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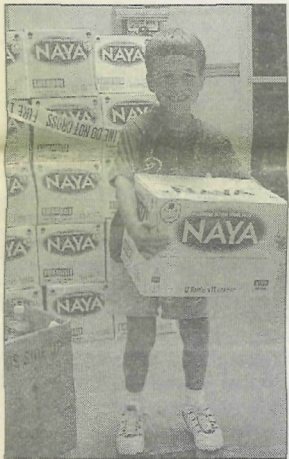
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## Weathering the Storm

### Emergency Management Team Commended for Quick Response

By Patricia Abbott

After a night resembling a disaster movie, South Plainfield awoke on Friday morning to clear blue skies and sunshine; a perfect fall day. It was hard to believe that



the town was operating under a state of emergency. Yet Thursday was anything but a typical day in South Plainfield. Hurricane Floyd ripped through town depositing huge amounts of water and causing devastation to residents and businesses.

In preparation for "Floyd" the courtroom in Borough Hall was turned over to Emergency Management at 5 p.m. on Wednesday night. At approximately 11 a.m. on Thursday morning the center was officially opened and Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma began what would become more than a 48 hour day.

At 12:30 p.m. on Thursday only Zushma and Emergency Management Logistics Officer Linda Zushma were in the command center, fielding calls and keeping a close eye on the storm. The phone rang continuously and Mike alternated between handling calls and radio dispatch, helping out wherever he could. A chart on the wall listed the already flooded streets.

During the course of the day and continuing on into the night police, fire and rescue squad members were kept hard at work answering calls. Mayor Gallagher and council members arrived to assist with the calls and stayed to help out for many hours. Business Administrator John Corica spent 24 hours at the command center.

Councilman Vinnie Buttiglieri arrived at the command center at approximately 3 p.m. He described the scene as extremely tense but well coordinated. Volunteers sat at a bank of phones surrounded by radios and other equipment and funneled the never-ending phone calls to the correct departments. As the storm worsened and calls poured in Buttiglieri noted that Mike Zushma, Fire Chief Joe Abbruzese and Police Chief Steve Merkle began to prioritize the calls after evaluating each situation. When water in flooded homes and basements climbed to over a foot and posed fire hazards, fire officials were sent out to turn off utilities and or begin pumping water out.

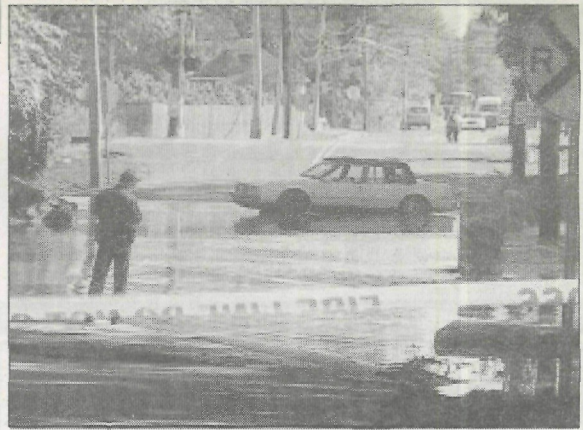
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woman Darlene Pinto arrived with dinner for volunteers. She was unable to stay too long due to serious flooding in her own home. Knowing that Sacred Heart School had flooding problems in the past, Darlene went over to check on the school and found that the water had filled the deep stairwell and burst open the cafeteria door, filling the room with four feet of water. The cafeteria is being sanitized and the students will bring lunches to school until the work is completed.

Mayor Dan Gallagher also spent part of the day dealing with the flooding in his home, but he still found time to assist at the command center. Gallagher said

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### South Plainfield High Football Team Forfeits Their Game

South Plainfield High School had to forfeit their football game with John F. Kennedy High School scheduled last Saturday. When the *Observer* asked the athletic department for a comment, we received a fax from Athletic Director Mike Buggy.

He stated that an investigation was started after information came to the attention of school officials on Tuesday, September 14. It was determined that a number of South Plainfield players were involved in incidents which violated team rules and our school district policy. The students in-

involved will be facing disciplinary action from the school district, as well as sanctions from the athletic department regarding future participation.

Buggy further added that the coaching staff along with school officials regretted the necessity of this action and extend apologies to the South Plainfield community and to the John F. Kennedy players, coaches, and fans. In as much as the issues involved impact on students' privacy rights, there will be no further public comment on the specifics of the incident.

### Who's Watching These Kids?

During the height of the storm last Thursday, kids were at Spring Lake Park jumping off the bridge and swimming in the lake. Police, who were trying to cope with the storm emergency, were called to the park to chase the kids away. The police noted that the park was closed at the time and should have been unoccupied.



