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South Plainfield Honors Local Veterans



Photos by Patricia Abbott

HEROES REMEMBERED

Veterans of South Plainfield were honored at various ceremonies in town. VFW Memorial Post No. 6763, Front St., held their annual Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11. In attendance were Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher, council members, members of the American Legion and about 70 residents. Post Commander Phil LaCortese led the ceremonies. Rudy Poczak served as master of ceremonies. An open house was held. *Related Veteran's Day stories and photos on page 9.*



Franklin School student Paul Corrado (pictured left), dressed in his grandfather's uniform, poses with Ida Erickson, recipient of a medal for sales of war bonds during World War I at the Franklin School ceremony.

PUBLISHER'S
NOTES

Give Us Your Input

Each edition of the *South Plainfield Observer* includes a variety of news, sports and happenings around town that are influenced by you, your family and neighbors.

We would like your input as to what kind of stories you would like to read about. We appreciate all comments, good or bad. The *Observer* is your newspaper, so give us a few minutes of your time by sending us your suggestions on what future issues should look like. It's important to remember copy deadlines, submissions received after this date may be too late to be included in the current issue.

I travel around town trying to meet as many of you as possible. (There are so many people involved in so many things around town which makes South Plainfield unique.) I seem to be meeting some of the same people at every turn and we would like to introduce residents to some of these people through articles in the *Observer*. We realize there are a lot more people out there that we haven't seen, so we are asking you to give us some help. Send us your suggestions.

Our web site is up and it will evolve into a place where readers can find late news or updates on stories already covered in the newspaper. This month we will publish *Interactive Computer Column* on our web page. You can ask Briggs and Eric questions and send us your e-mail while you visit the site. Our web site is spobserver.com. Why not log on and say hi, give us your suggestions or anything else that's on your mind!

We encourage you to send in your stories about local activities. We welcome your photographs as well. We cannot always make it to each event, but if you send us the date and place and any other information (as well as a photograph, if possible), we will be happy to publish your story, including weddings, engagements, special birthdays, etc. You can mail, e-mail or drop them off at either Mohn's Flowers on Plainfield Ave. or Twice Is Nice on Front Street. They each have a *South Plainfield Observer* copy box and will make sure we get them.

We ask you again to read the advertisements in the *Observer*. The advertisers are all local people and they need your support, too, and remember, remind your friends and neighbors to order a subscription. What a great gift idea!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

The next issue of *The South Plainfield Observer* is **DECEMBER 4**. Deadline for copy is **November 25**.

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES

We look forward to hearing from all of you and encourage you to send in your stories and photos. The *South Plainfield Observer* is your paper, and you have the right "not to remain silent" but to let us know what you want to see in it.

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Teen Night Growing;
Community Support Needed

By Patricia Abbott

Each Saturday teenagers have the opportunity to meet at the PAL building between 8 and 11 p.m. to relax and have fun. The program offers a variety of activities including basketball, pool, cable TV, movies on tape, music, and a video game as well as the chance to just "hang out" with friends. Teen Night gives kids place to hang out and gives parents some peace of mind.

The three year old program is funded by the South Plainfield Recreation Department and the Alliance for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Together they provide a safe, fun environment for our youth. Three paid chaperones are on hand and a police officer is always on the site.

As Teen Night rapidly expands, more equipment is needed. In an effort to provide more comfort and activities and improve the already successful program. The Recreation Department is requesting help from citizens and businesses. Donations are being sought for a TV, 27 inches or more to better accommodate the crowd. Also needed are a couch and some comfortable chairs, DJ services and prize items. Volunteers are needed to check IDs at the door as well.

As the popularity of Teen Night increases, more special events will be scheduled. Tentative plans include a DJ, a battle of the bands and a weekly CD raffle. To make a donation or for more information please contact Jaye Joyce at the recreation office, 226-7713.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mayor Gallagher and Council members:

The Taxpayers Advisory Group met November 6 and arrived at a decision to recommend to you the following item for Democracy Day '98:

That the Borough of South Plainfield construct and equip a comprehensive emergency services building consistent with mandated State and Federal standards to be located at an appropriate site in the southern section of the borough.

