

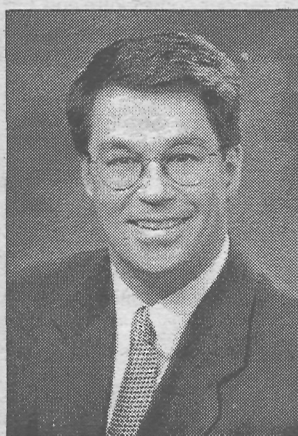
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Your Vote Makes a Difference!



Raymond Petronko

This year voters in South Plainfield will be casting their votes not just for local candidates, but also for president, one U.S. senator, one U.S. congressman, two Middlesex County freeholders and Middlesex County clerk. Every one of these races are very close and your vote will count. South Plainfield also has its own question on the ballot. Voters will be asked to vote yes to create a Length of Service Award



Bob Cusick

Program for volunteer firemen and rescue squad members who perform a minimum amount of service to our community. A maximum of \$500 will be deposited into a tax deferred income account that earns interest for the volunteer.

Running for a three-year term for council are Democratic Councilman Ray Petronko, who is seeking his second term and his running mate, Bob Cusick. Republican can-



Ed Lyons

didates are David Guoth and Ed Lyons. While the democratic candidates have been criss-crossing the town, shaking hands and attending numerous functions, little or no sightings of the republican candidates have been reported and a "meet the candidates night," sponsored by the VFW, had to be cancelled because they could not attend. (See page 8 for more on these candidates.)

Two South Plainfield resi-



David Guoth

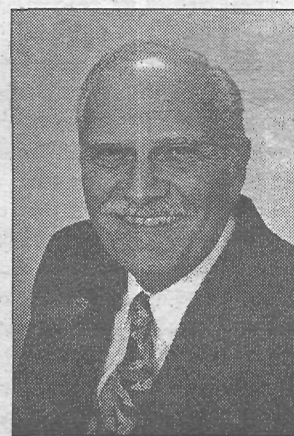
dents, Hank Grabarz and John Pulomena, are running for Middlesex County freeholder. Freeholders John Pulomena and H. James Polis, both democrats, are seeking re-election. Pulomena served on our borough council as president and Polis is the former mayor of Highland Park. Hank Grabarz and Carl Perlin are the republican candidates. Grabarz has run for borough council several times and his running



John Pulomena

mate Perlin has never held public office.

Running for U.S. Senate are Republican Bob Franks and Democrat Jon Corzine. This race centers on one major issue – that is the amount of his own money Corzine has spent in both the primary and general election – more than \$50 million. Bob Franks, a four-term congressman and a former state legislator has spent only about \$4 million. Despite



Hank Grabarz

the amount of money spent by Corzine, Franks is holding his own.

The Seventh Congressional District, formerly held by Bob Franks, is another close race. Democrat Maryanne Connelly, former Fanwood mayor and Republican Mike Ferguson, a teacher, have been sparing over not only campaign issues, but who is less truthful.

Democrat Elaine Flynn is

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McCriskin Balloon Release Gaining Momentum

On Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. McCriskin Home For Funerals located on Plainfield Ave. will be holding a huge balloon release in conjunction with a national campaign sponsored by the National Funeral Directors.

Hundreds of red, white and blue balloons will be released in front of McCriskin's Funeral Home to raise money for the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. This event is growing in size every day. Plainfield Ave. will be closed to traffic during this event.

Those who have not yet sponsored a balloon and plan on doing so, should be at the funeral home by 1

p.m. You can sponsor a balloon in the name of a veteran or home front worker for \$10. Those who have already sponsored balloons should be at the funeral home by 1:30 p.m. to obtain their balloon.

The "Celebration of Freedom" Service will begin at approximately 1:45 p.m. leading into the 2 p.m. simultaneous balloon release.

McCriskin Home For Funerals is urging those who are planning to sponsor a balloon to return their forms or gifts prior to Nov. 11. If anyone has any questions concerning the balloon release, please call the funeral home at 908-561-8000.

BP Gas Station Robbed Again

During the early morning hours on Tuesday, the BP gas station, located on Durham Ave. was robbed at gunpoint. This is the second time the station was robbed in the past month.

Station employees told police that two men dressed in dark clothing, wearing ski masks entered the station at about 1:30 a.m. One suspect, described as a black male, 5'3" tall, grabbed one of the four employees by the neck and produced a handgun. The robber then demanded money from the register and fired a shot from his handgun into the wall of the office area, apparently trying to intimidate the employees.

The other robber, described as a

white male, 5'8" tall, approached a second employee and demanded the key for the safe. The robber assaulted the employee, punching him in the face and demanding money at the same time. An undetermined amount of cash was given to the robbers, who fled in a stolen car. The car was recovered a short time later in Edison Twp.

The assaulted employee was transported to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center for treatment.

The investigation is continuing and the police are asking anyone who may have any information regarding this robbery to contact Paul Wylan at (908) 226-7662.



Students from Flo's Piano Studio recently entertained the residents of Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains. Flo and her students, dressed in PJ's and held a Pajama Party Sing-A-Long, much to the delight of the residents. See more pictures on page 12.

New York Man Charged with Sexual Assault

Peter Hubsch of Carmel, NY was arrested and charged with Sexual Assault and Endangering the Welfare of a Child on Oct. 29.

The investigation revealed that Hubsch met a 14-year-old resident of South Plainfield on the Internet. They communicated and Hubsch traveled to South Plainfield and engaged in sex acts in the boy's home.

Police say additional charges may be pending because Hubsch crossed the state line. Bail was set at \$150,000 cash and he was held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center. Hubsch has since posted bail and been released. On Tuesday, a search warrant was executed at his residence in Carmel, NY. Various items, including a laptop computer, were seized for further examination. The investigation is continuing and is being conducted by Det. James Darby.

Hubsch reportedly works as a computer troubleshooter in Stamford, Conn.

Billboards Proposed to Board of Adjustment

Tuesday night's Board of Adjustment was held for only one purpose – to ask the board to grant several variances to erect three two-sided billboards, along Rt. 287.

Carole Media, the applicant, is the same company that is responsible for the large billboard placed on Rt. 287

in Bridgewater recently.

Tuesdays meeting heard only part of the first billboard presentation. The case will be carried until the end of November. According to the applicant's attorney, Ron Shimanowitz, a permit has already been issued by the DOT. The bill-

board will be placed on Bedford Ave. The v-shaped sign would be 50 feet tall and lighted with five lights on each side from dusk to dawn.

If these variances are requested there will be three billboards placed along the 1.8 miles that run through South Plainfield.

In My Opinion

Dear Editor:

The fifth grade class at Kennedy School went on their trip to Stokes on Oct. 9, 10 and 11. The weather cooperated and the children had a wonderful time.

There is a lot of planning and scheduling involved in making the trip a success. Fifth grade teachers Miss Sosnak, Mr. Montemurro, and Mr. Miller do the planning, but Mr. Miller does the majority of the work. Many hours are spent setting up the learning groups for the children, their table assignments, and the schedule for each child to be a "cruiser" at mealtime. They teach the activities and help the kids to have fun in the process. It's a lot of work, but they are always enthusiastic.

There are other teachers from Kennedy who leave their class and volunteer to come to Stokes to help teach the children different activities, too. This year the teachers were Mrs. Friedman, Mrs. Doyon, Mrs. Luck, Mr. McCann and Mr. Fletcher.

Last but certainly not least is our principal, Mr. Czech. He supports all the necessary moneymaking activities so we can go on this trip. He comes on the trip, teaches some activities and participates in all the others. He's always there for the children! He's the best!

We sincerely thank all of you for taking an interest in our children and helping them to have an experience at Stokes that they will never forget!

STOKES 2000 COMMITTEE

To the Editor,

The "silly season," as this time of year is always referred to, is winding down....but just how silly is it? Raymond Petronko is running for re-election. Due to Ray's diligence and work with the Recreation Com-

mission, we will soon have a long overdue PAL expansion for the youth of South Plainfield.

Due to Ray's perseverance and work with the seniors we will soon have another long overdue project completed—the senior center—and without the use of tax dollars. Ray has even obtained a grant to purchase furniture for the new senior center.

Ray has been improving the parks within our borough again—without using tax dollars. New park equipment, improving the fields and paving...all for our youth in South Plainfield.

Ray's running mate this year is new to politics but not to our borough. Bob Cusick has been actively involved on our planning board and the environmental commission.

Both Ray and Bob are strong advocates for open space. Just look at the corner of Park Avenue and Oak Tree Road. Many developers wanted that corner but Ray spearheaded the motion to obtain a million-dollar grant from the Board of Chosen Freeholders to preserve that corner!!!

Both men are dedicated family men who want to make a difference in our community. So as the season is winding down, please take the time out on Nov. 7 to get out to vote, for Raymond Petronko and Bob Cusick It would be silly not to!!!!