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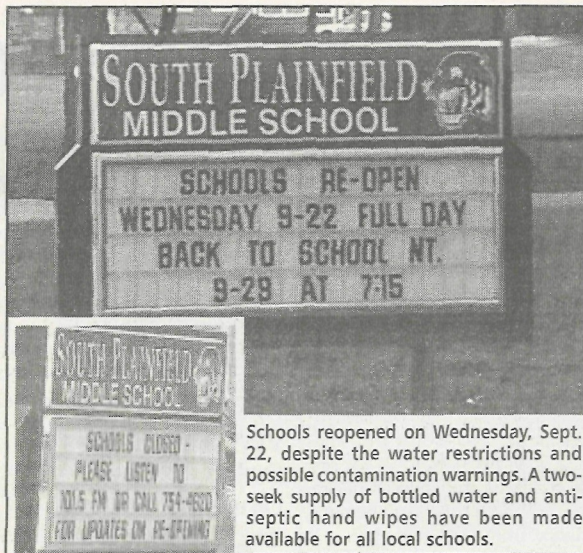
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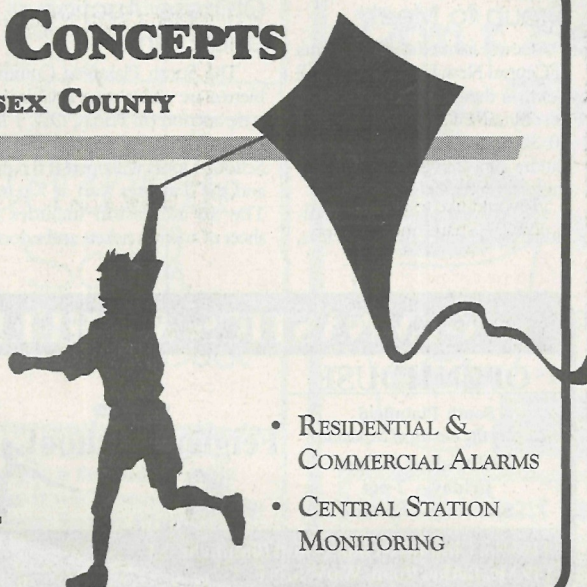
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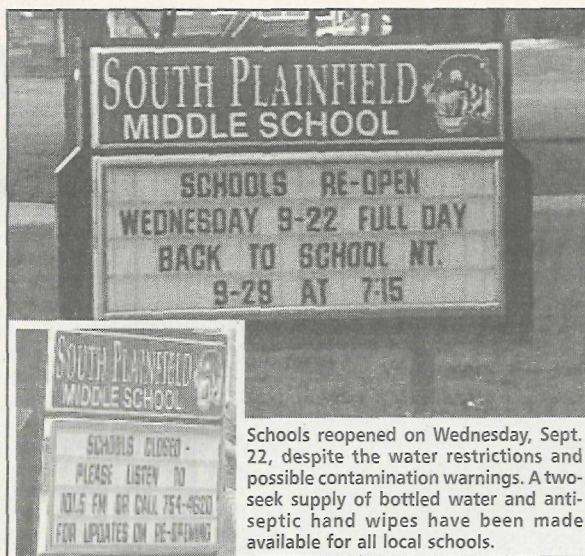
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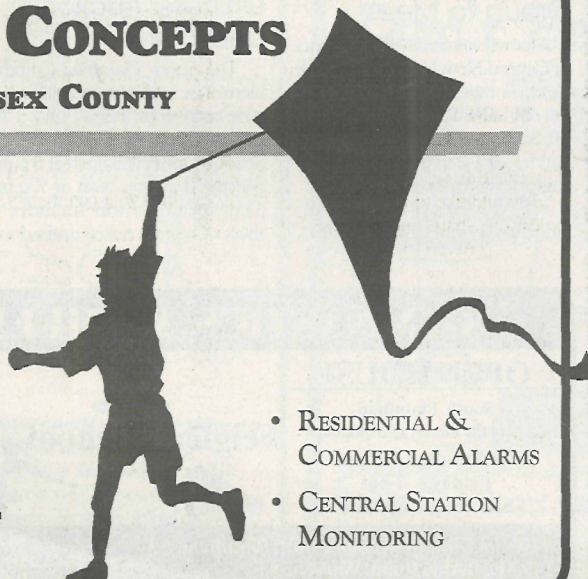
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# AROUND TOWN

## EVENTS

### Nativity of Blessed Virgin Church Holds Penny Sale

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church on Belmont Ave. is holding a Penny Sale on Friday, Oct. 1. Doors open at 6 p.m. Calling starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3, which includes two sheets of tickets. Limited Seating. Please call Dorothy at 908-756-7223 for more information.

### Seniors Invited to Join Line Dancing

The South Plainfield Recreation Department invites all seniors to join them on Wednesdays for line-dancing. It will be held Oct. 6, 13 and 20; Nov. 3, 10 and 17 at the PAL building from 2-3 p.m. The fee is \$10 per person. Line-dancing will be taught by Mr. Victor Graco.

For more information, call 226-7713.

### Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support Meeting

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

### Riley School Fifth Graders Will Hold a Spaghetti Dinner

Riley School's fifth graders will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Oct. 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the school. The doors will open at 4:30 for senior citizens.

The dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert.

The proceeds will be used to benefit the 1999 Stokes Trip. The cost is \$5 per person, \$4 for senior citizens and children under 10. Advanced tickets can be purchased from fifth graders.

### Our Lady of Czestochowa Sponsoring Spaghetti Supper

Our Lady of Czestochowa Rosary Altar Society will be holding a spaghetti supper on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 4-8 p.m.

Price for adults is \$7, senior citizens are \$6, children 5-12 years old are \$3.50 and children under five year are free. The spaghetti supper includes salad and dessert.

### Atlantic City Trip Planned by Polish Home

The Polish National Home is sponsoring a trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, Oct. 17. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a \$17 return and a \$2.50 food voucher.

The bus leaves the Polish Home parking lot located on New Market Ave. at 11:30 a.m.

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

### Roosevelt School Craft Night '99

Roosevelt School will sponsor a craft show on Friday, Oct. 1, 5-9 p.m., featuring 35 crafters. Start your holiday shopping early!

For table information, call Michele at (908) 753-0124.

### Recreation Plans Trip to Atlantic City

Come join us on a trip to Atlantic City. Play in the sand or the casinos on Sunday, Oct. 10. The bus leaves the PAL Building at 11:30 a.m.

Price is \$12 per person and includes \$17 in coins and a \$2.50 food credit.

Tickets may be purchased at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave.

### VFW Announces Dates for Their Dinner, Breakfast and Country Western Night

VFW Post 6763, located on Front Street, will be holding a Salisbury Steak Dinner, a Country Breakfast and a Country Western Nite.

The Salisbury Steak Dinner will be held on Sept. 24 from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$6. Take-out is available for \$6.50.

The Country Breakfast, sponsored by Pup Tent 41, Military Order of the Coorie, will be held from 8-11 a.m. The cost is \$4 for adults and a children's menu is available for \$2.

Memorial Post 6763 VFW continues their celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the VFW with a Country Western Nite on Oct. 9. There will be food, fun and music by Billy Phillips and more from 7-11 p.m. Donation is \$10.

For more information on any of these events call (908) 668-9751.

### SPHS Class of 1979 Planning Reunion

What a long strange trip it has been since graduation from South Plainfield High School in 1979. Join us at the twenty year reunion of the high school class of 1979 and tell us about what the past 20 years have been for you.

The reunion will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Pines Manor located on Route 27 in Edison, from 8-12 p.m.

The cost is \$45 per person and includes a buffet and a DJ. There will be a cash bar. Pass the word to other alumni. For more information log on to <http://idt.net/~abbottk/SPHS1979.HTML>.

### Single Parents Group to Meet

A newly formed Single Parents of Central New Jersey group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7:30-10:30 p.m. For information, call Sandra 732-283-1250 or e-mail [snglprntnj@aol.com](mailto:snglprntnj@aol.com).

• Entry fee of \$85 for individual golfers includes green fees,

prizes, food and beverages.

Call Detective Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7661 for info.

### New Jersey's 18th Annual "Let's Talk Adoption" Conference

The 18th Annual "Let's Talk Adoption" Conference will be held at Seton Hall University in South Orange on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

The conference is sponsored by Concerned Persons for Adoption. The scheduled keynote speaker is Dr. David Brodzinsky and the lunchtime speaker is Dr. Anne Brodzinsky.

Over 25 different workshops will be held throughout the day for prospective and current adoptive parents, adoption professionals and members of the adoption triad.