The Taxpayers Advisory Group considers this proposal to be responsive to a municipal need. This proposal will enhance the equitable accessibility to and the efficient delivery of emergency services, specifically fire and rescue operations, to commercial and residential properties in the southern portion of the borough.

The Taxpayers Advisory Group offers its services to promote this item as the question to be on the ballot for Democracy Day. As a community, we have an ethical responsibility to support public safety and prevention projects for all residents throughout our borough.

The Taxpayers Advisory Group established the following criteria to propose this item:

- it represents a municipal need;
- it would have community-wide relevance;
- it relates to a basic need for protection of life and property.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the encouragement given by our liaison, Vincent Buttiglieri, to our proposal and his suggestion that we formulate this proposal in writing for your review and comment.

We look forward to receiving your written response to this proposal which could take the form of a motion on the agenda for your next meeting.

SINCERELY,

TAXPAYERS ADVISORY GROUP
VIRGINIA O'BRIEN, CHAIRPERSON
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RICHARD PETRONE, SECRETARY

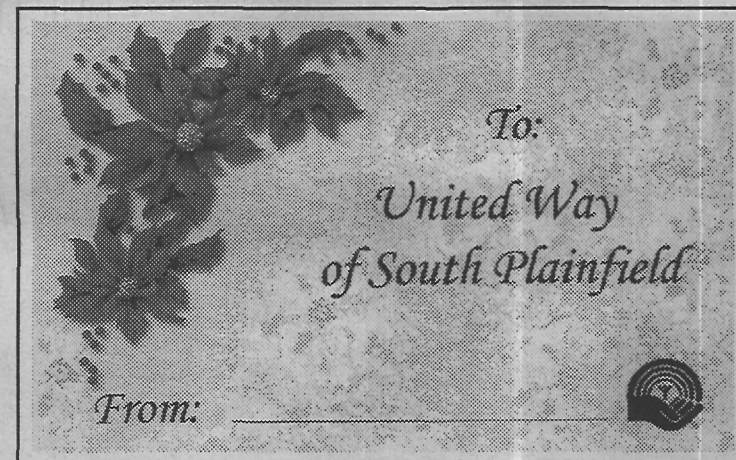
BOROUGH NOTES

Since the last edition of the *South Plainfield Observer* we have covered a few events that we could not report on before the election. One of these events was an AARP Local Chapter #4133 sponsored Gubernatorial debate held at South Plainfield High School on Oct. 27. The candidates sent stand-ins to answer questions. The stand-ins were: representing Gov. Christie Todd Whitman, Allan Steinberg, assistant commissioner at the Dept. of Commerce & Economics; representing Murray Sabrin, Mrs. Jackie Bradbury, campaign manager and representing James McGreevey, Carol Ehrlick, councilperson from Woodbridge Township. The debate moderator was Dr. Anthony DeCosta, a member of the South Plainfield Business Association. The stand-ins answered five previously submitted questions and then responded to questions from the audience. The debate was very informative and those in attendance felt they had a better view of the positions of the candidates running for governor.

Election Results

Only 58% of South Plainfield's residents voted at the Nov. 4 election, versus 67.5% who voted in 1993. Democratic candidates Vinnie Buttiglieri (3,403) and Ray Petronko (3,186) won by a squeaker edging out Republicans Frank Hanley (3,016) and Daniel Kenny (3,094). The South Plainfield mayor and council retains its 100% Democratic control. **Note:** Daniel Kenny and Frank Hanley have asked for a recount since the vote was so close. The recount is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21.

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S.P. United Way Sponsors
Holiday Poinsettia Card Sale

The United Way of South Plainfield would like to help make the holiday season brighter for the neediest families in South Plainfield by conducting a holiday poinsettia card sale.

