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FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

FEMA was at Borough Hall this week to answer questions and help process flood victims' claims. Homeowners, renters and businesses can still apply for flood disaster assistance by calling 1-800-462-9029.

Mayor Says Borough Not Getting a Fair Share

At last week's council meeting Mayor Dan Gallagher expressed his displeasure with the State of New Jersey. South Plainfield requested \$250,000 in discretionary budgetary aid this year, but was denied any discretionary funds.

He said that while South Plain-

He said that while South Plainfield has complied with state criteria by keeping expenses down and the tax rate level, the state will not be giving us any discretionary aid. Some towns were granted large amounts of discretionary aid despite showing no fiscal responsibility.

Gallagher noted that Milltown, with a smaller population than South Plainfield, received \$600,000 in aid. He also noted that Milltown has a republican mayor. Gallagher said that residents

Gallagher said that residents should write to their legislators and voice their opinion on this obviously political decision by the governor and the state.

Teachers 'Stand United' At BOE Meeting

Over 300 teachers wearing green T-shirts with SPEA and STAND UNITED printed on them attended the BOE meeting last night. The board room soon filled to capacity and overflowed into the hall. The BOE meeting was moved to the gym across the

Teachers were protesting the fact that their contract negotiations are stalled. Their contract expired on June 30. In addition to green shirts, many wore pins saying 'Settle Now.' There was no discussion of the negotiations during the public portion of the meeting.



Poignant Library Display Depicts Domestic Violence

By Patricia Abbott

Domestic violence is a silent epidemic that knows no boundaries. The library and the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team have set up a display that speaks volumes. Life-size female silhouettes stand inside the library, depicting domestic violence victims who died at the hands of an abuser. Each silent witness has a plaque bearing their first name, age and sharing their sad stories.

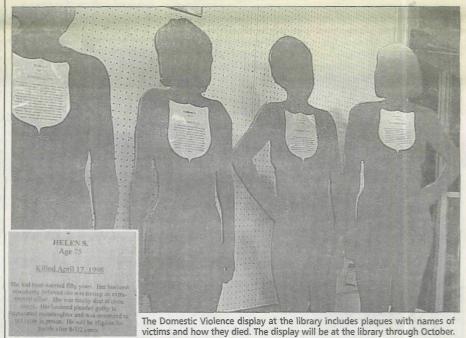
Domestic violence is a hidden problem that occurs in the privacy of a home. It has many forms; physical, sexual, psychological, social, or economic. The abuse of a spouse or partner affects the entire family. Children are as much the victims as the person being abused. Those involved often refuse to talk or even recognize that there is a problem. Fear or lack of support prevent many victims from seeking help.

A member of Women Aware Inc. or the DVCIT will be on

A member of Women Aware Inc. or the DVCIT will be on hand on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays evenings, 7-9 p.m. during October to answer questions, provide help or referrals.

Most people think of Domestic Violence as abuse women suffer at the hands of their male partners. While the majority of cases are assaults on women, the term "domestic violence" covers a broad range including dating violence as well as abuse against men and children.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout the country. There are a number of organizations available to help. In an emergency dial 9-1-1. The Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team can be reached at 755-0700. Woman Aware Outreach 732-937-9525. The domestic violence hotline number is 1-800-572-



Central Jersey Transit Under Fire

A large audience turned out Tuesday night at the Board of Adjustment to hear Case #28-99/S and #29-99/S—Suburban Transit d/b/a Central Jersey Transit.

The applicant was requesting to erect an above-ground 10,000 gallon diesel fuel tank, install outside drains with an oil separator in order to comply with DEP regulations and to resurface their exterior grounds. The were also seeking preliminary and final site plan approval, with a waiver of environmental impact statement

The public portion of the hearing brought out many issues that are going to be investigated further. The 10,000-gallon tank the company wants to erect has already been installed. The specifications on containment for the 10,000 gallon tank were not filed. The company removed many trees without any permits and the buffer zone with the neighboring residents no longer exists. Also in question is whether the company has expanded without the required hearings or permits. The company testified it has 65 employees and 60 buses that enter and leave the facility each day.

Residents' complainted about

the noise from the buses, saying it continues 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The noise is constant all night long with power washing, motors idling and the buses beeping from backing up. With the removal of trees the situation has worsened. They also stated the buses park up and down Rio Street and often block traffic. The residents complaints have been made to bus company, police and at council meetings.

This case, along with the public hearing portion, is being continued to Dec. 7. The public is invited to attend.

Special Public Mtg. of the Board of Education — Monday, October 25, 8 p.m.

In My Opinion

Letters

To the Editor:

The members of the South Plain-field VFW want to thank all those who attended our annual picnic this past September. Without their support and the contributions of others, it would not have been a

Our sincere thanks to the following for their contributions enabling us to have one of our best picnics ever: McCriskins Funeral Home, Roth Brothers Getty, Joanne's Kitchens, Friehofers, South Plainfield Department of Public Works, Cicceros, Wally Boliver Jr., Flanagan's and Gene Pandolino of Garden State Tree. Also Korman's Tobacco of Edison and Capitol Carpets in Green Brook. Our special thanks to the staff of the South Plainfield Observer for reporting all our events.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 53rd year of the South Plainfield Post. We thank all our friends and the residents of South Plainfield for their support and we look forward to meeting with them during our Open House this Veter-

PHILIP CORTESE, COMMANDER

To the Editor,

It's that time of year when the political system gets activated. It has been established that Big Money Contributions from corporations, out of town engineering and law firms, plus rich individuals, pay for politicians to win an election.

The best way to explain it is "the

one with the most money wins.

As a 1998 candidate for Mayor of South Plainfield working with limited funds, I was no match against Big Money Politics or Mid-dlesex County Financial Aid. I couldn't afford paid telephone surveys or finance an active election poll.

To say nothing about the million dollar check Middlesex County gave their candidates for open space, where their candidates had proposed another shopping center against citizen objection. Is that money being used to help flood vic-tims on New Market Avenue?

It's been sometime now that I have been attending meetings and

functions of Common Cause New Jersey. I've heard the ex-governor of New Jersey and other political members from both parties speak on campaign finance and reform.

Common Cause, based 450 Main Street, Metuchen, and its chairman Harry Pozycki, along with his staff, have been making great strides in beating back Big Money politics.

I think it's time for South Plainfield to follow our neighboring communities to adopt campaign finance laws. Join the fight to save our Democracy.

My opponents' last year campaign funds reached a total of around \$50,000, most of which came from out-of-town businesses and some local businesses. This was the amount recorded with the State of New Jersey. You can buy a lot of political signs, literature, phone surveys, etc., plus aid from Middlesex County.

With all that money my opponent had to work with, it didn't stop Recycle Inc., Harmich Rd. from affecting the health and welfare of the residents of Edison and South Plainfield.

How about the over 14 years he promised the seniors housing or a new center?

However, he allowed developers to construct shopping centers, apart-ments and developments or whatever they wanted without a new flood plan, never thinking of the shock wave to our school system of over 800 new students.

While attending a Planning Board meeting, I asked my opponent what aid the builders are providing for the construction of new schools. He stated on record that he refused to get school aid from the builder.

The "little guy" is going to take it on the chin again. Let's not blame our Board of Education when money is needed for new schools, etc.

I spent time during my campaign to reach out to our legislatures for a much needed increase in our State Aid towards our school system and we have received an increase. My opponents' Big Money did not play any part of this request.

If there is that much Big Money out there, then it should be used for better things-better education, se nior citizens and let's not forget our

I feel every citizen in New Jersey

and the entire country should back Common Cause, starting in communities where Big Money is easily obtained during political seasons.

This election, take a closer look at who has the most literature, does the biggest phone survey and has the most and best campaign parties and the

most signs.

But then take a closer look at your over-crowded school system, little aid to our senior citizens, our veterans, downgrading of town services, no aid to our flood victims. The list goes on.

Common Cause is working for every citizen, regardless of what political party you favor. Their work is our way to take back our community and save our democracy, which our veterans have fought for.

Our politicians should be working for the betterment of the citizens, not the obligation of Big

I urge everyone to study the is sues and get out on election day and vote Big Money out.