Workshops to be held include: Homestudy, International Opportunities, Adopting the Waiting Child, Searching, INS Update Subsidies, How to Finance an Adoption, Finding a Therapist, School Issues and Language Issues for the Internationally Adopted Child.

To register, call 908-273-5694 or email [mcben216@aol.com](mailto:mcben216@aol.com) to request a registration flyer.

### Seniors Plan Trip to "Mame" at Paper Mill Playhouse

The South Plainfield Recreation Department would like all seniors to join them in a trip to see "Mame" on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

Jerry Herman's legendary hit musical will feature stage and screen star Christine Ebersole as the larger-than-life Auntie Mame, who will "coax the blues right out of the horn" in this dazzling musical.

The cost for seniors is \$20 per person. Transportation is included. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. For more information call 226-7713.

### Columbiettes Chinese Auction and Events

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a Chinese style auction on Friday, Oct. 1 in the cafeteria of Sacred Heart School. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the drawings start at 7 p.m. The \$6 admission includes a sheet of auction tickets and a door

prize for all who attend, as they enter.

There will be over 250 prizes, including a camcorder, DVD player, TV/VCR combo, stereo, the just released Sega Dreamcast game system, luggage, microwave oven, 50 baskets, autographed sports items from the Nets, Devils and NASCAR, sports tickets for Devils hockey, Rutgers football and Patriots baseball, theater tickets and much more.

Food will be available for purchase in the kitchen and complimentary coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Seating is limited and tickets can be purchased by calling Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

Upcoming events for the Columbiettes also include a shopping trip to Reading, Pa. on Saturday, Nov. 6, cost is \$18; a Country Western dinner dance on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Bobby & Mary's in Piscataway, cost is \$20; and "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pa. on Saturday, Dec. 11, cost is \$85. All events are open to the public. For information or tickets for any of these trips, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

### Ladies' Auxiliary Plans Fashion Show

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies' Auxiliary is completing arrangements for their annual "Fashion Show" Brunch to be held on Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Polish National Home on New Market Ave. Doors open at 12 noon. Tickets are \$27 and may be purchased by calling 908-754-8275 or from any auxiliary member.

Women's and misses fashions will be presented by BJ's Dressing Room in Scotch Plains, the Answer Store in Menlo Park, and children's fashions will be coordinated by Fashion Bug.

The event will include the traditional Holiday Basket Raffle, plus many more exciting raffle prizes and door prizes.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. Proceeds from this annual fund raiser help the South Plainfield Rescue Squad defray numerous expenses.

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## Alex Tierney Attends Johns Hopkins Program

When Alex Tierney finished the seventh grade at the Middle School he began his summer in a rather non-traditional way. Alex packed his bags and headed... back to school! Alex was accepted to attend the Johns Hopkins Center for Academic Advancement Summer Residential Program. The prestigious program is open to students who score in the 96 percentile on the school's stan-

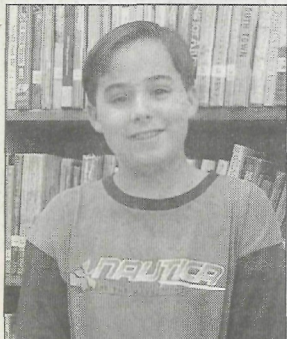
hands on activities and laboratory projects that our class did."

The students live on campus under the supervision of resident assistants. A taste of college life early on might be considered difficult but Alex explained, "Being on my own and taking care of my responsibilities was challenging but ended up being a lot of fun and a great learning experience." When not in class there were a variety of activities for the students such as sports, arts and crafts, music and dances, or as Alex put it, "...fooling around with my friends and having fun."

A student with athletic prowess or artistic talents might attend a summer camp that focuses on their abilities. The Center for Academic Advancement seeks to "identify, nurture and develop academic talent among pre-college students." The course gives academically gifted students the chance to develop their skills. The program is an unusual educational experience that allows students to share their academic abilities and love of learning with their peers. The standardized test scores of the participants place them in the top two percent or higher of their age group. Seventy-one percent of the students attended public school.

Alex served as student council representative in sixth grade and treasurer in seventh grade. He is a member of the South Plainfield Soccer Club. He participates in the Recreation soccer and the basketball programs. He is an avid skier as well. Alex is the son of Donna and the late James Tierney of South Plainfield.

When asked about his summer experience Alex said, "My favorite part of going to CAA at Moravian College was having the opportunity to make friends from other countries. I now have friends in Hong Kong, Kenya, Japan, and many other countries and we keep in touch through e-mail."



Alex Tierney

dardized tests. The next step is SATs, the same test taken by high school juniors. If accepted, the seventh-tenth grade students embark on a trip to various college campuses throughout the country where they participate in an intense three-week course of study.

Alex traveled to Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. where he studied Animal Science. The course provided students with a introduction to the comparative study of animals. They learned the basic principles of anatomy and physiology while exploring how they vary in different species. Lab and field work were an integral part of the course. The class met five hours a day, five days a week, plus five two-hour evening study periods. Alex said, "The CAA course was hard but very enjoyable. It tested my skills and taught me a lot. I enjoyed the many



Last weekend youngsters participating in South Plainfield Pop Warner Football were fundraising at of businesses around town. The can collection is one of their major fundraisers.

## YWCA Announces Plans for Annual Golf Benefit

The YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield will host its Second Annual Week Without Violence Golf Benefit to be held on October 2 at the Hillsborough Golf and Country Club. According to Tylene Hicks-Edd, president of the YWCA Board of Directors, "proceeds from this event will support the Week Without Violence events as well as the services the YWCA provides to empower the lives of women, children and families in our community."

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the Golf Benefit kicking off at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at the ninth hole and the event will wind up about 3 p.m. with award presentations for longest drive, closest to the pin, low gross and low net.

The public is invited to participate in this event. Individual golfers pay \$75 which includes lunch, prizes and hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Individuals and organizations may also support the event by participating as a sponsor

(\$500, which includes a four-some, prize donation and hole sponsorship); as a contributor (\$250 which includes hole sponsorship and prize donation) or as a cart advertiser (\$100).

The Golf Benefit is one of many of the activities that the YWCA and its supporting community organizations will sponsor during the Fifth Annual Week Without Violence campaign October 17-23. The Week Without Violence is a local national and international campaign focusing on practical and sustainable alternatives to violence in our homes schools and streets.

Other events include a Prayer Breakfast on October 16, a Walk Against Violence on October 23, and many educational and informational forums and workshops between the 17th and 23rd.

For more information about the Golf Benefit or details about the entire week's events, please call Nellie Dixon at 908-756-3500 (press 1 and ext. 123).

