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Wildlife Refuge Land Proposed Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that South Plainfield is being considered for inclusion on the Superfund list of the nation's worst hazardous waste sites.

The proposed site is a 34-acre natural wildlife refuge which is tainted with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs) and heavy metals. The inclusion of this site on the Superfund list would mean that there would be 17 sites in Middlesex County.

Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Richard Cahill said it's uncommon for a naturalized area like the South Plainfield tract, which also includes a site that once served as the borough's dump, to be so badly tainted. But added it's not entirely unique in New Jersey.

Robert Spiegel, an Edison environmentalist who alerted authorities to the site, hailed the EPA's decision. "We're happy the EPA has proposed the site. It means (the federal government) is going to commit to clean it up," Spiegel said.

The EPA's action is the first step toward adding the site to the Superfund. The agency now will begin a comprehensive evaluation of the contamination. The sites then will be used to plan the clean-ups.

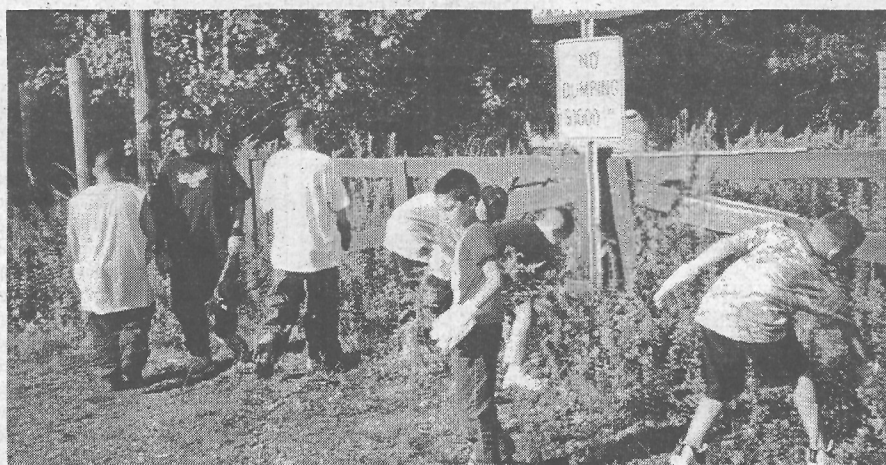
Two years ago, the EPA found electrical capacitors, which are devices the size of car mufflers, leaking PCBs into nearby Bound Brook.

While PCBs are no longer produced in the United States, they had been used widely as coolants and lubricants in transformers, capacitors and other electrical equipment. PCBs can cause irritation to the nose and throat and they have been known to cause cancer in animal studies. Inspectors also found significant chemical and heavy metal contamination in the soil near the leaking capacitors. Heavy metals are also carcinogens.

The site is north of Woodbrook Rd. and within the wetlands of the Dismal Swamp, containing 200 acres of woods, farmlands and marshes under the protection of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A manufacturing plant specializing in electronic parts and components operated on the site in the 1950's.

The property is owned by Texas Eastern Transmission Co., a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corp., according to the EPA. Federal officials said leaking capacitors were removed in March 2000. Since the area is a favorite spot for hikers, hunters and recreational vehicle users, the EPA and Texas Eastern installed fencing, signs and guardrails on pathways to prevent public access.

However signs warning of contamination on the 34-acre tract have been torn down by vandals.

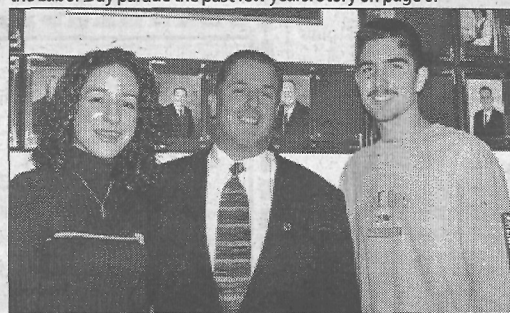


Nineteen volunteer neighborhood youngsters spend a day cleaning up the Highland Park Woods. Story on page 7.

Youth: Our Most Valuable Asset



Dominick Mascolo is recognized for marching as Crime Dog McGruff in the Labor Day parade the past few years. Story on page 6.



The Junior class at SPMS held a car wash to raise money for their prom, but donated the proceeds to the WTC relief effort. Story on page 6.

Pictured left are Principal Anthony Massaro with Rula Kanj and Jeffrey McKnight, honored by 2002 Merit Scholarship Corporation. Story on page 6.



Franklin School students thank members of our local police and fire department after they raised \$16,228 in walk-a-thon contributions for the police and firemen affected by the World Trade Center tragedy. See story page 7.

Leaf Pick-Up Program Set

Twenty free biodegradable paper bags will be available at the Public Works Garage starting on Oct. 22 through Nov. 16. Residents must present the coupon that was mailed directly to each home, in order to obtain the bags. Along with the coupon is a map indicating which week a section of town is scheduled for pick-up.

All bags must be left at the curb. Residents wishing to purchase additional bags may do so at a local hardware store. Please do not call the Public Works Office for leaf pick-ups, as trucks will be returning to all sections throughout the leaf program.

The Road Dept. will pick up only biodegradable paper bags during the 2001 residential leaf bag program.

For your convenience the compost area only will be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. starting Oct. 29 through Dec. 1.

Columbus Day Ceremonies Set for Monday

Columbus Day ceremonies will take place in front of Borough Hall on Monday, Oct. 8, at 9 a.m.

The annual event, sponsored by the Plainfield Chapter of UNICO, is held each year to celebrate Columbus Day.

The public is invited to attend.

Vote 2001: Still Time To Register

Residents who are new to South Plainfield or those who have not already registered, are encouraged to do so before the Nov. 6 elections. The last day to register is Oct. 9. The Borough's clerks office will remain open on Oct. 9 until 9 p.m.

Recent terrorist attacks at World Trade Center and the Pentagon, should energize every American to cast their vote this November. What better message can we send to the terrorists than exercising our right to vote.

The ballot Nov. 6 includes candidates for governor, state assembly, state senate, freholder and locally, two seats on the South Plainfield Council.

It is easy to register. Pick up a form at Borough Hall in the clerk's office. The form can be filled out there or later and mailed. The form includes a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you are registered, but are not able to vote because you will be out of town, working late, or unable to get to the polls, you can obtain an absentee ballot up to seven days before the election. A voter registration form can also be downloaded on the Democrat's website: spdem.org.

Send your letter/opinion to:
The South Plainfield Observer,
1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B,
South Plainfield 07080.

In My Opinion

You can email us at
GGNAN@aol.com or fax to
908-668-8819.

To Name Held By Request:

Your response to the letter written by the Curcio children was nothing more than mean and unnecessary. This is their Dad they wrote about! I don't know any of the Curcios and I don't condone what Mr. Curcio did, but the *Star Ledger* stated that part of his bail agreement was to continue psychiatric treatment. Clearly, the judge recognized a psychological problem. Maybe you also have one.

MAUREEN TERHUNE

To the Editor:

While the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001 have killed and wounded thousands of people and destroyed buildings, we must not let the terrorists destroy the American spirit. We will mourn and we will rebuild and we will continue to be the greatest country on earth. Please show your spirit by voting on election day. Please vote for Charlie Butrico and Dennis Cerami for Borough Council in South Plainfield.

MARY LESO

To the Editor:

As we try to get back to our normal activities after the tragic events of Sept. 11, let's show the rest of the world how great our country is and the strength of our democracy. Election day is around the corner and everyone should get out and vote. Please vote for Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico for South Plainfield Borough Council. God Bless America.

WALTER KALMAN

Dear Editor:

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on our homeland claimed the lives of many of our family, friends and neighbors. Our nation has been enveloped by a shroud of grief and prayers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the

police officers, firefighters, emergency management teams, medical personnel and volunteers for their extensive and tireless efforts in the rescue and recovery mission. The overwhelming response and support by the American people and all throughout the world has shown that we shall overcome all adversities.

Let us not forget, however, that many victims and families will continue to require support in the coming days, weeks and months. We need to keep a tuned ear to the lingering need for supplies, blood and donations. For this reason, multiple support networks will continue to offer assistance as well as accept contributions.

Families of victims may contact the Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance, Family Assistance Center located at Liberty State Park in Jersey City by calling (866) NJ-CRISIS between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Those wishing to donate blood can contact (800) GIVE-LIFE. The American Red Cross Emergency Hotline can also be reached at (212) 560-2730 for further information regarding their relief efforts.

These terrorists attempted to shatter the American spirit, but we will not waiver or falter. We will rebuild and fortify the bonds of this great country while standing hand in hand in support of the American dream. God Bless America.

**BARBARA BUONO ASSEMBLYWOMAN,
18TH DISTRICT
PETER J. BARNES, JR.
ASSEMBLYMAN, 18TH DISTRICT**

Dear Editor:

Our national and state leaders have urged all of us to return to our normal lives after the terrible events of Sept. 11. I think one way is to focus for a little while on the upcoming elections. We have a governor's race, as well as local elections. In South

Plainfield, we are fortunate to have one of our own, Pat Diegnan, running for the state assembly. It will be great to have our very own representative in the state legislature. We also have a Borough Council race and Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico will serve So. Plainfield very well. They are leaders in the community and they deserve your support.

CHERYL NAGEL SMILEY

To the Editor:

This letter is in support of Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico who are running for election to the Council of South Plainfield. Not only has Dennis done a fine job in his two terms on the Council, but he has also remained active in community affairs.

