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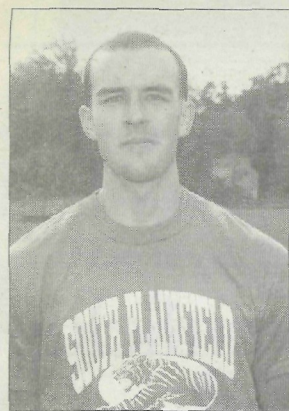
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Loenser Sets New School Record

Last Saturday, the Boys Cross Country team competed in the Shore Coaches Invitational at Holmdel Park in Holmdel. This is one of the top races in the state for this early in the season. The top seven boys for SPHS competed in the varsity "D" Division race. They finished eleventh, out of the 30 teams in their division. This is one of the best team finishes for SPHS boys cross country in many years.

The Tigers were led by senior Mike Loenser, who finished the 5000 meter course in 17:52.7, a new school record for this course.



SPHS senior Mike Loenser

Mike was followed by junior Rich Gebauer, with a time of 18:31.4. Next, was sophomore Tim Morgan, (18:49.8) and junior Mike Desimone (19:53.6). Fifth on the team was senior Brian Raiti, in a time of 20:00.6, followed by junior Joe Nappe (20:38.9) and senior Eric Johnson (21:02.0).

In the Sophomore Open Division, the Tigers had three boys competing. For the sophomore Tigers Joe Dezzmin had a time of 21:24.8, followed by Anthony Nappe (25:04.8) and Ryan Gianneschi (26:17.0).

In the Freshman B Division 3200 meter run, the Tigers were led by Jeff Williams (13:01.8), Joe Reach (13:30.3) and John Wiekowski (13:30.9).

The boys cross country team is off to a 2-0 dual meet record. They should be a contender for the Blue Division of the Greater Middlesex Conference. Coach Mike Capizola is pleased with the results so far and is looking ahead to a great year.



EPA cleans up South Plainfield Superfund Site.

EPA Cleanup Continues Around Cornell-Dubilier Superfund Site

Story & Photos by Patricia Abbott

Last week PCB contaminated soil was removed from a residence on Hamilton Blvd. as part of an ongoing EPA Superfund Site clean up. PCB, polychlorinated biphenyl, is a highly toxic chemical. When first approached, those participating in the clean up were reluctant to speak, saying only that the soil was contaminated with PCBs and was being removed.

The contaminated site borders South Plainfield Industrial Park located at 333 Hamilton Blvd.,

formerly the site of Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Inc. In 1997 the EPA determined that the site was eligible for federal clean up. It is now officially known as the Cornell-Dubilier Superfund Site and is on the National Priority List.

The 25-acre site is bound by Spicer Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. It is bordered by commercial businesses and residences and by the Bound Brook. The EPA directed property owner Texas Eastern Terminal of Houston, Texas to stabilize the site. According to the EPA, the roadway was paved in September of 1997 to prevent

migration of contaminated dust. Drainage controls were also created to prevent contamination to the brook. Additional testing was done by the EPA to determine if any contaminants had migrated off site and the EPA issued an order for clean up of six homes on Spicer Ave. from Hamilton Blvd. to Belmont Ave. Contaminated soil was removed from the properties and an interior clean up was done. This phase was completed in the spring of 1999. Now with the result of some additional testing, a second order was issued for

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Administration Building Vandalized With Graffiti

Last Friday night, between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. the following morning, vandals spray-painted graffiti on the outside of the Administration Building on Cromwell Place. Several board of education vehicles parked in the parking lot were also vandalized with paint.

The vandals painted numerous letters and symbols of hate. According to police, the graffiti did not appear to target any specific ethnic or racial group.

The crime is being aggressively investigated by both the South Plainfield Police Department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective James Darby at (908) 226-7668.

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(See related story on page 3)

Michael Gulla Becomes an Eagle Scout

Last week Michael Gulla of Troop 124, was elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held at the Administration Building. Throughout his scouting career Michael had served as scribe, ex-haplain aide, librarian, patrol leader and was elected to the Order of the Arrow. He also received the Arrow of Light.

An Eagle Scout is the highest honor a boy scout can receive and does not come easy. To receive the rank of Eagle Scout he earned 21 merit badges and had to complete a community project that was reviewed and accredited by his troop leaders. Michael chose several community projects.

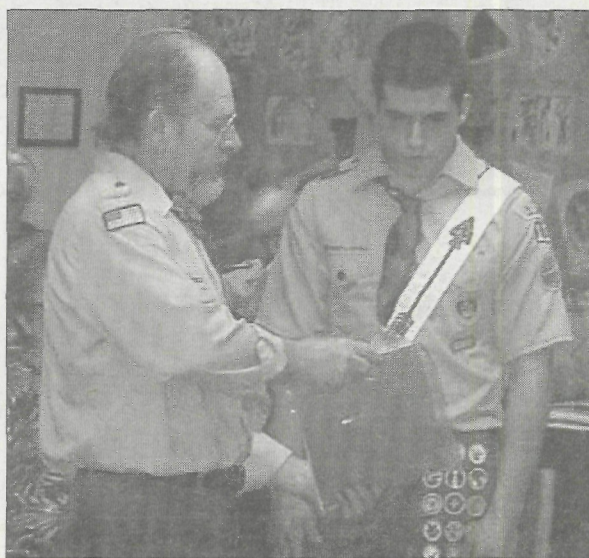
Last year Michael organized the clean up of the Historical Society's railroad car as one of his projects. The *Observer* published an article explaining how he planned the cleanup, recruited

volunteers and worked all day to spruce up the area. In addition, Mike volunteered to help out at Sacred Heart Church last year after the Labor Day storm damaged a shed and he also volunteered to work at last year's Bicycle Rodeo.

Mayor Gallagher and several members of the council presented Michael with a proclamation from the Borough of South Plainfield. The Boy Scouts of America awarded both Michael and his parents with a plaque and several pins and scholarship information possibilities for Eagle Scouts.

Other commendations were presented to him from the American Legion, the VFW, President Bill Clinton and Hillary, the New Jersey General Assembly, Governor Christie Whitman, Sen. John Lynch, Sen. Bob Torricelli, Rep. Frank Lautenberg, Rep. Bob

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Michael Gulla receives Eagle Scout award.

In My Opinion

To the Editor,

In response to Councilman Vincent Buttiglieri's challenge (*South Plainfield Observer*, Sept. 17) I offer the following.

Vinnie, you're absolutely correct regarding the tax rate in the 1998/99 and 1999/2000 budget year. However, my letter was in response to Mayor Gallagher's statement (*So. Plfd. Reporter*, Aug. 27) whereby he stated, "I'm very pleased that the budget tax rate has had no increase for the past six years." It is my feeling it is the Democrats who are generating the "confusion". The municipal tax rate in 1994 was 55 cents per \$100 of assessed evaluation and in 1999/2000 it is now up to 75 cents.

In 1997 my taxes were \$4,053.85. In 1998 they were

\$4207.68 and in 1999 they were \$4188.46, a savings to me of \$19.22.

