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An Invitation To Celebrate at South Plainfield's 43RD ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee has been working hard these past months and is anticipating a great Labor Parade 2000. The committee, along with this year's Parade Grand Marshal Charlie Decker Sr., invites everyone to come and celebrate at the day-long festivities in South Plainfield.

The 5K Run begins at 9:15 a.m. and the Labor Day Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. with bands and floats, and many other groups and marchers.

The theme of this year's parade is "Family, Fun and Community." There will be a host of activities, games, rides and contests in Veterans' Memorial Park, including contests for the largest tomato and zucchini. You could be a Blue Ribbon Winner! Delicious food will be available throughout the day in the park and many local businesses will have booths.

Join in the fun of the "Watermelon and Pie Eating contests." If you're up to the challenge, sign up at the reviewing stand. Or join the nature walk at 1 p.m. sponsored by the South Plainfield Environmental Commission in the park.

The band, "Backsplash," will be at the park to entertain from 2-4 p.m. Evening entertainment at Spring Lake Park will start at 6:30 p.m. with the band "Sound Investment." The fireworks will top off the day at dusk.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with us at this year's Labor Day Festivities in South Plainfield.

~ GRAND MARSHAL CHARLIE DECKER AND THE LABOR DAY PARADE COMMITTEE ~



2000 Labor Day Parade Grand
Marshal Charlie Decker Sr.

Labor Parade Marchers Lineup

(Order in which they are marching)

Division 1 Pershing Place

South Plainfield Police Car
South Plainfield Police Chief Steven Merkler
w/McGruff the Crime Dog
South Plainfield Marching Band
South Plainfield High School Cheerleaders
South Plainfield Music Boosters
Grand Marshal, Charles Decker, Sr.
South Plainfield Mayor & Council
Assemblymen Bob Smith & Jerry Green
Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Caruso Photography (Charlie Chaplin)
VFW Memorial Post 6763 & Auxillary (Color Guard)
American Ex-Prisoners of War
1967 Ford Galaxie Convertible (Allard)
1994 Camaro - Arthur Bossert Jr.
Democratic Organization - Candidates for Council,
Freeholders & County Clerk
South Plainfield Senior Citizens Van
Pipes & Drums of The Atlantic Watch

Division 2 Firth Street

Cartoon Characters
South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagles
1926 Fire Engine (HK Vol. Fire Dept)
Roma Food Softball Team
Westfield Fife & Drum
Republican Organization (South Plainfield & Middlesex Cty)
1968 Camaro Super Sport Convertible
ATA Black Belt Academy
South Plainfield Ecumenical Crop Walkers
Salaam Temple Oriental Band
South Plainfield Historical Society
Fire Department

Division 3 Clifford Street

Class "The Girls Next Door"
1931 Wood Station Wagon - Roger Carroll
1970 Chevrolet 4 Door Sedan - Warren Scheller's
South Plainfield Rescue Squad
I.B.E.W. Local Union 94
South Plainfield Juniorettes
1967 Antique Hahn Fire Engine (Bear Bucket Brigade)
Cub Scouts/ Boy Scouts
Ragtimers
1929 Model A Ford - Burgess
1965 Ford Galaxie - Burgess
American Legion Chaumont Post 243
Plainfield War Veterans Memorial

Division 4 Rahway Avenue

Miss Middlesex County-American Pre-Teen 2000 -
Pamela Janiszak
South Plainfield Elks Lodge 2298
The Funny Factory Clown Band
1935 Ford Coupe With Rumble Seat Named Henry
Unforgettable Autos Of Mid-Jersey 1976 Pontiac Trans
Am1960 Plymouth Savoy
Pat Dinizio For Senate
Cedarcroft Bible Chapel
Salaam Shrine Motor Car (Shriners)
American Martial Arts
South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association

Division 5 Thomas Street

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks
Watchung Valley - Model A Restorers Club
Knights Of Columbus
South Plainfield Columbiettes
South Plainfield Right To Life
Legionnaire Marching Band
Rescue House Of Prayer "Prayer Warriors"
1966 Dodge Dart - Dennis Holowka
New Market Volunteer Fire Co
Police Car

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council meetings

Meets twice a month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday September 11 Monday, September 18
Monday, September 25 Thursday, September 28
Tuesday, October 10 Thursday, October 12
Monday, October 23 Thursday, October 26

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

September 12, September 26, October 10 (No Meeting),
October 24, November 14, November 28, December 12, December 26

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

September 5, September 19, October 3, October 17, October 31,
November 8 (Thursday), November 21, December 5, December 19

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

September 28, October 26, November (No Meeting), December (No Meeting)

recycling commission

Meets Thursday, once a month

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

September 28, October 26,
November (to be announced), December 28

recreation commission

Meets once a month

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

Tues. September 12, Mon. October 2, Mon. November 6, Mon. December 4

environmental commission

Meets once a month

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

September 13, October 2, Mon. November 6, Mon. December 4

board of education meetings

Board Conference Room at Administration Building, on Cromwell Place

Committee of the Whole, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., Sept. 19, 8 p.m.
Committee of the Whole, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., Oct. 17, 8 p.m.

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Police to Face Fire Dept. in Benefit Softball Game

On Saturday, Sept. 2, the Annual South Plainfield Police vs. South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Softball Game will be held in Veterans' Park at 7:30 p.m. This annual charity game benefits The South Plainfield Handicap Childrens' Society through the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298.

Last year the fire department prevailed over the police department in a close game, with a final score of 23-22. Residents are invited to attend and show their support. Admission is \$2 and refreshments will be available. This is a fun event so plan on coming out to not only have a good time but to support a worthy cause.



In My Opinion Letters

The late afternoon amber sunlight of August tells us that it's time to get ready to say good-bye to summer friends and long, sunny afternoons at the South Plainfield Community pool in their pleasant company. Already, some of our favorite lifeguards and staff members have left the pool for colleges, both near and far. Some of them are from the graduating Class of 2000 and I wish them the best in college or elsewhere as they move on to new moments in their lives as young adults. As always, all of the young people on staff at the pool will be missed by the children they spent time with and to whom they were so kind.

Summer 2000, with rain and cooler air, presented a challenge for us parents, as well as a much quieter pool season. It is our eighth summer at the pool and it is safe to say (although we were still diehards) that we spent less time there this summer than ever.

This season was also marked by the death of 2-year-old pool member Zachary Caruso. I've known the Caruso family for years, but they are relatively new to South Plainfield. Their presence at the pool was made known by their six friendly, loving and outgoing children. Even though this was only his second year at the baby pool, the news of Zachary's death deeply affected the

guards and staff members, several of whom went to be a source of comfort and solace to his grieving parents at the wake. They also pitched in and sent a beautiful fruit basket (complete with cookies for the kids) to the Caruso home. I was told personally by Greg and Liz how grateful they were for their presence, and how meaningful this was to their family. It confirmed for me in so many ways my belief in what excellent and caring people the staff at the pool are, and how much they care for our children.

A rainy summer was certainly put into perspective. The passing of anyone dear to me makes me stop and re-evaluate....but the death of a child touches everyone deeply. A loss like that and cold rainy summer days are fork stuck in the road experiences. They can either bring us down and push us deeper into fear and feelings of despair and futility, or they can be a wake up call. Rainy days help us to savor the sunny ones - and make the most of them. The untimely death of a child hopefully moves us to wake up and deeply appreciate the days we share

with our own children and loved ones.

My gorgeous sunny summer 2000 pool days were few, but the ones I had — I valued. The ones I shared with all five of my children were fewer, because my oldest two are growing up spending more time doing other things. I savored the ones that we had together the most. My youngest daughter learned to swim in the same spot at the pool near the steps that her older brothers and sister did. Suddenly, my days at the baby pool that once seemed endless are over! I'd like to thank everyone at the pool-guards, staff, friends and fellow diehards, for another memorable summer. Until we meet again at sports events, school stuff around town-or around the pool next summer-I wish you good health, and days well spent with those you love. And to the Caruso and Yuill families, I offer a promise to never think of Zachary or Katie without remembering the innocence of their youth and the resolve to value each person in my life more than I did before their passing.

JENNIFER M. KELLY

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Events

VFW Country Breakfast And Annual Picnic

September 3 and 9

VFW Post 6763 located on Front St. will host a Country Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. The event is sponsored by Pup Tent 41, Military Order of the Cootie. The donation is \$5. The menu will be varied.

The Post will also hold their Annual Picnic on Sept. 9. Festivities scheduled are a moon walk, live music and games.

