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Manyel El has her nails polished at Franklin School's Harvest Fest. See story and photos, page 11.



Erin Boosman, Taylor Boosman, Lisa-Anna Migliore, Rudacia Thomas, Vincent DeCindio and Maria DiCindio display their painted pumpkins at the Friends of the Library Annual Pumpkin Decorating Activity. See page 2 for additional photos.



Joey and Ellen show off a Halloween pumpkin they received at the Lions-sponsored luncheon for the Keystone Community Group. See related story on page 3.

Candidates Face Off in Debate

'98 Vote

Candidates site differences; qualifications

The five candidates running for the two council seats, Councilman Dennis Cerami, Darlene Pinto, Hank Grabarz, Sue Kristopik and William Hogan, along with mayoral candidates Mayor Dan Gallagher and challenger Jake Cataldo, met at the only debate of this campaign on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the High School. The debate was sponsored by the South Plainfield Business Association. The moderator for the evening was Business Association member Tony Consalvo. Other members served as hosts, collecting questions from the audience.

Although senior citizens were well represented, the debate was poorly attended by the general public.

Questions debated included traffic problems, the newly approved apartments, privatizing and shared services with the Board of Education. Also asked were questions about senior housing, a new senior center and tax relief for seniors.

Candidates debate

Dennis Cerami, Darlene Pinto, Sue Kristopik and Hank Grabarz were in agreement that senior housing and a senior center were needed. William Hogan, Independent candidate for council, said even though there is a need for senior housing, he would not approve any expenditures by the Borough at this time.

When asked if the Council candidates believed in a balanced budget, William Hogan answered



Councilman Dennis Cerami, Darlene Pinto, William Hogan, Hank Grabarz and Sue Kristopik.

with one word, "Yes." All other candidates agreed, but Sue Kristopik added if the Borough plans to initiate a large project, it should borrow the money.

Hank Grabarz explained he was not part of the former Republican administration that Democrats blame for creating a \$20 million debt. He said that he neither borrowed the money nor raised the municipal budget.

Sue Kristopik, who spoke as a resident who lives and works in town, said she is concerned about the local traffic problems. She also wants to see developers take on the burden of added services when

they plan to build here.

William Hogan said this election is all about "direction" and he is running because he doesn't like the "direction" this town is heading. He feels South Plainfield is a ticking time bomb—the 252 unit apartment, new townhouses, sanitary sewer system problems, PCBs on Hamilton Blvd. and recurring flooding problems.

Councilman Dennis Cerami applauded what this council has done in the past few years, including the paving of 50 roads (including Hadley Rd.). He added the Democratic Council has done

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It's a boy, it's a boy, It's a girl, it's a girl...



Danielle Lacasale and Stephanie Theresa, the youngest of the Lacasale quadruplets.

By Patricia Abbott

The stork has landed! Danielle and Joseph Lacasale are the proud parents of quadruplets. On Tuesday, Oct. 20 South Plainfield's newest residents arrived via C-section.

Step aside Yankees, the quadruplets stats are in! Anthony Patrick arrived at 1:15, weighing in at 3 lbs. 12 oz., 16 1/8 inches; Joseph Frank 3rd arrived at 1:16 weighing 3 lbs. 2 oz., 16 1/8 inches; Patricia Loretta was delivered at 1:17. She weighed 3 lbs. 11 oz., 17 1/8 inches and Stephanie

Theresa made the last entrance at 1:18, weighing 3 lbs. 10 oz., 17 1/4 inches.

All of the babies are doing well and breathing on their own. The babies were born at 32 weeks and one day. "This is very good," Danielle explained. For multiple births such as this, the average is 28 weeks and the babies are usually small at this point. Danielle came home last Saturday. The babies, however, will remain a bit longer.

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Mayor Proclaims Halloween Curfew

I, Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield, do hereby proclaim that a curfew of 7 p.m. on Mischief Night, Friday, Oct. 30 be imposed and enforced for all minor residents of the Borough to protect residents and their properties.

I further proclaim Saturday, Oct. 31 as "Trick or Treat Day" in the Borough with all trick or treat activities to be conducted between the

hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

I also ask that young children be accompanied by parents or other responsible adults. I further request that householders indicate their willingness to welcome children by keeping their porch or exterior lights on and that youngsters call only on homes that are lighted. I encourage the cooperation of all citizens, young and old, in making this a happy and safe

occasion for children.

Because there have been, in recent years, incidents of children receiving and consuming articles of food or candy that have been tampered with by the inclusion of dangerous items, it is recommended that parental supervision be extended to include insistence that children do not consume any "treats" until closely examined by their parents.

NOV. 3 IS ELECTION DAY—GET OUT & VOTE!

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

It's Time to Cast Your VOTE!

During the past few months we have published many letters providing opinions on the candidates in the upcoming election. We have also published the candidates views on the issues. We covered the one and only debate. Read the story of the debate on page one, along with the numerous letters and a column from both the Democrats and Republicans on pages 6 and 7.

It's time to make your choice and vote. It's still the best way to express your views. Democracy is alive. Prove it by casting your vote on Nov. 3.

BOROUGH NOTES

Council News

■ The renovations to the intersection of Durham and New Durham Aves. will begin shortly. The \$800,000 project will include a traffic light which should be finished by the end of the year.

■ Ray Petronko reported the first meeting of the Technology Committee was held. A committee was formed to improve communications and solve computer related problems at Borough Hall. Ray said the committee mapped out procedures for reporting computer problems and plans to meet again in the near future.

■ The South Plainfield Environmental Commission received an Award from ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) for the booklet written on the Veterans Park Nature Trail. Congratulations!

■ Junior firefighter Shayne Lugo has satisfactorily completed the requirements to be placed in the Ride-A-Long program for Junior Firefighters.

Planing Board

■ The hearing concerning Bullard Place/Pershing Place has been postponed until Dec. 8.

■ Approval of preliminary and final site plans were given to Bett-A-Way on Sylvania Ave. Bett-A-Way is a distribution company for Snapple and Arizona Tea.

Board of Adjustment

■ Pilgrim Covenant Church on Park Ave. was granted a use permit for an all day kindergarten and before/after school care, with conditions.

■ Lo-Rain, Inc. of Sage St. was granted preliminary and final site plan to store trucks and paving machines on their site.

■ Omnipoint Communications, Inc. who is asking to erect a wireless communication unit on the existing water tower, has been continued until Nov. 5.

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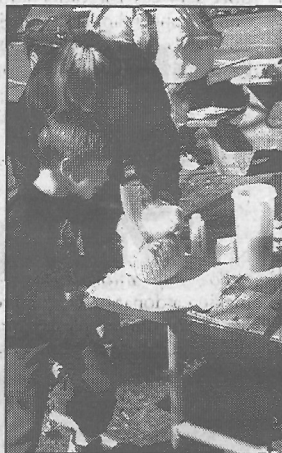
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Pumpkin Decorating at the Library

The Friends of the Library sponsored its annual pumpkin decorating activity last Saturday. The turnout was great and the kids spent an the morning demonstrating their creativity and imagination by making unusual pumpkins. Copolas Farm located on New Durham Ave., donated the pumpkins.

Photos by Eileen Boosmann & Barbara Ware



Tricks for a Happy Halloween!

By P.O. John R. Alles

Halloween may be an enjoyable holiday for kids, but it can be a bit tricky for parents. Concerns about your children's safety, whether they are out in the neighborhood or back home with their bags of goodies, can blacken an otherwise fun day. Here are some safety tips that can help you relax and better enjoy the holiday.

Make sure your kids dress up safely. Check that the costumes are flame retardant so little ones aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns.

Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls or other bumps in the night.

Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks tend to be hot and uncomfortable, and can also obstruct your child's vision — a dangerous thing while crossing streets or using stairs.

Make sure kids wear light colors or wear reflective tape if they will be out at night.

Trick or treaters should stay in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real life goblins! Parents should accompany very young children.

Make trick-or-treating trouble free. Make sure older kids stick in groups with their friends. Have

them map out their route ahead of time so you will know where they will be. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where lights are on, and to finish before any town imposed curfews are in effect.

Try to have your kids trick-or-treat during daylight if possible. If it is dark have someone carry a flashlight, and have your child use well lit streets.

Make sure your kids know not to enter a stranger's house or a stranger's car.

Alternatives to trick-or-treating. Parents and kids can avoid trick-or-treating troubles all together by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contest,

music, scary stories and much more. Make your Halloween party the place to be!

Checking the treats. Kids should be told not to eat any of their treats until they return home. Try to give your hungry children a snack or meal before they go out so they aren't tempted to have a snack while out trick-or-treating.

Check out all of your children's treats in a well lit area before they eat it. They should only eat unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

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In my OPINION

To The Editor:

As the Fall Baseball season draws to an end in the Merrill Park Fall Baseball League, I am disturbed at what has occurred with the South Plainfield Baseball Team.

During the last couple of play-off games, Coach John Atcachunas has been bringing in players to games who have no right to be there. Players who have worked hard each and every weekend are sitting on the bench, while players who have not played and who have not come to any games are getting playing time. It seems that Coach Atcachunas must keep a good name for himself in South Plainfield by winning at any cost, even if it means punishing players that give 110% each game.

I feel that Commissioner Gary Albertsen of the Merrill Park Fall Baseball League should reevaluate his thinking in allowing this type of ruling and coaching to occur.

CONCERNED PARENT,
JOSEPH P. SCOTTO

United Way of South Plainfield Kicks Off 1998/99 Campaign

On Oct. 9, the United Way of South Plainfield kicked off its annual fundraising campaign. Frank A. Mikorski, vice president of

campaign, announced the 1998-99 campaign goal of \$114,550.

"Raising funds is an important challenge and an investment in

our community," stated Rick Stefany, United Way board president. "When a community is working together, combining the strengths of many, its successes can be truly astonishing."

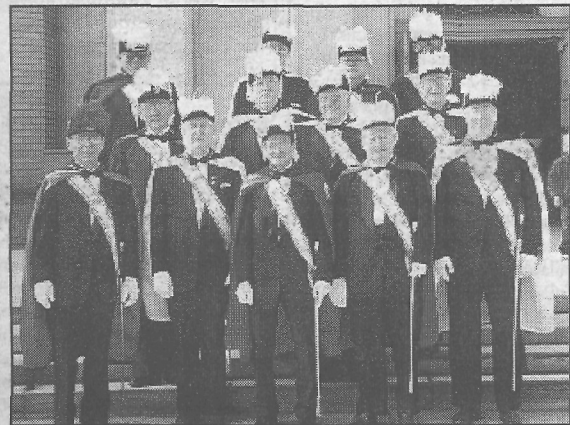
United Way of South Plainfield helps fund programs at 13 health and human service agencies which serve South Plainfield residents. These agencies provide vital services that create a brighter future for our children and youth, support services for older adults, build stronger families and neighborhoods, create independence for people with disabilities, provide immediate response to personal crisis and promote wellness and protect our health.

Once again as part of the campaign efforts, the United Way will hold their Holiday Poinsettia Drive-Watch for the kickoff on Nov. 13.

For more information about making a donation or volunteering opportunities, please contact the United Way of South Plainfield, P.O. Box 145, South Plainfield, NJ, 07080-0145; or call 908-353-7171.

Sacred Heart Celebrates Special Liturgy

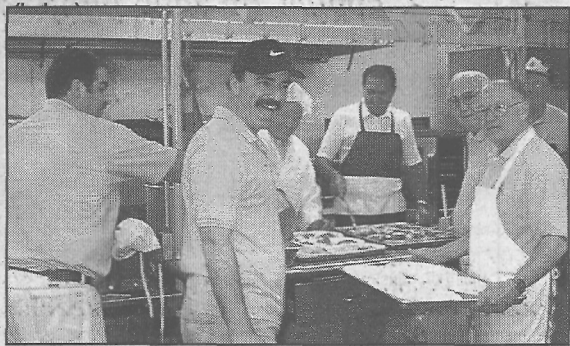
A "God's Special People Liturgy" was held on Sunday, Oct. 18 at Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Vincent D. Breen presiding. After the special mass members of the Keystone Community Group, along with volunteers who helped out at the mass, were treated to a lunch cooked and served by members of the Lions Club of South Plainfield. The group was treated to music by Bob Van Orden who played the guitar and sang while they ate. Halloween prizes and decorated pumpkins were also given out.



