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South Plainfield seniors join Borough Council members Dennis Cerami, Ed Kubala and Ray Petronko and Borough Administrator Frank DeRosa, Director of Recreation Mike English and the new center's developer Jack Morris at Monday's demolition. See more pictures on page 11.

## Demolition Paves Way For New Senior Center



Monday morning housing developer Jack Morris razed the old Shell gas station, the first step in building the much awaited senior citizen center. The station, located on the corner of Lakeview and Maple Ave., was

purchased for \$350,000 through a grant from Middlesex County.

Initially, the property directly across the street from Borough Hall was purchased to build the center, but when the gas station closed last year, that

property was deemed a better site.

Jack Morris was on hand to oversee the demolition of the station. He offered to build the senior center as part of a developer's agreement when his company was in front of the Planning Board, asking to build condominiums and townhouses on the site of Coppola Farm on Durham Ave. Morris said he wants to see the footings in the ground before the winter frost.

When completed, the four senior organizations now meeting in Sacred Heart School, the PAL Building, Grant School and the existing senior center on South Plainfield Ave., will be able to meet jointly at the new larger facility.

The building will encompass 10,000-square-feet and is estimated that savings to the borough will be \$1 million.

## School Committees To Offer Suggestions

Last week, the four volunteer citizens committees formed this summer to make suggestions to the Board of Education on the future needs in our schools met to report on their progress. Each committee provided an update of where they are and what they will recommend to the board on building, curriculum and technology. The public relations committee also reported on their efforts of keeping the public informed.

The four committees have been meeting regularly during the summer, sometimes as often as twice a week. Some meetings lasted hours and some produced a lot of debate.

Each committee has taken their mandate seriously, studying different options that could be implemented to prepare for the expected increase in students. They also took into consideration the cost-effectiveness of

each option. The committees considered the input from each other before coming to a decision, such as whether to build or expand the schools.

The findings of each committee will be presented to the entire board at their Oct. 10 meeting. Each committee will present their findings to the entire board. The meeting will take place in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Please note that it was moved from their regular meeting place in Grant School.

Some of the findings of the committees are as follows:

**Curriculum Committee**—The committee took into consideration future school needs. Some of their recommendations include art and music rooms in each elementary school (not the portable carts used in most

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## Emergency Services Meet The Challenge

The South Plainfield police, fire and rescue squads and the Office Emergency Management were kept busy this past week. Emergency calls seemed to be non-stop this past weekend, but South Plainfield emergency personnel responded to each one and kept up with every emergency.

Last Friday, a gas line rupture closed Durham Ave. Over the weekend almost a dozen cars were vandalized in various streets in town. On Sunday, the fire department and rescue squad were called to Rt. 287 twice, once for an accident and once for a car fire. The car fire completely destroyed the vehicle.

Monday was another particularly

active day. The day began with a fire at Recycling Inc., followed by a train striking a truck at Harris Steel. While those incidents were underway, a truck drove down Hamilton Blvd. spilling fuel on the road, requiring a clean-up.

The volunteer fire department and rescue squad were kept busy, answering one call after another. The police department and Office of Emergency Management were also busy.

Everyone performed their jobs so efficiently that many residents weren't even aware of all the incidents that were taking place. They all deserve our thanks for a job well done.

For complete coverage of these incidents see page 10.

## BAG and TAG Need New Members

Councilwoman Darlene Pinto is asking any resident who would like to get involved in our community to contact her.

There are several openings in the Business Advisory Group and the Taxpayers Advisory Group. Both groups advise the mayor and council on important issues. This would be a great opportunity to help South Plainfield move forward.

You can contact Councilwoman Darlene Pinto at 561-1517.

## Deadline For Voter Registration is Oct. 10

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 7 General Election is Oct. 10, 2000. If you are not registered by this date, you will not be able to vote in the November election.

The Municipal Clerk's Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 10 for anyone who needs to register. Applications for Absentee Ballots are also available. The request for an Absentee Ballot must be to the County Board of Elections no later than Oct. 31, 2000. After that date, requests will have to be personally de-

livered to New Brunswick.

It is very easy to become eligible to vote, just fill out the form. It's actually easier than getting a license. Everyone should also make an effort to vote. Part of

being a good citizen is participating in choosing your elected representatives. Show your kids you are responsible and bring them with you when you vote on Nov. 7.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please call (908) 226-7605 or 7606, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**2000  
ELECTION**



Candidates running on the Democratic ticket were guest speakers at this month's Democrats meeting. Left to right are Freeholder Jim Polis, County Clerk Elaine Flynn, Councilman Ray Petronko and Borough Council candidate Bob Cusick. Also attending was South Plainfield resident, Freeholder John Pulomena, who is running for reelection. In addition, a representative from Maryann Connelly's campaign spoke. The theme of the evening was "Get Out The Vote."

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meeting agenda

### council meetings

Meets twice a month

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

**AGENDA MEETING ..... PUBLIC MEETING**

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

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

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

### taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

### siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

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

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

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

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

October 11, November 8, December 13

### board of education meetings

Board Conference Room at Administration Building, on Cromwell Place

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

Committee of the Whole, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., Nov. 21, 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg. 8 p.m., Dec. 19, 8 p.m.

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## In My Opinion Letters

### To the Editor:

On a recent front page of *The Observer*, there was a picture of the speed register device. Below the picture it stated that the device was set up by Franklin School to register the speed of cars going by. I thought that the speed limit near a school was 25 miles an hour, not 35, as the device states. And if the device was on Franklin Ave., I thought the speed limit was 25 miles an hour, unless I assumed wrong for the past 24 years that I have been living on Franklin. I wonder who made the mistake?

**SINCERELY  
JAN SCELSA**

**Clarification:** The Stalker Radar Unit speed sign was set up on Clinton Ave., not Franklin. Although the caption said the sign was "by Franklin School," it would have been more accurate to say "near Franklin on Clinton Ave." You were right, the speed limit is 25 miles an hour on Franklin. Sorry for the misunderstanding.

### To the Editor:

I would just like to clear up some things that were said at the Roosevelt School's 'Back to School Night' held on Sept. 26. A parent questioned PTA President Lori Jankoski about playground equipment which was to be purchased for the school.

Ms. Jankoski got extremely agitated and started yelling at that parent. She said that, "those people did not have any authorization to make this purchase."

Well, just to set the record straight, we did have authorization to do this and this is how it got started. Due to an outstanding fund raising year, the Fifth Grade Project Committee had excess funds after everything was paid for last year. In order to show our appreciation for all the support we received from the parents and children of our school, we decided to give something back to them. On June 19 of this year, two parents from the committee approached Principal Mario Barbieri to ask his permission to purchase a wooden ship for our playground.

Mr. Barbieri said, "Go for it." The custom-built, handicapped-accessible ship was ordered and was to be delivered on June 22. I personally spoke to Lori Jankoski on June 20 and told her of our intentions and she said "that's great." The following day we were told by the Mr. Barbieri that the BOE had stated that we needed to have a site plan before this wooden ship could be delivered.

Long story short, without even the courtesy of a call to anyone on this committee, someone put a stop payment on that check.

Lori Jankoski and Mr. Barbieri both stated they have been working with Mr. Ferri to have new playground equipment for our school—this again is not true.

Myself and another mother had a meeting with Mr. Ferri on Mon-

day and he stated to us that this was the first he has heard of installing playground equipment on the Roosevelt property.

Mr. Barbieri also stated that he wants to wait and get new playground equipment when the new school gets built. I don't think our kids should have to wait that long. Do you??

Mr. Barbieri stated that Lori Jankoski and Diane Gualano are on the BOE Committee for the new school. That is not true! There are parents from Roosevelt School on the committee, but neither one of these woman participated.

If anyone would like to sign a petition or join the playground committee, please contact me. Thank you for your time.

**THERESE MONTUORI,  
A CONCERNED PARENT**

### Dear Editor,

I seemed to have struck a nerve in a Board of Education Employee. I read the remarks from Patricia McLaughlin.

First of all, I have not put letters in every week, even if I have it is my right. What about the other great letters in the paper? The one from Anthony Peluso was super. He is a senior citizen. Is he to be punished by paying extra taxes. He says spending more money is not the answer.

I have asked eight times what happens to the surplus money from one year to another and never got an answer. I also have gotten plenty of people on my side who have thanked me for stating the facts, not just my opinion. I get my facts from the United States Census Bureau and the Dept. of Education from the State of New Jersey! Also, what I have to do with my time is my business.

In Election #1 we needed a Roosevelt School so the old one could be used for administrative space. In Election #2, it was watered down some, but three weeks before the election the Board lowered the class size to cause overcrowding.

I am not bashing the town, just the poorly run Board of Ed we have in South Plainfield. I used the street sweepers for an example on how better we could use the tax dollars instead of throwing it out the window while this waste is being planned. They still do not know how many new students are coming into South Plainfield or what about the ones that leave?

If we have to pay more taxes for things the town needs which are important to safety, or something everyone can use or enjoy—no problem. As for giving the Board of Education extra tax dollars, it is better to open your window and throw your money out.

I feel for the senior citizens, who have to pay extra taxes. Most care about our children, but can see through the smoke.

