA Medical Center.

He was employed as a dental assistant for many years working for area dentists and dental laboratories.

Mr. Crescenzi was a 1965 graduate of South Plainfield High School. After his graduation, he entered the US Marines Corps where he had received his Dental Assistant Certification.

He had served a tour of duty in Viet Nam with the 106th Heavy Artillery Unit of the Marine Corp. He was honorably discharged in 1969 with the rank of Sergeant.

His father, Vincent Crescenzi, died in 1994.

Surviving are his mother, Rose Marie Crescenzi of Bricktown; a brother, James Crescenzi of South Plainfield; two sisters, Rita Roznowski of Martinsville and Debbi Campanelli of Bricktown and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## Frank N. Guoth, 66

Frank N. Guoth died on Friday, Sept. 25 at Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Born in South Plainfield, Mr. Guoth had resided here in his early life before moving to Jamesburg. He had resided there before entering Rose Mountain Care Center in New Brunswick in 1992.

He is predeceased by his sister, Helen McGonegal, who died in 1996.

Surviving are his sister, Anna Apgar of Duncellen and his brother, James Guoth of South Plainfield. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## Risa D. Johnson, 30

Risa D. Johnson died on Thursday, Sept. 17, in Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown.

Born in New Brunswick, she had resided in Plainfield and St. Louis, Missouri and had returned to Plainfield before moving to Edison three years ago.

Ms. Johnson had been employed as a Chief Financial Coordinator for AT&T of Basking Ridge for the past 10 years.

She was a founding member and President of the Sister Circle Book Club of Edison. Ms. Johnson was a League Member of AT&T. She was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, both of Basking Ridge.

Ms. Johnson was a 1997 graduate of Middlesex County College in Edison where she received her Culinary Arts Degree and was considered a chef.

Surviving are her soulmate and loving companion, Linda H. Manley; a daughter, Betty C. Woods at home; her mother, Cecilia Johnson of Plainfield; her father and stepmother, Willie B. and Carolyn Goods of Somerset; her paternal grandmother, Freddie Mac Goods of Somerset; four sisters, Elise Styles of Allentown, Pa., Yuruba Perkins of New Brunswick, Kenaya T. Goods and Sacara S. Jordan, both of Somerset; three brothers, Willie B. Bester of New Brunswick, Willie B. Goods, III of Pennsylvania and Ezra J. Goods of Somerset and a very close friend, Tracey Lunon of New Brunswick.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## Pauline Cartinella, 72

Pauline Cartinella died on Tuesday, Sept. 22, in her sister-in-law's home in South Plainfield.

Born in Piscataway, she had resided in South Plainfield and Linden before moving to Piscataway in 1996.

She had been employed as a meat wrapper for the Shop Rite Supermarket in Dunellen for 20 years before her retirement.

Mrs. Cartinella loved to do arts and crafts and had enjoyed shopping, especially at garage sales. She was also an avid animal lover and had collected porcelain dolls.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary for the past two years.

Her husband, Alfano Cartinella, died in 1986. Her brother, Louis F. Cantamessa and her sister Constance Guoth have also predeceased her.

Surviving are four nieces, Joanne Eroglu, Dianne Mills and Nancy Colvard, all of Piscataway and Patricia Fizar of South Plainfield; a nephew, Jeff Cantamessa of South Plainfield and a step daughter, Katherine "Kate" Cartinella of East Brunswick. Also surviving are many other nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews residing in the Central New Jersey area.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Hospice Program.

# Interactive Computer Corner

By Briggs Longbothum



I've heard it said that when a dog bites a man it is not news, but that the opposite always is. That's just another way of pointing out the unusual as being newsworthy. In that vein, and with my apologies for being a bit late, I'd like to be one to go to print with a word of thanks for our town's cleanup efforts after the Labor Day storm. To be sure, a lot of us were left with major inconveniences, but let's consider the good side too. Just a few short weeks afterwards, we are all cleaned up and back to normal. Very few surrounding towns bounced back as well and as quickly as we did. I believe the coordinated efforts of all involved paid off handsomely and showed us what we can do when we need to. South Plainfield did well and you won't soon hear me complaining about things around town.