ANTHONY JAKE CATALDO

Dear Editor,

As chairperson of Economic Development and Liaison to the Businessperson's Advisory Committee, I must respond to the letter written by Jeremy Cortese in support of the Republican council candidates which appeared in last week's Ob-

Mr. Cortese acknowledges that "The downtown improvements do look good—no question about it, then he goes on to question how such a tremendous project could be completed without using taxpayers dol-lars. He asks if the money 'fell from heavens?' Well Mr. Cortese, the money didn't fall from heaven. It comes from the Middlesex County Housing and Community Develop ment Block Grant, which was received because of the hard work of people like Councilperson Ed Kubala and Councilperson Jim Vokral! It was Ed Kubala who first realized that the downtown area qualified for the grant. The grant could not have been used to pave roads; it was specifically for "downtown revitalization."

However, I am sure that you will be happy to learn that Ed and Jim and the rest of the Democratic Mayor and Council have paved over 60 roads on a "pay as you go basis" without raising taxes. In addition, we secured a one million dollar grant to permanently preserve the corner of Oak Tree Road and Park Ave. from development while doubling the size of Putnam Park. This was in addition to the 35-acre Environmental Preserve and the nine-acres open space track on Park Ave., all done by grant money at no cost to the taxpayer.

The railroad car that is being renorated for use as an historic museum has been acquired and restored by the Businessperson's Group also at no cost to our taxpayers. This is just one of the many accomplishments and examples of how business and government have worked together over the last six years.

Mr. Cortese says that electing Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral will only

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Vote for Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral on Nov. 2 to keep our Bor-ough moving forward!

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE PINTO, CHAIRWOMAN OF **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Letter to the Editor,

I was tying up my old newspapers the other day to leave out for recycling and I came across a copy of some newspapers from last year's campaign. I found it funny that the Republican Treasurer wrote several letters to the editor last year saying that even though the Democrats didn't raise taxes in 1998, you could bet there will be a big tax increase in 1999. Boy was the Republican Treasurer wrong Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral and the rest of the Democrats gave their word that there would be no tax increase for two years in a row and as you would expect, they have kept their word.

That's what honor is all about. It's nice to have people in public office who mean what they say—no tax increase again in 1999. Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral keep their word and they deserve your vote on election day.

RICHARD LEVINE

Dear Editor:

I have lived in South Plainfield my entire life. Therefore I have a good point of reference when it comes to grading our elected offi-cials. Without question, Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral are as good councilmen as have ever served our town.

Just look at all of the roads that have been repayed in the last six years while Ed and Jim have been on the council and the improvements to our parks. For thirty years, everybody promised to fix up the center of town. Remember what Hadley Road looked like? How about the intersec-tion of Durham and New Durham Avenue? Ed and Jim are the first councilmen to even think about preserving open space.

This year's choice on Election Day is easy. Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral deserve our support for South Plainfield

VERY TRULY YOURS, JOHN GORMAN

To the Editor:

The one fact that everyone should know about this Borough Council election is that Jim Vokral and Ed Kubala have opened up the government of South Plainfield. Their list of accomplishments is unmatched: organizing an independent taxpayers advisory group, organizing a business persons advisory group, instituting Democracy Day which is being copied all over the country, and opening agenda sessions of the council to public comment, Iim and Ed have helped restore the confidence of residents in our borough government. We know

someone is listening at Borough Hall. Jim Vokral, Ed Kubala and the Democrats have shown that they trust the people of South Plainfield and want the people of South Plainfield to participate in the governing of our borough. Voters should support the people who trust the voters. Vote for Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral for Borough Council on Election Day.

KAREN SCHNYDERITE

To the Editor.

This letter is in response to the Open Letter to SPHS Students.

If, as in your letter, you believe that in programs such as RARE and SPEECH, students can learn to "work well with one another, teach tolerance and understanding and respect for all other human beings," HOW CAN YOU ASK THESE STUDENTS TO JUDGE THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS AND SHOW THEIR DISAPPROVAL BY TURNING THEIR BACKS ON THEM? Is pitting students one against the other and encouraging them to judge each other and show disdain for each other really what you want to teach our children? Where is the tolerance in that? The senior night program honors senior athletes who have participated in all fall sports and their parents. This display would only serve to diminish an honor well deserved by these student-athletes.

Due to the ages of the students involved at football camp, their identities have been protected in the response to the incident. Our laws in Âmerica protect juveniles in this way. Is a public display that identifies the students involved in the best interest of these students? You are proposing that these students be identified in public in front of their peers, parents, grandparents, siblings and others in town (many of whom do not know who was involved or even what occurred). Who is to lead the way in identifying those in the wrong? Have you considered that those not involved may be wrongly accused, after all the rumors, sensationalism, media hype and exploitation—this is a dangerous scenario. Do you honestly believe that ALL students at the high school know for sure exactly what happened and exactly who was involved? What further damage could be caused by an error in identity? How can a public display such as this "help each other get through the difficult times" as you stated in your letter?

In response to your question to the students, 'Do you feel the punishment fits the crime?' I ask you, should each punishment given out at the high school be determined or approved by student opinion, students who in this case did not and should not have been privileged to meetings and investigations of a sensitive issue?

I have two sons who played foot-ball at South Plainfield High School. I am proud and grateful that my sons played under coach McGuane and his staff. I also had the privilege of being with my sons' teams after Friday practices and before some games. I know for a fact that this coaching staff teaches and supports the philosophy that you spoke of in your letter, that football can be "fun and friends can be made while learning the game." I know that "team" in every positive sense of the word is stressed. The importance of family, academics and good sportsmanship were the wonderful values my sons were taught in the football program at South Plain-field High School. I can say without hesitation that the SPHS football program and the coaching staff are a large part of the reason that my sons are in college today and are succeeding in college academically, athletically and personally. I am very grateful for the excellent guidance and support they received from the coaches. My older son was a senior when the team attended their first

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China Buffet Restaurant opened last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Councilman Ray Petronko and Councilwoman Darlene Pinto. The restaurant, located on Park Ave., soon had a large crowd of people lined up to try out South Plainfield's newest restaurant, A 30% coupon off, good until the end of the month, can be found on their ad on this page

Happy Birthday Johnny Appleseed

Roosevelt School first graders spent the week of Sept. 27 learning about Johnny Appleseed. In honor of his birthday on Sept. 26, they listened to a story and watched a video about this generous man's life. They learned about the various types of apples and even found a star in-

After having an apple taste test,

which included Granny Smith, Red Delicious and Golden Delicious, they graphed each child's favorite choice. Mrs. Anderson's class liked Red Delicious, while Mrs. Gale's class liked Granny Smith. Both Mrs. Gwiazda's and Mrs. Weller's classes liked Golden Delicious the best. The children enjoyed all their apple ac-



Sasha Suarez, Kyla Vokral, Mikia Washington, Kyle Pompilio and Randy Jakubik; front row, Raja Patel, Nicole Stoeckel, Christopher Ruzicka, Bridget Kelly, Rachel Alexa and Vincent Lionetti.

From the Democratic Candidates

Democratic Council Candidates Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral issued the following release in reference to the South Plainfield Bor

ough budget. Ed Kubala said, "Mayor Gallagher and your Democratic council have kept Borough operating expenses flat

for six years in a row. In addition we kept our promise of no tax increase

for two years in a row. This result came from a lot of hard work on behalf of many different people. We have en-

tered into interlocal agreements, reduced staff, improved tech-nology at Borough Hall...all of the things that Governor Whitman says she wants local

government to do to increase government efficiency.'

Councilperson Jim Vokral expanded on his running mates comment, "Rather than rewarding South Plainfield for positive results, the Governor has slapped our taxpayers in the face by totally eliminating our Extraordinary Aid. When South Plainfield had a Republican mayor and Council, expenses rose \$1 million a year and our debt tripled. Rather than criticize the Republicans, the Governor rewarded them with \$500,000. in aid. Every year the Democrats have been in control in South Plainfield, expenses have remained the same and borrowing has been eliminated. Rather than support our efforts, she has cut our aid to zero this year. In effect the Governor's actions have affected our budget by four tax points."