The menu will include a pig roast, chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs, kielbasa and sauerkraut, sausage and peppers, corn on the cob, baked beans, watermelon, coffee and cake. Clams will be available at an additional fee.

Admission in advance is 13 and over, \$10; 6 to 12 years, \$5; and under 5, free. At the gate prices are \$13 and \$12.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on weekends.

Attention All South Plainfield Alumni!

September 3 • 7 p.m.

The Class of 1985 is inviting all South Plainfield Alumni to a Family Fun Day, on Sunday, Sept. 3, held at Forest Lodge in Warren. The day includes all-you-can-eat barbecue type foods, desserts, beverages and four hours of beer on tap. The use of the inground pool facilities, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and picnic games for adults and children will also be provided. The cost to attend is \$40 per adult and \$10 per child.

Send your check with number of adults and children to 1985 Reunion Committee, 143 Lafayette Place, South Plainfield.

For questions, contact Lisa Banach at (732) 836-9235 or Wesley Spear at wspear@bns.ncc.com. Questions will be answered through www.toymgr@gowebway.com.

Italian American Club to Hold Members' Picnic

September 9 • 1 p.m.

The Italian American Club of South Plainfield will be holding its members' picnic on Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 1 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, clams, free tap beer and more will be served. Members with paid-up dues will be free of charge. Guests of members, which include wife and immediate children, will be \$5 each. Non-members will be \$15 each. Call the club at (908) 668-0865 to let us know if you will attend, or stop down at the club to get your free ticket.

Republican Org. to Hold Fashion Show & Brunch

September 10 • 11 a.m.

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will be holding their Seventh Annual Fashion Show and Brunch on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Metuchen Country Club from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Fashions will be presented by B.J.'s Dressing Room in Scotch Plains and The Answer in Menlo Park.

Tickets may be reserved by calling Maryellen at (908) 755-4014 or Linda at (908) 756-6519. Tickets are \$35 per person. Ticket deadline is September 2.

Concert by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson Planned

September 17 • 4 p.m.

Sacred Heart Rosary Society tickets are now on sale for Father Alphonse Stephenson and his 45-member symphony orchestra, *St. Peter by the Sea*. He will give a performance at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Sept. 17, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Society.

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He will give a performance at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Sept. 17, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Society.

Father Alphonse Stephenson is well-known for his versatility; part maestro, part comedian and part Priest.

Stephenson's first orchestra was formed in New York's Theatre District while he served at St. Malachy's, the Actors' Chapel. In 1980, Michael Bennett, the late Broadway director and choreographer, hired him as conductor and music director for his smash hit, *A Chorus Line*. He conducted nearly 3,000 performances of the famous musical.

The Sept. 17 concert will consist of light classics and seasonal favorites. Father Alphonse also entertains his audience with his good cheer and charisma.

St. Peter by the Sea consists of 45 members who have 750 years of study and performed over 57,000 concerts and recitals.

The Sept. 17 performance will take place at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. The concert promises to be a big hit; so pick up your tickets now.

General admission is \$25; students and seniors are \$20. Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society are selling tickets after all Sunday masses. Ticket information can be obtained by calling either (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.

Cruise Planned on the Cornucopia Princess!

September 17 • Noon

South Plainfield Historical Society will sponsor the Second Annual Brunch Cruise on the Cornucopia Princess on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 12 noon out of the Perth Amboy Smith Street Dock. Boarding begins at 11 a.m. and cruise returns at 2:30 p.m.

A buffet-lunch will be served with a selection of food, such as broiled salmon, a carving station with roast beef and chicken, cooked to order—omelets, shrimp, a variety of salads, fruits, pastries, coffee, tea and a cash bar.

For tickets or information, call Bill Tuthill at 756-9654; Arlene Anthony at 753-7852 or Dot Rotola at 753-2519. The cost is \$49; tax and gratuities are included. Mail check or money order to the South Plainfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

SPHS Class of 1980 Reunion Slated for Nov.

November 25 • 7 p.m.

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1980 will holds its 20 year reunion on Sat., Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at The Martinsville Inn in Martinsville.

We are presently trying to locate the following classmates:

Susan Ashford, Laura Carron, Aaron Calland, Dawn Calland, Gary Cox, Steven Davis, Melissa DiBattista, Susan DiDonato, Thomas Donovan, Debbie Egan, Gary Galloway, Gary Gorski, Scott Gregersen, Margaret Keane, Rexford Kinney, James Hughes, Karen Kraft, Kathy Kraft, Donna Krawczyk, Kevin Leather, James Lubach, Joseph Machos, Dale Mahowski, Carrie Makowski, James Massa, Sharon Nargi, Peter Neuhaus, Michael Noonan, Kenneth Northup, Robin Northup, Christian Olson, John

McAtter, Jill McDonough, James McHugh, Brian McMillan, Charles Meriwether, Elizabeth Merkle, Donald Miller, Joseph Moleski, Joseph Scotti, Kathleen Sheedy, William Simmons, Jean Stadnik, Paul Strand, Cynthia Surniak, Tammy Tharp, Tim Thiel, Rene Thomas, Kevin Woodring, Robert Witting, William Williams, Kathleen Weingart, Debra Jo Timpson, Diane Vandriel, Louis Ventura, Liese Viola, and Stephen Vitale.

Invitations will be sent out in late Sept. Contact Jim Insel at (908) 713-0193 or Susan Graves Metz at susanmetz@worldnet.att.net.

Multi-Class Reunion Planned

An invitation has been extended to all SPHS graduates from Sandi Spisso Connelly and Bobby Cobb, SPHS Class of 1969.

The 1969 alumni are planning a special "Golden 50th Birthday" Class Reunion for May of 2001, to be held as an all day outdoor event at Forest Lodge in Warren. Many people from a diverse range of graduating classes find the idea of a *multi-class* reunion appealing. It offers an excellent way to renew old friendships. Some classes lack either reunion coordinators, sufficient number of alumni or both.

In view of this interest, we, of the Class of 1969, have opened the invitation for the event to *all* SPHS alumni. The 60's Boardwalk theme will not only celebrate the class of 1969, but all those who once walked the halls of South Plainfield High School.

We are willing to create a consolidated "contact list" for all alumni, however, that will require your assistance and cooperation in doing so. Some classes still have a "reunion contact" and we would appreciate information on who and where they are. We will contact them and invite their participation. For classes not having a "reunion contact," we will pool our resources to provide coordination for all alumni. Our goal is to continue to plan a "large" Central Jersey local event every fifth year beginning with the 2001 event.

Please pass the word to any and all alumni you have contact with. If they have an interest, please contact either Sandy Spisso Connelly or Bobby Cobb at the following email addresses: spdcon@aol.com or racobb@epix.net.

Events In Surrounding Towns

Habitat For Humanity Offers Workshops

September 12

Retirement is an emotional time. Happiness, joy, apprehension, anticipation and concern are felt by all retirees to varying degrees. Some look forward to more time with their grandchildren, a chance to travel or time to take up that hobby they couldn't squeeze in while they were working. Some have concerns about money or how they will fill their time.

The Greater Plainfield Area Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a free seminar that will address many of these issues. Entitled "Choices—Making them Count for Retirees," the seminar, which will be led by Marvin Chasek and Cliff Bekkedahl, will help people plan for what can be the most

exciting (and productive) time of their lives. Chasek will lead attendees through the questions that will help develop strategies for a happy retirement.

The work that Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity does in the area will be discussed. Both Chasek and Bekkedahl have chosen to spend a portion of their available retirement time heading the construction committee for Habitat. Working participants will be given information about and an opportunity to volunteer with the organization.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave. (corner of Park and Mountain Ave.), Scotch Plains. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Reserve your seat by calling Maggie Savoca at (908) 889-0096 or email at gphabitat@home.com.

Tourette Support Group Sets Meeting Dates

September 12 & November 14

The Tourette Syndrome Association-Middlesex/Union County Family Support Group Meetings will be held at JFK Medical Center's Neuroscience Institute in Edison, from 7-9 p.m., on Sept. 12, and Nov. 14.

The speaker for the Sept. 12 meeting is Adam Pearlman, a physician with extensive expertise in conventional and complementary medicine. He will present an overview of both and its application for Tourettes patients.

The scheduled speaker for the Nov. 14 meeting will be Adam Bloom, a psychologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of tourette syndrome and related disorders.