## PAL Expansion Construction Dates are Set

During last week's Recreation Commission meeting, Mike English said that a date has finally been set on the groundbreaking and construction at the new PAL building.

English said that the deadline for bids is Oct. 20. The acceptance of the bids has been set for Oct. 28 and groundbreaking will probably be on Oct. 29. The delay has been due, in part, to the illness of the architect.

The PAL building will remain open in some form for most of the construction. Plans call for a new all purpose room, expanding the weight room and upgrading the entire building.

Mike English also announced that registration is now being taken for both Youth and Adult Basketball and Co-ed Volleyball. Soccer is beginning competition this week.

Registration for In-line hockey, a new program this year, will be accepted beginning shortly. Games will be played behind Borough Hall on the new courts. The kids have been playing hockey for awhile but without any supervision. The Recreation Department will be organizing play there.

Seniors will be starting line-dancing at the PAL starting on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

## Red Cross Blood Drives

Blood drives sponsored by American Red Cross and the New Jersey Blood Services scheduled during October are listed below. For more information call (908) 353-2500, (908) 756-6414, (800) 933-2566 and (800) 403-7879.

The Red Cross needs to improve the number of blood donors. Only two percent of the general population give blood. Last year in Union County our services provided 14,000 units of blood to Union County hospitals, yet they only collected 10,000 units of blood from county residents.

The list of blood drives are:

Oct. 1—Knights of Columbus on Grove & South Ave. in Dunellen from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Oct. 10—Wilson Memorial Un. Church on 7 Valley Rd. in Watchung from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oct. 11—St. Bernard's Church on 368 Summer Ave. in Plainfield from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

Oct. 13—Sacred Heart Church on 200 Randolph Rd. in South Plainfield from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

Oct. 18—United Church of Christ on 220 W. 7th Street in Plainfield from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

Oct. 22—Evangel Church on 1251 Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains from 3 to 9 p.m.

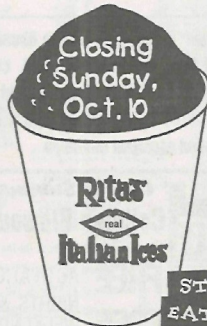
## The Elks Tale:

The South Plainfield Elks were hit hard with the waters from hurricane Floyd. "We got real wet, but we're coming back to continue our help in town," say the devoted members of the lodge. "Our support for distressed families in our town, our scholarship efforts, the handicapped, Veterans and children's support will not be diminished!"

The Elks are also proud to

be hosting Cristine Iannitto, a noted YOGA instructor from our area. Her instructional classes which will be starting at the Elks in October. Call Cris for details and sign up for her enriching classes at the Lodge, 908-757-5594. (After all the post-Floyd cleanup needed, this may be a big class for all the stretching and limbering up we'll be needing. See you there!)

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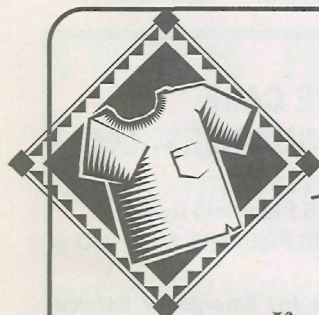
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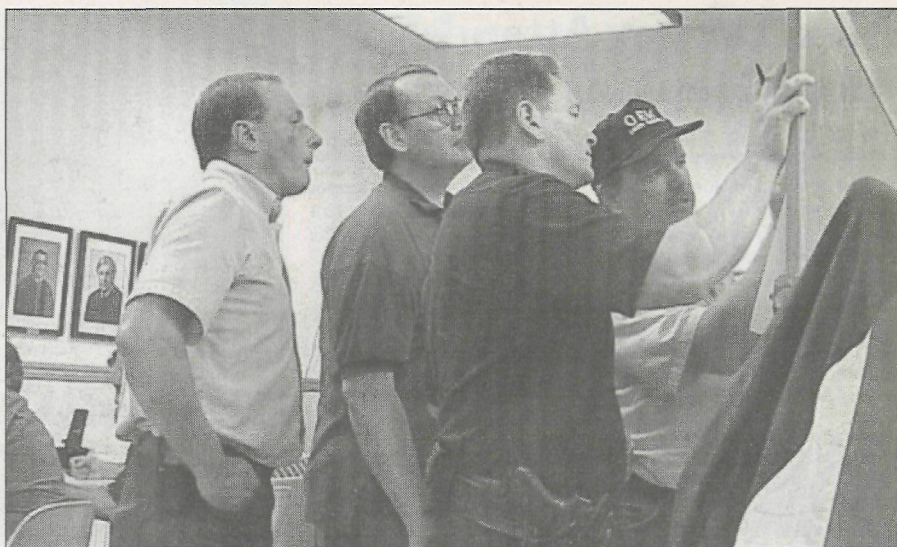
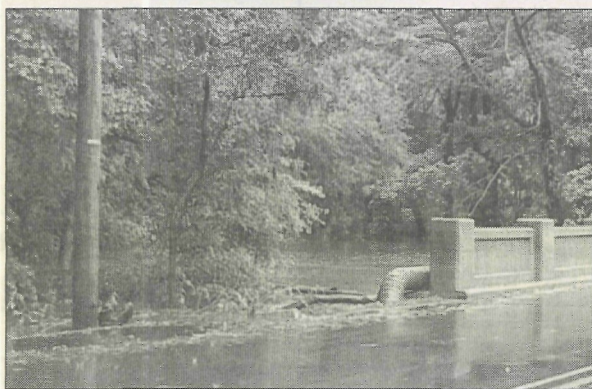
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## Weathering the Storm

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there were the three separate calls reporting teenagers jumping from the bridge in Spring Lake Park and swimming in the dangerous floodwaters. "Our resources were stretched to the max and we should not have had to send officers to the park when they may be needed elsewhere," Gallagher said. He stressed that parents should be mindful of the whereabouts of their children in an emergency situation.

Gallagher said another ongoing problem was the unnecessary calls for boats to help evacuate people from known flood areas. On Wednesday, flyers were delivered to homes in these areas (especially New Market Ave.), cautioning residents and detailing the expected flooding. They strongly suggested that residents make plans to leave their homes and stay with family or friends for the duration. On Thursday morning, officials went door to door warning residents to evacuate. It was explained to those who chose to stay that should they decide to evacuate later, boats might not be readily available. Gallagher explained that residents can not be forced them to leave.

As anticipated, a number of residents did call and request evacuation assistance. Boats were sent out to pick up the evacuees. Gallagher explained that this took precious minutes away from other potential emergencies. Once order is restored to town, the mayor plans to rewrite the law making evacuation in an emergency mandatory.

