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## Borough Budget Plus Five Points

### Public Apathetic

The public hearing at last month's council meeting on the 2001 budget was attended by a mere five residents and drew not one comment or question from the audience.

Next year's proposed budget — \$18,741,000—is \$650,000 more than last year and will mean an increase of five points in municipal taxes, or about \$60 per household.

The council did not vote on the budget, because they are waiting to see if their request for discretionary aid from the state will be accepted and if so, how much South Plainfield can expect to receive.

Over the past few years discretionary aid from the state has decreased, until last year the borough received no aid. The mayor and council have complained that by keeping spending down and showing fiscal responsibility, the state had penalized the borough. Other municipalities increased spending and taxes and continued to receive state aid.

Councilman Ed Kubula explained that the budget increased due to the increase in health insurance costs and salary increases covering both the borough employees and the police department.

## Now It's Up to the BOE!

The four volunteer committees created to assist the Board of Education in school upgrades presented their recommendations to board members on Tuesday evening.

Suggestions included that all grade schools become K-4, Grant School be converted to fifth and sixth grade and a new school be built to replace Roosevelt School. Roosevelt would become the administration offices and home to the Future Stars and Sunshine program.

The new 62,500 sq. ft. school is 20,000 sq. ft. smaller than last year's proposal. The cost is just under

\$10M. Other recommendations, which include the expansion of Grant School, addition of an extra classroom to all grade schools, technology upgrades, new boilers and track, bring the total cost to \$19,955,300. A proposal to add climate control to all schools would cost an additional \$6.9 million.

The state is expected to contribute \$7.3 million to the project under a new law that reimburses school construction by as much as 40%. The board will be taking all of this into consideration and make their decision in the near future.

## COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATED

Sponsored by The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO, Columbus Day ceremonies were held on Monday morning in front of Borough Hall. UNICO's President Joseph Cappuccio, introduced Past National President (PNP) Frank Licato, who served as master of ceremonies. The guest speaker was Renato R. Biribin, (PNP). Members from VFW Post #6763 presented the flag ceremonies. Attending were Councilmen Ray Petronko, Ed Kubala and Vinnie Buttiglieri and Councilwoman Darlene Pinto, who brought her daughter, Rachel, to remind her of her heritage. Ed Kubala said it was time to remember what Italians have contributed to our country. Ed Kubala, Darlene Pinto and Renato Biribin helped UNICO's Sergeant-at-Arms Lou DeFillipo raise the Italian flag.



## Borough Requests Funds for Open Space Property

At a special council meeting held on Monday night, a resolution was passed to apply for open space funds from Middlesex County to purchase nine acres of property on the corner of Tompkins Ave. and Clinton Ave, next to Franklin School.

If the funds are granted, the property would become an open space preserve.

## Police Dept. Purchasing Five New Vehicles

The borough is asking for bids on five new vehicles for the South Plainfield Police Department. The police department is planning to purchase a Ford Expedition, a Police Interceptor and three police cars.

Money for the purchase will be coming from the forfeiture funds received last year from the Drug Enforcement Agency.

## Visual Litter

By Patricia Abbott

Signs to lose weight, job offers, garage sales and lost pets are just some of the that signs that clutter telephone poles along the roads of South Plainfield. Most are removed by responsible individuals, but others remain up for weeks or are blown down and become another piece of litter. About two weeks ago, more clutter began to appear around town, especially in the downtown area. Florescent pink flyers were plastered to one telephone pole after another. They appeared on every pole on Plainfield Ave. from Quick Check to the Middle School and along Maple Ave. from The PAL to Park Ave., along South Plainfield Ave. and around the post office and Sherban's Diner.

A parade of pink wallpaper might sound nice, but they make the streets look a patchwork quilt gone crazy. The pink flyers were put up by an organization called 'New Jersey Woman Vote.' They offered \$10 an hour, plus bonuses, to help get people registered to vote. The bottom portion of the flyer had a telephone number which could be ripped off of the

sheet. Perhaps they would not have caught the eye if not for the fact that there were so many of them. Luckily, the pink pollution was cleaned up after a number of complaints and phone calls.

After a resident voiced displeasure with the signs, Mayor Dan Gallagher made two calls leaving messages at the listed number. He explained that the signs were in violation of the law and asked that they be removed. After two days, he contacted Code Enforcement Officer Mike Zushma. Zushma also attempted to contact the organization. He left two messages and it was not until he mentioned a possible summons that his call was returned. According to Zushma, a woman who identified herself as Tara responded. He explained that the signs were in violation of a local ordinance. Tara stated she did not know where South Plainfield was nor how the signs got on the poles and admitted to having no knowledge of the laws. Her reaction to the call was that it was a personal attack on her organization. Her reply to Zushma was that she "understood about small

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Monday, October 23 ..... Thursday, October 26  
Monday, November 13 ..... Monday, November 20  
Monday, December 11 ..... Thursday, December 14

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 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. November 6, Mon. December 4

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

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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Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email at our website at spobserver.com or faxed to 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Observer.

## In My Opinion

### Letters

#### To the Editor:

It's no wonder everybody says South Plainfield is the best town in Middlesex County. More good things are going on in South Plainfield today than probably the last 25 years put together. Our roads are being paved, our parks improved, our library upgraded, our police, fire department and rescue squad given the attention they deserve and a senior housing center, a senior center and PAL center on top of all that.

All of this is being done while taxes and expenses are under control. In fact, we have one of the best tax rates in Middlesex County. I agree with the democrat's campaign slogan "Keep A Good Thing Going." Vote for Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick for Borough Council.

**CHRISTINE DEMAIO**

#### To The Editor:

On Election Day, the voters in South Plainfield should give their full support to Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick for Borough Council. Residents only need to look around to see the significant changes that the Democrats have made which will positively impact on South Plainfield's future. First, more roads have been repaved in the past three years than at any other time in my memory. They have upgraded our parks and have plans to greatly expand Putnam Park. They have started working on a bigger and better PAL building.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Democrats is that after all of the years of talk, senior citizen housing will soon be a reality. Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick have promised to keep improving South Plainfield and they deserve your vote on Election Day for Borough Council.

**WALTER KALMAN**

#### To the Editor:

South Plainfield finally has a Borough Council that listens to the people. Residents wanted to open up the process of government and the Democrats started a Taxpayers Advisory Group and Democracy Day. The Democracy Day idea of letting residents vote on large capital budget items is being copied by other towns all over New Jersey. People wanted the council to improve the Borough's infrastructure, roads and parks and the Democrats have repaved countless roads, improved our parks, renovated Borough Hall and the Library, started an expansion to the PAL and have made senior citizen housing a reality.

It's time to elect the people who listen to the residents. Re-elect Ray Petronko and elect Bob Cusick to the Borough Council on Election Day.

**MARY AUGUSTA**

#### To the Editor,

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, the fire and police departments, the mayor and council, the residents of South Plainfield and McCriskin's Home for Funerals for the outpouring of sympathy they expressed on the recent death of my father.

It's time like this that South Plainfield comes together to exhibit what a great community we are and it makes me proud to be a member of this community.

I can only say thank you again from my family and myself to everyone who was there in our time of need.

**CAPT. KENNETH SEIDEL  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
RESCUE SQUAD**

#### Dear Editor,

In the Oct. 6, 2000 issue a "concerned parent" wrote a letter which needs clarification. The writer stated that two parents from the fifth grade approached me to ask permission to purchase a wooden ship for the playground.

In reviewing my notes for June 19, I had noted that two parents met with me at 12:35 p.m. The initial discussion was "Do I favor the PTA getting playground equipment?" I answered "yes." Then, they proceeded to tell me that there was money left from the fundraising and they wanted to purchase a ship or castle. I indicated to them my preference for a castle because in the past I have taken my sons to a nearby park with castle-type playground equipment which they enjoyed quite a bit. I then told them that they needed to get approval from the PTA before I could approve the purchase. They indicated that it would take too long. I suggested that they ask the PTA to do a phone vote. I did not know that when those committee members came in to talk to me on June 19 that a wooden ship had already been ordered.

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#### Correction

Last week I wrote a *Letter to the Editor* about a comment written by a reader the previous week.

When edited, my letter said, "I must have struck a nerve in a Board of Education employee, Patricia McLaughlin." In fact, I did not write that she was a Board of Education employee. I said "maybe" she is a Board of Education Employee. The word "maybe" was omitted. I wish to set the record straight on this.

**TONY PISANIELLO**

#### Dear Editor,

During the recent illness and loss of my wife, Kathy, our entire family was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern from our entire community.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who waited in line to visit with our family, to the Police Department, to those who sent flowers, baskets or a card, to those who sent food to our homes, to the priests of Sacred Heart Church and the parish community of the church for your prayers and consolation, to all of the other Clergymen in South Plainfield and to those who have contributed to the Kathy McCriskin Cerebral Vascular Fund.

Other than our son, Ricky, Kathy was most proud of two things, her Irish heritage and her coming from a very large family.

What we didn't know and now realize .... was the true size of her family .... and how many people Kathy touched during her life.

Thank you all so very much for touching our lives when we needed it the most.

