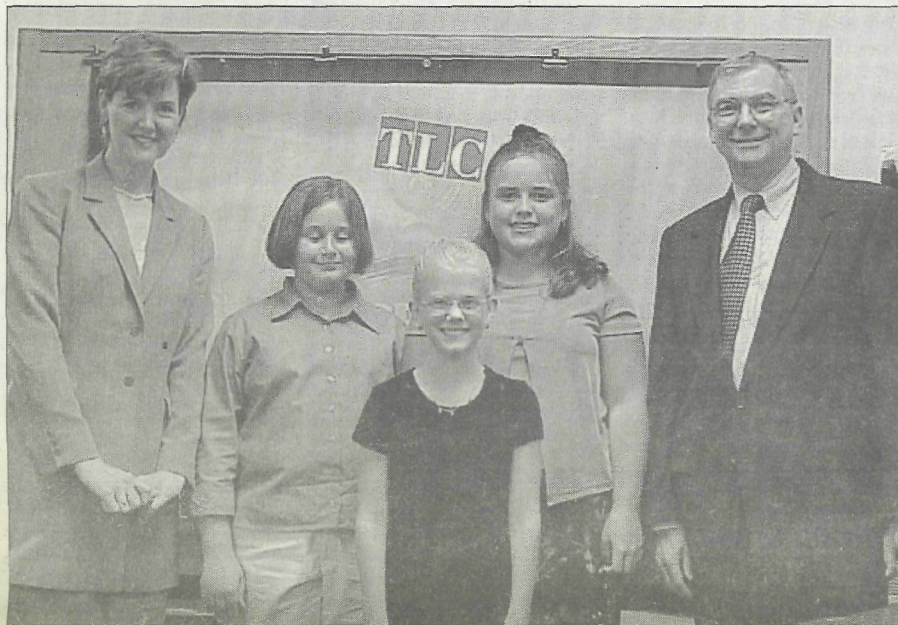


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Katherine Chapman of The Learning Channel and Buck Dopp of Comcast with essay/poster contest winners Donna Marie Garcia, Kimberly Russell and Gina Butrico.

"Everyday Heroes" Essay Contest Awards Presented

Before conducting any official town business at last week's council meeting, a ceremony was held for the winners of the "Everyday Hero" Contest. The essay/poster contest was sponsored by Comcast of The Plainfields along with The Learning Channel and the American Red Cross.

Students from grade schools submitted essays or posters depicting their "Everyday Heroes." The contest was held for three consecutive months and a winner was chosen each month. The

three winners were present, along with their proud families, teachers and school principals. Balloons adorned the council room and refreshments were served to the special guests. Assemblyman Bob Smith attended the ceremonies, along with Comcast Area Vice President Buck Dopp and Regional Manager Debra Marshall. Katherine Chapman represented The Learning Channel and John Alston represented the American Red Cross.

The essay/poster winners were

Kimberly Russell and Donna Marie Garcia from Kennedy School and Gina Butrico from Franklin School. Each winner was recognized and presented with a framed certificate, along with their winning essay. The girls also read or described their winning essay/poster while their heroes stood beside them. All three winners chose family members as their heroes: a grandmother, a mother and a father. As they read their winning entries and explained why they were their heroes, there was hardly a dry eye in the audience.

Comcast and The Learning Channel then announced the grand prize winner who was chosen from the three monthly winners. The grand prize winner, Gina Butrico, won a \$1,000 scholarship. Gina created a poster illustrating the many roles her grandmother has filled in her life. In addition, Franklin School will also receive a \$1,000 certificate to be used towards an Educational Camp Scholarship.

Each winner was also presented with a special proclamation from Mayor Dan Gallagher and the borough council.

John Alston from the American Red Cross presented a certificate for the training of an additional 20 residents on how to use the new defibrillator.

Mayor Gallagher also received a framed copy showing all three winning essays/posters from Comcast and The Learning Channel. (See page 7 for more photos.)

Floyd Update

- During last week's council meeting, Mayor Dan Gallagher reported that over 17,340 bottles of water were given out during the water emergency. He said the water trucks at Cedar Oaks would remain in the parking lot until the water crisis is over. Truck loads of water were delivered to Borough Hall all of last week. As fast as they were unloaded, residents were there to pick up the water. Late Friday evening Elizabethtown Water removed its boiling restrictions but asked customers to continue to limit their water use.
- Flood victims should be

calling FEMA to find out what they are eligible to receive in the form of aid and grants. Residents may contact FEMA by calling 1-800-462-9029.

- The compactor will be open for the next three Saturdays for residents to dispose of their damaged property.

- School children have returned to school and were drinking from bottled water all week long. Most children found this experience to be an adventure. The younger children had to learn how to wash without water and use the wet towelettes. But everyone copped very well.

How to Get Disaster Assistance

Homeowners, Renters & Businesses

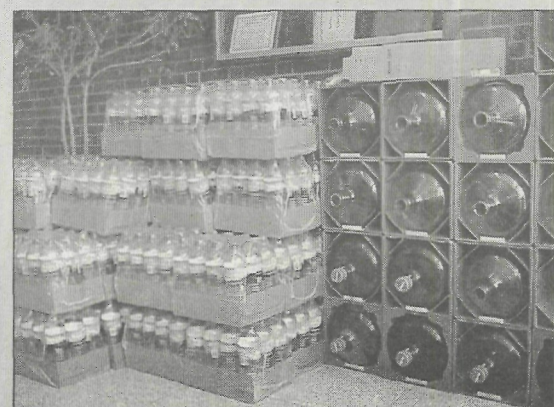
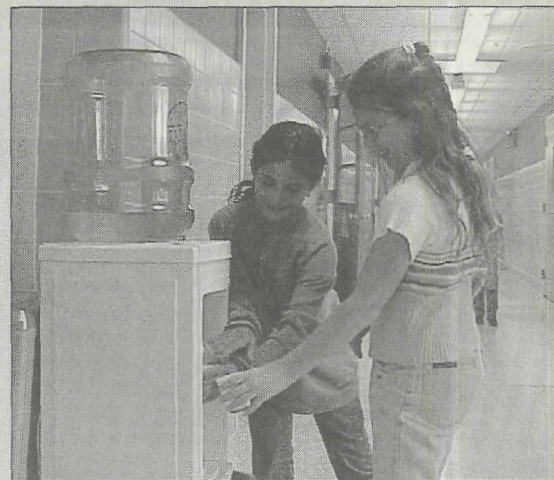
If you have serious damage caused by Hurricane Floyd

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7 Days a Week



A clean-up of PCB contaminated soil surrounding a residence on Hamilton Blvd. is underway this week. The property is directly across the street from the former location of Cornell Dubilier Electronics, Inc. which has been designated as a Region 2 Superfund Site. The soil around the entire house was removed and replaced with clean fill. More details in next week's issue.

In My Opinion

Letters

Thanks for a Great Community Effort

A two-year effort to secure an equipment vehicle for the High School Marching Band came to fruition on Thursday evening, Sept. 9, when the South Plainfield High School Tiger Marching Band unveiled its new equipment vehicle the "Tigermobile" at the first home football game.

In the Borough of South Plainfield, where we claim that our youth are our greatest asset, it is truly rewarding to see a community rally around a positive youth-oriented activity. Such is the case of those community officials and merchants that have stepped up to assist the High School Marching Band in this

effort. The borough formerly owned "The Tigermobile." It was used as the senior citizen transportation vehicle. This bus has been renovated and decorated thanks to the efforts of numerous community-oriented individuals.

The members of the South Plainfield High School Boosters of the Musical Arts wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to those who have given of their time, effort and resources to make this a reality. First and foremost the Borough Council and Board of Education for their foresightedness; Mr. Michael English and Recreation for the follow-through, as well as Superintendent of Schools Mr. Guy Ferri, School Business Ad-

ministrator Ellen Johnson and Facility Director Mr. Bill Dowdell for their support and assistance.

The process of getting the vehicle in sound, safe operating order fell to the expertise of Mr. Joe Nicastro, owner/operator of Nicastro Auto Service, Hamilton Blvd. Mr. Nicastro stepped up to the challenge getting the vehicle in safe running order as well as agreeing to continue the service and maintenance of the vehicle. The lettering, decorating and naming of the vehicle was assumed by Mr. Mike Allocco, owner/operator of A.K.A. Inc. As is always the case with the A.K.A. crew, they worked diligently to get the vehicle ready for the unveiling. Mike, George, Lynn and Joyce once again exhibited their strong support of our efforts on behalf of the SPSHS students.