The voters spoke twice and they will speak again in election #3! I will always VOTE NO for anything the Board of Education wants.

Being sarcastic is not the word. My family has dated back to the late 1800's in South Plainfield. My dad's uncle signed the original charter for the town. My family has done enough for its town, state and country. My Mom was in PTA from the late 50's and was PTA president of Roosevelt School in 1966 and 1973, when she didn't have any children going to school in South Plainfield.

If you have nothing better to do, why don't you read the other letters or find out about the standings of schools in Middlesex County. Also, we have a superintendent who wants, wants and wants, but is he going to be paying more in tax dollars to South Plainfield? Heck no, he is like most of the teachers in South Plainfield; grab the big bucks and live in a cheaper area.

Also, if you were smart, you would send all three of your children to a private school now so when they reach a private high school they won't be that far behind the rest of the students. Believe me I know that for fact!

**TONY PISANIELLO**

## MISSING!

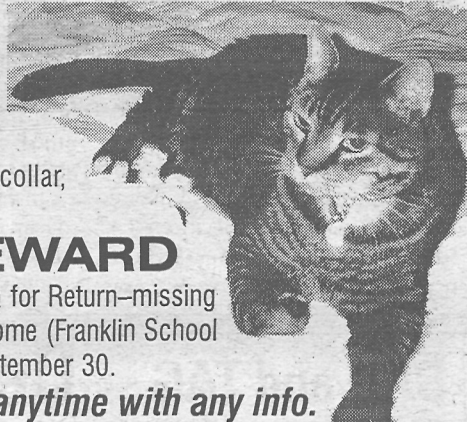
### Meyko, the Cat

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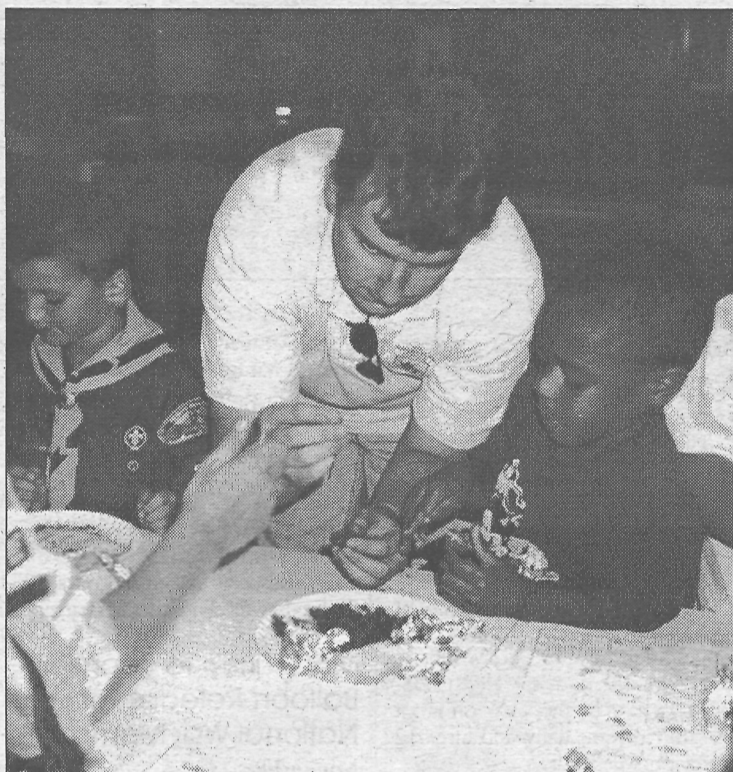
## Mayor Sets Nov. 15— Recycling Day

To focus attention on the importance of recycling and to encourage businesses, industries, state agencies, non profit organizations and individuals to recycle, the mayor is asking everyone to join together to celebrate "America Recycles Day."

In a proclamation read at last week's council meeting, the mayor encouraged every employee and resident of South Plainfield to pledge to start or enhance recycling programs and to buy recycled products on Nov. 15. "America Recycles Day" is one day everyone can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling and buying.

The theme this year is, "If you're not buying recycled, you're not really recycling."

The Borough of South Plainfield and Middlesex County have successfully achieved a 60% recycling rate for their total solid waste generation, by implementing one of the most aggressive recycling programs in the nation. New Jersey recycles over 10 million tons of material annually.



At their first pack meeting of the new school year, scouts from John E. Riley School Scout Pack 224 were treated to a presentation on the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Dr. Michael Horne, Fish and Wildlife Biologist and W. Tarik Adams, Refuge Operations Specialist, both of the National U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, showed the boys an informative video about the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge, located in Basking Ridge. The boys learned about the animals that live in the Great Swamp and why the area is being protected. The scouts were able to practice being biologists when each was given an "owl pellet" that they dissected with toothpicks to discover what animals the owls had eaten. Each boy received a "Junior" Great Swamp Refuge Manager badge to commemorate their activity. Pack 224 meets on the third Wednesday of the month at John E. Riley School. New members are always welcome.

## 3300 South Clinton Ave. Gets Glitter Award



3300 South Clinton was awarded the Glitter Award from the South Plainfield Clean Business Association

Last week, Eric Baron, vice president of Peter Sorce Companies, accepted the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award from Joe Diegnan, CBA president. Peter Sorce Companies owns and manages 3300 South Clinton Ave., a building that catches the eye with its neatly manicured lawn and row of weeping willows along the road.

Peter Sorce Companies constructed the building about twenty years ago with the intention of renting the space for warehousing and

light manufacture. Many of the occupants, such as V.A. Tramontano and Binder Machinery, are long-time tenants. They share responsibility for property maintenance with the owners. A drive around the property shows the back of the building, including the loading docks, to be as clean as the frontage. The landscaping service also patrols the grounds for litter and trash as well as caring for the lawns and trees.

"Keeping litter under control doesn't take a lot of time if you stay

with it," Baron noted.

Baron told Diegnan that his company's number one goal is constant maintenance. They restripe the parking lot every year and repaint the building every few years. He is planning to renovate the landscaping next spring, to add more flowers and shrubs in the lawn area. Baron said he thinks South Plainfield is a great community and Peter Sorce Companies is happy to help keep the town looking its best.

The CBA gives Glitter Awards to South Plainfield businesses and organizations that are unusually well maintained or have recently improved their appearance through renovation or landscaping. Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share its goals of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control.

For more information, contact A. Tempel at (908) 226-7621.

### Yard Waste Site Winter Hours Begin

Note that the Yard Waste Site started winter hours on Oct. 1. From Oct. 1 through March 15, the Yard Waste Site will be open only on Saturdays from 8 to 3.

Visit our website: [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com).

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for more news from South Plainfield Library. And we start off this week with news about bargains:

The Friends of the Library "\$1 a Bag" book sale is set for tomorrow from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. In addition, we've got another sort of sale tomorrow. We've been cleaning out our closets and we've found a bunch of equipment that we just can't use and can't find storage space for. The equipment includes a 16mm projector, a record player and a video camera and recorder. But, don't get your hopes up; these aren't going for a \$1 a bag. Interested parties can submit sealed bids for the items during the book sale; the winners will be notified right away. Please stop by and see what's available. And here's advance word about another Friends event: They're holding a children's Pumpkin Painting program on Saturday, Oct. 21. It's for kids of all ages, but space is limited. Call (908) 754-7885 to pre-register by Oct. 16. At this writing, the Friends are still deciding on times and fees; call us for the latest details.

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

This month's meeting of the Library Board of Trustees, originally scheduled for Tuesday, has been rescheduled. It's now set for Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs is in place for next week. They're held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. The

programs are for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is needed. Plus, there are two more special children's programs on the horizon. There's the October Kidcraft program on Oct. 20 and our Halloween program on the Oct. 24. Stay tuned for more details, or check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

We've had another change in our Circuit collections. We're between groups on the Audiobook Circuit today. The next group will be available later on this month.

You may have noticed something missing at the library: displays. There's open space on our display wall and in our display cabinets this month. If you're interested in filling up that space, please call and ask for Mildred Condon.

Sunday marks the start of Fire Prevention week. During this time, it's a good idea for families to know both how to prevent fires and how to escape from them. We're in a position to help you gain that knowledge. Our children's video section includes, *Donald's Fire Survival Plan*, the now-classic public service film from Disney that was shown for many years in schools. (At least, when I was in school.) In this video, Donald Duck and his nephews learn the dos and don'ts of fire prevention and fire survival. In addition, we have several other tapes in both the juvenile and adult sections dealing with home safety. Videocassettes can be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

That's about it for now. Please feel free to send us your comments and questions. See you next week.

## Home Depot Renews Hamilton Blvd. Adoption

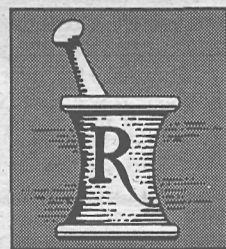
Last week, Lisa Granskie, Office Manager of the Home Depot Corporate Office at 3096 Hamilton Blvd., signed an agreement with the Clean Business Association to renew the Home Depot's adoption of their Hamilton Blvd. frontage.

Since 1995, the Home Depot has adopted the stretch of Hamilton Blvd. between South Clinton Ave. and AJV Auto. The road there runs along the I-287 right-of-way. Plastic bags, advertising fliers and fast food packaging tend to blow across the road from the Home Depot parking lot and accumulate against the I-287 fence. Six to eight Home Depot employees go out every other week to clean the roadside of this unsightly litter.