Pictured are the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from Assemblies, Commodore John Barry, Dunellen; San Salvatore, Perth Amboy; Holy Innocents, Edison and Bishop Charles Greco of South Plainfield who were honor guard for Bishop Breen at the annual mass for special people which was celebrated by Vincent D. Breen, Bishop of Metuchen at Sacred Heart Church.



Pictured above are members of the Keystone Community Group enjoying lunch after attending the special mass. Members of the South Plainfield Lions Club prepare the lunch.



1998 Leaf Pick-Up Program Runs Nov. 2 To Dec. 4

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The Road Department will be taking biodegradable paper leaf bags only, during the 1998 residential leaf bag program.

They will not be picking up any plastic. All plastic must be taken to the compost area at the residents discretion. This is to save time and be more efficient and to comply with composting rules and regulations.

For your convenience the compost area only will be open Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting Nov. 2 through Dec. 4. Ten free biodegradable paper bags will be available at the Public Works Garage starting Oct. 21 and ending Nov. 20. Residents MUST present the a coupon to obtain these bags. These coupons were mailed to residents, along with a map indicating the five sections of town.

With mother nature's unpredictability, please do not call the Public Works Office for leaf pick-ups as trucks will be returning to all sections throughout the leaf program. Leave all paper bags at the curb.

Compost—For disposal of leaves only—Open Nov. 2 to Dec. 4, Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Residents wishing to purchase additional paper bags may do so at a local hardware store.



Louise Abbruzzese of Lakeview Ave was the winner of the Historical Society Labor Day Quilt Raffle.

Residents Invited to View Election Night Results

All South Plainfield residents are invited to see election night results as they are being tallied on Tuesday, Nov. 3. This year, the South Plainfield Democratic Organization will be holding their traditional "Election Night Headquarters" at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at the foot of the overpass on Hamilton Blvd. and Lakeview Ave.

Mayor Dan Gallagher has in-

vited all residents, regardless of party affiliation, to join the Democrats on election night. "Unless you've attended before, it's difficult to explain the experience of Election Night...it's really Democracy in action," Mayor Gallagher said.

Results start arriving shortly after the polls close at 8 p.m. However, Election Headquarters will open at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome to come at this time.

Teachers Giving the Scoop

On Thursday, Nov. 5, South Plainfield High School teachers will be giving everyone the scoop. They will be dishing out anything anyone wants to take—in the way of food, that is. They are part of an all out effort by parents, teachers and students to raise money for South Plainfield High School's Project Graduation.

The Scoop Dinner has become an annual event in school cafeteria. Parents and students prepare a grand assortment of homemade entrees, vegetables and desserts which are dished out in scoops by the teachers and administrators.

At a cost of 50 cents a scoop plus 50 cents for the plate, anyone can enjoy a full course, homecooked meal for less than \$5. Plates are free for senior citizens.

Doors will open at 4:30 for senior citizens and 5 p.m. for the general public. Doors close at 7 p.m.

All proceeds are to benefit SPHS's Project Graduation, a program to promote an alternative to

the tradition of party hopping on graduation night. Instead, the entire graduating class is invited to attend an all night lock-in at Ricochet Health Club. They are provided with food, entertainment and an opportunity to celebrate with their friends in an alcohol free and drug free environment.

Say Thanks With Mohn's Flowers

Mohn's Flowers on Plainfield Ave. is sponsoring a "Thank Someone Special" Contest throughout the month of November.

If you have someone in your life who deserves thanks, write a letter telling why they deserve your special thanks. Mohn's will select a winner and deliver a bouquet of flowers to your "someone special". Drop it off or mail to Mohn's 2325 Plainfield Ave. by November 24.

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events around town



**1998 HALLOWEEN
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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 includes 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 8 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. En route to New Jersey, the bus will stop at the Cracker Barrel for an early dinner (not included).

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

Czestochowa Plans Special Trip

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

Cost of trip is double-\$160 each, triple-\$150 each or single \$205 each. A \$25 deposit is necessary to make a reservation. For reservations and information, please call Isabelle at 561-6367.

High School Chorus to Hold Flea Market

The South Plainfield High School Chorus will hold their 1998 Town Flea Market on Saturday, Oct. 31 in the SPHS gym. The event runs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Along with the many vendors, the chorus will provide live entertainment, 50/50, door prizes, a live DJ, a concession stand, scavenger hunts, games and prizes. Support the SPHS Chorus and enjoy an afternoon of fun before the trick or treating begins. Vendor spaces at \$15 are still available. For more in-

formation, contact Mr. Tracy Murray at (908) 755-4620, ext. 287.

"Christmas Spectacular" Bus Trip Planned

The Recreation Dept. is planning a bus trip to the "Christmas Spectacular" at Radio City Music Hall on Thursday, Dec. 10. The bus will leave the P.A.L. parking lot at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. The cost is \$60, adults; \$48, children under 16 and \$65, nonresidents. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Seating is limited to the first 46 registrants. To register visit the Recreation Office located in the PAL Building or call (908) 226-7713.

Patient Appreciation Day Will Benefit Food Drive

Carone Chiropractic and Holistic Center is having a "Patient Appreciation Day" and "Food Drive" on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2325 Plainfield Ave., Suite 2-H from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Drs. William and John Carone are inviting their patients to join them along with their staff to say thank you for their patronage and to introduce potential new patients to Chiropractic and Holistic modalities. There will be four drawings for prizes, along with refreshments and face painting for the kids.

All are welcome and nonperishable donations will go to So. Plainfield Welfare Department to be distributed to families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

All You Can Eat German Dinner at St. Stephen's Church

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church will hold an all-you-can-eat German style Sauerbraten Dinner on Nov. 14, 6-9:30 p.m. The menu will include sauerbraten, spaetzle, knockwurst, red cabbage, apple cake and more. Seatings are at 6 and 7 p.m.

The cost is \$10, adults; \$8.50, seniors over 65 and ages 3-10. Children under 3 will be admitted free.

For reservations, call (908) 757-4474, Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-12 noon or (908) 769-7251, Mon.-Fri., noon-8 p.m.

Seating without reservations will be as available. All proceeds benefit "Seeds of Hope," a Lutheran charity.

Come and enjoy this unique experience.

Elks Club Blood Drive Scheduled

A blood drive, sponsored by The Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the ARC and New Jersey Blood Services, will be held on Nov. 27 at the Elks Club on New Market Ave. from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society Meeting

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on Nov. 2 following the 7 p.m. Mass and Novena in the school cafeteria at 200 Randolph Ave.

The theme of this meeting is "Baby Shower". All are asked to kindly bring baby shower gifts

which will be donated to unwed mothers. All items should be wrapped and marked for a boy or girl.

Dr. John McWharther from St. Peter's will also speak on the topic of "Healthy Aging".

Election Day Dinner at Our Lady of Czestochowa

Our Lady of Czestochowa Annual Election Day Dinner will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 4-8 p.m. in OLC Parish Hall located on Hamilton Boulevard. The dinner is sponsored by the OLC Rosary Society. The cost for adults is \$7, senior citizens is \$6 and children under 12 is \$50.

A choice of three entrees will be stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes and green beans; or stuffed cabbage and pierogies; or kielbasi, sauerkraut and mashed potatoes. There will also be dessert, coffee, tea or milk. Pickup orders will be available on Nov. 3. Call Our Lady of Czestochowa Hall at (908) 753-4077.

Also available for purchase on Nov. 3 are cooked or frozen stuffed cabbage. Trays of six stuffed cabbage are \$8 each and trays of 15 stuffed cabbage are \$18.00 each. Or, you can place an order for them to be picked up the Monday before Thanksgiving.

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.

Board of Education Meeting Changes

Please be advised of the following Meeting Notice Changes: Committee of the Whole Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Board Conference Room, Administration Building on Cromwell Place, has been changed to Tuesday, Nov. 17.

The Regular Public Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the Board Conference Room Administration Building on Cromwell Place, has been changed to Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Veterans are Invited to Ceremonies

On Friday, Nov. 6, Franklin Elementary School will pay tribute to our Veterans at 1:45 p.m. in the Thomas B. Lenahan Activity Center.


All Veterans are cordially invited to be our honored guests. If you are able to attend, we will be most appreciative if you will RSVP by calling (908) 754-4620, ext. 340, so that we can assure seating.

AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting

AARP Chapter 4144 will be meet on Nov. 20 at 12:30 at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. The guest speaker will be Mr. George Paradise, recounting tales of "slips on trips" that happened during his many years in the travel business.

The Christmas meeting will be on Dec. 18 at the Willow's in Dunellen at a new time of 12 noon.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, there are jack-o-lanterns on our windows, monsters hanging from our ceiling and Martians landing at Grover's Mill, so Halloween is nearly upon us. Here's some timely news from South Plainfield Library:

Before we go into more detail about Halloween, here are a few words about a day some people look on with equal dread: Election Day. We'll be open all day Election Day, allowing you to stop in before trekking to the polls. Feel free to use our resources to check out the candidates and issues enabling you to cast an informed vote, just like the Founding Fathers intended.

As for Halloween we've got a pretty good line up of scary stories. For the adult reader, we've got books by Stephen King, Dean R. Koontz, Clive Barker and John Saul, among others, as well as stories by some guy calling himself Edgar Allen Poe. For the younger set, we've built up a pretty big collection of "Fear Street" and "Goosebumps" paperbacks, along with other similar series. For help in ending such terrifying tales, ask at the reference desk, but be sure to read them with the lights on; not only are they scary, but they're hard to see in the dark.

There are still a few days left to see the display, courtesy of Renee and Walter Pasacrita, of tea, tins and tea sets. Also, we have our three-in-one book display, featuring works on politics, Thanksgiving cooking and Christmas crafts.

The Friends of the Library will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone, both members and non-members, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Last Monday, due to recent de-

velopments, we started enforcing our revised Internet policy. Before using an Internet terminal patrons must now sign up at the reference desk, pay 10 cents per page for printouts and adhere to the thirty-minute time limit for net surfing. Also, one terminal will be reserved exclusively for reference use after 3 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. For more details, check the new Internet policy at the main desk.

Don't forget about our new Sunday opening hours, 1:30-5 p.m., and the new children's storytime schedule, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. The storytimes are for children age 3 and over and no registration is needed.

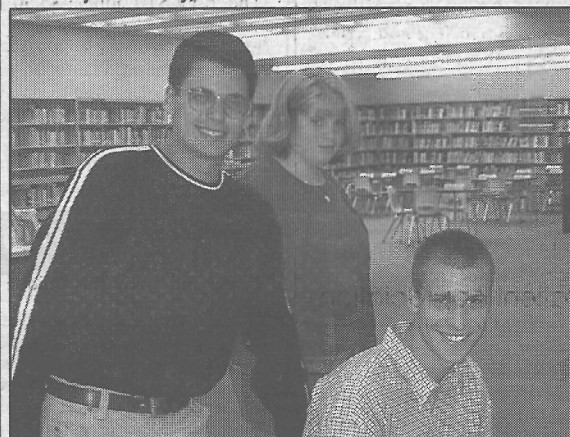
The Library will be closed all day Wednesday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veteran's Day.

Finally, our thanks to everyone for their patience during our recent closing to install the new carpet, which has gotten very good reviews thus far. We'll also be closing sometime in November to install our new furniture. We'll keep you informed of developments.

That just about takes care of this column. If have any questions, just give us a call at (908) 754-7885. Oh, before we forget: BOO!



Pictured at the ribbon cutting for the new high school web page are Bruce Berger of Promedia, Frederick M. Oberkehr, Technology Coordinator, Guy Ferri, Superintendent of Schools and Marjorie Reedy, President of the Board of Education.



Roger Vroom, Thais Petrucelli and Matt Wojcik, pictured above, along with Joe Manahan (not pictured), helped set up the high school web page. To visit to the web site contact www.spnet.k12.nj.us.

Juniorettes Make a Difference

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Juniorettes set out to make a difference for 'National Make A Difference Day' officially held on Oct. 24. The group, a volunteer youth community service organization which is a sub-division of the South Plainfield Junior Woman's Club, worked on a special project for "Make a Difference Day". The girls, ages 12-18, sought new hats throughout town which were to be distributed to children experiencing hair loss as a result of chemotherapy. The gaily decorated hats are intended to help them deal with the loss. The Juniorettes decorated the hats with ribbons and much more at their bi-weekly meetings.