At 6 p.m. Thursday evening Riley School was opened to house the evacuees. R.A.C.E.S. radio operators were called in to

help with communications, freeing up police officers so they could answer emergency calls.

After the storm peaked, flood waters from Spring Lake and Bound Brook continued to rise filling the back parking lot of Borough Hall as well as the street in front of it. All borough vehicles, employee and volunteers' cars were relocated to McCrisky Funeral Home's parking lot and sandbags were put in place to stop the rising water.

Mayor Gallagher noted that Borough Hall is in a flood plain and it was fortunate that the command center did not have to be moved. When asked for his comments on the emergency management efforts and all the volunteers he said, "I was impressed with all the hours the council members put in." As for the Emergency Management team, he said "...excellent! I couldn't ask for better!"

Both Mike Zushma and Dan Gallagher expressed concern over the number of people who disregarded the barricades put up to block flooded roads. Several people got stuck in the fast rising water and had to leave their cars. Still others had to be rescued by boat, once again taking vital personnel away from more serious situations. Summonses were issued to all who ignored the barricades.

Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese reported that between Thursday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 21, 169 calls were received by the fire department, all of them storm related. He asked residents to conserve water and reminded those with contaminated Elizabethtown water to continue boiling their water be-

fore drinking or cooking.

As the town began the monumental task of cleaning up and drying out, the command center stayed opened and continued to take calls and send assistance to residents.

On Saturday morning Mike Zushma received an emergency call of a different kind. His father had fallen and broken his hip. Mayor Dan Gallagher immediately relieved Mike of his duties and placed Sgt. Mike Grennier in command. While three pumps worked to remove water from the mayor's basement, he was out delivering drinking water door to door to residents without water and to those with contaminated water.

Schools were closed on Monday and Tuesday due to little or no water pressure for sprinkler systems. Franklin, Roosevelt and Grant schools are served by Elizabethtown Water Company. Schools reopened on Wednesday and will be using bottled water until the water is deemed safe.

Residents, along with council members, have all praised the efforts of those who assisted during this emergency. They commended Mike Zushma who did a great job controlling the situation during the crisis. Darlene Pinto remarked that while Mike would bark out orders sending help to people, he always remained calm. There are many others to be commended, among them Mike Grennier, who took over after Mike Zushma had to attend to his father's emergency. He helped get the water stations set up at Cedar Oaks Nursing Home to supply that section of town with the much needed water.



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Mayor Gallagher plans to call for rewriting of the current law to make evacuation mandatory in an emergency situation.

## Police Vehicles Moved to McCriskin Funeral Home

Did you notice that McCriskin Funeral Home was filled with police cars on Friday morning?

Late Thursday night water from Spring Lake Park crept closer and closer to police headquarters, where the emergency command center was set up.

At around midnight, the parking lot behind police headquarters started to fill up with water. Police cars along with cars from the people at headquarters working at the command center were ordered to move their cars to McCriskin and sand bags were placed around police headquarters to stop the water from raising any further.

Fortunately they did not have to evacuate as the water slowly stopped rising.



## Shadyside Area Residents Without Any Water

While most of South Plainfield residents who use Elizabethtown Water were told to boil their water and conserve, residents in the Shadyside section were without any water at all after the storm.

Some residents were a little angry about boiling their water, but when they found they had no water at all, boiling didn't seem so bad. Apparently the pressure in Shadyside is at the end of the line for Elizabethtown so they have no pressure. Residents on the southside of town were also affected with no water or very little water pressure.

Cedar Oaks Nursing Home, located on Durham Ave. called police Saturday morning complaining they had not had water for 24-hours and could not flush their toilets or take care of their patients.

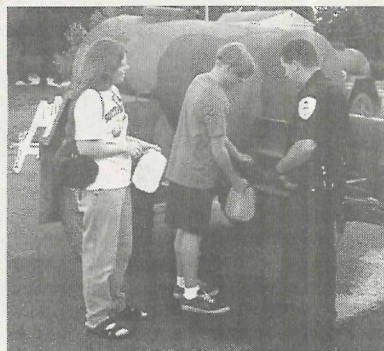
The fire department contacted Crisdel and Conti Construction Co., both from South Plainfield, and they arrived with trucks loaded with water in the Cedar Oaks parking lot. One truck hooked up garden hoses to the building in order to flush the toilets.

The National Guard brought a truck filled with drinking water and soon residents were standing in line for water. Police said they will remain at Cedar Oaks 24-hours a day until the water crisis is over.

The fire department was alerted about the lack of water and had their tanker trucks standing by in case of a fire.

Shadyside is located off Durham Ave. on the south side of town. Most Shadyside residents spent the weekend asking friends on the other side of town if they could use their showers and using their water.

Sunday evening cases of drinking water were distributed to Shadyside residents through FEMA. Water was also available at Borough Hall for any residents who needed it.



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# SPORTS

## Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

### 2000 Season Registration

Registration for the 2000 season is open to all South Plainfield residents ages 8 to 16. New players must turn eight years old before Aug. 1, 2000 and must present a copy of a birth certificate. Any parent interested in being a manager, coach, or umpire can sign up at the registration. The Woman's Auxiliary will be on-hand to take orders for the new line of SPJBC clothing.

The October "EARLY" registration for the 2000 season will be held in from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, Friday, Oct. 22, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the clubhouse.

Early registration fees are \$50 for one player, \$80 for two players, \$100 for three or more players (all per family).

The January registration will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13 and Friday, Jan. 14, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the clubhouse.

January registration fees are \$55 for one player, \$85 for two players, \$105 for three or more players (all per family).

Late registration fees are \$60 per player. No discounts.

Contact the SPJBC ... Clubhouse 908-754-2090 or email spjbc99@aol.com.

### Events at a glance

**Monthly Meeting**—Monday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse

**Womans Auxiliary Meeting**—Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse

**Registration**—Oct. 21, 22 and 23 at the clubhouse

**Registration**—Jan. 13, 14, 15 at the clubhouse

**Try Outs**—Saturday, March 4 at the PAL

**Opening Day**—Saturday, April 15



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## South Plainfield PBA Golf Tournament

On Monday, Sept. 20, the PBA held its Eighth Annual Golf Tournament at Mattawang Golf Course. The course was in good shape despite Hurricane Floyd's damage to the Somerset County area. There was a full field of

golfers who came out to support their local PBA. The PBA would like to thank everyone who helped to sponsor the event and for all of their donations as well. It was a fun time for all. The winners were Bill Disch and

Mart Rocco, who tied for lowest gross score of 77.

Lowest gross score by a woman was Roxanne Cortese with a 94. Closest to the pin on a par three was Roy Carbone, 7 feet. Longest drive was also a tie between Guy Severini and Jeff Thomsen. All these winners will be receiving trophies.