DARLENE M. PINTO

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my frustration with the recent series of errors made by the mail carriers assigned to not only my address, but also my neighbors on surrounding streets with similar house numbers. For obvious reasons, I ask for anonymity. One or two pieces of mail delivered in error are more than understand-

able; after all we are all human. However, in recent months, there has been a continuing pattern of mail appearing at my home which belongs to people several streets away, or people on my street, or to people and businesses that are located nowhere near me. It can be almost overlooked when it is bulk mail or a non-essential piece of mail like a card. A whole different issue exists however when bills and actual credit cards are delivered to the wrong address. I received my neighbor's new credit card, but never received the bill for one of my own. I had to call the company, explain the situation, find out the payment and mailing address, and then ask for another bill to be sent out. The company has been gracious enough to waive the late fee that would have ordinarily have been assessed. I have received frequent flyer travel tickets belonging to people at another address. The instance that finally prompted me to write was when I received a certified mail receipt, left in my mailbox in error. Yes, the intended deliverer had the same house number, but that person lives on a different street altogether.

My first inclination was to send or hand deliver the receipt to the right person, something I have done in the past (once, the same letter came back to my house), but that would accomplish nothing in terms of making my frustration known, so I mailed a letter with the receipt attached to our postmaster. He and I had spoken about this situation on the phone before, and I was assured that he was aware of it and was working to resolve things. Then I received a piece of mail around September 30 with a postmark of August 31. It was wet and faded, and was in fact, something whose whereabouts I had wondered about for the whole month.

To make a long story a little shorter, I have heard nothing in the way of a response from our postmaster. There is enough to worry about without having to worry if the mail is going to come to my house or end up in some other part of town where I may never see it again.

If this is the existing situation now, how much worse can we expect it to be during the holiday mailing madness? Bills still have to be paid, and have to be paid on time, regardless of whether the mail is delivered to the right house or not. Is it too difficult to ask that the mail carrier look at more than just the house number when delivering mail and to try to ensure that mail gets to the right families in the right homes?

**SINCERELY,
NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST**

Letter to the Editor:

On Tuesday, Nov. 7 in South Plainfield, you will cast your vote to elect your representative on the Borough Council.

One needs only to look around to see the tremendous progress underway in our Borough.

Councilman Ray Petronko, who chairs our Recreation and Senior Citi-

zen Committee, is responsible for the expansion of our PAL refurbishing and expanding Putnam Park, new recreation equipment at Pitt Street Park, our Senior Citizen Center and bringing Senior Housing to South Plainfield. Ray is a dedicated man and deserving of your support.

Ray's running mate, Bob Cusick, has served our residents through membership on the Borough Planning Board and the Environmental Commission. Bob is an energetic individual, dedicated husband and father and he will be an asset to the borough.

I ask that you join with me and vote for Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick for South Plainfield Borough Council.

**BEST REGARDS,
DANIEL J. GALLAGHER, MAYOR**

Dear Editor:

Has anybody been reading about the mess that's going on in Edison concerning the proposed drug store where the pond now exists?

Do you know where that drug store was originally supposed to go? Well it was supposed to go at the intersection of Oak Tree Road and Park Avenue right here in South Plainfield. Because of the farsightedness of our mayor and council, we don't have the problem that Edison has. Why? Because they went out and applied for \$1 million dollars in open space funds to permanently protect that corner. Just a few days ago the houses at that intersection were torn down and Putnam Park is now going to be doubled in size.

We in South Plainfield are going to have jogging trails, open spaces and soccer fields rather than an ugly drug store like they are going to be stuck with in Edison. These things don't happen by mistake. It's because of people like Ray Petronko who say let's protect that corner so we can preserve this beautiful open space, while other towns are trying to catch up.

That's why South Plainfield is a great place to live and that's why Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick deserve your vote on Election Day.

WALTER X. KALMAN

Dear Editor:

Some decisions in life are very difficult and some are very easy. Who I am going to vote for in this year's election is easy. My vote will be given to the Democratic team of Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick. After talking to them at length at my home a few weeks ago, I know without a

doubt that they are the best qualified candidates to represent MY interests on the governing body. They explained their vision for the future of our town and had a plan to reach those goals. Both Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick fully endorse the democratic initiative of Democracy Day. Both Ray and Bob believe that we can continue the programs the current mayor and council have started. Road improvements, maintaining a stable tax rate, improving our recreational facilities and enhancing our programs and facilities for our seniors are just a few programs they mentioned. They also fully support the length of service award program for our volunteer firefighters and rescue squad personnel. That is an excellent program for our community and I'm glad to see that they believe in our volunteers. Both Ray and Bob seem to be level headed and fair people who just want to make South Plainfield the best community possible.

If you are like me and also believe in these worthwhile programs, then go out on November 7 and cast your vote for the Democratic team of Councilman Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick.

FRANK FERINO

To the Editor:

In these times, many of our public officials seem to get apathetic after they have been in office a few years, but not Councilman Ray Petronko. He just seems to be getting more and more organized. I remember three years ago when Ray was first elected, he promised to fix up our borough parks. Well, low and behold, Putnam Park and Shadyside Park have been improved and now he's working on Pitt Street Park. If that isn't enough, he worked very hard to make the PAL expansion a reality. What a wonderful recreation facility it's going to be when it is completed. But that shouldn't surprise anyone. We have Ray working everyday for us and our children. What else could we ask for.

On Tuesday, November 7, please join me in reelecting Councilman Ray Petronko and elect his running mate Bob Cusick to the Borough Council. We deserve the best representing our interests and that is certainly Ray and Bob. Thank You!

WILLIAM A. NAGY JR.

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed serving the Borough these past three years and I would love the opportunity to serve

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The Democratic Plan for year 2001



Continue to keep Taxes, Spending and Borrowing under control! Because of the policies of the new Democratic Majority, South Plainfield now has an A1 rating from Moodys Investors.



Preserve Open Space. Within the last two years, the 35 acre Environmental Preserve, 9 acres on Park Avenue and the land which doubled the size of Putnam Park at the intersection of Oak Tree and Park Avenue have been permanently protected from development. Next year the 9 acres at Clinton and Tompkins Avenue will be preserved and other open space projects will be started.



Continue to Listen to the People! Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick are committed to Democracy Day every Spring where you get to tell the Council what you want done in South Plainfield. South Plainfield is the first town in New Jersey to have Democracy Day.



Continue to Improve our Parks, Roads and Infrastructure on a **"Pay As You Go Basis"**! Over 80 roads have been repaved, four parks upgraded, our PAL expanded, a new Senior Rec Center begun, our library and municipal complex upgraded without borrowing money to do them. Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick will continue **"Pay As You Go"** in South Plainfield.



Finish Helen Street! The long process of dealing with the federal government is more than half completed. Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick will continue to work so that Helen Street will be started within 18 months which will take truck traffic off Hamilton Blvd. and Belmont Avenue.

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OR E-MAIL US AT: VOTEDM@spdems.org

Events

Suburban Woman's Club Welcomes Local Speaker

November 2

The GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield announced that its guest speaker will be South Plainfield resident Catherine Wells, R.N. The Nov. 2 meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, Oak Tree Road.

Mrs. Wells received her Master's Degree (BA) from Jersey City State University and has been in the nursing field for many years. She was supervisor of the Medical Review Department, Community Service of East and West Hudson Counties.

Her topic, "Innocents of Aids," will be followed by a question and answer period with the audience.

During the month of November, club members will be collecting and donating canned goods and other food for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The service organization organizes many such projects throughout the year.

Future Stars Parents Meeting Notice

November 2

The Future Stars Parents Group will hold a Meeting Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Grant School. We urge all parents to attend. The main topic will be Breakfast with Santa. Volunteers are needed.

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.

Come for a Country Breakfast at VFW

November 5

The VFW Post 6763 will hold a Country Breakfast (varied menu) on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 155 Front St.

8 to 11 a.m. Donation is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 children up to and including 12 years of age.

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

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.

Veterans Day Services

November 11

VFW Memorial Post 6763 will hold Veterans Day Services on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at 55 Front Street. Festivities include an open house with refreshments. The public is invited.

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

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.

Athletic Boosters Plan Sports Raffle Auction

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will hold a Sports Raffle Auction on Saturday, Nov. 18. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 if purchased in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission includes 25 auction tickets.

Prizes include Devils tickets, autographed balls, sports theme baskets, Rutgers tickets, a bicycle and Television.

For tickets or more information call. The Diaz's at (908) 561-5359 or The Celentano's at (908) 757-5691 or the South Plainfield PAL at 226-226-7713.

Rec Dept. Sponsoring 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 susan.metz@worldnet.att.net.

Holiday Craft Show at John E. Riley School

December 1

The John E. Riley School Stokes Committee will host a Holiday Craft Show on Friday, Dec. 1. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m.

The show will feature new and handcrafted merchandise. Refreshments will be available. Come do your shopping at Riley School.

For vendor information, please call (908) 756-9257.

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.

Multi-Class Reunion Planned

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

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

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

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

Events In Surrounding Towns

Brass Lantern Upcoming Events

The Brass Lantern, located on Main Street in Metuchen, will hold the following events in November:

- Friday, Nov. 3, Discover Dept. 56
- Open House on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 9 and 10, 6-9 p.m.