The hats were delivered to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick where the Juniorettes met with the director of The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders. The girls were invited to hand out the hats to the children who were in the midst of their Halloween Party. Advisor Kathy Winner described the afternoon. "The Juniorettes opened the boxes and started showing off the hats. Before we knew what was happening, dozens of children were digging in and hats were flying! The smiles get bigger and bigger as they found some of the more unusually decorated hats." The children ranged in age from infant to young adult. The girls were delighted to pitch in and help out with the party activities. They danced and played games with the patients.

The patients found a special place in their hearts for the Juniorettes. The girls inquired about the next party for the patients and plan to return in December to help with the holiday festivities. The Juniorettes will make favors and all occasion cards for the inpatients. This experience left the girls with a feeling of exuberance and they are looking forward to working with the Institute again.

The Juniorettes are official members of the national organization GFWC. There are currently 17 members. The group was started about a year ago by Advisors Kathy Raiti, Patty Taber, and Kathy Winner. Among their many accomplishments, the Juniorettes have sponsored a "Have a Heart" Valentine's Day Dance at the PAL. Proceeds went to the American Heart Association. They assisted their sponsor organization, the Junior Women's Club of South Plainfield, with events including Candlelight Bowling and Operation Cookie/Candy.

They created hundreds of cards reading, "Be a Lifesaver, Don't Drink and Drive." An individually-wrapped lifesaver was attached to each message and delivered to local businesses to distribute to customers. They sponsored a "Wear Red Day" to emphasize the importance of drug awareness. They also held a Self Defense Seminar at Wesley Methodist Church with guest speaker, Ernie Temple.

Girl Scouts Aid Hurricane Victims

Three Girl Scouts from South Plainfield Troop #259 are currently working on their Silver Award, the second highest award in Girl Scouting. The final step in this award is planning and completing a service project.

As their project the girls have chosen to collect donations to aid the victims of Hurricane Georges. Drop-off points are at all of the Public Elementary Schools, the Administration Building, Borough Hall and the Public Library. These locations will be receiving summer clothing, non-perishable food, baby needs and personal

and first aid items.

Monetary donations are gladly welcome. Deposits should be made to Girl Scout Hurricane Relief c/o Caroline Allen, Columbia Savings Bank, Case Drive and Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

If you have any questions or would like more information, call

Cheryl Yates at 908-756-0026 Stefanie Zarra at 908-753-7697 or Mary Orlowski at 908-755-2527. Cheryl, Stefanie and Mary thank you in advance for your generosity and help in providing aid to the hurricane victims. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 10.

Police Dept. Does Not Solicit Phone Donations

Each year South Plainfield Police Department receives numerous phone calls regarding phone solicitation for donations. What they tell people is, if they want to make a donation, make it directly to a local organization.

The Police, Fire and Rescue Squad all send out letters and do not solicit by telephone. If someone calls and asks for a donation,

ask them to send something in writing about the organization and get the name of the person you are talking to and a call back number. You may also want to ask how much of your donation goes to the organization mentioned.

If you have any questions or doubt you can call the Charitable Organization Hotline at (973) 504-6215.

Rescue Squad Answers 156 Calls in September

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad responded to 156 calls in September including 127 medical emergencies, 18 motor vehicle accidents, two fires, three hazardous materials calls, three commu-

nity service requests, one transportation and two mutual aid requests.

The squad's volunteers spent more than 403 crew hours answering the September calls.

Hole in One

Art Muglia recorded a hole in one recently at the Warrenbrook Golf Club. The hole in one was on the 125 yard ninth hole.



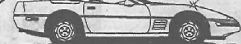
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From the Republicans

Democratic Council living a lie

"This totally Democratic Mayor and Council have been living with a lie since Mayor Gallagher began his second term of office," said Republican candidates Jake Cataldo, Hank Grabarz and Sue Krystopik. "Their whole regime has been built on half truths, distortions and creative manipulation of Borough finances, for political gain."

"Take their campaign slogan for instance," said Grabarz. "They tout their record of no tax increase this year or next. That is an insult to the intelligence of the average taxpayer in South Plainfield. A simple review of your tax bills for the complete years of 1997 and 1998 will put this lie to bed quickly. The local portion of your taxes is for municipal use and is the only part of your tax bill the Mayor and Council have anything to say about. If you add the local taxes you paid in the first half of 1997 to those paid in the second half of 1997 and then do the same thing with your 1998 tax bills, you will see for yourself. In spite of their campaign rhetoric, it is right there in front of your own eyes — *you paid more taxes in 1998 than you did in 1997! Period!*"

"Now take the next step and compare your tax bills from 1994, when Mr. Gallagher took his second term of office as mayor, to your total local purpose taxes paid in 1998. You will be looking at over a 40% increase in just four years."

"As far as the claim to no tax increase in 1999, that's government by crystal ball," said Krystopik. "Obviously this group of Democrats have been in office by themselves too long. They are starting to think they can control the unforeseen," she added.

"Another of their distortions is the concept of Democracy Day," said Cataldo. "The original premise was to allow everyone to have a vote on expenditures of over \$1 million. The reality proved to be a bit further from the truth. The very first action the Democrats took after Mr. Gallagher took office was to settle a six year sewer dispute with the city of Plainfield at a cost to you of over \$6 million in borrowed money. Did they put that question to you on Democracy Day? NO! They just moved ahead without you and borrowed \$6 million while they built their next lie — *WE BELIEVE IN PAY AS YOU GO BUDGETS.*"

"Their latest scam was to put Senior Housing development on the Democracy Day ballot. They neglected to tell you this wasn't a matter of choice. A Superior Court judge made that decision in the Mt. Laurel deliberations. We had to build it or be in con-

tempt of court and have our zoning laws struck down. Meaning anyone could build anything they wanted anywhere," said Mayoral candidate Jake Cataldo. "While they were trying to pull the wool over your eyes, they let the back door open for builders to come in. The result is 252 apartment units to be built on the south side and a new shopping center in an already congested area. We only ended up with more costly lawsuits and you know who made out there," Cataldo added.

"The only way this is all going to come to an end," said the Republican candidates "is to open the doors to local government by voting Republican next week. This five year run of totally Democrat dominance of the Council has been an expensive experiment. Electing Republicans will open government to a free and open discussion of issues," said Cataldo, Grabarz and Krystopik. "One party rule of governing is ruining South Plainfield. Let's turn it around this year. Bring back two party government — it works better. Bring back honesty and integrity. Vote for people you know and trust. Elect Jake Cataldo for Mayor and Hank Grabarz and Sue Krystopik to the Borough Council."

From the Democrats

With Election Day only a few days away, the Democratic team of Dan Gallagher, Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto reflected on the soon to be completed campaign. "One of the best things about campaigning is going door to door," Mayor Gallagher said. "This year Dennis Cerami, Darlene Pinto and I stopped at over 15,000 homes in the Borough. It gave us the opportunity to talk with South Plainfield residents on a one to one basis and find out what they want to see done in our town."

Councilperson Dennis Cerami agreed with the Mayor, "I am al-

ways invigorated by meeting with people, I'm pleased to hear that our residents are happy about "pay as you go" government and Democracy Day. The thing they are most happy about is the return to financial responsibility in South Plainfield."

Darlene Pinto echoed her running mates' thoughts, "I'm proud to be able to talk with people about the record of Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilperson Dennis Cerami which has resulted in no municipal tax increase this year. I'm particularly pleased by their reaction to our pledge that there will be none next year

either. If elected next Tuesday, I will be honored to serve on the Borough Council with quality individuals like Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilperson Dennis Cerami."

Mayor Gallagher summed up by saying "As I have told our residents when I'm standing on their front porches, Dennis Cerami, Darlene Pinto and I make one simple promise, "we will always work our hardest for the people of South Plainfield." Please be certain to vote on November 3rd and we ask your consideration for the Democratic team of Gallagher, Cerami and Pinto.

Political View

To the Editor,

I take voting very seriously and I always do my research before deciding who I will vote for. This year my research was a rather easy task. Democratic Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto will certainly be getting my vote on Nov. 3. The progress that has been made under the leadership of Mayor Gallagher, Councilman Cerami and the rest of the Democratic team has been tremendous. I cannot remember so many improvements to our roads, parks and buildings occurring at such a rapid pace. I would like to

take this opportunity to thank them and to tell them to KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

We need to continue to elect individuals who will improve our town and make us better as we approach the next millennium. On election day, Nov. 3, vote for the Democratic Team of Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto.

KAREN CESARO

To The Editor,

I was driving around town and I couldn't help but notice the big green signs all over town that state

"No Tax Increase This Year and Next Year." I remember reading on New Year's Day, 1998 that Mayor Gallagher promised that there would be no tax increase this year. He actually made a promise and kept it. What a concept! We finally have leaders who are honest with us — the taxpayers. We need to continue to elect these people. We need to re-elect Mayor Dan Gallagher and his running mates, Councilman Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto to the Borough Council.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JILL A. LARSON

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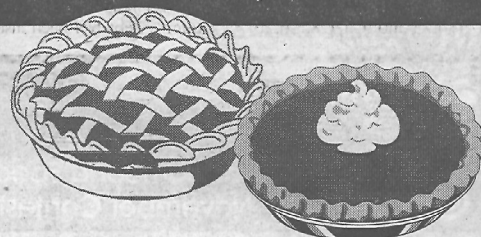
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Dear Editor,

As I finish up my first year as a member of the South Plainfield Borough Council, I look back with pride on what we have been able to accomplish in 1998. In ten short months, Putnam Park has been upgraded, a new senior van purchased, the roof at the P.A.L. has been replaced, the community pool repaired and 17 more roads paved, all on "pay as you go" basis. At the same time the Borough budget has been adopted which has resulted in no tax increase this year. No one councilperson can take credit for what has been achieved in South Plainfield. It has been a team effort led by Mayor Dan Gallagher.

With Mayor Gallagher at the helm even more will be done in 1999 including another year without a municipal tax increase. Councilperson Dennis Cerami is an important member of that team. As the councilperson in charge of public safety, Dennis Cerami has worked with our police, fire, rescue squad and emergency management office to keep South Plainfield a safe and secure town.

Darlene Pinto will be an excellent addition to our team. She is an intelligent, hard working individual who has already distinguished herself with her community service and her work on the Planning Board. Next Tuesday vote to keep South Plainfield on the right track. Vote for Dan Gallagher for Mayor, Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto for Council.

RAYMOND PETRONKO,
COUNCILPERSON

To The Editor

Nice try Mr. Vokral, but no matter whether you are talking fiscal year or calendar year, the local purpose tax which is the only portion of taxes under the control of the Mayor and Council did go up in 1998.

Using my own bills as an example in calendar year 1998, I will pay \$895. I paid \$846 in 1997. That's not an increase? If you want to compare fiscal years, I paid \$890.66 for the fiscal year ending 6/30/98. I paid \$807.60 for the fiscal year ending 6/30/97. That's not an increase?

Further proof of tax increases every year since 1994 may be found in the tax rates as certified by the Middlesex Board of Taxation. In 1994 the local rate was \$0.55 per \$100 of assessed value. The rate in 1995 was \$0.59; in 1996, \$0.66; in 1997, \$0.72 and in 1998, \$0.76.

Mr. Vokral, common sense ought to tell you that increasing tax rates translates into increases in taxes.

As a former Tax Collector, I think I know a tax increase when I see one and I trust South Plainfield voters will not be fooled by erroneous claims of a tax decrease in 1998. As for the promise of no increase in 1999, let's wait and see. As a taxpayer, I hope you Democrats finally get it right.

CHARLES C. HAUS

Letter to the Editor

I notice that the Republican slogan in South Plainfield this Year is "THINK". Well I "Thought" about it and here's what I came up with.

- Think of the 40 million dollars in debt the Republicans put South Plainfield in.

- Hear the Democrats pledge of "Pay as You Go"!

- Insist on the best for South Plainfield.

- No tax increase this year and next year if the Democrats are elected.

- Keep South Plainfield moving in the right direction.

I don't think, I know, that I'm going to vote for the people who have straightened out South Plainfield's budget so there will be no tax increase this year and next year.

Dan Gallagher for Mayor and Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto for Borough Council.