I am glad I got your attention by my letter that was both in English and Spanish. I hope it received the attention of others also.

**VERY TRULY YOURS
HANK GRABARZ
COUNCIL CANDIDATE
AGAIN**

To the Editor,

Imagine waking up in the middle of the night to the smell of something burning. All I could think of was 17 years ago when we were forced out of our home due to an electrical fire in the wall. This time there was no thick black smoke. I began a room to room search trying to

pinpoint the source. When I came back to the bedroom there was no doubt in my mind! But where? I checked every outlet and the TV...no luck. Now I was afraid not to call for help because I have a disabled husband. I woke him and my son, apprised them of the situation and called 911.

Within minutes the South Plainfield Fire and Police Department arrived. As the firemen searched for the source, the police helped my husband into a wheelchair. The firemen found the cause of the burning odor. It was the motor of an 18" fan.

When I called 911, I was very specific. All I asked for was some assistance in finding the cause of the smell. The dispatcher was kind and reassuring, telling me to stay on the line.

If you've ever been in a situation like this, you can appreciate my fear and caution. Not once did I hear anyone complain about being dragged out of bed in the middle of the night to find a defective fan motor.

I can't begin to find adequate words to thank the South Plainfield Fire and Police Departments for their unselfish time and energy. It's a great feeling to know that we live in a community that truly cares about its citizens twenty-four hours a day. Thank you all for being there when we needed help.

**SINCERELY,
DAWN WALLIS & FAMILY**

Dear Editor,

Jim Vokral is a special person. He is a terrific father and husband and is an overall caring individual. We, in South Plainfield, are fortunate to have someone of Jim's caliber serving as our council president. Although most politicians would boast about cutting spending and keeping taxes under control, Jim gives everyone credit for this accomplishment. When you compliment Jim for the 60 roads that

have been repaved and the overall upgrading of borough facilities he points out it was a team effort. Well, maybe Jim's too modest to say it but I'm not. Jim Vokral is as good a councilperson as South Plainfield ever had. He deserves your vote on November 2 along with his running mate, Ed Kubala.

MRS. ANN CAMPANELLI

To the Editor,

Some people talk about problems, other people do something about it. Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral do something about it. Over the last six years over 60 borough roads have been repaved. Remember what Hadley Road used to look like? Remember when there was no traffic light at Front Street and Maple Avenue? Remember when you couldn't make a left hand turn at Maple Avenue and Front Street? Remember when the heating and cooling system in the library didn't work? Remember when there was no hockey rink behind Borough Hall? Sometimes we forget how much Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral and the new Democratic majority have accomplished. They aren't finished yet. Within the next two years Helen Street will be finished which will be the crown jewel of Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral's leadership. Don't be complacent—get out there and vote on November 2, 1999. Ed and Jim are too good to lose.

JOSEPH C. WOJCIK

public. I can remember when citizens weren't even allowed to speak at budget meetings and if they didn't say what they were supposed to say they were laughed at by the council. I also remember when Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral first ran for council under the slogan "take back South Plainfield." They kept their word. They did take South Plainfield back from the prior arrogant Republican administration. They have created an atmosphere of open government in South Plainfield. Now at council meetings people are encouraged to speak. Budget meetings are done in public. There is a taxpayer's advisory group that reviews all ordinances and resolutions before they are passed. We have a Democracy Day every March where we get to say how our money will be spent. Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral have worked hard to open up South Plainfield government. They deserve your support on election day.

ANTHONY S. WARGACKI

To The Editor:

The South Plainfield Republican Party, in support against general light and visual pollution, will not be putting up political signs until shortly before the general election of Nov. 2.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
HANK GRABARZ
COUNCIL CANDIDATE
AGAIN**

PLEASE NOTE: '99 Vote
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.

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 19, Nov. 4 (Thursday),
November 16, November 30, December 7,
December 21

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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 (N.J.S.A. 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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Senate President Unveils \$80 Million Relief Plan to Aid Flood/Drought Devastated Areas

Responding to the devastation caused throughout the state by a severe summer drought and record floods caused by Tropical Storm Floyd, Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco has announced a statewide initiative designed to provide New Jersey residents in need with Emergency Disaster Relief. Priority will be given to those counties declared disaster areas by the federal government: Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset and Union Counties.

Sen. DiFrancesco, R-22, introduced a bipartisan, \$80 million relief package on Thursday, Sept. 30, which includes Senator John Lynch, D-17, as a co-sponsor. The measure will allocate \$50 million to help cover flood losses and \$20 million to help farmers who suffered crop losses during the summer drought. The remaining \$10 million will provide emergency aid to municipalities and will cover administrative costs. In addition, DiFrancesco announced that he and Lynch will work on drafting legislation that would enable the state to acquire

property in areas prone to severe flooding.

"These extraordinary circumstances demand an extraordinary response. The best we can do as a state is to treat victims not as statistics, but as individual survivors who need to know they can count on New Jersey to offer a measure of relief," said DiFrancesco. "Today, we are providing that relief with aid designed to fill the gaps of the financial assistance available and to provide a resource of last resort. Thanks to the existence of a Rainy Day Fund, a surplus account earmarked for such emergencies, New Jersey stands ready to lend a helping hand to private citizens, businesses and even municipalities through direct grants and loans."

The proposal is designed as a last resort aid package that will cover damage or losses that are not already covered by private insurance and by federal aid obtained through FEMA. The criteria for determining recipients will be established by the administration.

In general, homeowners will be able to apply for grants for the loss of personal contents of residences damaged or lost as a result of the

storm or subsequent floods; businesses will be eligible to apply for grants or loans to cover damage to real and personal property.

The breakdown of the \$80 million aid package is as follows:

- \$5 million for emergency aid to municipalities for extraordinary costs for public services such as overtime and equipment.
- \$5 million for administrative costs associated with operating the program.
- \$20 million for drought aid to farmers.
- \$50 million for grants, loans and property tax deferrals for flood victims.

"This is an aid bill that recognizes the once in a lifetime happenings of a major drought and a major flood in the same year," said DiFrancesco. "The assistance for flood victims and for farmers who lost their crops to the drought demonstrates our empathy with those who have suffered and our resolve to help them get back on their feet."

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 through Oct. 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.

Fire Department Open House to Promote Safety

On Saturday, Oct. 16, the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will hold 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.



We're sure these two boys must have gotten sauce on their shirts at Riley School's Spaghetti Dinner last Friday. If they call 908-668-0010 by Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 5 p.m., we'll give them each a "Celebrate South Plainfield" t-shirt courtesy of the Observer.

Clear Technologies Adopts South Clinton Avenue

Mr. Timothy Stevens, owner and vice president of Clear Technologies, LLC, has signed an adoption agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association to maintain a stretch of South Clinton Avenue. The Adopt-A-Spot reaches from Synergy Gas Co. to Hamilton Boulevard, along a vacant lot.