I have known Dennis for many years and remain impressed by his commitment to the borough, including his goals of limiting municipal expenses and the related taxes on the citizens. His responsibilities on the Council have included being the liaison to the police, fire, first aid and EMT departments of the Borough and at this time for our country, state, and our town, his commitment, capacity, and knowledge of our Borough is a resource that no citizen of South Plainfield should ignore.

Charlie Butrico, too has a long standing commitment to South Plainfield. As a long standing member of our community from a family that has even longer South Plainfield roots, Charlie has been active in community affairs for a long time. He has been active in school affairs, coaching students, PTA involvement, South Plainfield summer drama workshop, and in a host of other involvements with children, wife and other family members has demonstrated his deep and personal commitment to the Borough. He will be a central member of the Democratic team in South Plainfield. As is evident from the signs that are all over South Plainfield, our town is a prime example of the FACT that Democracy works. It has worked here, and the people who have helped make it work need to be supported.

I urge everyone to vote for the "Democracy Works" team of Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico.

Sincerely,
ELEANOR HAINES

To the Editor:

Parents Beware

How many parents read the books that are assigned to their children from our schools? Not many, I would imagine. After all, I thought any book being assigned, as required reading to my child, would first be read, at the very least, by the teacher and PRIOR to introduction into the classroom. WRONG! As a matter of fact, it was quite by chance that I read my fourth grade son's book titled, *Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, by Judy Blume in its entirety one night. Part of my son's homework was to read two chapters in this book. I decided to quiz him on these chapters. As I skimmed through the pages trying to formulate questions to ask him, I couldn't believe what I was reading. I kept thinking I would come to a point in the book that might somehow justify the disrespectful language, abusive acts and appalling content as inappropriate. But no such point was made. I believe this is a good place to insert a quote from elementary school administrators in Perry Township, Ohio who judged another one of Judy Blume's books dangerous because, "bad is never punished. Good never comes to the fore. Evil is triumphant."

The following morning my husband and I met with William Beegle, principal of John E. Riley School. We discussed our concerns and how this book is in direct conflict with trying to teach children the traits of the newly introduced C.A.R.E. program. He told us we needed to contact Dr. Janet Munger at Grant Central Sixth Elementary School because she is in charge of curriculum for the entire district. I phoned Dr. Munger immediately. To summarize the conversation, it went something like this: Dr. Munger told me Judy Blume is an award-winning author, and this book has been around for many years. Sometimes you need to tell children what is inappropriate to allow them to understand what is appropriate. I'm sure this book is being used as an instructional guide in the classroom and so on and so forth. I told her I agreed to a limited extent and if there had been only one or two instances in the book used to make a comparison between right and wrong, I could accept that. But this book had more than its share of inappropriate language and behavior. For instance, in chapter three we find the mother begging her nine year old son, Peter, to stand on his head on the hard kitchen floor to make his younger brother, Fudge, laugh. This seems to be the only way she can get the child to eat. When Peter refuses to stand on his head anymore, the mother decides it is okay for Fudge to pretend he is a doggie and she fixes his plate and puts it under the table for him to eat off. This went on for a week. At last the mother decides Fudge doesn't have to eat his lamb chops, she'll give him a bowl of cereal instead. But he didn't eat it. On page 24 we read how the father stood Fudge in the tub and dumped the whole bowl of cereal right over his head. On page 25 we see this example illustrated with a picture of the father actually dumping the bowl of cereal over the child's head. Is this supposed to be entertaining? I don't think DYFS would think so. On page 42 Fudge's mother and grandmother are trying to get him dressed for his birthday

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And It Rained

By Martha A. McKeon

September 14, 2001

When it rains, I often hear these complaints from people around me: "I wish it would stop raining," "It's raining again" or "I hate this rain." My complaint? Don't have one. If the weather is nice all the time, after a while it isn't appreciated.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, our country, the United States of America, experienced a devastating, unforgettable tragedy. On Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, a day designated for remembrance of the lives lost in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., it rained. My complaint? Don't have one.

This rain consisted of the multitude of tears shed over the previous days and is only a hint of what is to come. This rain represented the reopening and refocusing of our eyes and minds to the freedom some of us might have taken for granted. Every drop was a tear for a loved one lost, for a loved one found and reunited with family and friends. Each drop came from someone living and thinking about what had happened. Each drop came from someone standing by helplessly.

More drops came from volunteers, from Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Teams, Police Departments, Rescue Squads, Medical Personnel, Agency Members and other everyday people from all walks of life.

It was still raining this afternoon when I went into a store to purchase items to be donated. After dropping them off, the sun was then shining. The sun. The brightness of it was nearly blinding. It had reached out and dried almost all the ground. It reached out like Americans do, knowing how warm and comforting a touch can be and how exhilarating freedom can be.

We, the people, are the sun.

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Milestones

Kelly Ann Rasmussen and Brion T. Kennedy are Married

On Friday, June 29, Kelly Ann Rasmussen and Brion T. Kennedy were married at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

Kelly (Rasmussen) Kennedy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rasmussen of South Plainfield.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a graduate of UltraSound Diagnostic School in Iselin. She is currently employed by Sentara Healthcare Personnel Services in Hampton, Va.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Brentwood High School in Long Island, NY and attended the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. He is currently serving in the United States Air Force.

Tracy Rasmussen of South Plainfield served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Bunavage of Woodbridge, Stacey Corveleyn of South Plainfield, Maria DiLauro of Port Reading, Jamie Haines of Tinton Falls and Melissa Ibanez of Woodbridge. Kelli Hurley of West Haven



Kelly and Brion Kennedy

Conn. served as flower girl.

Rich Gomez of Hoboken served as best man. Groomsmen were Rocco Landi of Ringwood, Rick Kuehn of Hackettstown, Matt Viscito of Hanover, John Blair of Brentwood, NY and Vincent Madera of West Haven, Conn. Joseph Marchant of Berkeley Heights served as ringbearer.

Three Residents to Appear At Haunted Village

While not a major holiday, Halloween, is definitely a major 'fun day.' The fun begins early at the Eighth Annual Haunted Village located in Somerset. The popular attraction opens its gates for the 2001 Halloween season on Oct. 12. Brave visitors will come face to face with vampires, werewolves and the infamous headless horseman.

Three residents are part of the cast of characters seeking to give visitors a scare. Middle School eighth grader Jake Levine, can be found in the forest as a Dark Elf. Levine performed with the NJ Renaissance Kingdom this past summer and is a member of Almost Famous. Christopher Abbott, a sophomore at SPSHS, portrays a dead squire on the pathway of the dead. This is his third year with the Haunted Village. He is a NJRK performer of five years and an eight year veteran of Summer Drama Workshop. The Observer's Patricia Abbott plays the Dark Lady, who sacrifices an innocent, in order to fulfill a dark destiny. She has been with the Village for six years and is a 10 year veteran of the NJRK.

The journey begins when you cross the bridge to a tiny village inhabited by tormented townsfolk and their cruel, inhuman oppressors. Visitors can help save the village by traveling with a fearless guide into the chaotic wilderness of the Haunted Forest.

The story brings us to the kingdom of Somerset and the dark secrets hid-

den in the forest. Join the Knights of the Round Table as they attempt to uncover the dark secret that threatens to engulf the land. Face off against the diabolical plots of Morgan le Fay and the true Master of the Hunt as they seek to plunge the world into chaos! Only by returning the sacred heart of the forest to the wizard Merlin can the land be purged, but rescuing the heart from the clutches of evil may cost you your immortal soul!

The Haunted Village has become famous for its detailed village scenery, elaborate make-up and breathtaking special effects. Free candy is distributed throughout the evening to children who arrive in costume. The atmosphere may be frightening for young children, but the Haunted Village experience is an exciting event geared towards the entire family. While the sights you behold may chill your very bones, be assured that the only one who will be physically contacted by evil will be your brave-hearted guide. So bring your family to the Haunted Village, and experience the terror of a lifetime!

The Haunted Village is open week-ends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-28 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Located on Davidson Ave. in Somerset, off exit 10 of Rt. 287. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for children (under 12). For more information, directions, pre-sales, and group discounts, call (732) 271-1119.

Recreation Commission Reorganizes

The Recreation Commission held a reorganization meeting during their September meeting.

Former president of the Recreation Commission, Jim Curcio, was dismissed after pleading guilty to embezzling money from his employer and a new president needed to be elected.

Commissioner William Cochrane, was chosen to serve as acting president and Calvin Gross as acting vice president.

The commission then discussed ideas on how to increase pool membership next year. They also reviewed proposed plans at Putnam Park, which has increased in size due to a purchase of open space land along Park Ave.

Recreation meetings, normally held on the first Monday of the month have changed. They will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. New meetings dates are Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Tuesday, Dec. 4, starting at 7 p.m.

Poll Workers Needed For Nov. 6 Election

Want to earn \$200 for a days work? Poll workers are still needed for the Nov. 6 election. The polls will be open longer due to a bill passed recently. The new poll hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Poll workers must be 18 years or older.

Anyone interested in working the polls for the Nov. 6 election should contact Linda Dashuta at 561-7209 or Patrick Diegnan at 753-7200.

Police Answer 1440 Calls in August

The South Plainfield Police Department answered 1440 calls during the month of August.

Police went on 119 responses for 911 calls. They also investigated 185 burglar alarms, 70 fire alarms and 96 rescue squad calls.

They were called out to 143 motor vehicle accidents.



Rainbow Academy Opens Third Child Care Center

The Rainbow Academy Child Care Center is opening its third facility in Edison. It is located on Oak Tree Rd. across from the A&P shopping center and Woodland Ave.