## "Battle of the Badges" Softball Game Benefits Handicapped Kids

The South Plainfield Elks Handicapped Children's Committee wish to sincerely thank the South Plainfield Fire and Police Departments for donating the proceeds from their annual softball game to the Elks Handicapped Children's Fund.

In addition to the proceeds from ticket sales, each organization made an additional generous donation to the fund.

Each year the Elks are proud to award the traveling trophy to the winner of their annual Labor Day Weekend softball game. This year's game was won again by the Fire Department, who will retain possession of the trophy for another year.

Congratulations to both teams for a terrific effort, and for their support of handicapped kids in our town.

## Adult Volleyball Leagues Forming

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is accepting registrations for an adult co-ed volleyball league.

Games will be played on Tuesday nights at the Middle School starting on Jan. 4, 2000. The times are 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Registration is being taken at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave. The fee is \$225 for a 16 member roster. Deadline for registration is Dec. 6.

To be eligible you must be 18 years old or older. The first 12 teams with the fee will be accepted.

For more information, call 226-7714.

## Soccer Club Opens Seasons

The South Plainfield Soccer Club opened their season this past Sunday. Although some teams were unable to play due

to poor field conditions thanks to 'Hurricane Floyd' other teams were able to get down to work.

The under-nine-boys team, the Blast, traveled to South Brunswick and it was a trip worth its while as they kept the crowd on the edge of their seats and pulled a hard fought victory by the score of 3-2. Congratulations to the Blast.

On another note, the under-11-boys also opened their season. After an extremely slow start and obvious first game jitters, the team started to get their feel for the game and finished the first half with a score of 1-0. They put North Plainfield away in the second half with two more goals, sending their opponents home with a loss. The defense was well balanced, allowing goalkeeper Anthony Moretti to record his first shutout of the season. Well done United!

## Adult Basketball Registration

The South Plainfield Recreation Department has announced that Adult Basketball will be starting on November 18. The games will be played at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.

The fee is \$500 for a 15 member roster. You must be 18 years or older. The first eight teams with the required fee will be accepted.

Register at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. by October 18. For information, call 226-7714.

## Youth Basketball League Forming

South Plainfield Recreation is starting to form its Youth Basketball League. The league is open to all South Plainfield residents ages 7-14 (as of October 1, 1999).

Games are played Saturdays at the Middle School. Practices are at the coaches' discretion, weekdays, afternoons and evenings at various locations.

The fee is \$35 per participant. Register at the Recreation Office located on Maple Ave., Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registrations will be taken until 8:00 p.m., October 18. The Recreation Office will also be open from 6-8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, October 4 and October 18.

Birth Certificates are only required for registrants who have not participated in a Recreation sponsored Youth League in the past 24 months. For more information call 908-226-7714.

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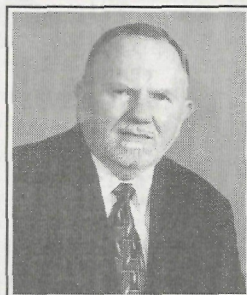
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## Pop Warner Football Season Gets Underway

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### Mighty Mites

#### SP 12 - Maplewood 0

Patrick Hunter and Dantae Johnson each scored a touchdown on a run. Standouts were AJ Kunie with a 55 yard punt return and Matt Kopchak with a fumble recovery. Kyle Kaczka, Jarrel Watkins and Mike Muglia were also outstanding.

### Jr. Pee Wee

#### SP 8-Maplewood 6

Kyle Lendach scored a touchdown on a quarterback run. Standouts on offense were Debarious Alford, Scott Barton, Tim Gaughan and Kyle Darr. On defense Nick Dorey had an interception. Mike Jakubik, Andre Lawson and Bryan Hunt were also played outstanding.

### Jr. Midget

#### SP 0- Maplewood 6

Outstanding on offense were Kyle Baker, Kevin Crilley, Joe Cupo and Mike Downes. On defense Andrew Miller, Robert Mastickie, Paul Ritche, and Steve Turpise played well.

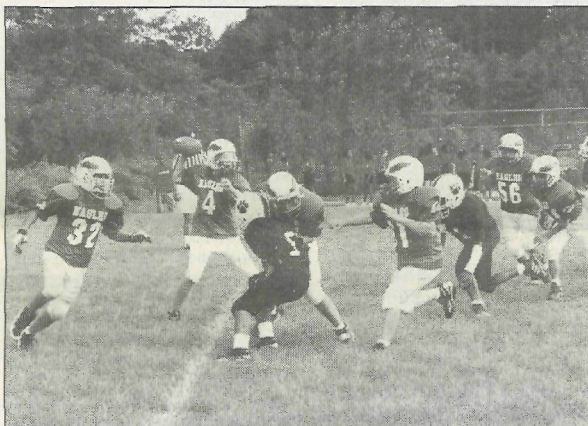
### Midgets

#### SP 24-Maplewood 13

Geroge Watkins, Marcellus Abrams and Guy Severini each scored a touchdown with a run. Guy Severini also threw an 82 yard touchdown pass to Zach Copolla. Defensive standouts were Marcellus Abrams with an interception, Jimmy Bataille, Chris Czaplinski and Alex Ferraris.

Flag Football standouts were Robert Alexander, Thomas Katowich, Ed Sullivan, Randy Jakubik and Ryan Connolly.

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## INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum

Well there Floyd, thanks for the visit! At least we had adequate advance warning this time around! I really feel for the folks over in Bound Brook and Manville and I'd sure like to see the next issue of the Flood Control Commission's newsletter, but even though it's easy to say; things could've been a lot worse. With no water at all in some areas and contaminated water for those who do have it, I don't even want to think about worse. I'm sure the pictures we've all seen and the stories we've heard will suffice for a long time to come. Say Hallelujah, say Amen!

I do have to comment on the higher tech storm coverage we did have though. It was great! The weather channel had the highest ratings yet over all other programming. But, despite all the weather modeling, all the forecasting and the pretty on-air personalities trying to convince you that they know best how bad you're going to get hit, we did get soaked good. However, I do have to wonder what would have been done differently had we known more. Since we aren't likely to be getting any guarantees with weather forecasts, I guess it's just going to remain as "one of those things!" I still remember my dad telling me of rafting through what is now Bound Brook and Greenbrook's finer neighborhoods saying that what flooded once will flood again! Words to the wise? Nope, not a chance!

Back on track here, I did note cellular phone service was significantly diminished after the storm and that many Northern Jersey phones were out. I see higher tech also means more fragile after all. I'm not advocating we re-learn Morse code, but don't lull yourself either into a comfort zone bordered with pure technology. Can you just imagine what this would be like if this storm had hit us on New Year's eve what with Y2K and everyone going crazy to boot? Let's just not neglect our need for common sense!