Clear Technologies is headquartered at 4475 South Clinton Ave., across the street from the adopted roadside. The company is a software consulting firm that installs

and customizes software for large corporations throughout North America. They will be keeping their Adopt-A-Spot litter-free and weed-whacked.

Mr. Stevens believes that since this stretch of road is heavily traveled, it should be kept neat. As a former landscaper, it seems natural to him to take a hand in improving the right-of-way here.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

Borough Notes

Council Notes

- The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Oct. 14.

Board of Adjustment

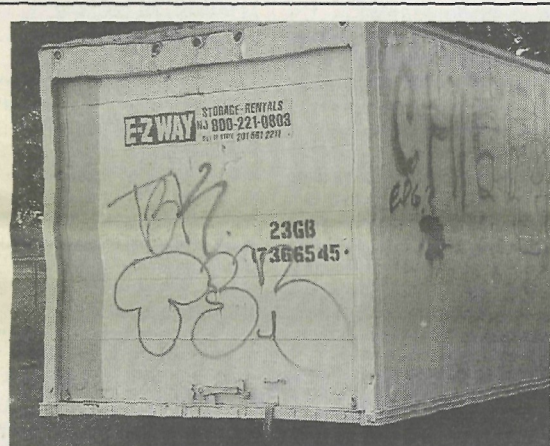
- Maria Lewis of Clinton Ave. was granted approval for a front yard setback for an existing above ground pool.
- Donald Waldrom of Avon Ave. was granted a six-foot side setback for a proposed chimney.
- Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. was granted a use and height variance for a proposed structure that will be in excess of 10' over the ordinance and a 61' monopole.

Recycling Center & Yard Waste Site Closed Columbus Day-Oct. 12

The Columbus Day holiday weekend schedule at the Recycling Center and at the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. will be: open Saturday, Oct. 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 10-12 and open Wednesday, Oct. 13, noon to 7 p.m.

Regular fall hours will resume Friday, Oct. 15. Recycling Center is open Tuesdays noon to 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Yard Waste Site is open Tuesdays noon to 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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



This van was spray-painted with graffiti while parked at the Administration Building last weekend. (See story page 1).

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Flo's Piano Studio Will Hold Recital at Nordstrom's

The public is invited to attend a piano recital on Friday, Oct. 22, at Nordstrom's in Menlo Park from 6-9 p.m.

The recital will feature seven concert pianists from Flo's Piano Studio performing classical, jazz, pop and Broadway numbers.

The recital will be preceded by Ms. Flo on piano and Mr. Roland Washington on the saxophone. An awards ceremony/reception will follow.

Scoop Dinner for Stokes Forest Trip

John F. Kennedy School on Norwood Ave. will host a Scoop Dinner on Friday, Oct. 22 at 4:30 (senior citizens) and 5 p.m. (general admission). The dinner will benefit the Class of 2001 Stokes Forest trip. The cost is 35 cents per scoop.

Woods Plans Fall Festival for Kids

The Annual Fall Festival at Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve this year will feature "Nature Crafts for Kids." The festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The children will search a designated area for leaves, seed pods, stones, sticks, flowers and herbs to make a variety of nature crafts at the crafting tent. Crafts may include: nature rubbings, stone painting, leaf bursts, leaf collages, sun prints, garden print stamping, mushroom spore prints, foiled leaf designs, pine cone bird feeders, pebble necklace and herb sachets.

The event is free to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Woods, a sub-committee of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission. Rain date is Sunday, Oct.

Send your events to
Around Town, The South
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to (908) 668-8819, or email
to GGNAN@aol.com.

17, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

The main gate at Highland Avenue Woods is located on Sylvania Place off South Clinton Ave. For additional information, call the Environmental Office at 908-226-7621.

Golden Goose Craft & Gift Boutique

The Golden Goose Craft Club will hold its annual boutique at the Westfield Tennis Club, 139 North Chestnut Street, Westfield from Wednesday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 17. The hours of the show are, Wednesday 6-9 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

As in past years, the Golden Goose will designate Oct. 14 as "Benefit Day" for The Center for Hope Hospice. On this day, a \$1 admission donation will be collected at the door. Additionally, baskets of handcrafted items donated by the crafters will be on display and raffled off on Oct. 17. Raffle tickets will be available throughout the show and from Hospice members.

The Golden Goose Craft & Gift Boutique has become an annual October tradition. This year's boutique brings crafters from across the country including handmade soaps from Colorado, candles from Wisconsin, stuffed toys from Texas, plus many other talented crafters. Unique seasonal crafts along with decorative items artfully displayed in the quaint setting of the clubhouse affords the perfect opportunity to pick up that special gift. Ample street parking is available.

St. Stephen's Church to hold Second Annual Octoberfest

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 at \$10, seniors at \$8.50 and children 5-12 at \$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.

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 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.

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.

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 Plans Country Western Nite

Memorial Post 6763 VFW 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, chili, beans and beverages. Music by Billy Phillips, door prizes and much more. 7-11 p.m. Donation is \$10.

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

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 snjprntnj@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.

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://fdt.net/~abbottk/SPHS1979.HTML>.

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 in-

cluded. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. For more information call 226-7713.

Columbiettes List Comming Events and Trips

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a shopping trip to Reading, Pa. on Saturday, Nov. 6. The cost is \$18. Other upcoming events are:

- A Country Western dinner dance is planned for Saturday, Nov. 20 at Bobby & Mary's in Piscataway. The cost is \$20.

- A trip to "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pa. on Saturday, Dec. 11. The 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

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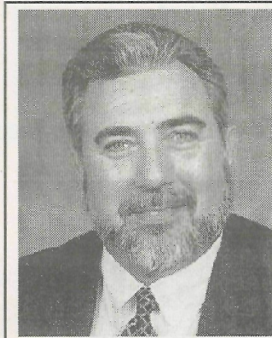
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

We've got several items to pass along from the South Plainfield Library, so let's get right to it.

The Library will be closed both Sunday and Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

We'll follow our usual Story-time schedule next week. The programs, all for children ages three and over, are on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. The Thursday program will feature tips on seat belt safety, following last week's program on fire safety. No registration is needed. For more details, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this informative meeting.

Our display this month focuses on Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's sponsored by the South Plainfield Police Department's Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Program. It focuses on the ongoing problem of domestic violence and the resources available to help those involved. In addition, volunteers will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. to answer questions on the subject. The display will be up throughout the month of October.

Mark your calendars for three special programs this month. On Friday, Oct. 22, we'll have a Children's Craft program for kids ages six and over. It starts at 4 p.m.; pre-registration is required. Also, the following week, we have an Auto Insurance Reform seminar on Tuesday, Oct. 26 and our children's Halloween program the

following day, Oct. 27. We'll have more details on these programs next week. You must register in advance for them.

There have been some changes in our Circuit collections. This month's group from the Video Circuit is in and circulating. Among this month's titles are "The Truman Show," "Practical Magic," "North by Northwest," "D2: the Mighty Ducks" and "Gone Fishin'." They'll be around until Oct. 25. On the other hand, the Circuit Books on tape are between groups and unavailable. They'll be back later on in the month.