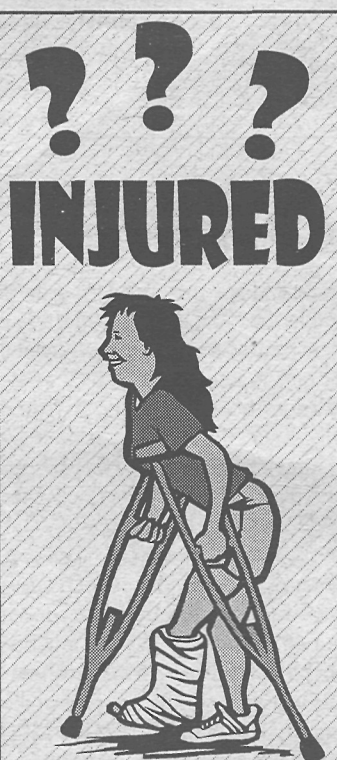
**RICH MCCRISKIN**

#### Dear Editor,

I'm proud that Bob Cusick is my friend. I know him to be a great father, a good husband and a man who always works to make South Plainfield better as proved by his membership on the Planning Board and Environmental Commission. I was thrilled when Bob told he was going to run for council this year. Bob Cusick will make a terrific councilperson. He doesn't want glory; he only wants to do good.

This November 7 I'm voting for my friend Bob Cusick and his running mate, Ray Petronko for Borough Council.

**ELEANOR HAINES**



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Physical Therapy of South Plainfield, which just opened a new office on Hamilton Blvd. recently celebrated their grand opening with an open house. Lynne Glasser-Sward, the center's owner and licensed physical therapist, is welcomed by Borough Council candidate Bob Cusick (left) and Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Ray Petronko.

## Postcards from the Past

The postcards pictured below were brought to us by Peggy (Burr) Koury.

According to Peggy's mother, the two postcards date back to the early 1900's and belonged to her grandfather.

His name was William H. Burand and he lived on what is now W. Crescent Pkwy, which was then part of the original Holly Park section of town. At that time Crescent Pkwy. was only one block long, between Park Ave. and Norwood Ave. and it ended at the Old Homestead, which is now a historical site.

Peggy's grandfather served on the first borough council when South Plainfield broke away from Piscataway and officially became South Plainfield.

Peggy said she had heard stories about this resort as a child. It was located where the PAL building now

stands. Unfortunately she only has pictures, because by the time her father, William H. Burr, Jr., returned from WWII no evidence of this lovely resort was left.

Peggy was born and raised right next door to her grandfather's house on Crescent Pkwy. The only memory she has of that lake area was a place called The Gully, located behind the ranch houses on Maple Ave., where the community pool is now located.

At that time the present site of Spring Lake Park was a big overgrown swamp area.

The back of the postcard contains an advertisement for the sale of property in Holly Park, just 45 minutes from New York City. The postcard says it has "bathing, boating and fishing in their private lake, with nine acres of flowing spring water in a private park."

## Banned Book Month Recalled at Library

By Patricia Abbott

The First Amendment offers us freedom of speech. Books are one form of that freedom. Despite what the amendment promises, there are individuals and organizations that want to censor what we read, to decree what books are unsuitable and should be banned. An outrageous thought given that we live in the United States and are on the brink of a new millennium. Yet between 1990 and 1999, there were 5,718 challenges to library materials recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom. Seventy-one percent of the challenges concerned materials in schools or school libraries; twenty-six percent for materials in public libraries, sixteen percent by library patrons and ten percent by administrators. Nearly sixty percent of the challenges were brought by parents. The banned materials range from literary greats to fairy tales and religious books.

The Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association has published its list of the 100 most frequently challenged books of the decade. The popular children's series, *Scary Stories* by Alvin Schwartz, is at the top of the list. The book is accused of "being too scary" and "unsuited to age groups."

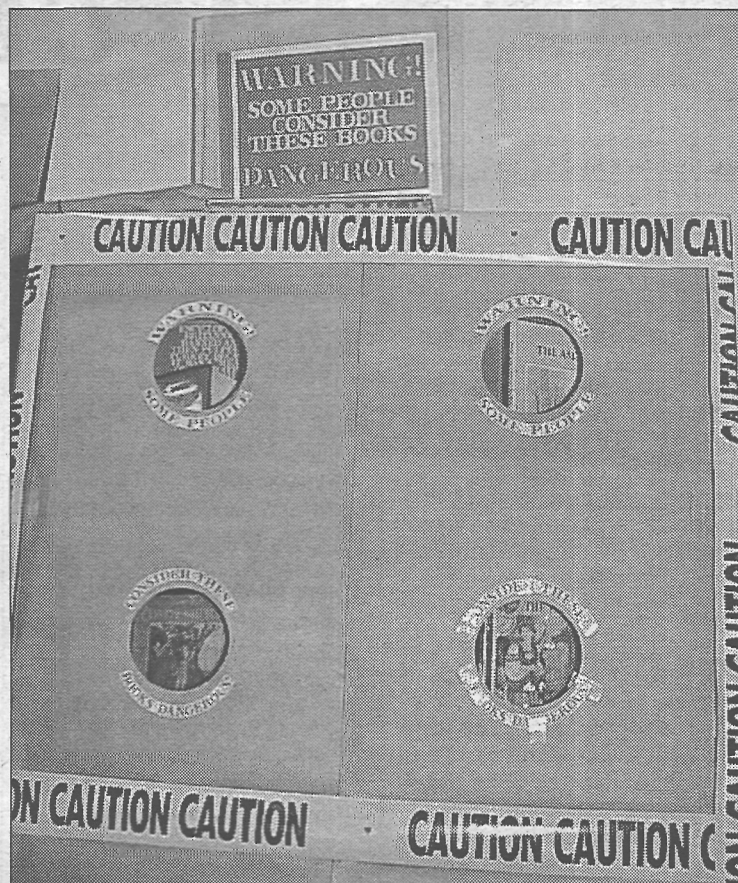
The 10 most frequently challenged books of the decade were, *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, *Forever* by Judy Blume, *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson, *Heather Has Two Daddies* by Leslea Newman and *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger.

During Banned Book Month, the library housed an eye-catching display. Some books have been banned for ridiculous reasons.

*Where's Waldo?* was challenged at the Public Libraries of Saginaw, Mich. in 1989 and removed from the Springs Public School library in East Hampton, NY in 1993, because there is a tiny drawing of a woman lying on the beach wearing a bikini bottom but no top.

*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*, Modern Library, was challenged in Wise County, Va. in 1982 due to "sexually offensive" passages. In 1983 four members of the Alabama State Textbook Committee called for the rejection of this book because it is a "real downer."

*The Complete Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm* was restricted to sixth through eighth grade classrooms at the Kyrene, Ariz. elementary schools in 1994 due to its "excessive violence, negative portrayals



The glass display case located just inside the entrance to the Public Library was wrapped in brown paper with peep holes showing a view of the contents, an example of some of the books that had been censored in this country. A sign warned of the dangers inside.

of female characters, and anti-Semitic references."

Over 240 years ago Benjamin Franklin said, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little

temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." This could easily be applied to those who want to restrict our freedoms to satisfy their own tastes.

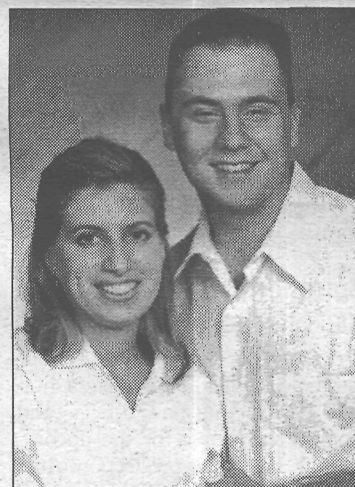
## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Angela Orazi, Anthony Otlowski to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. John Orazi of South Plainfield have announced the engagement of their daughter Angela to Anthony W. Otlowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne J. Otlowski of South Plainfield.

Angela is a graduate of South Plainfield High School, Class of 1988. She graduated from Monmouth University in 1992 with a degree in Business Administration. Angela currently works for Linens'N Things in its corporate office as an accounts payable supervisor.

Anthony graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1995 and most recently graduated from Westminster Choir College in May 2000 with a degree in Music Education. He currently teaches middle school music in Keansburg, NJ and is the music director at Pilgrim Covenant Church in South Plainfield. Anthony is also a member of the South Plain-



Angela Orazi & Anthony Otlowski

field Volunteer Fire Department and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

A July 2001 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.



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# Events

## Around Town

### 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 Friday, Oct. 13. Donation is \$6.

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

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

**October 14**

Franklin School will host their 3rd annual Fall Harvest Festival on Oct. 14 from 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 the many and varied booths and games. Vendors will offer hand-made crafts, services such as Tupperware and flea market items. Pony rides and a moonbounce ride will be available. A DJ will be on hand to provide music. There will also be a special appearance by Barbara Habeeb Harley, a country western singer and Kennedy School teacher. DARE and the fire department will be there.

A 50/50, along with other raffles, will be held. The food court has an expanded menu including bagels, donuts, pork roll and cheese, pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken wings, sloppy joes, drinks and more. Tables are still available. For more information call 668-0957.

### 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, call Bob Publik at (908) 755-2709.

### AARP Dinner Theatre

**October 19**

You don't have to be a member to take the Oct. 19 trip to The Evergreen Dinner Theater 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 signup.

The AARP Chapter 4144 will hold a program at their Oct. 20 meeting. The event 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.

### Korean War Commemorative Dinner-Dance

**October 20**

The 50th Anniversary of the Ko-

rean 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.

### Teen Nite at the PAL

**October 21**

The Rec Dept. and So. Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness are sponsoring Teen Nite at the PAL beginning Oct. 21, 7 to 10 p.m.

Games, sports, movies and more. Open to all students in the Middle School and the high school.

### GFWC Woman's Club Plans Oct. Garage Sale

**October 21**

The GFWC Suburban Woman's Club will hold its annual fall garage sale on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 1064 Sherman Ave., South Plainfield, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raindate is Sunday, Oct. 22.