The Home Depot won the CBA's

Glitter Award in 1992, for initiating their litter cleanups, even before the CBA started its Adopt-A-Spot program. Renewing their Adopt-A-Spot agreement is one of many examples of the Home Depot's commitment to their host community. They contribute generously to a variety of volunteer projects around the borough, including the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve. Employees have also participated in the Borough's Earth Day Volunteer Litter Pickup, working at the Durham Ave. overpass.

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



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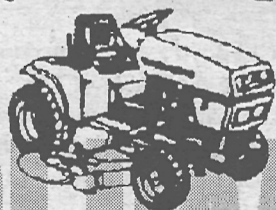
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# Events

## Around Town

### Franklin School to Host 3rd Annual Fall Harvest Festival

Franklin School will host the 3rd annual Fall Harvest Festival on Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. An error in the school calendar listed the date as the 7th.

The event will take place rain or shine at Franklin School. Kids will enjoy booths and games. Hand-made crafts, Tupperware and flea market items will be available. DARE and the fire dept. Raffles will be held.

Tables are still available, call 668-0957.

### AARP Events Include Meetings, Dinner Theatre

The AARP Chapter 4144 will meet the third Friday of the month at the PAL on Maple Ave. The needlecrafters of Chapter 4144 AARP will meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m., also at the PAL.

The program for the Oct. 20 meeting will be a slide show and talk about a trip to Wales by Dorothy and Henry Meriwether of South Plainfield. Featured will be Conway and Caernarfon castles, Bodnant Gardens, Tenby and Pembrokeshire Coastal Path. New members and guests are welcome.

You don't have to be a member to take the Oct. 19 trip to The Evergreen Dinner Theatre to see the classic revival of "I Remember, Mama." The cost of \$55 includes the meal, the show and transportation from South Plainfield. Call (732) 968-6613 or 752-3764 for reservations. Checks to AARP #4144 are due on sign-up.

### Senior Citizens Monthly Meeting Set

**October 6**

The South Plainfield Senior Citizens (formerly the Adult School Seniors) will hold their monthly meeting at 11 a.m., at the PAL building on Maple Ave. on Oct. 6.

After the meeting, coffee and cake will be served. Please call 754-1047 for further information and transportation.

### Columbiettes Sponsoring Chinese Auction

**October 6**

South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a Chinese auction on Friday, Oct. 6 in Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m. Drawings start at 7:30 p.m.

The \$6 admission includes a sheet of auction tickets and a door prize for all who attend.

Prizes include a shopping spree, TV/VCR, espresso/cappuccino coffee bar, bake and broil toaster oven, Kitchen Aid mixer with accessories and much more.

An added table this year is a boy's and girl's Christmas stocking, valued at over \$75 each. Proceeds from this table will benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital.

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

Upcoming events include:

- Shopping trip to Reading, Pa. on Nov. 4. Cost is \$18.

- Country Western Dinner Dance on Nov. 18 at Bobby & Mary's in Piscataway.

- Christmas Show and Dinner at the Spinning Wheel in Conn. on Dec. 2. Cost is \$50.

All events are open to the public. For information, call Mary Ann (908) 226-1222.

### Korean War Veterans Meeting

**October 10**

The Middlesex County Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association will meet Tuesday, Oct. 10, at VFW Post #6763, 155 Front Street at 3 p.m. Korean War Veterans are invited to attend.

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

### The Big Scoop Dinner

**October 12**

SPHS Project Graduation will hold a Big Scoop Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 12 in the South Plainfield High School Cafeteria. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens, 5 p.m. for general admission.

The cost is 50 cents per scoop, complimentary beverage ticket for senior citizens. Eat in or take home.

All proceeds to benefit SPHS Project Graduation.

### VFW Ladies Auxiliary Plans Italian Nite

**October 13**

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6763 VFW will hold an Italian Nite at the Post Home on Front Street on Oct. 13. Donation is \$6.

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

### Summer Drama Workshop Kickoff Meeting

**October 16**

The Summer Drama Workshop will be selecting new officers and committee people for the upcoming 2001 summer production. Anyone interested in becoming an officer or committee chairperson should attend the Oct. 16 meeting at the South Plainfield High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please call Bob Publik at (908) 755-2709.

### Korean War Commemorative Dinner-Dance

**October 20**

The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Middlesex Chapter Korean War Veterans Association, will be held on Friday, Oct. 20 at VFW Post #6763, 155 Front St. from 7 p.m. to midnight. Cost of \$15 includes catered buffet, beverages and music by "Show-Offs."

For information, call (908) 668-9751, or stop by the VFW on Front St. after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on weekends.

### Music Booster Festival

**October 22**

On Oct. 22, come hear some wonderful music provided by the South Plainfield High School Marching Band and Chorus under the direction of Mark Tweed, Tracy Murray, Kathy Petrocelli and Angela Gallagher.

You will be amazed and dazzled by what our students can achieve! There will also be good food and fun!! You will be treated to some wonderful sounds and sights as Marching Bands from around the state perform at our festival. Hope to see you there.

### Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show

**October 22**

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Fashion Show/Brunch on Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Italian American Club, Somerset St., North Plainfield, at 12 noon.

Fashions will be presented by Dress Barn and Fashion Bug, and the Answer Store in Menlo Park. Come out and join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of food, fun and fashions. Raffles include our traditional holiday baskets, a weekend at the Doubletree Suites, luggage and more exciting prizes.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any auxiliary member or by calling Joan at (908) 754-8275. Tickets won't be sold at the door.

### Polish Home Trip to Atlantic City

**October 22**

The Polish National Home, 312 New Market Ave., will be sponsoring a bus trip to Show Boat Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Tickets are \$18 and \$20 with coin return. The bus will leave the Polish Home parking lot at 12 noon.

For reservations and info, call (908) 757-3428.

### 3rd Annual Octoberfest At St. Stephen's Church

**October 28**

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Third Annual Octoberfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28. Two sittings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. will feature all-you-can-eat authentic German food. Tickets for adults are \$11 and children 5-12 are \$6. Take out dinners will also be available.

Tickets are available from the church office by calling (908) 757-4474. Reservations are encouraged. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

### McCriskin's to Sponsor Balloon Release for National War Memorial

**November 11**

Hundreds of red, white and blue balloons will be released over South Plainfield on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The event is being coordinated by McCriskin Home For Funerals. A nationwide release will occur at the same time (2 p.m. EST) as a part of a nationwide effort to raise money to build a National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

You can sponsor a memorial gift of at least \$10 in exchange for a biodegradable helium balloon. Then join in at the simultaneous nationwide balloon.

McCriskin is encouraging family members and friends to release the \$10 sponsored balloons in the name of a veteran or home front worker. The person's name can be written on the balloon before it is released. All donations will go help to build the memorial.

Individuals or organizations interested in sponsoring a balloon or who would like further information should contact McCriskin Home For Funerals at (908) 561-8000.

### SPHS Class of 1980 Reunion Slated for Nov.

**November 25**

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

Invitations will be sent out in late

Sept. Contact Jim Insel at (908) 713-0193 or Susan Graves Metz at susanmetz@worldnet.att.net.

### Events In Surrounding Towns

#### Brass Lantern Events

The Brass Lantern, located on Main Street in Metuchen, announced several events for October.

They are the Metuchen Town Fair on Oct. 7; Boyd's Fall Special Event on Oct. 14; Lanie from Old Village Paint will demonstrate faux paint techniques from on Oct. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. and a Victorian Santa signing with Old World Christmas on Oct. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.

#### Woodbridge Wows to Hold Dance/Social

The Woodbridge Widows & Widowers (WOWS), a non-sectarian group sponsored by the Family Life Services of the Diocese of Metuchen, sponsors a dance the third Sunday of each month at the Woodbridge Elks, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, 7:30 to 11:30.

For more information, call (732) 826-4714 or (908) 757-0515.

#### Middlesex East WOWS to Hold Dance/Social

The Middlesex East WOWS (Widows and Widowers) Carteret Chapter, a non-sectarian group sponsored by the Family Life Services of the Diocese of Metuchen, will sponsor dances on the second Friday of each month as well, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Members are \$7, guests are \$8.

Also every fifth Friday of the month an open dance is held, where everyone is invited, starting at 7:30. Guests are \$8.00, live music will be featured and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (732) 826-4714 or (908) 757-0515.

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## The Brass Lantern

**On Saturday, Oct. 14 you are invited to attend a free demonstration of faux painting techniques.**

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Also, on October 14 Boyd's will be introducing new bear family... The Wishkabbles. This special event will be featuring Lizzie, the first member of the Wishkabbable Clan. She will be available ONE DAY ONLY, October 14, 2000. Whatta Day for a party!

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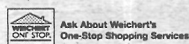
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## St. Joseph's HS Holding Service Auction

October 7

St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen will be holding a 'Service Auction' on Monday, Oct. 7 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for light dinner, beer and wine and bid on services like gourmet dinners, plumbing services, concert tickets and much more.

The cost is \$10. For further information, contact Al Federici at 908-276-1903.