Ed Kubala summed up the Demo-cratic position saying, "We will keep our word, there will be no tax increase again this year. However in order to do so, our surplus will be re-duced. Clearly in the long run our governor's actions can only hurt the esidents of our town.

Borough to Add Names To Veterans' Memorial

By Patricia Abbott

If the polished grey stone of the Veterans Memorial outside of Borough Hall could speak, it would chronicle stories of life and death,

defeat and glory, courage and dedication and of pride in the United States of America. A simple listing with over 1,000 names disguises the countless tales of South Plainfield residents who have

served their country.

The time has come to add more names to the growing list. The requirements are simple. A veteran must show proof that he or she was a South Plainfield resident at the time of discharge. Family members can have the names of deceased vet-erans added as well. Veterans who were killed in action have a star next to their name. Residents who lived in older sections of town formerly known as Holly Park, Oaktree and New Market are eligible as well.

Veterans who would like to be added to the memorial must submit a DD214 form to Marie Smith c/o Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or fax to (908) 754-9091. Please include a contact number with inquiries.

The memorial was established in 1970. On it are the names of World War I and II Veterans, as well as those who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Currently there are no names from those who served in the Persian Gulf. The list of names waiting to be placed is now up to about 30. For more information, contact Marie Smith at (908) 226-7604.

Sacred Heart School Plans Chinese Auction

Sacred Heart Home & School Association has been busy planning their Fourth Annual Chinese Auction. "Millennium Madness" will be the theme for this event scheduled for Feb. 18, 2000. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to plan a successful auction. Although the date seems to be far away, efforts are now under way to make this a

memorable evening.

The HSA states, "The community has been wonderful in supporting this event. Without that support we would not be able to improve our school and provide programs for our children. We truly appreciate every contribution made and look forward to the continued support of the community."

If you would like to contribute a donation to the "madness" please contact Carol Ray-Collins at 908-561-6151. Tickets will go on sale mid November.

The Observer invites all candidates to submit their opinions on the issues and to take advantage of this opportunity to inform voters.

From the South Plainfield Library

BOD AMATES

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

There's been a change in next week's schedule of children's Storytimes. Next Wednesday, the usual 6:30 p.m. program has been replaced by our children's Halloween Program. It'll have songs, stories and refreshments. Kids can come in costume, as can adults, if they dare. Please sign your kids up ahead of time for this program, so we can have a good idea of how many to expect. The Tuesday and Thursday programs will be held at their usual, respective times of 10:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen for more details.

At the time of this writing, there

are still open spaces in two of our special programs. The Kidcraft program, for children ages six and over, is set for this afternoon at 4 p.m. Meanwhile, the Auto Insurance Reform seminar is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. You must register for both of these programs.

And while you're at it, mark your calendars for another special program coming in November. We'll be holding a scrapbooking program to show you how to safely store and display your photos. You bring in some of your pictures and a pair of scissors and we'll supply the supplies. There's an \$8 charge for this program and space is limited, so sign up now. The program is set for Friday, November 12, at 7 p.m.

Yet another change in our Circuit collections. This month's group of Circuit videos will be around until Monday. Meanwhile, the new batch of Circuit audiocassettes is in place and available. This month's titles include The Cat Who Came to Breakfast by Lillian Jackson Braun, The Presence by John Saul, White Smoke by Andrew M. Greeley, On Leaving Charles-ton by Alexandra Ripley, and Black and Blue and Anna Quindlen. You can borrow books-on-tape, four titles at a time, for two weeks.

Also on Friday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m., the library will host a home schooler meeting. Parents who home school their kids or those who are interested in doing so, are all welcome to attend.

Recently, we've had a lot of requests from kids for books on the "Battle of the Books" or other reading lists. Unfortunately, this presents us with a problem. Many of the kids are after the same book at the same time, even though we have a limited amount of copies for each book. In the light of this problem, here are a few pointers on what to do. First, try placing a reserve. Your name will be on the waiting list for the book when it's returned. Second, don't forget about reciprocal borrowing. If another library in the area has the book, you might be able to pick it up from them. Third, try an Inter-Library Loan. We'll ask some other library to send us a copy. It'll take time, but it just might work. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, don't wait until the last minute. Someone might be ahead of you on the reserve list, or we might have to really search for an ILL copy. The more time you allow yourself, the better a position you'll be in. If you're interested in these possible actions, just ask. We'll do all we can get to help you find what you're looking

That'll just about do it for this issue. As always, we appreciate your comments. See you next week.

Rescue Squad Calls for September

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad answered 177 calls in September, including: 145 medical assistance requests, 21 motor vehicle accidents, two fires, seven community service requests, one transportation and one maintenance run.

The squad's volunteers spent 310 crew hours answering the September

So far this year from January through September, the squad responded to 1,322 calls.





AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

This Weekend...

Kennedy School Harvest Fest

Kennedy School will hold a Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 1-4 p.m.

The third graders will raise money for UNICEF by selling mums and pumpkins. Festivities will also include games

Halloween Dance At Polish Home

The Polish National Home located on New Market Ave. will be holding a Halloween Dance on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The price of tickets is \$35 per couple or \$20 per person. The price includes food, beer wine and soda. The doors open at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 908-668-9442 or you can purchase them at the door. Costumes are optional.

VFW Ladies' Auxiliary to Hold Penny Sale

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6763 located on 155 Front St. will hold a Penny Sale on Friday, Oct 22.
Please help us raise the

funds we need to meet our obligations to the Cancer Fund, the local High School Student Scholarship and the V.F.W. National Home for Orphaned Children of Veterans, which is located in Eaton Rapids,

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Donation is \$4 and tickets will be available at the door.

All donations will help them to reach their goal will be very much appreciated.

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

The recital will be preceded by Ms. Flo on piano and Mr.

Roland Washington on the saxophone. An awards cer-emony/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.

Second Annual Octoberfest at St. Stephen's Church

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 (908) 757-4474 for reservations. All proceeds will benefit local charities.

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 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

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.

For tickets and information, please contact Dick Petrone (908) 757-7107 or Connie Palmer (908) 755-3850. Master-Card, VISA, Discover and AmEx are accepted.

Scoop Dinner to Benefit Project Graduation

Here's the scoop....Scoop Dinner, that is. South Plainfield High School's annual Scoop Dinner will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens and 5 p.m. for the general public. The cost is 50 cents per plate (plate free for senior citizens) and 50 cents per scoop. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is a celebration for all graduating seniors on graduation night. The main purpose of Project Graduation is to eliminate an old tradition of party-hopping on graduation night and provide a safe, drug and alcohol free environment, where the graduating seniors can celebrate with each other one of the most important days of their

We hope to see all of you on

Czestochowa To Hold Election Day Supper

The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish is holding its annual Election Day Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the Parish Hall on Hamilton Blvd., from 4 to 8 p.m. Adults are \$7; children under 12 are \$5. There will be a choice of three entrees: (1) two stuffed cabbage with mashed potatoes and vegetable; (2) two stuffed cabbage and two pierogies; kielbasi or (3) sauerkraut and mashed potatoes along with dessert. For take-out orders, call the OLC Hall on Nov. 2 at (908) 753-4077.

AARP Chapter 4144 To Hold Meeting

AARP Chapter 4144 will be running a bus trip on Sunday, Nov. 28, to Bucks County Playhouse to see "The Chorus Line.

They plan to browse the many beautiful shops of New Hope and lunch at the quaint Logan Inn located across from the playhouse. The cost is \$49 and cov ers transportation/luncheon and the show

For information, call Lee at 732) 968-6613 or Mary at 752-3764. Be prepared to leave a message.

Columbiettes **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

All events are open to the public. For information or tickets for any of these trips, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

Trip to Three Little **Bakers Dinner** Theatre

The Caring and Sharing group of Sacred Heart is sponsoring a trip to Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The cost of \$48 covers transportation, dinner, Christmas show and all gratuities. The bus will leave at 9 a.m.

from behind the South Plainfield Municipal Building. The trip is open to anyone wishing to go.

For additional information call Lydia (908) 755-1596.

Connected Hearts **Adoption Triad** Support Meeting

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 70 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. Dr. Anne Brodzinsky, adoption therapist, adoptive mother and author of the popular children's book, *The Mulberry Bird: Story of* an Adoption, will speak on the topic, "Developmental Issues in Children's Understanding of

Their Adoption Story."