Club members will also be selling hot and cold beverages and light desserts during the sale. For further information, call 756-7071. Proceeds from sale and fund raisers will benefit the club's scholarship fund as well as other local and state charities.

Other programs, fundraisers and planned speakers are planned for the remaining months of the year and also during spring 2001.

### Music Booster Festival

**October 22**

On Oct. 22, you are invited to come hear 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.

### 2000 Youth Wrestling Program

**Register November 4**

South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a Youth Wrestling Program. Registration is Saturday, Nov. 4, 1-3 p.m. at the PAL.

Registration is open to all South Plainfield children ages 5-11 (as of 10/1/00). The fee is \$25 per participant. Parent must accompany child to registration.

### Columbiettes Sponsoring Events

South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring the following events:

- 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.

Events are open to the public. For info, call (908) 226-1222.

### 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.

### Recreation Dept. Sponsors HS Basketball League

**Starting November 21**

The Rec Dept. is sponsoring a high school basketball league. Join as an individual or a team, ten-member roster. Games begin on Nov. 21. The times are 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. The fee is \$40 per person. Participants must be high school students living in South Plainfield.

Register until Nov. 2 at the PAL. Questions? Call 226-7714.

### 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.

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

### Rec Sponsors Trip to Riverdance

**February 8, 2000**

The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see the best show on Broadway today, "Riverdance," on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001. Orchestra seats are \$65 per person. Bus leaves the PAL at 4:30 p.m. Only 45 tickets are available. Tickets are available at the PAL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Events In Surrounding Towns

#### Brass Lantern Events

The Brass Lantern, located on Main Street in Metuchen, will hold the following events in October.

- A Boyd's Fall Special Event on Oct. 14.
- Lanic from Old Village Paint will demonstrate faux paint techniques on Oct. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Victorian Santa signing with Old World Christmas on Oct. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.

#### Benefit Comedy Show

**October 12**

On Oct. 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 Cermac, 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 info or to contribute to this cause, call Peg at the Union County Boys and Girls Center, (908) 687-7976 ext. 4.

### Middlesex East WOWS to Hold Dance/Social

**October 13**

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 a dance on Friday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Members are \$7, guests are \$8. For more information, call 969-3173 or 969-1123.

### Autumn Craft Fair/3rd Annual Silent Auction

**October 14**

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.

### Reunion Planned for Crew of Seven Ships

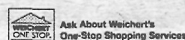
**October 19-22**

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.



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## Adoption Support (CHATS)

October 23

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. "I'm Fine, and I'm Certainly Not Angry!" Joe Soll, adoptee and New York psychotherapist, will be our special guest. He has appeared on TV, written a book and is the founder and director of the Council for Equal Rights in Adoption (CERA) and Adoption Crossroads, a New York-based support group. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> for information.

## Family Fun Day Planned

October 28

The Hyewood Park Baptist Church on the corner of Manning and Norwood Aves. in North Plainfield will 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 info, 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 serve 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](http://www.tsanj.com)



## Tigers Marching Band Festival Set for Oct. 22

On Sunday, Oct. 22 the South Plainfield High School Marching Band will hold their 19th annual Marching Band Festival at 1 p.m. at Frank R. Jost Memorial Field in South Plainfield. The Marching Tigers will play host to nine bands in competition in the Group I, II, and III categories. Bands attending are Dunellen, J.E. Kennedy, Bloomfield, Watchung Hills Regional, Warren

Hills Regional, Harrison High, Lakeland Regional and Nottingham High School.

The South Plainfield Marching Tigers will perform an exhibition as the finale for the day, marching to the music of the box office hit "Gladiator." For an afternoon of excellent musical arrangements and performances, delicious refreshments and crafts for purchase, come out to the

Marching festival. Admission to the festival is \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and children. Proceeds from the day go towards the high school music boosters and scholarships for senior students.

Anyone interested in helping out at the festival, call Carol Provaire at 561-9855. Raindate for the festival is Oct. 29.

—Submitted by Patricia Publik



## Middle School Science Looks to the Stars

Ms. Hartshorn's science class at the Middle School will be getting regular visits by Astrologer Will Toler.

Toler, a graduate of Princeton University, visited the class last week to both introduce himself and answer questions on astronomy. He will be working with Ms. Hartshorn's class through a grant funded by the National Science Foundation. On Oct. 13 he plans to return and help students map out the solar system and in December he plans to hold a star party.

## From the Democratic Council Candidates Petronko/Cusick Proud of Preservation Of Open Space at Putnam Park

Democratic Councilperson Ray Petronko and his running mate Bob Cusick made these comments in reference to the doubling of Putnam Park. Councilperson Petronko said, "Everybody knows that South Plainfield is a growing community. Because of our reputation as one of the best towns in Middlesex County, people want to live here and businesses want to locate here. Under the law you cannot prohibit growth, but as elected officials, we must do everything we can to preserve open space. On Monday morning the three houses at the intersection of Oak Tree

Avenue and Park Avenue were demolished which will permanently preserve that area for open space while at the same time increase our park lands. Over two years ago when we heard that Walgreen's wanted to open a drug store at that corner, your mayor and council applied for one million dollars in county open space funds. The results speak for themselves."

Bob Cusick expanded on his running mates' comments, "It's no coincidence that this project came about while Ray Petronko was the council liaison to our parks and recreation program. The Putnam Park acquisi-

tion typifies how proactive and farsighted Ray really is. The mess which is going on up the street in Edison is over the exact same drug store that originally wanted to locate at the intersection of Oak Tree Avenue and Park Avenue. Our citizens would have been regretting the loss of pristine land just as they are doing in Edison if Ray Petronko, Mayor Gallagher and the rest of the council had not acted so quickly. Over the last six years, more open space has been preserved in South Plainfield than the prior 30 years put together."

Councilperson Petronko summed up the candidates' position "Your new Democratic mayor and council realize how important it is to preserve as much open space as we can. That's why we created the environmental preserve, which has been on News Center 4. That's why we preserved over nine acres on Park Avenue and that's why we acted to double the size of Putnam Park. We aren't finished yet. This week the Mayor and Council will introduce a resolution seeking open space funds to preserve the nine acres at the intersection of Clinton and Tompkins avenues. An application has been filed to build 15 houses on that land."

Bob Cusick summed up the Democrats' position. "If the voters support Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick for Borough Council, we are committed to continuing the program of preserving open space and improving our park and recreational facilities as was done at Putnam Park this week."

## From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

It's Friday the 13th, noteworthy for both bad luck and a rotten series of horror movies. But, here's a bit of good fortune for today: the latest news from the South Plainfield Library.

The rescheduled meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is set for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend what promises to be an informative meeting.

We'll be following our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. The programs, held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15, each about an hour, are for children ages three and up. No pre-registration is required.

Turning to upcoming special programs for children. This month's Kidcraft program, for ages six and up, is set for next Friday afternoon at 4. Space is limited; please register in advance. Next, there's the pumpkin painting program on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. Space is limited, so pre-registration is a must. Finally, there's the Library's "Tricks for Tiny Tots" Halloween program on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m. While space is not limited for this program, we'd like some idea of how many kids will attend. Please sign up in advance. If you'd like more info, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Once again this year, the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Program has put up a domestic violence exhibit at the Library. The exhibit, called "Silent Witnesses," will be here throughout the month. Also, a volunteer from the program will be at the library to answer questions on the exhibit on Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited to view this exhibit on this very important subject.

We've made some changes in our Circuit collections. The next group from the Audiobook Circuit is now in place and ready for borrowing. This group includes works by Margaret Truman, Dr. John Gray, Catherine Coulter, Colin Dexter and Barbara Taylor Bradford. Items from the Audiobook Circuit can be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks. Meanwhile, Sunday will be that last day of availability for the Circuit CD group.

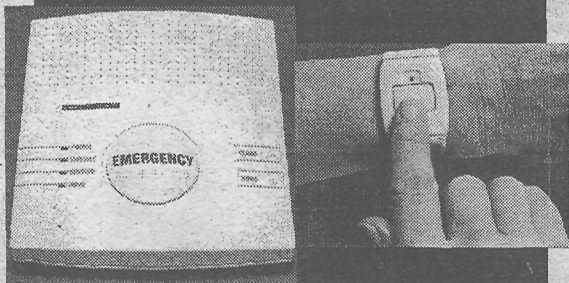
At the risk of throwing off your sense of order and direction, we've made another change in our internal arrangement. The new additions to our video collection are now filed along with the rest of the tapes. The spot where those tapes used to be is now occupied by the display boxes for our DVD collection. We'll let you know if we decide to shuffle things further.

Finally, we have a request in regard to our rest rooms. Please be aware that they are for the use of all members of the public, not just you. Please try to limit your time in the rest room as much as possible to allow someone else a chance to use the facilities. Also, be aware that they are rest rooms; please use them for their intended purpose. (For example, they are not meant for doing the laundry.) We appreciate your help and consideration on this.

With that, we'll close things out for this week. Thanks for reading. And don't walk under any ladders, especially not today.