Getting back on track here, I want to mention a few more good help resources for those needing support with computer issues. I know it's easy and customary to call someone else, but you would be amazed how simple it is to solve your computer problems for yourself these days. We've already covered the wealth of online and CBT (computer based training) subjects available for everyone to learn how to handle most of the problems they'll ever encounter. Here's one that's even simpler and, in some ways, better: Just listen to the radio! WCTC, 1450 AM, carries an interactive program called "On Computers." This show airs on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

The "On Computers" show is supported by Dell Computers who provides a free call-in tech support line (1-800-677-0874) during the show. You can call in with any question or problem in any computer area and they'll help you at no cost. You can even call into the show itself at (1-800-827-7777) and go live on the air with your situation. You may also send Email to them at [oncomputers@msn.com](mailto:oncomputers@msn.com), or check into their website at [www.oncomputers.com](http://www.oncomputers.com). (Now if more of my

friends read this column and followed some of this advice...)

**TIP:** When seeking assistance with a problem, first go to your own "Help" button in the upper left of your screen. Search through the index and explore some the suggestions given there. You'll very likely learn a bit more about your own system, and you'll be able to give more intelligent feedback to those who you may ultimately have to call on for further aid.

Last issue I delved into the realm of voice recognition software. I did hear (from a call-in to the "On Computers" show) that these programs work better with faster computers and with more RAM. The listener who called in suggested CPU speeds in the 200+MHz range and memory capacity (RAM) of 64MB and up! Again, if any readers know, or have used such programs, please share your impressions and knowledge with all of us.

**TIP:** For anyone needing research help for term papers, etc., here are some good web sites to look into: [www.clearinghouse.net](http://www.clearinghouse.net), [www.studyweb.com](http://www.studyweb.com), [www.lehigh.net/zuzu/genlink/htm](http://www.lehigh.net/zuzu/genlink/htm). Don't forget the venerable Strunk & White's *Elements of Style* at [www.columbia.edu/acis/bartleby/strunk](http://www.columbia.edu/acis/bartleby/strunk). With all this online help available for researching term papers etc., I can't imagine anyone spending the time we "older" folks had to spend in libraries doing our "homework."

**TIP:** To be sure you're not late with term papers and other important dates try [www.getreminded.com](http://www.getreminded.com). It's free, and leaves you with one less reason for not remembering.

**TIP:** Here's a last minute item for high school seniors. Go visit [www.pbs.org/jobs/teenindex.html](http://www.pbs.org/jobs/teenindex.html). This is good guidance source for help in planning your future. Good luck!

By the way, now that we have the Internet available in our schools, let's hear from some of our students and teachers as to how it's working out for everyone. Best wishes to all of kids in school this year. See you next issue.

## ELKS NEWS

The Men and Women of the South Plainfield Elks wish all of our town's children success this year in school. This is your opportunity to learn lessons and patterns that will serve you

throughout life. It's not just what you are taught, but that you can learn it anyway! Do well now so that you may do well later. We believe in you.

The Elks are hosting an International Buffet on Saturday Oct. 24 beginning at 6 p.m. The menu will include dishes from around the world. Tickets are available for \$10 each. Children under 10 years dine free with a parent. Come join us and bring a neighbor or a friend for a delicious evening. Additional information is available from the Lodge on New Market Avenue or call (908) 668-9750.

## In My Opinion

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so many lives in the business community and continues to do so with abandoned faith. She will pitch in on a moment's notice and can often be seen climbing ladders and vaulting roofs just to get the job done. She is one of rare people who are sincere in what they do. Once she gives you her word she will always stand behind it. Upon reflection, we encourage all businesses and the residents of South Plainfield to support Darlene Pinto. Her dedication, ongoing values and morals are what we are all looking for. Remember to vote for Darlene Pinto, Councilman Cerami and Mayor Gallagher.

SINCERELY,  
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SOUTH PLAINFIELD



By James W. Conroy

## A FLORAL TRIBUTE

Is it any wonder that people instinctively give flowers as tokens of sympathy? There seems to be something inherently spiritual about their natural beauty, as if they were unspoken words of comfort from Heaven. At the same time, they speak of the transient nature of Life and how all things must pass, no matter how beautiful or significant. From bud to bloom to fallen petal, flowers seem to represent the human condition in microcosm. No one who either gives or receives flowers can overlook their significance. As Robert South once remarked, "There is not the least flower but seems to hold up its head and to look pleasantly, in the secret sense of the goodness of its heavenly Maker."