Co-directors Christine Glennon and Joy Schmelzer opened the Iselin facility almost four years ago and are currently expanding their comprehensive center to accommodate residents of Edison and South Plainfield. They offer a variety of programs from infants to kindergarten and before and after school care for kindergartners through age 10. They even have a summer camp for children ages six through 10.

The new facility will provide the utmost in state of the art security with a door coded entry system and an enclosed outdoor play area that is not visible from the street. They have also partnered with ParentWatch, the premier parent resource website that allows parents to view live video images of their children throughout the day.

Transportation is available to and from area elementary schools for children enrolled in the Latch Key program. For children in the half-day pre-



school or extended day child care programs, transportation is available to and from home for those living in the vicinity of the center.

For further information and registration call (908) 769-0533.

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Around Town

Adult School Seniors Meeting at PAL

October 5

The Adult School Seniors will hold a meeting on Friday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. at the P.A.L. building. Sign-ups for the Senior Luncheon at the high school on Oct. 18.

Coffee and dessert will be served. Call 854-1047 for further information and transportation.

Open Your Heart to Cruise on Cornucopia

October 5

A benefit for children battling cancer and blood disorders will be held Friday, Oct. 5, aboard the Cornucopia Princess, sailing out of Perth Amboy. Proceeds will go to the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, a non-profit organization, formed by a group of Realtor-Associates at Century 21 Moretti Realty.

Tickets are \$100 per person, which includes dinner and dancing on two private decks. Call (800) 899-9199, ext. 406.

Monetary pledges will also be accepted for this worthwhile cause. To find out more about how you can help, call (800) 899-9199.

Jerseyan Club is Holding Car Wash

October 6

The South Plainfield High School Jerseyan History Club will be sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, Oct. 6, in the Middle School parking lot, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The price is \$5 for cars, and \$7 for trucks, vans, or SUVs.

Franklin School to Host Annual Harvest Festival

October 6

Franklin School will host their Annual Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4

p.m.

Kids will enjoy booths, fun games, rides, contests and raffles. The event takes place at Franklin School and includes vendor tables (including crafts), flea market tables, great food, and much more.

Elks Lodge Hosting Spaghetti Dinner

October 6

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge, located on New Market Ave., will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The "all you can eat" menu includes, salad, meatballs, sausage, Italian bread, beer, wine, soda, coffee and tea. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for children under 12 years.

Kids' Fall Festival at Highland Woods

October 7

The South Plainfield Environmental Commission and the Friends of the Woods, Inc., invite all kids, young and old, to the Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The annual Fall Festival will feature guided nature walks through the 36-acre reserve, during which time the kids and parents will scavenge for materials (such as leaves, dried flower heads, nuts, seedpods, twigs) to fashion into interesting crafts at the tables located at the main gate.

The program is free to the public. No preregistration is required. The nature reserve's main gate is located on Sylvania Place, off South Clinton Avenue. Further information may be obtained by calling Dr. Alice Tempel at Borough Hall (908) 226-7621. Rain cancels.

VFW to Hold Monthly Country Breakfast

October 7

The South Plainfield VFW Post 6763, located on Front St., will hold their monthly Country Breakfast on Sunday, October 7. Donation is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

The breakfast is sponsored by Pup Tent 41 Military Order of the Coatic. Proceeds go towards parties at the Lyons VAMC.

For information call (908) 668-

9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on weekends.

Historical Society Plans Meeting

October 9

The South Plainfield Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the SPHS library. All are welcome. Members will discuss available grant money for a new museum.

Recreation To Sponsor Two Trips to Broadway

October 13, December 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to Broadway Shows. The first, *Contact*, is on Saturday, Oct. 13 at a cost of \$60 per person. The bus leaves from the PAL Building at 10 a.m.

The second trip is on Dec. 16 to see the classic Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Show. Tickets are \$75 per person. The bus will leave the PAL Building at 1:30 p.m.

Each trip allows everyone to shop and dine before the show.

Purchase tickets at the PAL building on Maple Ave., weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Atlantic City Trip Sponsored by Polish Home

October 14

The South Plainfield Polish Home's Scholarship Committee will be sponsoring a trip to the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City on Oct. 14. Tickets are \$15 per person with a \$9 coin return. Bus leaves the Polish Home parking lot, 312 New Market Ave. at 11 a.m. For reservations, please call Ann (908) 561-6551 or Millie (908) 757-3428.

Rescue Squad to Hold Fun Night 2001

November 3

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold *Fun Night 2001*, sponsored by the Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Fun Night 2001 will take place at the Holiday Inn in South Plainfield. A donation of \$20 includes food and beverage. There will be a cash bar.

For tickets or information, call (732) 424-3661 or (732) 764-0620.

— Out of Town —

Theatre Co. Presents Forever Plaid

Through October 27

The Jersey Central Theatre Company, a new non-profit troupe, taking up residence at the historic Dunellen Theater, 458 North Ave. (Rt. 28) at Madison Ave. will present their premiere production of *Forever Plaid* on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Oct. 5-27. The show pays tribute to the "good guys" of the era—not the greasers, but the ones who wore dinner jackets and bow ties.

The cost is \$20 per person. Student, senior, group and subscription discounts available. For information, contact Jersey Central Theatre Co. at 732-968-9010, or online at www.jerseycentraltheatre.com.

Unique Bridal Fair

October 7

On Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 6 p.m. the historic and picturesque Pillars of Plainfield Bed and Breakfast at 922 Central Ave., Plainfield, will host a Teddy Bear Bridal Fair to help potential brides make their plans.

There will be two shows, 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. Reservations are required by phoning (908) 561-5163, (908) 753-0922 or sending an e-mail request to www.pillars2.com.

Widow & Widowers Dance at Wows

October 12

Middlesex East Wows Carteret Chapter will hold a dance for widows and widowers on Friday, Oct. 12, at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, 7:30-11:30 p.m.. Admission is \$7. Live music & refreshment.

For more information, call 732-969-1123 or 908-757-0515.

Dinner To Honor Clem Santy of Dunellen

Oct. 12

The Borough of Dunellen will be honoring Clem Santy, long-time recreation director, who has almost 53 years of devoted service, with a retirement dinner on Friday, Oct. 12.

The dinner will be held at the Pine's Manor in Edison from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and dancing with a live band. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are available at the Borough's schools, as well as stores and businesses all over Dunellen. Tickets can also be purchased at the American Legion, Knights of Co-

lumbus, Dunellen Lion's Club and the Dunellen/Green Brook Rotary Club.

For questions or information call (732) 752-9229 or (732) 752-1278.

Craft Festival and Silent Auction

October 19

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church will hold their 16th Annual Autumn Craft Festival and Silent Auction at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Route 206 and Homestead Rd. in Hillsborough on Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Special auction hours are on Friday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Last year's success allowed our church to donate \$2,500 to the Somerset Home for Displaced Children. We are targeting the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) and the Resource Center for Women and their Families as the recipients of half of this year's proceeds.

Central NJ Mensa Offers Admissions Test

October 20

On Saturday, Oct. 20, Central New Jersey Mensa will administer Mensa's qualifying test with a test session at the Edison Main Public Library at 340 Plainfield Ave. in Edison.

The American Mensa Admissions Test is composed of two tests that feature questions involving logic and deductive reasoning. A person who scores at or above the 98th percentile on one of these tests qualifies for membership in the national organization. A certified Mensa proctor supervises the testing session.

For more information or to apply for membership, call (800) 66-MENSA or visit www.us.mensa.org.

For registration, contact Martha McKeon, CNJM Testing Coordinator, 732-494-5826 or e-mail Mensa-Tester@att.net.

Tourette Syndrome Assoc. of NJ Meeting

November 8

The Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey-Middlesex/Union County Family Support Group and the Somerset/Hunterdon County Chapter will meet on Nov. 8 from 7-9 p.m. They will meet in the Neuroscience Institute of JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison.

For more info, call Marilyn at (908) 757-5074 or after 6 p.m., Debbie at (732) 283-1439.

Elks Veterans Selling Entertainment Books

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee will be selling Entertainment Books for \$30.00 each.

For more information on how to purchase one, please contact Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

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A Community Comes Together

On Saturday, Sept. 29, a group of 35 coaches, fathers and friends from our community, volunteered their day to help clear a parcel of land to be used by the South Plainfield Pop Warner Teams and eventually the local soccer clubs. This land will be used to alleviate the severely congested parking situation we encounter during weekly practice drop offs and pick ups and for Sunday games

ing area, my pride and faith in South Plainfield was reinforced. Those who came to help worked seven hours of hard, physical labor, and never complained. We worked as a team and our efforts were obvious by days end. My heartfelt thanks to an of you who came out to help in this effort, it was all enjoyable and successful day for myself and hopefully for all involved.



we host to towns throughout our Conference.

During the past 23 years of being personally involved in this organization, many close encounters with children, walkers and bikers have occurred and parking has been so haphazard at times it would be impossible to get an emergency vehicle through the complex if the need arose. This new parking area will now make a dangerous situation less likely.

When Saturday 8 a.m. came about and more than 20 men showed up to help clear the land for the new park-



A special thank you to Bill Disch of Disch Tree Service, who donated his men, trucks and chipper, to Andy and Matty Pinto of Pinto Bros. Disposal who donated trucking and dumping fees, the members of Pop Warner, South Plainfield Lions Club, South Plainfield Police Dept., and the Boro of South Plainfield. Without the help of so many caring and generous people we would have never been able to pull this off.

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Cerami and Butrico Kick Off Council Campaign

Councilperson Dennis Cerami and council candidate Charlie Butrico commented on this year's council campaign. Councilperson Cerami said, "You may have already noticed the Democratic campaign slogan in South Plainfield this year... 'Democracy works'. Charlie Butrico and I chose that slogan carefully. Over the last nine years, under the leadership

of Mayor Dan Gallagher and the new democratic majority, South Plainfield has become the model of open, responsive and efficient government."