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# South Plainfield Recreation Soccer League



## A-League Cats ▶

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## ◀ A-League Tigers

Jeff Grubesich, Nick Curcio, Scott Rann, Claude Douglas, Christopher Stoeckel, Michael Martin, Andy Keraga, Jessica Ross, Hannah Levine, Christopher Delaney, David Sangster, Michael George, Charlie George, Joel Cortese, Nicholas DeCillis, Justin Heffernan

## ◀ A-League Cougars

Cynthia Carlson, Kate Hardy, Clara Eskander, Paul Assad, Peter Assad, Jonathan Guirguis, Mark Mackintosh, Joey Turrise, Danny Zalinsky, Ryan O'Shea, Jessica Musolino, Fabian Casteblanco, Kathleen Morgan, An Vo, Joseph Scapitto, Katelyn Conrad

## A-League Cheetahs ▶

Jason Brubaker, Frank Fugazzi, Daniel Nastarowicz, Danny McCreesh, Kristina Cursi, Nicole Cursi, Megan Boyle, Lesley Sideck, David Cook, Keith Dezman, Dwight Quicha, Storm McDonald, Billy Padula, Nicholas DeSimone, Jesse Butynski, Brian Mutagh

## ◀ A-League Leopards

Danielle Ardnt, Vincent Genova, Zachary Olim, Brian Wieckowski, Kelley Hrutkay, Vincente Sanchez, Brandon Madalone, Jonathan Jarema, Joy Maszczak, Dawn Besser, Shawn Ferguson, Johnny Geczy, Michael Oprysk, Coral Willis, Christine Manfredo, Brandon Alpert

## B-League Eagles ▶

Nicole Soisson, Greg Watts, Ryan Szumski, Jason Seigel, Theresa Huber, Derick Wilhelm, Kurt Carlson, Jason Gray, Andrew Dietzold, Matthew Carringer, Ashley Cardinale, Pauline Eskander, Diana Naser, Garrett Kelly, Alex Cihanowyz, Jennifer Capparelli, Samantha Smith

## ◀ A-League Lions

Trevor Rastelli, Michael Stallone, Breanna Miyasato, Dane Miyasato, Lori Sepkowski, Michael Troia, Daniel Sambat, Matthew Madurski, Alyssa Docyk, Genna Pinto, Becky Keller, Sara Sukenik, Roy Sorenson, Dip Patel, Victoria Plasse, Danielle Plasse

## B-League Falcons ▶

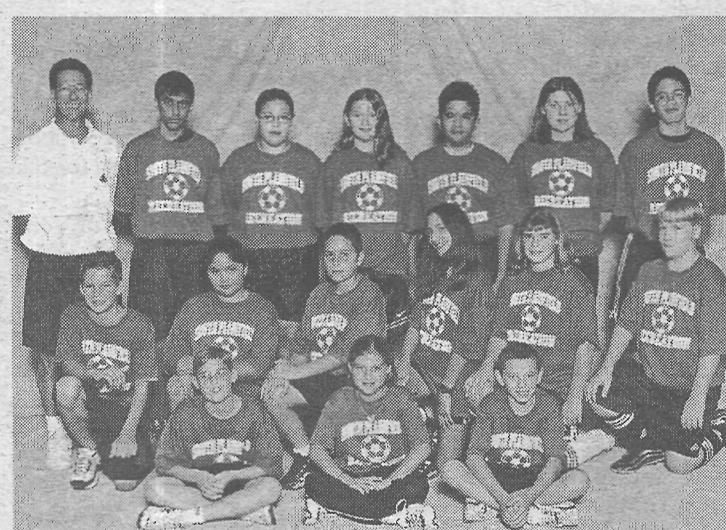
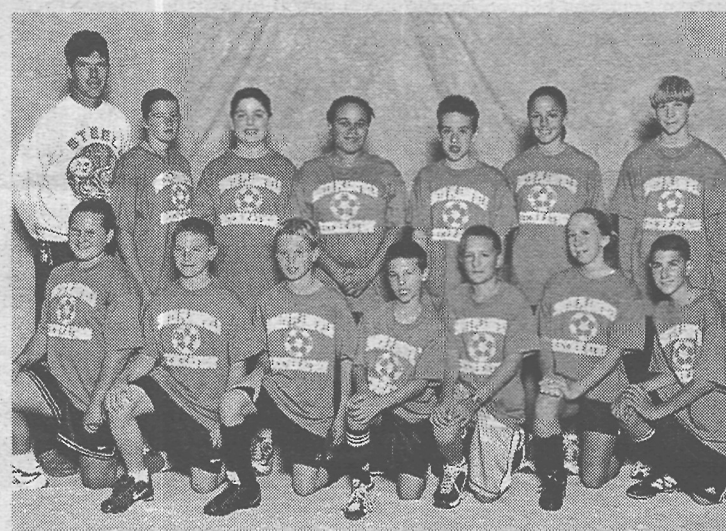
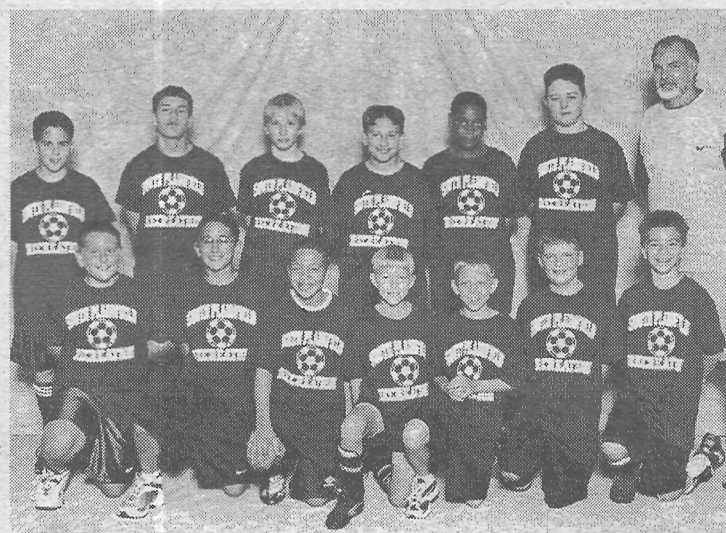
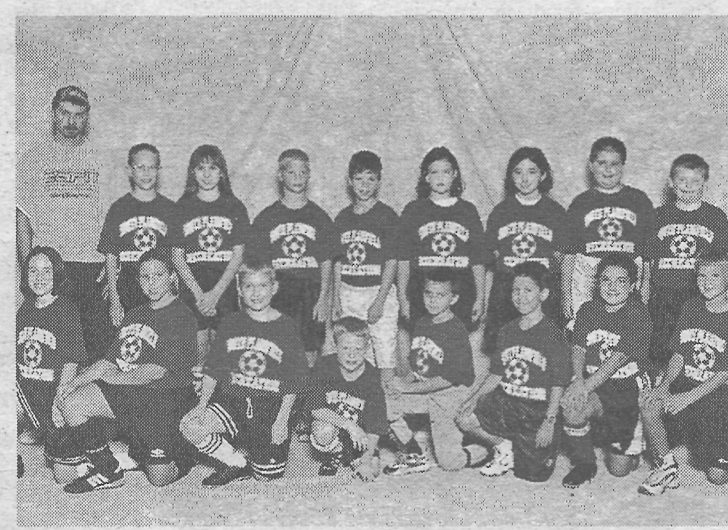
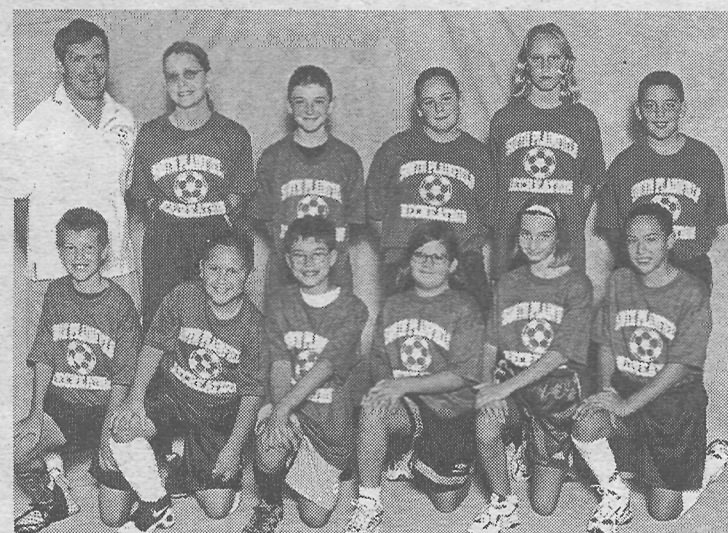
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## ◀ B-League Hawks

Alyssa McCreesh, Louie Bottone, Carly Reuter, Zachary Bishara, Michael Niemczyk, Caryn Butrico, Douglas Porzio, Kyle Buck, Keith Heckel, Ryan Pauls, Alan Kasmer, Brian Pullen, Christopher Ascencic, Ralph Dimayuga, Steven Wieczorek, Nicole Rann

## B-League Condors ▶

Brooke DeNitzio, Brandon O'Shea, Brandon Ullom, Tim Moskal, Christopher Spayder, Sandy Pleeter, Alexa Sambat, Vicent Raimondi, Nick Jeglinski, Joseph Lacerda, Michael Dezmin, Shane Howard, James Howard, Andrew Ohriska, Joseph Mennuti, Allen Garcia, Allison Huffsmith





# South Plainfield Recreation Soccer League



## ◀ E-league Clash

Jeffrey Bodyl, Joseph Ifrach, Charles Geuver, Matthew Sward, Eddie Sullivan, Phillip Longo, Thomas Bowden, Jason Pattison, Kevin Horvath, Eric Carrasca, Billy Brown, Nicky Kunze, Jonathan Baratta, Lauren Conrad

## E-league Lions ▶

Jayne Bishop, Lindsay McMahon, Ellen Zinsky, Joanna Bosse, Matthew Franzson, James Bowser, Michael Parello, Anthony Pisano, Francis Suarez, Michael Zelasko, Danielle Zelasko, Shane O'Connor, Jaclyn DeCillis, Chris Richard