For more information, contact Debbie after 6 p.m. at (732) 283-1439 or www.tsanj.com

Ship Model Exhibit and Workshop Planned

September 12 • 9 a.m.

The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey will be presenting a model exhibit and workshop free to the public at the Federal Aviation Administration Building, 200 Fred Wehran Dr. at Teterboro Airport from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. Anyone who is interested in joining the Society or is just interested in ships, ship models and other nautical topics is invited to attend.

The exhibit will feature ship models of all types, from all eras, crafted by the Society members. In addition, members will be present working on current projects and demonstrating ship modeling techniques and tools. This is a great opportunity for people new to modeling or experienced modelers who are new to ship modeling to learn more about the hobby and to talk to some of the finest ship modelers in the Northeast.

The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey has more than 70 members. It meets at the Milburn Free Public Library on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Each meeting includes a display and discussion of models completed or under construction, reviews of nautical books and publications, technical talks and demonstrations, discussions on maritime history and events and announce-

ments of upcoming events of nautical or modeling interest. Guests are always welcome at the meetings.

For more information about the Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey or the Sept. 23 exhibit and workshop contact one of the following: Dave Watkins at (973) 822-1312 e-mail: david-watkins@worldnet.att.net; Jeff Herne at (973) 586-6666 e-mail: jherne@hotmail.com or Nick Starace at (973) 376-9026 e-mail: nstaraceii@aol.com.

Information is also available at the society's website at <http://www.smsn-nj.simplenet.com>.

Mind, Body, Spirit, Holistic Expo

September 17

Fall Equinox, Mind, Body, Spirit, Holistic Expo is set for Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Middlesex County College in Edison. Open to the general public, the Expo offers 150 exhibits covering a comprehensive array of holistic products and services including practitioners, healers, vendors, bodyworkers and psychics. Mind, Body, Spirit, Holistic Expo reaches those interested in learning and experiencing an enhanced quality of life by raising the consciousness of holistic living.

The Expo will also have a free lecture series, diverse workshops and will feature nationally known speakers.

Over 150 juried exhibits will be on hand to discuss and sell products and services.

For directions, call (732) 548-6000 or (732) 906-2500. For information, call (732) 748-0298. Admission fees are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students with photo ID.

Alliance Bible Church to Sponsor 5K Run

September 23

Pre-registration is now being accepted for the Alliance Bible Church "Run To The Son" 5K and one mile fun run to be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. The run is the kick off event for Fall Frolic Weekend, a weekend of free family entertainment sponsored by the church located on Mt. Horeb Rd in Warren.

Both races are slated to begin at 9 a.m. and will be held rain or shine.

Advanced race registration is \$10 and must be postmarked before Sept. 10. Race day registration will be \$15 and will begin at 7 a.m. Participating runners will receive a long sleeved race T-shirt and chance to win a 25" Sharp color TV.

To obtain race registration forms, additional information or directions, please contact the church office at (732) 469-1425.

Reunion Planned for Crew of Seven Ships

October 19-22

A reunion is being planned in Newport News, Virginia, for Oct. 19-22, for the former crew members of the seven ships of the DeSoto/Suffolk County Class LSTs. The ships are the USS DeSoto County, LST-1171, USS Suffolk County, LST-1173, USS Grant County, LST-1174, USS York County, LST-1175, USS Graham County, LST-1176, USS Lorain County, LST-1177, and the USS Wood County, LST-1178.

An effort is underway to acquire the USS Lorain County as a memorial by the Ohio War Memorial, Inc. of Lorain, Ohio. For further information contact: Charles C. Patton, Ohio War Memorial, Inc., P.O. Box 307, Lorain, Ohio 44052. (440) 284-2621 or OWMI_excite.com

Middle School History Teacher Realizes Dream of a Lifetime

By Patricia Abbott

Middle School eighth grade history teacher Joseph Blondo will soon engage in his fantasy career on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, one of the most powerful weapons of war in America's military arsenal. How he got there is a story of perseverance, good writing and luck.

A contest offered by the Internet's popular search engine, YAHOO!, asked people to describe their "Fantasy Careers in Today's Military." The contest was co-sponsored by the U.S.

Department of Defense. The goal was to increase awareness of military careers and recruitment. The contest had 3,355 entrants and a winner was chosen in each of the five branches of the military.

Blondo replied to the query by the United States Navy: "Why do you want to experience life on an aircraft carrier?" His reply was chosen as one of five winning essays and his fantasy career will soon become a reality. Blondo's winning essay (which follows) is the beginning of an adventure of a lifetime.

"Commitment, dedication and sacrifice are but a few of the qualities needed to serve aboard an aircraft carrier in today's Navy. The aircraft carrier has been the centerpiece of US Foreign Policy since the end of World War II. The Carrier Battle Group has the ability to handle military hotspots around the world, or merely 'show the flag' when needed.

"As a United States History Teacher, I can appreciate the necessity for the aircraft carrier as well as understand its past. As a naval enthusiast, I can understand the need for building more carriers and where the future of Naval Aviation is heading.

I would benefit greatly from experiencing firsthand life aboard an aircraft carrier by passing that experience on to my students. I would be able to explain the rigors of life at sea: the hardships of separation, the hectic schedule, and the danger of being in "harm's way." I would also be able to communicate all the positive aspects of life in the Navy: the feelings of teamwork, pride in serving your country and accomplishing a mission, the concept of honor, and yes...the travel.

The Navy was my career goal since I was a freshman in high school. Bad knees kept me from achieving that goal. This contest, however, has given me the opportunity to experience that goal even but for a few days. My students enjoy hearing stories of my personal life and experiences. They will truly be captivated by stories of life aboard an aircraft carrier.

Blondo is scheduled to leave on Sept. 18 for Norfolk, Va. to meet the contest sponsors. He will spend five days with Navy personnel. On Sept. 19 he will spend the day training with Navy SEALs Special Warfare. The following day, the adventure kicks into high gear as he flies out to the USS ENTERPRISE offshore in the Atlantic Ocean. Changes in schedule may occur as the date approaches but the current schedule calls for him to spend Wednesday and half of Thursday touring the aircraft carrier. He will have the opportunity to steer the ship. This is just one of many amazing moments he will experience. He will enjoy talking to commanding officers and spend an evening dining with them.

The dream continues when Blondo is given the opportunity to fly in a C2A Greyhound, known as a COD (Carrier Onboard Delivery), a passenger aircraft that can fly from land to the aircraft carrier. Most planes assigned to an aircraft carrier do not carry passengers. He then will travel to Oceana Naval Air Station off the Virginia coast not far from Norfolk. Once there he will shadow the pilots, see how they train, plan missions and how they operate different carrier aircrafts. Another experience he looks forward to is the chance to fly an F14 or 18 in a simulator. The week ends with the flight home. The adventure doesn't end there, but begins anew as he relates to his eager students experiences that few are able to attain.

YAHOO! described the contest as "Our Fantasy Careers Contest is designed to inspire you to take charge of your career and do what you dream." Additional winners can be viewed at www.careers.yahoo.com/employment/fantasy/home.html.

From the
South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Have you had a good summer? We hope so, because the summer ends this weekend. (Or that's what they tell us, anyway.) Let's just have a quick look at news from the South Plainfield Library before we go have a good time:

The library will be open tomorrow from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. However, we'll be closed on Sunday and Monday in observance of Labor Day. Next Saturday, we'll return to our usual hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday operating hours will resume on September 24.

The latest group of Circuit videos should be ready for borrowing by this afternoon. Videos go out, four at a time, for two days. This group will be available until September 25.

Linda Hansen, our Children's librarian, has been very busy over the last couple of months (busier than usual, anyway) with our special summer programs and the Summer Reading Club. She's taking a break so she can start planning children's activities for the fall. So, our children's Storytime programs will be on hiatus in September. They'll be back next month.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Members of the public, whether they belong to the Friends or not, are welcome to attend this meeting.

We have two notes for students, as they anxiously await the start of the school year. (Or is that "resignedly await"?) First, you'll note that items on the reading list for Honors English and Honors History classes are

kept separate from everything else; they're next to the Circuit large print books. After Labor Day, though, they'll be put back in the general collection. So, pick them up now or be prepared to hunt for them.

Second, here's a word about class assignments. If you come in looking for materials (like books or articles), it'd be a big help if you come in to look as soon as possible, rather than the night before it's due. Sometimes, we'll need to ask another library for a loan and that can take time. Also, if you can bring in the actual assignment paper, listing what you're looking for in detail, that'd really help us in our search. In fact, for all you South Plainfield teachers reading this, if you could let us know well in advance about such class projects, we could better prepare for when your students come in for assistance. Thanks, we appreciate your help in this matter.