## Benefit Comedy Show

October 12

On October 12, a comedy show, Comedy For Kids Benefit, made up of five New Jersey local comics (clean), will be performing to raise money for the Boys and Girls clubs of Union County. The show will be held at Zupko's Cinema, 450 North Ave., Dunellen. Proceeds from the show will not only generate revenue for the Boys and Girls Club's efforts to bring a center to the town of Plainfield, but also bring fun and laughter to the community.

Headlining the show are five local comics, Johnny Watson, Chip Ambrogia, Tom Cernac, Davin, Dave Laker and Pat Lamb.

George Seibert, organizer of the show, said that the idea was born out desire to contribute to inner city or urban kids and provide them with options other than what already exists in their environment. Seibert is not just interested in generating revenues for the show, but also developing corporate and private sponsorship to fund this project.

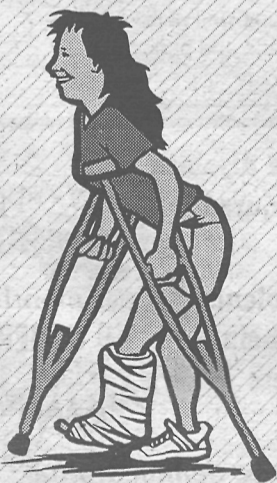
Donation is \$20 for ages 18 and older. Doors open at 9; show begins at 9:30 p.m.

If you would like further info or would like to contribute to this cause, call Peg at the Union County Boys and Girls Center, (908) 687-7976 ext. 4.

## Autumn Craft Fair/3rd Annual Silent Auction

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Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Route 206 and Homestead Road, Belle Mead, will hold its 15th Annual Craft Fair and third annual Silent Auction on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Featured are a luncheon counter and a baked goods table, also with theme baskets and gift certificates up for auction.

For more information on how to participate, contact Kathy Schramm at (908) 369-6228.

## Family Fun Day Planned

October 28

The Hydewood Park Baptist Church on the corner of Manning and Norwood Aves. in North Plainfield will be hold a Family Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1-5 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free.

There will be games, prizes, music, moonwalk, clown, magic show, car wash, face painting, refreshments, crafts, kids' fingerprinting and ID cards, bike inspections, blood pressure check, prayer table and more. For more information, call (908) 754-6363.

## Koinonia Academy Plans Tricky Tray Auction

November 3

The Koinonia Academy, located on 1040 Plainfield Ave. in Plainfield is sponsoring a Tricky Tray Auction on Friday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. Koinonia is right on the border of South Plainfield.

The admission is \$8 and includes a sheet of tickets, desserts and beverages and a chance for valuable door prizes.

For reservations, call (908) 464-1389. Tickets will be sold at the door on a first come, first service basis.

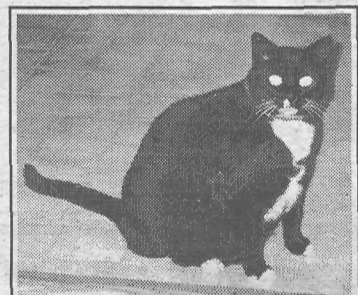
## Tourette Support Group Sets Meeting Dates

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 Nov. 14.

Scheduled speaker is Adam Bloom, psychologist, specializing in 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



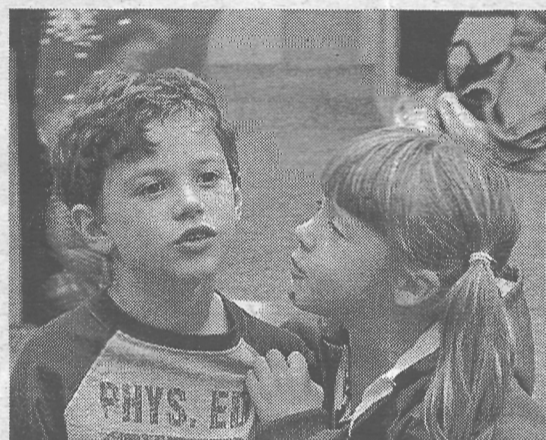
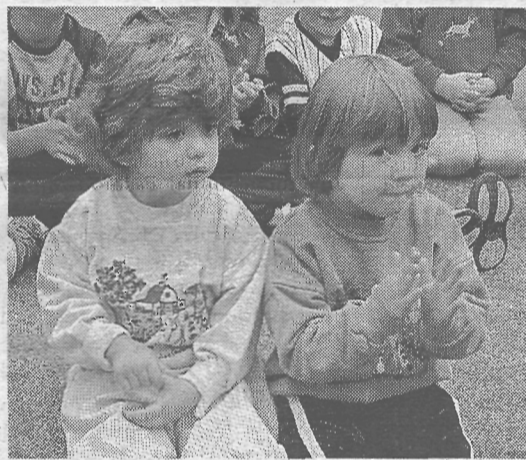
## "Boo" is Home!

Thanks very much to Michael, Valerie and Destiny for the return of our missing cat.

We are very grateful.



## Mr. Tim Presents a Sing-A-Long At Library



By Patricia Abbott

The SP Library recently presented a sing-a-long with "Mr. Tim." Over 30 youngsters gathered on the main floor to join him. They danced and sang and clapped and at one point surged forward to surround him. This prompted most parents to come forward to move their excited children back to their seats. Despite the overwhelming reaction, Mr. Tim held his ground and continued singing, at one point holding his guitar over head. Calm resumed after the youths were given kazoos to join in the music and a good time was had by all. Tim Lawlor, who began working as a part time Library Assistant in the late spring, is currently in his first semester at Rutgers University. He spent seven years in the US Marines.

## Special Notice For Board Members

The South Plainfield Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in Grant School gymnasium, has been changed to the high school auditorium on Lake Street. Action will be taken to establish a capital reserve account. Also, the citizen committees will give their presentations on the building program reports.

A special public meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. to discuss the following: Public Presentation of the Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR), Board Action on the Proposed Building Program and Personnel Actions.

## News From Taxpayers Advisory Council (TAG)

At the Sept. 28, public meeting of the mayor and council, the Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) made its inaugural presentation of the Member Emeritus Award, granted for distinguished service to TAG. Harry Kuhn, chairman of the group, made the presentations to Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher, for his support and leadership in advancing the cause of participatory democracy through the establishment of the Taxpayers Advisory Group, both Council President James Vokral and Councilman Ed Kubala: "for promoting the establishment of and sustaining support for the Taxpayers Advisory Group," to Councilman Vincent Buttiglieri, "for his enthusiastic dedication to his role as liaison between the governing body and the Taxpayers Advisory Group," Frank Cornell "for formulating his valued opinions based upon supporting documentation," a standard which Mr. Kuhn said TAG has adopted for itself to achieve in formulating advisory position statements. Also in attendance was Richard Petrone, TAG's vice-chairman. Petrone and Kuhn are the only remaining charter members.

The Taxpayers Advisory Group, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., in a memo to the mayor and council at its Sept. 28 meeting, presented its positions on a variety of matters being considered. TAG's consensus is to support the Senior Housing Initiative, the Length of Service Award for the firefighters and rescue squad members who volunteer

their time to serve our community, the hiring of an assistant to the borough clerk, the purchase of the Stalker Radar unit with the proviso that it be used to enforce the posted speed limits and not merely as a cautionary alert to drivers. They also acknowledge their appreciation for the fiscal accounting document prepared by Borough Administrator Mr. Frank De Rosa.

Also contained in the memo was a reference to needing approximately four or five new members who can make the monthly commitment to TAG's primary purpose of developing, by group consensus, advisory comments for the mayor and council at its fourth Thursday public meetings.

TAG's meetings are open to the public; however, as Kuhn indicated, its meetings are work-sessions and not intended to supplant the civic responsibility of taxpayers to attend public meetings of the mayor and council to express their own opinions. TAG is apolitical and thusly does not allow itself to be perceived as nor acting as representatives of the collective voice of the borough's taxpayers.

After the meeting, Kuhn and Petrone met with the *South Plainfield Observer* and mentioned their concerns for strict enforcement of the State Law requiring drivers to yield to the pedestrian at all marked crosswalks throughout the borough and enforcement of all local ordinances they believe to be statements of quality of life standards.