The poinsettia cards are \$1.00 each and every participant will place their name on a card to be used as a festive decoration at one of a number of South Plainfield businesses and companies. The following South Plainfield businesses and organizations have already demonstrated their holiday spirit and are proud supporters of the United Way poinsettia sale:

Giakas Cleaners, Bagel Pantry, Munchies, Summit Bank, Cores States Bank, Columbia Savings Bank, White Star Diner, Imperial Dell, McDonalds, Quick Chek, Seven-Eleven, Lynn-Hudd Steel, VWF Scientific, Grant School and Dunkin Donuts.

The goal is to raise \$5,000 with all proceeds earmarked for South Plainfield's neediest. Many other companies and businesses will be asked to participate. If your company or business would like to participate, please call Rich Stefany or Tracey Kennedy at 412-7737 or Jim Lenox at 754-4620 Ext. 217.

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Pictured from left to right are: Lion of the Year Steven Cecchetti, President Dr. Patrick M. Aiello and Toastmaster Larry Massaro at the Lions 50th Anniversary Banquet held on October 24.

Steve Cecchetti Named Lion of the Year

Lion Steve Cecchetti was named 1997-1998 Lion of the Year by the Lions Club of South Plainfield at their 50th Anniversary Banquet held on Oct. 24 at the Holiday Inn, South Plainfield. Mr. Cecchetti has been involved with Lionism over the past eight years and had recently served as its president from 1995 to 1997.

The Lions Club of South Plainfield, formed in 1947, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a gala banquet at the Holiday Inn on Oct. 24. The event was well attended by Lion members, their families, local residents and by Lion dignitaries from both the state and district levels. Lion President, Dr. Patrick M. Aiello kicked off the evening with the opening ceremonies and introduced Toastmaster Larry Massaro. Guest speakers included District Governor Louis Samaro, State Secretary Maxson Strubb, Past International Director Charles Weimer, as well as South Plainfield Mayor Daniel Gallagher. Ken Redler, banquet chairman, deserves special congratulations for the excellent job he did in overseeing and handling of this project.

The Lions Club of South

Plainfield has been actively involved in community activities for 50 years. Such activities include a gourmet breakfast in the spring, labor day festivities, health fairs, White Cane Day, eye and ear exam and equipment donations, scholarships, and helping those less fortunate. For more information or if you would like to join the Lions Club, please contact the Lions Club of South Plainfield at Post Office Box 721, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Business Association Activities Benefit Entire Community

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) is an organization whose members help promote a better business climate throughout the borough. Some of the accomplishments this year include the downtown revitalization, welcome signs throughout the borough and the proposed railroad car museum.

The SPBA sponsors many annual events and activities such as political debates, a golf outing and the businessperson of the year award. It also publishes a quarterly newsletter which is dis-

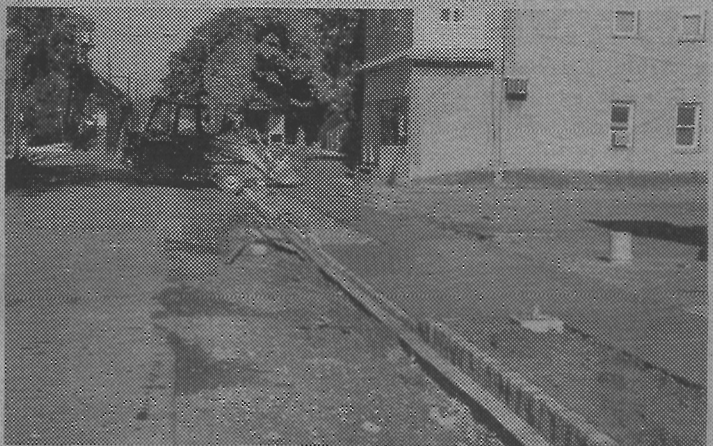
tributed to members.

General membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner. The association is looking for new endeavors for 1998 as well as increasing its membership, while providing a greater impact on the concerns of the business community.

To become a member or to obtain more information about the SPBA, please contact Paulette M. Giroux, president of the SPBA at 755-8257 or Darlene Pinto, membership chairperson at 561-8231.

Hamilton Boulevard Gets New Sidewalks

Joe Ortha, of the J. A. Nascimento Co. from Perth Amboy, had to kneel in the bucket of the pay loader in order to reach out to make the joint marks in the new side walks installed along Hamilton Boulevard. Kevin Ortha was the machine operator. This is part of the downtown renewal project. Streets are being repaved, new street lights are to be installed, and Belgian-block curbs are being built. South Plainfield Avenue from Front Street to Hamilton Boulevard is to be widened about 18 inches. This will make room for parking on both sides of the street. About seven utility poles are to be moved and new wires will be run as part of the



project. A line man said some of the lines were marked as being installed in 1939. Park-

ing is still available at the rear of the stores in the area.

Photo and caption by William Tuthill

Donations Needed for Annual Food and Gift Drive

The South Plainfield Welfare Department, under the direction of Margaret Ackerman, is coordinating the annual food and

gift drive for the upcoming holidays. There is a need for new articles of clothing and gifts for families in South Plainfield who may require some assistance.

The Scouting for Food Program, whose collection will be take place on Nov. 22, will supply the major portion of the canned food needed for families. Other items that go into creating complete holiday meals for these families are still needed.

In addition to the food, Christmas gifts items are also given to all the family members. Clothing items most needed are sweat

shirts and sweat pants, gloves, hats, socks and shoes. All items must be new and all sizes are needed from newborn to extra large. New toys and other gift items are also needed. Gift certificates for grocery stores and other local merchants are greatly appreciated.

If you or your company would like to start a drive of some kind at your place of employment, or you belong to an organization that would like to assist in this community effort, please call Mrs. Ackerman at 226-7625 during regular business hours.

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INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum
and Eric Tillman



About three weeks ago I was helping a local office plan an upgrade of their office network system to better support their work. "you gotta be able to do this, do that, run this program, all while the folks in the other office can still read/write to the same files using DOS only, etc, etc." Wow, progress can sure be tough! Here I was, speaking with some very bright individuals who believe they already embrace current technology by being computerized. On the one hand, they want to add new applications and do more with it, yet on the other hand they only grudgingly accept the fact that they've completely maxed out their existing equipment.

But all their old stuff still works fine! In fact, as well now as when it was new way back when! Me? I'm sitting in front of a year old Pentium-166 computer with an 8X CD-ROM, bells, whistles, etc and I'm printing to a laser printer just as well as those people do using very old (in technology years) machines. No difference in print quality so why the argument to upgrade?

Truthfully, there is none. As long your demands on your equipment stay the same. But over time, new computer programs and applications are developed which do the same old things in new and different ways. More features are added and more computer/network horsepower is required to run and support the new stuff. System demands change. Existing technology maxes out. Soon, we have to upgrade. But the old stuff still works fine. Then, now, and until it doesn't turn on anymore. But, it's still good stuff, all of it!

All of this is an example to illustrate that with the holiday shopping season upon us, we can easily be lead to overbuy for our needs. True, there are terrific buys and deals in computerdom, but far greater deals abound for those who buy wisely. The adage rightly states that you pick out your software (determine your needs/what you want to do) first, then buy the system that will run it (fulfill your needs). The smart shopper will plan for future needs, but that doesn't necessarily mean

you have to buy more now because you might need it later. Do, however, be sure to buy now only that which can be upgraded later.

In this column, I named reliable and dependable suppliers and vendors both in terms of price and service. You can always call or write to me for suggestions and advice. I'm also happy to refer you to others for their opinions too, but for your own sake, get smart and shop smart.