It is this type of collaborative community involvement which makes our town such a great place to live. A community that cares about its young people and is willing to go the extra mile to show their support.

THANKS AGAIN,
THE SPSHS MUSIC BOOSTERS

Yogurt Express Is Closed

Our Lease is up...

Rent is up...

Time to Move on...

Yogurt Express is closed! The past nine years have certainly been a priceless learning experience and I have met a lot of wonderful people. I want to express from the bottom of my heart my sincere thanks to all my employees and customers for their smiling faces, friendship and continued support that helped make Yogurt Express a successful business.

A special thank you to all the organizations that brought their troops and groups for frozen yogurt and ice cream to Yogurt Express. Memories were made!

LOVE,
SANDI, JENNIFER AND JIM REYNOLDS

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Frank A. Mikorski's letter recently published in the Sept. 17, 1999, issue of the *Observer*, I am pleased to say "bravo" to the Board of Education for finally not allowing the teachers' association to coerce, bully, or intimidate them during this negotiation.

When I read Ms. Mruz's letter in the Sept. 10, 1999, issue, my first impulse was to throw her a crying towel because that is what the association in this town does so well, cry. How much more money do these people want to earn, and are they really "earning" it? According to *New Jersey Monthly*, September, 1998, South

Plainfield High School didn't even make the top 75 high schools in the state. It didn't even get honorable mention. Is something missing here?

Hopefully, the board of education will continue its effort to negotiate fairly and honestly and not allow the association to threaten or bully it for unreasonable demands.

By the way, and just some food for thought, is it mandatory that the association's contract be renewed, or can a board of education opt not to renew?

VERY TRULY YOURS,
PATRICIA MCDONOUGH

Dear Editor,

I ran into a friend of mine from another town who comes to our Labor Day parade every year. He pointed out how much he enjoys seeing improvements to South Plainfield every time he comes to town, from new roads to cleaning up the parks, to the downtown area. After I spoke with him, I started thinking how right he was. There is no area of town that hasn't been improved over the last six years. It's hard to believe that it's all been done on "pay as you go" without borrowing money and without increasing taxes. This type of accomplishment does not happen by mistake. It takes hard work.

Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral have taken the lead on almost everything that has been accomplished over the last six years.

Don't sit home on Election Day. Ed and Jim need your vote. Get out and vote for Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral for South Plainfield Council.

MRS. ANN CAMPANELLI

To the Editor,

I was watching the "New Jersey News" the other day and the commentator was pointing out that this is an "off, off-year election." He said they expect the lowest turnout ever and he was also saying that sometimes low turnouts lead to strange results. Let's all work hard to be certain that doesn't happen in South Plainfield. From Democracy Day to pay as you go government, South Plainfield is one of the most innovative towns in New Jersey. Two of the people most responsible for the change in the way South Plainfield government works are Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral. We have to be certain that we get out and vote so that they continue to be able to work hard for our residents. Write down the date right now—Tuesday, November 2—Election day—Vote for Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral.

TIMOTHY I. MORGAN

IMPORTANT BOROUGH MEETING NOTES

Board of Education Meetings 1999/2000

The following dates have been scheduled for Committee of the Whole and Regular Meetings of the South Plainfield Board of Education. All meetings are to be held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building, Cromwell Place, unless otherwise designated.

Committee of the Whole Meetings 1999

1999: October 12, November 9, December 14

2000: January 11, February 8, March 7, April 4

Regular Monthly Meetings

1999: October 19, November 16, December 21

2000: January 18, February 15, March 14, April 11, 2000

Zoning Board of Adjustment 1999 Meeting Dates

First, third and fifth Tuesday of the month as follows:

October 5, October 19, Nov. 4 (Thursday),

November 16, November 30, December 7,

December 21

ALL MEETINGS ARE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Site-Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Dates:

Fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

October 28

Planning Board 1999 Meeting Dates

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as follows:

October 26, November 9,

December 14, December 28

November 23,

Council Meetings

AGENDA MEETINGS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, Oct. 12 Thursday, Oct. 14

Monday, Oct. 25 Thursday, Oct. 28

Monday, Nov. 8 *Monday, Nov. 22

Monday, Dec. 6 Thursday, Dec. 9

* Date has been changed from Monday, Nov 15

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Log on to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda.

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From the Democratic Candidates

Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral issued the following statement this week:

"As we begin the 1999 council campaign as representatives of the Democratic party we pledge to conduct a positive, issue, oriented campaign. We ask the Republican candidates to make the same commitment.

South Plainfield is a terrific place to live. It's nice to go to Drug Fair or the post office and say hello to people regardless of party affiliation.

Let's talk about taxes, park improvements, road projects and other issues which will improve the quality of life in South Plainfield. Then regardless of who is

successful on election day everybody comes out a winner.

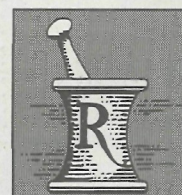
Over the next six weeks we will be discussing our vision for South Plainfield as we approach the year 2000 and beyond.

We ask all residents to call us with questions or visit us on our website "www.spdems.org."

PLEASE NOTE: The *Observer* invites all candidates to submit their

opinions on the issues. We encourage all candidates to take advantage of this opportunity to inform voters.

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Borough Notes

Council Notes

- Speed strips will be ordered for the area in the front of the Post Office. The strips should be in place by Thanksgiving.
- The Durham and New Durham Ave. reconstruction is almost completed. The intersection has been restructured and a light has been installed. The intersection has caused a number of traffic problems and accidents. Because it covers South Plainfield, Edison and Piscataway, it has taken extra time to plan and finish the project.
- Anthony Cataldo has purchased a 1974 John Deere Bulldozer from the Public Works Department for \$1,000.
- The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Oct 14.

Flood Victims Seek Help From Borough Council

Residents living in the New Market Rd. area attended last week's council meeting to ask the council for their help. Many of the residents have suffered with flooding problems for years and they came to the meeting to express their frustration.

The residents had several suggestions including moving their homes to Pitt Street Park and relocating the park to the flood prone areas. Some asked the council to buy them out. Residents complained that with the flooding problems none of their houses can be sold and they cannot afford to keep borrowing money after each storm.

Two years ago this issue was placed on the Democracy Day Ballot. Residents were asked to vote on the proposal of buying the homes in the flood zone and they voted it down.

There were also several complaints that diesel fuel was being dumped into the sewers on New Market Ave. by the bus company. The flooded basements, as well as the streets, smelled like diesel fuel after the waters receded.

The mayor said he is sympathetic with the flood victims. He said he will look for grant money to buy the owners homes and will also investigate if any dumping is being done by the bus company.

Council Candidates' Debate Set for Oct. 21

The South Plainfield Business Association will be holding its Seventh Annual Candidates Debate on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School Auditorium. The debate is open to all registered voters of South Plainfield.

There are four candidates running for council this year. Incumbent Democrats Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral are seeking reelection, while Republican candidates Frank Grabarz and Mel Tomei are hoping to unseat them.

This is your opportunity to find out each candidate's views on the issues and to ask the candidates questions that may not yet have been addressed. Mark your calendar for this debate, it may be the only chance to see and hear the candidates speak about their ideas.

Lions Club 50/50 Winner

Ginny Carway was the winner of the Lions Club 50/50 drawing held at the Lions Club meeting at Spain Inn Restaurant on Sept. 22. The club wishes to thank all those who participated in the annual raffle.

Fire Department Open House to Promote Fire Safety

On Oct. 16, the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their Annual Open House from noon to 4 p.m. There will be valuable information about fire prevention along with games to help children learn about fire safety.



Future Stars Receives Contribution

Diane Zekas, President of the Future Stars Parents Group, presents a \$1,000 donation to the Future Stars Program to Mrs. Ewing, a teacher at Future Stars and liaison to the Parents Group, who gratefully accepted the donation. The donation will help to fund classroom supplies and signage for the school entrance. The contribution was raised through fundraising efforts during the school year by the Future Stars Parents Group. Missing from the photo is Future Stars Director James Lenox; Kelly Kaiser, vice president; Lisa Pellegrino, secretary and Renee Daubert, treasurer.