Charlie Butrico expanded upon his running mates comment, "I have always considered myself to be an independent. In fact, a number of my family members are registered Republicans. To me, party affiliation is not im-

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portant, it's what that political party has done that is important. In South Plainfield, the Democratic party has an outstanding record of accomplishments. That is why I chose to run as a Democrat."

Dennis Cerami set forth how he and his running mate will be campaigning this year. "We have already started going door to door. We intend to knock on every door in town. Campaigning is a great opportunity to find out from our residents what is really concerning them."

Obviously Charlie and I are proud of the democratic record in South Plainfield...over one hundred roads paved on a 'pay as you go' basis, the new addition to the P.A.L., the senior recreation center which is under construction, the senior housing project, improvements to our parks and preservation of open space...but we don't intend to rest on our laurels."

Charlie Butrico summed up the democratic candidates campaign saying, "Over the next seven weeks, Dennis and I will set forth our platform for keeping South Plainfield the best town in Middlesex County. We want to hear from our residents. We promise to listen. That's what makes this country great...democracy works!"

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, that's another month finished. So, here's some October news from the South Plainfield Library:

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

Next week, we'll follow our normal lineup of children's Storytime programs. For those of you who neglected to take notes, the schedule is as follows: Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour and is for children ages three and older. No pre-registration is required. Next, there's this month's Kidcraft program, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19, at 4:30 p.m. It's for children ages six and over; you must pre-register for this program. And, the next day (that's Saturday, Oct. 20), there's a Pumpkin Painting program at 10 a.m. There's a \$1 fee for materials; please pre-register for this program, as well. For more details, call us at (908) 754-7885 and check with Miss Linda.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, where the Library's present and future plans will be discussed. The meeting includes a public comment section, scheduled for early in the evening.

The October batch of Circuit videos is now available. Titles this month include *The Green Mile*, *Almost Famous*, *Home Alone 3*, *When We Were Kings* and, on DVD, *The Mummy*. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed,

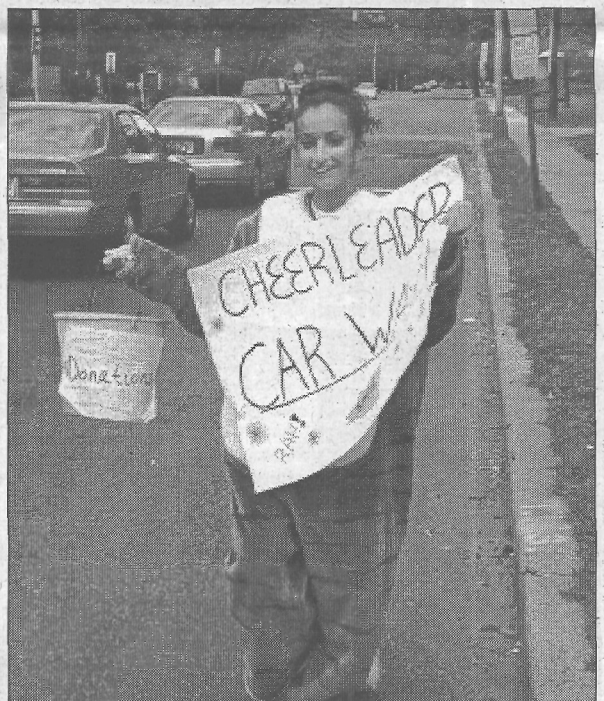
four at a time, for two days. This group will be available until Oct. 27. Meanwhile, we're between groups on the Audiobook Circuit. The next group will be available later on this month.

Let's take a moment to review our operating hours. We're open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30-5 p.m. Please keep an eye on our monthly calendar and this column for schedule changes.

Sort of on the subject of hours, here's a request from the Library staff. At the end of the day, it takes several minutes to shut down all of our computers and put everything in order for closing. We ask that you assist us in this by finishing your activities as soon as you can when closing time is announced. Here, we're mainly referring to use of the Internet terminals, checking out items and getting Library cards. While we will be available to assist you right up until the moment we officially close, it'd be a real help if you could finish up as soon as possible.

As you may have noticed, we've been doing a bit of revision and updating in our paperback fiction section. We've been adding a number of new works, including reprints of previously published works now widely available. We also have a section of new paperback fiction, found on the new bookshelf near the Circulation Desk. Feel free to check out what's available.

That'll wrap it up for this week. See you next Friday.



Competition Cheerleaders Car Wash Raises \$500

The South Plainfield High School 2001-2002 Competition Cheerleading Team recently held a car wash to raise money for their trip to Florida for the competitions. As 2001 National Champions, they automatically qualify for the nationals.

The team raised over \$500 with the car wash. Billy Jean Sarullo noted that many people gave additional donations to help the team. Coach for the

champions is Leanne Roudi, assistant coaches are Georgeann Larsen and Kim Damateo. The team has a number of fundraisers planned for the year.

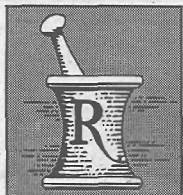
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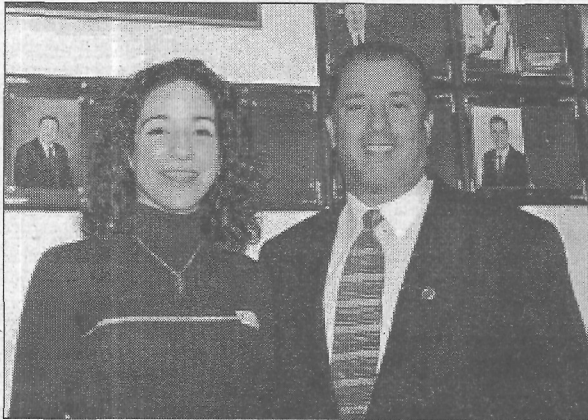
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South Plainfield Youth: Our Most Valuable Asset

Rula Kanj Cited as 2002 Merit Scholar Semifinalist



South Plainfield High School senior Rula Kanj and school principal Anthony Massaro.

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School senior Rula Kanj has been named a semifinalist in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). She is one of approximately 16,000 academically gifted students named in the 47th Annual NMSC. Rula's combined score in verbal, math and writing placed her in the 99 percentile among the 1.2 million high school juniors who took the PSAT in the United States.

Semifinalists are the highest scorers in each of the 50 states and represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors.

To qualify as finalists, she will complete the Merit Scholarship Application and fulfill several other requirements. Finalists compete for 8,000 scholarship awards worth

over \$32 million. The NMSC was founded in 1955 to conduct the annual Merit Scholarship competition.

Rula, in her second year at SPHS, moved to South Plainfield from Virginia prior to her junior year. She has received academic awards throughout her high school career. She is active in a variety of extracurricular groups including church choir, ballet, jazz and piano.

Rula is a member of the Academic team, Spring Musical Club, French Club, Voices, Emeralds, Concert and Traveling Choirs. She is vice president and secretary for the St. Stephen's Teen Society of Orthodox Youth Organization and secretary for the Jerseyan History Club.

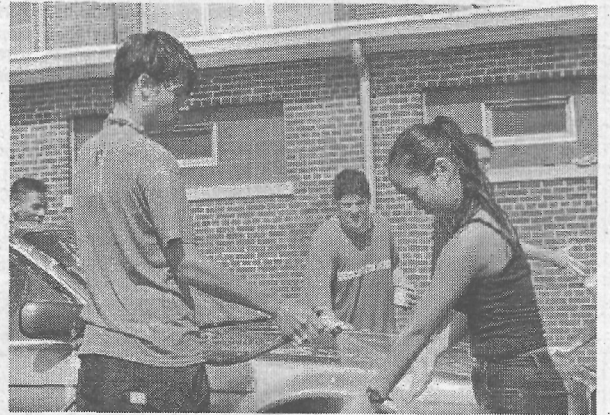
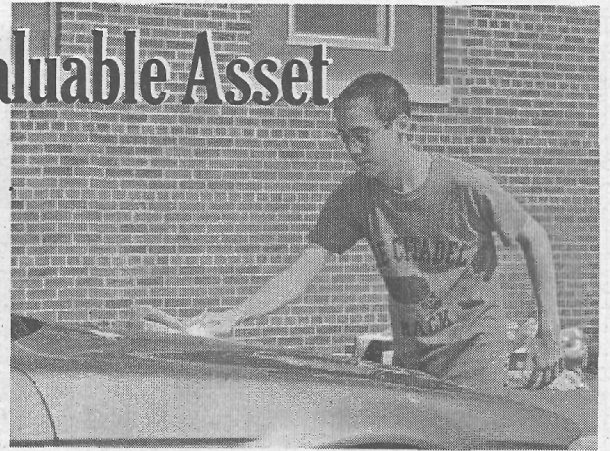
She is also a member of the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society.

Junior Class Donates Car Wash Profits

The South Plainfield High School Jr. Class recently held a car wash which was originally intended as a fundraiser for their Junior Prom. Instead the class decided to donate the money to the WTC relief efforts.

According to advisors for the Class of 2002, Cheryl Fox and Gale Pastula the students organized the entire event themselves. They advertised the event, made tickets and set up work schedules for volunteers. Their hard work netted them about \$800.

The class will continue to raise money towards their prom throughout the year. They are currently selling entertainment books. The books will be available for purchase until Nov. 1. Class officers are Nicole Woo, president; Chris Baron, vice president; Nathalie Londaño, secretary and Alex Huyhn, treasurer.