## ◀ E-league Dolphins

Sean Piersanti, Gerianna Pinto, Adrienne Novak, Nicholas Montuori, Jake Salerno, Matthew McDarby, Natalie Madurski, Jonathan Horvat, Frank Licato, Tommy Loalbo, Tara O'Day, Danielle Campanella, Amber Miller

## E-league Raiders ▶

Stephen Lanza, Christian DiCarlo, Jessica Ray, Lucille Roseo, Emily Piekarski, Kristina Jewkes, Leiloni Chepulis, Matthew Little, Matthew Quadrel, Michael Macharski, Michelle Miller, Bria Edmonds, Kurt Maniaci, Daniel Lang

## ◀ E-league Galaxies

Stephanie Groben, Staciann Abbruzzese, Chelsea Cullen, Mark McCullen, Cory Limone, Michael Bateman, Jason Arevalo, Brendan Berry, Jason Christilles, Charles Huber, Christopher O'Keefe, Kyle O'Keefe, Kimberly Werner, Patrick Ruiz

## E-league Kickers ▶

Samantha Pauls, Nicolette Hanley, Christopher Zwatschka, Joshua Biggs, Joey Delgado, Samantha Swierc, Joseph Fugazzi, Danny Hunt, Dana Hunt, Taylor Jarema, Julian Krupit, Michael Dispenziere, Kelly Pauls, Daniel Sticco

## ◀ E-league Headers

Jeffrey Gillen, Brandon Staynings, Mason Pelaez, Christopher Oprysk, Nicholas Ross, Elizabeth Fasullo, Patrick O'Connor, Dylan McDermott, Alexandra Pisack, Sean McDede, Ryan Hutchison, Glenn Edridge, Jessica Olah, Lee Stranzenbach

## E-league Blockers ▶

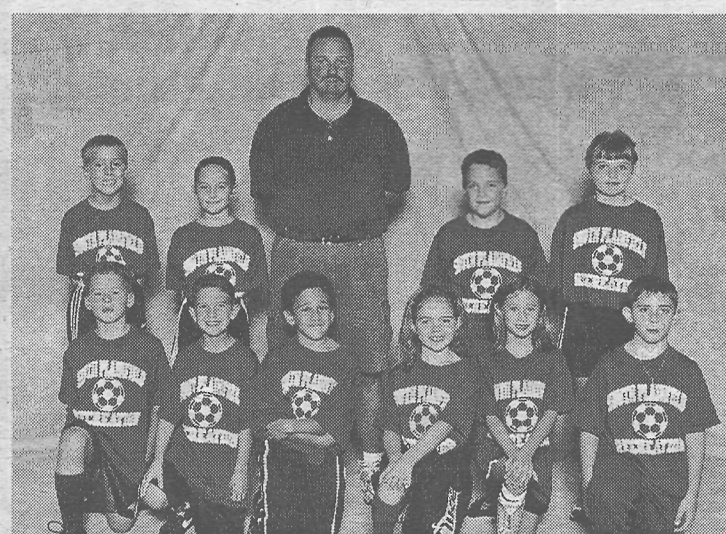
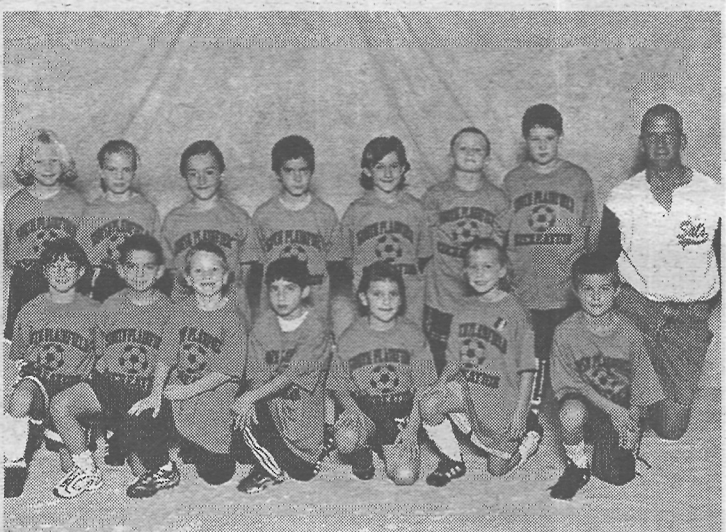
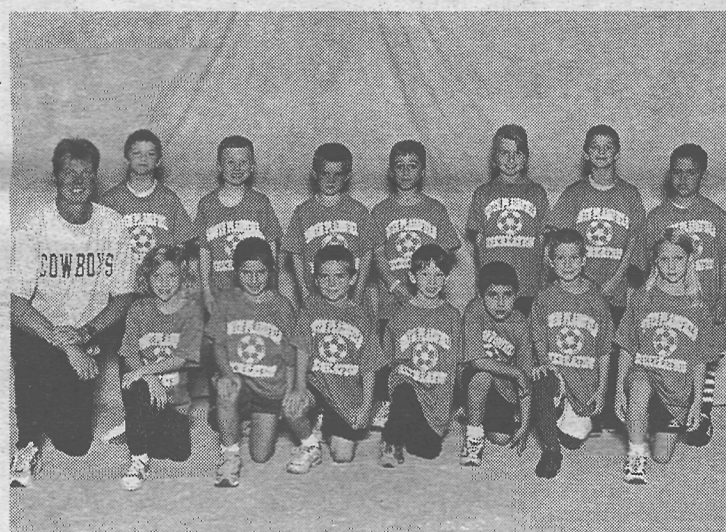
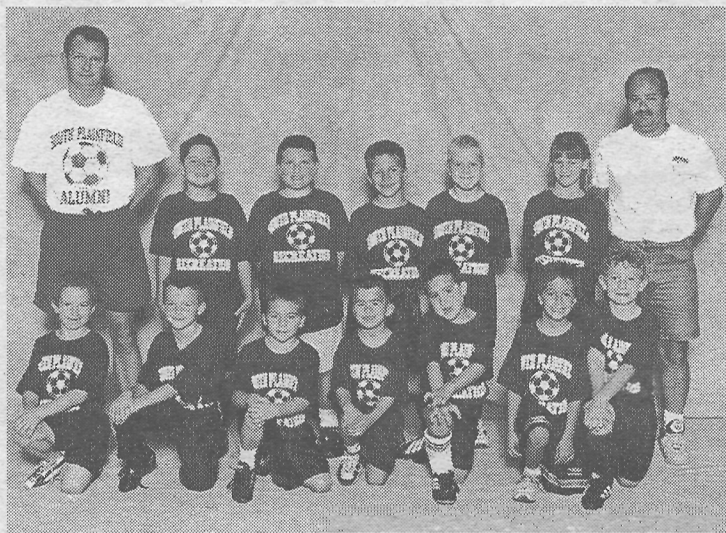
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## ◀ E-league Indians

James Butrico, Patrick Landy, Jonathan Sukenik, Lucas Goitiandia, Steven Paskowitz, Samantha Jo Pukash, Danielle Tramutola, Cassandra Vasquez, Ryan Billich, Kyle Santoro, Adam Buck, Ryan Lind, Brittany Plasse, Jimmy Bijlani

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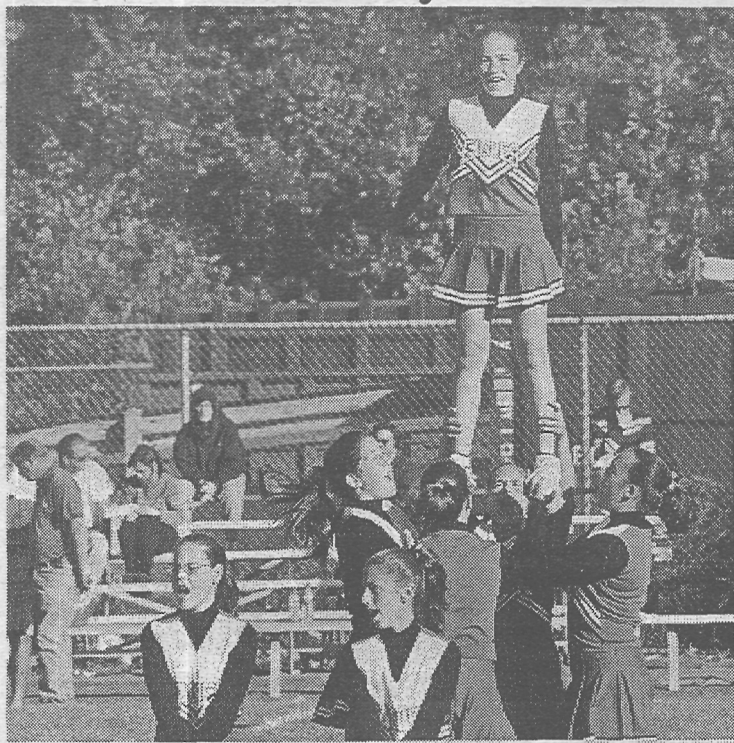
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# Sports

## 2000 Pop Warner Football Eagles Roster



### Cheerleaders

**Flag**—Carly Ashnault, Taylor Bullard, Danielle Butrico, Joelle Butrico, Alexis Cargill, Kendall Christ, Jena Cianfrocca, Kristin Darby, Angela DeSantis, Alexa Douras, Caitlyn Driscoll, Erica Fisher, Nicole Grzybowski, Kansas Harmon, Lainie Harris, Christa Hay, Meghan Heim, Jordan Katawich, Victoria Maino, Lauren Parello, Renee Parisi, Melissa Pasternak, Kimberly Petronko, Jamie Quail, Jessica Rapatski, Gerianne Scarpitto, Rachel Scudato, Taylor Smith, Michelle Stoekel, Tyler Stranzenbach, Margaret Valentino, Brielle Valle, Kelly Walsh and Allison White.