Kennedy School Teacher Helps Organize Seminar

Kennedy Elementary School teacher and singer/songwriter Barbara Harley of North Plainfield is helping organize award winning songwriter Jason Blume's "6 Steps to Songwriting Success" seminar.

The Princeton NJ Chapter of the Nashville Songwriters Association, International (NSAI) will be presenting award winning songwriter Jason Blume of Zomba Music on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Rutgers University Labor Education Center in New Brunswick from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jason will be presenting "6 Steps to Songwriting Success," which is also the title of his new book published by Billboard. Jason will be selling and signing his book at the seminar. The seminar will provide information and instruction to aspiring and professional songwriters on topics such as developing successful song structures, writing effective lyrics, composing memorable melodies and producing successful demos. Call the seminar hotline at (908) 638-0239 for registration forms, directions and other information. Registration deadline is Oct. 23.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Barbara Harley of North Plainfield and her co-writer guitarist/vocalist Al Lind of Whitehouse Station are proud to be endorsing hit songwriter Jason Blume on the songwriting seminar. Songwriting groups and songwriters throughout NY and NJ have been invited to attend this event.

Harley and Lind, along with producer/musician Gar Francis, perform locally in a trio called "Flat, Broke & Busted."

In April of this year, Harley and Lind were selected from several hundred applicants to perform their original material at the NJ Folk Festival. Harley has also performed solo at the PNC Bank Arts Center—opening for Clint Black and the Mavericks. Harley and Lind are scheduled to perform at Rutgers University Student Center on Friday, Oct. 1, for the Silent Witness Program.

Ms. Harley teaches vocal/general music at Kennedy Elementary School. "My students are my best critics when it comes to our original music. They are so honest. If they like our songs, I know we're on the right track."

Special Thanks Extended to Volunteers

The Borough of South Plainfield would like to extend a special thank you to all those volunteers who gave of their time during the Hurricane Floyd Emergency.

Mike Zushma
Linda Zushma
Sgt. Mike Grennier
Mario Abbruzzese
Pat Vargo
Pastor Charles Mingle
Ron Hepburn
Bill Carlson
Cindy Carlson
Wayne Grennier
Lt. Robert Bender
Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese
Lt. Larry Delnegro
John Celentano
Councilman Vinnie Buttiglieri
Councilman Ed Kubala
Councilwoman Darlene Pinto
Councilman Jim Vokral
Councilman Dennis Cerami
Councilman Ray Petronko
Mayor Dan Gallagher
Joe Glowacki
Peter McGrath
John Corica

Flu Shots Available At Twin City Pharmacy

Twin City Pharmacy will be giving flu shots on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Twin City is located at 1708 Park Ave. (next to the Acme). The shots are free to Medicare Part B subscribers and \$10 for all others. No appointment is necessary. For more information or any questions call Sandy at (908) 755-7696.

Compactor Open Next Three Saturdays

Due to the damage from Hurricane Floyd, the compactor will be open on Saturdays for the next three weeks. The dates are Oct. 2, 9 and 10. The hours remain the same as usual, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

Whitty's to Host Wine Tasting Party

Whitty's Wine Tasting Club will be holding a Wine Tasting Party on Oct. 1, from 5 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Embassy Suites in Piscataway. For more information, call 908-412-8868 and leave a message or contact Whitty's Wine Tasting Club at 908-756-2165. Whitty's will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Second Annual Octoberfest to be held on Oct. 23

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church located on Park Ave. announces the second annual Octoberfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23. The Octoberfest will include "all you can eat" authentic German food at two seatings: 5 to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Advance ticket prices are: adults-\$10, seniors-\$8.50 and children 5-12 are \$5. Children under five are free. Tickets at the door, will be \$1 extra. Takeout dinners will be available. Call the church office for reservations at (908) 757-4474.

All proceeds will benefit local charities.

John E. Riley Holding Fall Flower Sale

John E. Riley School will hold its annual sale of Fall flowers on Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2. Sale hours at the main entrance at 100 Morris Ave. will be from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The sale will include mums, cabbage, kale, asters and perennials. Prices for flowers range from \$4 to \$10. All proceeds will benefit the children attending John E. Riley School.

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 Wednesday

days 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.

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 Build-

ing 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 Country Breakfast and Country Western Nite

VFW Post 6763, located on Front Street, will be holding a Country Breakfast on Oct. 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. sponsored by Pup Tent 41, Military Order of the Cootie. Donation is \$4.

Memorial Post 6763 VFW also continues their celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the VFW with a Country Western Nite on Saturday, Oct. 9. There will be a roast beef dinner, music by Billy Phillips, door prizes and much more. The evening runs 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/~abbortk/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.

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

Polish National Home Flea Market

Polish National Home is seeking vendors for a flea market to be held Sundays through Nov. at 312 New Market Ave. They are currently seeking vendors. Call 908-668-9442.



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Bucey's Automotive Service located at 700 Hamilton Blvd.

South Plainfield Resident Opens Automotive Repair Shop

Bucey's Automotive Service Center, located at 700 Hamilton Blvd., opened its doors to the public on Sept. 7. Owned and operated by Rich Bucey, the service center offers complete auto repair for all foreign and domestic cars.

Rich has been a mechanic for the past 16 years. Recently he became an ASE Certified Master

Technician which verifies that he specializes in all aspects of automobile repair.

Rich is married to Jenny Pauls, lifelong resident of South Plainfield and has two children and another one due in March. The Buceys have resided in South Plainfield for the last three years.



Preschoolers Celebrate History of Ice Cream Cone

Pictured are students from the Pilgrim Covenant Church Learning Center during their visit to Here's The Scoop Ice Cream store. They were there to celebrate the 96th birthday of the ice cream cone which was invented by Italo Marchiony and patented on September 22, 1903. All the students enjoyed an ice cream cone of their favorite flavor. Also pictured are the owners of Here's The Scoop.

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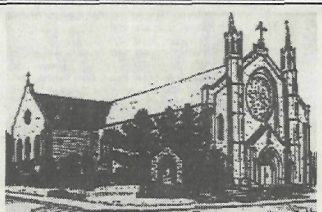
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

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

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

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



MILESTONES

Birthday

Ida Jackson Celebrates 50th Birthday

Ida Jackson, lifelong resident of South Plainfield, celebrates her first half century. Congratulations, Ida, on your 50th birthday. Ida was born and has lived in South Plainfield all her life. She is a past P T S O president at John F. Kennedy School. Ida is a great wife and mother and a wonderful friend!

Happy Birthday Jackie. For a look down memory lane check <http://browse.to/ida>.



Ida Jackson as a Sacred Heart School student

March of Dimes and United Family Plan Community Day

A March of Dimes "Community Day" sponsored by United Family and Children's Society will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2 in Plainfield from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Healthy nutrition, folic acid intake and proper prenatal care during pregnancy greatly increases the chances of a healthy child, according to the March of Dimes. This health fair will offer lots of fun and games, face painting, raffles, blood pressure screening and nutrition information for a healthy pregnancy.

All are welcome for this fun event to be held at United Family located at 305 West 7th Street in Plainfield. Call (908) 755-4848 for further information or directions.

United Family & Children's Society is a non-profit family services agency for Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties. Programs include individual and family counseling, anger management groups for adolescents, mental health services for children, special programs for pregnant teenagers, adoption and foster care services. A United Way member and a NJ licensed adoption agency, UFCS was established in 1877.

The Alternative View

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



Dear Dr. DeCosta:

I have problems falling asleep at night. Without resorting to sleeping pills, what can be done in alternative medicine to help with this problem? - H. C.

Dear H. C.:

Sleep is a restorative process that serves to replenish both physiologically and psychologically. As an essential part of the daily human cycle, sleep is a determining factor in the state of a person's health.

Sleep disorders are a particularly troublesome health concern. Not only can they be the result of other, often undetected ailments, but they also generate their own health complications.

Insomnia, which is characterized by an inability either to fall asleep or to remain asleep during the course of the night, can be traced to a number of physical, mental, behavioral and situational factors.

Insomnia has been classified in terms of the time of night that it affects. According to John Zimmerman, Ph.D., Laboratory Director of the Washoe Sleep Disorders Center in Reno, Nevada, there are three main types of insomnia: sleep-onset insomnia, sleep-maintenance insomnia, and early-morning-awakening insomnia.