Dr. Brodzinsky is a nationallyknown adoption expert who is one of the two speakers at the "Let's Talk Adoption" conference. Open sharing of adoptionrelated stories and light refresh-ments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information

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 class of 1979 and tell us about what the past 20 years have been for you.

The reunion will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Pines

Manor located on Route 27 in Edison, from 8-12 p.m.

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

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 speakers are Dr. David Brodzinsky and Dr. Anne

Brodzinsky.
Over 25 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 mcben2l6@aol.com to request a registration flyer.

Single Parents Group to Meet

A newly formed Single Parents of Central New Jersey group will meet on the first and third Wed-nesday of each month, 7:30-10:30 p.m. For info, call Sandra 732-283-1250 or e-mail nglprntnj@aol.com.

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Art Auction at Wesley Methodist

An Art Auction sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Church on Plainfield Ave. will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30. Preview starts at 7 p.m. and the auction begins p.m.

Help us support the Bishop's Initiative on Children in Poverty, which supplies scholarships to families in need of Pre-School and Day Care Programs. Proceeds will also benefit local mission programs. There will be refreshments and door prizes. A variety of artists will be featured such as Moses, Delacroix, Rockwell, Wyeth, Picasso, Boulanger and McNight. You may also request specific artists if you contact us before auction time.

Admission is \$5 per person.

Letters

Continued from page 2 football camp. My younger son attended three camps. Camp was, as they described, one of the hardest things they have ever done in their lives. But they said that with great pride. They were challenged and they met that challenge. They learned about football, conditioning, sportsmanship, pride and hard work. They forged friendships, learned leadership skills and gained a great deal of self-knowledge. Camp was, for my sons, a positive life building experience. They are distressed that that was not the case

From what I can determine, the problem that occurred at camp this year was an action by a small group that got out of control. A line was crossed—a wrong was done. I believe we all can agree on that and that those who have been hurt should be given all the help and privacy that they need. As out of control as the actions were, equally so, what has occurred since then, perpetrated by supposed adults, is also out of control. These kids have been exploited for greedy, political and selfish reasons. They have been judged and condemned without factual knowledge. How many more victims are we creating?

In my opinion, if adults in this town object to the way the situation was handled, request a meeting with the proper administrators or board of education. Do not use our children and incite them to do the equivalent of tar and feathering of their fellow classmates. Instead of continued unending requests for punishment in the media, seek out a program that can be brought to all students that will educate, counsel and begin to repair the damage done and to create a healing environment in our school and town.

Please try to remember that these students involved are good kids who made a serious mistake. I have always tried to teach my own children that we are not the sum of our mistakes. We can accept responsibility for our actions, make amends, fulfill out punishment, learn, grow and overcome our errors. I know I would never give up on-nor turn my back on my own children no matter how serious their mistakes and I will not give up on—nor turn my back on any other children in this town. What better lesson of tolerance, understanding, respect and love for others can we show our children?

SINCERELY **NANCY W. FLANNERY**

Letter to Editor, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH all ready. I'm so sick of the people in this community with their comments and their "hang'em and make them pay" attitudes. These kids did their time, plus missed the games, plus have community service all year and that's still not enough for you? Now you're asking us as a community to turn our backs on them on Senior Night? WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? Take a grain of salt with what you hear or what you think you know. There is so much we don't know about it that I think we need to stop and let the police and the school do their jobs and we should do ours, which means helping the kids.

I can't believe the way that this

community is acting over rumors.

Do we even really know what happened? What's the truth in all

this? And how dare you to point the finger at others when you don't know the facts. I just can't believe this. I'm embarrassed over this community's actions. You're asking us to turn our backs on the kids on Senior Night over rumors. I think these kids are going through enough right now. If you do this, the only message you're sending is that this community will hang you

even if they don't know the truth. This team needs our help. They don't need us to turn our backs on them. What we should be doing is helping them back up again so they can move forward. It takes a community together to raise our kids. What this community is doing is dragging the team down, throwing rocks, mud and anything else they can find just because there is nothing else for this town to do right now. So I say ENOUGH ALL READY! THOSE WITHOUT SIN CAST THE FIRST STONE. WWID:

APRIL SALERNO

To The Editor.

In response to the two open letters in last week's Observer, although I may agree it appears that high school administrators and coaching staff did not take a strong enough stand regarding the football hazing incident, I do take acceptation to the response of Lyn Carlton, although unsigned in your paper, signed in another and quoted in a daily newspaper. First I'd like to know if Mrs. Carlton is suggesting that as adults we should take the limited facts that have been rumored, dragged out by reporters who harassed residents and football players, and the basic innuendo which has spread through town and respond by shunning the children our community and encourage others such as their classmates to do the same? Should we do this to all children who make mistakes or just this group? The New Testament verse that comes to mind is 'Let he who is without sin throw the first stone'. I can't imagine what the world we live in would become if we all took her advice. Second, I'd like to know if Mrs. Carlton would like us to respond to her children this way when they make a mis-

Do we really know all the facts? It seems to me the official response has been that to protect the privacy of the minors involved, no names have been released, that there was, in fact, a hazing incident at football camp that was not sexual in nature and that the children involved are being punished through suspensions from play and school. That is the only official information I've read. Instead our beloved community is whispering, responding to rumors about what they've heard happened and reading a daily newspaper in which it seems a very driven reporter will not let this go until she has a story to report. A radio station hung up on every caller who did not want to trash these kids, so how balanced was the view point which came out? It seems to me, we can all recall a day when we did something without thinking of the consequences of our actions. Usually it occurs in those teenage years, but I still know several adults who haven't quite

caught on yet.

While I may agree with the second letter writer and his or her suggestion that they be removed from

the team and counseled along with the rest of the student body. I can't help but remember as parents it is our responsibility to raise our children and we often rely too much on our educational system to set standards of behavior which should have been instilled in our young ones when they were just starting out. The response of our educational system should have been nothing compared to the response at home. I hope for their sake this has been done because these young men will enter the adult world too soon, where their identity is not protected and their actions not excused with 'boys will be boys' and shame on those parents who have not used this as a teachable moment and counseled their children about respect for others and boundaries that should not be crossed. Unfortunately, this really should have been addressed long ago when they were young boys

Students do need moral leaders and role models but shouldn't they be at home? Long ago people fought to have situations such as corporal punishment eliminated in schools. It was also the public that fought to have unbiased and without moral influence lessons taught in areas of sex education and religion. There are laws that prevent the names of minors from being released publicly in situations of crime and mishap. Yet our esteemed letter writers would like to know why our educators have trouble jumping the hurdles that were created in their paths. Isn't this exactly the type of hurdles that are preventing them from punishing the students. And we should examine the superinten-dent, administration and board of education members for their fitness on the job? I wonder if we as parents would like to have the community examine the way some raise their children with the same standards? We have created the very hurdles that are preventing them from appropriately punishing the so called offenders because it is our job as parents to set the standards of behavior, moral standards, and propriety and not our educational institutions.

We as a community do not know what happened at that football camp. I would think the proper response to those involved should be sympathy, not taking them out and stoning them to death. If we truly believe that children are our future and our greatest asset we should find ways to help those who go astray. We cannot afford to lose even one of them or simply write them off when we don't agree with their actions, as adults and as a community it is our responsibility to help

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Mayor Gallagher Sets Halloween Curfew Hours

Because of the increasing possibility of accidents and the child-ish pranks played on "Mischief Night", which have resulted in physical harm to others as well as damage to the automobiles and

physical harm to others as well as damage to the automobiles and property of innocent owners, the mayor has proclaimed a curfew. "Mischief Night," Saturday, Oct. 30, a curfew of 6 p.m. will be imposed and enforced for all minor residents of South Plainfield. Also on Sunday, Oct. 31, "Trick or Treat Day", all trick or treat activities will be conducted between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. The mayor is also requesting young children be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult and that householders indicate their willingness to welcome children by keeping their poorh

cate their willingness to welcome children by keeping their porch or exterior lights on. Youngsters should only call on homes with

Gallagher is also asking that parents carefully examine any food and candy the children receive and make sure that it has not been tampered with. Parents should follow the rule "if in doubt—throw it out" when any evidence of tampering with packaging or surfaces of consumable products is noticed.