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

Culinary Seductions

November 18

KISMET will sponsor "Culinary Seductions" Full Participation Cooking Class for singles on Saturday, Nov. 18, 7 to 11 p.m. at Classic Thyme Cooking School, 161 East Broad St., Westfield. \$65 at the door. Contact (908) 232-8827 for information or www.thatskismet.com.

Blood Drives

ARC/Tri-County Chapter and NJES are partners collecting blood to supply the necessity of hospitals in our region. Around four million people are in need of blood every year, in our country. The majority of those people would die if the blood would not be available. Blood is needed for emergencies and as a way of life for thousands of people. People who suffer from cancer, leukemia, heart disease, sickle cell anemia and other major diseases need blood on a regular basis to survive. We continue to seek out volunteers to give blood and save lives.

To donate, a person must be between 17 and 75 years old. 17 years old in New Jersey require parent's written permission to donate. Must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. The whole process takes around 45 minutes but the actual blood donation just takes 6-8 minutes. You may donate every 56 days and you can resume all normal activities after donating.

Following are upcoming blood drives for November.

- Nov. 5: Temple Har Shalom, 104 Mt. Horeb Rd., Warren 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11: Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Rd., Scotch Plains, 3:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Nov. 12: Immaculate Heart of Mary 1571 Martine Ave, Scotch Plains, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Leigh and Patrick Harris

Leigh Michele Schulte of South Plainfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schulte of South Plainfield was married to Patrick Joseph Harris, also of South Plainfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, on June 9, at the Holy Family Chapel in Morristown.

Tara Secero and Alexandra Keppel were the Maids of Honor. Scott Cichetti was the Best Man.

Leigh is currently working at Lakeview School for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County as a computer teacher.

Patrick is currently working for the NBA as a Video Operation Assistant. They currently reside in Iselin.

Recycling Center/Yard Waste

Schedule Changes for November

The South Plainfield Recycling Center, located on Kenneth Ave., will be closed for Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. Recycling will be open on Wednesday or Thursday of those weeks instead. The schedule will be:

Closed	Open	
November 7, 10	November 8	12-7 p.m.
	November 9	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
	November 11	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
November 23, 24	November 21	12-7 p.m.
	November 22	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
	November 25	8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Yard Waste Site, which is open for leaves from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Sunday during November, will also be closed on these holidays. They will be closed Nov. 7 and 10 and open on Nov. 6, 8, 9 and 11 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For Thanksgiving they will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 and open November 20, 21, 22 and 25 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

Fall Leaf Pick Up Underway

The South Plainfield Leaf Pick Up Program began on Oct. 30 and will end on Dec. 1.

This past week each resident should have received a flyer in the mail listing the weeks for leaf pickups, a map showing the five pick up sections and a coupon for 20 free biodegradable leaf bags. The bags can be picked up at the Public Works Garage on Belmont Ave.

The road department will only be picking up biodegradable paper bag during the leaf program. They will not pick up any plastic. All plastic bags

must be taken to the compost area by residents.

The compost area only is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Dec. 1.

The week of pickups are: Section 1-Oct. 20; section 2-Nov. 6; section 3-Nov. 13; section 4-Nov. 20 and Sec. 5-Nov. 27. Trucks will be returning to all sections throughout the leaf program.

Residents are asked to leave bags at the curb. If you wish to purchase additional paper bags, you may do so at a local hardware store.

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Helen Behrens, co-chairwoman of Terra Nova Garden Club, tends to the North Edison Library colorful garden. The club also plants flowers at South Plainfield Municipal Building annually.

Terra Nova Garden Club News

The Terra Nova Garden Club welcomed four new members at their October meeting. Elaine Sullivan of South Plainfield and Edison residents Joan Henry, Josephine Atkins and Barbara Malkus have joined Terra Nova after hearing of the many and varied activities of the club.

Mary Farrokt presented a program entitled "Creating Unique Photo Albums" at the October meeting.

In celebration of Terra Nova's 50th Anniversary, a cookbook of members'

favorite recipes called *A Cookbook For All Seasons* was printed.

For further information on how to purchase a book, call Cookbook Chairman Gail Sulinski, (908) 755-2655.

The garden club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at the Edison Public Library on Grove Ave.

For membership info, contact Helen Behrens, membership chairwoman, 12 Dellview Dr., Edison, NJ 08820.

Resident Turns Hobby into 27-Year Passion

By Patricia Abbott

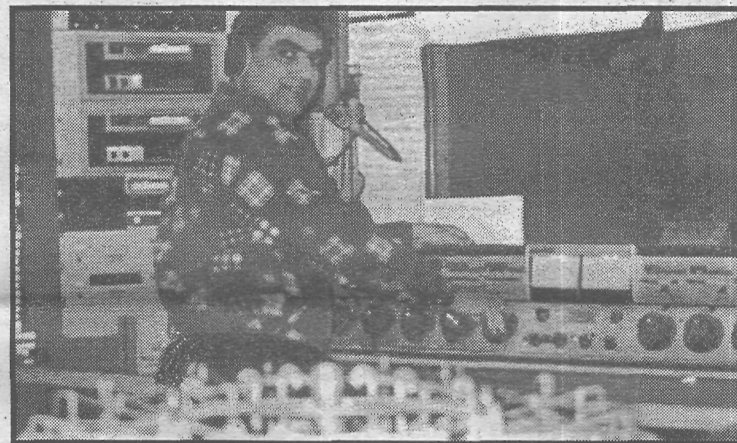
More than 25 years ago South Plainfield resident Dev Joshi turned a hobby and a commitment to community service into a popular radio program. He watched the steady growth of the South Asian community in Central New Jersey and saw a need for cultural programs.

His insight blossomed into the radio program, *Glimpses Of India*. The program, heard on WRSU 88.7FM, the Rutgers flagship station, is the longest continuous community program of its kind in the U.S. Dev has been the host and producer of the unique weekly show for 27 years.

The radio program offers listeners a variety of songs, community events announcements, interviews and more. The program has come a long way since its inception. It began as a prerecorded show on Saturday. Seven years later it went live; *Live and Lively* can be heard on Sunday afternoons.

"Glimpses of India" recently held its Silver Jubilee at the Chutney Manor in South Brunswick. The anniversary was celebrated with a live remote broadcast from the location and aired on WRSU. The live audience consisted of about 300 people as well as several thousand loyal listeners in the Central Jersey Area. Both audiences enjoyed performances of folk and classical dancing, regional and popular songs.

During the event Dev was honored by the Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce and various business, community and political leaders including Frank Pallone and Jon Corzine. Mr. Ravi, music director of Bollywood film industry (an Asian film equivalent to Hollywood), was a special guest at the jubilee. He gave an impromptu vocal and music performance and was interviewed length



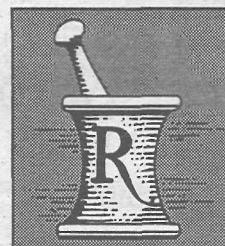
Dev Joshi on the job at WRSU in New Brunswick.

offering the audience a glimpse of his life and career never before revealed. The success of the evening is attributed to the hard work of Dev Joshi and the "Glimpses Of India" team, WRSU management, devoted long-time listeners and support of the local community and business leaders.

Dev and wife Reshma have lived in South Plainfield for 16 years. They have four children, David and Kunal in college; Kevin attends SPHS and Tanya is a first grade student at Franklin School. Dev coached recreation soccer and basketball for eight years. Dev has worked at Colgate Palmolive for 30 years as a scientist in global research and development. He is involved in various community

activities and diversity issues. He started the Asian American Group at Colgate and served as a spokesperson to the management. He has organized various concerts with artists from India and has conducted diversity workshops at various area schools/churches/community gatherings.

He is also involved with radio station WCNJ which started a 24 hour, 7 day a week, Indian radio program. Dev's "Glimpses of India" can be heard on three FM stations 88.7, 89.3 and 91.9 as well as over the Internet. During the Indian holiday Diwali, listeners from the South Asian community can turn on the radio and feel at home as Dev shares his Glimpses of India with music and more.



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From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Okay, let's put away the bats and clean up the cobwebs and candy wrappers. But, before you get the turkey and pilgrim pictures out, here's news from the South Plainfield Library:

At this writing, there's still open space available for the Scrap-booking program led by Dayle Giammarino. The program is set for tonight at 7 p.m. There's an admission/materials charge of \$8. Bring your photos and yourself; everything else will be provided. You can sign up at the main desk, or call us at (908) 754-7885.

Here's a review of our operating hours for the coming week. We'll be closed on Tuesday, Election Day. We'll be closed next Friday and Saturday in honor of Veteran's Day. We'll reopen the following Sunday from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is set for Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Everyone, both members and non-members, is welcome to attend.

We'll follow our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. Those programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. They're for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. If you'd like more information, give us a call and ask for Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

There's a new group of tapes from the Video Circuit in place and available for borrowing. Videos go out, four at a time, for two days.

Meanwhile, we've received four new books on CD from the Audiobook Circuit. The titles in this group are *Duplicate Keys* by Jane Smiley, *Black and Blue* by Anna Quindlen, *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks and *Blue at the Mizzen* by Patrick O'Brien. You can pick these items, or any of the library's own books on CD, at the main desk. They go out, four at a time, for two weeks.