JOHN GORMAN

Letter to the Editor

On Nov. 3 the citizens of our Borough will cast their votes for a mayor and two councilpeople. This decision should not be taken lightly. The winners will lead South Plainfield into the next millennium. I firmly believe that in order for us to reach our potential as a community, we need to re-elect Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Dennis Cerami and elect Darlene Pinto to the Borough Council.

I have had the honor of serving the residents of our Borough since 1995 and I've seen first-hand how much can be accomplished with the right leadership. Mayor Dan Gallagher provides that leadership. With good leadership comes results and there certainly have been many positive results. Improvements have been completed in Borough Hall, the P.A.L. building and the Library as well as the repaving of 50 roads. Our Borough budget is actually less today than when Dan Gallagher took office on Jan. 1, 1995 and our Borough's debt has been also reduced.

Amazing accomplishments in four short years. Think of how much more will be accomplished in four more years.

Councilman Dennis Cerami joined our team in 1996 and what an addition he has been. He has been a tireless worker as the liaison to the Borough's public safety departments. Under his leadership, installation of a state-of-the-art communication system for the police, fire, rescue squad and emergency management has occurred. Councilman Cerami has also made tremendous contributions as a member of the health, welfare and the environment committee and the public works committee. His accomplishments certainly merit reelection.

Running along with Mayor Gallagher and Councilman Cerami on the Democratic ticket is Darlene Pinto. She is a one-person dynamo. Darlene will be a tremendous asset to the entire community. She, like her running mates, is a tireless worker who knows how to get results. She is an integral member of the South Plainfield Business Association and a member of the Borough's Planning Board and Sacred Heart's Home School Association. Darlene also owns a business in town and is used to making the tough decisions that positively effect the bottom line. That ability will benefit the entire Borough as we strive to continue to run South Plainfield as the 17 million dollar corporation that it is.

In closing, as you are going to vote on Nov. 3, ask yourself this question "Am I better off today than I was four years ago." I believe that answer will be a resounding YES and I believe you will agree. Therefore, I respectfully urge you to vote for the Democratic Team of Dan Gallagher for Mayor and Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto for Council.

SINCERELY,
COUNCILMAN VINNIE
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To the Editor

If you want a good reason to vote for Dan Gallagher for Mayor and Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto for the Borough Council, you don't have to look any further than the bottom line. When the Republicans controlled the Borough Council and the Mayor's seat, the Republicans raised the Borough's expenses \$1 million each year and borrowed \$10 million to pay for current expenses. That's like taking a loan to buy your groceries. Since Dan Gallagher was elected in 1994, the Democrats have cut the drastic increases in the Borough's spending and have borrowed only for capital projects like Hadley Road. The choice seems pretty clear — the Republicans and more spending increases and more senseless borrowing or Dan Gallagher, Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto and more fiscal sanity. We need elected leaders who aren't afraid to make the tough choices.

Vote for Dan Gallagher, Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto on election day.

JOSEPH RYDRAWSKI

Dear Resident:

As this campaign season draws to a close, I want to thank each of you for the warm reception you gave to me, Darlene Pinto and Dennis Cerami when we visited your home.

Our message, that we had stopped the Borrow-Spend-Tax philosophy of the Republican administration and put our financial house in order, was well received; there will be no municipal tax increase this year and next year too!

Our promises to construct senior citizen housing, a senior recreation center, expand our P.A.L. preserve

open space, upgrade our parks and continue our road improvements, all on a Pay-As-You-Go basis, will become realities in 1999.

With Darlene Pinto and Dennis Cerami, I respectfully ask for your continued support on election day.

WARMEST REGARDS,
MAYOR DAN GALLAGHER

Letter to Editor

Do you ever wonder what South Plainfield will be like if Jake Cataldo and his Republican running mates get into office? In the past four years, the Republicans have strongly criticized Dan Gallagher and the Democrats every time the Democrats open up the governmental process and get people involved in the Borough. From the Taxpayers Advisory Group to the Businesspersons Advisory Group to Democracy Day, the Republicans just don't want to include the taxpayers in the Borough government. Instead of the runaway spending and borrowing of the Republicans, the Democrats have put South Plainfield on a pay-as-you-go basis — just like every resident. If you don't have it, you can't spend it. With this sound fiscal policy, the Democrats have still been able to make improvements to our roads, parks and recreation facilities. With the Democrats watching the bottom line, they held the line on taxes this year and delivered on the promise not to raise taxes. When the Republicans were in control, the Borough's expenses went up \$1 million each year.

The choice is easy on Election Day. The Democrats have restored the Borough to fiscal sanity and have restored open government. Vote for Dan Gallagher for Mayor and Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto for Borough Council.

MARY LESO

Dear Editor,

For those of you who couldn't attend the debate last Thursday, here's some exact, word for word, quotes from the candidates.

"There will always be a Democracy Day as long as the Democrats have anything to say about it," Democratic Mayor Dan Gallagher.

"I have a problem with Democracy Day," Republican Candidate Jake Cataldo.

"The Democrats are committed to 'Pay as You Go' Government in South Plainfield," Democratic Councilperson Dennis Cerami.

"You have to borrow money," Republican Candidate Sue Krystopik.

"I'm proud of the record of Mayor Gallagher, Councilperson Dennis Cerami and the new Democratic majority," Democratic Candidate Darlene Pinto.

I am not responsible for the Republican record," Republican Candidate Hank Grabarz.

If you haven't already made up your mind on who to vote for on Nov. 3, these quotes should do it for you. The Republicans are actually running from their record of spend, borrow and tax while the Democrats want you to know about their commitment to open government, pay-as-you-go and No Tax Increase this Year and Next Year!

Based on the candidates' own words, it's easy to decide who to vote for this year: Dan Gallagher for Mayor, Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto for Borough Council.

RICH LEVINE

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again! Election Day is just around the corner. Driving through town these days, it's hard not to notice all of the strategically placed campaign signs located at traffic lights and intersections. One of these signs urged the voters to "think". And so I did.

I have been a resident of South Plainfield for many years. During this time I have met and worked with many people. Few have impressed me as much as Darlene Pinto.

I have known Darlene for five years. From our first meeting at Sacred Heart School (I am a teacher there and Darlene was a homeroom mother for her son, Andrew), I realized that she was a hard worker. Soon after this, Darlene became involved with the Home-School Association volunteering endless hours to better our school. Day after day, Darlene would go out of her way to help in whatever capacity she could. Darlene was and still is always there to lend her support to our school.

Through working with Darlene, a close, meaningful relationship has developed. She is a person I can turn to for anything, at anytime. She is, in the truest sense, a friend.

Darlene Pinto is a caring, productive and contributing member of society. I have witnessed these qualities in her. She is willing and able to give back to our town what she has been given. Time and time again she continues to impress me with her concern for South Plainfield and its future. She is a special person and, in turn, makes others feel special about themselves. She knows how to bring out the best in young and old alike. She is truly a unique individual.

In closing let me say this: I can "think" of no better person to lead our town into the millennium. Darlene Pinto is and will continue to be an asset to South Plainfield. "Think" about it and I'm sure you will agree with me.

South Plainfield deserves the best. On Election Day, cast your vote for Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto. You'll be glad you did.

JOANNE B. SEMON
SOUTH PLAINFIELD

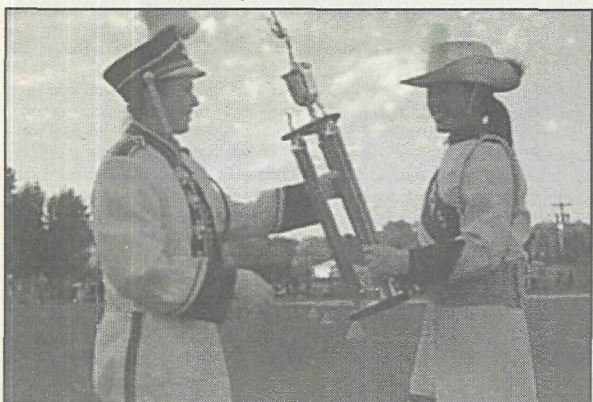
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Last Weekend To Visit Haunted Village

The Haunted Village of Somerset enters its last weekend of fun and screams, on Friday and Saturday night from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Take the tour through the woods if you dare! There is a children's tour/play and a UFO show and more. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for children. South Plainfield residents Pam Cianfrocca and Christopher Abbott are featured performers in the children's tour. *Observer* writer Patricia Abbott wrote the children's tour and she appears in the tour through the woods.

The Haunted Village will also present a special Children's Costume Halloween show on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. The day will feature the children's play, there will be a costume parade and contest, games, stories, balloons, a magician, prizes and of course, candy. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

The village is located on Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ, exit 10 (formerly exit 6) off of 287. For more information or directions call 732-356-1497.

Junior Alumni Woman's Club Collecting 'Hats For the Homeless'

The leaves are changing, there's a chill in the air and before we know it, the cold winds of winter will be howling through Central Jersey! In conjunction with the New Jersey General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Sixth District Junior Alumni Women's Club will conduct a "Hats for the Homeless" drive during the month of Nov. at the So. Plfd. Public Library on Plainfield Ave.

Donations of new knit hats, gloves, mittens and scarves can be placed in the designated collection bin in the library, during regular business hours. At the end of November, the items will be donated to the various homeless shelters in the Middlesex County area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the Sixth District Junior Alumni Women thank you on behalf of those less fortunate.

MILESTONES

Jake Wilson Hoffman was born on Oct. 12 weighing in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 19 inches. Parents are Gregory and Nancy Hoffman. Extremely excited siblings are Cassie, 9½ and Robbie, 8. Maternal grandparents are James and Audrey Wilson of Long Island. Paternal grandmother is Jeanette Hoffman, also of Long Island.

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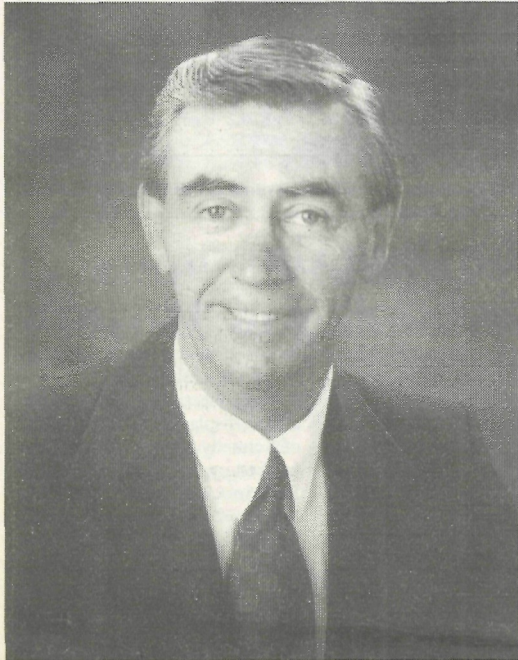
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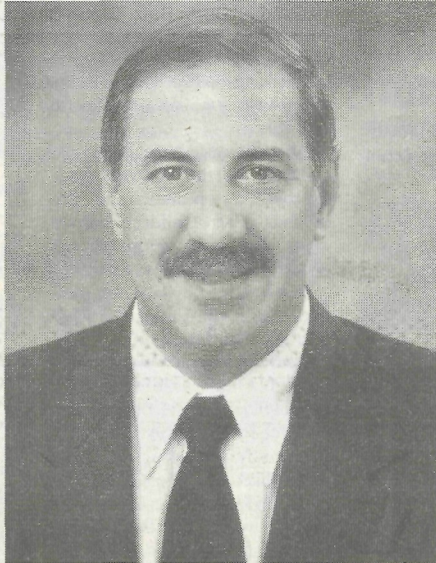
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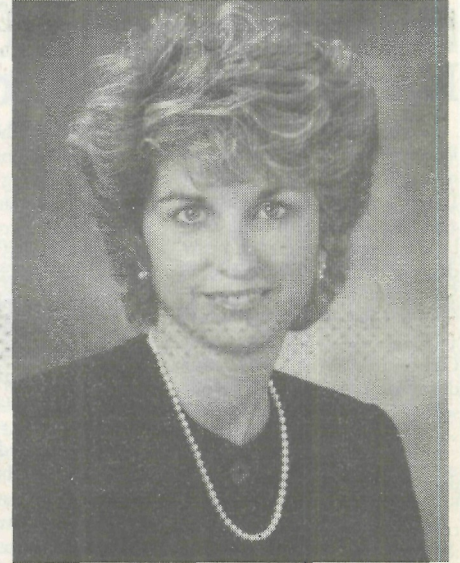
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- ★ Continue financial discipline which resulted in **No Municipal Tax Increase in 1998** and will result in **No Municipal Tax Increase in 1999!**
- ★ Continue '**Pay As You Go**' projects under which 50 roads were re-paved, borough buildings renovated, and parks upgraded. Next year, 10 more roads will be done, the PAL expanded, and a Senior Center will be started, all '**Pay As You Go**'!
- ★ Continue to hold a **Democracy Day** every spring so that you get to decide what major Capital Improvements will be done. As long as the Democrats have anything to say about it there will always be a Democracy Day!
- ★ Continue to **Preserve Open Space**. The 30 Acre Environmental Preserve, the 9 Acres of Open Space on Park Avenue and the \$1 Million Dollar grant from Middlesex County to permanently protect the corner of Oak Tree Avenue and Park Avenue show the Democrats' commitment to Open Space. More Open Space will be preserved in 1999!