Middlesex Co. Health Dept. Will Be Giving Flu Shots

Flu and Pneumococcal immunizations are being given throughout Middlesex County during October and November. Stop by Borough Hall for a list of times and places.

The Middlesex County Public Health Department will be in South Plainfield giving shots on Nov. 1 at Borough Hall located on Plainfield Ave. from 5-7 p.m. and on Nov. 7 at the Middle School from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Flu immunizations will be pro-

vided at *no charge* to Middlesex County residents who are 18 years of age or older.

Pneumococcal immunizations are available by appointment only! They will be given at no charge to Middlesex County residents who are 65 years of age or older and provided they have not previously received the vaccine.

Medicare will be billed where applicable for these shots. Bring our medicare card if you are Medicare recipient.

Terra Nova Garden Club News

The Terra Nova Garden Club will meet on Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Edison Public Library on Grove Ave. in Edison.

A program on Integrated Pest management (IPM) will be presented by Steve Rettke. This is a way of controlling insect pests

without using harmful pesticides.
A floral design entitled "Harvest Moon" will be created by Susan Nuzzo and Heleh Behrens

will report on a horticultural specimen. Hostesses for the evening will be Virginia Nuzzo and Sue Lauricella.

The Garden Therapy Committee has postponed their workshop with the Muhlenberg Adultcare Clients until the afternoon of the 27th due to renovations to the department. A preparation workshop will be Oct. 26 at chairman Virginia Nuzzo's home.

Borough Notes

Council Notes

Mayor Dan Gallagher issued three proclamations at last weeks council meeting: October as *Domestic Violence Awareness* Month; setting curfew hours for *Mischief Night* and hours for *Trick and Treating* and proclaiming Oct. 24 as *United Nations Day*.

The council accepted the resignation of Lt. John Brembt from

duties as a member of the South Plainfield Police Department effective Sept. 30.

The borough will purchase ammunition for the police depart-

ment fall firearms qualifications from Ray's Sport Shop in North Plainfield in the amount of \$3,791.12.

Board of Adjustment

■ Home Depot was granted a variance for the outside display of seasonal merchandise, with conditions.

Alan Davisson, Jr. was granted a front yard setback to construct a second story addition.





Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve

The glorious fall weather was celebrated on October 16 at the Annual Fall Festival at Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve. This year featured "Nature Crafts for Kids."

Children searched a designated area for leaves, seed pods, stones, sticks, flowers and herbs to make a variety of nature crafts at the crafting tent.

Crafts included nature rubbings, stone

painting, leaf bursts, leaf collages, sun prints, garden print stamping, mush-room spore prints,

foiled leaf designs, pine cone bird feed-

ers, pebble necklace and herb sachets.

The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Woods, a subcommittee of the South Plainfield Environ-







at Its Finest - Highland Ave. Festival





INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

I guess nobody could find the number for the Mojave Dessert Phone Booth! I'm not going to give it away, because that's part of the mystique of it all. It's a real working phone out in the middle of nowhere, and it is rings almost all the time from people calling in from everywhere on the planet. Strange, but true!

I attended the Fall Internet World Conference recently, to see what's new in this high tech world of Internet communications we live in. Besides collecting all the usual giveaways (13 T-shirts, 6 rubber balls, 2 frisbies, several key chain flashlights, stuffed animals, and another lifetime supply of pens, etc.), I was impressed with the

state of the Internet tools, applications, services, and gizmos available now. With today's tools, anyone at all can build a very sophisticated web site for e-business or whatever without having any programming knowledge at all. Web-based multimedia and even 3-D is quite advanced and very impressive. There just aren't any good reasons why anyone who wants a web site, can't have one. Not just static, text only stuff either; we're now talking real interactive multimedia eye-popping web sites that are primetime frontrunners too!

One thing that still sorely stands out is the lack of stan-dards in several key areas. This is noteworthy because the rea-

By Briggs Longbothum sons for the "lack of" are hints as to what's to come! Voice and messaging programs still only talk to their own kind so you

cannot use ICQ to correspond with AOL's IM, etc. Internet telephony, though fairly matured by now, still is hampered by the same lack of standards, so there too you still cannot use one Iphone app for everyone. As higher bandwidth (high-speed) net access becomes more common, I'm expecting to see some real technology breakthroughs soon, and keep in mind that the Internet is still very young. What we'll be seeing in the next mil-lennium will bare slight resemblance to what we're enjoying now. Stay Tuned!

How's everybody doing for Y2K? Does anyone really have a year supply of food and water stored in their basements next to their solar cells, gold bullion, and other survivalist essentials? Even though short wave radio broadcasters are still advertising for the apocalypse, armageddon, and the end of the world, I'm doubting my lights will even blink! Frankly however, a total blackout of NYC (a la 1965) would be kind of cool, but I don't anything that big will be happening. I did hear that several airlines have cancelled their New Year's Eve flights, but I think that's more because business will be too slow anyway, and they don't like to fly empty aircraft! Again, stay tuned!

Hey, I'm just curious about this one, but has anyone here in the South Plainfield area had any trouble with Comcast Online cable modem Internet access? I have a few small issues with them, and I'm wondering if anyone else around here has had problems too. If so, please write me and share your experience. I hear that there's a new higher bandwidth access coming that's supposed to be faster than cable. This is supposed to be totally new, and uses existing switched copper phone lines! Let me know if anyone's heard anything similar. Till next issue, reach me at Bruggo@home.com. Seeya!

-Briggs Longbothum, ed.

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Franklin School Fall Harvest Festival



Last Saturday Franklin School held their Second Annual Fall Harvest Festival. The perfect weather brought a steady stream of people to the grounds throughout the day. The event offered a food court, flea market tables, craft tables, a moon walk and carnival type games. Popcorn and pizza were just a few of the offerings available to the crowd.

The school's new playground equipment was dedicated during a ribbon cutting ceremony. The equipment was purchased by the PTA. The ribbon cutting honors went to several fifth grade students who attended. Board of Education members Doris Haley and Steve Bohn were on hand for the ceremony. Claire, the school's beloved crossing guard, once again spent the day selling 50/50 tickets. The winner of the 50/50 was Principal Nancy Erickson and she donated her winnings back to the PTA.

DARE officers Alan Lamonda and Joe Papa spent many hours fingerprinting children. They dis-tributed DARE literature and bumperstickers



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A big hit with the kids was the appearance of New York ra-dio station KTU 103.5. The crowd started forming as soon as the bright KTU van arrived. The youngsters sang and danced and competed for prizes of KTU tee shirts and CDs.

The event was chaired by Mary Sacks, Randi Gregorio



Mary Sacks noted that there were a lot of new faces involved this year. Many were new kindergarten moms. She said the game booths were manned by parent and student volunteers. A number of teachers also volunteered their time helping with games and working in the food



and Maria Huber. Joanne Cox organized the flea market tables and Anne Simone the craft tables. Michele Billich was responsible for bringing KTU to

court. The festival received a lot of much appreciated assistance from Principal Miss Nancy Erickson and PTA President Linda Duquette.





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Fire Department Visits Pilgrim Covenant Church

Pictured above are students and staff from the Pilgrim Covenant Church Learning Center along with Fire Chief Joseph Abbruzzese and Fire Fighter John Celentano. The fireman came to show the children all about fire safety and each student helped shoot the fire hose and got to sit in the fire truck.

Roosevelt Students Reading Into the Millennium

Roosevelt School is about to usher in a new millennium with their "Reading into the New Millennium" program instituted by Principal Mario Barbiere.

The program will run for ten weeks, from Oct. 11 to Dec. 2. Children were given a booklet telling them the type of book they can read each week during the program. Each week will cover a decade in history.

For example, the week of Oct. 11-17, children were asked to read mystery books. The object is to read everyday from the book of the week. A new insert handed will be out each week of the program. Each insert will have facts about a specific de-cade of the century on one side and on the other side students complete the information about what they have just read. At the end of the week, the parents must sign the insert to verify the in-

Each Monday, children will bring their signed inserts to school. They will then receive a series of numbers which will be entered in the "clues" section of

the booklet.