We've just added two new displays to our main display cabinet. The lower shelves feature "Thomas the Tank Engine" memorabilia, courtesy of local resident/staff member Cheryl Keraga. The upper shelves feature a few of our South Plainfield coverlets. This is a bit of a reminder that there are still coverlets available, if you'd like one. They cost \$35 each and come in blue and white; there are a limited number of them left and when they're gone, this offer will not be repeated. (Sorry if we sound like an infomercial here.) Think "Holiday gifts," folks.

Here's a note to those of you who don't own cell phones: There are functioning pay phones out on the corner and inside Borough Hall. We'd prefer that you use them if you need to make a call. However, to be courteous, we will allow you to make a call from our phones, if you don't have change or something like that. But this is meant for emergency use only, not for idle chitchat. Please don't abuse the privilege. And thanks for your consideration on this.

That's all for this week. Thanks for reading; see you next time.



Girl Scouts Celebrate an Early Halloween

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Girl Scout Senior Troop 259 got a jump start on Halloween when Riley School hosted their Daisy and Brownie Costume Party.

The afternoon featured games, feely boxes, a fortune teller, hands-on crafts and refreshments. Contests included a freeze dance game, costume contest and the wrap your leader like a mummy game.

Treats galore were available and served in the spirit of the day, such as fishing in a vat of bubbling witches brew, making popcorn hands, games of chance and a real fortune teller.

The children were disguised as everything from a prima ballerina to a powder puff girl, along with vampires and cowgirls and everything in between. They danced to a DJ with friends, moms and leaders. Everyone who attended went home with prizes and goodies.

The event was attended by more than 75 people, plus the girls from Troop 259, who planned and ran the event and the girls from Troop 214, who assisted with the party.

The girls from Troop 259 want to thank all the troops who attended and a special thanks to Mr. Artie Sabino for all his help that day.



OOPS!

.... About Subscription Renewal Cards

If you were one of the recent recipients of our yellow subscription renewal cards, please note that the renewal rate is \$25 for a one-year subscription (in town) and \$30 for a one-year out-of-town renewal.

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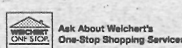
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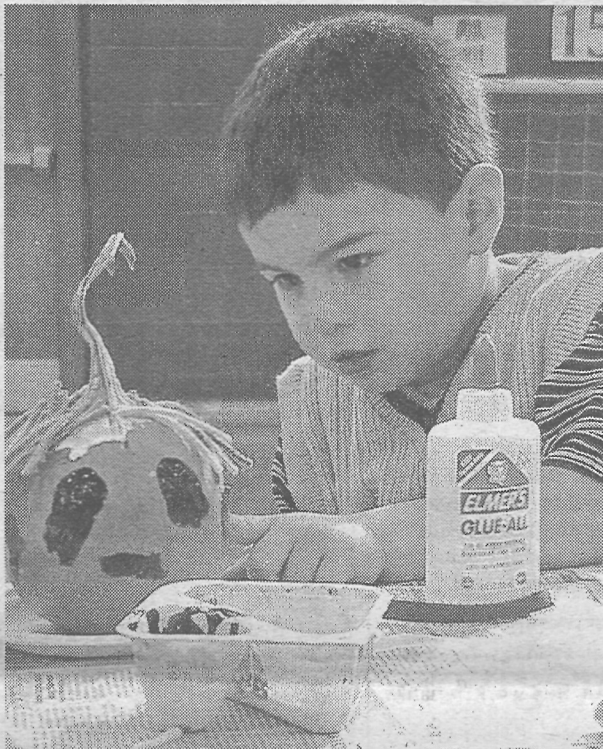
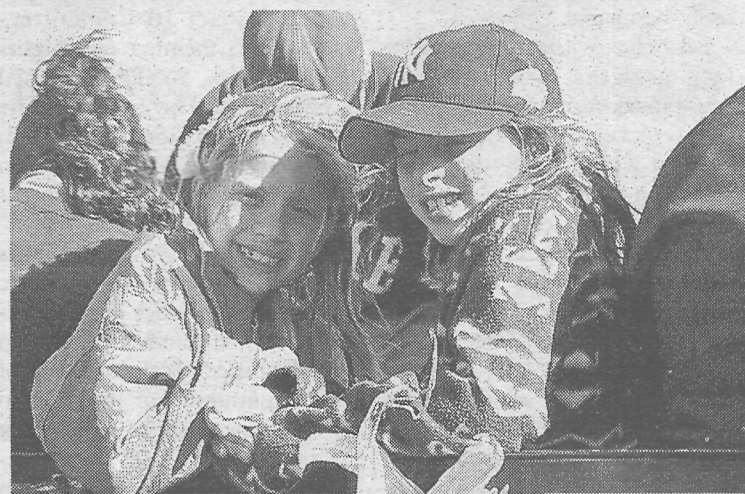
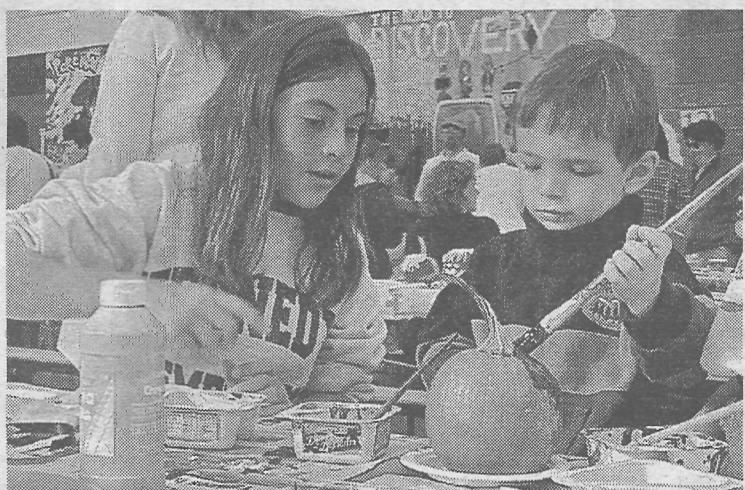
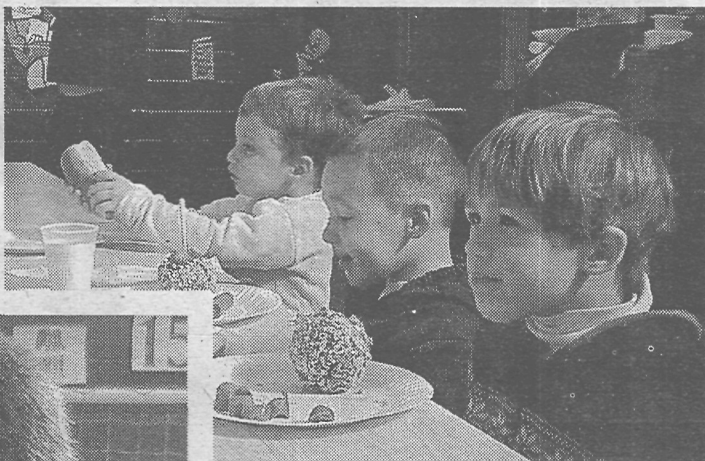
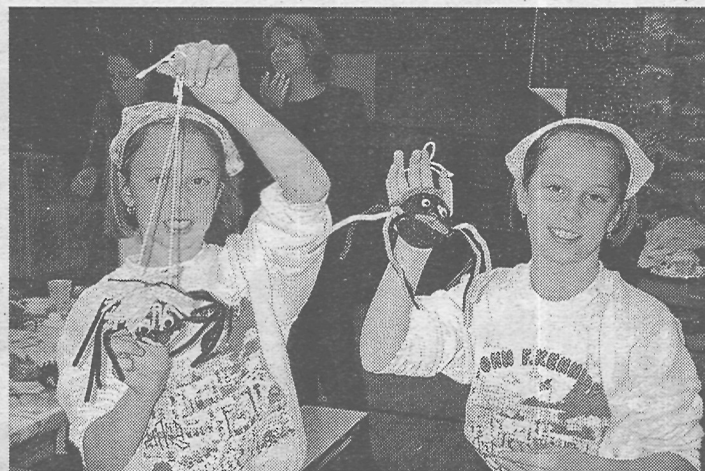
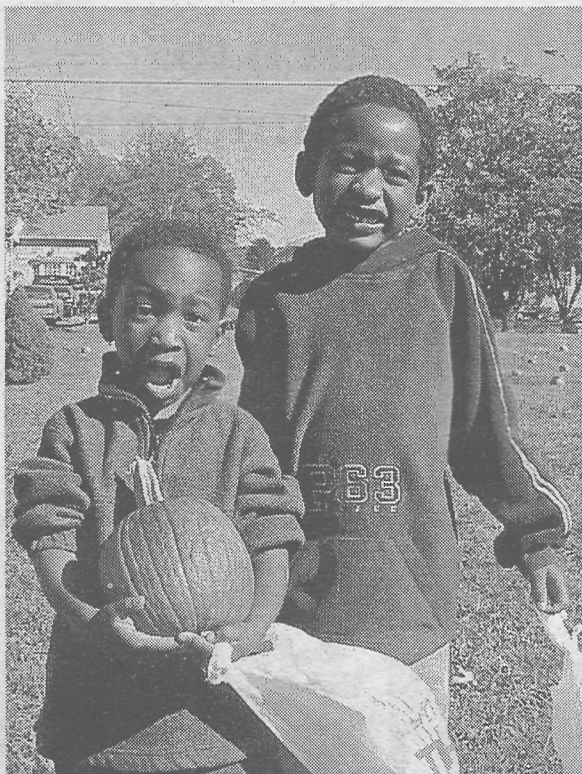
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Kennedy Harvest Fest- Kids Helping Kids

The John F. Kennedy School Student Councils once again organized and sponsored Harvest Fest to raise money for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund).