Finally, you'll notice a bit of a change in our internal arrangement. After weeding through our general non-fiction collection, we've shifted around the remaining books. Books from the 800 section in non-fiction are now found upstairs, while the 900 books have been moved over downstairs. This is being done to free up space for new additions in other areas. Because of this, the signs on the end of the stacks aren't accurate. Until we get them updated, don't hesitate to ask for help in finding what you're looking for.

That's about all for now. Please have a fun and safe Labor Day weekend. See you next time.

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Schedule of Activities

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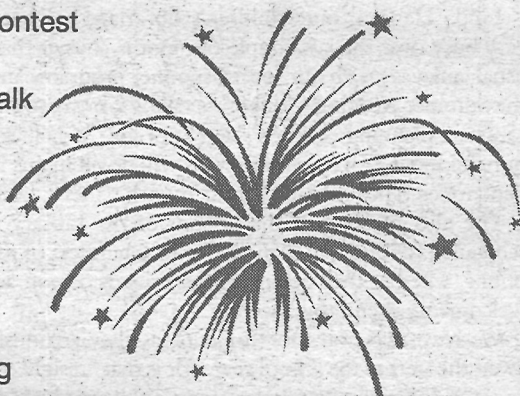
- 7:45 a.m. Registration starts for 5K run and 1.5 mile family fitness walk
- 9:30 a.m. All major roads will be closed in town
- 9:30 a.m. 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Fitness Walk begin
- 10:00 a.m. **Parade Kicks Off at Plainfield and Thompkins Avenues**
- 12:30 p.m. Parade Ends/Activities Begin at Veterans' Park
Food and drinks available all afternoon at the park

Recreation/Veterans Park Activities

- 12:30 p.m. Grease Pole Contest begins
- 12:30 p.m. Biggest Tomato and Zucchini Contest
- 12:45 p.m. Pie Eating Contest
- 1:00 p.m. Friends of the Woods Nature Walk
- 1:00 p.m. Potato Sack Races
- 1:15 p.m. Parade Trophies awarded
- 1:15 p.m. Water Balloon Toss
- 1:30 p.m. Watermelon Eating Contest
- 1:45 p.m. Egg Toss Contest
- 2:00 p.m. Marbles Tournament
- 2:00 pm. Historical Society Raffle Drawing

Evening Activities

- 6:30 p.m. "Sound Investment" Concert – Spring Lake Park
- Dusk Fireworks Display by Serpico International



Labor Day Parade Plans are Finalized

The Labor Day Parade Committee has put the finishing touches on preparations for the big parade and day-long festivities. It's shaping up to be the best ever parade in South Plainfield. So mark your calendar and come out to watch the parade and then come on down to Veterans' Park and enjoy all the afternoon events scheduled and, of course, don't miss the Spring Lake Park concerts and fireworks.

Make sure you stop by the *Observer* booth at Veterans' Park and say hello to us. We're giving away free balloons and newspapers and t-shirts to those who have collected the entire set of police cards, with at least 20 signed. And, of course, our cameras will be busy taking pictures of the entire day's events starting on Saturday when the floats are assembled all the way to the fireworks at night.

This issue of the *Observer* contains all the information you need,

so you can be at the right place at the right time.

Use this issue as a reference on Labor Day. Complimentary copies will also be available at the park.

Activities start early in the morning with a 5K run and 1.5 mile family fitness walk before the race. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. followed by many activities in Veterans' Park. There will plenty of food and the "People Pleasers" will have two rides. During the afternoon festivities the band "Backsplash" will be entertaining.

The Friends of the Woods will host a nature walk at 1 p.m. and the Historical Society will be holding their annual quilt raffle at about 2 p.m.

"Sound Investment" will be performing an evening concert at Spring Lake Park in the Gazebo at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks by Serpico International Fireworks will bring a great day to a spectacular finish.

Parking Restrictions And Road Closings

Roads along the parade route and the 5K run will be closing at approximately 9:15 a.m. If you are coming to Veterans' Park, you must be plan to arrive early or you may not get in the park. If you are marching in the parade be sure to be at your assigned location by 9:15 sharp.

The following streets will be closed at some time during the parade: Plainfield Ave., Maple Ave. Front Street, South Plainfield Ave. and Hamilton Blvd.

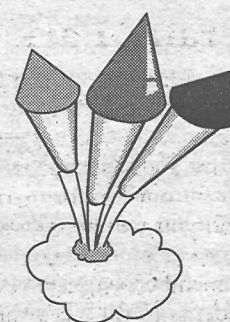
After the parade, roads will be re-opened. Only limited parking will be available in Veterans' Park.

The evening concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parking will be restricted around Spring Lake Park because of the fireworks display.

No parking will be allowed be-

hind Borough Hall, the library, Veterans' Park, Lowden and Willow Ave.

Spring Lake Park is designated handicapped parking only. The best parking will be at the high school or the P.A.L. Building. Both have extra lighting and are easy to access. Roads will close at 7:45 p.m. for the fireworks.



Parade Trophies to Be Awarded

HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL TROPHY

Presented by Honorary Grand Marshal to best overall entry in his/her opinion.

JUDGES' TROPHY

Best overall entry as determined by judges

GEORGE W. L. PAGE TROPHY

Presented to the best civic entry

BEST YOUTH MUSICAL GROUP

Awarded by judges to the best youth (high school and under) musical performing group

BEST ADULT MUSICAL GROUP

Awarded by judges to the best adult musical performing group

BEST APPEARING MARCHING GROUP

BEST MUNICIPAL GROUP

Given to the best overall entry connected to the borough government

BEST NON-INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMING GROUP

Awarded to the best appearing drill team, twirling group, gymnastic group, etc.

BEST YOUTH GROUP

Awarded to the best appearing youth (high school and under) entry

MOST OUTSTANDING FLOAT

Best overall float

BEST YOUTH GROUP FLOAT

High school and under

BEST CIVIC FLOAT

MOST PATRIOTIC FLOAT

MOST OUTSTANDING VISITING ENTRY

Awarded to the best appearing entry from out of South Plainfield

BEST ANTIQUE VEHICLE

Awarded to the best appearing antique vehicle entry of any kind entered as a separate unit

MARIE D. PAGE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AWARD

Awarded to the best overall instrumental musical performance entry

Judging Floats and Bands:

Miss Betty Richards • Tony Massaro • Tommy Lanza • Frank Derosa • Sue Schweers

THE PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

The following people have been working behind the scenes to make this year's parade a success. They deserve our thanks for all the work and time they have put in. Everyone on the committee is a volunteer. The only compensation they receive is the satisfaction of putting together this once-a-year parade. (What would this town be without our volunteers.)

Joe Scrudato, *Co-chairperson*

Don Alexa, *Co-chairperson*

Darlene Pinto, *Concessions & Participation*

Marion Gallagher, *Concession & Participation*

Pat Vargo, *Concessions & Participation*

Debra Krawiec, *Fireworks*

Mike English, *Recreation Department Activities*

John Sorrentino

Linda Zushma

Ray Petronko, *Council Liaison*

Also working very hard on the parade are members of the police department, rescue squad, fire department, R.A.C.E. radio operators and the public works employees.

FAMILY, FUN AND COMMUNITY

Observer Will Cover Every Event During Labor Day Celebration

Be sure to visit Veterans Park after the parade. The *Observer* will be in the same spot in the park as last year, greeting the residents and parade participants.

We will be giving away balloons and other a few other surprises.

We will also be awarding t-shirts to the first 20 children who have collected all of the police trading cards with at least 20 signed.

We will be busy taking pictures of all the activities, starting early with the 5K run, the parade, all of the contests and games at Veterans Park, as well as the bands, fireworks and of course, all the visitors who come out for the festivities. This is one day that South Plainfield residents become one big family, marching, watching and joining in all the celebrations.

This marks the third year we will be in Veterans Park. The *Observer* published our first edition and distributed it at the Labor Day Parade in 1997. It is our official birthday and we plan to celebrate it along with anyone who wants to join us.

Stop by our booth. We will be offering new subscriptions at a discount. We look forward to meeting all of our readers and getting their input into where the paper should be heading in the future.

Voter Registration Available at Veterans' Park

Board of Education members will be in Veterans' Park next to the *Observer* with voter registrations forms and absentee ballots. You can fill out the forms right there and you will be registered to vote.