TIP: As an upgrade to your computer, consider adding more memory (RAM). This is usually the biggest bang for the performance buck. The size of your memory is that number that counts up when you first turn on your machine. If you're running Windows 3.x, 8 to 16MB would be good, while Windows 95 users should look for 16MB as a minimum. More is better with memory!

TIP: A bigger and faster EIDE hard drive with a compatible controller helps a lot too. And don't forget to keep your hard drives in good shape with scandisk and defrag utilities. By the way, Helix Software's new "Nuts & Bolts" has its own defragmenter that moves more commonly used files to the front of your hard drive for noticeably faster access.

TIP: Time to mention free e-mail again. JUNO (800 654-5866) offers totally free e-mail! This is only accessed via a dialup connection—not over the internet. But it is free and you can use it anywhere at all without internet access. Certainly a good deal, even for free. Other free e-mail services are available over the internet. Try GeoCities, GoPlay, Hotmail, MailCity, etc.

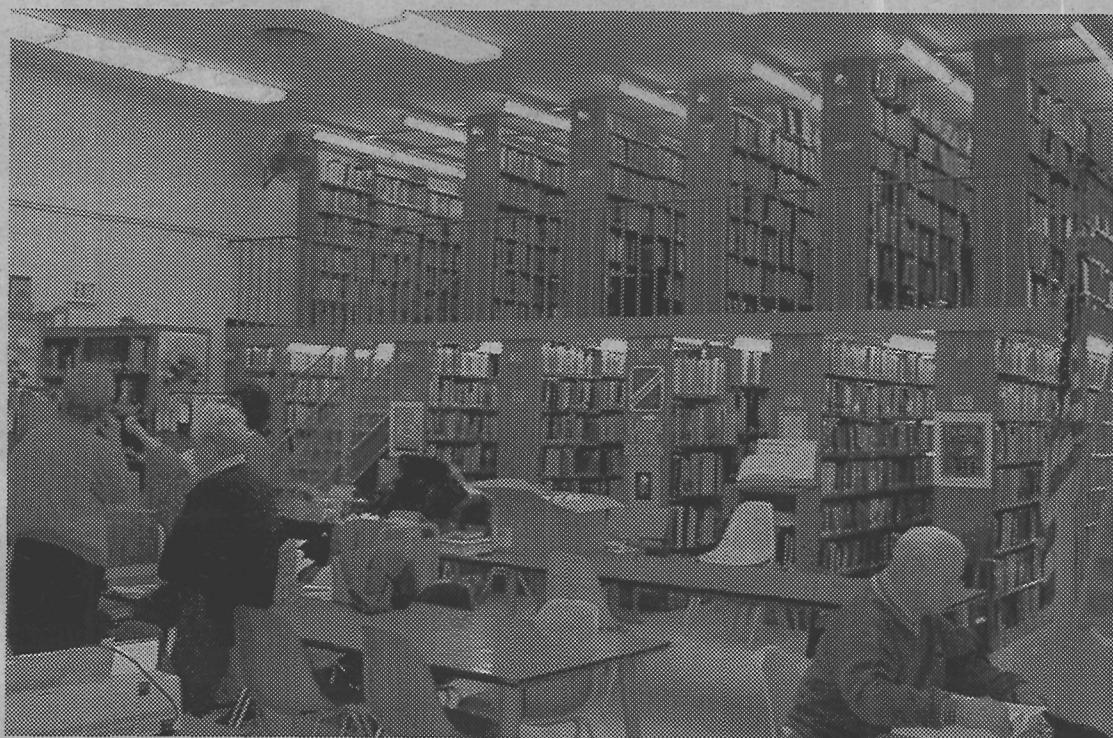
TIP: Since your video speed depends on the video card, be sure to check with the card's mfr. or with Microsoft (call or check over the internet) to see if you have the fastest "video driver." Speed can be double with a faster driver. (drivers are small programs that help the computer talk to hardware devices). Video speed, like printer speed, costs resolution! If you can accept less resolution, you can gain speed.