The events included hayrides, face painting, gingerbread house making, games and the sale of baked goods.

UNICEF is celebrating 50 years of "kids helping kids." It began with a group of children in Philadelphia after World War II. They wanted to help the children of China and Europe.

For Halloween, they decorated milk cartons and began the "trick-or-treat" for UNICEF program. They only raised \$17, but since then children have raised as much as 1.5 million dollars. The majority of the money that is donated goes to helping over 160 countries with health care, safe water/sanitation and education. Not only do they provide them with money, but with knowledge so that they too can educate those in the future on how to plant or medicate others.

Third grade Social Studies teacher Teresa Luck has incorporated the UNICEF program within the school curriculum. The children have been able to learn about a variety of countries, where they are located, and the problems that they are facing. They really have learned the concept of "wants" and "needs" and discussed that what they "need" are also the "wants" of those children who need UNICEF's assistance.

Luck was really impressed with their ideas for fundraisers and their levels of compassion. The class was

also visited by Mrs. Gwen McCloud, a representative from UNICEF. She spoke to the third, fourth, and fifth graders on the importance of helping others and what their needs are, as well as, the rights of a child, such as: the right to an education, to have nutrition, to feel safe, etc.

UNICEF has been an excellent learning tool. It has been incorporated into the science, social studies and writing curriculum.

The third grade and Student Council have been raising money for UNICEF by placing collection boxes within the classrooms. They participated in Harvest Fest, and will be trick-or-treating for UNICEF on Halloween.

The Harvest Fest this year raised a grand total of \$1,569.

Teresa Luck expressed her thanks to all the children, parents, PTSO, and her colleagues for volunteering their time and wonderful donations.

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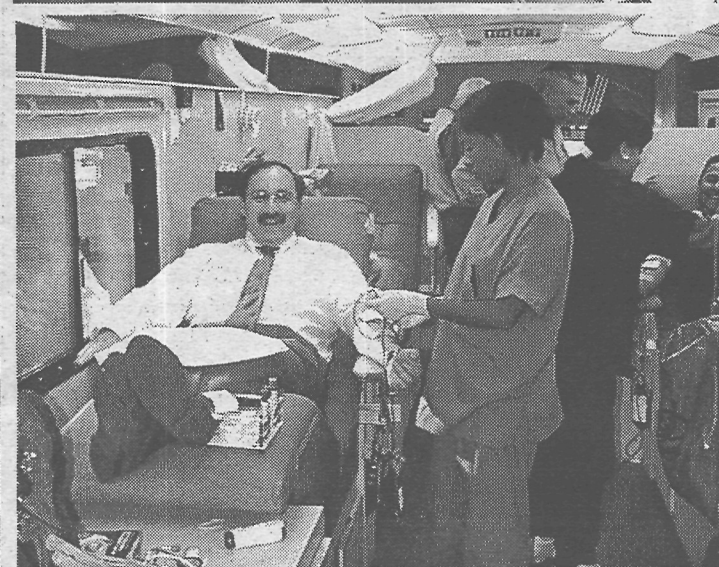
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G&W Laboratories Give the Gift of Life

The Red Cross brought out their mobile unit this past Monday to G&W Laboratories on Helen Street. Employees lined up to donate 40 pints of blood. (Top) Renuka Amin from The Red Cross draws the blood of G&W Laboratories maintenance mechanic Suraj Ramnarain while Director of Marketing Anthony DeStefano (bottom) has his blood drawn as well.

SAGE to Provide Caregivers With Day of R&R

In recognition of November as National Caregiver's Month, SAGE is presenting "You Deserve A Break," its second annual day of rest, relaxation and fun for those who juggle the stresses of everyday living with the demands of caring for a frail, older loved one.

Sponsored by Overlook Hospital Foundation, the event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SAGE Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center located at 5550 Springfield Ave. in Berkeley Heights.

SAGE acknowledges the toll that caregiving takes on those responsible for the well-being of a parent, spouse or other loved one. R&R Day events will give caregivers the opportunity to take

time out to focus on themselves and learn how to provide for their own well-being while others care and pamper them.

Featured speaker humor specialist Paul McGhee, Ph.D. will present a talk about "How Humor Contributes to Physical and Mental Health." Dr. McGhee is one of the world's foremost authorities on humor and laughter research, as well as on improving your own humor skills. Attendees will receive a free copy of his book, *How to Develop Your Sense of Humor*.

Other highlights of the day's events include a scheduled manicure, chair massage, back rub, mini-facial, makeover and reflexology and more. Reservations are limited. Call 908-273-4598.

South Plainfield Tigers March to First Place in Pageant of Champions!

The South Plainfield High School Marching Tigers entertained audiences at the 29th Annual Pageant of Champions at Governor Livingston High School in Berkley Heights on Oct. 29 and wowed judges with their stellar performance of the music to the box office hit *Gladiator*.

The Tigers received a score of

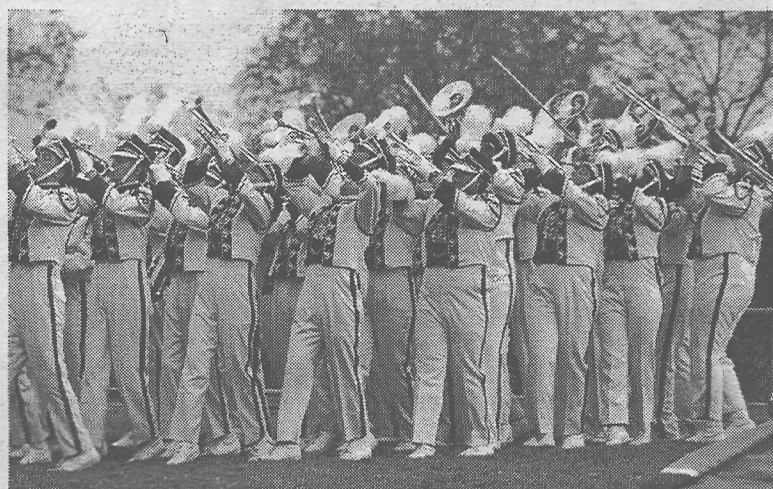
85.1, a nine point increase over their last competition score and advanced to the Chapter 10 Championships in North Brunswick on Nov. 4.

The 80-member marching band, which is composed of mostly freshmen and sophomore performers, received trophies for Best Music, Best Marching, Best Visual and Best Drum Major. The

Tigers are under the direction of Mark Tweed and assistant director, Joe Borgese. Color Guard Coordinators are Kathy Petrocelli and Angela Gallagher.

The Tigers will continue to support their home football team on Friday, Nov. 3 as they face Bishop Ahr High School at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield.

—Submitted by Patricia Publik



From the Democrats

Raymond Petronko and Bob Cusick Thank Residents

Democrat Raymond Petronko and his running mate, Bob Cusick this week reflected on this year's council campaign. Ray Petronko said, "I can't believe next Tuesday is Election Day. It seems like yesterday that Bob and I were marching in the Labor Day Parade. The nicest thing about running for council is campaigning door to door. Over the last eight weeks, we have visited almost 6,000 homes in South Plainfield and it's

been great!"

Bob Cusick echoed his running mate's thoughts, "Going door to door gives us the opportunity to meet you and to find out what you think needs to be done to keep South Plainfield the best town in Middlesex County. I learned a lot about our neighborhoods which will better prepare me if I am fortunate enough to be elected to the Borough Council."

Raymond Petronko summed

up the Democrat's feelings saying, "Overall, I think most of our residents are pleased with what has been accomplished by the new Democratic majority over the last six years. But we can never become complacent. There are always new challenges and more things that need to be done. You have mine and Bob's commitment to continue to work as hard as we can to 'Keep a Good Thing Going' in South Plainfield."

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About the Republicans

Meet the Candidates—Ed Lyons and David Guoth

"Ed" (Edward P.) Lyons, a life-long Middlesex County resident, is a business manager at Cenacle Retreat House in Highland Park, where he is responsible for all day to day operations of the house including budget preparation, financial accountability, and grant requests while overseeing maintenance, housekeeping, grounds-keeping, food service, etc.

Ed is actively involved in the pro-life movement. He is a generally fiscal conservative who also believes you get what you pay for

— the lowest price is not necessarily best price.

Ed believes that government (any management) responsibility is to provide leadership and to run interference so that the people charged with actually doing the work can accomplish their tasks in the most cost-effective manner without outside interference.

Ed and his wife, Jean, have been married for 32 years and have two children, Theresa and Patrick.