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## POLICE REPORT

• Days Inn located on Stelton Rd. reported the theft of a television and blanket by one of their guests.

• A shoplifter was arrested at Pathmark after he ate various food products amounting to \$8 without paying.

• A truck parked on Plainfield Ave. was broken into by smashing the right side window and opening the door with a hatchet which was found near the truck. Taken from the truck were boxes of cookies and snacks valued at \$129.295 and a display rack.

• A resident on Cotton St. reported that someone smashed the driver's side of her Corvette and removed the portable top. She later reported that a camcorder and a 35mm camera were also missing.

• A shopper at K-Mart reported

ed dropping her purse on the floor of the store and several items fell out. She picked them up, however a short time later she noticed her wallet was missing. She went back to where the purse had dropped and found her wallet minus \$300 and two credit cards.

• A gas powered welder that was on a trailer parked on South Clinton Ave. was stolen. The value of the welder was \$5,000.

• Ricochet Health Club reported that at least nine lockers were broken into. Someone used a pry tool to gain access into the lockers and took \$290.

• During a routine motor vehicle stop, Phillip Tanks, a resident of Plainfield, was arrested on an outstanding contempt of court warrant in the amount of \$564.

## Downtown Facade

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waived. All applications for loans and grants will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. An applicant may apply for a grant, a loan or both.

One major advantage of participating in this program is the grant money does not have to be paid back, except in certain cases of the business closing or property sale. In addition, the terms of the loans available through this program are much better than most business or property owners could obtain individually.

Grant and loan funds under this program must be used exclusively for exterior facade improvements. The following are examples of work which qualify: correction of exterior code violations, painting and siding, signs and awnings, exterior repairs, door and window replacement, shutters, trimwork and landscaping. However, site amenities such as paving of parking areas and sidewalk repairs will apply only to loans.

An applicant's 50% match, when provided by his or her own funds, may be met with other types of building improvements, such as: correction of interior code violations, HVAC system replacement and general interior renovation and repairs. Other types of work may qualify. All applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis for participation.

Through this program, limited free design assistance will be provided from the Borough of South Plainfield Office of Community & Economic Development. Many publications, videos, slide shows and other materials are available that may also be of assistance. The Borough will help in any way to make the best use of your funding.

When you complete and submit your application for funding, the Office of Community and Economic Development will determine what type of professional services you will need. If approved, you may be eligible for an additional grant of \$500 to pay for architectural services. The department also keeps a list of contractors to assist you in getting bids.

The Borough is committed to making this program as simple as possible by helping businesses get the required permits and approvals quickly and easily. In most cases of exterior facade work, no Board appearance will be required.

Applications for loans and grants may be obtained by writing: Borough of South Plainfield, The Borough of South Plainfield Office of Community & Economic Development, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080, c/o Michael Zushma or call 908-753-3775. Mr. Zushma recommended that applicants apply for their loan first.

Loan applications only are available at: Columbia Savings Bank, 620 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or by calling Carolyn Allen, Branch Manager at (908) 757-1005.

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## Police Conduct Surprise Search At High School

On Friday, Sept. 25 at 8:30 a.m., the South Plainfield Police Department, along with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotic Task Force, conducted a K-9 locker and vehicle search at the South Plainfield High School. The operation was done at the request of and in cooperation with school officials which included school Superintendent Guy Ferri and South Plainfield High School Principal Anthony Massaro. The operation was in response to community concerns of the possibility of narcotics being sold or possessed on school property.

The operation resulted in the seizure of a small amount of narcotics (marijuana). There was one

on-scene arrest of a seventeen-year-old male student. The search included both floors of the school as well as the entire parking lot.

K-9s from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, US Coast Guard, Woodbridge Police Department, Carteret Police Department and Sayreville Police Department were utilized for the operation. A total of seven dogs were on the scene.