People who take hours to fall asleep but sleep relatively well throughout the remainder of the night have sleep-onset insomnia. Those who wake up several times in the middle of the night and have trouble falling back to sleep suffer from sleep-maintenance insomnia. Individuals who awaken too early have what is called early-morning-awakening insomnia.

Psychophysiological insomnia, notes Dr. Zimmerman, is an official diagnostic category the symptoms of which often include sleep-onset insomnia. In psychophysiological insomnia, a person's normal sleep rituals, behavior or sleeping environment trigger insomnia. In this case, the more the sufferer worries about falling asleep, the worse it becomes.

Dr. Zimmerman offers the following suggestions for a better night's sleep:

1. **Don't look at the clock during the sleep period.** Awareness of how long you have been trying to fall asleep can be a major contributing cause of insomnia because it can only contribute to anxiety.

2. **Do not spend too much time in bed trying to fall asleep.** If you cannot fall asleep in a comfortable period of time, get out of bed and out of the bedroom. Sit or lie down in another area of the house and engage in some quiet, relaxing activity such as reading, watching television or listening to music. When you start to feel sleepy, then, and only then, go back to bed.

3. **Try sleep restriction therapy.** Avoid spending a great deal of time in bed when you are not actually sleeping. By restricting your time in bed to be about equal to your typical total sleep time, you will increase your sleep efficiency.

4. **Exercise.** Studies have shown that exercise in the late afternoon or early evening increases the amount of deep sleep a person gets at night.

5. **Warm baths, Meditation, and Breathing Exercises.** Warm baths before retiring help increase circulation to the skin and relax muscles. Meditation before bed may help to ease the worry about falling asleep. Breathing techniques, such as yogic breathing, can calm the body and promote sleep.

Diet is especially important when dealing with sleep disorders. Avoid alcohol consumption and caffeine in all forms (tea, coffee, cola, chocolate). Take a protein-rich snack at bedtime. According to John Hibbs, N.D., of the Natural Health Clinic of Bastyr College in Seattle, Washington, L-tryptophan, found in foods such as milk and turkey, is considered the best amino acid for sleeping problems. Melatonin, which is a pineal gland extract and a powerful antioxidant, has been shown to be helpful in treating insomnia.

With insomnia, there are several other alternative medicine approaches which may prove useful including Chiropractic, herbs, homeopathy, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Ayurvedic medicine, and behavioral treatments.

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

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

As of today, we're in October. And, as of last week, we're in autumn. And, as of now, here's news from the South Plainfield Library:

There will be a meeting for Friends of the Library at 7:30 on Tuesday night. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We've got our usual Storytime schedule set for next week. The programs will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Each program is for children ages three and over. If you'd like more information, check with Linda Hansen, the children's librarian.

We're still interested in your opinions about our Reference department. You can pick up a Reference survey form at the main desk. While you're at it, feel free to fill out our two other survey forms for, respectively, the children's department and the library in general.

We're between groups on the Video circuit today. We hope to have the new group ready to circulate by tomorrow. Meanwhile, the new batch of Large Print circuit books is now ready to be borrowed. They can go out for two weeks.

During the recent "Back to School" nights, a number of people signed up for library cards at the library's display table. Now, we have a request: please stop in, pick those cards up and, most important, use them. It's a sad thing when library cards are orphaned.

We have two more reminders for you. First, when you read the

magazines in our periodical area, we'd prefer that you not try to replace them on the rack yourself. They can get mixed up very easily. Just leave them on the table and a staff member will take care of them. Second, don't fiddle around with our Internet terminals. Some less-than-considerate people have been re-setting and re-programming the terminals, driving Gladys, our system administrator, to distraction. This is a real pain; if we catch someone doing this, they'll be barred from our terminals. If you want to get cute, do it on your own computer, not ours.

Good grief! Tomorrow is the birthday of both Charlie Brown and Snoopy. Oct. 2, 1950 marked the first appearance of the famous and beloved "Peanuts" characters of Charles Schulz. Chuck and Snoopy are both well represented in our collection. Our Juvenile video section features many of their TV specials (including their first, and best, show, "A Charlie Brown Christmas"), as well as two tapes featuring vignettes from the Saturday morning "Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show." You can also find a number of "Peanuts" books, most of them in both the fiction and non-fiction sections of the Children's room. If you need help finding them, ask one of the Reference Staff or Miss Linda. We're sure you'll enjoy them. (Funny thing, though. 1950? Charlie Brown doesn't look 49 years old, and Snoopy certainly doesn't look over 300. In dog years, that is.)

That's about all for this week. See you next Friday.

18th Annual Band Festival Set for Oct. 24

The 18th Annual South Plainfield High School Marching Band Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. (Rain date Oct. 31) at the Frank Jost Memorial Field located on Maple Ave.

This festival is sponsored by the South Plainfield High School Boosters of the Musical Arts and is the largest fundraiser of the year. About 30-40 booster members volunteer their time and energy to make this event a success, along with the outstanding performances of all the participating high school marching bands.

The event has continually attracted outstanding bands throughout New Jersey and New York because of the way the festival is produced. Currently ten bands have responded that they will attend the festival, including our own South Plainfield High School Marching Tiger Band.

This promises to be an outstanding day. Refreshments and homemade school spirit craft items will be available for sale. There is also a small admission fee. All proceeds from the festival will benefit the S.P.H.S. Music Boosters scholarship fund.

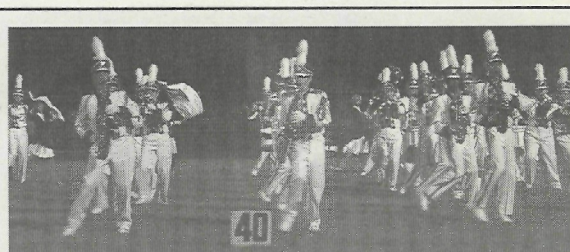
Suburban Woman's Club Hosts Dinner

The G.F.W.C. Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will hold its annual guests-and-husbands night with a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7 at the American Legion Hall in South Plainfield.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Roger Nathan, whose topic will be the Lindbergh case, one of the leading crimes of the century. Special guest will be Sixth District Vice President of the G.F.W.C., Mildred Leonard.

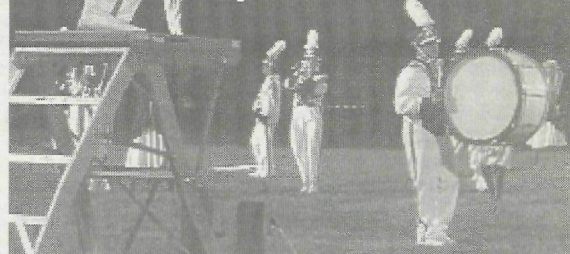
Jeanine Kimmel is banquet chairperson, assisted by co-hosts and co-presidents, Beverly Montwid and Filomena Viola. Program chairperson is vice president Margaret Reidy.

The club holds several fund raisers with all monies collected donated to local and state organizations. New members are always welcome. For further membership information, call 756-7071.



SPHS Marching Band Takes Second Place at Performance

The South Plainfield High School Marching Band performed last Saturday night at West Deptford High School. Drum Majors and Color Guard Captains received awards: 1st place Group 3 and "traveled the farthest," second place overall among seven bands. Pictured, left, is Jason Kollarik, Drum Major conducting. Pictured below, left to right: Carol Serago, Jason Kollarik, Marco Migliaro and Melinda Agostino.



Polish Adoptions are Possible

An informational meeting for prospective parents interested in adoption will be held on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., sponsored by United Family & Children's Society, a Plainfield, NJ licensed adoption agency. Come hear adoptive parent, Minni Huminski of Huminska's Anioli, give details of the adoptive process for children now living in Polish orphanages. Jeanne Polasky, LCSW, Director of Adoptions at United Family, herself an adoptive mother, will give an overview of the adoption program at UFCS and answer questions. Prospective parents interested in this free session may call Ms.

Polasky at (908) 755-4848 at United Family for further information, directions and to register. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting will be held at the School of Nursing at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

United Family & Children's Society, established in 1877, is a non-profit family services agency serving Central NJ and a member agency of United Way. Other programs include mental health services for children, individual and family counseling, special programs for pregnant teenagers and anger management services.