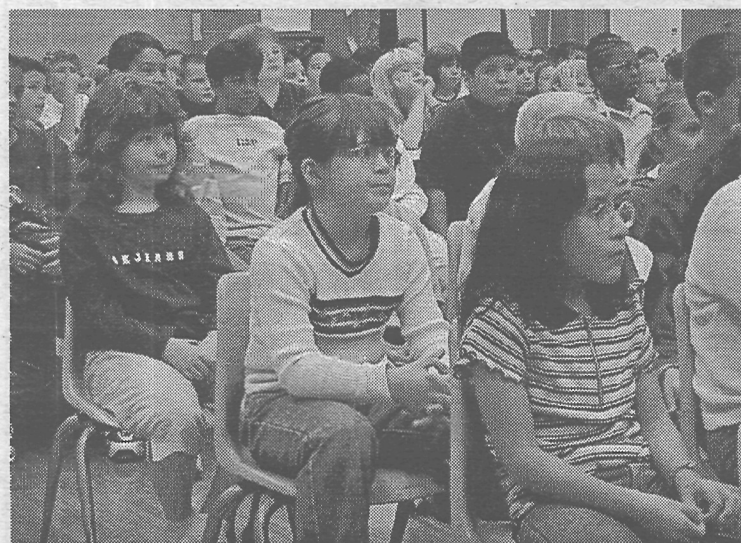
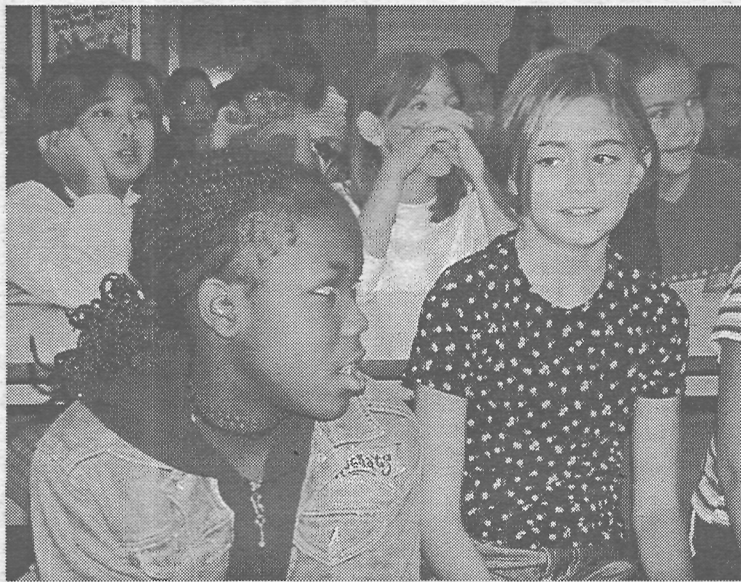
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## Riley School Students Learn Conflict Resolution Through Puppet Show

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Larger than life rabbits along with toe tapping, hand-clapping theme songs were the medium for "Building Bridges," a theatrical lesson dealing with conflict and mediation at Riley School.

Riley students' attention was riveted to the colorful sets and the school age rabbit/students whose lives seemed to parallel theirs with similar daily issues.

The rabbits, rod puppets on a six foot high stage, performed a musical play that follow a "student's" day—from thoughts and feelings entered into a daily journal to the conflicts encountered at home, on the bus, in school, on the playground and in the neighborhood. They argued with parents and dealt with teasing and bullies. As each encounter unfolds the "student" discovers there are peaceful solutions to conflict.

The show was presented by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre of Baltimore, Maryland. "Building Bridges" was created by the theatre's writers Michael Cotter and Jeremy Young. "Building Bridges" sends the message that there are alternatives to fighting. It introduces and supports peer

mediation and other means of peaceful conflict resolution.

Blue Sky Puppet Theatre was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to writing and performing original scripts and music for children and

family audiences. The humorous productions reinforce self-esteem, goal-setting, energy conservation, drug and alcohol abuse education, brotherhood, individuality and more.



## School Committees To Offer Suggestions

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elementary schools), upgrade the computer labs with one lab per elementary school, media centers should be reviewed and meet the requirements of the student population; the availability of world language, science labs and instrumental music rooms in each school (can be a multi-purpose room); conversion of graphic arts, mechanical drawing and wood shop classes into TV studios, CAD labs and design tech rooms to meet changing trends. Other suggestions included the use of the gymnasiums as multi-

purpose rooms and possibility of adding stages in the gyms. The Middle School gym should be renovated, but should be done through capital funds.

**Public Relations**—The public relations committee sent out questionnaires and its members have attended every back to school night. In the process they have not only been getting voter opinion, they have registered many new voters. Surveys are still being returned to the committee. Most filled out the survey and gave their views on what should be done.

Some residents didn't pull any punches on how they felt about a new referendum and offered some sarcastic comments, bordering on rude, but the committee explained that they asked the residents opinions and have passed on the results to the other committees.

**Building**—The building committee had the most heated discussions and had to make the hardest choices. They poured over several options and factored in what each would cost. They will recommend the elementary schools be converted to K-4 grades and a new Roosevelt School be built, but not at the same cost of the last proposal. They also suggested that the current Roosevelt School be used as an administrative office and for the Future Stars Preschool.

To get a better handle on how the committees came to their conclusions, what projections of future enrollment will be and what technology we will need, attend the meeting of the board on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in the high school.

The board will be proposing a new voter referendum, probably early next year. A date has not yet been set.

## Silent Witness Exhibit Addresses Domestic Violence

In an effort to raise public consciousness during "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month," the Middlesex County Silent Witness Committee are sponsoring a *Silent Witness Exhibit*. The exhibit consists of red, life-sized silhouettes, each representing a domestic violence murder victim in Middlesex County since 1990, and a single silhouette in memory of all other New Jersey victims who have been slain through an act of domestic violence. The story of each victim is written on the chest plate of the Silent Witness figure so each one becomes a real person—not a statistic.

Featured speaker at Rutgers Student Center, Main Lounge on College Ave. in New Brunswick on Oct. 5 is Arline Friscia, Assemblywoman, 19th District, *Legislative Interventions and Assistance in Regards to Family Violence*.

On Oct. 6, a Candlelight Vigil begins promptly at 7 p.m. at the Student Center and will proceed to Brower Commons. "Broke and Busted" featuring local performing artists Barbara Harley and Al Lind, will join throughout the vigil, performing amongst other songs the Silent Witness Anthem, "Out of the Darkness".

## SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS: What's Ahead? Autumn 2000

### OCTOBER

- 5 High School: Back to School Night  
High School: HSPT Grade 11
- 6 Franklin: School pictures
- 9 Schools/Offices Closed: Columbus Day/Yom Kippur  
Kennedy: 5th Grade Stokes Trip
- 10 Curriculum Half Day: Early Student Dismissal  
High School: HSPT Make-up  
Board of Ed. (COW) Meeting: 8 p.m.  
Kennedy: 5th Grade Stokes Trip
- 11 Franklin: Book Fair  
High School: HSPT Make-up  
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- 12 Franklin: Book Fair  
High School: HSPT Make-up  
High School: Scoop Dinner
- 13 Franklin: Book Fair  
High School: Homecoming: vs. Monroe
- 14 Franklin: Harvest Festival  
High School: SATs Administered
- 16 Kennedy: PTO Meeting
- 17 Regular Board of Ed. Meeting: 8 p.m.
- 21 High School: PSATs Administered
- 26 Kennedy: Pumpkin Sale
- 27 Kennedy: Pumpkin Sale  
Middle School: Halloween Dance: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Riley: Halloween Dance  
Roosevelt: Halloween Pumpkin Patch  
Franklin: Halloween Parade and parties  
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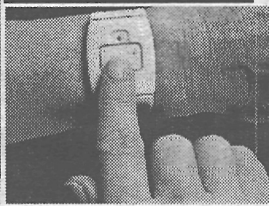
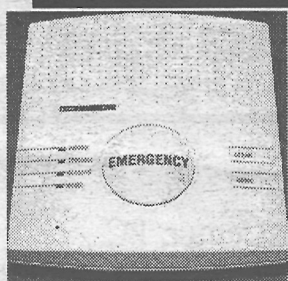
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From the Democratic Council Candidates.....

## Petronko and Cusick Announce Start of New Senior Recreation Center

Democratic Council member Ray Petronko and his running mate Bob Cusick made the following

Plainfield from a group that did nothing but borrow, spend and raise taxes. The senior center project shows how innovative your new Democratic Mayor and Council are. It's no coincidence that South Plainfield is considered one of the best run communities in Middlesex County. If I am elected to serve on the council, I am committed to continue this approach to government."