David Guoth is an Emergency Medical Technician/Dispatcher for Able Medical Transportation in Bridgewater and former member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. Dave has a three-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Lynn.

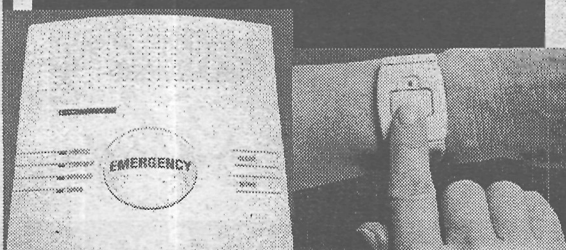
David is a member of the So.

Plfd. Republican Organization and a District 10 Committeeman. He is member of Knights of Columbus, So. Plfd. Council #6203; and The Sons Of The American Legion, So. Plfd. Squadron #0243. He is also an active supporter and volunteer for The Friends Of The Woods.

"The two main ingredients that make an effective candidate and councilmember are accessibility to the community, and to be committed to all members of the community not just certain groups. Talk with the people, not at the people. And always remember that any problem brought to your attention is important to that citizen," says Borough Council candidate David Guoth.

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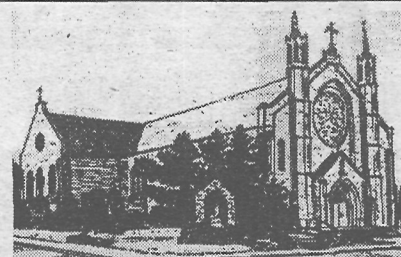
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Sports

Soccer

Fladger, Guevara Lead U13 Lightning

The South Plainfield Soccer Club U13 Lightning team posted its third win of the season defeating the Greater Flemington Fire 5-1 in Flemington last Sunday.

Brian Guevara had two goals and one assist and Matt Fladger had one goal and two assists in the game. With this win, the Lightning improved their record to 3-2-1. Michael Hanley scored in the 8th minute, running on to a ball from Matt Fladger and beating the Flemington keeper. Fladger scored minutes later deflecting a high pass from Travis

Noll into the net. Brian Guevara fed Brian Kelly five minutes later, and Kelly finished placing a difficult shot inside the post.

Moments later, Steven Lindgren just missed the goal, bouncing a 20 yard shot off of the crossbar. But Lindgren then connected with Guevara and his quick shot was true for the forth goal of the half. Fladger and Guevara connected midway through the second half, Guevara's first shot was blocked by the goalie, but he handled the rebound and pushed it in for the score.

The Lightning defense turned in a good effort, with goalkeeper Nick Kratz coming up with several big saves. Matt Gross, Chris Weakley, Matt Doell, and Brian Spisso stifled Flemington's offensive play, and Matt Jeglinski, Ike Ejiochi and Ryan O'Shea helped the Lightning's offense by controlling play in the midfield.

The Lightning hosts the South Brunswick Saturns Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, then travel to play the Tewksbury Cougars on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. -Submitted by Frank Hanley

U11 Typhoons Tame the Cheetahs

The boys U11 Typhoons flexed their muscles Sunday and beat one of the top teams in the division the St. John Vianney, the Cheetahs 3-1. In a total team effort, the Typhoons turned the game around and took complete control in the second half to up their record to 5-2.

The game started with the Cheetahs being very aggressive and commanding the flow of the game during the first half. How-

ever, the play of fullbacks, Chris Pennisi, Keith Heckel, J. R. Licato and Greg Watts, along with halfbacks, Matt Helgesen and John Polizzano, kept the game scoreless going in at halftime. But a fired-up team emerged from the break. When Brendan O'Shea dropped a pass beyond the defenders to a streaking Brian Fabino for their first score, you could sense this would be our day. Then not long after that, O'Shea

scored his first of two goals off a great pass from Brandon Ullom and a two-goal margin.

Following a St. John Vianney score, the Typhoons continued to put pressure on the defense with scoring opportunities just missed by Jonathan Marcoux, David Alston, John Christ, Brandon Ullom and Brian Fabino. They matched the Cheetahs muscle for muscle, winning many battles and keeping control of the game. And when a Cheetah defenseman was called for roughness in the penalty box, O'Shea slammed the door shut by slipping the ball into the right corner of the net and a lead they wouldn't lose. Also contributing greatly and playing equally important roles were Steven Guevara and Eric Rovayo and of course, goalie Grey Coppi, who once again provided solid play and some great saves throughout the contest to ensure the victory.

-Submitted by Jeff Marcoux

United Tames Wildcats 5-0

After suffering the first loss of the season last week, the team headed to St. John Vianey in Colonia. The boy's were hungry and determined to leave the visitors home field with a win. The team did what they had to bring a roar to the traveling spectators, this gusty Sunday afternoon.

Once again the defense maintained the high level play it's used to, keeping the Wildcat attack to a very quiet purr, again with Trevor Rastelli, Nick Baldassarre and Steve Dvorak creating the wall of silence to the opposition. This

type of play allowed goalkeeper Anthony Moretti to record his fourth shutout of the season.

The rest of the team "kicked it up a notch," with solid play from the midfield as well as an aggressive style from Vinnie Padula, Kevin Bolivar, Justin Basilone and Josue Llerena. The forward line, led by John Lopez, Matt Fabino, Billy Hodge and Jared Jones, kept the Wildcat defense in a huge state of confusion.

This victory allowed the team to raise its record to 6 and 1. Congratulations United!

Blaze U-12 Girls Dealt First Loss

Blaze U-12 Girls traveling soccer team dropped a 2-nil decision to Middlesex Mashers this past Sunday. A relentless attack was met by a gallant effort from our girls as both strikes from Middlesex came midway through the second half. In as keeper Becky Keller, blocked numerous shots on goal and has allowed only two scores all season.

Fullbacks Ashleigh Gaspari, Tiffany Smith, Megan Boyle and Katelyn Conrad gave us great effort in trying to stop an intimidating attack.

Trading places in our sweeper positions Elizabeth Flannery and

Jackie Miller fought hard in our defensive third. While stopper Jenna Delillo, along with our halfbacks Dorian Bishop, Jennifer Copeland, Lauren Fry, Ashley Little and Joy Maszczak gave us a valiant effort in a raging battle in the middle. Numerous breakaways from our attackers Kate Hardy and Denise Lopez were shut down by a well-organized opposing defense. This game puts our record at a very impressive 5-1-1 with three games remaining. Hold your heads up girls it was a great effort! Visit our Soccer Club at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com -Submitted by Coach Hardy

By Tony Cassano



juniorbaseballclubnotes

REGISTRATION FOR 2001 SEASON OFF TO A GOOD START—The SPJBC held its Fall Registration for the 2001 season this past weekend. 250 kids registered. The next registration will be held in January. Stay tuned for additional information in the not too distant future. In the interim, please call the club for any further details at 908-754-2090.

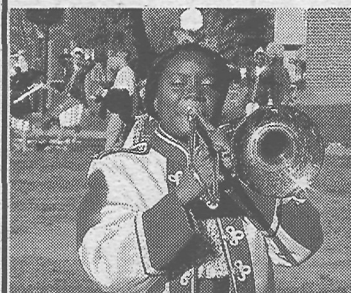
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO CONTINUE FOR THE 2001 SEASON—As previously written, effective Dec. 1 the current Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary club will be stepping down. I'm excited to announce that Stacy Lake will be taking over as president, Nancy Jakubic will be vice-president, Cathy Pollin will be secretary and Tammy Cassano will be the treasurer. Volunteers are still needed to help support the many fundraisers and functions that the Woman's Auxiliary sponsors. Please contact any of the above noted individuals or call the club for further details at 908-754-2090. Starting in December, the Woman's Auxiliary will meet on the first Thursday of each month at the SPJBC clubhouse at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING—MONDAY, NOV. 6 AT 7:30 P.M.—Our next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on 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.

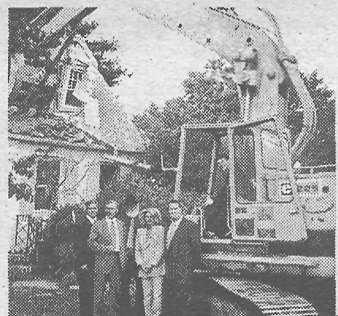
FIRST COACHES CLINIC SET FOR TUESDAY NOV. 14, 7:30 P.M.—The SPJBC will be offering 'free' monthly Coaches Clinics starting in November. We've scheduled the second Tuesday of each month from November through March. More details to follow in coming issues. Pick up additional information at next week's registration or call club for details. SPJBC Coaches for all leagues are welcomed.

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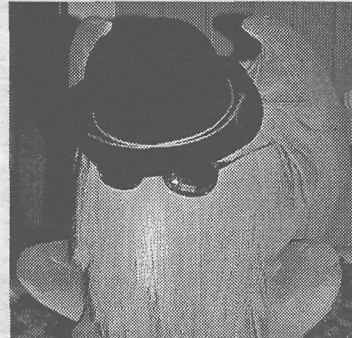
The Nov. 3 SPHS football game originally scheduled at Bishop Ahr is now a home game.