Coaches are Cathy Scarpitto, Carolyn White, Tracey Bullard and Cindy Driscoll.

**Mitey Mite**—Taylor Adorna, Dana Aguilar, Racheal Alexa, Laurie Ascencio, Jayme Bishop, Heather Calderone, Nicole Chabok, Chelsey Colucci, Nicole Disch, Dina Douras, Francine Glaser, Elizabeth Gratta, Keely Josquim, Bridgette Kelly, Nicole McDonough, Megan McMahon, Amber Miller, Natalie Modurski, Adrienne Novak, Jaime Parello, Amanda Pileggi, Amanda Plum, Cassie Prendergast, Heather Prete, Deanna Ranger, Alexa Rocco, Jessica Scalpito, Stephanie Sherwood and Danielle Tramola.

Coaches are Denise Kelly, Nancy Jackson, Diane Ranger, Cathy Scarpitto and Sandy Modurski.

### Congratulations!

The Midget Cheerleaders (grades 7 & 8) came in third last Saturday at the Mountain Valley conference championships.

They now travel to Trenton in two weeks for state championships.

**Jr. Pee Wee**—Samantha Barthel, Lindsey Barton, Cori Black, Harley Bottiglierie-Roig, Christina Cornelius, Gina Marie Curcio, Jennifer Disch, Victoria Esposito, Tina Foscolo, Jamie Giannakis, Ashleigh Gray, Ashley Hawkins, Jenna Heckel, Caitlin Herriott, Brittney Herrion, Antonette Hudak, Chelsea Hunt, Amanda Hunterton, Courtney Irber, Kelly Kline, Jaclyn Kukuch, Jacqueline Laverne, Meghan Makowski, Nicole Molinaro, Kaitlin Muglia, Lyndsey Murtagh, Brittany Okoszko, Kimberly Pham, Alyssa Pileggi, Rachel Pinto, Danielle Ranger, Alyssa Scudato, Nicole Slatky and Melissa White.

Coaches are Ivy Riog, Dianne Hunterton, Marilyn Hawkins, JoAnn Okoszko, d Sharon Hunt.

**Jr. Midget**—Amber Berkowitz, Caitlyn Brindley, Caryn Butrico, Dorothy Cameron, Gina Caruso, Nicole Cosma, Jessica Cristello, Amanda Deba, Brittney Dostal, Constance Flannigan, Jennifer Garzon, Sydney Gentile, Tara Goitiandia, Crystal Gorman, Danielle Heilmann, Allison Huffsmith, Ama Jenkin, Kasandra Joyner, Marris Kline, Gina Lampasona, Nicole Listorti, Brittany Marino, Jamie Okoszko, Jenna Pein, Ashley Prete, Leslie Quichua, Jessica Ranger, Kyla Rouse, Tiffany Rouse, Alison Smith, Megan Toolan, Elizabeth Valentino and Jalisa Williamson.

Coaches are MaryAnn Gawler, Beverly Jenkin, Jeannine Summers.

**Midget**—Vanessa Cassano, Malory Christ, Janine Clemente, Jessica Dabrio, Lauren Darr, Kaitlyn Disch, Melanie Foscolo, Melanie, Allia Ghamin, Kristen Gualano, Eva Humber, Guiliana Kay, Alyssa Kurilew, Krista Malecki, Ashley Crystal Martin, Debra Outeiral, Abby Papa, Kristen AmaPenkunas, Lauren Primavera, Lauren, Lisa Primavera, Allyce Retkburg, Shannon Rivers, Courtney Sacco, Christina Scavone, Gina Severni, Alisha Stassenko, Amber Walden and Brittanie Wong.

Coaches are Jeannine Summers and Teri Christ.

### Boys

**Flag**—Tyler Hunt (1), Tyler Herriott (3), James Cianfrocca (4), James Gerber (5), Stuart Buckelew (6), Jeffrey Conroy (7), Troy Heilmann (8), Michael Molinaro (9), Kyle Brady (10), Stephen Petriello (11), Matt Mcdarby (12), Daniel Zwatschka (13), Anthony Ashnault (14), Patrick Boyle (15), Joe Jakubik (16), John McDonough (17), Eric Lake (19), Ryan Aguiar (20), Brian Tjong (21), Jeremy Strausser (27), Kenneth Calderoni (28), Nicholas Graves (29), Nicholas Muglia (30), Alex Lundy (31), Shane Oconner (32), Justin Harris (33), Ryan Hughes (34), Dylan Dory (35), Kenneth Kaczka (35), Stephen Slatky (36), Tyler Calderone (37), Austin Jenkin (38), Joe Coeneluis (39) and Shawn Gorman (40).

Coaches are Nick Heihnan, Larry Hughes, Rob Hunt, Darren Gorman, Jake Gerber and Joe Kaczka.

**Mitey Mite**—Alex Liszewski (4), Anthony Cianfrocca (7), Kyle Hughes (16), Stephen Coppi (19), Ryan Sacco (23), John Wylam (24), Lenny Casiero (30), Brandon Downes (31), Nicholas Heilmann (32), Kyle Kaczka (34), Mike Wagner (36), Randy Jakubik (39), Keith Wilson (45), Frank Debiase (46), Shaun Boyle (49), Corey Hay (57), Shawn Parisi (58), James Gorman (60), Mike Jeffreys (64), Thomas Katowich (75), Seth Yocum (76), William Whitefleet (77), Patrick Millard (80) and Vincent Appello (90).

Coaches are Mike Downes, Gary Huffsmith, Alan Jefferys, Glenn Parisi, Paul Wylan and Tim Boyle.

**Jr. Pee Wee**—Billy Ashnault (2), Troy Russell (16), Mark Wagner (18), Robert Gentile (22), Jalil Williams (33), Erick Paley (43), Tim Gaughan (44), Mat Kopchak (46), Bennie Gibson (48), Jesse Hay (50), Patrick Hunter (55), Steven Cornish (61), Kenneth Yefko (64), Russell Nash (66),

Matthew Seider (72), Brad Martin (73), Garrett Lake (77), Rocco Severini (81), Jordan Petriello (83), Johnathan Conroy (94), Peter Adorna (95) and Danny Pompilio (98).

Coaches are Jim Petriello, Bob Gentile, Mark Wagner, Jim Gaughan, Scott Barton, Tony Pompilio and Larry Hughes.

**Jr. Midget**—Tommy Deschanine (8), Anthony Constante (12), TJ Brown (20), Kevin Graham (21), Nick Dorey (22), Mike Jakubik (25), Mike Downes (25), Joe Cupo (26), Justin Huffsmith (27), Josh Prendergast (28), Darnard Smith (31), Anthony Cassano (32), Bryan Hunt (34), Gregory Yefko (40), Debarius Alford (45), Sam Martin (56), Jeff Cianfrocca (60), Bryan Wagner (68), Joe Jaghab (70), Joe Attanasio (75), Kyle Smith (77), Scott Barton (78), Kyle Darr (79), Fred Cummings (86), Lamar Jackson (88) and Steven Joaquim (98).

Coaches are Sal Severini, Gary Cassio, Joe Debiase, Jim Patti and Roger Bradley.

**Midget**—Jamar Beverly (2), Bill Merkler (4), Andrew Miller (6), Chris Bojarski (12), Darell Stevenson (24), Peter Deandrea (25), Ryan Kenny (28), Marquis Jones (41), Charlie Leon (50), Bryant Draper (51), Nick Jeffreys (65), Kyle Baker (66), Nick Cesare (67), John George (70), Mike Pederson (71), Luis Rivera (72), Anthony Fierro (80), Chris Jones (83), Jeffrey Toolan (84), Joseph Toolan (84), Joseph Agrillo (89), Alex Brown (92) and Rob Hoffman (94).

Coaches are Gene Bataille, Eugene Green, Raf Diaz and Dan Kenny.



## Pop Warner Results

### South Plainfield vs. Somerset Hills

**Mitey Mites**—Won 12-0 thanks to two touchdowns, one from Kyle Hughes, one from Nicholas Heilmann. Standouts were Shaun Boyle, Lenny Casiero, Stephen Coppi, Frank Debiase and Corey Hay.

**Jr. Pee-Wee**—Won 14-0 with two touchdowns from Garret Lake and a safety from Mark Wagner. Standouts were Peter Adorna, Jonathan Conroy, Steven Cornish, Tom Gaghan, Jesse Hay and Patrick Hunter.

**Jr. Midgets**—Lost 12-0. Standouts were TJ Brown, Fred

Cummings, Joe Cupo, Debarius Alford, Kevin Graham, Justin Huffsmith and Bryan Hunt.

**Midgets**—Won 24-7. With three touchdowns from Ryan Kenny and one from Andrew Miller. Standouts were Darell Stevenson, Luis Rivera, Mike Pederson, John George, Anthony Fierro and Marquis Jones.

**Flag**—Standouts were Shane Oconner, Stephen Petriello, Stephen Slatky, Jeremy Strausser, Justin Harris, Joe Cornelius and Kyle Brady.

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# Sports

By Tony Cassano



## juniorbaseballclubnotes

As we recently noted, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club has contracted an irrigation company to install a customized designed sprinkler system on Fields 1, 2, 3 and 4. In addition, dirt will be added and grading will be done. Construction has started and will continue during the month of October. All fields will be closed and no ball playing will be allowed on any field (Batting cages are open).