For example, if 17, 20, 150, 18, 20 are entered in the clues section, the child will check the boxed key and find a corresponding letter. After the children decipher the code, they will write the message in the "Message Box" of their booklet. They will also write the total of the code numbers on the "total" line. For example, the numbers 17, 20, 150, 18, 20 spell the word START. Those numbers total 225

On Oct. 18 students were given their first set of code numbers and on Dec. 20, they will get their final code to complete the message.

Scoops Giving Away Free Ice Cream Cones to Trick or Treaters

Oak Tree Ave. will be handing out free soft ice cream cones to

Trick or Treaters on Halloween.

Any child in costume who comes to Scoops on Sunday,

Scoops Ice Cream located on Oct. 31 between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m. will receive a soft ice cream cone.

Trick or Treaters must be in costume or they will not be eligible for a free cone.





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SPORTS



The 1999 Boys Cross Country Roster—seniors are Matt Brooks, Eric Johnson Michael Loenser and Brian Raiti; juniors are Mike DeSimone, Michael Edgecomb, Rich Gebauer, Tommy Lam and Jason Stokes; sophomores are Joseph Dezmin, Ryan Gianneschi, Tim Morgan and Billy Olson; freshman are Nicholas Green, Rodney Jones, Michael Kasmer, Joseph Reach, John Wieckowski and Jeffrey Williams.

HS Cross Country Team Enjoying Best Season

The South Plainfield High School Boys Cross Country team is having their best season in over 20 years. Coach Michael Capizola, who has coached the team for the past 19 years, quickly admits this. "I had my best squad in 1988, with a record of 15-3, but this team is even better. We're hoping to go 10-1, but beyond the record is the team. These runners are not just good dual meet runners, they are competitive at the county and state level, as shown at the Shore Coaches meet on October 2." The Tigers came in 11th out of 30 teams (with a team average of 18:49) at this meet, the best showing ever at this meet. "This

The Third Annual South

Plainfield High School Alumni

soccer game will be held on Sat-

urday night at 7 p.m. at Frank

The game will feature any alumni of South Plainfield High

School for the past thirty years

who received a varsity letter in

their senior year of high school. Any alumni who have graduated

R. Jost Field.

The South Plainfield High School Boys Cross Country team is having their best season in over 20 years. Coach Michael Capizola, who has coached the team for the past 19 years,

In dual meet competition, the runners are also excelling. At the meet last Wednesday (10/13) against South Amboy, the Tigers had seven runners under 18:00 (Green Lightning), and two class records were broken. Green Lightning is the term coach Capizola came up with back in 1983 for any runner who could break 18:00. When a runner breaks this barrier, he gets a "Green Lightning" T-shirt; this is a good incentive program, as

before 1999 are invited to play.

The Alumni game will be preceded by a South Plainfield

Youth Soccer Club Game at 6

p.m. Admission is free. The SP Booster Club will sponsor the

The public is also invited to

attend and encourage these former high school students.

All are invited to attend.

refreshment stand.

no one can get the shirt without going under 18:00. It also builds a great team, because any team that can consistently place four or five runners under 18:00 will have more wins than losses. The seven runners to go under 18:00 Wednesday were: Mike Loenser, 17:01; Brian Raiti, 17:26; Mike DeSimone, Rich Gebauer, Eric Johnson, and Joe Nappe, all at 17:57. Shattering the sophomore record was Tim Morgan, with a time of 16:57. The old record was 17:10 set in 1992 by Ugo Ejoichi. Jeff Williams, who broke the old freshman record with his time of 18:10, shattered the longest standing record of all. This freshman record, set by Tom Griffin in 18:17, has not been touched since 1984; the record was older than Jeff.

The squad has many more dedicated members. Freshmen Joe Reach (19:23) and John Wieckowski (19:09) are running well, as well as sophomore Joe Dezmin (18:21) and senior Matt Brooks (19:30). Also running well for the Tigers are Peter Pham, Anthony Nappe, Jason Stokes, Bill Olson, Ryan Gianneschi, and Mike Edgecomb.

Submitted by Michael Capizola, SPHS Boys Cross Country Coach

Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

"Early" Registration Next Week

October "EARLY" registration for the 2000 season will be held in from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21 and 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).

Registration 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 a birth certificate.

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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 and there will be no discounts.

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

Parent Sign-up

Any parent interested in being a manager, coach or umpire can sign up at the October registration. Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly Men's and Women's club meetings. The Men's meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. The Woman's meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary will be will be on-site during the October registration to take orders for the new line of SPJBC clothing. The clothing items make excellent holiday gifts!!! The Women will also be selling Home Interior Jar Candles at the early registration on October. Nine scents will be available at a cost of \$5.50 per jar, cash & carry. For more information contact Cindy Eichler at 769-4047.

For more information, contact the SPJBC ... Clubhouse

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Events at a glance

Early Registration—Oct. 21, 22 and 23 at the clubhouse. Registration—Jan. 13, 14, 15 at the clubhouse. Try Outs—Saturday, Mar. 4 at the PAL. Opening Day—Saturday, Apr. 15.

'Shotman' Basketball Camp Accepting Registrations

A basketball camp for junior and high school players is forming. The Shotman Basketball Camp, run by Mike "Shotman" Lanza will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Students can improve their shooting by learning slight adjustments in their mechanics and personalized drills that lead to shooting improvement as well as increase free throw and field goal percentages.

The sessions will be held at St. Mary's High School in Perth Amboy. The cost is \$65 and includes a free tee shirt.

For a registration form or more information, call (908) 754-2692.

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SPORTS

Tiger Rally Falls Short, Lose by Two Points

The South Plainfield Tiger football team traveled to Spotswood last Saturday and battled valiantly to overcome the 28 first-half points scored on their defense. That battle fell a little short and Spotswood held on for the 28-26 victory.

Lamar Grier

mied for the entire first half, try-ing to figure out the Spotswood option and junior quarterback Sal Petruzzi's ability to find the open holes and exploit them. After Petruzzi's 179 yards rushing and three touchdowns vaulted Spotswood to a 28 point lead South Plainfield came roar-

Lamaar Grier dashed 91 yards for a kick-off return touchdown right before the halt ended and he didn't stop there. Grier scored from 17 yards out on a beautiful pass play initiated by junior quarterback Jason Bataille. Later in the third quarter Bataille hooked up once again, this time hitting Chris Francis from 19 yards out to cut the deficit to eight.

The Tiger defense held strong

in the second half, shutting down what looked like an explosive Spotswood squad and keeping them in the game. Lamaar Grier struck again with a one yard plunge late in the game but the ensuing two-point game tying conversion came up short as the Tigers attempted a running play only to be stuffed at the line. The Tigers record stands at 2-4 and they next face Hackettstown at home tonight followed by a meeting with Bishop Ahr next Friday.



Pop Warner Football Results

Results from last Sunday's games against New Providence are as follows.

Mighty Mites

New Providence 14-So. Plfd. 39

Danate Johnson scored three touchdown on runs, 30, 35 and 40 yards. John Wylam ran for an 80 yard touchdown run. Jalil Williams caught a touchdown pass from Mike Muglia. Extra points were scored by Patrick Hunter and Kyle Kaczka. Defensive standouts were, Matthew Kopchak, Patrick Millard, Frank DeBiase and Marcel Counts.

Junior Pee Wees

New Providence 0-So. Plfd. 8

Mark Wagner ran for a 20 yard touchdown. Debarious Alford made the two point conversion. Standouts on offense were: Mike Jakubik with two interceptions, Jake Bayak, Nicholas Giakas, Daniel Bayak and Alan Maglague; on defense were Quinten Lightner, Nick Hogan, Kyle Darr and Brad Martin.

Junior Midgets

New Providence 8-So. Plfd. 6

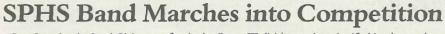
David Gerina had a ten yard run. Standouts on offense were Bill Merkler, Andrew Miller, Tom Deshaine and Steve Turrise; on defense were Ryan Kenny, Robert Mastickle, Chris Bojarski and Kevin Crilley.