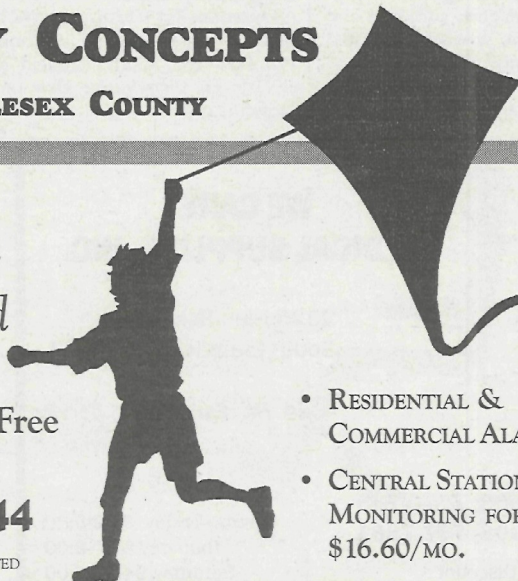
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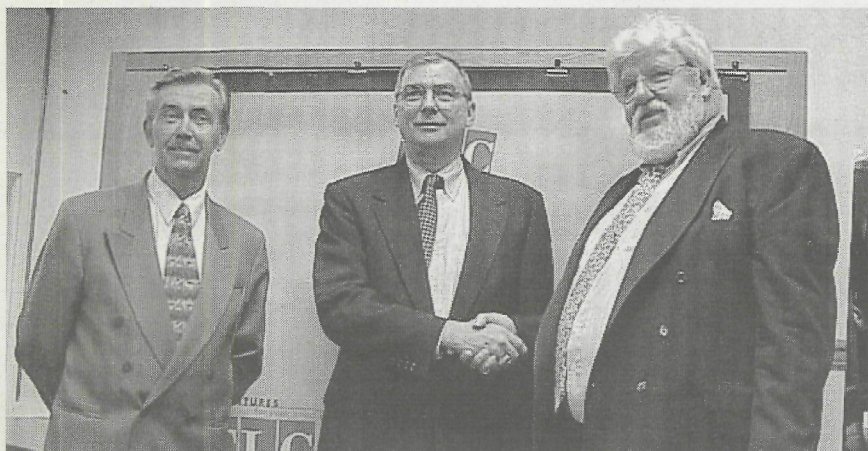
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Everyday Heroes



Three local students were recognized as "Everyday Heroes" contest winners at a ceremony on Sept. 23 at Borough Hall. Comcast, The Learning Channel and The American Red Cross presented the awards and scholarships. See story on page 1.



Adult School Offers Many Trips

Reservations for Adult School sponsored trips can be made by mail, phone or in person. Tickets, which include transportation and admission, are on a first-come-first serve basis. Please register early to avoid disappointment. All buses leave from the South Plainfield High School parking lot, which is off the Lane Ave. side of the school. Cancellations will not be honored. You can have someone else attend in your place. If there is a waiting list, the school will be happy to sell your tickets. A \$5 per ticket cancellation fee will be assessed.

Adult School Trip Policy
—The policy for Broadway shows: Only top priced seats in the house, orchestra or front mezzanine are ordered. On longer trips no charters are used; only first class hotels and regularly scheduled airlines are booked.

• **WHALE WATCH TOUR** — (Columbus Day Weekend) Trip includes two nights in Plymouth area hotel, two breakfasts, two dinners (1 lobster dinner), whale watch cruise, tour and free time

in Boston, visit to the Plymouth Colony Winery, admission to Plymouth Plantation, Cranberry World, and Mayflower II. *Saturday, October 9-11, 1999. Price per person \$329 based on double occupancy, \$384 single, \$295 triple, \$100 per person deposit required.*

• **SPAIN AND PORTUGAL**, with optional three night Madeira Island Ext. (Barcelona, Picaso Museum, Madrid, Prado Museum, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada, Alhambra, Costa Del Sol, Rock of Gibraltar, Seville, Flamenco Show, Lisbon, Fatima, Nazare, Obidos, Fado music/show) 23 meals, (13 breakfasts, 10 dinners.) October 20-November 3, 1999. *Price \$2,424 per person based on double occupancy. Cancellation insurance \$110. Deposit of \$250 per person required. Call for day-by-day itinerary.*

• **PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**— *Thursday, October 21, 1999.* Andrew Lloyd Weber's beautiful score and impressive visuals (including the falling chandelier) tells the story of a grotesquely disfigured composer who falls in love with Christine, a lovely young opera singer at the Paris Opera House in the 1880's. *Price of ticket \$75. Bus leaves at 5:45 p.m.*

• **HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE, Regal Princess**—*October 30-November 9, 1999.* Roundtrip airfare from Newark Airport, roundtrip airport transfers. Selected accommodations aboard the Regal Princess. All cruise amenities including meals and entertainment. All air and port taxes. Call for itinerary. Day one at Oahu, day two at Maui, day three at Big Island (Hilo), day four at Big Island (Kona), day five at Kauai. *Inside Cabins-\$2,499, Outside Cabins-\$2,699. A deposit of \$450 per person is required.*

• **WALT DISNEY WORLD**—*Wednesday, November 10-November 14, 1999.* Includes roundtrip airfare from Newark to Orlando. Roundtrip airport transfers via private motorcoach to your hotel, taxes and all portage and four nights accommodations at the All Star Music Resort. *Adults \$599 per person based on double occupancy, children under 17 price \$329 with two adults in room. Deposit of \$200 per family is required.*

• **SICILY, Land of Myths and Legends and ROME**, (10 days) *November 12-21, 1999.* Visit Rome, Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, Dine with Tenors, Taormina, Syracuse, Mt. Etna Volcano, Piazza Armenia, Agrigento, Valley of the Greek Temples, Erice, Palermo, Monreale. Includes eight continental breakfasts, eight dinners. Call for full itinerary. Deposit \$250 per person. *\$1,967 per person based on double occupancy. Cancellation waiver available \$70 per person.*

This is a partial listing of Adult School trips. Call the school at or see future issues for additional trips.

By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 10/01-10/7

LIBRA 9/23-10/22 Moon sextiles Venus. Love relationships are usually aided by this transit, and this is a good time to go out with someone, because there will be good rapport between you. Or have a party at home, that's another way to meet someone when your friends bring friends.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Sun sextiles Pluto. Under this transit you will be able to make changes in your immediate environment and reform circumstances that you have been unhappily contending with for some time. You may have to contend with groups of people and this can be advantageous. **SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** Moon sextiles Jupiter. A good time for good feelings. This could be an excellent time to plan or schedule a social event. If you haven't seen out that old friend I told you about last week, you still have the opportunity to do it this week.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 Saturn/Moon Combination. This can be a difficult time for you. If there is turmoil in a relationship the possible cause for this is that you are spending too much time on the job. You need to create some source of balance, and not neglect the person you love. Visit parents.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Sun trines Uranus. Get out and start some new projects, you have the ability to learn something new easily. Your heightened perception of what is going on around you will help you make changes with a complete understanding. Just do not sit around and relax.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 Neptune/Moon combination. This is a time not to idealize someone out of proportion. If this happens later on you are likely to be disappointed. So be especially careful in love affairs, which are often subject to overidealizing anyway. Be careful what you eat at this time. Digestive problems can occur.

ARIES 3/20-4/19 Moon trines Mars. Physically, your energy level is high,

so you may want to do something that involves physical labor or exercise. If you need to make any decisions you will not have the tendency to rash actions. You also have the ability to speak directly without being offensive.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 Moon conjuncts Mercury. If you are having trouble with someone in your life this is a good time to talk about your feelings. Also this is the time to gather information if you have a decision to make. To make that decision without the info can cost you later on.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 Mercury in challenging aspect to Jupiter. Your ability to think quickly is an asset, and this week good ideas are more likely. You can put your communication skills to work for yourself in business matters and public speaking events. Be flexible and be sure to listen to what others have to say.