This operation is a sign of the cooperation between law enforcement and school officials in combating the problem of drug use by the youth of our community. The police department and school officials are looking forward to this continuing cooperation.

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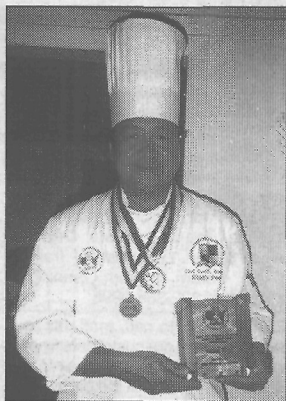
# Local Chef Steals Show At National Convention

The American Culinary Federation, the premier association of American chefs since 1929, hosted its annual convention. Over 3,000 of the world's best chefs gathered in Anaheim, California for the spectacular event.

The convention wrapped up with a "Peanutty Creations Contest" sponsored by The Peanut Institute. Award-winning chefs incorporated heart-healthy peanuts into scrumptious desserts. The top four finalists received monetary prizes and trophies from the Peanut Institute, the coveted medals of honor from ACE, as well as cheers from fellow chefs.

One such winner was Chef Raul Rodriguez of South Plainfield, a chef-instructor and placement counselor of Elijah's Promise Culinary Arts Training Program of New Brunswick. His creation which won him the ACF medal was chosen as the best-tasting and unique dessert and received the Second Place Trophy. It was named "A la Capari."

Chef Raul, who is also a recipient of awards and recognition in the International Culinary world, has been helping the South Plainfield community through his tal-



**Chef Raul Rodriguez**

ent in culinary arts. The events include Garde-Manger Demonstration in the Public Library, Culinary Arts Program in Adult Education in the South Plainfield and After School Cooking Program in Sacred Heart School. His new venture is the Culinary Arts Program for the Knights of Columbus which will involve the councils in the Central New Jersey.

The prize winning recipe, "A la Capari," can be obtained by writing to Chef Raul Rodriguez, Elijah's Promise, 18 Neilson St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901

# Friends of the Library: A Reminder and a Thank You.

The Friends of the Library would like to remind everyone that their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is held at the library and the public is invited. The Friends are always looking for more people to join us in activities and events that support the library.

The Friends would also like to thank all the people who have donated to the Change for the Children's Room jar. In the past few months, as the result of the

contributions and in conjunction with the library staff, several items for the Children's Room have been purchased. The items purchased include a new globe, new Arthur stories and audiotapes and other audio story tapes. We are planning to purchase more items in the future.

# Free Wood Chips Available

The South Plainfield Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. has wood chips available free of charge. Currently there is no limit on the amount. No loading or transportation service is available, however, so be prepared to do your own loading.

The Yard Waste site is open Tuesdays noon-7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

# Rescue Squad Answers 56 Calls

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad responded to 156 calls in August, including 114 emergencies, 26 motor vehicle accidents, nine fires, three hazardous materials calls, three transportations and one mutual aid request. Volunteers spent more than 383 crew hours answering the August calls.

# Local Residents in Haunted Village

South Plainfield residents Pamela Cianfrocca and Christopher Abbott will appear in the 5th annual Haunted Village in Somerset. Pam and Chris will perform in a Halloween play/tour for children. The script was written by South Plainfield resident Patricia Abbott,

who will also be performing in a tour of the woods. Dates are October 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 6:30-10:00pm, \$7 adults \$6 children. Haunted Village is located on the grounds of the NJ Renaissance Kingdom, exit 10 off 287, Davidson Ave. For info, call 732 271-1119.

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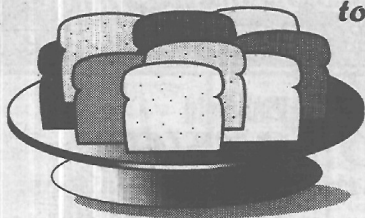
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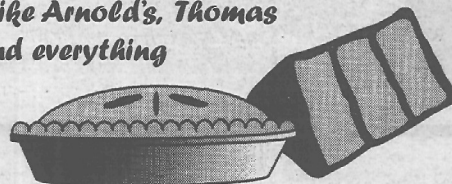
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## FREE DESSERT! (Buy two, get one free)

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