We've got two re-reminders this week: We're still accepting Patron Survey forms. The forms deal with the Library in general, the Children's department and the Reference department. Forms are available at the main desk. Also, if you signed up for a library card at Back to School Night, please pick it up and use it.

Finally, there's been a change in our Internet policy. We're giving parents an Internet permission form for their children. Since we don't use filtering software, we feel parents should give their consent before their kids can use our terminals. Also, eventually people will log onto our computers using their library bar code. The permission forms will allow us to keep track in our records of who's allowed on line and who isn't. You'll find our Internet policy on the back of the form, as well as our audio/visual lending policy. If you have questions, please ask them. We'll let you know about other policy changes ASAP.

That's about all for this week. Don't hesitate to pass along your comments. See you next Friday.

Saturday Night at the PAL

The South Plainfield Recreation Department, in cooperation with the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness, is pleased to announce the beginning of the New Saturday Night at The PAL activities.

The program has been redesigned and enhanced to meet the needs of both middle school and high school students. Every first and third Saturday the PAL will be open from 8-11 p.m. for the exclusive use of middle school students. Every second and fourth Saturday the PAL will be open from 8-11 p.m. for the exclusive use of high school students.

The PAL has purchased a 60-inch-wide screen TV with surround sound to show movies for the students. The first *Night At The Movies* will be this Saturday, Oct. 9, for middle school students.

The PAL is also planning dances, coffeehouses, band concerts and other special events. For example, on Saturday, Oct. 23, they plan to host a Sadie Hawkins Dance for middle school students. Everyone should dress up in old hillbilly clothes and plan to learn some new dances. On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999 they will be hosting the same type of dance for the high school students.

In November they plan to host a band festival with several area bands. To be successful, local DJs and local bands who want to display their talents are needed. If you are interested please contact the PAL at (908) 226-7714.

The program is designed to entertain the students and at the same time make them aware of the dangers of substance abuse. We need volunteers to help chaperone these events. If you are interested please contact Mike English at the PAL Building (908) 226-7714.



A South Plainfield resident prepares for the coming flu season by getting inoculated at Twin City Pharmacy's Flu Shot Clinic last Saturday.

From the Democratic Candidates

Kubala/Vokral Set Forth Goals For Year 2000

Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral this week set forth their goals for South Plainfield for the year 2000 and beyond. "Much has been accomplished over the last six years but we have no intent of resting on our laurels," Ed Kubala said.

"We must continue to work to keep borough expenses under control and our tax rate stable. We are proud that our tax rate is the same today as it was in 1997 and we are already working towards next year. As chairperson of the Administration and Finance Committee, I promise to continue 'pay as you go' government in South Plainfield."

Jim Vokral echoed his running mate's position saying, "Over 60 roads have been paved, our parks improved, open space preserved and borough facilities updated without borrowing to do them. Next year we will pave 18 more

roads, Pitt Street Park and Shadyside Park will be upgraded. In addition we will finalize all acquisitions for the 35-acre environmental preserve. More space has been created by this mayor and council than all the prior administrations put together. We can't stop now."

Ed Kubala said that the completion of Helen Street is a top priority. "We expect Helen Street to be open within two years. We are now completing the environmental studies after which the design phase will be done and we can then go out to bid. No other project will as significantly improve the quality of life on the south side of our borough as the Helen Street project. It will eliminate truck traffic on Belmont Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard."

Jim Vokral summed up the Democrats' position saying, "There is much work still to be done. If you honor Ed and me with re-election to the council you have our word that we will work as hard as we can for the residents of our great town."

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.



Picture This

Franklin School students "pose" for annual class pictures.

Historical Society Meeting To Include Candle Demo

The South Plainfield Historical Society will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Media center of South Plainfield High School located on Lake St.

Following the business meeting, a program entitled "Party

Lite" will be presented by society member Ronnie Lowich.

The program will focus on candles and exclusive accessories, perfect for holiday gift giving. Refreshments will be served while guests decide on their choices.

Guests are welcome, as always.

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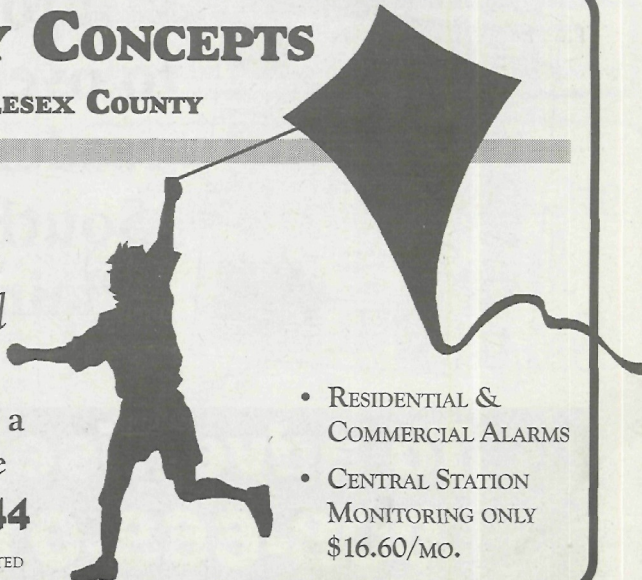
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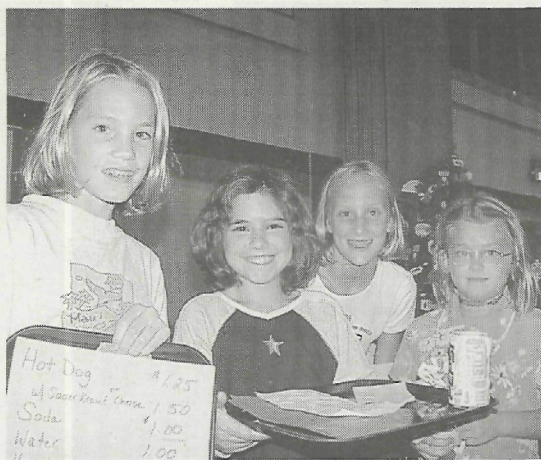
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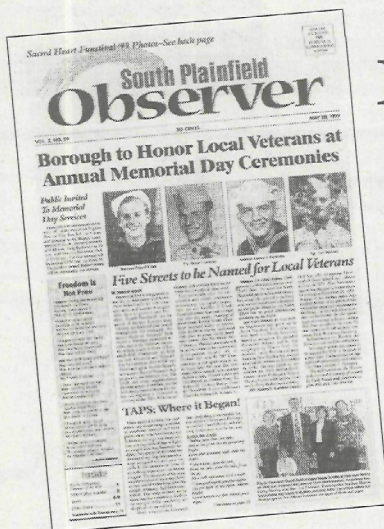


Roosevelt School held their second annual Craft Show last Friday. The PTA sponsored event featured a wide variety of crafters including a fifth grade Stokes trip table that offered handmade crafts from parents. Refreshments were sold by the PTA and students helped with sales by canvassing the crowd. Several of the students were much needed volunteers from Sacred Heart School working to fulfill their community service requirements. Craft Show Chairman Michele Kunie, expressed her thanks to all of the volunteers for their time and hard work. She said, "Thanks, we could not have done it without you!"