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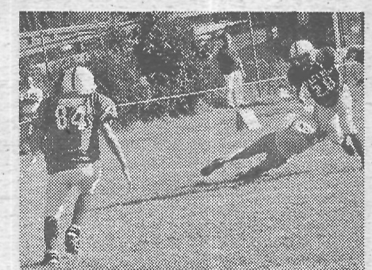
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Obituaries

Anna (Linger) Cetrulo, 86

Anna (Linger) Cetrulo, formerly of South Plainfield, died on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Douglas General Hospital in Douglasville, GA. She was born and raised in South Plainfield before moving to Douglasville four years ago. Mrs. Cetrulo was a former member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Lawrence Cetrulo, who died in 1987. She is survived by her sons, Lawrence of South Plainfield and Robert and his wife Barbara Cetrulo of Douglasville; her grandchildren Robert, Christine and Joseph; her sister Theresa Billian of South Plainfield and three great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Gertrude D. "Gerty" (Uhlischberger) Staats, 79

Gertrude D. "Gerty" (Uhlischberger) Staats died on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. Born in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Staats came to the United States in 1952, settling in South Plainfield where she has resided ever since. Mrs. Staats had been employed by the South Plainfield Board of Education as a school bus aid for

five years. Previously she had been employed by the Eaton Corp. She was a member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 Ladies Auxiliary for numerous years and was a two time past president. Her husband Anthony Staats died in January of 1969. She is survived by a sister, Anna Bernstein of Germany; many nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

John (Jack) S. Neesan, 75

John (Jack) S. Neesan of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Saint Peter's Regional Medical Center in New Brunswick. He was born and raised in Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield 46 years ago. Mr. Neesan was a salesman for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Plainfield for 20 years. He then became the lounge manager for the former King George Inn in Warren for 15 years before retiring in 1990. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. He was an avid sportsman and loved horse racing. He had a great sense of humor and loved telling jokes and stories. He is survived by his beloved wife Sally Tufano Neesan; his son John A. and his wife Lorilee Neesan of South Plainfield; two

daughters, Alice and her husband Glenn Bach of South Plainfield, Jacqueline and her husband James Mosca of Dunellen; his grandchildren, Johnny Neesan, Jr., Robert DiDario, Rose and Mary Bach and Jake Mosca; his mother-in-law Esther Tufano of South Plainfield; two sisters, Alice Bongiovanni of New Canaan, Conn. and Marion Mazza of Scotch Plains. Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

William A. Jacobs, 87

William A. Jacobs of South Plainfield, died on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in New York City, he was a former resident of North Bergen before moving to South Plainfield 50 years ago. Mr. Jacobs was a bread salesman for S.B. Thomas Inc. in Metuchen and was honored with 16 safe driving awards. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1932 to 1938 in the 29th Fleet Division in Hoboken. He was predeceased by his daughter Susan Kanarr, who died in June of this year. He is survived by his beloved wife Susan Adesso Jacobs; son Harry Jacobs of South Plainfield; daughter, Louise Kohl of Palm Harbor, Fla.; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

In My Opinion

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another three years. I am writing this letter to talk about my running mate, democratic candidate Bob Cusick. Running for borough council is no easy task. It is a daily commitment that requires much more than time and energy. Bob wants what he calls "the opportunity of a lifetime," to become part of the team that is your mayor and council. He is willing to work hard for the borough, and give the residents the voice they need. Bob has the determination and personality to keep South Plainfield on top. There are a lot of people that would like the opportunity to become a councilperson, but only a few can give the necessary attention it takes to serve the Borough. The person who can do the job, and do it well, is Bob Cusick.

As a Planning Board member for many years, Bob Cusick projects professionalism and excellent communication skills, which are essential to becoming a public servant. Bob is also on the Environmental Commission, where his attention to detail and energy has made him an excellent choice for councilperson. The mayor and council are fortunate to have located such a talented individual.

I have had the pleasure to walk with Bob for seven weeks and visit over 5,000 homes in 11 voting districts. (Yes 5,000 homes!) Bob and I are very much alike. We take walking through the borough very seriously, but know how to make it fun. Bob likes the opportunity to walk door to door realizing this gives the Borough residents a chance to meet and talk with us. Bob has met with support, and with residents that have issues. He listens to these concerns and follows

up with answers. Bob wants to get the job done and get it done right. As a member of the Planning Board, Bob has dedicated himself to being the best and hopes to become your councilman.

Please join me in the support of Democrat Bob Cusick, and myself. Thank you very much.

COUNCILMAN RAYMOND S. PETRONKO

To the Editor:

Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick deserve your support for Borough Council so they we can continue to make South Plainfield a better place to live. You only need to look around town and you can see the accomplishments of the Democrats. Construction has started on an improved PAL building and we will soon have a senior citizen center and a brand new senior housing. Ray Petronko has led the charge the past three years on improvements to our parks and making life better for our senior citizens. The Democrats have kept their promises and it's time to elect the people who keep their word. Elect Ray Petronko and Bob Cusick to the Borough Council on Election Day.

CHARLES W. HANELY

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the mayor and council for appreciating the veterans and naming new streets in honor of them. I was happy to hear that we are going to have a "Pisaniello Court" in honor of my father who was a veteran of WWII. I would like to thank Mr. Petronko for his assistance in obtaining the information for me. It was great speaking with him, as we can talk history for hours at a time. I also plan on helping his father get the medals he deserves for being wounded in WWII.

TONY PISANIELLO

Dear Editor,

During this campaign, I have found Ray Petronko to be more than a running mate. Ray is a true friend. While walking 13 out of 15 Voting Districts, Ray has shared his knowledge and love of our town.

His experiences while serving our community the last three years as councilman have helped me understand what the people of our town are all about, and what they expect of a councilperson.

His energy and enthusiasm are contagious. Ray is a true leader in our community.

On Election Day it will be my pleasure and a privilege to support Ray Petronko for Borough Council. I encourage you to do the same.

**SINCERELY,
BOROUGH COUNCIL
CANDIDATE BOB CUSICK**

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY THAT:

Ordinance #1553 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF PEEK STREET AND POMONIO AVENUE A STOP INTERSECTION AND PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF PEEK STREET AND POMONIO AVENUE** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, November 3, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Monday, November 20, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE #1553

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF PEEK STREET AND POMONIO AVENUE A STOP INTERSECTION AND PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF PEEK STREET AND POMONIO AVENUE. WHEREAS, Peek Street and Pomponio Avenue are totally self contained streets within the Borough of South Plainfield and have no direct connection with any street in any other municipality and

WHEREAS, the municipal engineer of the Borough of South Plainfield after investigation of the circumstances and under his seal as a licensed professional engineer has certified to the municipal governing body that the designation of the intersection of the said Peek Street and Pomponio Avenue as a stop intersection and the erection of a stop sign at said intersection is in the interest of public safety and the expedition of traffic and will conform to the current standards prescribed by the manual of the Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways as adopted by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council support said designation in the interest of public safety;

WHEREAS, the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Peek Street and Pomponio Avenue has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Transportation by letter dated September 22, 2000;

NOW THEREFORE BE ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140 that the intersection described is hereby designated as a "Stop" intersection. "Stop" signs shall be installed as provided.

Intersection	"Stop" Sign On
Peek Street & Pomponio Avenue	Pomponio Avenue

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

A certified copy of this ordinance shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield to the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey as required by law.

Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor

ATTEST:
Mary Blue, Deputy Municipal Clerk
\$63.00 1T Nov. 3, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE TO ROBERT MAC DONALD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT 28 JACKSON AVENUE, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 Lot #3, Block #425

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Robert MacDonald for public improvements at 28 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey known as Lot #3, in Block #425 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 PM, Monday, December 11, 2000 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Robert MacDonald
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

October 25, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on October 24, 2000.

Case #630-Iran Rubber Corp.-Block 255; Lot 7.01; M-3 Zone; 375 Metuchen Road-Applicant's request for preliminary site approval with waivers, was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

Case #00-01-AA&G Builders-Hillside & Perth; Block 402; Lot 4.02; R1-2 Zone; Applicant's request for amended final subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Case #00-04-AA&G Builders-Block 379; Lot 6; R-10 Zone; Spicer, Delmore & Wooden Ave.-Applicants request for final subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Case #99-14-Amerland, Inc.-Block 368; Lots 2,3,4,7 & portion of 6.01; Kenneth Ave.-Applicant's request for final subdivision appeal was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Janice J. Muccilli
Recording Secretary, Planning Board
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE TO GEORGE VEINOTT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT 590 ARLINGTON AVENUE, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 Lot #11, Block #365

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by George Veinott for public improvements at 590 Arlington Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey known as Lot #11, in Block #365 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 PM, Monday, November 13, 2000 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

George Veinott
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- John Lennon