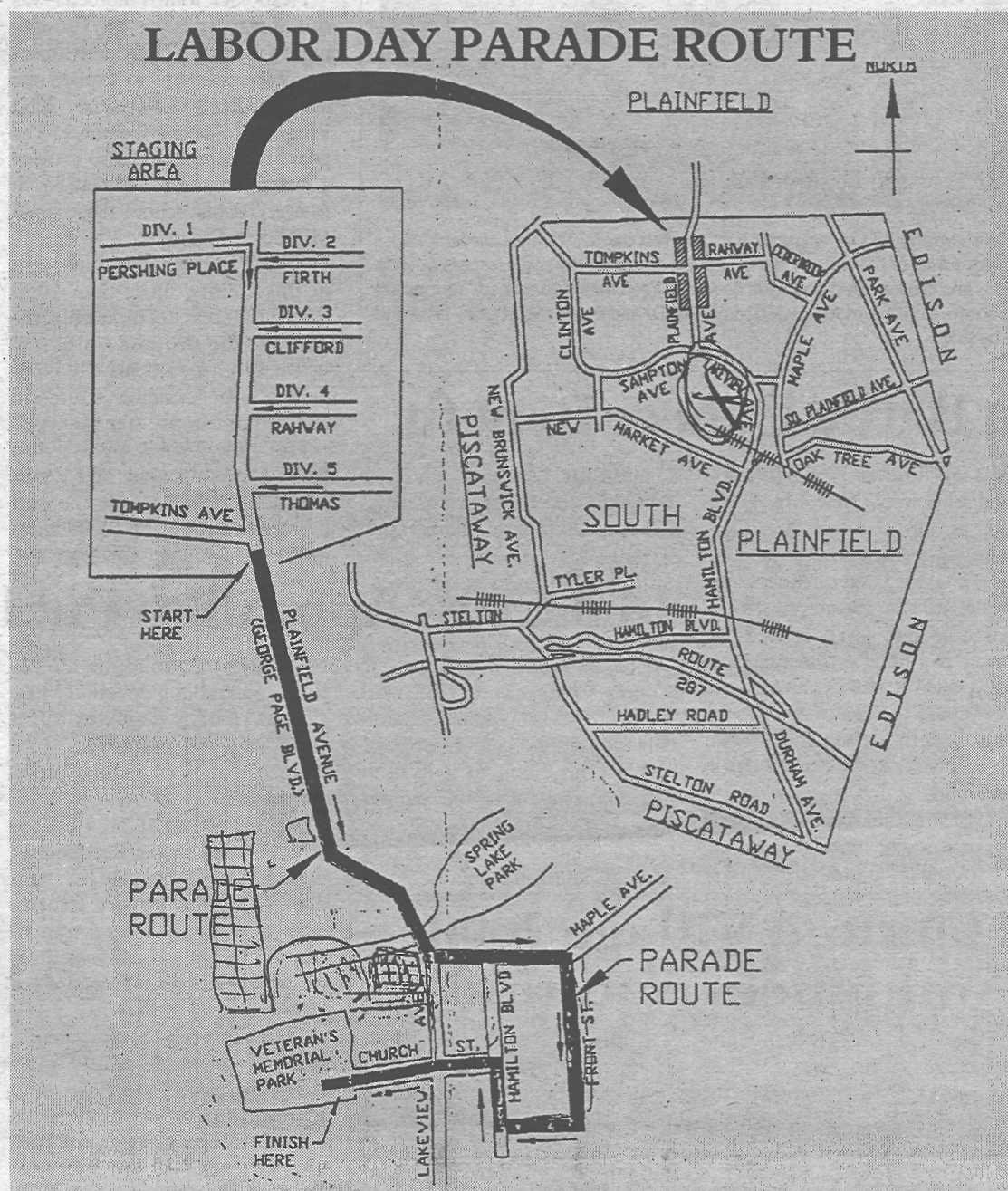
BOE members will also be asking residents to fill out a survey and offer input about the school expansion plans taking place right now. Board members will also be on hand to answer your questions.

Tomato and Zucchini Contests

Residents who would like to enter their prize tomatoes or zucchinis for judging should bring them to the reviewing stand in Veterans' Park. Someone will be there to help show you how to sign up and answer any questions. Judges will choose the best specimen right after the parade and ribbons will be presented to the winners.

Pie/Watermelon Eating Contests

To enter the Pie or Watermelon Eating Contests sign up at the reviewing stand. Last year this contest turned out to be lots of fun. The contests have no age or size limit, so why not join in the fun and sign up. Water balloon toss needs no signups, just come join the fun.



Tenth Annual 5K Labor Day Run and Family Fitness Walk

South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and Ricochet Health and Racquet Club will host the Tenth Annual 5K Labor Day Run and 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk on starting at 9:15 a.m.

The race begins and ends at Veterans Park. The entry fee for the 5K Run is \$10, if received by Aug. 28; \$12 on the day of the run. Entry fee for the Fitness Walk is \$5 for individual or family. For information or an entry form call Bill Beegle at (908)754-4620.

Friends of the Woods Celebrate Labor Day

Come join the Friends of the Woods for a walk on the Veterans Park Nature Trail on Labor Day. As part of the post-parade community picnic, FOW is sponsoring a guided walk on the Green Acres property behind the park. The trail will take us through four different kinds of habitat, each with its own collection of plants and animals.

Meet at 1 p.m. at the trailhead where the log fence meets the Cedar Brook at the foot of Elm Street. The trail is mostly flat and easy, but it might be slippery in spots, so wear sturdy shoes. Members of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission will lead the walk. This is a good bird watching spot, so bring binoculars along if you have them.

For more information, call (908) 226-7621.

Rules for Parade Marchers

- The parade begins on Plainfield Ave. at Tompkins at 10 a.m. SHARP! Units begin forming at 9:15 a.m. in the marshalling areas off Plainfield Ave. There is no rain date.

- Floats can be no taller than eleven (11) feet above street level.

- All units are required to follow the entire line of marchers to be eligible for an award.

- Parade must be kept moving. Drills and performances will be permitted ONLY in front of the reviewing stand in Veterans' Memorial Park and limited to three minutes including set-up and break down.

- Cooperation of participating units with all parade officials, as well as adherence to these parade rules, will be considered by the judges for any award. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in disqualification and may affect the entrant's involvement in future parades.

- Trophies will be awarded at Veterans' Memorial Park approximately 1½ to 2 hours following the parade. If no one is present to receive an award it will be presented to the next eligible entry.

- No entry will be allowed to campaign for any candidate, organization or issue handouts, direct promotion, signs or solicitation either from within the line of march or along the route, unless given prior written authorization by the committee.

In Veterans' Park.....

Concessions

Veterans' Park vendors will have plenty of food and beverages to choose from:

South Plainfield Lions Club

Beer, cheesesteak sandwiches, sausage and drinks

South Plainfield High School Music Booster Club

Hot dogs, soda and coffee

D & D Concessions

Cotton candy, pretzels, popcorn, soda, lemonade & water

Food to Please

Snowcones, funnel cakes, popcorn

Tables/Booths

Petro Oil Heating & Air – Literature

So. Plfd. Curling Club – Literature

American Martial Arts – Literature

The Girls Next Door – Handouts

Pro-Care Physical Therapy

Literature, Sunscreen Tent, Bottles Of Water, Hole In One Contests

ATA Black Belt Academy – Literature

The Observer

Balloons, T-shirts & Prizes

Audio Tel (Cell Phones) – Literature

Historic Society – Raffle For Quilt

Civil War Monuments & Memorials

Frank Mcgonigle—Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War – Literature

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Give A Ways—Cups, Shoelaces, Balloons And Literature.