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INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

This is a **By Briggs Longbothum** nity I thought and what should

week I've been waiting for. A rainy Monday morning and a full pot of coffee points to a great opportunity to get caught up on all my indoor (read computer) projects. Tonight a friend is stopping by to "donate" many pounds of freshly caught tuna, so I'm in a good mood (for a Monday). Maybe I should buy a lottery ticket—my luck is definitely getting better.

Since last issue, a reader called to ask for help setting up a new computer. A first time user who's taking the plunge at the young age of 83 proves that anyone can learn to use these things. He said he wanted to be able to "see what the Internet is all about." As I was setting things up, I couldn't help but think it was like giving a kid the keys to the candy shop. He's in for the same load of fun we all were when first online. (Remember when you got the family car for your first solo trip to nowhere in particular—same thing!).

As I was putting things together, his curiosity was obvious. "I want to be able to do this" and "Can you show me how to...." He had me going in circles and I loved it. Now this guy is very intelligent, retired from a successful business career, and certainly has the ability and time to do whatever he chooses, but this time it was computers/Internet. I usually don't have to start at the very beginning when involving myself with computer help, but there I was, teaching computers as a second language to a new class of one. What an opportu-

I teach him first. There's no way anyone can get up to speed on the first day, but I did have to give him something. Admittedly, I took the easy way out and this time it was also the right thing to do. And this brings me to the lesson for everyone doing things for the first time. RTFM!

This where real men usually go wrong (AND women too), RTFM! What's that you say? Drop the "F" and it translates into: READ THE MANUAL! True, much of any manual is obvious, but understand that it was written for real dummies. Regardless, manuals contain loads of very basic and useful information and instructions. At the very least, reading the manual enables you to ask better questions!

I am certainly not speaking critically of beginners, but it really is a good idea to RTFM. In this case, it was a good homework assignment, and will get my student up and running and able to perform basic operations like opening, saving, editing, and organizing files and folders. Next class will actually introduce the Internet and the myriad of sites (and sights) and sounds therein. Showing him how to find help and training online will be his "wings."

Trivia Question: What's the phone number of the Mojave Desert Phone Booth? You'll get a kick out of this one (it's a real working phone booth too). Write me and see if you get right. Till next column... Briggs Longbothum, ed. (Bruggo@home.com)

Cub Scout Pack 224 Renews Cedarbrook Avenue Adoption

Veronica Lowich, Cleanup Committee Chairwoman for Cub Scout Pack 224, has signed a new contract with the Clean Business Association for the coming year.

Pack 224 will continue its monthly maintenance of the Cedarbrook Ave. stream crossing.

The group formally adopted this spot four years ago. They had been working there during Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week for several years, and found themselves going back periodically on their own. Like most roadsides in the borough that front on wooded land, this stretch seems to be a litter magnet. One annual

cleanup was not enough to handle it. The Cub Scouts are determined to keep this land so close to their school, clean and attractive.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

Compactor Open Next Two Saturdays

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

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EPA Cleanup Continues

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the clean up of seven residences. These sites are located on Delmore Ave. between Hamilton and Fulton Ave. and on Hamilton between the overpass and Amboy Ave. Eric Wilson, On-Scene Coordinator for the Removal and Action Branch of the EPA stressed that there is no immediate health risk.

Another round of sampling was done between Delmore and Arlington Ave.; Hamilton and Belmont; the south side of Belmont between Arlington and Metuchen Rd.; the south side of Hancock St. between Amboy Ave. and the overpass. The EPA found that no action is required at this time.

In a related incident, Robert Spiegel, director of the Edison Wetlands Association, discovered discarded electrical equipment in the South Plainfield area of the Dismal Swamp near the Bound Brook in mid-September. The Dismal Swamp is located in both Edison and South Plainfield. Twenty-two



capacitor units weighing approximately 30 pounds each were found. According to a Wetlands Incident report they were reported to be "...leaking and in various stages of decay." The Wetlands Association noted that the name "Cornell-Dubilier" could be seen on at least one of them and have photographs and a videotape of the capacitors. They alerted the Middlesex County HazMat team and the site was tested. Previous testing showed levels above 50 parts per million according to Spiegel. The clean up point is one part per million. Spiegel noted that contamination in the Bound Brook has been reported as far

as New Market Pond in Piscataway and beyond. Eric Wilson of the EPA stated that a fish advisory had previously been ordered for the entire Bound Brook.

Andrea Ace, Developmental Coordinator for The Edison Wetlands Association, commented on the current conditions of the association's two-site inspection report, both at the site and in the Dismal Swamp. Ms. Ace said, "We are incredibly concerned about the severity of the site and have outlined these concerns in our recent site inspection report issued on Sept., 30, 1999.

By alerting local government officials in South Plainfield as well as the EPA and the DEP and other government officials and members of the surrounding communities, we are hoping to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the Superfund Site. People have a right to know what risks are present in their community. Our goal is to work on behalf of the communities to make create a safe and healthy place to live."

Approximately 540 people reside within a 1/4 of a mile of the site and the nearest residence is located 200 feet. The EPA stated that the investigation of the site will continue. This ongoing investigation will be to determine what further actions are necessary to protect the public and the environment.

Robert Spiegel of the Edison Wetlands Association has been involved with investigations and clean up in the Dismal Swamp, both in Edison and South Plainfield. Mr. Spiegel was able to provide extensive information as well as websites and phone numbers for Environmental Protection Agency personnel. Eric Wilson, On-Scene Coordinator for the Removal and Action Branch of the EPA also provided the Observer with information about the cleanup.

Michael Gulla

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Franks and the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders. He received letters of commendation from the U.S. Army, Sons of the American Revolution and the Flint & Steel Association. There were also several applications to fill out for possible scholarships.

Michael is a graduate of South Plainfield High School. While in high school he was a member of the Jersey Club, Students Against Drunk Driving and the Environmental Science Club. He also plays two instruments, the saxophone and the guitar. Michael is a member of the Sacred Heart Church where he was active in the church's youth group. He plans to attend college in the future.

Fall Harvest Festival

Franklin School will hold their second annual Fall Harvest Festival on Oct. 16 from 9 am -4 pm. The event takes place in the parking lot of the school. The 1998 event was a huge success with hundreds attending the day long event. The festival will feature flea market tables. The proceeds from the sale of spaces will benefit the fifth grade class of 2001 Stokes Trip.

The food court will offer fresh bagels and pastries in the morning followed by pizza, hot dogs, buffalo wings and beverages for the lunch crowd.

A cupcake decorating booth, moonwalk, pony rides and carnival games with prizes are

just some of the activities. The famous BLUE dog will put in an appearance during the day. The Rescue Squad will be onhand to supply kids with basic first-aid tips and DARE officers will be present from 11am-2 pm.