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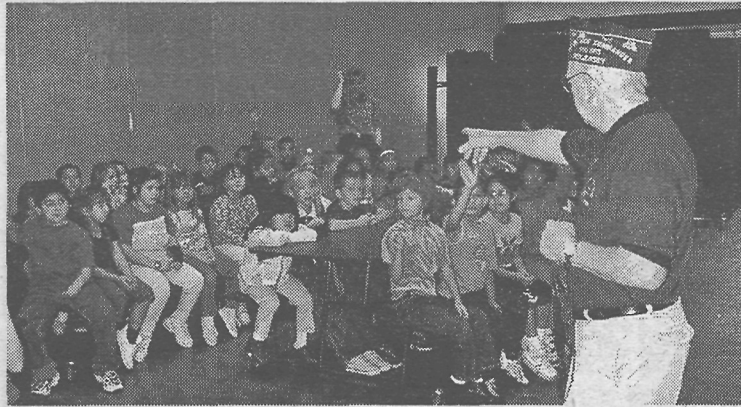
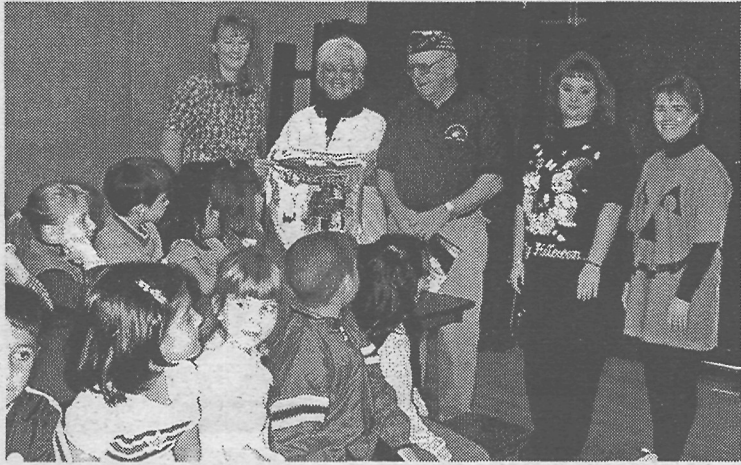
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policereport

• A&P, Stelton Rd. reported the theft of \$211 of meat products. The store manager witnessed a black male and a female exit through the entrance to avoid paying. He confronted them outside the store. The male ran towards Middlesex Mall and the female ran and got into a red Geo. The manager was able to get a plate number and will sign a complaint if the suspects are located. Police have four videotapes taken from the security camera.

• A Pulaski St. resident reported the theft of her car from driveway. There was no sign of forced entry.

• A Lorraine Ave. resident reported her car had been moved while parked in the south SPHS parking lot. The car appeared to have been lifted causing rear bumper damage.

• Wesley Rangel of Bloomfield reported the theft of items from his jeep while it was parked at Holiday Inn. The suspect unzipped the soft-top and removed the items. There was no damage to the vehicle.

• A Wickford Ave. resident was arrested for simple assault. After being transported to headquarters he was found to have marijuana in his possession.

• A Ford Ave. resident re-

ported an assault by a neighbor who lived in the same two family home. During an argument over garbage cans the suspect pushed her. The suspect admitted arguing but denied touching her.

• A Maple Ave. resident reported her vehicle was vandalized while parked in her driveway. There were dents in the driver's door and unknown objects forced into the passenger door lock. It is the third time the car was vandalized in the same way. The second time she saw a suspect at her car. She thinks the suspect may be the son of her former employer.

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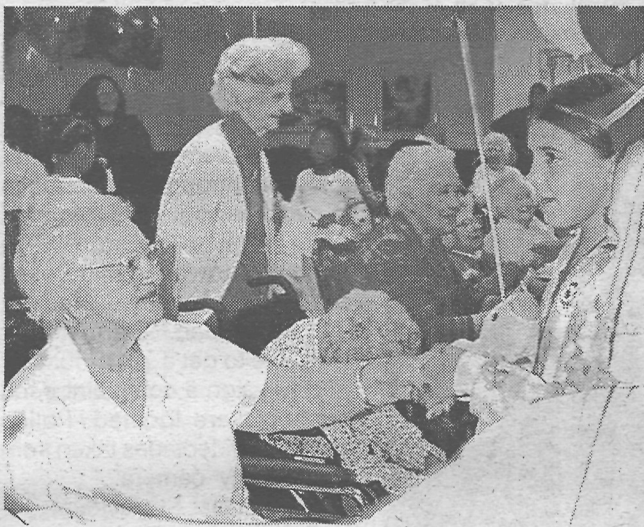
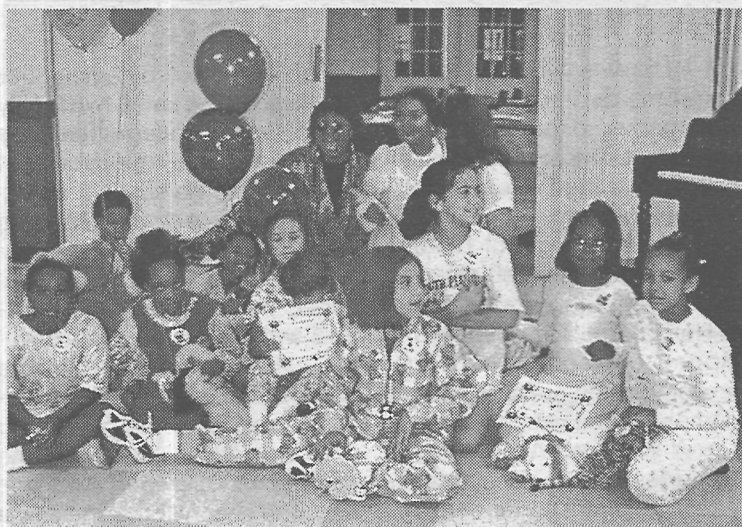
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Flo's Students and Ashbrook Residents Join Their Voices in Sing-A-Long



A sing-along party presented by students from Flo's Piano studio brought smiles to many elderly residents of Ashbrook Nursing home in Scotch Plains.

Flo and her students arrived in pajamas, slippers. Some even brought the stuffed toys they sleep with.

Five students performed piano solos and each received a huge round of applause. Performing piano solos were: Alexandra Isabelle Milteer, playing *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*; Amanda Lyn Rebimbas, playing *The Blue Danube Waltz*; Munirah Rea Bishop, playing *Dance of the Swans*; Amber Rae Scott playing *Minute in G* and Catherine Marie Krawiec played *Can You Feel The Love Tonight?*

After the students performed, Flo Powell played ten popular songs and everyone soon began to sing-along. Their voices could be heard throughout the home.

Additional students who came to sing-a-long with the residents were: Alyssa Collier, Casey Garcia, Samantha Rebimbas, Megan Rebimbas, Dominique Simmas and Kia Presley.



Your Vote Makes a Difference!

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seeking a second term as Middlesex County clerk. Her opponent, Republican Robert Brown, has been active in county politics for over 35 years.

Two statewide questions will also be on the ballot.

1. Roads and Mass Transit—Voters are asked to dedicate tax revenues for funding the construction and repair of state highway

and mass transit systems. Revenues from the petroleum products' tax, along with a portion of the state sales tax on automobiles, would be dedicated for this funding.

2. Tracking Sex Offenders—Allows legislatures to pass laws to publicize the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders, by posting their photographs and addresses on the Internet. The courts would

be powerless to overturn such laws, but they could be challenged as violating the U.S. Constitution.

All of the candidates running for office have spent the past few months spouting their views; it's time for voters to make a decision.

When you go to the polls next Tuesday, take note that there are no tanks in the streets or armed soldiers, as we have witnessed in other countries. We have fought hard to make this freedom to vote possible. Exercise your right and responsibility by voting! Bring your kids and show them what democracy is all about.

If you would like to learn more about any candidate, the *Home News Tribune* has a website with all the candidates views and profiles: thnt.com. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. On election night you can log on to the borough's webpage, southplainfieldnj.com about an hour after the polls close to get local results.

Angel in Adoption Honored

Karen Flanagan, CSW of South Plainfield was honored in Washington D.C. at an "Angels in Adoption Campaign 2000" event sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption. Ms. Flanagan's Angel nomination was sponsored by Rep. Bob Franks, one of 148 U.S. Senators and Members of Congress who are represented on the Coalition.

The award dinner, held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, honored people across the country who have made significant contributions in the field of adoption and foster care. Ms. Flanagan was commended for her professional work at United Family and Children's Society in Plainfield. United Family, a non-profit family services agency and a licensed adoption agency, provides special services for infants who would otherwise be boarded at a hospital. The "Boarder Baby Program," of-

fered under a contract with the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services, provides foster care for newborn infants for a period of months to over a year. Ms. Flanagan, a certified social worker, has worked at United Family for over 20 years in foster care, adoption and counseling programs for children. She directly recruits and supervises the agency's foster homes.

United Family and Children's Society, serving Union, Somerset and Middlesex Counties, offers professional counseling services, anger management groups for adolescents, special programs for pregnant and parenting teens, mental health services for children and adoption services. United Family, established in 1877, is a United Way Member Agency.

For more information on the foster care program or other services at United Family, call (908) 755-4848.

SPHS Needs Basketball Coaches

South Plainfield High School has opening for basketball coaches at the high school and middle school level.

Interested candidates should contact Athletic Director Mike Buggy at (908) 754-4620, ext. 252.



This giant, hairy, black spider web appeared in front of Dr. Craig Menker's office just in time for Halloween.

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