Pat Dinizio For Senate —Literature

Sacred Heart

Tickets For Concert (Set Up Near Lions Club)

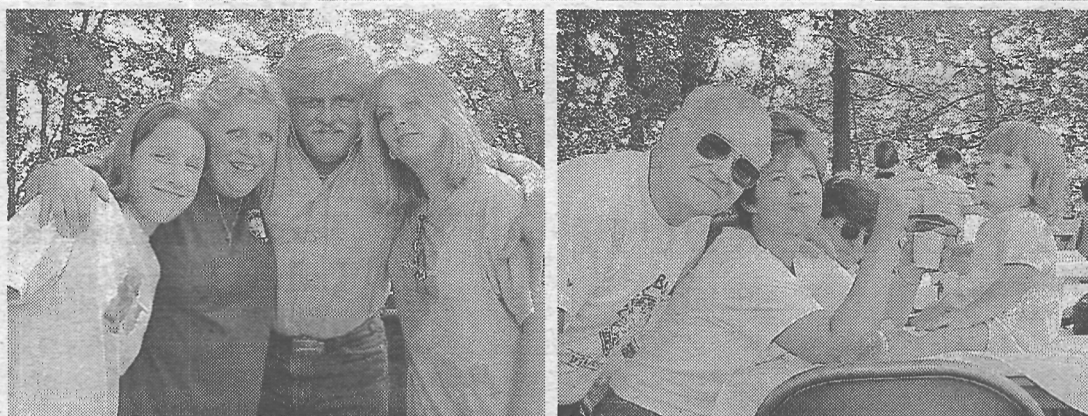
Board Of Education

Voter Registration, Absentee Ballot, Survey (Next to Observer Booth)

Junior Class Of South Plainfield High School

Tattoos For Kids

Temperature 98 – Giveaways



Elks Club members and their family and friends attending a recent picnic had a perfect day for the annual event. Tables were placed in shady areas throughout the grounds of the club. Picnickers found and filled the coolest spots quickly. The food was plentiful—hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken. Beer and soda flowed to keep thirsts quenched. Youngsters were kept busy with pony rides, a dunking booth, a bubble machine and more. The DJ had music to suit every taste and the young and not-so-young danced side by side.

Help Children Battle Cancer Benefit

Help children battle cancer by attending a Dinner Cruise Benefit on Friday, Sept. 22, aboard the Cornucopia Princess.

Enjoy an evening of elegant dining and dancing afloat the 130' dinner cruise as we sail the Raritan Bay aboard a private deck on the elegant Cornucopia Princess to support children battling cancer at the first Annual Dinner Cruise Benefit.

Boarding of the Cornucopia Princess begins at 7 p.m. at the Harborside foot of Smith Street, in Perth Amboy. We will sail the Raritan Bay from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., a new area non-profit organization formed by a group of realtors at Century 21 Moretti Real Estate in South Plainfield, is designed to offer financial support for institutions involved in the research and treatment of childhood cancer.

All proceeds from this event will go to support The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders having facilities at

UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick.

"It is our hope that the millennium will bring cures for all pediatric cancers," says Anne Lane, president. "We formed this foundation because we recognized that cancer is a horrible disease, especially when it strikes children and we wanted to reach out and help. This benefit is just the first of many events to raise awareness and funds.

Tickets for the benefit are \$100 per person. For more information, or to make a pledge, contact

Open Your Heart To Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 26, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-0026 or call (908) 755-5051 ext. 406.

Red Cross Appeals to Public for Donors

The American Red Cross/Tri-County Chapter and NJBS work together for our hospital's regions. Since the blood shortage continues, we urge you to help us in our commitment to the community.

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In addition to the four major blood groups A, B, AB, O, more than 400 rare blood types have been identified. Blood is defined rare if an identifying factor on a red cell occurs in less than one person out of 200.

For more information, or if you like to sign up to donate blood, please call ARC at (908) 353-2500

software to be a public placed in each classroom. In addition to the \$1 million dollar annual commitment by the county, we will be reaching out to the private sector to allow companies to invest in the future of our children.

The countywide technology program will also provide an incentive for school districts to encourage teachers to obtain those credits in the area of computer technology. For every teacher trained in computer technology in the classroom, one computer will be provided by Middlesex County.

School districts willing to provide a computer of equal configuration and value may be eligible for a second county sponsored computer.

Haunted Village 2000 Announces Auditions

Halloween fast approaches and it is once again time for The Haunted Village of Somerset, the latest New Jersey tradition for Halloween. The village offers laughs and horrors and more. It is located on the grounds of the New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom, Somerset NJ. The Haunted Village has become famous for its detailed village scenery, elaborate make-up and breathtaking special effects.

Auditions for the 2000 Haunted Village will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 8, from 7 p.m.- 10:30 p.m., as well as Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9, from 12 Noon-5 p.m., at the Hampton Inn on Davidson Avenue in Somerset, New Jersey.

For more information call 732-271-1119.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

August 23, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on August 22, 2000.

Case No. 98-4/V-Rich Sanzalone-Block 420, Lot 8; R1-2 Zone; 2204 Hamilton Blvd.-Applicant's request for final four lot subdivision was amended and GRANTED.

Case No. 619/V-Durham Plaza-Block 541; Lots 10.02 & 15; OBC-3 Zone; Durham Ave.-Applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval to construct a building, housing multiple retail units, was hereby DENIED.

Case No. 81-18/V/A-JWV (Joseph Appezato)-Block 3; Lot 41; Applicant's request to administratively approve changes to the approved drainage plan was APPROVED.

Case No. 571-Joseph Magiera t/a Fairacres Associates-Block 468; Lot 4; Applicant's request for a 60 day extension was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 623/V-Coppola Farms-Block 528; Lot 43; AH-2 Zone; 1626 New Durham Ave.-Applicant's request for an amended site plan was hereby GRANTED.

Capital Improvement Project-Senior Citizens Recreation Center-Block 263; Lots 1.101 & 4; Approval for the Capital Project for the construction of the Senior Citizen Recreation Center was hereby GRANTED.

Janice J. Muccilli
Recording Secretary/Planning Board

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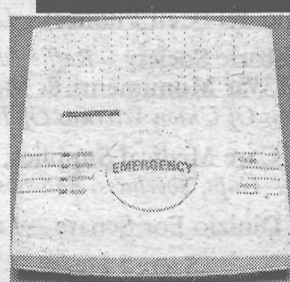
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Sports

Ashleyanne Chosney Repeats as State Diving Conference Champion



Ashleyanne Chosney

Ashleyanne Chosney, 11, of South Plainfield, pictured above, proudly displays two Gold Medals she won as "New Jersey State-Diving Council/Conference Champion" for the past two years.

As the 2000 season ended, Ashleyanne achieved an average meet score of 124.00 for four dives, soundly defeating all her competition.

Ashleyanne was a fifth grade student at Roosevelt School last year and served as student council president. She received the "Presidential-Gold Seal Award, for Academic Excellence" and was enrolled in an academically excelled curriculum.

Ashleyanne is a member of the Bridgettes-National Gymnastics Team A, Level 8. Her hectic schedule includes 25 hours a week spent in the gym at Feigley's School of Gymnastics on South Clinton Ave. She also spends an additional four hours every week of ballet instruction at JoAnne's Dance Studio.

Ashleyanne's dream is to compete in the Olympics as either a gymnast or a diver. Both of her parents reaffirm the fact that, "Once she makes up her mind setting a goal, there is virtually nothing that will stand in her way!"

Aerobics and Body Toning Classes offered through PAL

Shape up beautifully with exercises and dance routines choreographed to popular music. Aerobics is designed to condition the heart and lungs and body toning will trim and fit the body, as well as promote flexibility.

South Plainfield residents, ages 18 and over are eligible to register for classes to be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Classes begin on Sept. 11 and the cost is \$35. In-

structing the class will be Maureen Noll, certified aerobics instructor.

Registration forms can be picked up and returned to the Recreation Office, located in the PAL Building on 1250 Maple Ave. Fees must be paid at time of registration. Registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Make checks payable to South Plainfield Recreation.

For more information, call 226-7714.

Youth Basketball League Forming

Register now for the 2000 Ed Niemczyk Basketball League. Registration is open to all South Plainfield residents ages 7-14 (as of Oct. 1, 2000). Games are played Saturdays at the Middle School, practices are at the coaches discretion, weekday afternoons and evenings at various locations.

Register at the Recreation Office in the PAL Building on Maple Ave., Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registrations will be taken until 8 p.m., Oct. 16. The Recreation Office will also be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 18, Oct. 2 and 16.

Birth certificates are required for registrants who have not par-

ticipated in a recreation-sponsored youth league in the past six months.

For information, call 226-7714.

Adult Basketball League at the PAL

The Recreation Department is offering adult basketball on Thursdays at the PAL beginning on Nov. 16. Players must be 18 years of age or older. Game times are 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.

Register at the PAL starting Sept. 18. Deadline is Oct. 27. Fee is \$550. per team (15 members per team). First eight teams will be accepted.

Questions? Call 226-7714.