South Plainfield High School students Mohamed Shiliwala, Chiemeka Ejiochi, Principal Anthony F. Massaro, Lisa Sepkowski and Daniel LaSpata.

Students Recognized in Merit Scholarship Program

South Plainfield High School Principal Anthony F. Massaro announced that Chiemeka Ejiochi, Daniel LaSpata, Lisa Sepkowski and Mohamed Shiliwala have been named Commended Students in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

Some 34,500 Commended Students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, Commended Students placed among the five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

A Merit Program spokesperson commented, "Recognition of academically talented students and of the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation. The young men and women named Commended Students are honored for their outstanding scholastic potential demonstrated by their high performance in the very competitive Merit Program. We hope the recognition received by these able students will encourage them to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and to diligently pursue their professional goals. The nation will benefit from the full development of this valuable intellectual resource."

Sacred Heart Aids Hurricane Victims



By Mary Holmer

In response to the devastating destruction left in the wake of Hurricane Georges, the Home and School Association (HSA) sponsored a Tag Day on Oct. 9 with all of the proceeds directed toward disaster relief for the people in the Caribbean. Rather than collecting the customary 50 cents from all students wishing to forego their customary gray trousers and plaid kilts for the comfort and good fashion sense of wide legged jeans and Nike tee-shirts, the HSA requested that students donate canned or boxed non-perishable food

Franklin Science Club Bakes Up Experiments

The unique Franklin School Science Club met last Wednesday and baked their science project.

Their project this month was experimenting by baking cakes. Groups of six were divided up and six cakes were made. One cake represented the 'control' cake, which was the ideal cake. The other five had either an ingredient missing or increased. The six cakes were put into a muffin tin and baked.

After the cakes were baked the children and their parents studied the size, appearance and taste of their cakes. Children learned what part certain ingredients played in the completed cakes.

Nabisco sent two representatives to set up a cookie/cracker tasting table. Oreos, Ritz crackers and milk were test tasted and judged: One was the 'control' cake/cookie and the other was a new fat-free version. Milk was either whole and skim. Most people liked the regular Oreo but the opinions on the crackers were evenly divided. Milk also was pretty evenly matched.

The Science Club meets once a month at under the leadership of Debbie Simoff. Parents and children attend together and work on projects which are selected by a group of parents.



Franklin School students and their parents experiment with cakes.

E Pluribus Unum

The third grade classes at John F. Kennedy Elementary School participated in recognizing all the many ethnicities that encompass our diverse community. Last week, students researched the country, or countries, of their origin and constructed miniature flags representing their ancestral heritage.

With the name, "E Pluribus

Unum," Latin for *from many, one*, students experienced all the different countries that blend to make the United States.

The collection of flag projects are on display in the main lobby of Kennedy School. The children worked on the project with Mrs. Severino and Student Teacher Mr. Beardsley during Social Studies class.



Left to right, Dan Espin, Taylor Kurilew, Chris DeOliveira, Constance Flanagan, Megan Cornell, Danielle Pasquale, Tiffany Rouse, Chelsea Moubarak and Tommy Smith.

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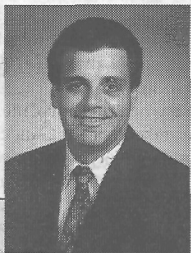
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items, bottled water or disposable diapers. The response was heartwarming!

The Tag Day was organized by Joanne Pelle, HSA Spirituality Co-Chair, and she was inspired by the generous spirit and profound concern expressed by so many of the Sacred Heart families. While the HSA only requested a single donation from each participating student, many families sent heavy grocery bags laden with food. Donations filled the school lobby to capacity.

"I was overwhelmed by the number of donations," Mrs. Pelle said. "I am truly awed by the generosity of our Sacred Heart families."

Traditionally, Tag Days are student council fundraisers planned for special occasions and usually feature a holiday appropriate theme, such as wearing black and orange for Halloween or red and green for Christmas. The kids welcome a respite from their uniforms and teachers good naturedly grin and bear it. Understanding the great popularity of Tag Days, Mrs. Pelle suggested to Principal Sister Cornelia and the HSA Board that it was an ideal way to reach out to the victims of Hurricane Georges. The idea was enthusiastically received.

At the suggestion of a co-worker, Mrs. Pelle contacted Eva Rosas-Amirault of the Bilingual Day Care Center in Plainfield, which is one of several recently mobilized disaster relief groups organized to help coordinate local donations. Under the supervision of the Bilingual Day Care Center, all food collected was prepared for transport and distribution in the Dominican Republic.



High School students chosen as representatives to the Board of Education were sworn in at a recent Board of Education meeting. They are: (back row) Patty Reach, Nick Cesare, Kevin Krystopik, Erik Anderson and Matthew Wojcik; (front row) Elizabeth Serago, Thais Petrocelli and Roger Vroom.

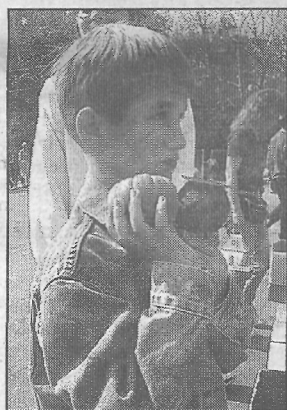
Over 500 Attend 1st Annual Harvest Festival at Franklin School

On Saturday, October 17, Franklin School held their first annual Harvest Festival. The planning, which began in early August, culminated in a highly successful fun-filled day. The festival had something for everyone.

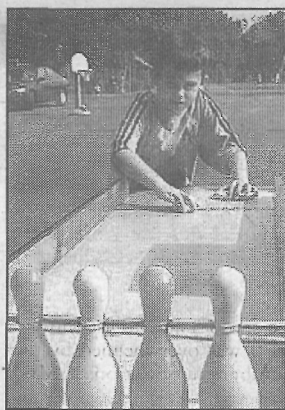
Costumed children got an early start on trick or treating. There were games to play, a moon walk, pony rides, a cupcake decorating table and nail painting. There were pumpkins, Indian corn, apples and fall flowers available for purchase. Those who had worked up an appetite from all the activities enjoyed hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, candy apples and more.

Police Officers Joe Papa and Alan Lamonda fingerprinted children and offered safety tips for Halloween. The Cookie Monster and Elmo also made an appearance. Parents enjoyed browsing the craft and the flea market tables.

The festival was run by parent and teacher volunteers. Many families came and spent the day. On hand to enjoy the perfect autumn day and lend support were teachers, Board of Education members, Superintendent of Schools, Guy Ferri and his wife, as well as many others. Franklin School Principal, Nancy Erickson wanted a family fun day and her ear-to-ear smile that afternoon was proof of success! Over 500 people visited the Harvest Festival. The event was chaired



by Bob and Mary Sacks. Joann Cox and Ann Simone coordinated the flea market tables. Mary said that



the success of the event was due to the volunteers and the generosity of many local businesses.

The Alternative View

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



Dear Dr. DeCosta: Last week on television there was a report of two studies published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. One study said that exercise was just as effective as chiropractic care for low back problems. The other study said that chiropractic care did little to help children with asthma.

As a parent of a child who had asthma, I was outraged at their so-called study. Conventional medicine was not able to help my asthmatic daughter. The only thing that cured her of her asthma was when I took her to a chiropractor. That was several years ago, and my daughter has not had an asthma attack since.

Also, as a chronic sufferer of low back pain, I had gone to orthopedists and physical therapists; but to no avail. Again, it was a chiropractor who solved my problem.

Can't these people see the value of chiropractic care? Why are they constantly trying to put down the chiropractic profession? —E.B.

Dear E.B.

I am aware of the reports to which you refer. The problem with the low back study was: (1) Care was for one month, but the evaluation was after 24 months; (2) the Chiropractic approach was ill-defined as short lever high velocity care; and (3) the study focused on an acute patient base with most having an episode of low back pain in the last six weeks.

The problem with the second study was that the description of the "simulated adjustment" sounded a lot like a spinal mobilization and not a specific chiropractic adjustment. A real important fact left out was that "symptoms of asthma and use of beta-agonists decreased and the quality of life increased in both groups."

I also share your anger and frustration at the way the chiropractic profession is portrayed by the medical establishment. (Although, after dealing with this medical attitude for nearly 25 years nothing new really shocks me.) The public needs to be educated and understand they are being used as pawns in a power play by the forces of political, orthodox medicine. Let me explain.

The asthma study was submitted three times before being accepted for publication. This pattern of rejection could have been based on reasonable need for revision of the write-up of the research. It could also be the method to allow other events to line-up down the road. The low back study was moved through from submission to publication faster than any article the authors ever submitted to *The New En-*

gland Journal of Medicine (NEJM)

—a period of about five months. For those of you unfamiliar with this area, a 12-24 month delay between submission and publication is not out of the question. On Oct. 11, 1998, *The Boston Globe* newspaper featured an article by Larry Tye. The lead sentence of the article tells the tale of Mr. Tye's opinion, "Chiropractors may have been the immediate target of last week's stinging critiques in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, but it's the broader empire of alternative medicine that the journal and its allies in mainstream medicine really are after."

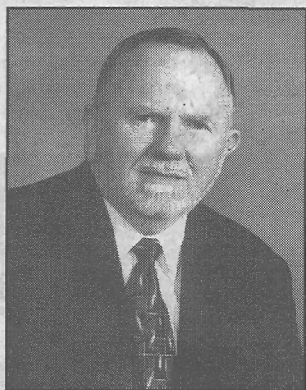
The discussion gets to the bottom line before Mr. Tye gets to his conclusion that "Some of the backlash (against alternative medicine) by medical doctors is explained by self-interest. Feeling squeezed by managed care, some medical doctors worry that more dollars are going to alternative therapists."

The other side of the matter is not clouded by doubt as to the intent and purpose of the editors of the *NEJM* or even with concerns about the nature of the research itself. For many of us in chiropractic and in alternative medicine for that matter, we cannot imagine that the *NEJM* would ever suggest that there was a role for the doctor of chiropractic.

We need to better understand the multiple variables that lead to actions such as those expressed in the Oct. 8 issue of the *NEJM*. We also need to understand that while the *NEJM* is a prestigious journal, it does not represent the view of medicine or science — rather a view and an interpretation. I am persuaded that the occurrence of the asthma and low back articles in the same issue was not coincidental, but was calculated to damage the juggernaut of alternative thinking, of which chiropractic perspectives are a major part.

It is patients, such as yourself and your daughter, who have attested to the success of chiropractic practice for over 100 years. Millions of chiropractic success stories after medical failures have led to the prominence of chiropractic in the arena of alternative medicine. If orthodox medicine wants to get rid of chiropractic and alternative medicine all they have to do is one thing — get sick people well!

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. Visit *The Alternative View* on the web at www.usalternativemedicine.com.



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101st Airborne and McCriskin's Plan Ceremony

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe NY/NJ Chapter, along with McCriskin Home For Funerals, will hold a ceremony honoring the 248 members of the 101st Airborne Division who died on Dec. 12, 1985 when their airplane crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland. The tribute will be held in front of McCriskin Home For Funerals on Plainfield Ave. A committee headed by Rip Hellriegel will be working with Rich McCriskin to set up this service. McCriskin Home For Funerals, Rip Hellriegel and Joe Kenney (to name a few Chapter members) have been conducting an annual memorial service on or about Dec. 12 since 1985.