Midaets

New Providence 27-So. Plfd. 20

Marquis Jones made an interception and an 80 yard touchdown run. Marcellus Abrams had a 20 yard touchdown run. The two point conversion was made by Joe DeBiase. Standouts on defense were: Mike Salerano, Alex Ferraris, Zach Coppola, Mike Medici and Jocsam Aguire.

Standouts were Zach Haupt, Stephen Coppi, Stuart Buckelew, Ryan Connolly and Jeremy Strausser.



Jason Bataille

Last Saturday the South Plainfield High School Marching Band traveled to Spotswood to play for our football team. They performed a pre-game show and supported the team from the stands for the entire game.

After the game the band went to Toms River East for a competition. The Toms River East Marching Raiders held their four-teenth annual "Music in Motion" Marching Band Festival. Eight bands participated in the event. South Plainfield proudly marched to first in the Group III division, with a score of 77.55 out of a possible 100 points.

For those of you that have

never watched a marching band competition, bands start at zero points and as the performance progresses, points are added to build the score. They can receive 20 points for each of the following categories: marching execution, music execution, music analysis (difficulty of musical score), general effect visual and general effect music. Bands are

then classified by the number of members. The SPHS marching Tigers are in the group III cat-egory which has 56-80 band members.

The band was also awarded

Best Percussion and Best Band Front in their division, taking home a total of three trophies. You can see them march again next Saturday, Oct. 23, in Boonton for another competition, or on Sunday, Oct. 24, in an exhibition at our own Marching Band Festival at 1 p.m. at Jost Field.

By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 10/22-10/28

LIBRA 9/23-10/22 Venus in challenging aspect to Uranus. A few things can happen here. First of all there is the potential of excitement in romance, so have fun. But that new attraction could have that "love at first sight" aspect. Those of you already in a relationship could have conflict issues of stability vs. freedom.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Pluto cooperating aspect to natal moon. If a new relation-ship begins at this time, it will probably be a fun and emotionally happy relation-ship. This is also a good time to do some work around the home, so put on an addi-tion and be sure to look all the different plans presented to you.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 Jupiter enters Aries. Luck follows you in professions where you can be your own boss. This position also fosters an ability to win over influential people and obtain their help in your career. Discontentment can result when you have to follow other people's order.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 Fun Info. High energy times of the year: 1/01-1/19, 9/23-10/23 and 12/22-12/31. Best day of the week: Saturday. Best day of the week is actually the to drop a bad habit: The week beginning with a full moon in Capricorn. Best time to start a diet: The week beginning with the New Moon in Capricorn or Gemini.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Uranus/Moon AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Uranus/Moon sexile. With this sextile, you will demand more emotional satisfaction in your current relationship. You may not be happy and will not want it to go on as it has. Take some time out for your home life and make some changes you will see how happy it will make you!

nappy it will make you!

PISCES 2/19-3/20 Fun Info. High-energy time of the year: 2/19-3/20, 4/20-5/20, and 7/23-8/22. Best day of the week: Thursday. Best time to drop a bad habit: The week beginning with the full Moon in Pisces. Best time to start a diet: The week beginning with the new Moon in Pisces or Leo.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Fun Info. High-energy time of the year: 1/19, 3/21-4/19, 7/23-8/

22, and 12/22-12/31. Best day of the week: Tuesday. Best time to drop a bad habit: The week beginning with the Full Moon in Aries. Best time to start a diet: The week beginning with the New Moon in Aries or Virgo.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 Moon in Taurus. This IAUKUS 4/20-5/20 Moon in Taurus. This is a time to sit back on all the gains that have been made over the last year. Take a close look and see what you may want to do now, now is not the time to jump into any fly-buy night deals just because you may not be able to get a loan. Patience is golden.

golden.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 Fun Info. High-energy time of the year: 5/21-6/21 and 8/23-9/22.

Best day of the week: Wednesday. Best time to drop a bad habit: The week beginning with the Full Moon in Gemini. Best time to start a diet: the week beginning with the New Moon in Gemini or Scorpio.

with the New Moon in Gemini or Scorpio.

CANCER 6/21-1/22 Fun Info. High-energy time of the year: 4/20-5/20, 6/22-7/22 and 11/22-12/21. Best day of the week Monday. Best time to drop a bad habit: The week beginning with the Full Moon in Cancer. Best time to start a diet: The week beginning with the New Moon in Cancer or Sagittarius.

Cancer or Sagttfarius.

LEO 7/23-8/22 Sun conjuncts Jupiter. This is a week to just feel good. Some key words for you are optimistic, positive, confident, and generous. Your superiors may see this, so this could be a time for some kind of advancement or extra responsibilities. Be careful of domineering behavior.

behavior.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 Moon conjuncts Mercup. This is a good time to talk about your feelings. And the communication will be the easiest with women. This is also a good time to get all the information you can on a project you've been working on, so later on you can make a decision that will work out for you.

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Obituaries.

Harry E. Place, 68

Harry E. Place died on Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Paul Kimbal Medical

Center in Lakewood.

Born in New Brunswick, he grew up in Kingston, resided in Old Bridge and for many years in South Plainfield as well as a few years in Edison, before moving to Jackson

four years ago. Mr. Place was employed by the Suburban Transit Bus Co. for 46 years. He began his career working as a bus driver out of the New Brunswick Garage and was later Plainfield location, where he worked for 20 years and was the supervisor and garage manager. He retired as a full time employee in 1995 and for the past four years, he worked part time with the company as the dispatcher in the Aldridge Park & Ride in Howell.

Mr. Place had served in the U.S. Navy and was a long time member of the F&AM Masonic Temple Highland Park Lodge #240 and served as the Lodge Master in 1991 and 1992. He was also a 32nd Degree member of the F&AM More than 1992 are members of the F&AM More than 1992. gree member of the F&AM Masonic Temple of Trenton. Additionally, he belonged to the Masonic affiliated So Ra Bo Forest # 48 and

the Police Square Club.

He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star #1 90 of Highland Park, the Loyal Order of Moose #1 978 of Edison, the Amyets Post #2 of Jackson, South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 and, in his younger years, was a former member of the Kingston Volunteer Fire Dept., where he held various line officer posts and at the time, served as the youngest Chief of the Company. Company.

Mr. Place was a member of the former South Plainfield Special Police, where he held the rank of cap-

He was predeceased by his sons, Gary D. Place and James Joseph

Sweeney.
Surviving are his wife and best friend, Mary Ann T. (McLaughlin)
Place, four daughters and sons-inlaw Beverly and Mike Gaydas of South Plainfield, Sharon and Bob Pellicane, Nancy and Scott Dunham and Kristine Sweeney, all of Edison and Donna and Tim Corris

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of Kendall Park. He is also survived

by 12 grandchildren. Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Burton G. Crandall, 68

Burton G. Crandall of South Plainfield, died on Thursday, Oct. 14 at the Overlook Hospital in

He was born in Detroit, Michigan and was a former resident of Bloomfield before moving to South

Plainfield 40 years ago.

Mr. Crandall was the Vice President of Temco Tool Specialist in Millburn for the last 20 years.

He was a member of Sacred

Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Mr. Crandall was a corporal in the United States Army during the Korean War and a former member of the VFW Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield.

He was a member of the South Plainfield B.P.O. Elks 2298 and served on the Crippled Children's Committee for many years. He was past president of the South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles and past president of the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Mulherin Crandall; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Lori Crandall of Edison; a daughter and son-in-law Nancy and George Banos of Edison; five grandchildren, Jeffrey, Chris, Tim, Jason and Lauren; two brothers, Robert Crandall of Toms River and Paul Crandall of Branchburg; two sisters, Peggy Degnan of Bloomfield and Nancy Bertomue of Bradenton, Fla.

Funeral services were by James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Theodore G. Linger (Teddy), 52

Theodore G. Linger "Teddy" died on July 23 in Colorado Springs, where he has resided for the

Springs, where he has resided for the past eight years.

Born in Plainfield, he grew up in South Plainfield and graduated from South Plainfield High School

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in 1964. He had earned his Bachelors Degree from Albright College in Pennsylvania.