**FALL CLEAN UP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Saturday Oct. 28 at 7:30 a.m.**—A final clean up will be done on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the complex. Volunteers are needed. Please lend a hand for a few hours and help close up the complex for the winter. (Breakfast will be served)

**FALL REGISTRATION DATES SET FOR 2001 SEASON**—October 26, 27 and 28. The SPJBC will hold its Fall Registration for the 2001 season on Thursday Oct. 26, between 6 and 9 p.m.; Friday Oct. 27, between 6 and 9 p.m. and on Saturday Oct. 28, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. The SPJBC Clubhouse is located off of Belmont Ave. and Kenneth Ave. Registration includes uniform, hat and full season of play. Cost per family for one child is \$50, two children for \$80 and three children is \$100. Additional information will be forthcoming through school distribution and in this paper. In the interim, please call club for any further details at 908-754-2090

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND SPJBC CLUB MEMBERS** Effective Dec. 1, the current Executive Board of the Woman Auxiliary club will be stepping down. I regret to report that as of this date, we do not have any volunteers who have stepped forward to run the group. If that continues, the SPJBC will have no choice but to disband the Woman Auxiliary Club. If that should happen, the children of the club would be adversely effected. Please consider joining and volunteering your time for a very valuable part of our club. If interested, please inquire at the Fall Registration.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING**—Monday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. Our next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held n Monday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Voting will be conducted on any changes and/or proposals for Rules and By-Laws discussed at the October meeting for the 2001 season. Volunteers are still needed for several committees for the upcoming year. New members are always welcomed.

## Tigers Drop Fifth Straight

By Bryan Cochrane

The South Plainfield Tiger Football Team continued their downward spiral last Saturday, by losing their fifth straight game, this time on the road in Iselin in a 28-13 loss to J.F. Kennedy.

Special teams continued to shine as Andrew Fyffe took the opening kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown and another "first strike" lead.

But JFK ramblbed off 28 unan-

swered points, capped off by yet another costly fumble by the Tigers, this time in their own endzone.

Sophomore Rodney Jones accounted for South Plainfield's other score by snaring a Jason Bataille pass from 21-yards-out late in the fourth quarter.

The next game on the schedule is the Tigers final home game this season and it takes place this on Friday against Monroe.

## Blaze U-12 Girls Defuse Montgomery Sparks

A home game played at Riley School and facing the Montgomery Sparks, Blaze U-12 Girls Traveling Soccer team continued their unbeaten streak, defusing Montgomery Sparks 3-nil.

With a solid defensive performance from our fullbacks Tiffany Smith, Megan Boyle, Katelyn Conrad and sweeper Elizabeth Flannery, our goalkeeper Becky Keller earned her fourth shutout, stopping a relentless first half attack from Montgomery.

The first strike of the game occurred in the 24th minute on an assist from Kate Hardy to Joy Maszczak who blasted in a shot from the far post. Our left striker Denise Lopez, did a great job keeping up the pressure. Halftime produced a 1-0 score.

The second half excitement came from our talented midfield led by, Jennifer Copeland, Dorian Bishop, Lauren Fry, Ashley Little and stopper Jenna DeLillo. In the 60th minute, Jennifer Copeland

scored on the first of two unassisted shots and third of the year from inside the eighteen. A second shot six minutes later capped an always-exciting performance by Jennifer, putting the game out of reach for Montgomery.

In what truly was a great team effort this win puts our record at 3-0-1. Congratulations girls!

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

*Submitted by Coach Hardy*

## Typhoons Win Second Straight Game

The boys Under Typhoons won their second straight game with another hard fought effort over the Hunterdon United X-treme 1-0.

In what's turning out to be the trademark of this team, tough defense and constant offensive pressure, the Typhoons allowed only one serious scoring opportunity by the X-treme, which was turned away by a bustling Chris Pennisi, who came from across the field to kick the ball out of bounds on a breakaway.

Other key defensive plays by Greg Watts and J. R. Licato helped to keep the opposition at bay and on their heels for most of

the game.

The offense had a number of opportunities as a result of good passing and fine ball handling by Steven Guevara, John Christ and Brandon Ullom, but it wasn't until late in the second half when Brendan O'Shea unleashed a rocket from just beyond the 18 yard box, deep into the net for his first goal of the year and what turned out to be the game winner.

Throughout the contest Hunterdon played extremely aggressive, being whistled numerous times for toughness, but the Typhoons kept their coot and never let up on their offensive control of this game.

The boys will now go on a five game road trip starting next Sunday against North Hunterdon at Round Valley School at 3:30.

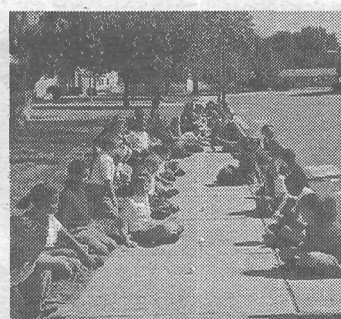
*Submitted by Jeff Marcoux*

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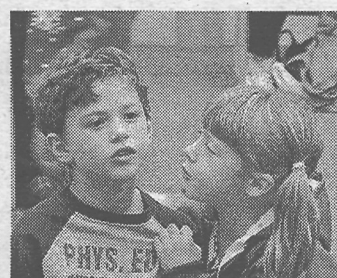
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## Obituaries

### Ellen E. (White) Hokanson, 76

Ellen E. (White) Hokanson of South Plainfield, died on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born and raised in Newark and was a former resident of Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield 48 years ago.

She was an assembler for Weston Electrical Instrument Corp. in Newark for fifteen years.

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

She is survived by her beloved husband, Carl R. Hokanson Sr.; a son, Carl R. Hokanson Jr., of Columbia, SC; two daughters, Suzanne Crivelli of Hamilton and Nancy Hood of East Windsor and five grandchildren, Shannon Hokanson, Kelly and Jason Crivelli and Cody and Dylan Hood.

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

### Bertha (Kupper) Mac Dougall, 74

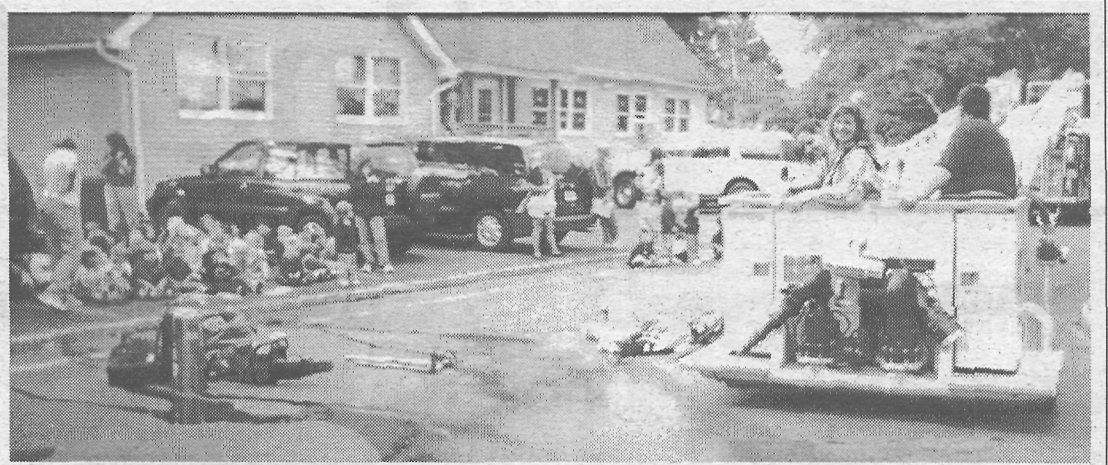
Bertha (Kupper) Mac Dougall of died on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Elizabeth General Hospital in Elizabeth.

She was born and raised in Newark before moving to Clark 41 years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Mac Dougall Sr., who died in 1996.

She is survived by three sons, Raymond Jr. and Steven Mac Dougall, both of South Plainfield and George Frederick of Toms River; a daughter, Linda Waterson of Clark; a brother, Martin Kupper and a sister, Doris Spiletta and 10 grandchildren.

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



The students of Creative Kids Academy look on as the South Plainfield Fire Department raise Creative Kids Director Sue Ashnault and Devon DiMaria up in the fire truck's bucket in celebration of Fire Prevention Week.

## Letters

Continued from page 2

On Tuesday, June 20 my notes indicate that I spoke to the PTA president, who had been called by the writer of the letter. The president was told "Mario approved the boat." I indicated to the PTA president that protocol needed to be followed. First, the PTA must approve the purchase, then present the plan to me for approval. I then must check Board policy regarding playground equipment so that I could make a proper request to the Board through the Superintendent.

At 10:40 a.m. on June 26, I spoke to Mr. Ferri about several issues, one of which was the approval process for playground equipment. On Tuesday, June 28 at 3:37, I spoke to one of the committee members who had approached me the previous day. She told me that a check had been issued for the ship already! I told her that I had said to her the day before that the committee needed PTA approval. I also told her we needed site approval before and BOE approval, etc. To this the committee member replied, "I should know, I had to get all the approvals for the [Roosevelt School] sign." She then told me that she would call the company to stop the boat.

The writer seems to selectively edit incidences. For example, at Back to School night when a parent in the audience asked a question about the playground equipment, after the PTA president spoke, I addressed the general audience. I specifically addressed the issue about playground equipment and stated that it may be prudent to wait until we see the outcome of the referendum before we purchase equipment.

Also, the Fifth Grade Committee was told that the money they had left over from fundraising was to revert back to PTA general funds as per PTA by-laws. Therefore, to ask me about purchasing playground equipment was presumptuous because by then the money was unavailable. I unequivocally stated that I was in favor of getting playground

equipment but we needed to follow protocol.