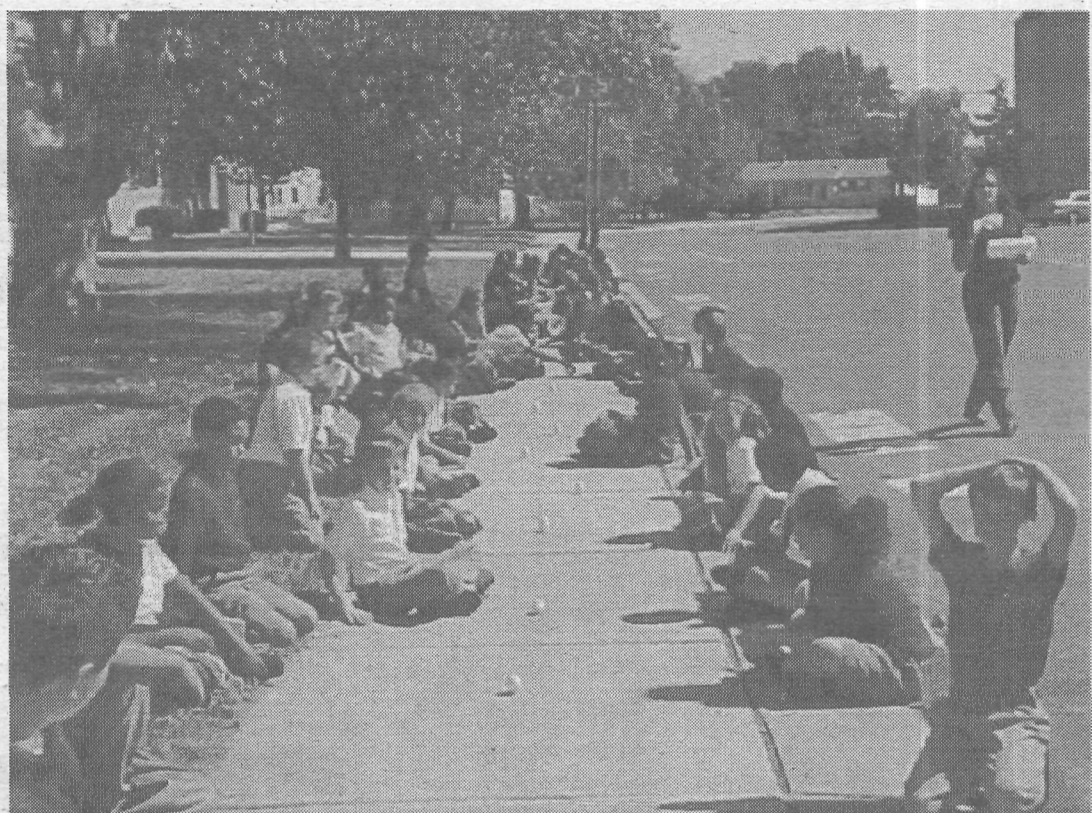
Ray Petronko summed up the Democrats' position saying, "The Senior Rec Center is just one of many projects which are nearing completion this year. More good things are going on in South Plainfield today than in the last twenty years put together. Next week the houses at the intersection of Oak Tree Avenue and Park Avenue will be demolished to double the size of Putnam Park. Between now and election day, Bob Cusick and I will be talking in depth about the many projects which will keep South Plainfield the best town in Middlesex County. After you look at the record of accomplishment, your choice should be easy, vote for the team that will Keep A Good Thing Going....Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick for Borough Council."

comments in reference to the demolition of the former Shell station, which will make way for a new, state-of-the-art Senior Recreation Center. Council member Petronko said, "No single project better epitomizes the way the mayor and council address a need in South Plainfield, than the new Senior Center. In less than six months, our seniors will have a new center of their own at no cost to the taxpayers of South Plainfield."

Here's how it happened. When we noticed the Shell station was closing last year, we immediately had an appraisal done to determine its value, which was \$365,000. Every year the Borough receives approximately \$50,000 in county funds for community development projects. Middlesex County allowed us to get, not only this year's funds, but also the next five years to buy the land for the center.

Next, Jack Morris, local developer, offered to build the 10,000-square-foot building as part of his planning board obligation towards off site improvements for the borough. Finally, our Assemblyperson, Gerry Green, fought to get South Plainfield \$20,000 of state funds to furnish the center after its finished. Therefore, a center which would have cost over \$1,000,000 to build is underway with no impact on our borough budget."

Bob Cusick expanded on his running mate's statement, "Ray Petronko is too humble to mention it, but he has been in the lead in putting together the plans for the Senior Rec Center since day one. Projects of this importance don't come about without a lot of hard work. I'm simply amazed at the planning that went into getting the center built without using tax dollars or borrowed money to do it. Six years ago the Democrats took back South



Fourth grade science students at Sacred Heart School welcome in the Autumn Equinox at 1:27 p.m. on Sept. 22 by standing eggs on end.

## SAGE Program Offers Tips for Elder-care Providers

A five-part series called 'Caring for You, Caring for Me' will be presented on Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 29, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the SAGE Spend-A-Day Health Center located at 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.

The workshops are being given by SAGE in cooperation with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of

Union County and the Union County Division on Aging with the aim of relieving some of the stress faced by caregivers of the elderly.

According to a study conducted for the Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New Jersey has more than 795,800 caregivers who spend approximately 740 million hours an-

nually, at a cost of \$6,059,200, taking care of older family members. The majority of the caregivers — 73 percent — are women.

The \$10 workshop fee includes materials and refreshments. Pre-registration is required.

For additional information or to register, call (908) 654-9854.

## SPHS Marching Band Performs in Triton Competition

On Sept. 30, the South Plainfield High School Marching Band performed in the 19th Annual Triton Marching Band Field Competition and placed fifth out of eight bands in their Group II division, with a score of 74.8.

A band is scored on Visual Proficiency (20 points possible), Music Proficiency (40 points), General Effect Visual (20 points) and General Effect Music (20 points).

The Marching Tigers scored 12 points more than their previous competition score, playing to the score from the box office hit "Gladiator." The High School Marching Band is under the direction of Mark S. Tweed and Assistant Band Director Joe Borgese. Color Guard coordinators are Kathy Petrocelli and Angela Gallagher. The Tigers next competition will be on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Highland High School.

Anyone interested in watching the Tigers perform locally can see them at home football games or in exhibition on Oct. 22 at Jost Field in South Plainfield, for their 19th annual Marching Band Festival which starts at 1 p.m.

—Submitted by Patricia Publik



Pictured from left to right, Brian Publik-Drum Captain, Tiffany Boyle-Color Guard Lieutenant, Alisa Gittens-Drum Major, Kristin Turner-Color Guard Captain, Allison Provaire-Drum Major, Jamie Glowacki-Color Guard Lieutenant and Greg Ogonowski-Student Band Director.

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# Sports



Photos by Carolyn Parisi

Pop Warner Football season is underway. See next week's issue for names of players and cheerleaders.

## Blaze U-12 Girls Stifle Princeton's Roar

In the first half of their third game and facing the Princeton Roar at Princeton things got off to a slow start for South Plainfield Blaze U-12 girls traveling soccer team. Princeton Roar opened up the scoring by registering an unassisted tally in the 16th minute to go up 1-nil.

Blaze determined not to be out done, answered back with a score of their own in the 24th minute, on an assist from Tiffany Smith and help from Ashley Little and Kate Hardy sailed a shot from inside the eighteen to tie the game. Halftime produced a 1-1 tie.

Making adjustments at halftime and with an offense that seemed relentless, Blaze came out firing. In the 41st minute our center mid fielder Jennifer Copeland on an assist from Lauren Fry and Denise Lopez, blasted in a shot for their second score to go up by one. Our mid fielder's Dorian Bishop, Joy Maszczak and Katelyn Conrad dominated the middle and helped

to set up their third score in the 59th minute on a breakaway from the right side, Kate Hardy registered her second strike of the game and fourth of the season.

Holding on to our 3-1 lead and under pressure from Princeton Roar the defense, which allowed only one goal in three games, prevailed. Controlling the middle Jenna DeLillo, Elizabeth Flannery and Jackie Miller sent all crossed balls wide, while Ashleigh Gaspari, Megan Boyle and Tiffany Smith stopped all attacks outside. But the real excitement came in the closing minutes of the game, when under strong pressure and in as keeper Becky Keller proved to us all how talented an athlete she is by making three spectacular saves to preserve the win. Congratulations Girls!

Visit the South Plainfield Soccer Club web site at [www.sopldsoccerclub.com](http://www.sopldsoccerclub.com).

Submitted by Coach Hardy

## United Stuns Elizabeth 2-0

This past Sunday the team took a ride up to Elizabeth to play the third game of the season.

With a couple of the teams key players missing, the stage was set, with Steve Dvorak taking center stage on defense, along with Danny Hubner and Nick Baldassarre, thus allowing goalkeeper Anthony Moretti to record his third consecutive shutout in as many weeks.

The midfield again became the center of attention with smart

playmaking. They created holes in the Elizabeth defense, allowing Jack Ilerena and Chris Herbster to put the ball past the Elizabeth keeper, sending the loud home team crowd on a short, but quiet ride home.

This coming Sunday, the boys will be taking a well deserved Sunday off and then they will travel the following Sunday to visit rival East Brunswick.

## Typhoons Get Back on Winning Track

The boys Under-11 Typhoons (2-1), bounced back following a tough loss the previous week by defeating the Woodbridge Warriors 2-0 at Riley School.

Goalie Grey Coppi and a strong defense, led by the play of J.R. Licato, stopped all serious scoring opportunities by the Warriors and secured the shutout and their second win of the year.

The Typhoons offense took the lead early following a strong throw-in by Brandon Ullom and

a well placed crossing pass by David Alston to a wide open Brian Fabino who put it in for his first goal of the season and a 1-0 lead.

Highlighted by the strong play of halfbacks Brandon Ullom, John Pollizano and Brendan O'Shea, the Typhoons continued to fend off any threats by the opposing team and turned the ball back upfield where the forwards were able to keep control. And

then a little more than midway through the second half, John Christ dropped a beautiful pass to David Alston who promptly fired the ball to the far corner of the net for his third goal of the year and a lead that they would not be relinquished.

The Typhoons hope to tack another win this Sunday against Hunterdon United at Riley School starting at 1:30 p.m., before playing five straight road games.