By Tony Cassano

juniorbaseballclubnotes

Time to Say Thanks: As we bring this month and the 2000 season to a conclusion, I would like to say thanks to Dave Spayder and Bill Ashnault. Dave was a trustee for the past two years and in charge of our buildings and grounds. Dave was very instrumental in building the new Pony Snack Stand and the overall management of the club and grounds for the past two seasons. Bill Ashnault was also a trustee this past season and lent his expertise and assistance to the club in many capacities. Although we say goodbye in one way, we all know that both Dave and Bill will still be around to help out for years to come. Thanks again.

Thanks to the following individuals who were in charge of this past years committees who helped make the 2000 season one of the best ever:

Tournament-Danny White, All-Star Sunday-Kevin Lykes Booster, Weekend-John Stallone, Equipment-Chet Czaplinski, Snack Stand-Tom Curtis/Sally Curtis, Bob Golon, Kathy Danato, Cindy Eichler; Somerset Patriot Trip-John Rayho, Umpires-Bill DeNitzio, Dave Eichler, Jim Colipietro, Larry Hughes; Building and Grounds-Dave Spayder and Roger Vroom, Sign Sponsors-Kurt Ullom and Guy Moretti, Opening Day and Publicity-Frank Hanley, League Directors-Kurt Ullom, Danny Wasnick, Tom McCreesh and Chris Hubner; WebSite-Chris Hubner

In addition, thanks to the many volunteers who supported each group noted. We would not have been able to attain the level of success this year without your time and effort. Thanks again to all the players, parents, managers, coaches and fans for all that you did. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming picnic. Have a Happy Labor Day!!

WOMEN AUXILIARY: URGENT! New volunteers are needed for all four executive board positions for the upcoming 2001 season. Please call the club for details at 908-754-2090

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Sept. 8—Coaches Old Timer game at 6:30. In addition, volunteers are needed to help set up for our annual post-season picnic which will be held the next day. Please come and support the SPJBC and have some fun watching the coaches "try" to play baseball.

Saturday Sept. 9—Annual Picnic at noon. Our season ending annual picnic starts at 12 noon and goes all afternoon. The SPJBC invites all players and their family for a day of fun. It's our way of honoring the players by awarding trophies to all 'C' League players along with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in all other leagues. Come join in and enjoy the festivities.

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Obituaries

Maria (Russo) Leonardis, 78

Maria (Russo) Leonardis of South Plainfield died on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Naples, Italy and came to the United States in 1960, settling in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 30 years ago.

Mrs. Leonardis was a seamstress for the Bruno Dress Factory in South Plainfield for 26 years before retiring in 1986. She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union Local 149.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

She is survived by her beloved husband Gino Leonardis; three sons, Ralph, Guido and Mario Leonardis, all of South Plainfield; two sisters, Antoinette and Elena and a brother, Ciro, all of Italy. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

Kathleen M. (Gregory) McLane, 75

Kathleen M. (Gregory) McLane died on Monday, Aug. 21, at her home in Piscataway.

Mrs. McLane was born in Lions Falls, NY and grew up in Lowville, NY. She had resided in Germany for three years and in Piscataway since 1956.

During the 1950's and 1960's, she had worked as a production supervisor and in quality control for Debspan, Inc. of Rahway for 13 years. Before her retirement last year she had worked for 16 years as a mail clerk with Universal Mailing Co. of Piscataway.

She loved animals of all kinds.

She was a communicant of St. Francis Cabrini RC Church in Piscataway.

She was predeceased by her brother, William Gregory.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Ernest H.; a daughter, Brenda Czech of Piscataway, a son and daughter in law, Gregory and Terri McLane of Alexandria Twp.; two sisters, Joan Michaelowski and Nellie Evans, both of Perth Amboy; three brothers, James "Sonny" Gregory of Perth Amboy, John Gregory of Lowville, NY and George Gregory of Florida. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Robert and Gregory McLane and Shawn, Bonnie and Corey Czech; four great grandchildren Taylor, Logan and Mikaela McLane and Bella Czech and her "great grand birds" Dudes, Jesse, Sabrina and Baxter.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the JFK/Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

Dorothy (Connelly) Sanzalone, 77

Dorothy (Connelly) Sanzalone of South Plainfield died on Friday, Aug. 25 at her home.

She was born in Scranton, Pa. and was a former resident of Bloomfield, before moving to South Plainfield 44 years ago.

Mrs. Sanzalone was a customer service representative at the CVS Pharmacy in South Plainfield for 10 years before retiring in 1991.

Mrs. Sanzalone was an avid book reader and she loved sewing. She was a member of the Boro Canasta Club in South Plainfield and was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Jack Sanzalone, who died in 1997 and her beloved grandson Jack A. Sanzalone, who died in 1999.

She is survived by two sons, John Sanzalone of Shreveport, La. and Richard Sanzalone of Westfield; three daughters, Dorothy Ann Canady of Port Charlotte, Fla., Mary Kay Popa of South Plainfield and Susanne Szczepanik of Monroe Twp. and her grandchildren Alisa, Sara, David, Lynda, Edward, Corianne, Matthew, Grace and Lily.

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

Helen D. Rosey, 95

Helen D. Rosey died on Saturday, Aug. 26, in Genesis Elder Care Center, The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she had resided in Brooklyn, NY, Lake Hopatcong and Orlando, Fla. before moving to South Plainfield in 1986 with her niece Helen Gulick.

Mrs. Rosey was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Rosey, a daughter, Dorothy Rosey, a son, Joseph Rosey and two sisters, Mary Krajewsky and Bernice Meinhart.

Surviving are a daughter, Irene Rosey of Manhattan, NY; a son, Fred Rosey of Orlando, Fla.; a

sister, Sophie Sarafinsky of Scranton, Pa. and one niece and great nephew, Helen and Edward Gulick, of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Beverly A. (Rinker) Watson, 60

Beverly A. (Rinker) Watson died on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Plainfield, she resided there for most of her life before settling in Piscataway in 1966.

She was a homemaker for most of her life, but during the 1970's she worked as a crossing guard for Piscataway Township in various locations throughout the town.

Mrs. Watson had a great love for Chinese auctions.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Robert J. Watson; a son, Gary Watson of North Port, Fla.; three daughters, Sherry A. Jones of Piscataway, Kimberly A. Watson of Easton, Pa. and Wendi A. Watson of Piscataway. Also surviving are eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Brigadier William C. Doyle's Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arnetown, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the family would be greatly appreciated.

Mark A. Takitch, 43

Mark A. Takitch of South Plainfield, died on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Mr. Takitch spent most of his life in the Central New Jersey Area.

He was a 1974 graduate of Piscataway High School.

Mr. Takitch was employed as a groundskeeper for Raritan Landing Golf Course in Piscataway.

Surviving are two children, Mark Jr. and Dana, both of Hillsborough; his parents, George and Grace (Heacock) Takitch of South Plainfield and two brothers, George M. and Jay E. Takitch, both of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held privately at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

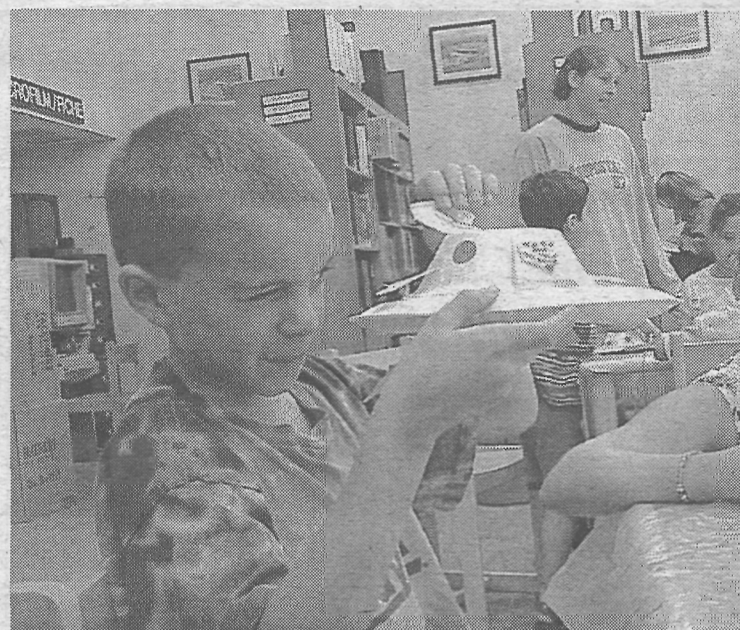
Last Chance for Raffle Tickets

The South Plainfield Historical Society Raffle Committee will hold their annual Quilt Raffle on Labor Day at the Veterans Park after the parade.