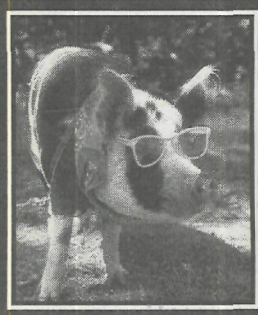
CANCER 6/21-7/22 Moon conjuncts Venus. Watch your spending at this time. It's very easy with this transit to spend more money than you originally intended. And if you need to stay within a budget, you will be well advised to postpone shopping until later. This is overindulgence transit.

LEO 7/23-8/22 Sun cooperating aspect to Moon. This week should find you feeling fairly peaceful and balanced. Your outer needs (professional, home life) flows harmoniously with your inner emotional needs. This is a good time to improve relationships within your circle. Friendships started now should work out.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 Venus/Moon combination. Around Sunday you are likely to be feeling real "happy," warm and mellow toward everyone you meet. Your feelings of love and affection are strong, so express them. And you will benefit from it. This is a good day to have friends over.

QUOTE:

A drive toward self-indulgence, is making the wrong turn in life.



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SPORTS

Junior Baseball Club Notes

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 August 1, 2000 and must present a copy of their birth certificate. Any parent who is interested in being a manager, coach or umpire can sign up at the registration. The Woman's Auxiliary will also be on-hand to take orders for the new line of South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club 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 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 with no discounts.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary will be selling Home Interior Jar Candles at the early registration in Oct.. Nine different scents will be offered at a cost of \$5.50 per jar, cash and carry. For more information contact Cindi Eichler at 769-4047.

Contact the SPJBC...Clubhouse 908-754-2090 or email spjbc99@aol.com. Web Site members.aol.com/spjbc/spjbc.html

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 Building.

Opening Day—Saturday, April 15.

Ed Niemczyk Youth Basketball League Accepting Registrations

South Plainfield Recreation is starting to form the Ed Niemczyk

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 p.m., Oct. 18. The Recreation Office will also be open from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, Oct. 4 and Oct. 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.

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.

High School Tigers Rush Past Monroe for Their First Victory

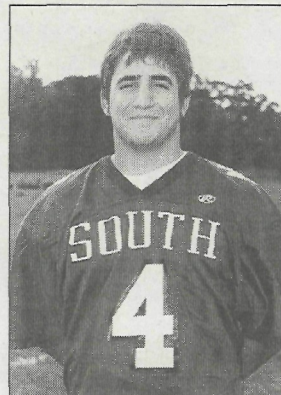
By Brian Cochran

The South Plainfield High School Football Team posted their first victory of the season by crushing visiting Monroe 35-12.

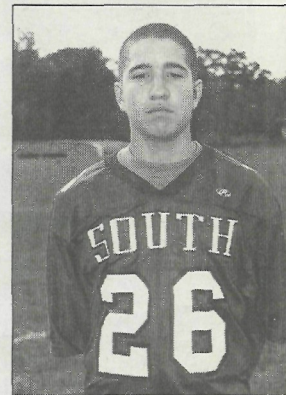
Because of some internal team suspensions, junior varsity tailback Rafael Diaz got the start in the Tiger backfield and made the most of it. Diaz rushed for just over 100 yards and scored three times running behind an offensive line which also had a few first time starters. That offensive line continuously opened up holes, not only for Diaz, but also for first year transfer Chad Cook, who took the second play of the game from scrimmage 65 yards, for the nights first score.

The Falcons from Monroe scored the first of their two touchdowns later in the quarter on a 23-yard bootleg by quarterback David Jensen. The point after failed and the Tigers lead was cut to one. Monroe once again marched down field and had a first and ten from the Tiger 23 yard line. This is where the Tiger defense stepped up and shut down the Falcons, not allowing them to penetrate past the ten yard line thanks to key stops by senior, David Friedland and sophomores, Bobby Merkler and Ulysses Russell.

With less than a minute left in the half, the Tigers passed mid-field and were driving for another score, when Diaz took his



David Fiore



Rafael Diaz

familiar counter handoff from junior quarterback Jason Bataille and scampered 46 yards for his first score of the night, sending the Tigers into the locker room with a 14-6 lead.

As the second half started, it didn't take Diaz long to get his second big run of the night, dashing 59 yards to pay dirt two minutes into the third quarter. Five minutes later Rafael was at it again, this time plowing 23 yards for his final touchdown and extending the lead to 22 points. Then five-and-a-half minutes into the fourth quarter bruising full-

back, Andrew Fyffe, got into the action by taking the handoff and sweeping left 20 yards for his first score of the year.

Andrew's touchdown was highlighted by a crushing down field block by senior wide out David Johnston, who leveled an on coming Monroe defensive back, opening the door for Fyffe's touchdown. Monroe added a late touchdown with no time left on the clock to round out the scoring.

The Tigers will be hosting New Brunswick tonight (Friday) at 7 p.m.

In-line Skating League Forming

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring an In-line Skating League. The newly formed league will be open to children ages 10-18. The league will play Oct. 4 through Nov. 18, Monday through Thurs-

day nights at the courts behind Borough Hall.

Register at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. by Sept. 24. The fee is \$35 per person. Teams will be limited to 10 players. For more information, call 226-7713.

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.

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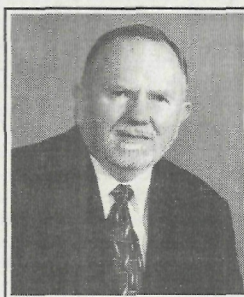
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SPORTS

Soccer Club Results...

This past Sunday looked to be a fabulous sunny day, but it didn't start out too well for the United (boys ages 11 and under). The team hosted South Brunswick at Riley School. The defense started off badly which put the team behind early in the game.

However, this gave the team a wake-up call. Lee Garay tied the game towards the end of the first half. The second half the defense showed solid play and allowed very little action on their side of the field, making things easier for Trevor Rastelli and Nick Baldassare.

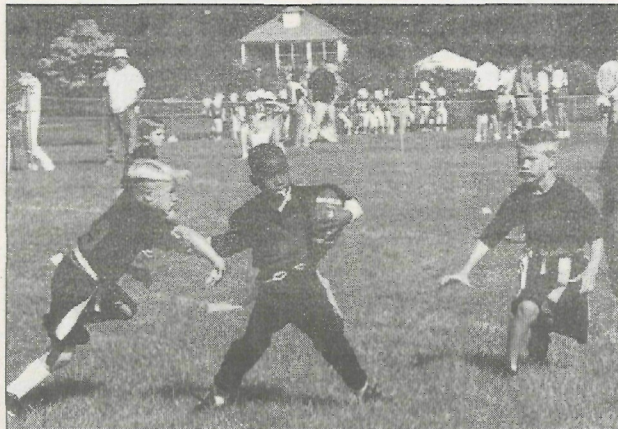
The offense then took over and showed quick passing and strong play, as John Lopez, Kevin Bolivar and Jack Llerena all scored goals making the final score a 4-1 victory.

Blast (under 9)

The parents at Franklin School were also in for a treat as the Blast put together a fine display of soccer, even at this young age. The kids found themselves in for a battle against Montclair and took an early lead on goals by Kenny Breslau and Alan Garcia. Montclair fought back and tied the game.

It wasn't until the last two minutes of the game when Kenny Breslau again took a shot and found the back of the net for a 3-2 win.

Well done Blast!



South Plainfield Eagles Football Roster

Flag (players number)

Jessica Jazikoff (1), Shawn Gorman (2), Jeffrey Conroy (3), Dylan Dorey (4), Matthew Manning (5), Kenny Kaczka (6), James Cianfrocca (7), Ryan Sacco (8), Michael Molinaro (9), Kenny Calderoni (10), Stephen Petriello (11), Thomas Katowich (12), Vincent Appello, William Whitefleet (13), Michael Wagner (15), Jonathan Ditmars (16), Randy Jakubik (17), Dylan Medici (18), Chris Hoagland (19), Jeremy Strausser (20), Ryan Connolly (21), Stuart Buckelew (22), Nicholas Okoszeko (23), Stephen Coppi (24), Tyler Herriott (25), Zachary Haupt (26), Alex Lundy (27), Robert Alexander (30), Shane O'Connor (31), Tyler Hunt (35), Joe Cornelius (37), Brandon Downes (39), Anthony Cianfrocca (40), Edward Sullivan (41) and Daniel Whalen (43).

Coaches: Lester Okoszeko-head coach, Al Jefferys, Nick

Heilman, Ed Sullivan, Larry Hughes and Don Manning.