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# Sports



High School Varsity Team

## 2000 Boys Soccer Roster

**Seniors:** Jesse Cortese, Matt Gati, Victor Kurilew, Ryan Lindgren, Lam Nguyen, Joe Nicolay

**Juniors:** Marc Arancio, Michael Brooks, Kamel Conde, Philip DeGennaro, Andrew Falocco, Alan Graziano, Eric Kim, Scott Morrison, Matt Noll, William Olson, Ricky Ringel, Thomas Sniscak, Thomas Troia, Michael Tudor, Dwayne Walker  
**Sophomores:** Milton Bravo, Michael Conrad, James Curcio, Dale Goberdhan, Glenn Gross, Francisco Guevara, Chris Hewitt, Sean Keane, Brandon Lindgren, Danny Melick, Richard Muglia, Walberto Orellana, John Rayho, Juan Rincon, Joseph Smalley, Jeffrey Smith

**Freshmen:** Christopher Abbott, Robert Barone, Thomas Campanella, Vincent Canubia, Gregory Copeland, Justin Czamik, Frank Dietzold, Brian Edwards, Nicholas Figler, Miguel Garcia, Jonathan Hammond, Jorge Henao, Robert Hoffman, Austin Johnston, Danny LaVerne, Jay Leahy, Ian Levine, Jordan Lynch, Chris Nguyen, Ankit Patel, Alex Tierney, Christopher Uffer



High School Junior Varsity Team



High School Freshman Team.

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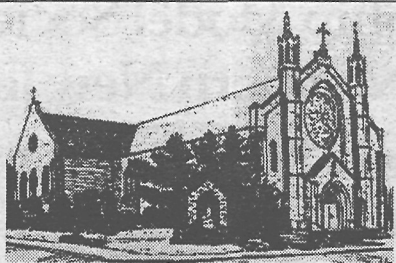
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

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

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



## 2000 Girls Soccer Roster



**Seniors:** Jessica Arndt, Shannon Bishop, Kyan Bowman, Jenna Ferlazzo, Marian Leonardis, Cathy Nguyen, Alison Tietjen

**Juniors:** Roseanne Krylowski, Krystal McCullen, Danielle Schweers, Debby Soriano

**Sophomores:** Christina Bojarski, Jody Chepulis, Kelly Eustice, Shelly Graziano, Valerie Mackintosh, Judy Ringel, Liz Sabosik, Christine Strani

**Freshmen:** Sandra Amaya, Shade Coleman, Jamie Gaughan, Johanna Hedler, Tara Israel, Jessa Jones, Laura Mackintosh, Darleen Marin, Jenna Smith, Chiara Tomei, Audrey Wilhelm

## HS Boys Soccer Win Night Game

On Friday, Sept. 22, the South Plainfield High School Boy's Soccer Team scored a 2-1 victory over Perth Amboy.

The game, which was played under the lights of Frank R. Jost Athletic Field, brought lots of South Plainfield fans to support.

Commentating on the game was JV Coach Robert Diehl.

The boys played a tough first half, yet with no score. Once the second half began junior sweeper

Kamel Conde scored, with an assist from senior halfback Lam Nguyen.

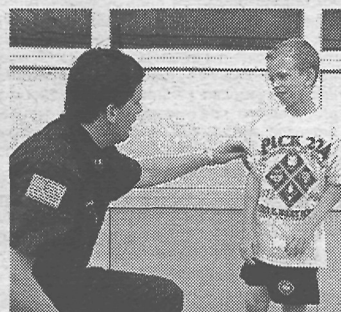
This then made the school 1-1, as Perth Amboy scored early in the first half.

At the end of regulation and a

tie score, overtime was issued. Play went on, yet at the end of overtime, the score was still tied. In second overtime, junior Phil DeGennaro shot and scored the winning goal, handing the game to South Plainfield, 2-1.

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## Obituaries

### Eleanor (Lentoski) Zigo Searles, 82

Eleanor (Lentoski) Zigo Searles of South Plainfield, died on Wednesday Sept. 27 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Bloomfield, Mrs. Searles resided in Irvington and Butler, NJ before settling in South Plainfield 35 years ago.

She is predeceased by her first husband Emil Zigo and her four brothers and sisters.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Searles; two daughters, Nancy Dale Bush of East Hanover and Cynthia Lee Zigo and her husband, Donald Jackson of Mahopac, NY.; a sister, Lorraine DelliSanti of South Plainfield; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Mange Jones, Jonathan Redinger, Stacey Redinger-McKee and Keith Bush. Also surviving are three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to her favorite charity, The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

### Anthony D. Pirrotti, 83

Anthony D. Pirrotti of South Plainfield died on Thursday, Sept. 28 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born and raised in Bound Brook, before moving to South Plainfield 55 years ago.

Mr. Pirrotti was an instrument mechanic for Union Carbide in Bound Brook for 25 years, then he worked for Allied Chemical in Elizabeth for 15 years before retiring in 1990.

He served in the US Navy in the 69th CB unit during WWII. He was a former member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 in South Plainfield.

He is a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Isabelle Sexton Pirrotti; his sons, Michael and his wife Donna Pirrotti of Holland Twp. and James Pirrotti of Bound Brook, and his grandchildren Anthony and Christina Pirrotti.

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

### Julie (Fenchock) Sauer, 83

Julia (Fenchock) Sauer died on Thursday, Sept. 28, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Dunellen where she lived for most of her life, Mrs. Sauer also resided in Edison, Millville and South Plainfield before moving to Middlesex four months ago.

Mrs. Sauer was employed by the former Mattel Toys of South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband Nicholas Sauer, who died in 1993.

Surviving are her daughter, Barbara Sauer of Browns Mill, NJ; a son and daughter-in-law,

Nicholas and Joan F. Sauer of Middlesex; a sister, Barbara Davison of Dunellen and a brother Joseph Fenchock of Dunellen.

Also surviving are two grandchildren, Nicholas J. Sauer of Middlesex and Laura Albrecht of Browns Mills; two great grandchildren, Barbara and Kenneth Albreck of Browns Mills.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Kenneth Seidel, 78

Kenneth Seidel of South Plainfield, died on Saturday, Sept. 30 in Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Seidel had resided in Rockaway Beach and Ozone Park before moving to South Plainfield 10 years ago.

Mr. Seidel had served in the United States Army during WWII and had been a past member of the American Legion in Ozone Park, NY.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Maureen P. Seidel; a daughter, Maureen Seidel of Albany, NY; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Deborah Seidel of Farmingville, NJ; a son, Kenneth E., who resides in South Plainfield and is the captain of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Nicole, Ashley and Matthew.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
October 2, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on September 26, 2000.

Case No. 99-14-Ameriland-Block 368; Lots 2,3,4,7 & portion of 6.01; Kenneth Ave.-Applicant's request for final subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 630-Itran Rubber Corp.-375 Metuchen Road; Block 255; Lot 7.01; M-3 Zone.-Applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with waivers and variances.

Case No. 00-04-AA&G-Block 379; Lot 6; Spicer, Wooden & Delmore Ave.-Applicant's request for final subdivision was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

Janice Muccilli  
Recording Secretary/Planning Board

\$21.00 1T October 6, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Henry Tempe requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 6' x 24' wood front porch covered by roof. Proposed front porch lacks the required 30' front setback, 22' being proposed and side setback 8' required and 7.61' proposed; and any other such variances that may be needed, said property being located on Block 58 Lot 21 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 17, 2000, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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## police report

### Gas Line Rupture Closes New Durham Ave.

At about 10 a.m. last Friday morning, a private contractor installing fiber optic cable struck and ruptured a six-inch natural gas line. The gas line, located in the 1700 block of New Durham Rd., ignited when ruptured.

New Durham Rd. was closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the time of the accident from Stelton Rd. to Corporate Blvd.

Two residential homes nearest to the ruptured line were evacuated as a precautionary measure. Two nearby businesses, Napa Auto Parts and Phillips Manufacturing Company, were allowed to continue operations with the restriction that all employees remain within their respective buildings and all windows were to remain closed.

There were no injuries associated with this accident. The fire was extinguished by the South Plainfield Fire Department at noon and the roadway was reopened at 12:45 p.m.

Appearing on scene of the accident were emergency services and personnel from the South Plainfield Police, Fire and Rescue Squad; the Piscataway Police, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), North Stelton and New Market Fire Departments; Middlesex County HazMat and OEM and Public Service Electric & Gas.

### Weekend Vandalism Hits Area

There were about 10 incidents of criminal mischief to vehicles in South Plainfield over last weekend.

Most of the incidents involved parked cars that had either their windshields or their windows smashed.

The incidents occurred on various roadways, including Merchants Ave., Diana Dr., Park Ave., Teeple Pl., South Plainfield Ave., Puha Rd., Strong Pl., Wooden Ave., Lorraine Ave. and Delmore Ave.

While detectives are following up on various leads, they are asking anyone with information concerning these crimes to contact Det. James Darby at (908) 226-7668.

There were also two residential burglaries to adjacent homes in the 1500-1600 block of Plainfield Ave. The suspect(s) gained entry by way of force and ransacked both homes. The incidents occurred between Friday, Sept. 29

and Saturday, Sept. 30.

While the owners are still conducting an inventory of their homes, nothing appears missing at this time.

Anyone with information should contact Det. James Parker at (908) 226-7661.

### Recycle Inc. Evacuated Because of Fire

On Monday morning, Recycle Inc., located on Harmach Rd., reported that two 55-gallon drums containing magnesium residue burst into flames.

Firefighters from South Plainfield, Plainfield, New Market, Colonia, Metuchen and North Stelton responded to the fire and it was extinguished with about 20 minutes.