Tigers 13-1, Advance in Fall Baseball Playoffs

By John Arcachunas

The South Plainfield High School Fall Baseball squad won its last two regular season games to finish in first place in the Merrill-Park/Fords League.

They beat Roselle Park 14-3 and avenged their only loss by beating Perth Amboy 3-2. Steve Bucchinagno, Mike Kapsch, Chris Malecki and Joe Scotto had multiple hits against Roselle Park. Bucchinagno raised his pitching record to 6-1 by hurling an excellent game against Amboy, striking out six batters, yielding three hits and only one earned run.

The Tigers began play in the single elimination Tournament as the first seed. In the first round they dismantled North Edison 20-3. Chris Arcachunas recorded his second pitching victory. He helped himself at the plate going three for four, with three rbi's and three runs scored. Kapsch hit for

the cycle, drove in five runs and scored three times as well.

In the second round, South scored an 8-7 win over Middlesex in a game that took nine innings to decide. Sophomore Sam Alexander hit a three-run homer to give the Tigers a lead in the fourth inning. The Blue Jays battled back and were up 7-6 by the seventh inning. In the Tigers half of the inning, Mike Kapsch hit a 400 foot solo home run to tie the game. In the bottom of the ninth, Alexander walked with the bases loaded advancing the Tigers into the semi-final round of the tournament. Kapsch raised his pitching record to 2-0.

As we go to press South will have played Linden in the semi-finals. If successful they will face Perth Amboy this Saturday at noon at the Linden High School field for the Tournament Championship.



Junior Baseball Club Announces Registration

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club will hold registration for next season on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5-6, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Junior Baseball Complex.

To be eligible, a player must be a resident of South Plainfield and between the ages of 8 and 16 years before Aug. 1, 1999. New players must bring a birth certificate or a copy. Children must be accompanied by a parent of guardian at time of registration. Sign ups for managers, coaches and umpires will also be held at registration.

The fee at the October registration is \$40 for one player and \$60 for two or more players in the same family. The fee during the January registration is \$45 for one player and \$70 for two or more players in the same family. The late registration fee will be \$50 per player with no multiple player discount.

All players will receive a brand new hat, shirt and pair of pants which they keep after the season ends.

The Women's Auxiliary will be selling SPJBC jackets, sweats and shirts. Full payment is required when placing an order.

Vision 2001 Golf Outing Results

The Third Annual South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation Golf Outing was held on Oct. 5 at the Colonia Country Club.

Sixty-eight golfers enjoyed a sunny day and pleasant 75 degree weather. Proceeds from the outing will be used to support Vision 2001 Programs which encourage academic achievement and good citizenship and also provide scholarships.

Individual awards went to Charles Hasselgren with 81 for low gross, William Disch with 71 for low net, to Dean Benak for the longest drive. Closest to the line was Chuck Balben and Steven Fischbein was closest to the pin. Team awards for 73 low gross net went to Emile DeVito, Ray Steingall, Charlie Marlatt and Mike Yeomans and 70 low team net to Dan Dannucci, Dennis Gonzalez, Jerry Ondrick and Ted Malecki.

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

Youth Bowling South Plainfield Recreation

As of Sept 26, 1998

Name	Won	Lost	PCT
1. WHOPPERS	7.0	0.0	1.000
2. RISHI R	7.0	0.0	1.000
3. ADRENELINE RUSH	5.0	2.0	.714
4. THE BEACH BUMS	5.0	2.0	.714
5. TEAM 9	5.0	2.0	.714
6. STRIKE FORCE	4.0	3.0	.571
7. THE MONKEES	3.0	4.0	.428
8. I DON'T KNOW	2.0	5.0	.285
9. STRIKERS	2.0	5.0	.285
10. SLAMMERS	2.0	5.0	.285
11. WOLF PACK	0.0	7.0	.000
12. SUBS	0.0	0.0	.1000

IND. Boys High Game Scratch

Risic Ramgobin	129
Jon Jerglinski	112
Pat Cantarella	92

IND. Boys High Game Handicap

Mike Carmon	198
Matthew Boley	186
Ryan Curtis	178

IND. Girls High Game Handicap

Mallory Cooper	193
Kimberly Fuv	132

HIGHLIGHTED TEAM OF THE WEEK

	T. PINS	AVG
WHOPPERS	328	109
J. JEGLENSKI	331	110
J. COSMA	275	91

Youth Soccer Results Indians — C League

Game 4

(4-4) Tie Game (2-1-1) Record

Scorers were Chris Ascencio, Brian Erhardt, Christopher Izzi and Aaron Wright, each with one goal.

Great defense from Justin Ditmars, Chris Seesselberg and Chris Hartje.

Game 5

(8-3) Victory (3-1-1) Record

Scorers were Jose Charneco, Brian Erhardt and Aaron Wright, each with two goals and Chris Ascencio and Allison Huffsmith with one goal each.

Great defense from: Molly O'Brien, Kristen Partesi and Keith Heckel.

Game 6

(5-1) Victory (4-1-4) Record

Scorers were Keith Heckel and Aaron Wright with two goals and Chris Ascencio each with one goal.

Great defense from: Brian Erhardt and Chris Hartje.

Game 7

(5-2) Victory (5-1-1) Record

Scorers were Aaron Wright with two goals and Jose Charneco, Keith Heckel and Allison Huffsmith with one goal each.

Great defense from Kristen Partesi, Christopher Izzi and Chris Seesselberg.

Game 8

(2-0) Victory (6-1-1) Record

Chris Ascencio scored two goals. Great defense from Justin Ditmars and Molly O'Brien.

Recreation Wrestling Sign Ups Scheduled

The South Plainfield Recreation Department will hold registration for Wrestling on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$22 and children must be accompanied by a parent. This program is open to children ages 5-11 (as of Oct. 1, 1998).

Groups include beginner, second year beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Some of the benefits of this award winning program are that

it teaches self discipline and self defense. It is also an excellent way to stay physically fit and allows great social opportunity.

For more information call the Recreation Department at 226-7713.

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HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS

Football Tigers Post Two Big Wins

BOYS SOCCER

So. Plfld. 1-New Brunswick 0
Edwin Dias scored the only goal with an assist by Ivan Coreodor and Joe Nicolay had 10 saves.

So. Plainfield 0-Metuchen 0
Joe Nicolay stopped a penalty kick with five minutes remaining keep it scoreless. He had 14 saves in all.

GIRLS SOCCER

J.F. Kennedy 1-So. Plainfield 0
So. Plainfield 4-New Brunswick 2
Danna Curcio scored two goals, Carolyn Schweers scored one goal and one save and Danielle Schweers scored one goal. Jamie Graham had eight saves.

Metuchen 3-South Plainfield 0
Kim Wilcox has 14 saves.

GIRLS TENNIS

So. Plainfield 5-Mother Seton 0
Singles—Alison Barret defeated Michele Sampson 6-0 6-0, Jill Catarino defeated Caitlin O'Shea 6-4, 6-0 and Erin Walter over Anabelle Dela Paz 6-0.
Doubles—Leyna Bollwage-Judy Wang defeated Jennilee Trinidad-Jedlyn Tordecilla 6-3, 6-2; Pattie Walter-Prache Rastagi

over Rosellen Rajan-Kristine Montecarlo 6-0, 6-4.

South Plainfield 5, Edison 0

Singles—Alison Barrett defeated Namrata Agnihot 6-4, 7-6 (7-1); Jill Katarino over Kathy Miller 6-0, 6-1; Erin Walter over Emaan Mahmood 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles—Leyna Bollwage-Judy Wang defeated Jill Dinitz-Sklar-Trishna Saigal 6-3, 6-2; Prachi Rastogi-Pattie Walter over Alexis Walczak-Jennic Woo 6-3, 6-2.

FIELD HOCKEY

So. Plfld. 1-East Brunswick 0
Goal by Natalic Kipila and Chrissy Buteas recorded 18 saves.
Piscataway 5-South Plainfield 0
Crispy Buteas recorded 8 saves.

GYMNASTICS

S. Plfld. 98.075, Sayreville 49.9
Floor Exercise: Teresa Vitelli 8.85, Lacey Walter 8.25, Rachel Denno 8.2; Uneven Bars: Veronica Zappi 8.05, Teresa Vitelli 7.35; Balance Beam: Teresa Vitelli 8.35, Veronica Zappi 8.25; Vault: Lacey Walter 8.85, Teresa Vitelli 8.15, Rachel Denno 8.675; All Around Teresa Vitelli 32.7, Veronica Zappi 32.35 and Rachel Denno 31.975.
South Plainfield 3-4-1

Girls Win; Boys Lose in GMAC Soccer Tournament

The South Plainfield Boys Soccer team lost to Bishop Ahr in the first round of the GMAC Tournament. It was hard fought battle, but Bishop Ahr prevailed in the second overtime.

South Plainfield led 1-0 when Bishop Ahr scored with ten minutes left in regulation.

The lone goal for South Plainfield was scored by Mike Grasso with an assist by Edwin Diaz. Joe

Nicolay had 16 saves.

The Girls Soccer Team fared better when they took the field to play Highland Park.

They beat Highland Park 2-0. Scoring goals for South Plainfield were Courtney English and Carolyn Schweers with assists by Danielle Schweers and Dana Curcio. Kim Wilcox recorded 13 saves. South Plainfield had 29 shots on goal.

Teen Night Started Oct. 24

The Recreation Department began the Teen Night program last Saturday.

Teen Night is open to young adults grades 8 through 11. This supervised program consists of sports, games, music and evenings of socializing.

A \$15 Gift Certificate from Sam Goody will be raffled off each week.

Volunteers are needed to help as well as donations of prizes for the contests. Residents are asked for suggestions on how to make Teen Night more successful. Contact the Recreation Department or Ray Petronko. Any suggestions will be welcomed.

For more information on Teen Night, call 226-7713 or drop by the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

Defeat Spotswood 28-22

The Tigers scored 20 points in the first quarter then hung on to win 28-22 over Spotswood.

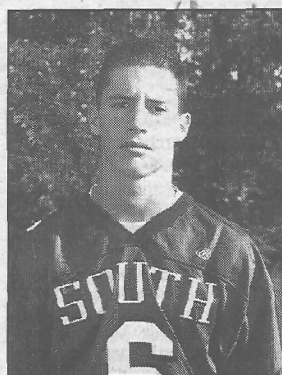
Dyshawn Washington rushed for three touchdowns in the first quarter. Ryan Flannery also caught a pass from Glenn Thimons.

Washington also recovered a fumble on the Tigers 20 with only a minute left in the game.

The fumble occurred because of a great defensive play by Nick Cesare who knocked the ball loose, while Washington fell on the ball. After the fumble Chris Francis ran the ball 49 yards with less a minute to play.

Tigers Defeat Hackettstown 27-14

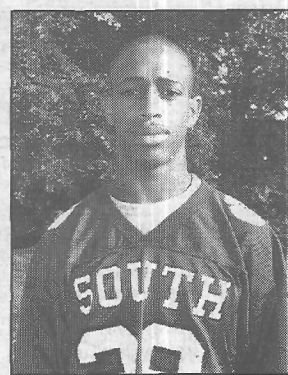
The Tigers recorded a win over Hackettstown 27-14 last weekend in Hackettstown.



Glenn Thimons

Dyshawn Washington scored four touchdowns, two on the ground and two in the air. Washington finished the day with 58 yards rushing and 155 yards passing.

Quarterback Glenn Thimons



Dyshawn Washington

threw for over 200 yards, including two touchdowns. Thimons was 11 for 14 for 223 yards.

Running back Chris Francis added 52 yards on 12 carries. Czaplinski converted for three out of four extra points.

Pop Warner Eagles Football Results

Sunday, Oct. 11
Mighty Mites
Somerset Hills 6-So. Plfld. 27
Jr. Pee Wees
Flemington 6-So. Plfld. 7
Jr. Midgets
Flemington 12-So. Plfld. 16
Midgets
Flemington 20-So. Plfld. 0

Mighty Mites—offensive standouts were Kenneth Luckey, Dean Berkowitz, Bennie Gibson Jordan Petriello and Justin Smith.

The defensive standouts were Vinnie Stark, Tim Durnak, Christopher Steger, Scott Barton and Jali Williams.