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During the Viet Nam Era, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended Officers Training School. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant and was a "Top Gun" carrier-qualified fighter pilot. In Viet Nam, he had served aboard the Arm, he had served aboard the Arm. craft Carrier USS Oriscany and participated in numerous battles and sortie flights in the Vietnam War. He had served nine years with

the Navy.
Upon his discharge from the Navy, he was with Continental Air-lines, then Eastern Airlines, for

Mr. Linger had been employed by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter where he held the position of Se-nior Vice President/financial Advisor. He had worked with the com-

sor. He had worked with the company for the past 20 years.

He was predeceased by his father, George J. Linger, and by his brother, James W. Linger.

Surviving are his wife, the former Joan C. Paton; two sons, Brett Linger of Vail, Co. and Jeffrey Linger of Boulder, Co.; his mother: Mary Linger Walter of Lakewood and by two brothers. George Linger of two brothers, George Linger of Boca Raton, Fla. and Collins Linger of Mission Viejo, Calif A Memorial Service was held in

Colorado.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer So-

Local arrangements were by McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Sandy (Drevitch) Scarcella, 50

Sandy (Drevitch) Scarcellà died on Friday, Oct. 15, in West Chester,

Ohio.
Born in Lynn, Ma., Mrs. Scarcella grew up in Staten Island, New York. She raised her family in South Plainfield before settling in West Chester, Ohio a few years ago.
She was educated in New Dorp, Staten Island and had attended Nursing. School at Middlesey. County

ing School at Middlesex County College, where she became a Li-cenced Practical Nurse. She had worked for a few doctors in the central Jersey area, lastly for Dr. William Rossi of Metuchen. She was also a research nurse of a drug research company here in the central Jersey area. Mrs. Scarcella had also received her nursing licence in Ohio where she

continued her profession.

Mrs. Scarcella was active with her children while they participated in local organized sports and she loved to play bingo.

Surviving are her husband of 32 vears, James; two children, Steven of Boston, Mass. and a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Charlie Calv of Hillsborough, NJ; a brother, Norman Drevitch and three grandchildren, Cameron, Kaitlyn and

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08818.

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Robert W. Whitefleet, 46

Robert W. Whitefleet died on Monday, Oct. 18 in Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark.

Born in Paterson, he had resided

in Wayne before moving to South Plainfield 12 years ago. He was employed as a sales repre-sentative for Vertical Net Inc. of

Horsham, Pa. for the past two months. Previously he was employed as a Regional Manager of Advertis-ing and Sales for Cahners Publishing of Morris Plains and had worked in the New Product Information

Group for five years.

Mr. Whitefleet was a 1975 graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, receiving his BA Degree in Political Science.

His Mother, Janet Whitefleet, died

Surviving are his wife, Barbara J. (Boosmann) Whitefleet; a daughter, Allison M. Whitefleet at home; a son, William F. at home; his father, William Whitefleet from Wayne and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Fred and Barbara Boosmann of Long Beach Island.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Deborah Hospital, Plainfield Area Chapter, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, N.J. or The American Heart Association, c/o 2550 Rt. 1 North, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

James W. Rebuth, 57

James W. Rebuth died on Thursday, Oct. 14 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Floral Park, New York, grew up in North Plainfield and graduated No. Plfd. High School in 1960. He lived in South Plainfield

for 20 years before moving to Bayville two years ago.

Mr. Rebuth had owned JR Con-sulting for over 20 years and was known throughout the New York and New Jersey areas as a computer consultant.

He was a former member of the South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club, where he was a long time team manager and coach.

He also enjoyed "Oldies" Music and followed various oldies shows and events in New York and New

Surviving are a daughter; Sherrill (Ted) Rebuth-Macheinsky of Jackson; a son Shane Rebuth of South Plainfield; his fiancee, Claire Pidhajnyj of Bayville; his parents, Ralph and Janet (King) Rebuth of Scotch Plains; three sisters, Barbara Malone of North Carolina, Susan D'Alessandro and Marianne Aiello both of South Plainfield; two brothers, Michael Rebuth of Scotch Plains and Richard Rebuth of Miami, Fl. and two grandsons, Brian and Bran-

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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From The Pampered Chef ... Witches, Goblins and Ghosts. Oh My

Bewitch your friends and neigh-bors this Halloween by creating your own jack-o'-lantern. Whether you want the pumpkin to be scary, spooky, or happy. Your kitchen may have the tools needed to bring it to life. Here are tools to create "haunt-

ing" Halloween jack-o'-lanterns: V-shaped cutter for a decorative look, use this tool to cut the top off the pumpkin in a zig-zag pattern. Once you've removed the inner flesh and seeds, use it to make pointy teeth, triangular eyes and a nose on your jack-o'-lantern. This tool also adds a decorative touch to grapefruit, watermelon, honeydew melon, and oranges.

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- Rutigiliano & Sons, Hollywood Ave. reported the theft of three plants from the side of his business
- . Jarju Shah of Passaic, NJ reported the theft of a Sony Discman and the face plate of a Pioneer stereo from his vehicle while it was parked at Home Depot.
- . A Walnut St. resident reported the backside window of his van was smashed while parked at Home Depot. Approximately \$2800 worth of tools were removed from the van.
- · A Bushwick St. resident was assaulted by an acquaintance after refusing to buy cigarettes for him. The victim was hit over the head with a pipe. Police administered first aid and the suspect was transported to Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center. He received a 5-inch gash that exposed his skull.
- . A Laurel Lane resident had the rear side window of her car smashed while parked in the South Plainfield High School Parking lot. The victim is a teacher at Franklin School as well as an advisor to the SPHS marching band. The band was on a trip and several vehicles were parked in the lot. An officer was sent to access hand prints found on the vehicle.
- · A South Plainfield Ave. resident was arrested for shoplifting \$668.62 in merchandise from Kmart. The items were put in a cart and she attempted to leave the
- · Two employees of Central Jersey Orthopedic reported thefts from the office. A pocketbook was removed and \$40 in cash was removed. Both bags were kept in unlocked desk drawers. Both stated that no one out of the ordinary had been in the offices or therapy rooms
- · Conway Central Express, Hollywood Ave., reported three computers missing from a padlocked trailer. The key was left out in the open. A security company has a guard on duty when the building is not
- · A Montrose Ave, resident reported her vehicle was vandalized while parked in her driveway. A boulder had been thrown through the passenger side window and

landed on the driver's side floor. The center console was damaged and the ashtray and its contents, approximately \$9 in change, had been removed.

- · A Pizza Hut employee reported being harassed by an acquaintance while she was leaving work. The suspect threatened to kill the victim and would not let her get into her vehicle. Her three-year-old nephew was in the car. She removed the child and returned to the building with the suspect following her. The manager confronted him and the police were called. The suspect has been banned from the restaurant due to previous harassment of
- · A Garibaldi Ave. resident was robbed of a gold chain while walking on New Market Ave. The suspect, a black male grabbed the chain and demanded the victim give it to him. To avoid a physical confrontation he turned over the chain. The suspect got into a red Mercury Cougar that was parked in a driveway. A check of the area was negative.
- · Antonio Rodriguez of Piscataway reported the theft of a computer from his car. He stated that he went into Red Lobster to pick up a take out order and was inside for approximately 15 minutes. The car was left unlocked. The victim did not notice the computer missing until the next
- A Minford Ave. resident reported the theft of her pocket book from her shopping cart. The bag was removed when her back was turned, she did not see or hear anyone. The manager has a security tape that will be checked.
- Twin City Pharmacy reported the theft of approximately 10 boxes of Tylenol. The suspect left on a 10-speed bike. Plainfield Police Department noted that it may be Emory Jones of Plainfield, he has been hitting stores in Plainfield and fits the de-
- · A Babes Dr. resident reported her mailbox vandalized.
- · A Geary Drive resident reported a rock was thrown through a window of his house.

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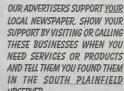
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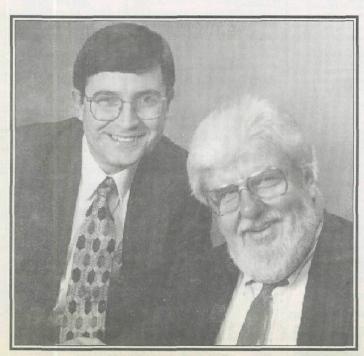
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