McKnight Named Commended Student

South Plainfield High School Principal Tony Massaro announced that senior Jeffrey McKnight has been named a Commended Student in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program.

He will receive a letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. There are only about 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation. They are among the top five percent of more than one million students who take the PSAT.

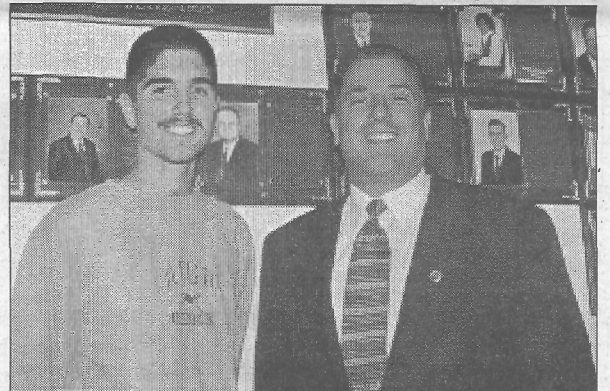
Jeff, an "A" student, is enrolled in four Advanced Placement courses at SPHS. He participates in a number of clubs and activities both in and out of school. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Academic Team, Environmental Science Club, Jerseyan History Club and Voices, a community service club.

Jeff has coached Recreation basketball. He helped with an environmental clean up this past summer at Veterans Park. He is also currently tutor-

ing students in geometry and chemistry after school.

"The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their performance in our very competitive Merit Program," commented a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Corp. "In a

nation that values excellence, it is important to publicly honor scholastically talented youth and acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing their development. We hope this recognition will augment the educational opportunities of Commended Students and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."



South Plainfield High School Principal Tony Massaro and senior Jeffrey McKnight.

Mascolo Recognized by P.D.



comfortable weather, last year it was hot and humid and Dominick had to deal with the heavy costume while walking the length of the 2000 parade.



Dominick Mascolo

Dominick is a member of the SPHS Debate Club, Jerseyan History Club, and Students Against Drunk Driving. His interests lie in the math/science field and he credits his sophomore science teacher, Mr. Seiz, with influencing him, teaching him that science is a never ending venture with endless possibilities.

Dominick would like to pursue a career in genetics. He believes that genetics holds the key to the human being, that in the future there will be medicines specific for individual humans rather than individual diseases.

He hopes to attend James Madison University in Virginia.

Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee Meetings

The Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee will be meeting on the following dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 10 Franklin School
Wednesday, Nov. 7 John E. Riley School
Wednesday, Dec. 5 John E. Kennedy School
Wednesday, Jan. 2 Roosevelt School
Wednesday, Feb. 6 Middle School
Wednesday, March 6 High School
Wednesday, March 27 Grant School
All meetings take place at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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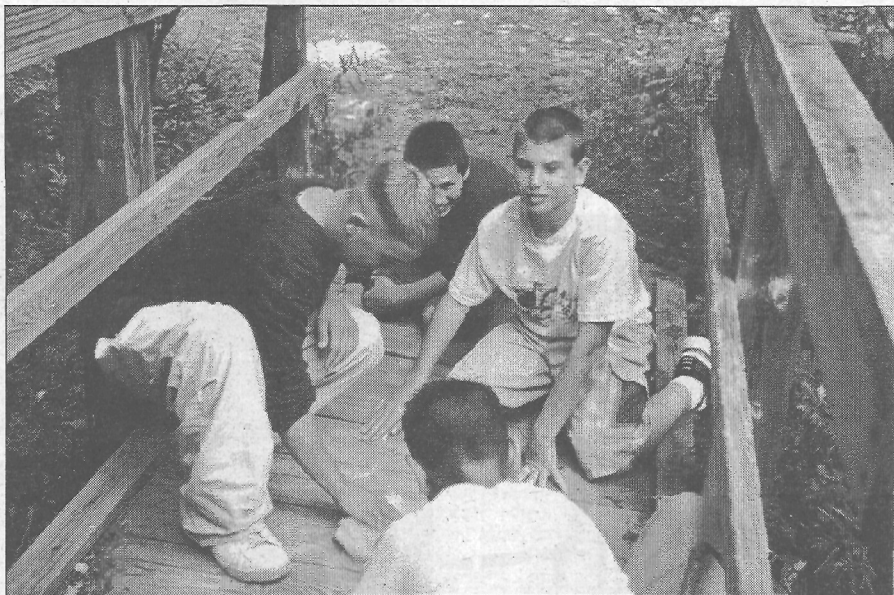
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Volunteer Youths Clean Up Highland Woods

Nineteen neighborhood youths responded to South Plainfield Police Officer Dave Franchak's plea for volunteers to help clean up parts of Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve after a recent wave of vandalism. The youths gathered at the

Sylvania Place main entrance around 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 15, and worked until 6:30 p.m. weeding, mowing, pruning, removing graffiti with sandpaper and solvents from the bridge and work table, and picking up litter.

About half way through

the job, Pizza Stop of Hamilton Blvd. delivered free pizza and soft drinks for the workers. When the job was done, everyone gathered to have a group picture taken, but unfortunately, the photos didn't come out. However, these pictures did and they show our hard-working volunteers in action. The boys expressed interest in helping out on a permanent basis and several went on a nature walk with Friends of the Woods guide Sarah Miele, a senior at the high school, to learn more about the reserve's environment.

The Friends of the Woods, Inc. and the South Plainfield Environmental Com-

mission are indebted to the service these boys gave to the community, and send them a heartfelt "thank you, well done!" And thanks also goes out to Vail Hardware for donating the Plexiglass for the bulletin board.

The volunteers are: Anthony Fierro, 15, Joseph Fierro, 9, Christopher Fierro, 10, Josh Perry, 8, Carlos Loyo, 10, Nick Fierro, 13, Eric Fernandez, 15, Clarence Borrew, 15, John Kuch, 15, Greg Yetko, 14, Tommy Deschaine, 13, Danny Fernandez, 14, Satyan Patel, 13, Amit Patel, 13, Opie Muse, 14, Bennie Gibson, 12, Jonathan Wiseman, 13, Dondray Hardin, 14, Mike Ghigliotti, 14.

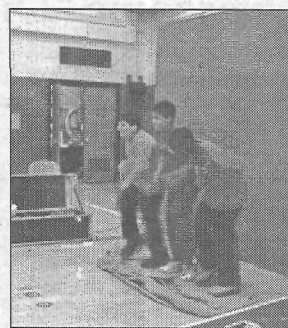
Grant Central Sixth Graders Are TV Stars for a Day

By Jane Dornick

On October 1, the sixth graders at Grant Central were treated to an interactive TV production session given by Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. "Lights, Camera, Action" is one of the newest programs developed by Mobile Ed to meet the ever increasing needs of students to explore the latest elements of the technological revolution.

The class watched a demonstration about how a television station works, showing different pieces of equipment and how simple special effects can be used to create a completely different atmosphere. They also learned about "chroma key" generated characters, video and audio "dubbing" and assorted other tricks of the trade.

After the introduction, students were chosen to actually perform, live on tape in front of TV cameras. Teachers held cue cards, while one student stood before the "green screen" and



ing their classmates and themselves perform.

As a finale, the entire class, including the teachers participated in a rock-n-roll video with everyone dancing, shouting and singing. The video tape was edited and shown to the entire class later in the day.

"Lights, Camera, Action" was designed to introduce students to the



gave a weather forecast. Others were floating underwater, water skiing, flying and running through various pre-taped scenes all through the magic of television. Everyone enjoyed watch-

fascinating profession of TV production and it gave them hands on experience and entertainment which would not normally be accessible. The program was sponsored by the P.T.O.

Franklin Walk-a-thon "Honors Our Heroes"

By Patricia Abbott

The school spirit of Franklin School students turned into an incredible display of patriotism, caring and heart when they participated in a *Honor Our Heroes* walk-a-thon.

The goal was to raise money for the families of the officers who lost their lives in the World Trade Center tragedy. The youths carried signs and posters, paying tribute to the real heroes. They waved flags of all sizes. Red, white and blue dominated the day, on bandanas and socks and faces painted with stars and stripes.

Members of the South Plainfield police and fire departments accompanied the children. Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese joined the walk, along with Police Chief Merkler. Also

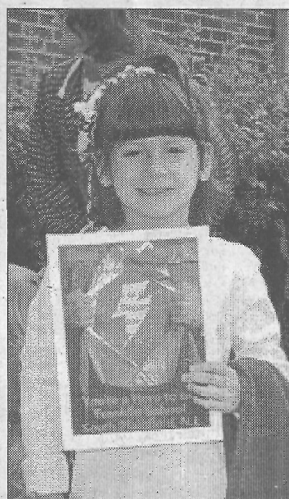
walking were police officers Bob Barone, Kevin Murtagh, Chuck Seidenburg and Wendell Borne along with firefighter Ed Laferrera.

The parade was led by a fire engine. The children walked up Franklin Ave. to Plainfield Ave. and back. Parents and younger siblings, sporting flags, lined the sidewalks to show their support.

When they returned to Franklin, the children gathered on the field outside the school and sang songs about America. Each child shook hands with the police and fire officials as they filed back into the school.

Franklin School Principal Nancy Erickson proudly announced that the students raised an incredible \$16,228 for the New York Police and Fire Widow's and Children's Benefit Fund.

Great job Franklin!