Jr. Pee Wees—Justin Huffsmith scored a touch down, Tom Deschaine kicked the extra point and T.J. Brown had an interception. Standouts on offense were Stephen Richard, Mike Jakubik, Nick Fierro and Conor O'Brien. Defensive standouts were Tom Whalen, Greg Yefkot Kyle Lendach and Bryan Hunt.

Jr. Midgets—Guy Severini scored a 60 yard run. Severini also scored on a pass from Matt Finn. David Gerena scored on two extra point kicks. Standouts in offense were Michael Capella, Nick Grego, Delvin Colon, Mike Downes and Kyle Baker. Defensive standouts were Joey Jaghab, Jimmy Keane and Raj Janarine.

Midgets—Offense standouts were Mike Wiczorek, Alex Ferraris, Philip Veinott and Okle Annum. Standouts on defense were Carlos Aguilar, Matthew Carella and David Spayder.

Flag—Standouts on offense were Conor Dubasak, Kyle Kacka, Vincent Appello, Christopher Richard, Jonathon Conroy and John Wylam. Defensive standouts were Matthew Cesare, Kevin Smith and Nick Heilmann.

Sunday Oct. 18
Mighty Mites
Watchung Hills 0-So. Plfld. 6
Jr. Pee Wees
Watchung Hills 6-So. Plfld. 13
Jr. Midgets
Watchung Hills 21-So. Plfld. 26
Midgets
Watchung Hills 0-So. Plfld. 6

Mighty Mites—Bennie Gibson scored a touchdown on a run. Standouts on offense were Kyle Darr, Scott Barfon, Jacob Rosocha and Nick Ciakas. Defensive standouts were Mark Wagner, Walced Sharify, Tim Gaughan and Mathew Schenck.

Jr. Pee Wee—Tom Deschaine and Justin Huffsmith both scored on a touchdown on a run and Tom Deschaine kicked the extra point. Standouts on offense were Justin Basilone, Jimmy Conroy, Mark Hankiewicz and Frank Stefannelli. Defensive standouts were Jeff Cianfrocca, Kevin Crilley and Jonathon Wiseman.

Jr. Midgets—Two touchdowns were scored by Guy Severini and Matt Finn through a touchdown pass to Andrew Miller with two extra points kicked by David Gerena. Offensive standouts were Brian Patrusевич, Kyle Baker, Sammy Ghanem and Mansoor Sharify. Defensive standouts were Jimmy Bataille, Roger Rodriguez, Nick Jeffreys and Michael Maher.

Midgets—Marcellus Abrams and Philip Derosa each scored a touchdown on a run and Alex Ferraris kicked two extra points. Offensive standouts were Brian Public, Michael Salerno, Michael Wiczorek and Mike Towers. Defensive standouts were Frankie Demarest, Gary Carney, Frank Wrubleuski and Brian DeStefano. Kyle Prendergast recovered a fumble and Brian DeStefano had an interception.

Flag—Offensive standouts were Kyle Hughes, Tyler Driscoll, Kristopher Baker and Mike Wagner. Defensive standouts

were Bissy Martin, Patrick Millard, Stephen Coppi and Mike Jeffreys.

Sunday, Oct. 25
Mighty Mites
West Orange 25-So. Plainfield 8
Jr. Pee Wees
West Orange 0-So. Plainfield 6
Jr. Midgets
West Orange 6-So. Plainfield 12
Midgets
West Orange 16-So. Plainfield 21

Mighty Mites—Mark Wagner scored on a touchdown on two point play. Offensive standouts were Michael Kress, Brad Martin, Robert Gentile, Mike Muglia and C.J. Loiacono. Defensive standouts were Patrick Hunter, Mike Muglia Steven Cornish and Timothy Lester.

Jr. Pee Wees—Jeff Osley scored a touchdown on a 15 yd. run. Offensive standouts were Nick Dorey, Chris Pollen, Kevin Graham, Anthony Cassano and Stelphen Richard. Defensive standouts were Anthony Petriello and Sam Martin.

Jr. Midgets—Guy Severini scored two touchdowns on 20 and 40 yard runs. Standouts on offense were Chris Bojarski, Jimmy Bataille, George Watkin and Kyle Baker. Defensive standouts were Joe DeBiase, Jimmy Keane, Greg Krylowski and Jeffrey Toolan.

Midgets—Touchdowns by Marcellus Abrams on a 60 yd. run, Johnson on a 15 yd. run and a 40 yard pass from David Jacobs to Mike Wiczorek and extra point run by Kyle Prendergast were the offensive standouts. Defensive standouts were Steven Porcelli, David Spayder, Mike Towers and Okle Annum.

Flag—Standouts on offense were Randy Jakubik, Philip Longo, Frank DeBiase, Rayan Sacco, Zachary Haupt and Marcel Counts. Standouts on defense were Nick Okoszeko, Nick Kunze, Andrew Muhlgeier and Richard Harzuls.

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Obituaries

Louis Galeota, 82

Louis Galeota, formerly of South Plainfield, died on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Lawrence Hospital in Yonkers, NY.

He was born in San Demetrio Vestini, Italy and came to the United States in 1931 settling in West Virginia. He was a former resident of the Bronx and a former resident of South Plainfield before moving to Yonkers one year ago.

Mr. Galeota was a maintenance mechanic for Graphic Printing Company in New York for 25 years before retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Graphic Communications International Union Local 119B in New York.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

He was predeceased by his wife, Pia Bruno Galeota, who died in 1993.

He is survived by two daughters, Elisa Ferraro of Yonkers, NY and Loretta Scicolone of Clark; a sister, Catherine Rivello of Clearwater, Fla.; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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

EDWARD M. HURTACK, 72

Edward M. Hurtack of South Plainfield died on Friday, Oct. 16, at his home.

He was born in Plainfield and has resided in South Plainfield for the last 30 years.

Hurtack was a sergeant for the Plainfield Police Department for 25 years before retiring in 1975. He was a member of the PBA Local

19 in Plainfield.

He was veteran of the US Navy during WWII and a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 in South Plainfield.

He was a member of the Raritan Valley Radio club and the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his wife Florence Dougherty Hurtack; a son, Edward M. Hurtack, Jr. of Piscataway; two daughters, Audrey Kopecky of Easton, Pa., Judy Hurtack of Frenchtown; a brother, Michael Hurtack of Fanwood; three sisters, Mary Wiczorek of Dunellen, Ann Soffield and Katherine DeFillipo, both of Plainfield and two granddaughters.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Myrtle (nee Kline) Oller, 75

Myrtle (nee Kline) Oller died on Sunday, Oct. 18, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Somerville, Mrs. Oller resided in Somerville and Raritan before moving to South Plainfield in 1953.

She was employed with the former Rickel Home Center of South Plainfield in the accounts payable department for 17 years before retiring in 1997. Prior to Rickels Mrs. Oller had been employed by the U.S. Civil Service Department's Belle Mead and the Raritan Arsenal as an office worker.

Surviving are her husband, Benjamin J. Oller; a daughter, Diane Borowski of South Plainfield; a son, Benjamin R. of South Plainfield; a sister, Elizabeth Carpinski of Somerville; two brothers, Howard and Phillip Kline, both of Whiting, NJ.

Also surviving are four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

EDWARD E. NEUMANN, 78

Edward E. Neumann died on Monday, Oct. 19, at his home following a long illness.

He was born in Hoboken and had resided in Union City, Jersey City and Iselin before moving to South Plainfield 43 years ago.

Mr. Neumann had been a police officer with the Port Authority of NY and NJ for 26 years. For most of his career, he had been stationed at Newark Airport. At the time of his retirement in 1973, he held the rank of sergeant. He had belonged to the PBA Port Authority Local of Newark.

He was an Army Veteran of WW II and attained the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2636 of Iselin.

Mr. Neumann was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

His son, Edward J. Neumann, died in October of 1997. He was also predeceased by his sister, Pat Maliniak, in 1992.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Florence M. Barnett Neumann, two daughters, Patricia M. Bisogno and Lorraine A. Wolf, both of Hamilton Twp. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Eileen (Vaughan) Kasyan

Eileen (Vaughan) Kasyan died on Sunday, Oct. 18, at her home following a long illness.

Mrs. Kasyan was born in Newark and she had resided in New York, Indiana and in Edison before settling in South Plainfield in 1960.

A Registered Nurse, she had attended Newark Public Schools and graduated from the St. Vincent Academy in 1933. She had received her R.N. from the St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in 1937. Mrs. Kasyan had received a Post Graduate Diploma from the Boston Lying-In Hospital in Boston, Mass. in 1938.

She enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. Upon her enlistment she was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant and had worked as a general duty nurse after becoming attached to the 820th Medical Air Evacuation Squadron in the Southwest Pacific.

After her discharge from the Army in 1946, she continued pursuing her education at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., majoring in Biological Sciences with a minor in Chemistry and Philosophy. She received her Bachelor's Degree (cum laude) in 1952. She then complete some work towards her Master Degree at Teacher's College in NY.

Her career in nursing, spanning over 40 years, included positions at New York Hospital in NYC as a general duty nurse and head nurse. St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson as an instructing supervisor in Obstetrics and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette, Ind. working in the premature nursery. She had also worked part time at the former Middlesex General Hospital, now Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, in New Brunswick as a general duty Med-Surg Nurse. She had also served as a staff nurse at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

During the 1960's and 1970's, she had worked as a non-compensatory private duty home care of medical-surgical cancer patients.

Mrs. Kasyan retired over 15 years ago.

She was married in 1952 to her late husband, Walter A. Kasyan, whose death occurred in 1987.

While raising her family, Mrs. Kasyan became active in Girl Scouting in South Plainfield and had served as a troop nurse leader for five years. She had participated in South Plainfield's former Teen Canteen program and she had served as a board member with the South Plainfield Y.E. S. Program (Youth Employment Service).

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Kasyan Alpeyrie of New York City; her son, Walter A. Kasyan, Jr. of Lafayette, Ind. Also surviving are her three grandchildren.

Private arrangements were at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to the Muhlenberg Hospice Fund at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Hospice Program, Park Ave. at Randolph Rd., Plainfield, New Jersey 07060.

Charles J. Donahue, 71

Charles J. Donahue, died on Thursday, Oct. 22, at Veterans Medical Center in Lyons, NJ.

Mr. Donahue was born in New York City and had resided there until his enlistment into the U.S. Army in December of 1955. He had been stationed in Germany where he met and married his wife of 42 years Anita (Lessle) Donahue. He was also stationed in Korea and Texas during his military career. Mr. Donahue was an electronics engineer and had obtained the rank of Master Sergeant before his semi-retirement in 1967.

In 1967, Mr. Donahue immediately reenlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to a desk detail at Camp Kilmer and later at Fort Monmouth before his Military career ended in 1975.

During his military career he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and was an Expert Missileman and Expert Carbine.

He was later employed by Bristol Myers Squibb in New Brunswick and Wagner Electric Company formerly of Piscataway until his retirement in 1992.

He is a Charter Member of the Piscataway Elks lodge #2414 where he held the secretaries position in the early 1970's.

His wife, Anita (Lessle), died in 1994. He is also predeceased by a brother, Robert Donahue.

He is survived by two daughters, Patricia DeSantis of South Plainfield and Alice Donahue Petroski of Piscataway; a son, William Donahue of Piscataway and two brothers, William Phillips of Bergenfield and James Donahue of Florida. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Funeral service were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Richard B. "CHOPS" Tufaro, 53

Richard B. "CHOPS" Tufaro, died on Thursday, Oct. 22, in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in New Brunswick, he had resided in Metuchen for many years before moving to South Plainfield 25 years ago.

He was owner of Imperial Delicatessen for the past 24 years. He was also owner of the Fairmont Golf Park Complex for the past three years.

Mr. Tufaro was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He had served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict and had been an avid golfer.

Surviving are his wife, Deanna M. (George) Tufaro; two daughters, Claudia and Christina Tufaro, both of South Plainfield; a son, Michael Tufaro of South Plainfield; his mother, Helen Tufaro of Metuchen; two sisters, Patricia Scasserra of Edison and Teresa DeMay of Metuchen; five brothers, Joseph of Edison, Angelo of Branchburg, Robert of Warren, Robert of Las Vegas, Nevada and John Anthony of Bloomsburg.