A 50/50 raffle will be held as well as raffles for local restaurants throughout the day. A ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the new play ground equipment is on the roster for the day, but no time has been set for the ceremony.

Flea market tables are still available at \$10 a space. For more information contact Joanne Cox at 668-0957.

Junior Woman's Club Looking for Most Beautiful Baby

The Junior Woman's Club of South Plainfield is looking for children who are between the ages of newborn and 36 months for its Beautiful Baby Contest.

To enter, send two photographs, no larger than 4-by-6 inches, with child's name on the back. Include \$4 registration fee and a 3" x 5" card with parents name, address, phone number and the child's name and age. Also, please write that you are giving permission to have your child's picture posted and printed in the newspaper and please sign your name. All entries are to be sent to the Junior Woman's Club of South Plain-

field, P.O. Box 189, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 to the attention of Baby Contest.

Deadline for entries is Friday, Oct. 22. If you would like the photos returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Photos will be on display Nov. 1 to Nov. 12, at two local stores. You may vote for the beautiful baby of your choice by dropping money into the appropriate slot of the ballot box. All votes will be tallied at one vote per penny.

Winners will be notified by Nov. 17. Prizes will be awarded at the Junior Woman's Club meeting held on Monday, Nov. 22 at Pilgrim Covenant Church on Park Ave. Proceeds go to general contributions. For more information, call Joyce (908) 756-7127.



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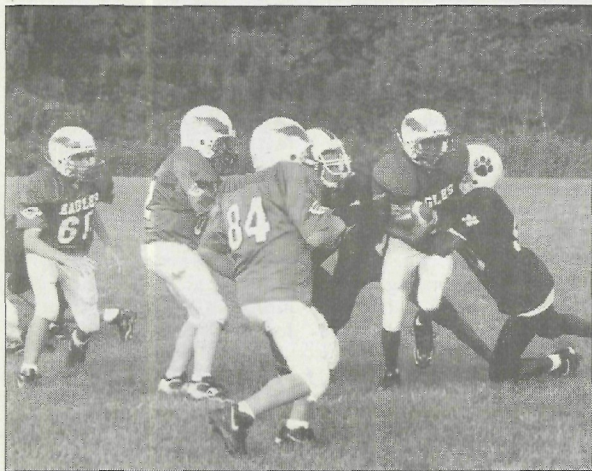
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Youth and Adult Basketball League Registrations

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is accepting registration for Youth and Adult Basketball League.

The Youth Basketball League is open to all South Plainfield residents ages 7-14 (as of Oct. 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.

Birth Certificates are only required for registrants who have not participated in a Recreation sponsored Youth League in the past 24 months.

The Adult Basketball League will start on Nov. 18. The games will be played at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. The fee is \$500 for a 5 member roster. You must be 18 years or older. The first eight teams with the required fee will be accepted.

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

Junior Baseball Club Notes

2000 Season Registration

Registration for the 2000 season is just two weeks away. Children must be 8 to 16 years-old before Aug. 1, 2000 to be eligible. New players must bring their birth certificate or a copy with them. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time of registration. Any parent interested in being a manager, coach or umpire can sign up at the registration.

The October "EARLY" registration for the 2000 season will be held in from 6 p.m. 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 and no discounts will be given.

All players will receive a brand new hat, shirt and pair of pants to keep at season's end.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary will be selling SPJBC jackets and related apparel. These make great Christmas gifts. They will also have Interior Jar Candles (cash and carry at \$5.50 each). Full payment is required. For more information contact Cindi Eichler at 769-4047.

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

Events at a glance are: *Early Registration* - October 21, 22 and 23 at the clubhouse; *Registration* - January 13, 14, 15 at the clubhouse; *Try Outs* - Saturday March 4 at the PAL; *Opening Day* - Saturday April 15

Pop Warner Football Results

The following are the results from the South Plainfield vs. Washington Rock home game played last Sunday at home.

Mite Mites

Wash. Rock 0 - So. Plfd. 6

Dantae Johnson ran for a 45 yard touchdown and Tareek Watkins recovered a fumble. Standouts on offense were Corey Hay, James Gorman and Kyle Hughes; on defense David Smith, Marcel Counts and John Wylam.

Jr. Pee Wees

Wash. Rock 6 - So. Plfd. 6

Jeff Osley ran 54 yards for a touchdown. Standouts on offense were Billy Ashnault, Mark Wagner and TJ Brown; on defense Anthony Cassano, Robert Gentile and Jacob Rosocha.

Jr. Midgits

Wash. Rock 13 - So. Plfd. 12

Tom Deshaine threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Miller and Bill Merkler threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Kenny. Standouts on offense were Bill Merkler, Conner O'Brien and David Gerina; on defense Bryant Draper, Paul Ritchey and Anthony Constante.

Midgits

Wash. Rock 0 - So. Plfd. 18

Marquis Jones, Joe DeBiase and Chris Dickerson all had touchdown runs. Standouts on offense were Alex Ferraris, Jeff Toolan and Mike Salerno; on defense Raj Jainerrain, Zach Copolla and Jocsan Aquire.

Flag Standouts were Ryan Sacco, Vince Appello, William Whiteflect, Dylan Medici and Nick Okoszko.

Tigers Marching Band Takes Second Place at Competition

The South Plainfield High School Tigers Marching Band has once again shown that practice pays off. On Saturday, Sept. 25, the marching Tigers placed first in their division and second overall at the West Deptford Marching Band Competition.

The Tigers scored 76 out of a possible 100, marching to "I've Got Rhythm," "Cuban Overture," "Fascinatin' Rhythm," "Summertime," and "Strike Up the Band." The Tigers also received a special award to the Band Most Traveled. The Tigers also did well on Oct. 2 at The

Old Bridge High School Fifth Annual "Salute to America" TOB competition by placing second in their division.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, the band will once again be competing at Southern Regional High School under the direction of Mr. Mark Tweed and Assistant Director Mr. Tony Gray.

Local residents who wish to experience the Tigers Marching Band performing can mark their calendar to attend the South Plainfield Marching Band Festival on Sunday, Oct. 24 at Jost Field

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.

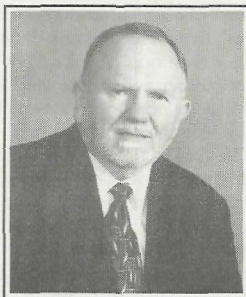
Registration is being taken at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave. The fee is \$225 for a 16 member roster. Deadline for registration is Dec. 6.

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.



South Plainfield soccer League is underway all over town. The league, sponsored by the South Plainfield Recreation Department plays at Veterans' Park and the PAL Building.



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Coaches are: Head coach Natalie Palazzo, Diane Ranger, Cathy Scarpito and Denise Kelly.