I'm wondering how many readers have tried some of the internet phone apps available nowadays? I just downloaded "Qtalk" for ICQ and am quite impressed with how well it works and how simple it is to use. Or how about ThirdVoice ([www.thirdvoice.com](http://www.thirdvoice.com)) for posting notes on anyone's website. You can turn it on or off whenever you want and I think it is a great application considering what it can do (future versions will allow html postings as well). Check it out and let me know what you think. In fact, if you've got some cool sites or apps for the web, pass them along for mention and sharing here. There's so much available these days, I can't begin to keep up with it all. Lend a hand for the benefit of us all. Reach me at [bruggo@home.com](mailto:bruggo@home.com)! Best wishes till then or next time.

-Briggs Longbothum, ed.

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Sept. 23**	General Membership Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Field House
Sept. 25	Punt, Pass, and Kick at 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 26	BYE WEEK - NO GAMES
Oct. 3	GAME: Washington Rock (Home)
Oct. 10	GAME: West Orange (Home)
Oct. 17	GAME: New Providence (Away)
Oct. 21	General Membership Meeting at 8:00 p.m. - Nominations
Oct. 24	GAME: Hillsborough (Home)
Oct. 31	GAME: Bridgewater (Away)
Nov. 5	BONFIRE (To be announced)
Nov. 7	GAME: Hunterdon Hills (Away)
Nov. 12	Uniform Returns at Field house 6 to 8 p.m. ALL SQUADS
Nov. 13	Uniform Returns at Field house 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ALL SQUADS
Nov. 18	Pizza Party at the PAL 5 to 8 p.m. 5-6 p.m. Mighty Mites
Nov. 20	General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m. at Field house - Elections

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## Obituaries

### Tecla Mella, 82

Tecla Mella died on Wednesday, September 8, at Genesis Eldercare - The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born in Mt. Vernon, New York, Mrs. Mella had resided in South Plainfield for the past 34 years.

She was employed as a seamstress for the former Middlesex Dress Company of South Plainfield for 10 years before her retirement in 1986.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and had also been a believer in the Bah'Al religion.

She is predeceased by her husband, Leonard Mella, who died in January of 1975.

Surviving are her son, Barry Mella of South Plainfield; a sister-in-law, Natalie Pasca; many nieces and nephews, as well as many dear and devoted friends and neighbors.

According to her wishes, Mrs. Mella had her body donated to medical science. A memorial service in her memory will be held at McCriskin Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, c/o 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08818.

### Grace M. (Rotola) Stillman, 88

Grace M. (Rotola) Stillman died on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Cleveland, Mississippi, she has resided in South Plainfield since 1917.

Mrs. Stillman was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Charles E., Sr., died in 1987 and her sons, Charles E., Jr., and Robert E., both died in 1990.

Her sisters, Ann Evans, Vir-

ginia Barnancz and Rose Krajewski and her brothers, Albert, Tony, Merritt and Philip Rotola have predeceased her.

Surviving are her son, Thomas D. Stillman of South Plainfield; and a sister, Jill Philips of Las Vegas.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins residing in the area.

Services were held in the McCriskin Home for Funerals. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

### Antonio Infante, 75

Antonio Infante died on Friday, Sept. 17, at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

Born in Bagnoli Irpino, Avellino, Italy, Mr. Infante came to the United States in 1972 and had resided in Plainfield and in North Plainfield. He then resided in South Plainfield for seven years before moving to Seaside Park in 1989.

Before his immigration to the United States he had worked as a road laborer in various parts of Switzerland. After his settling in the U.S. he had worked as a laborer for Calabrese Masonry Contractors in South Plainfield for 18 years before his retirement in 1989.

Surviving are his wife, Maria (Colantuono) Infante; two sons and daughters in law, Vincenzo and Lina and Salvatore and Diane Infante of Seaside Park, NJ; a sister, Maria; and his two brothers, Mario and Francesco Infante, all of Italy.

Also surviving are his grandchildren, Anthony, Jennifer, Jessica and Mario Infante.

Funeral services were held in the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Mr. Elliott had served in the United States Navy during WW II and the Korean Conflict, he was a life member and a former commander of the VFW Memorial Post 6763 South Plainfield, and had been an avid golfer.

Surviving are his wife, Joan C. Elliott; a daughter, Susan Gingerelli Koch from Griswold, Conn.; a son, Joseph Gingerelli of South Plainfield; a sister, Laura M. Elliott Trowbridge from Springfield. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Kaitlyn Kelli and John Michael Koch.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Peter Rea II, 49

Peter Rea III died suddenly on Saturday, Sept. 18, at his home.

Born in Bayonne, Mr. Rea had resided in South Plainfield from 1956 until he settled in Piscataway 10 years ago.

He was a graduate of South Plainfield High School and earned an associates degree from Middlesex County College.

Mr. Rea was extremely active as a child in local organized sports. He continued his love for baseball as an adult in which he was extremely active in the Piscataway Little League where he served as a coach and an umpire. He had also served the league as the chief umpire in the past year.

Mr. Rea was employed as a production controller of Hoechst Celanese Corporation in Branchburg which later became AGEA Corporation, for the past 30 years.

He is predeceased by his father, Peter J. Rea, who died in 1979, and his sister, Leona Rea, who died in 1957.

Surviving are his mother Frances (Long) Rea and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held in McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### William L. Elliott, 72

William L. Elliott died on Monday, September 20 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Newark, he had resided in Irvington before moving to South Plainfield 31 years ago.

He was employed as a bartender with Oscar's bar in Union for many years and most recently he was tending bar at the Colonia Country Club. He retired two years ago.

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Surviving are his wife, Joan C. Elliott; a daughter, Susan Gingerelli Koch from Griswold, Conn.; a son, Joseph Gingerelli of South Plainfield; a sister, Laura M. Elliott Trowbridge from Springfield. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Kaitlyn Kelli and John Michael Koch.

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By Cyrus n Moon

## Weekly Horoscope 9/24-10/01

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22** Moon sextiles Venus.

The holidays are coming and they are closer than you think. This is a good time to have friends come to your home for entertainment. You are able to make them feel good, and they will appreciate it. What better way to plan the holidays. By the way **HAPPY! HAPPY! BIRTHDAY!**

**SCORPIO 10/23-11/21** Moon trines Pluto.

A strong transit here! You feel everything much more powerfully than usual, and you are not likely to take your feelings or anyone else's lightly. This transit can put you in a serious mood. But you have an opportunity to regain the communication with a love done that has been lost.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** Moon conjuncts Jupiter. This is a favorable time for you in business. If you have to persuade others, as in sales or public relations, this transit can be very useful. It enables you to project to the group the feeling that you understand their needs. Visit old friends!

**CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19** Sun in challenging aspect to Saturn. If you find yourself one day this week feeling down, recognize that it may be only a temporary mood. Don't spend the day just brooding, though. You will have the energy to tackle that onerous or tedious job. Complete it and cross it off your list.

**AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18** Uranus in cooperating aspect to Moon. This is an excellent time for you to make changes that you know you need to make in your habits, patterns, the so call "rut". Or perhaps in a relationship that lost its spark. Try something new, change your approach, this is the time to try to pull it off with little resistance.

**PISCES 2/19-3/20** Sun in cooperating aspect to Neptune. Creative work of beauty may emerge. This is a lot to say but you can pull it off! Your intuition is heightened, try to spend some time in the outdoors, in the beauty of nature. You will also have the compassionate ear to those in your family that need to talk.

**ARIES 3/21-4/19** Mercury sextiles Mars. Very likely you will have to convince someone of something one day this week. This will probably not be an argument, but rather a situation in which you have to present your case with vigor and energy. And you can do this successfully without hurt feelings on the other side.

**TAURUS 4/20-5/20** Moon in Taurus. This happens around the 27th and at this time the desire is to protect what one already has. Maybe because of financial concerns this can be a poor time to change. And do not be upset if you don't get that loan. You shouldn't have applied for it in the first place. Catch up on your credit!

**GEMINI 5/21-6/20** Moon in Gemini. Communication is the key drive of this time. Your wit and intelligence will become sharper. People are changeable at this time. So you have the advantage to get them to see your side. This is also a wonderful time to write letters or to make phone calls about family matters.

**CANCER 6/20-7/22** Pluto in cooperat-

ing aspect to Moon. Possible changes in your life are possible now. You may no longer be satisfied with discomfort within a relationship, or with a lack of emotional honesty. If you cannot get this, a break-up will cause no pain. If a new relationship starts at this time it can be a stable one and emotionally satisfying.

**LEO 7/23-8/22** Sun trines Neptune. This transit arouses your inner idealism and gives you a strong desire to understand a deeper, more spiritual level of reality, both emotionally and intellectually. This is a time to try to understand where your life is going and to try to make small changes that will lead to happiness later on.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22** Mercury trines Mars. This is a good time for all kinds of hard mental work. You may have to speak your mind. This is not to say you want to start a fight but you do want to get your views out. This is also a good time to ask for a raise because you can communicate positively with confidence.

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• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported being harassed by a neighbor. The complainant's husband had spoken to the neighbor about their dog's constant barking. The police were contacted as well. The complainant stated that the neighbor came to her home and confronted her. He made threats toward her husband and used profane language. She repeatedly asked him to leave. When police spoke to the owner of the dog, he assured them it was not his dog responsible for the barking.

• A Baker Ave. resident reported his front right tire had been slashed while parked in his driveway. He noted that there had been other reports of slashed tires on his block the previous week.

• A Clinton Ave. resident reported her purse stolen from her home. Entry was gained via a back window. A garbage can was found overturned under the window and the screen had been pushed in. The victim stated that her purse had been on the table, which is approximately one to two feet from the window.

• Bravo Supermarket, W 7th Street, reported a shoplifter. The manager observed Shelia Hagler of Plainfield removing items from the store and exit. When he followed her out of the store she threw the items to her brother, Lawrence Hagler. He

said he was unaware that she had stolen anything until the manager ran out. He remained at the scene to provide information to the police. He noted that his sister had been arrested in South Plainfield before.

• A Robert Place resident reported to police that a pit bull loose in the Middle School parking lot had charged at her and her daughter. Three suspects approached from Freed Place, one was carrying a leash. They yelled to the victim "don't move, don't move" and they threw food at the dog to distract it. The dog ran into Spring Lake Park. The suspects refused to say where they lived.

• A Dunellen resident reported that all his tires were punctured while his vehicle was parked at his place of employment, Superseal Inc., Helen St.

• A Morton Ave. resident reported that tires on three of her vehicles had been punctured. Twenty two vehicles on Morton, Dumas and Baker streets also reported punctured tires.

• A Baker Street resident reported hearing people outside his home. When he looked out the window he spotted two males in the street and heard one of them say, "Let's get this car." The resident provided detailed descriptions of the suspects and noted that one of

them looked like a male that lived in the neighborhood.

• The owner of Park Ave. cleaner reported the theft of \$96 dollars from the cash register. The building was locked and alarmed. An employee with a key had been in the building to dry clean personal belongings the night of the theft.

• Radiant Communications reported the theft of electronic equipment from a loading dock. Eight of the items, switches, valued at \$2000 a piece were moved to another area. When it was noted that the remaining switches had not been moved a search was conducted but the items were not recovered. Serial numbers will be obtained from the manufacturer.

• Lynette Dickson of Piscataway reported being assaulted by co-worker Bymni Olybo while working at Cedar Oaks Care Center, Durham Ave. The victim may sign a complaint.

• A Vail Hardware employee reported that someone had entered an unlocked company van and stole a cell phone.

• A Maple Ave. resident and his wife responded to police headquarters to reported harassment by neighbors. The victim stated that the neighbor regularly videotapes their everyday activities and the wife stands on the property line and stares at his wife.

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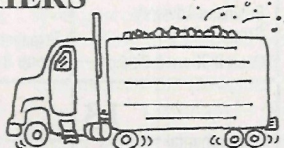
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## South Plainfield High School Band & Color Guard at Band Camp

AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 1999

CAMP CAYUGA, HONESDALE, PA

The South Plainfield Marching Band and Color Guard spent five days in late summer at Camp Cayuga, in Honesdale, PA., practicing the 1999 football and competition show. The students "worked very hard this year, on a difficult drill and show," according to band director Mark Tweed.

Consisting of five numbers, the show remembers Ira Gershwin: *I've Got Rhythm*, *Cuban Overture*, *Fascinatin' Rhythm*, *Summertime*, and *Strike up the Band*.

The band participated in the halftime show during the Rutgers/Texas game in Piscataway on Saturday, Sept. 11. The band and color guard combined with Rutgers' Marching Band and several other high school bands to play *Land of a Thousand Dances*, *Sing, Sing Sing*, and *The Bells Must Ring* during halftime.

The next band performance is on Saturday, Sept. 18, at JFK High School in Iselin, NJ.



The band plays the *Star Spangled Banner* at the reviewing stand in Veterans' Park.

## September/October

## & Meetings & Events

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