TIP: I mentioned Russ Walter's "Secret Guide to Computers" (\$15.00, call 617 666-2666 anytime at all). If you haven't ordered this resource book already, do it now. This is worth every penny of its low price. This book is a "must have" for those new to computers as well as experienced users.

Eric (my silent co-columnist) and I wish all of you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving. See you next time.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks



Construction Completed; New Schedule in Effect

Several llllooonnnnggg months ago South Plainfield Library began its renovation project. After all this time it started to seem to many that it would never be finished. Well, your patience has paid off handsomely.

Our new circulation desk (which has already gotten some pretty good reviews) is now in operation. The new heating/air conditioning unit is functioning quite well. And, to the relief of many, the new restrooms are open. There is still work to do, though; the new computer system is scheduled for installation next month. But, all in all, we've just about reached the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. Our thanks to everyone for their tolerance during this trying period.

We have some schedule changes to announce. First, the library has returned to its normal operating schedule. For those without long memories, that means we'll be open Mon-

day, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Until further notice the library will be closed on Sundays.

However, please note the following exceptions: on Wednesday, Nov. 26, the library will close at 6 p.m. On Thursday, Nov. 27 the library will be closed for Thanksgiving.

The following week we'll be back on the normal schedule.

Next week, only one storytime program is scheduled. The program is for children ages 3-6 and is set for Monday at 6:30 p.m. During the following week, the storytimes on Thursday will return 11 a.m. for ages 18 mos.-3 yrs., 1:30 p.m. for ages 3-6). All of the storytimes are now held at the library.

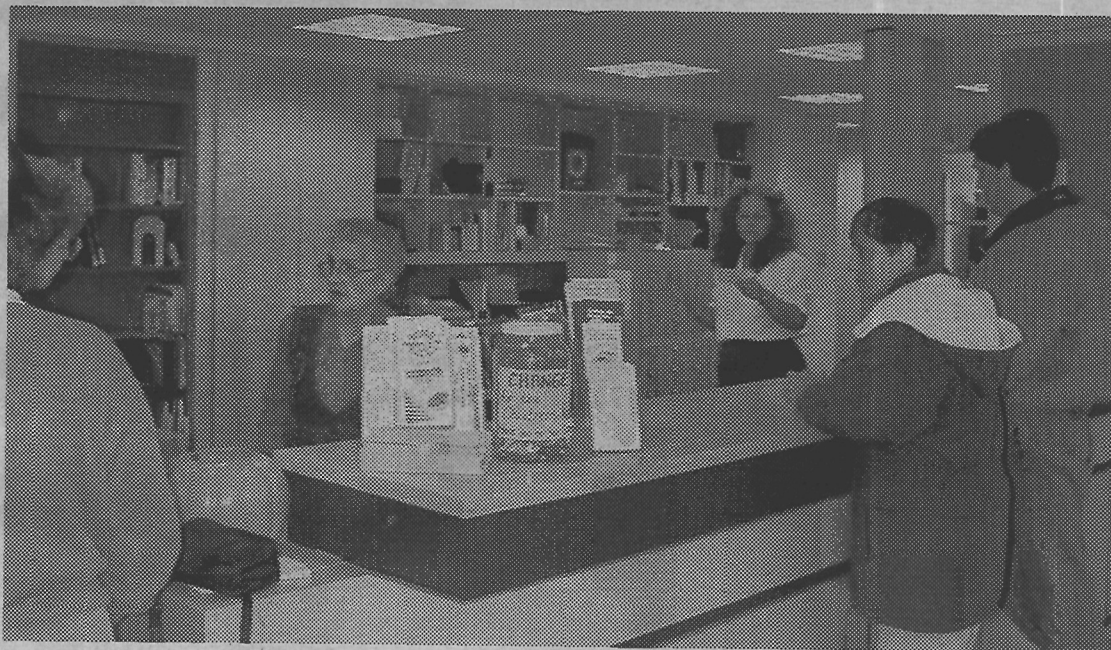
While you're here with your kids, be sure to check out our display of Newbery and Caldecott award-winning books in

our children's room. Actually, this is a good time to bring the youngsters to the library. National Children's Week started Monday and runs until Sunday.