Chance books were mailed out two weeks ago to all members. Returns should be sent to P.O. Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. The committee is

seeking members who will sell chances along the parade route. They can call Bill Tuthill at (908) 756-9654, Mary Mazepa at (908) 754-3503 or Arlene Anthony at (908) 753-7852 by August 31.

This is the society's major fundraiser. Participation will be appreciated.



Library Arts and Crafts Kids Travel Through Outer Space

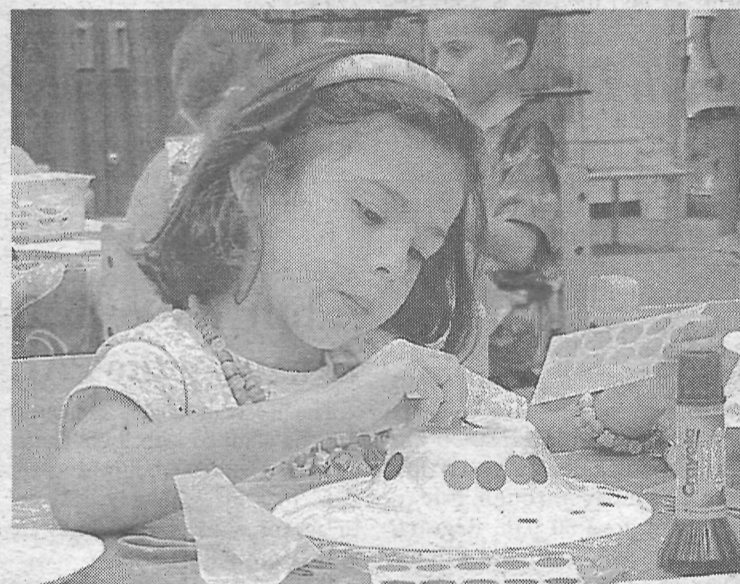
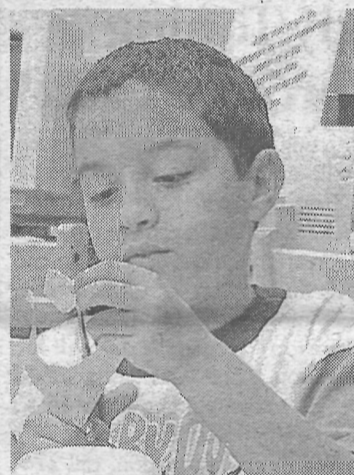
Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

The children's summer crafts program at the library, "Book a Trip Through Time," is coming back to earth, but not before they made one final craft that was out of this world.

Paper plates and foam bowls were turned into space ships. Scissors and glue, along with other supplies, were plentiful. The crafts

were decorated with yarn, markers, colorful stickers, crepe paper and more. Adults cut doors into the space ships while the children peaked inside to get an alien's view.

Over the course of the summer the children have made dinosaurs, mummies and African masks. The final craft, their own space-ships reflected the summer reading programs theme, *Cosmic Connections*.



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Infected Birds Found

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Residents are urged to continue eliminating areas of standing water around their homes. They should drain water from pool covers, change water in birdbaths once a week, put fish into ornamental pools, make sure roof gutters are not clogged, empty flowerpots and containers that may hold water, maintain swimming pools, eliminate standing water that may be on your property and talk to neighbors about eliminating mosquito sites on their property.

Do You Know Where These Graduates Are?

The Reunion Committee is asking everyone if they know the whereabouts the following graduates of the class of 1959. Virginia Bruno, Ruth David, Eleanor Warrick, Patricia Durham, Bruce Hawkins, Ellen Holub, Robert Lindsay, Alphonse Lombardo, Gail Lynn, Loretta Raimonda, Donald Richey and Maryann Smith.

If you have any information please contact Helen Tetenburg at (908) 526-8132.

police report

- A random motor vehicle check on New Brunswick and Tyler Ave. turned up a stolen motor vehicle. The driver and passenger were arrested without incident. The vehicle was towed to Butrico's Auto Body and later picked up by the owner.
- Seagrave of Durham Ave. reported that former employee Cliff Richard of Perth Amboy left the business without returning approximately \$4,000 of tools and other items belonging to the company.
- A Clinton Ave resident reported his motorcycle was stolen from his shed. The resident noted that bikes had been stolen from same area a few weeks before.
- A South 11th Street resident was arrested for simple assault in a domestic disagreement.
- Airborne Express, New Durham Ave. reported the theft of several Play Station games and a Dell lap top computer. Loss prevention for Airborne Express informed police that employees were responsible for the thefts. These items are scanned when they arrive showing they are on location, then put on a conveyor belt and scanned by individual drivers and loaded onto their trucks. These items were received, but never scanned onto trucks. They are believed to have been removed from the conveyor belt. Loss prevention is trying to narrow down the list of suspects.

Dunkin Donuts on Park Ave. Hit Again!

On Friday, Aug. 24, at 5:42 a.m., a robbery occurred at the Dunkin Donuts at 2007 Park Ave. An employee reported that a heavyset black male entered the establishment and loitered about while other customers were present. Once the other customers had left the store, the man approached an employee with a grocery type bag covering his hand, which he held out as though he possessed a small handgun. The employee, believing that the robber was armed, surrendered a small amount of cash. The robber then fled on foot eastbound on East Hendricks Ave. It is believed that this is the same man who committed two previous robberies at this Dunkin Donuts on July 18 and 25. He is described as approximately 5'8" tall, 230 lbs., dark complexion, short hair, and approximately 35 years of age.

Anyone with information regarding this robbery or any of the previous robberies should contact Det. Gene Bataille at (908) 226-7664.

Lube Express on Stelton Road Robbed

On Sunday, Aug. 27 at 5:50 p.m., a robbery occurred at the Lube Express located at 1525 Stelton Road. Employees reported that a black male, 6'1" tall, 160 lbs., wearing a bandana around the lower portion of his face entered the office area and announced a robbery. The man ordered both employees onto the ground and forced them to crawl to a bathroom where he made the female employee tie up the male employee with duct tape. Once the male employee was tied up, the robber then tied up the female employee.

During the course of the robbery, the man produced a silver semi-automatic handgun and pointed it at the employees. He also rifled through the employees' pockets, removed an undetermined amount of cash and credit cards from the register and fled the premises. Det. Gene Bataille is investigating the case.

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meeting notice

Please be advised that all Committee of the Whole meetings of the South Plainfield Board of Education, originally scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Bldg., have been changed to 7 p.m. in the Grant School gymnasium on Cromwell Place.

The meeting dates are as follows:
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December 12, January 9, February 13, 2001,
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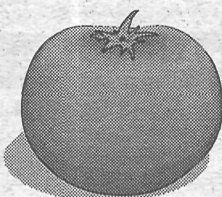
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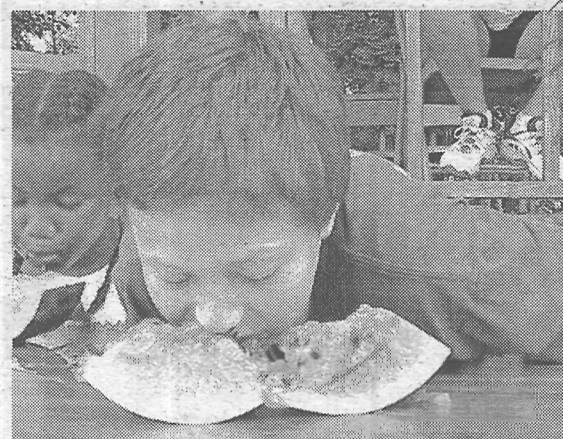
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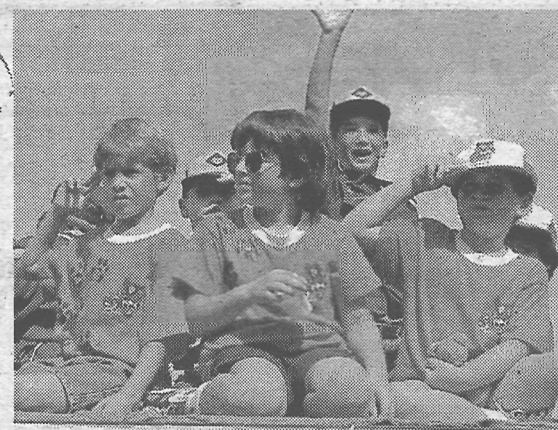


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