Funeral service were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Political View

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Letter to the Editor:

Tuesday, Nov. 3, your day of choice! As residents and taxpayers of our great Borough, the exercising of the precious privilege of the vote falls upon you and allows you to choose the form of government you want. Do you want to continue the Pay-As-You-Go philosophy of running our town, where 50 plus roads, the revitalization of the Center of Town, the New Senior Citizen Van; the remodeling of Borough Hall; the new roof on Borough Hall; the PAL building and other Borough buildings; the commitment to put an addition on the PAL building; getting a Federal Grant, the first of its kind, to phase in the Helen Street project to alleviate traffic and address safety and pollution issues; the building and dedication of a Veteran's Memorial in Veteran's Park; the \$1 million grant to assure open space and enlarge Putnam Park; the opening up of government to you, the taxpayers, through Democracy Day and listening to you personally one on one, through phone calls, our new Web Page and at meetings; the commitment to build a Senior Citizen's Center this year and working with Reverend Stanley Steele of the Lutheran Social Ministries to build Senior Housing and many other projects such as interlocal agreements for shared services to assure that your interests are protected by accomplishing all this without bonding or costing you an increase in taxes. Yes, that's right, no increase in your municipal tax levy!

Mayor Dan Gallagher heads up our team and his leadership. His foresight and vision, his love, caring and knowledge of our Borough guides the Democratic team to accomplishments that have but one purpose, to better the quality of life of South Plainfield residents without bonding or increasing taxes. He will accept nothing less and works with his team, tirelessly and uncompromisingly. He has proven that the philosophy of Pay-As-You-Go works. He deserves your vote and he has earned your vote.

Running with Mayor Gallagher are Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto whose philosophies are in complete accord with the team approach to Pay-As-You-Go government. Dennis Cerami has served you well over the last three years. He has committed his time and his talent to you benefit. His untiring work with the Police, Fire, Rescue Squad and Emergency Management organizations has helped make each organization the best in the State. He has given his time to every emergency and is on site to offer whatever help he can to help keep these emergencies to a minimal impact. Ask any member of these groups, they'll tell you of his commitment. He also has been a great asset to the financial aspect of running our Borough and his insight into complex issues has worked to your benefit.

One item that comes to mind is the leak at the Community Pool. Original estimates exceeded \$85,000 but through his knowledge and contacts, the problem was taken care of at less than 25% of the original estimate. This is only one instance, I could cite many. He has earned your trust and I urge you to keep Dan on the team by casting your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3 for him.

Darlene Pinto, a professional local businessperson, has certainly committed herself to the Pay-As-You-Go government. Her proven track record of running two local businesses successfully, through all the complexities, qualifies her to be a part of our team. She is also committed to running our Borough as a successful business. Darlene is also a member and activist with the Business Group of South Plainfield and was most instrumental in cre-

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Because
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by Robert Hunter

THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD...

Call it denial, if you like, but in our insular society many fail to come to grips with the issues of aging and death. While both are inevitable, most think it will never happen to them — as if they were talking about a catastrophic volcano eruption. The fact is that those who take stock of their lives, and deaths, can begin to plan for death's eventuality in a way that ensures less pain, indecision, and responsibility for their surviving family. Pre-planning funeral arrangements is both the responsible and realistic thing to do. As Samuel Johnson once said, "When we see our enemies and friends gliding away before us, let us not forget that we are subject to the general law of mortality."

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ating and working towards the revitalization of the Center of Town and worked just as hard to acquire and still works towards the remodeling and restoration of the railroad car, which will serve as South Plainfield's own museum, preserving our heritage for future generations. Her work with the Parents Organization of Sacred Heart School in the areas of fundraising, curriculum, etc. to assure the best education possible for the attending students has proved to be exemplary. She really cares. My association with Darlene has proven to me that her intelligence, insight, problem solving capabilities and truly caring, along with her commitment to make South Plainfield the greatest Borough is the State convinces me, as it should you, to cast your vote for Darlene Pinto on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

As a member of this Council Team for five years, I again challenge you to vote the Democratic Team of Dan Gallagher for Mayor, Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto for Council. The alternative of going back to Bond and Spend, ultimately increasing your Debt Service, just as they did from \$7 million to \$40 million and increasing your budget by \$1 million plus each and every year in the five years they held Council control has cost you and your families millions of dollars over the next fifteen years. Contrast this to No Bonding, a municipal budget that has remained constant in the \$17.1 million range for our team's five years, while accomplishing all of the above, plus additional benefits makes the choice clear. Please take the time to serve yourselves by voting for Dan, Dennis and Darlene, your team, on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ED P. KUBALA

Dear Mayor Gallagher,

Driving through South Plainfield, I can't help but notice the many signs advertising "No tax increase." One important word is missing from this sign. The word YET. Mr. Gallagher there is still no such thing as a free lunch.

How are you paying for all the improvements you have been associated with? (The over 50 streets that have been paved, the improvements to the parks, etc.) It is my understanding that the vacant land on the south side of town (which is owned by the borough of So. Plfd.) is being sold to pay for our many improvements. Although at first glance this seems like a great idea, when you think this through a little further, you realize what the end result of this sale will produce: more homes, more families and yes, more children to attend an already

over-crowded Roosevelt School. Eventually there will have to be an addition to this school. Whether or not the people of this town vote yes or no to an addition/new school, this will happen. Then there will need to be a tax increase. You can only rob Peter to pay Paul for so long.

So your signs are only partially correct. There has been no tax increase yet, but it is coming. And the current administration will be responsible for this, no matter what your signs say.

SINCERELY,
CATHY POMPILIO

Dear Editor,

With the challenges confronting New Jersey communities increasing daily, it is essential to elect leaders who share and recognize the values of working, middle class families.

That is why the citizens of South Plainfield are fortunate to have an individual such as Mayor Dan Gallagher as a candidate for re-election. Four years ago, the people of South Plainfield elected Dan Gallagher to stop the local Repub-

licans' pattern of irresponsible fiscal practices.

In his four years in office, Dan has clearly met that challenge. Under his leadership, South Plainfield has paved 50 roads, upgraded parks and buildings and revitalized the community. Mayor Gallagher has accomplished all of this, and more, and the municipal budget is less today than when he was elected.

Most importantly, Mayor Gallagher has promised there will be no tax increase for municipal services in South Plainfield for the next two years.

As a fellow Mayor, I recognize the value of the fiscally-conservative, cost-effective policies Dan Gallagher has implemented. I share his concern for the impact of property taxes on working, middle class families.

New Jerseyans need more Mayors like Dan Gallagher. I urge all citizens of South Plainfield to support Mayor Gallagher and his running mates, Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto, on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES,
JAMES E. MCGREEVEY

POLICE REPORT

• The glass on the front door of Fosa Corp. located on Corporate Blvd. was smashed and the door unlocked. A security camera inside the building showed three men, wearing masks and gloves enter and pry open the inner office door. They then proceeded to take 30 notebook computers. This all took place within three minutes.

• Airborne Express on New Durham Rd. reported a large envelope containing \$10,000 worth of American Express Travelers Checks is missing. The envelope arrived at the building, was put on the conveyor belt, but never got to the delivery truck. Police are investigating.

• After withdrawing money from an ATM machine, a woman attempted to purchase a money order with the bills she had just taken from the ATM. She was told by the cashier that the \$10 bills were counterfeit. The cashier called the police and the bills were seized and sent to the Secret Service Counterfeit Squad.

• Ramesh Patel of Edison was arrested for shoplifting five handbags from Bradlees on Oak Tree Rd.

• Donnie White of Plainfield

was arrested after a motor vehicle stop. While checking his records, police discovered he had seven outstanding Contempt of Court judgements totalling \$3989.

• Staples reported that a couple pushing a baby carriage in their store stuffed 12 V-Tech cordless telephones inside the carriage and fled the store. They jumped into a white Honda with temporary plates and drove off. The phones were valued at \$479.

• A resident of Woodland Ave. complained her mailbox was smashed and knocked over with either a bat or blunt object.

• An employee of N.E. Motor Freight on Hollywood Ave. charged that someone stole his backpack which was on the loading dock. The backpack and contents were valued at \$60.

• A purse was snatched from a theatergoer at Regal Cinemas. The purse was hanging over the seat closest to the aisle. Just as the lights went down and the show was about to start, a man entered the theater, snatched the purse and ran off. He ran out of the side door and fled on a BMX type bicycle. The purse contained a \$300 gift certificate, cash, credit cards, keys and a drivers license.

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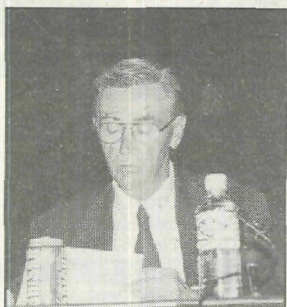
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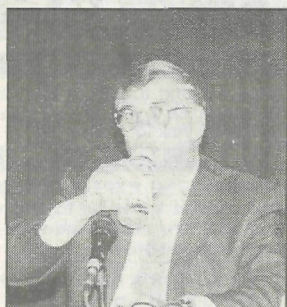
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all of this and maintained the municipal budget at \$17M each year for the past five years.

Darlene Pinto emphasized that her background as Pinto Brothers office manager and owner of her own business, *Twice Is Nice*, along with her experience on the Planning Board and the Business Advisory Council, more than qualifies her to serve as a councilperson. She wants to continue the open style government the Council has adopted such as its creation of the Taxpayers Advisory Council and the Business Advisory Council.

Mayoral candidates on the issues

At the conclusion of the council debate, Mayoral candidates Dan Gallagher and Jake Cataldo stated their positions on some of the issues shaping this year's race.

Mayor Gallagher said a senior citizen center near Borough Hall was planned, but when word got out last spring about the Borough's interest in the property, the price of the property was raised to over \$600,000. The Mayor said he is now looking at another property and vowed a senior center will be constructed, using developers' fees and at no cost to the taxpayers.

Jake Cataldo said there is Borough owned property available on Elm St. located near the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department. Cataldo said it could be cleaned up and used to build a new senior citizen center without the additional cost of acquiring property.

When asked about the traffic around the Rt. 287 interchange, Cataldo said he would ask the Department of Transportation to build a bridge over Rt. 287 at Craigwood Rd. It would allevi-

ate traffic at the Rt. 287 interchange. He also said the Hollywood Ave. truck traffic, which clogs up because there is only one way to get onto Hamilton Blvd., should be altered to allow easy access from Hollywood Ave. to Harmich Rd.

Gallagher said progress has begun. The ramp from 287 has been expanded to five lanes. New Durham and Durham is about to be improved; Hadley Blvd. was completely redone a few years ago and the Metuchen Rd., Helen Street Project is now underway. The project will take about 80% of the truck traffic out of the residential and Roosevelt School areas.

Gallagher and Cataldo disagreed on the hiring of borough administrator and emergency management coordinator. Cataldo said the borough administrator job would be one place he would cut the budget because three people are already doing the same job. He said the emergency management coordinator job might be handled by personnel at the fire department. Gallagher said the Borough is required to have an emergency management coordinator and that Mike Zushma has already brought in more grant money than any other agency in town. As for a borough administrator, Gallagher said if this town is to be run like a corporation, we need a full-time person to conduct the daily business.

It's a boy...it's a girl...



Patricia Loretta



Anthony Patrick

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Danielle said the proud father is on cloud nine. Joseph Lacasale, an accountant and a South Plainfield volunteer fireman, is on his way to building his own basketball team or baseball team, or just a nice family of six — all at once! When asked for his reaction to this family explosion, Joseph was still in a state of shock. He could only speak in half-thoughts, such as "amazing" and "it's still hard to believe." He is grateful the waiting, worrying and wondering is over and admitted that the idea of quadruplets has not yet sunk in.



Joseph Frank 3rd

Each day the infants grow stronger and Danielle and Joseph anxiously await their arrival home.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the quadruplets when they arrive home, please call the *Observer* at 732-469-4380.

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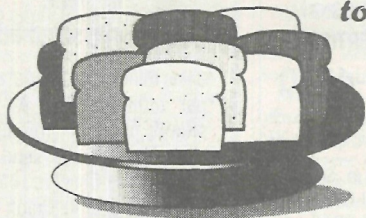
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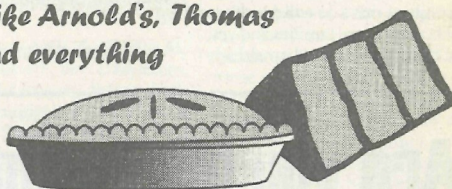
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