National Society of Black Engineers Help YWCA Overcome "Digital Divide"

On Oct. 6, the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Central Jersey Alumni Extension Chapter (CJAE) will install a network design for the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield that will consist of 10 computers networked and connected to the Internet. The work will be performed on the YWCA's Computer Laboratory at the 232 East Front St., Plainfield facility, and will benefit the women and children who use the computer lab for training, job search and educational purposes. This project is made possible by CJAE, with funding and services provided by the Verizon Foundation, the Lucent Foundation and Comcast.

The Plainfield YWCA helps women and families keep up with today's technology through computer access and

training that helps individuals to compete in today's high-tech society.

The NSBE is the country's largest organization managed by students, whose mission is to "increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, professionally and positively impact the community," according to Nasir Shakir of Edison, a spokesman for the group. He added, CJAE, the local alumni chapter, endeavors to be the premier resource of technical professionals in the Central Jersey Region.

The mission of the YWCA is to empower women and girls, and to eliminate racism and hate crime. For more information about the computer project, or any of the many services provided by the Plainfield YWCA, please call (908) 756-3500.

Free Photography Contest Open To South Plainfield Residents

The International Library of Photography has announced that over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest.

Photographers from the South Plainfield area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Dec. 31, 2001. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Babylon.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories:

people, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture, or other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2612, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2001. You may also submit your photo directly online at www.picture.com.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention. You can view the work of over 1.1 million amateur photographers at their website, www.picture.com.

Clear Technologies Re-Adopts South Clinton Avenue

Timothy Stevens, vice-president of Clear Technologies, LLC has renewed his Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the coming year. The adopted spot is the stretch of South Clinton Ave. between Synergy Gas and the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard.

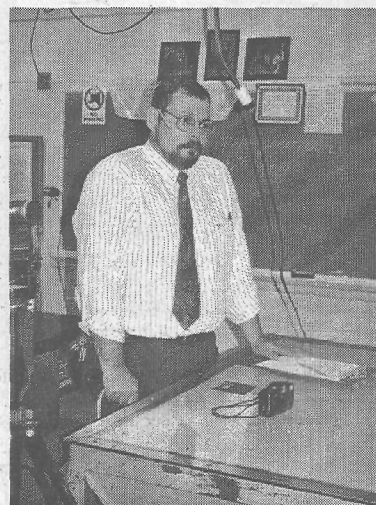
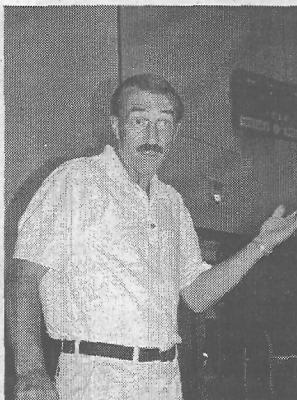
Clear Technologies has been maintaining this stretch of roadside since 1999, keeping the grass cut and litter picked up. They are located at 4475 South Clinton Ave., across the street

from the vacant lot. The company is a software consulting firm, installing and customizing software for large corporations throughout North America. Mr. Stevens adopted the spot because he believes that such a heavily traveled road should be kept neat. As a former landscaper, he found it natural to take a hand in improving the right-of-way here.

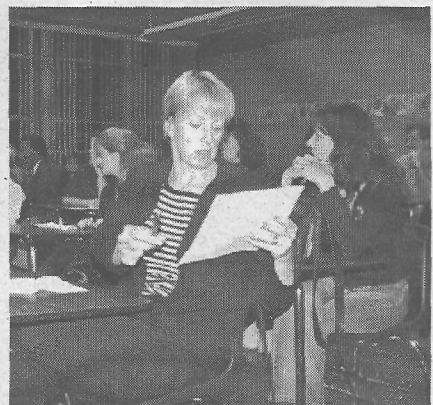
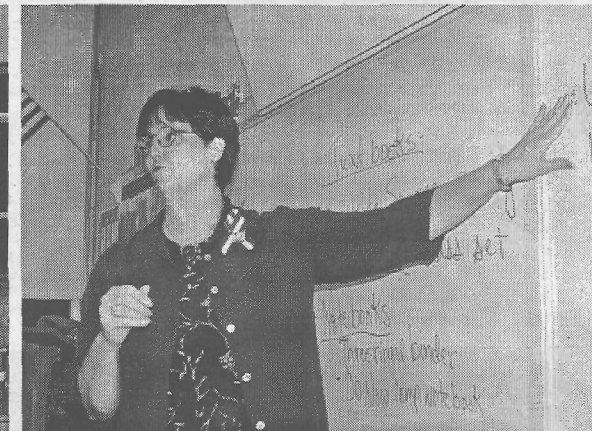
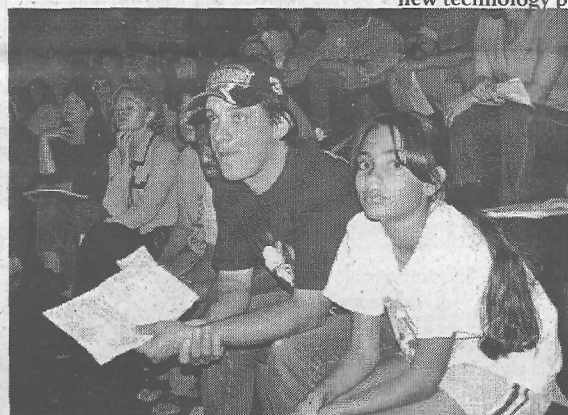
For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

BACKTOSCHOOLNIGHT

at Grant and Middle Schools



Last week Back to School Nights were held at Grant Central Sixth Grade and the Middle School for parents to meet their children's teachers. Parents were addressed by School District Superintendent Dr. John Krewer who spoke enthusiastically about the new technology programs introduced this year.



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Sonics Suffer First Loss in Last Minute

On Sunday, Sept. 30, U9 Sonics of South Plainfield hosted a tough West Orange Panther squad.

The Sonics started the scoring on the opening kick off, with give and go passes from Jeff Gillen and Stephen Lanza, ending with a goal by Danny Hunt. West Orange immediately returned the favor by scoring on the

ensuing kick off. West Orange scored again to take the 2-1 lead at the half.

The lead changed hands through out the second half, going to 3-3. Danny Hunt scored the hat trick for the Sonics, with a great deal of help from all of his team mates. The goal keeper duties for the Sonics were shared by William Mott, Stephen

Lanza, Shaun Alers and Jeff Gillen. Outstanding team players for the Sonics were: Anthony Cardoso, Mike Dispenziere, Nick Okosko, Marc Paz, Daniel Peel and Danny Sticco.

West Orange scored with 30 seconds left in the fourth quarter, to win the match 4-3. Great job Sonics.

Typhoons Play to a Tie vs. Metuchen

The South Plainfield Boys U-12 Typhoons played to a 2-2 tie against the Metuchen Rovers on Sunday. The Typhoons had to battle the elements and come from behind late in the game to end their winless streak at two.

The Typhoons opened the scoring midway through the first half when Brandon Ullom made a picture per-

fect crossing pass to an open Matt Helgesen whom promptly chipped it in the net and the 1-0 lead. However, the Rovers would answer once before the half and a second time early in the second to take control of the game with a 2-1 lead.

As both teams played an evenly matched game throughout, two stand-out hustling performances by halfbacks Dan Pompilio and John Polizzano continuously gave South Plainfield an extra defensive boost in addition to advancing the ball up the field quickly and efficiently. Goalie Grey Coppi and the entire team had to work extra hard in the steady rain

as the slick ball and wet field created a number of interesting situations and opportunities.

And just when the Typhoons appeared to be running out of gas, Brian Fabino centered the ball from the right wing in perfect stride to a streaking Brendan O'Shea who drilled it into the far corner and a score of 2-2. Both teams would exchange a flurry of shots during the final three minutes of the game only to come up short and finish deadlocked.

The Typhoons will try once again for their first victory of the fall season next Sunday when they visit the Hillsborough Crusaders.

Recreation Basketball Registration Ends Oct. 15

Monday, Oct 15 is the last day to sign up for the Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the South Plainfield Recreation Department.

Registration is open to all South Plainfield residents ages 7 to 14 as of Oct. 1, 2001. Games are played Saturdays at the Middle School. Practices are at the coaches discretion, on weekdays, afternoons or evenings at various locations. The fee is \$35 per participant.

Register at the PAL Recreation Center located on Maple Ave. Birth certificates are required for registrants who have not participated in a recreation sponsored youth league in the past 12 months. The PAL office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 to 8 on the first and third Monday.

SPHS Girls Soccer Team Earns First Victory

The South Plainfield Girls Soccer hosted J.P. Stevens on Oct. 1st.

J.P. Stevens scored first with an unassisted goal by Jamie Geller. At half time the score was Stevens 1 South Plainfield 0.

Stevens struck again in the second half to go up 2-0. South Plainfield girls roared back scoring three unanswered goals to earn their first victory of the year.

Danielle Arndt scored the Lady

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Tigers' first goal off an assist by Judy Ringel. Then, Danielle returned the favor a few minutes later and assisted a goal by Judy Ringel. The third and final Tiger score was by Judy Ringel unassisted. Congratulations Lady Tigers on a well earned victory.

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

To All Members:

This is my first message as the new commissioner at the SPJBC. As such, my first order of business is to extend sincere thanks to my predecessor Tony Cassano, and the other outgoing board members: Tom McCreesh, Kurt Ullom and Keith Heckel. Thanks to their efforts, the past couple of baseball seasons here at the SPJBC have been a huge success.

Last month our Annual Club Picnic was held, and enjoyed by all. Following the food and merriment, our 2001 season champions from each league were presented with their trophies: SFC-Devil Rays; SFB-Diamondbacks; SFA-Astros; Pony B-Orioles; and Pony A-Yankees. I would like to thank Bob Golon for serving as head cook at the picnic and also to all those who stepped in to help behind the counter serving soft drinks.