Mighty Mites (numbers)

Kyle Kaczka (2), Jarrell Watkins (4), Mike Muglia (5), Corey Hay (8), James Gorman (16), Kyle Hughes (18), David Smith (19), Marcel Counts (23), Connor Dubasak (26), John Wylam (27), Rocco Severini (31), Dantae Johnson (32), Nick Heilmann (34), Patrick Hunter (36), Shawn Parisi (39), Mike Jefferys (46), Jonathan Conroy (48), Frank DeBiase (49), Nathaniel Eliassen (50), Jordan Petriello (59), Tarek Watkins (61), Kristopher Baker (64), Shaun Boyle (66), Dean Berkowitz (68), Patrick Millard (70), Matthew Koppchak (75), A.J. Kunie (83) and Jalil Williams (89).

Coaches: Charlie Loiacono-head, Bob Gentile, Mark Wagner, Pat Muglia, Alan Kunie, Paul Wylam and Pat Millard.

Junior Pee Wee (numbers)

Nick Dorey (3), Kyle Lendach (7), Billy Ashnault (11) Mark Wagner (12), Terrence Brown (20), Anthony Cassano (21), Robert Gentile (22), Jacob Rosocha (25), Andre Lawson (30), Jeff Osley (33), Taylor Mandel (38), Bennie Gibson (39), Mike Jakubik (40), Troy Russell (41), Kevin Grahm (42), Tim Gaughan (44), Debarious Alford (45), Jimmy Conroy (51), Bryan Hunt (56), Jeff Cianfrocca (60), Amber Hartman (62), Charles Loiacono (63), Eric Paley (65), Mike Piazza (67), Scott Barton (71), Brad Martin (73), Kyle Darr (77), Nick Hogan (79), Bryan Wagner (80), Quintin Lightner (85), Alan Maglague (86), Daniel Bayak (86), Nicholas Giakas (95) and Jake Bayak (96).

Coaches: Jim Petriello-head, Scott Barton, Gary Huffsmith, Tony Cassano, Pat Driscoll, Harry Brown and Brett Giakis.

Capella (51), Douglas Dietzoid (54), Nick Jefferys (56), Kyle Baker (59), Tom Whalen (61), Greg Yefko (65), Kevin Crilley (68), Chris Bojarski (75), Robert Mastickle (77), Robert Mathis (78), Ryan Kenny (88), Anthony Fierro (89), Jeff Pollin (90), Nick Grego (94) and Sandile Manzini (98).

Coaches: Sal Severini, Jr.-head, Gary Cassio, Jim Patti, Edgar Gerena, Mike Downes and Joe DeBiase.

Midgets (number)

Josh Friedland (1), Chris Dickerson (2), Guy Severini (8), Danny Manning (19), George Watkins (24), Marcellus Abrams (32), Marquis Jones (38), Brian Patrusевич (46), Greg Krylow-ski, (60), Chris Czaplinski (62), Frank Demarest (65), Jimmy Bataille (66), Matthew Carella (67), Joe DeBiase (68), Jocsam Aguire (72), Michael Medici (77) Zach Coppola (83), Michael Salerno (84), Jeffrey Toolan (85), Raj Jainerrain (86), Alexander Ferraris (92).

Coaches: Sal Severini, Sr.-head, Eugene Green, Chet Czaplinski, Charlie Hoppe, Gene Bataille and Ron Ranger.

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Obituaries

John Joseph Dambrauskas, 58

John Joseph Dambrauskas, formerly of South Plainfield, died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident while en route to work in Huntersville, North Carolina on Monday, Sept. 20.

Mr. Dambrauskas was born in Elizabeth. He had resided there as a child until he entered college. He had resided in Edison and in South Plainfield for 20 years before settling in Huntersville in February of 1999.

He was a 1959 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth and continued his education at St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa., where he earned his degree in 1963. He later earned his MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey.

Mr. Dambrauskas was employed by Singer, Houghbigan and lastly, Private Formulations Inc. of Piscataway before he relocated to Huntersville where he was employed as plant manager for Vintage Pharmaceuticals in Charlotte, NC since October of 1998.

He is predeceased by his parents, John, who died in May of 1998 and his mother, Marie (Kushner), who died in August, also in 1998.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Ann (Mack) Dambrauskas; a daughter, Christine Dambrauskas and his soon to be son-in-law, Kevin Doherty, both of Clifton; a son, John W. Dambrauskas of

Orlando, Florida; a sister, Barbara Mrozek of Scotch Plains and his in mother- and father- in-law, Walter and Audrey (Kowolski) Mack.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Cremation services were held privately.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the St. Mark's Catholic Church, Building Fund c/o Stump Town Road, Huntersville, NC 28078.

Anna (Bonanni) Lifave, 73

Anna (Bonanni) Lifave of Edison died on Monday, Sept. 20, at Roosevelt Hospital in Menlo Park.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Lifave had resided in Brooklyn for most of her life before moving to New Port Richie, Florida in 1976. She resided there until June of 1997 when she relocated back to Edison.

She had been employed as a supervisor of the mail department for Royal Globe Insurance for eight years in the early 1970s.

She is predeceased by her three sisters and five brothers.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Walsh of South Plainfield and Theresa Darcy of Edison; a son, John Finley of Brooklyn; two sisters, Matilda Noto of Brooklyn and Antoinette Valention of Florida.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, Jill Moore, Kim, Keith, Mindy and Erin Walsh and April Darcy and two great-grandsons, Gordan and Brodan Moore.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Nicholas A. Chupko, 69

Nicholas A. Chupko of South Plainfield, died on Friday, Sept. 24, at his home.

He was born in Johnstown, Pa. and was a former resident of Dunellen before moving to South Plainfield 44 years ago.

Mr. Chupko was a realtor for

Frank Chupko Real Estate in Watchung for 40 years before retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors.

He was a member of the Holy Ghost Carpatho Russian Orthodox Church in Manville and served as secretary for the church for many years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Carol Andrews Chupko, and grandson, Christian DeRose, who both died in 1992. His daughter, Vicki Bell, died in 1998.

He is survived by a son, Nicholas A. Chupko Jr. of South Plainfield; a granddaughter, Julie DeRose of South Plainfield; a brother, Frank Chupko of Scotch Plains; two sisters, Margaret Furda of Colonia and Betty Koslin of Johnstown, Pa.

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

Joseph C. Finnerty, 80

Joseph C. Finnerty died on Saturday, Sept. 25, at his home.

Mr. Finnerty was born in Kingston, NY, where he grew up. At age 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and had a career with the army that spanned 20 years as a transportation specialist. During WW II, he was stationed in the Pacific where he had seen combat in various battles, most notably he participated in the Battle of Guadal Canal. After WW II, he was stationed for 15 years in Germany and in Austria. At the end of his army career, he held the rank of sergeant.

Upon his retirement from the army in 1958, he moved to South Plainfield, where he has lived ever since. He joined the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. During his years with the squad, he held various administrative and line officer positions. He was given the honor of being a Life Member.

Mr. Finnerty also became employed by Johnson & Johnson of North Brunswick, where he worked for the company for 20 years, most of which as a machinist in the surgical tape depart-

ment. Because of his rescue squad training, he became the chairman of the J&J Safety Committee and held that position at his retirement in 1978.

He was also a member of the Deutsche German Club of Clark and a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

His wife, Eleanore E. Hamp Finnerty, died in 1984. He was also pre-deceased by his son, Michael E. Finnerty in 1998 and by his five brothers and sisters.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William B. and Kathleen Finnerty of South Plainfield and Joseph T. and Marilyn Finnerty of Spotswood and a daughter-in-law, Joyce Ogonowski Finnerty of Pittstown; two sisters, Cecil Kostowski of Kissimmee, Fla. and Marie Townshend of St. Cloud, Fla. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Carmen L. Pacifico, Sr., 69

Carmen L. Pacifico, Sr. died on Monday, Sept. 27.

He was born in Orange and grew up in Millburn and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 40 years.

Mr. Pacifico had worked as a supervisor for the Central Maintenance Shop of PSE & G Co. in Seawaren. He was with the company for 19 years before his retirement six years ago.