Middlesex County Hazardous Materials Unit used a chemical powder put out the flames, because water would have ignited when mixed with magnesium.

No injuries were reported. Recycling Inc. has been the source of many complaints from nearby residents, for releasing odors.

### Train Collides With Tractor Trailer

On Monday, at approximately 12 noon, the South Plainfield Police Dept. received a call from the New Jersey State Police advising them that a train had just struck a tractor trailer at 1640 New Market Ave.

A Conrail train operating within the Harris Steel Company yard, was attempting to enter the main line when a tractor trailer proceeded across the tracks.

Edward J. Kyle of Piscataway, the Conrail engineer at the time, who was operating the train at a slow speed, attempted to stop, but could not do so in time to avoid striking the flatbed trailer.

The tractor trailer was operated by Charles E. Adams of Baltimore. The trailer was loaded with steel studs to be delivered to Panel Tech within the Harris Steel Complex. The tractor trailer was pushed over onto the driver's side, which dumped the load of steel studs. Damage was limited to the tractor trailer.

The driver of the tractor trailer complained of neck pain and was transported to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. The South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management, along with the Fire Department, also responded to the accident scene.

## Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey Exhibit

The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey is presenting a model exhibit and workshop free to the public at the Federal Aviation Administration Bldg., 200 Fred Wehran Dr. at Teterboro Airport from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. Anyone who is interested in joining the society or who is just interested in ships, ship models and other nautical topics is invited to attend.

The exhibit will feature ship models of all types and eras, crafted by the society members.

In addition, members will be present working on 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.

The Ship Model Society has more than 70 members and meets at the Milburn Free Public Library on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

For more information call Dave Watkins at (973) 822-1312.

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by Robert Hunter

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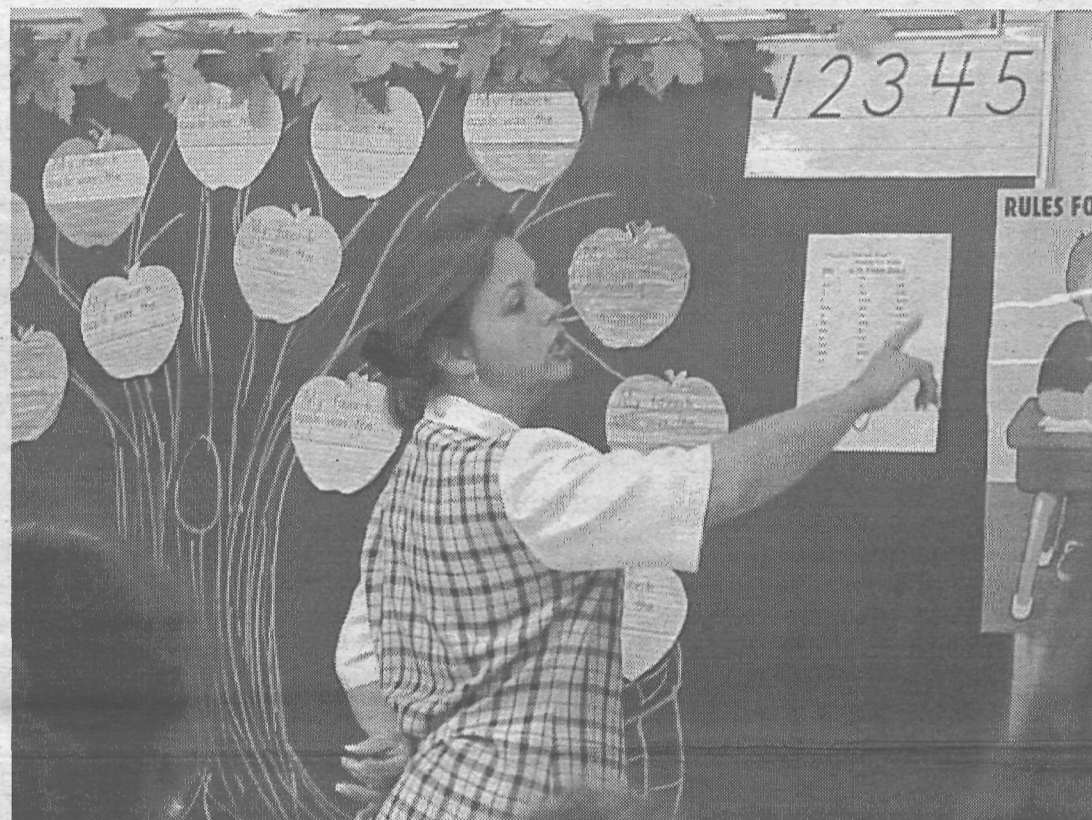
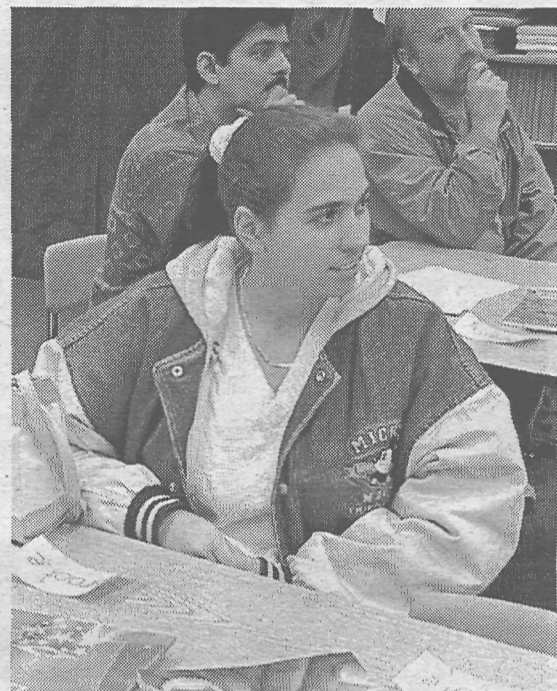
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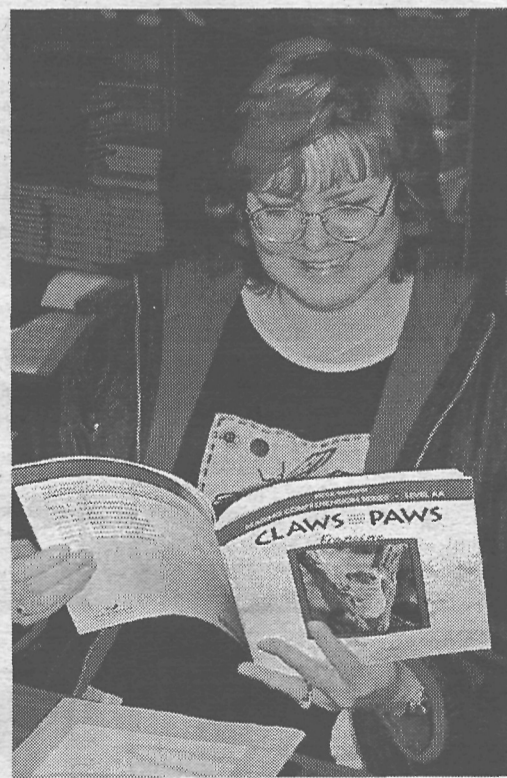
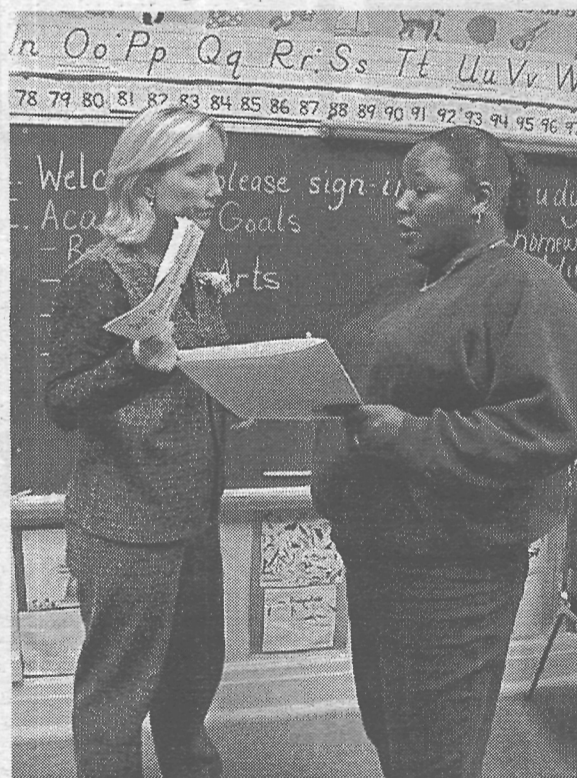


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# **Hundreds of Parents Come Out for Back to School Night**

Roosevelt and Riley Schools' Back-To-School nights offered a positive beginning to the 2000-01 School Year. Mario Barbiere, Roosevelt School principal, noted that several hundred people attended the evening and teachers reported a large turnout in the classrooms. The upcoming Stokes trip on November 20-22 was discussed with parents of fifth grade students. Riley School Principal Dr. Janet Munger had this to say about the evening, "It went fabulously well. We had a full house. We look forward to meeting with the parents during the upcoming year."



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