Mighty Mites Team

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Junior Pee Wee Team

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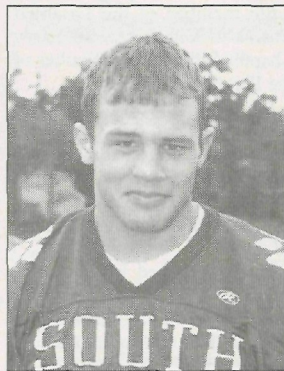
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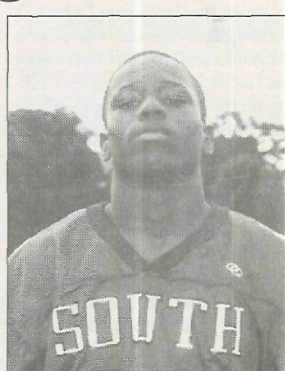
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Coaches are: head coach Diane Bualano, Sharon Rowlands, Norma Ghanim and Jeanine Summers. Cheerleading commissioner is Tracey Gratta.

Francis Rushes Tigers to Second Straight Win



Chris Francis



Lamaar Grier

By Brian Cochrane

South Plainfield Tiger fullback Chris Francis wasted no time in dissecting an overmatched New Brunswick defensive line by scoring three quick touchdowns and sending the Tigers to their second straight victory 27-19.

Chris scampered in from 20 yards and then from 12 yards out, with a Kevin Hicks 70 yard rushing touchdown for New Brunswick sandwiched in between to gave the Tigers a 13-7 halftime lead.

The Tigers came out of the locker room and got right back to business marching over 50 yards down field to set up a four yard plunge by Francis again. New Brunswick responded as Kevin Johnson hauled in a 29 yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to six. But they would get no closer, as the Tiger defense for the second week in a row, shut down their opponents com-

ing out of half time.

Late in the third quarter senior running back Lamaar Grier got into the act with a touchdown run of his own for 22 yards. New Brunswick added a late touchdown to round out the scoring.

After two weeks on the road in Carteret and Spotswood, the Tigers come home on Oct. 22, where yours truly will be substitute announcer for the matchup with Hackettstown.

NOTE: Next week Brian will also be covering boys and girls soccer for the Observer.

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Obituaries

CORRINE MUELLER, 55

Corrine Mueller died on Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Girard Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Mueller had been a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

She had been employed as a secretary for the former Lemmo's Garbage Disposal of South Plainfield for 10 years. Previously she had been employed as a billing secretary for St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick.

She had been an avid bowler, and was a member of Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield.

Her husband, Clifford W. Mueller died in 1995.

Surviving are a brother, Carmen Sylvestro of Bayville. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

HARVEY S. RUE, 78

Harvey S. Rue of South Plainfield died on Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Marlboro and was a former resident of Plainfield

and Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield 37 years ago.

Mr. Rue was a mail clerk for the Morristown Post office for 25 years before retiring in 1975.

He was a sergeant in the United States Army during WWII and received a Purple Heart during the Rhineland campaign. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans New Jersey Chapter 56 and a life member of the Plainfield Chapter 7.

He was a member of the VFW Memorial Post 6763 and the American Legion Chaumont Post 243, both in South Plainfield.

He was predeceased by a sister, Grace Alexy, who died on Sept. 28, 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly McDede Rue, two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank A. and Gracelyn Rue of Naples, Fla. and Robert and Ronnie Rue of Sayerville and his grandchildren, Monique and Derek Rue.

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

FRANK Di GIOVANNI Jr., 43

Frank Di Giovanni Jr. of

Hampton, formerly of South Plainfield, died on Monday, Sept. 27, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Plainfield and was raised and lived in South Plainfield before moving to Hampton 15 years ago.

Mr. DiGiovanni was an art teacher in the Plainfield, Morris Knolls and Elizabeth school districts before his illness. He was a former football, baseball, soccer and wrestling coach. He was also a wrestling official for the New Jersey Wrestling Official's Association.

He was a 1978 graduate of Rutgers University receiving his BA in Education. He was a member of the National Education Association and the New Jersey Education Association.

He was predeceased by his brother, Louis DiGiovanni, who died in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Durkin DiGiovanni; a daughter, Stephanie DiGiovanni; his parents, Frank Sr. and Josephine Festante DiGiovanni of South Plainfield; two sisters, Angela Weir and Karen Parkhurst, both of Tucson, AZ.

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

POLICE REPORT

• Derek M. Saundels of Miami, Florida was arrested for forgery of a check at the Ramada Days Inn. An employee of Office Depot, West Hampton, NJ discovered the forgery after checking an account being used to purchase merchandise from the store. The owner of the account had not authorized usage.

• A Ledden Terrace resident reported the theft of a flagpole with Jets and Giants flags attached. The pole was removed from his front porch.

• Wendy Sue Clark of Middlesex reported the theft of license plates from her vehicle. The vehicle had been parked on Roosevelt Ave.

• Owner of an Edgar Ave. house reported a basement window was smashed and a screen on a ground level window was opened. Entry was not gained. The house is in the process of being sold and is empty.

• A Bolliger Way resident reported his vehicle ransacked while it was parked in the street near his home. Numerous credit cards were removed from the vehicle.

• James Flammer of Westfield reported the theft of several items from his car while the vehicle was parked on Norman St. Access was limited to the front seat as the rear seat is caged off. The vehicle was unlocked at the time of the theft.

• A Norman St. resident reported that suspects had entered her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway. She believes the car was locked but there was no sign of forced entry. Nothing was missing from vehicle but the top of the floor mounted transmission shift had been broken. A radar detector was removed from the trunk, there was no sign of forced entry. The victim's husband noted that the motion sensor light had turned on at during the evening but he did not see anyone near the house.

• A truck driver for Floral Glass, Rutherford, NJ reported the theft of a cell phone from his vehicle while he was making a delivery at Quality Glass Inc., located on South Clinton Ave. The driver stated he left the truck running and unlocked while making the delivery.

• Quality Glass, South Clinton Ave. reported the theft of license plates from a company vehicle while it was parked in their lot behind the business.

• A Maple Ave. resident reported jewelry missing from her home.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident was arrested for DWI after a motor vehicle accident.

• A Cumberland Ave. resident was arrested for violation of a restraining order.

• Keith Gamble of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting 3 Fubu jerseys valued at \$179. from Sterns, Middlesex Mall.

• A We Care Medical Supplies employee reported harassment via an anonymous phone message left on the machine.

• A South Plainfield Ave. resident reported that a downstairs neighbor tampered with his telephone line. The neighbor disconnected his line and replaced it with her line. When confronted the suspect denied tampering with his phone but later admitted that she had disconnected his and plugged in hers. Her own line had been disconnected.

• A South Plainfield Ave. resident and Kenny Jones Jr. were arrested for shoplifting \$71.50 worth of aspirin from A&P Oak Tree Rd.

• A Daniel Street resident reported the theft of her pocket book as she walked in the parking lot of Hadley Center. An unknown male approached her in the lot and grabbed the bag off her shoulder then ran. He wore dark clothing, a hooded sweatshirt and had a stocking over his face.

• A Norman St. resident reported the theft of the front license plate from her vehicle. The back plate had been bent but not removed.