The writer claims that I stated that Lori Jankoski and Diane Gualano are on the BOE Committee for the new school. When I implored the audience to get information so as to make an intelligent decision with regard to the referendum, I said they could get information from a committee member or PTA members Lori Jankoski and Diane Gualana. They could also ask me any questions about the referendum. I did not mention committee members by name because I did not know all the committee members. If the writer felt slighted because I did not mention her name, I apologize as that was not my intent.

An update of the playground situation is that the committee came to the PTA Executive Board meeting on Oct. 3 and is prepared to raise money for new equipment. They will work with the PTA in a cooperative manner. I do not oppose playground equipment. I do resent when conversations are taken out of context or distorted for personal means.

I hope we can move forward in the future in a positive manner. The committee is eager to raise money for the playground equipment; the PTA is fully supportive of the committee; and I am looking forward to working with the committee and PTA for the benefit of our children.

**MARIO BARBIERE,  
ROOSEVELT SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL**

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**THANK YOU  
JILL GORMAN**

To the Editor,

In response to the letter to the editor "A Concerned Parent" dated Oct. 6, 2000, please allow me to set the records straight at Mrs. Montuori's attempt to undermine the Roosevelt School's PTA's and Mr. Barbieri's good intentions once again with her misguided information.

Let me, for hopefully the last time, reiterate the State PTA's, as well as the schools position in this matter.

No one representing this school disagrees with the fact the children can use and would enjoy new playground equipment. However, the point we need to STRESS is there are specific guidelines set forth by the New Jersey State PTA and I quote: PTA's should provide service NOT material items for the school. The purchase of material and equipment is the responsibility of the Board of Education. This is directly taken from the State PTA Bylaws. I also stated at back to school night that I was speaking with a representative from the NJ State PTA Bylaws. There are certain criteria's that have to be met and until they are met our hands are tied. There is no reason for a petition, demonstration or any other means of getting this point across. We have taken everyone's concerns into account on this matter and we all agree. Myself, Mr. Barbieri and the PTA executive board can assure you we have this one, as well as many other projects in the works for our school and more importantly our children. After all that should be our main concern "OUR CHILDREN!" There is however, one point Mrs. Montuori makes that I agree with, anyone interested in joining the committee we have already organized to fund the project should contact me through the schools PTA mailbox.

In closing, on behalf of myself and the PTA executive board let me thank Mrs. Montuori as well as all the others involved for showing such enthusiasm for this project. Your dedication and concerns are very much appreciated.

Proud to be Roosevelt Schools PTA President

**LORI JANKOSKI**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on October 26, 2000 at 10:00 AM prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

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Mary Blue, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Ordinance #1550 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT IN THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Tuesday, October 10, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Mary Blue, RMC  
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Ordinance #1551 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF RECORDS CLERK IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** was presented for

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

October 4, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on October 3, 2000.

Case #32-96/S-BALAGI, INC.-Block 290; Lots 3 & 4; 2105 New Brunswick Ave.-Applicant's request to reaffirm the previously granted use variance, bulk variances and preliminary and final site plan, was hereby GRANTED.

Case #35-00/S-SAINT STEPHEN THE PROTO-MARTYR ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH-Block 177; Lots 13 & 15; 609 Lane Ave.-Applicant's request for an expansion of a conditional use variance and the replacement of the cupola, was hereby GRANTED.

Case #13-98-Patrick Murray-Block 472; Lot 29.01; South Clinton Ave. & Garnder Ave.-Applicant's request to extend the variance approvals to December 31, 200 was hereby GRANTED.

Janice Muccilli  
Recording Secretary/Planning Board

\$24.00 1T Oct. 13, 2000

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## policereport

• On Saturday, Oct. 7 at 2:20 a.m., the BP Gas Station at 318 Durham Ave. was robbed at gunpoint. The employee reported a dark colored vehicle entered the station and a passenger exited the vehicle, produced a handgun, placed it to his side and demanded money. The employee surrendered approximately \$800. The suspect then fled south on Durham Ave. in the vehicle. The suspect with the handgun is described as a black male, 5'8", thin build and dressed in dark clothing. The operator of the vehicle is also described as a black male dressed in dark clothing. Anyone with information regarding this robbery should contact Det. Gene Bataille at (908) 226-7664.

• On Sunday, Oct. 8 at 9 a.m., a Piscataway resident was loading groceries into her vehicle in the Pathmark parking lot when a Red Ford Explorer drove up next to her shopping cart and the passenger reached out of the window and took her purse. The vehicle then fled eastbound on Hadley Road. Both occupants of the vehicle are described at white males. Anyone with information regarding this theft should contact Det. James Foran at (908) 226-7665.

• On Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 4 a.m., patrols responded to a vehicle fire in the parking lot of 40 Cragwood Rd. Upon their arrival, a 1999 Lincoln Navigator was discovered fully engulfed in flames. The vehicle was reported stolen in Piscataway Twp. at the time of the fire. Preliminary investigation indicates that the fire was purposely started and is being investigated as arson. Anyone with information regarding this theft should contact Det. James Foran at (908) 226-7665.

• A Perth Place resident reported someone had entered the house, via an open rear window, and removed jewelry and money. Suspects cut the screen and climbed in. The victim said the window had been unlocked. The suspects scattered jewelry on the bed, then entered a second bedroom where they removed \$2400 in cash from a wallet.

• A Harvard Ave. resident reported an

unknown person had obtained his credit card information. The card had been used to purchase merchandise from www.Circuitcity.com. The shipment was to a Garfield Ave. address in So. Plfd. It is unknown how the information was obtained.

• While searching for a car involved in criminal mischief in Plainfield, police spotted a vehicle matching the description on Edgar Ave. The officer spoke to one of several people standing near car and was told of an assault that had just taken place. An Edgar Ave. resident reported a woman had come to her home and made accusations that someone had stolen property that belonged to her. A verbal altercation began which turned physical. The suspect, Leslie Davis of Plainfield, pulled out razor blade-type box cutter and began to slash victims. Two victims were transported to Muhlenberg Hospital.

• A Perth Amboy resident reported the theft of his car from Imperial Foods, St. Nicholas Ave. There was no sign of forced entry.

• A Day St. resident reported her car was scratched on the driver's side from front fender to rear. It was parked in front of the residence. There are no witnesses or suspects.

• A Windrew Ave. resident reported that a live-in friend had taken his truck without permission. The resident stated the suspect had previous drug problems and he was concerned with her well being and his truck. The victim did not want to report the vehicle stolen for 24 hours to allow his roommate time to return the truck. After 24 hours the victim reported the car as stolen and the lojack was activated. The car was recovered in Essex County and the suspect was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and numerous outstanding warrants.

• A Calderone resident reported a large rock thrown through a window.

• So Central Ave. house was hit with blue paintballs. The resident reported hearing a sound outside his home in the late evening. He discovered three large blue paintball blobs on the house.

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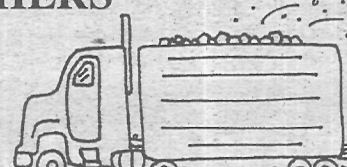
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town mentality and that she would get nowhere talking to the mayor." She further stated that it would be inconvenient for her to go out and take the signs down. Zushma replied that it was inconvenient for the residents of South Plainfield to have to look at her clutter and cited a \$500 fine or prison term of not more than 90 days. He also explained that a summons would be issued on each sign that was not removed. The signs were removed that night.

In an attempt to unravel various contradictions, the *Observer* emailed a number of questions to the Internet address listed on the flyer. A phone call was also placed with a request for a return call. Tara responded to the call and explained that she did not understand why it was "such a big deal." Contradicting previous statements to others, she replied she had not authorized the placement of the signs and pointed out that the signs had been put up by her assistant. She

noted that the assistant was no longer with her. As of presstime, there has been no reply to the questions posed by the *Observer*.

The deluge of pink signs may be gone, but the problem continues. Despite the seemingly little-known ordinance against this practice, an epidemic of hand-lettered or computer generated signs tacked one on top of the other continues to pollute the borough. It becomes a more obvious problem when the signs are not removed.

The upcoming elections mean a flood of political signs, both large and

small. Many are placed with permission on private property, others are placed near intersections or on vacant lots. These are usually removed promptly after each election, but occasionally signs for state or county candidates tend to be forgotten.

Zushma said that he removes scores of signs and when possible visits the addresses listed. He explains the ordinance and requests the removal of any additional signs. He noted that often the signs are placed by people from out of town. A local ordinance states in part, "that it is unlawful for any person to distribute

or attach to any tree, pole, sign, billboard, fence or building, except where located on the premises of the distributor issuer, any car, circular, pamphlet, papers or other publications or any form of advertising matter unless said person shall first obtain a permit therefor. Every person distributing any card, circular, pamphlet, newspaper or other publication or any form of advertising matter shall do so in a manner to avoid the littering and scattering of papers and shall comply with the rules and regulations pertaining thereto established by the Major and Council."

## Take a DARE on Halloween

Visit the Community Policing Building on the corner of Hamilton Blvd and New Market Ave. From 3-7 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31.

DARE officers Alan LaMonda and Joe Papa will be on hand to meet with children and parents and offer Halloween treats. Canine crimefighter McGruff will also make an appearance to talk to children about Halloween safety and other issues.



## Flu Shots Available at Twin City

Quaker State Medical Services will be at Twin City Pharmacy located on Park Ave. on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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For more information, call 755-7696.

## Elks Selling Entertainment Books

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.

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## Special Board of Education Meeting

The South Plainfield Board of Education will hold a special public meeting 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.

## HELP-1944

## Firehouse Picture

Would the gentleman who recently spoke to the *Observer* editor, Nancy, about identifying the people in the firehouse picture, contact her at (908) 668-0010.

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