Our first fall baseball season has progressed with more success than anticipated, particularly at the snack stand, due to the efforts of our new snack stand coordinator, Anthony Romano, and Fall Ball Director, Lee Flanagan and his committee. It is hoped that the fall program will expand from here, next year and in future seasons.

Dates to Take Remember:

Our regular monthly meeting, scheduled for this past Monday, Oct. 1, has been rescheduled for this coming Monday, Oct 8, at 7:30 at the clubhouse. This is an important meeting at which all proposed changes in our rules and by-laws will be presented and discussed. Please make a note of this date change.

The annual Fall Registration for the 2002 baseball season will take place on Thursday, Oct. 25 and Friday, Oct. 26 from 6-9 pm. Also on Saturday, Oct 27 from 9 am to 3 pm., at the baseball complex. All new participants should bring a birth certificate. Look for street banners, flyers brought home from school and here in the *Observer* for more reminders in the coming weeks.

It is our hope that next baseball season will again present the opportunity for challenge and enjoyment for all involved.

Adult Basketball Night Registration

The Recreation Dept. has announced that Adult Basketball will be played on Thursday nights at the PAL.

Games begin on Nov. 15 at 6,7,8 and 9 p.m. Registration begins on Sept. 24. The fee is \$550 for a 15 member roster. Registration deadline is Oct. 29. You must be 18 years of age or older. Register at the PAL.

New Hours at Weight Room

Fall hours at the weight room at the PAL building are now in effect.

The weight room is open Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

Comets Play Tough

Sunday, Sep. 30, the South Plainfield Comets U12 Girl's Soccer Team played a tough game against the Bloomfield Jaguars, losing 1-2.

Bloomfield came out strong the first half scoring two goals, and then was shut down while South Plainfield controlled the remainder of the game.

The South Plainfield defense played hard with Rachel Senz, Allison Whitefleet, Alyssa Sutherland, Chelsea Moubarak, Courtney Wilhelm, Diana Nasar and Lindsay Fredericks pushing Bloomfield offense back. Comets goalie, Katie Baldassarre, made several incredible saves to keep the Jaguar offense in line.

The South Plainfield midfield led by Stephanie Szeliga, Brooke DeNizio,

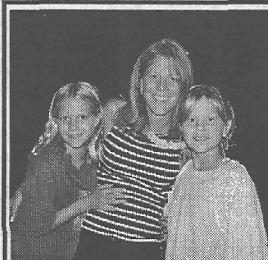
Megan McHugh and Stephanie Lanza played aggressive to help the Comets offense push forward.

The Comets scored when forward Stephanie Szeliga crafted a nice assist to Victoria Plasse who took the pass and drove it into the net.

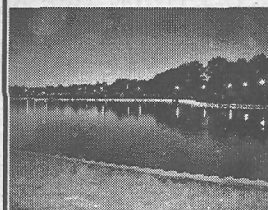
With help from the other forwards, Claire Kelly, Maria Lipnick, Kate Reichert and Jacqueline Bosse, the Comets offense kept the pressure on during the second half with several shots on goals.

As was evident by the second half of the game, the Comets are tough and will come back!

Comets will be at home next week against the Woodbridge Lady Hawks. Good luck Comets!



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police report

- Pensky Trucking reported a stolen 1998 Freightliner "raised roof sleeper" semi tractor.
- A Perth Amboy man was arrested on two counts of burglary and two counts of theft in connection with the robbery at 550 Hollywood Ave.
- On Sept. 25, Chris Blash from Middlesex Water Co. reported that one of the pump houses on Park Ave. had graffiti written on it.

- A New Market Ave. woman reported she was pushed by someone who was supposedly a Harris Steel real estate agent. The agent was taking pictures in the basement and was told to stop. That is when she was pushed out of the way.
- An employee of Innovative Carton on Durham Ave. reported that someone had put an unknown substance on the hood and drivers side doors which made the paint peel.
- On Sept. 26, Betty McCloud from GE Lighting on Hadley Rd. reported that the door to the office had been kicked in and several laptop computers were missing.
- A Piscataway woman was arrested for shoplifting \$84.33 worth of groceries from Pathmark.
- A Piscataway woman was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$30.99 worth of merchandise.
- On Sept. 27, an employee of Tingley Rubber on Smith Ave. reported that the trunk of his car had been scratched by a sharp object.
- An employee of Liquid Assets on New Market Ave. reported that someone had smashed out a left rear window of her father's car and removed a car radio, CD player, rear speakers, cassette player and girls dance clothes.
- A Piscataway man was arrested for shoplifting \$84.95 worth of batteries and Tylenol from Pathmark.
- Mobil Gas on Stelton Rd. reported that someone in a black Suzuki had driven off without paying for \$10.75 worth of gas.
- A Maple Ave. resident reported that the entire passenger side of his Ford Explorer had been scraped while he was parked outside of Sal's Liquor Store on Park Ave.

Obituaries

Harry E. Perrine, 94

Harry E. Perrine died on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Woodlands Genesis Eldercare Center in Plainfield, where he resided for the past four years.

Born in Scotch Plains, over the years he had lived in various communities in the area residing mostly in Plainfield and in Mountainside. When he retired eight years ago, he moved to Wappinger Falls, NY and lived there until entering the Woodlands.

Mr. Perrine had worked as a custodian for the Plainfield Board of Education for 40 years. He had been in various schools throughout the district including Jefferson, Lincoln and the high schools. He later became the owner and operator of the Bremmer Sheet Metal & Roofing Co. in Plainfield. Mr. Perrine was one of the last known ceiling tinsmith's in the area.

He was a member of the North Plainfield Police Reserve and during WWII and the Korean War, he served with the Civil Defense in Plainfield.

For many years he bowled in various bowling leagues in Somerset and Union Counties and he also enjoyed fishing and golf.

He was pre-deceased by his wife, Margaret in 1972; his daughter, Shirley G. Perrine in 1933; his son, Charles W. Perrine, 1987 and his grandson, Christopher Perrine. He also outlived

all of his 14 brothers and sisters.

Surviving are his children, Barbara A. Perrine of Neshanic, Phyllis E. and Gunther Von Houten of Northport, Fla., Frederick L. and Noelle Perrine of South Plainfield and Harry R. Perrine, Jr. of Tuckerton and 11 grandchildren; Harry, III, Kevin, Tom, Daniel, Charles "Billy", Ricky, David, Brett and Kelly Perrine and Douglas M. and Donald M. Bazley and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Henry A. McDevitt, 49

Henry A. McDevitt died suddenly on Monday, Oct. 1 at Overlook Hospital in Summit, after a short illness.

Born in Dublin, Ireland he grew up in Dun-Laoghaire, a suburb of Dublin. At the age of 21 he came to the U.S. where he resided in the Bronx and Manhattan, before settling in Springfield in 1988.

Mr. McDevitt was a computer consultant with Tele-Systems of Cranford. He later became an independent consultant, operating under the name of HDM Tech Associates.

His father, Henry A. McDevitt, Barrister-at-Law had served as a member of the Irish Parliament in Dublin. His father and mother, Bridgit (Feely) McDevitt, are both deceased.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Hurst) McDevitt; a daughter Siobhan McDevitt of Springfield; four sisters, Margaret Bushell of the U.K., Noni McDevitt of New York City, Anne Reckless of the U.K. and Lena Sutton of Australia and three brothers; Patrick, Seamus and Thomas McDevitt, all of Dublin. Also surviving are a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Hundreds March in Walkathon for Ovarian Cancer Research



Gail MacNeil, of Chatham, Patricia Nini of New Vernon and Lois Myers of Harding Township, founders of the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation, celebrated the success of their second annual Walkathon in support of ovarian cancer research. The event was held Sunday morning, Sept. 9 at the Loantaka Brook Reservation in Morristown. About 350 walkers turned out, many in support of friends and family touched by ovarian cancer. The Walkathon raised nearly \$100,000 for ovarian cancer research. For more information or to donate to the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation, contact them at (973) 644-0500 or P.O. Box 1124, Madison, N.J., 07940.

In My Opinion

Parents Beware

Continued from page 2

party but he kicked and carried on until his mother and grandmother were both black and blue. Finally they decided as long as he was in his suit his feet didn't matter and they allowed him to wear his old bedroom slippers." On pages 50 and 51 we read about Jennie. She comes to the party and asks if Peter's turtle makes? You know, makes a tinkle. She says she makes tinkles too. Want to see? Then she gets a big smile on her face and we have a wonderful illustration on page 52 of the puddle Jennie has made on the rug. When Jennie's mother comes to pick her up, she receives Jennie's wet pants in a baggie. What purpose does this scenario illustrate? I think by fourth grade our children know they should not tinkle in their pants! On page 56 we see Fudge having to go to see a dentist. This dentist has a rule about mothers in the examining room with kids—they're not allowed because according to him, mothers are a big problem. Even if this were true, I don't believe a dentist should be discussing it with a nine

year old. Earlier, in chapter four, the mother left Fudge at the park to be watched by his nine-year-old brother Peter and two of Peter's friends while she went home to turn off the stove. I think this may also be known as child neglect. Fudge fell off the playground equipment and lost two of his teeth. On page 106 we have Fudge, Peter, and their father on the way to pick their mother up at the airport after she had been away. This is where the father suggests to his sons that it might be fun if they kept all the things they did over the weekend a secret just between the three of them—kind of a man's secret. Are we supposed to promote secrets within the family? I could go on and on.