He was a Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Pacifico was a member and past commander of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 and a Life Member of the Italian American Progressive League, both in South Plainfield. During the 1970's, he had been a long time umpire for the South Plainfield Recreation Slow Pitch Softball League and he was a former member of the South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club, where he had managed and coached little league teams.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

His son, Carmen L. "Skip" Pacifico, Jr., died in 1978.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Jean S. Morris Pacifico; two sons, James P. Pacifico and Douglas Pacifico, both of South Plainfield; his mother: Michelina Pacifico of Millburn; three sisters, Mary Policarpio of Forked River, Theresa Carlucci of Berkley Heights and Gloria Dudas of

Millburn; three brothers: Dominic Pacifico of Union, Leonard Pacifico of Springfield and Andrew Pacifico of Millburn and two grandsons, Anthony J. Pacifico and Jay M. Pacifico.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Edward R. Perdie, 88

Edward R. Perdie of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

He was born in Brooklyn, NY and had resided in South Plainfield for the last 62 years.

Mr. Perdie worked in the security department of Sterling Extruder in South Plainfield for 13 years before retiring in 1974. Prior to that he worked for Mack Trucks in Plainfield as a machinist for 20 years.

He was a member of the Our Lady Czestochowa R.C. Church and a former member of Tri-County Senior Citizens in Piscataway.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Roden Perdie; three daughters and son-in-laws, Patricia and Joseph Chiovarou of Bridgewater, Maryhelen and Paul Thievon and Jane and Max Klinger, all of South Plainfield; 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080

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• A Leonard St. resident reported the theft of a Silver Pacific men's mountain bike from her garage. There was no sign of forced entry. A Roadmaster Climber Sport bike was left behind.

• Dr. Shyamashree of High Risk Pregnancy Center, Oak Tree Rd., reported the theft of three prescription pads from her desk. Several of the prescription sheets were used in a Pathmark grocery store in Old Bridge. The suspect, who gave her name as Patricia Green, filled three prescriptions. The doctor's name was forged on the forms. Pathmark has provided the doctor with the videotapes of the transaction that will eventually be

turned over to Old Bridge police.

• A Piscataway resident reported losing her wallet at Blockbuster Video located on Hadley Rd. She discovered the wallet missing while at Pathmark and returned to Blockbuster. The wallet had not been turned in. VISA notified her that the card was being used at various stores and ATM machines in Edison. The victim cancelled the account and will notify Edison Police.

• An Easton Ave. resident reported the theft of a motorcycle from the south side of his residence.

• A Tompkins Ave. resident reported an attempted burglary in his home. Neighbors reported to police that the residents house alarm had gone off. Two neighbors went to investigate and found a broken window in the rear of the residence. The victim conducted a search of the house and found nothing disturbed.

• A Harrison Ave. resident reported a window broken. It ap-

peared to have been broken by a pellet shot from a gun.

• David Charles Barnes of Sparta reported the theft of several items from his locker while at Ricochet Racquet Club. Stolen was \$535, two credit cards and a phone card. The locker had been pried open along with several others.

• Also reporting thefts from lockers at Ricochet were Akshay Goel of Highland, NJ, Roy Mac Nicoll, Piscataway and Stephen Vasinova, Piscataway.

• A Piscataway resident reported hubcaps were stolen from her vehicle while it was parked at Pathmark on Hadley Rd. A witness told her that two black males removed the hubcaps then left in a Hyundai. Mall security reported seeing the vehicle leave the parking lot in a reckless manner.

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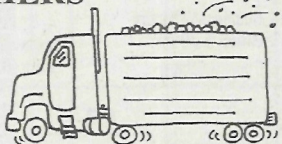
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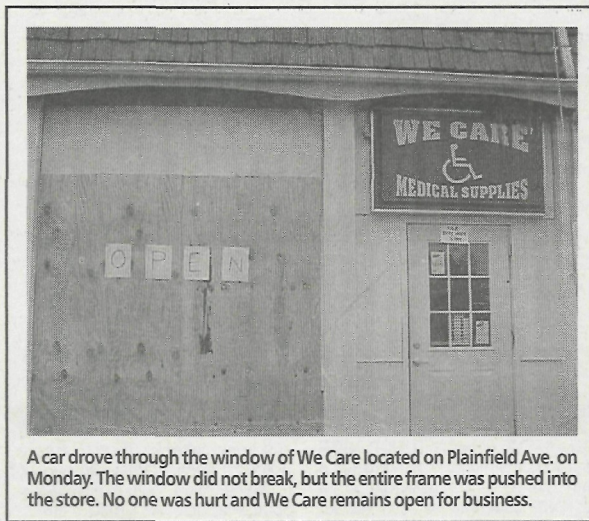
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Domestic Violence Exhibit at Library During October

In recognition that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the South Plainfield Library is hosting a Domestic Violence Exhibit from Oct. 1-27.

The exhibit will be available during regular library hours. A team member will be at the library to answer any questions

on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

This exhibit is in cooperation with Women Aware, Inc., the South Plainfield Police Department and the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team.

School and Council Cooperation Applauded

Members of the school board and borough council commented positively on their mutual cooperation during the Hurricane Floyd flood emergency. The school board stayed in constant contact with Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma on road closings and water restrictions and school board members alerted Zushma on happenings in school buildings.

The school board was kept apprised of each changing emer-

gency and, with the help of the emergency management, was able to decide when schools would be safe to reopen. Three area schools, Roosevelt, Franklin and Grant use Elizabethtown Water and had little or no water pressure. As long as water pressure was low, schools could not have safely opened. As the water problems were solved, they worked together to make sure it was safe for the children to go back to school.

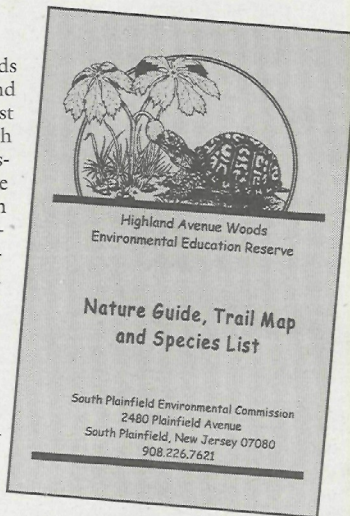
Highland Avenue Woods Introduces Nature Guide

By Patricia Abbott

The Highland Avenue Woods Education Reserve on Highland Ave. may be South Plainfield's best kept secret, but the South Plainfield Environmental Commission and Friends of the Woods are working hard to change that. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, their newly published *Nature Guide* was introduced to the public along with a slide presentation and photo exhibit. The event took place at the library.

The *Trail Guide* was made possible by a grant awarded under the "Watchable Wildlife" project, which is managed by the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species program. Friends of the Woods, a group formed two years ago to help the Environmental Commission maintain and manage the reserve did much of the work in creating the trail guide. They also developed the "Walks N Talks" program.

Among those in attendance at the event were Council President James Vokral, liaison to the Environmental Commission; Ms. Dorothy Miele, Chairman of Friends of the woods; Dr. Emile DeVito, New Jersey Conservation Foundation; Dr.



Lillian DeSimon, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Larry Randolph, Chairman of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission.

Their goal is to "promote the Reserve as an impressive tool for educational opportunities for schools and organizations and to display the wonderful diversity available to nature lovers". Photo exhibits of the reserve are currently on display in several schools.

The large reserve is tucked in-between homes and a variety of businesses, bordered by South Clinton Ave., New Market Ave. and

Elsie Ave. The entrance to the reserve is located on Sylvania Place, off of South Clinton Ave. The South Plainfield Environmental Commission formally established the 35 acres of woodlands in 1992. It is believed that parts of the reserve were farmed or logged until World War I and other areas into the 1950s. The Wisconsin Glaciers which occurred 20,000 years ago may have caused a series of ponds that form in the spring. There is evidence of prehistoric Native American inhabitants. A Revolutionary War encampment site is also in the area. The reserve is made up of streams, uplands and wetlands. More than 80 species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians make their home there. The woods are also home to a large number of native wildflowers.

The diversity of the habitat within the reserve makes it an ideal tool for environmental education. Students will soon take field trips to the reserve as part of their studies.

For information about the Highland Ave. Woods Education Reserve, call (908) 226-7621.

September/October

& Meetings & Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			Court 9:30 am & 7 pm		Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	Flu Shots at Twin City Pharmacy 9am-3pm
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