• A Delmore Ave. resident reported finding his mail thrown on the ground near his home. When picking up his mail he found opened mail belonging to several neighbors. The post office was contacted and the mail returned to the residents.

By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 10/08-10/14

Libra 9/23-10/22 Moon enters Libra. Libra is the sign of partnership. This transit is an auspicious time for forming partnerships. Some of these partnerships come in the way of marriages, or the signing of an agreement. So teamwork is accentuated, if the teamwork is not there, jealousy will show itself.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Pluto cooperating aspect to Moon.

Did you leave that unhappy relationship that was discussed last week? If not you still have the strength to do it. Also just it's the same for those who are single; a new relationship that is started at this time can be a stable and emotionally happy one. Note: to the Scorpio lady at the wine party get your time of birth for your chart, cyrusmoon@aol.com.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 Mars trines Jupiter. Work is favorable for this week. Your actions are blessed with insight that helps you succeed in business where others might fail. This is a good transit for making decisions. You have a clear sense of yourself, and this helps you in your needs.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 Moon opposition Saturn. This will be a trying week for some of you. You may get into a depressed mood that baffles the people around you. The best way to handle this is do nothing. Get through this. Everyone gets into these moods. And people understand this!

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Moon trines Uranus. Sometime this week expect the unexpected, usually not pleasant, that will change your plans for a time. But if you work on this surprise with an effort you

have the chance to make whatever happens, work out favorably for you.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 Jupiter squares Neptune. This transit you need to be aware! It can trigger a kind of false optimism that makes you take foolish risks, especially with limited resources. In any financial dealings be very careful that everything is exactly as represented to you by others, or you can be taken for a ride.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Mars challenging aspect Uranus. You're likely to be in a hurry, or to be feeling more impulsive risk-taking and even rebellious than usual. Be careful as this action can bring about accidents with all that rushing around. Tendency of carelessness is a negative of this transit also.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 Moon challenging aspect to Sun. A lovely day for love—and that includes you for you. Indulge yourself a bit. The challenge in this transit is in its potential for extra extravagance or overindulgence. So be careful on that front. Give and receive compliments. Be sociable.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 Mercury in cooperating aspect to Neptune. Intuition and the imagination are stimulated during this transit. You are more sensitive to others, and may be able to help. It's a good time for dreaming and fantasy, so if you can get away from it all "do it". Create art or poetry.

CANCER 6/20-7/22 Moon conjuncts Sun. At this time group efforts are very favorably affected by this transit, because it gives you greater sensitivity to the feelings of people around you. This is good for conferences or any situation in which

you and others have to come to some conclusion.


LEO 7/23-8/22 Moon sextiles Sun. Your relationships with groups and friends are quite good under this transit. Whether you are a leader or a follower, being with others will benefit you at this time. So watch for these opportunities that can arise from unexpected corners. Go out and make contacts.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 Mercury/Moon combination. This is an excellent time to express your feelings and emotions, but it is not so favorable for reasoned logical communication. It is quite possible that you will want to talk about matters that are personally important to you that have affected your life. And this is at a most personal level.

QUOTE: If I am to meet only one angel in my life, Then I will never meet another after you.MB


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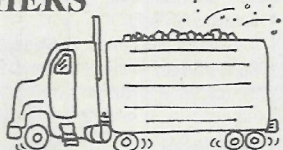
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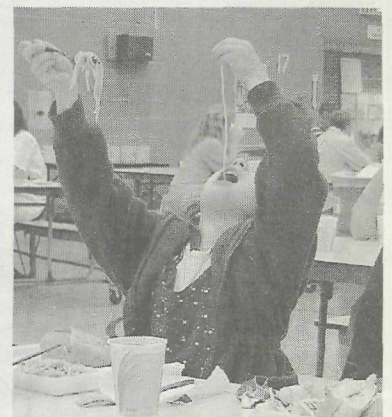
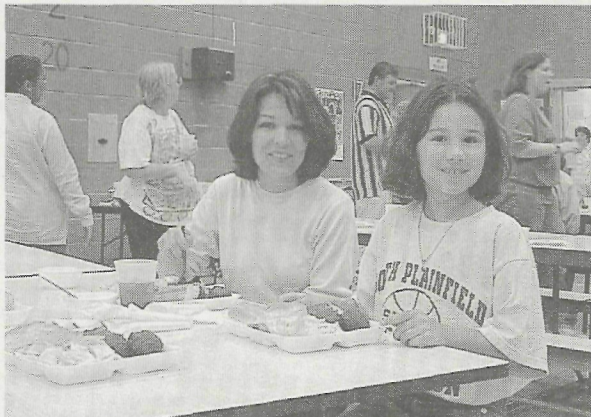
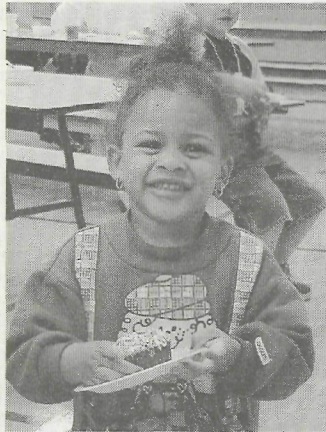
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Riley Spaghetti Dinner Benefits Fifth Graders

The John E. Riley School fifth grade class sponsored a spaghetti dinner last Friday night. The event was a fundraiser for the annual fifth grade class trip to Stokes State Forest. Senior citizens got a jump on the evening with early admission at 4:30 p.m. Throughout the evening the kitchen continually piled plates with spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread and all the trimmings.

Approximately 50 fifth grade students helped set up the gym for the dinner, as well as man the soda and dessert tables. Roma Foods donated the spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, garlic bread and romano cheese. The fifth grade parents provided the beverages and desserts. The only item that needed to be purchased were the salad fixings.

Parents also spent the evening cooking, serving and cleaning up. A steady flow of hungry residents filled the gym up until 6 p.m. Happy fifth grade students and parents declared the event a success.



September/October

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	Recreation Comm. Mtg 7 pm PAL Columbus Day	Borough Council Agenda Mtg 8 pm Library Board 7:30 pm Planning Board Mtg 8 pm	Environmental Comm. 8 p.m. Cultural Arts Comm. 8 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	Flu Shots at Medicine Shoppe 10am-2pm Borough Council Mtg 8 pm	Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	Highland Woods Reserve Crafts Festival 10-noon South Plainfield Fire Department Open House noon to 4 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Land Management Advisory Comm. 7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment 8 pm Board of Health 7:30 p.m.	Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	SPBA Candidates Debate 7:30 pm SPHS SP Business Assoc. Mtg.	Scoop Dinner Kennedy School 4:30 Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	St. Stephen's Church Octoberfest Dinner
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Rescue Squad Ladie's Auxiliary Fashion Show at Polish Home	Borough Council Agenda Mtg 8 pm	Planning Board Mtg 8 pm Recycling Comm. 8 pm	Traffic Safety Adv Comm. 7 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	Borough Council Meeting 8 pm Recycling Commission meeting 8 pm	Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	

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