In my opinion, if we follow Dr. Munger's theory, it would be okay for adults to use inappropriate behavior and language as a way to teach our children proper behavior. Whatever happened to setting a good example?

Doesn't it seem more logical to emphasize the positive instead of the negative? Have we become so complacent as to allow school authority to fill the minds of our children with

whatever they deem appropriate and award winning? Let me tell you a little about the author, Judy Blume, that Dr. Munger must have forgotten to mention or she didn't know. "Since the week after Ronald Reagan was elected, when the first challenges began to roll in, Blume has been one of the most frequently censored novelists in America." She was awarded the American Library Association's Margaret A. Edwards Award in 1996, only after spending years battling the banning of her books in libraries across the country.

So how may I ask did *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* find its way into the classroom? Who is responsible to read these books before our children are required to read them? I haven't spoken to anyone who has an answer to that question. I was told by one person, that what I might find offensive may not offend someone else. There is a truth in that statement. But let me ask you this, how is it that a fourth grader attending Kennedy School in South Plainfield has to go with his family for counseling after making an off the cuff remark about wanting to kill a school mate and yet on page 78 of the book, the words, I'LL KILL YOU are in black and white. There are those people who will try to pass this off as a minor issue that need not be paid much attention, I believe, as a parent, if you truly CARE about your child and the influence this and other books like it can have on your child, it's time to speak up. I urge you to contact Dr. John A. Krewer, Superintendent of Schools at Grant Central Sixth and voice your opinion. United we stand, divided we fall.

We will not allow our son to continue reading this book. Using words such as shut up, you dope, and stupid does not convey respect. It is our opinion, the no tolerance policy should include this book and this author.

KATHY AND ROBERT OLPINSKI

Legal Notice

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

September 26, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on September 25, 2001.

A. Case #646—Key Optics—Block 528, Lot 47.04; M-1 Zone; 800 Corporate Court—Applicant's request for waivers and preliminary and final site plan was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Mucilli Secretary,
Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$17.50 1T October 5, 2001

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, to transfer Witty's Liquors at South Plainfield, L.L.C., trading as Witty's Discount Liquors, for the premises located at 2370 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, the Plenary Retail License No. 1222-44-004-004 heretofore issued to B.J.B. Corporation, t/a Witty's Discount Wines & Liquors, for the above premises, i.e. 2370 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The person who holds an interest in this license is:
Hemendra K. Patel
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Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Borough Clerk, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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Note: This is only an application for a person to person transfer and not for a place to place transfer.

\$81.50 2T September 28, 2001 & October 6, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Howard and Patricia Boyce requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 9' x 28' patio with roof, proposed construction lacks the required 30' front setback, 23.8' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 238, Lot 18 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Oct. 16, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

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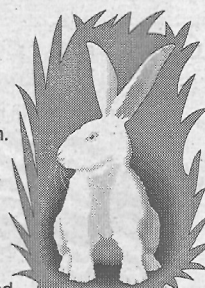
Dad made his cage with me.

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Class of 1959 Reunion This Weekend

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1959 was the third graduating class from South Plainfield High School and had a hand in making decisions that can still be seen today. If not for them the SPHS Tigers may well be wearing blue and gray.



Left to Right: Robert Jarrett, class advisor; Thomas Kapsak, president; Marie Rutigliano, vice-president; Bernice Crosby, secretary; Helen Mannion, treasurer; Doris Cerwin, class advisor.

Sixty-three members of the Class of 1959 will gather in South Plainfield on Oct. 5 for a two day stroll down memory lane. The celebration begins on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. The group will tour the Middle School, which was South Plainfield's new four-year-old high school building in 1959. The tour will be led by Middle School teacher Jim Makowski. Several guest speakers are tentatively scheduled to

welcome the group. After the tour the class will enjoy refreshments.

Anyone looking to contact a former classmate from the list above should stop by the Middle School between 7 and 9 p.m.

The reunion festivities continue on Saturday at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. They will enjoy a cocktail hour

beginning at 6 p.m., a buffet dinner and dancing to 50's music. Class of 1971 graduate and concert pianist Paul DiDario will be on hand Saturday to play the school song.

The committee will have several tables set up with photos and memorabilia. Eight by ten size copies of the senior photos have been made and will be placed on the walls. Members of the class have come from as far as

Saudi Arabia and Germany. States represented by the class are: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

Attending the event are: John Anastasio, Leonard Arms, Kenny Ayers, William Ball, Rose Barile, Bryce Blair, Lillian Bolesta, Susan Bolsterle, Carolyn Bowden, Jon Bowers, Buddy Boyette, Tom Boyle, Marlene Buchbinder, William Butrico, Elaine Carr, Gence Cerasoli, Robert Cirafesi, Bruce Crosby, Donald Cucurello, Bruce Cvetko, Emily Danzo, Sherry DeVito, Margo DiDario, Victor Fetchina, Virginia Fitzsimmons, Celeste Gearino, Thomas Gorman, Allan Hall, Susan Hartzell, Lucille Johnson, Thomas Kapsak, Vernedia Knox, Lidia Kolodziejczyk, Mary Ann Leso, George Linger, Orlando Madamba, Christine Maddalone, Patricia Malec, Helen Mannion, Eric Margenau, Roberta Micali, Tom Murphy, Fred Pangborn, Judy Pederson, John Perrucci, Vincent Perry, Barbara Pesta, Peter Piro, Patrick Ricci, Donald Ritchey, Marie Rutigliano, Donna Schilke, Miriam Smith, Peter Soper, Donald Stilo, Jane Tener, Diane Thornton, Linda Toegel, Dirk Van Hart, Walt Weidemann, Sharon Wilding, Michael Yahr and Helen Zimmerer.

Along with spouses, significant others and five members of "our" teaching staff, the reunion will play host to 105 people.



Marching Tigers Win "Best Percussion" in Group III

On Sept. 30 the South Plainfield High School Marching Tigers Percussion unit won the coveted title, "Best Percussion," in the Group III division at the Old Bridge Tournament of Bands Competition.

The Tigers beat their long standing rival Governor Livingston of Berkley Heights in the percussion division. The 19-member percussion section is directed by Bob Publik and Dave Caliepetro. Overall, the high school band placed second in their division, and second overall for the night with a score of 76.0, which is comprised of musical performance, visual effect and individual and ensemble marching. The Tigers moved up five points from their last compe-

dition score of 71 and are looking forward to topping that on Oct. 6 at Washington Twp. The Tigers compete in the Tournament of Bands, one of the largest competitive band organizations in the country. You can see the Tigers perform their show *Prince of Egypt* at the next home football game on Oct. 5 at Frank Jost Field at 7 p.m.

Tigers March To Second Place In West Deptford

On Sept. 22, the SPHS Marching Tigers marched to second place at the West Deptford Annual Music in Cadence Field Competition. In their first competition of the season, the Tigers performed to Disney's *Prince of Egypt* and received a 71.0 final score, which is a combination of musical performance and visual effect. This year's musical score was written by Brian Sleeper. The band is under the direction of Mark Tweed. Color Guard coordinator is Kathy Petrocelli and Angela Gallagher. Drill Instructor is Joe Borghese.

High School Sponsors Mentor Club

The SPHS Guidance Department is sponsoring a Mentor's Club. National Honor Society members will assist students who need help with homework, studying for a test or reviewing daily classwork. The free help is available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Cafeteria A/B.

Join the Effort to Stop Domestic Violence

The Silent Witness National Initiative is dedicated to promoting community-based programs that heal domestic violence and eliminate domestic violence murders by the year 2010.

The initiative began in 1990 in Minnesota when a group of artists and writers decided to commemorate the lives of women who had died that year as a result of domestic violence. They created the Silent Witness Exhibit, made up of 27 red, life-sized, wooden figures, each representing a woman who once lived, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, children and whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner or acquaintance.

By 1997 the Silent Witness National Initiative had spread throughout the nation culminating with a march in October 1997 from the Washington Monument to the Cap-

itol as part of a call to action. Not only were all 50 states represented at the march, but 1,500 Silent Witnesses were carried to make their voices heard and to end the silence.

In an effort to continue to raise public awareness during "National Domestic Violence Month," the Middlesex County Silent Witness Committee had scheduled a Silent Witness Exhibit which was viewed at Rutgers Student Center from Oct. 1 through Oct. 3. This was the fifth year the exhibit had been presented at Rutgers. In the past they had met with such great success and responsiveness that the Middlesex County Silent Witness Committee was invited to present the Silent Witness Exhibit as an annual event to kick-off "National Domestic Violence Month."

The Silent Witness Exhibit consists of red, life-sized silhouettes, each rep-

resenting a domestic violence murder victim in Middlesex Co. since 1990, and a single silhouette in memory of all other New Jersey victims who have been slain through an act of domestic violence. The actual story of each victim is written on the chest plate of the Silent Witness figure so each one becomes a real person, not a statistic.

The Silent Witness Exhibit is such a powerful testament to the lives and memory of those lost to us, that the Committee will be displaying the exhibit on a year round basis at various sites throughout the state. We discovered such a strong interest in the exhibit that we have decided to make it available to organizations, businesses and institutions. Information in reference to the traveling exhibit is available at the exhibit.

The primary link between exhibitors will be that they have chosen to

focus on the issue of domestic violence for an event, a day or a week. In doing so, together we will keep awareness alive in our communities.

Goals of the Silent Witness Exhibit
Remembering... to honor the victims who were murdered in acts of domestic violence;

Awareness... to raise the awareness in our communities of the extent of domestic violence;

Advocacy... to help connect people with local resources for ending the violence in their lives;

Legislation... to encourage community and legislative action to end the violence in our society.

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