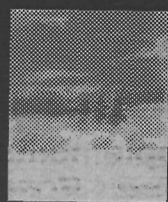
Here's some news about our A/V circuits. The new groups from the compact disc and audio book circuits are now available. The group from the video circuit is also available but only until Nov. 26. Please stop by and check out what we offer.

Finally, mark your calendars. The library and the South Plainfield Health Department are co-sponsoring the program "Healthy Indoor Air for America's Homes" on Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall. Find out how to stop indoor air pollution.

That's about all for this issue. If you'd like to pass along any comments, give us a call at (908) 754-7885. Thanks for your attention and have a Happy Thanksgiving.



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On the Road with the South Plainfield Tiger Marching Band



South Plainfield Drum Major Jose Pineda, Director Mark Tweed and Drum Major and soloist, John Drangula.

The South Plainfield Tiger Marching Band (Chapter 10 winner) came in 22nd out of 200+ bands from 9 states in the Tournament of Bands championship competition held in Scranton, Pa., Nov. 8th. They scored 83.55 out of a possible 100 points in their first year of Atlantic Coast Championship Competition. Marching in a light drizzle, the band performed a very entertaining show with music from "Conan the Barbarian," "Carmina Burana," with soloists Adrienne Christatos and John Drangula and the popular "Robin Hood." For their efforts, a large plaque was awarded to Drum Majors Jose Pineda and John Drangula, as well as participation patches to each performer.

Band Director Mark Tweed remarked how proud he was of this group. Director for only

three years, he has sparked the band toward high end competitions. The band is an inexperienced band, and was thrilled at being invited. With only seven seniors leaving, and 20 freshmen coming in from the Middle School, the band should be even

better next year. Currently in Group III (up to 80 musicians), the band marches 69 musicians and 48 color guard. "These students have earned their place, with hard work and dedication. And they had fun doing it."



Band Captains, left to right, Erika McGrath, Roger Vroom, Jennifer Ward, Lenora Zerbian, John Drangula, Adrienne Christatos, Jimmy Borgese, Jose Pineda

Local Residents Win Big at Contests!

The area contests for Toastmasters International Humorous and Table Topics contests were held on Oct. 23 at the Iselin Library. The Conackamack Club from Piscataway walked away with four trophies.

The first place winner for the humorous speech was Erika Harrigan, a Piscataway resident. The second place winner was Julian Hill, a South Plainfield resident. The first place

winner for the Table Topics contest was Jonggu Moon, a resident of Somerset. Mr. Hill placed second in the Table Topics contest, winning his second trophy for the night.

The Conackamack Toastmasters Club invites adults to come to group meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Christ Methodist Church Community Center, 485 Hoes Lane,

Piscataway. For more information, please call Mrs. Pearl Scott at (732) 248-1475.

Recycling Center Holiday Schedule

The Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Avenue will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving. Both facilities will be open as usual from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29.

Regular fall hours at the Recycling Center are Tuesdays, noon-7:00 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Through Dec. 4, the Yard Waste Site will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3 p.m., and 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For updates call the Hotline: 226-7620.

Volunteer Fire Company Seeks Support for Fund Drive

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company is now in the middle of its annual fund drive. They contribute immeasurably to the town and in return ask for very little. For the fund drive to be successful, they need the support of the people they serve.

It has come to the attention of the company that various fire organizations have been soliciting donations in the name of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company. The company does not receive any financial support from these organizations. Be sure to make your donations payable to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company. This will ensure that 100% of your financial support goes where it

is intended, to your local volunteers. All donations are tax deductible.

Anyone interested in joining the squad is encouraged to call 753-2343, or stop by the building at 2520 Plainfield Ave.

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events around town

Girl Scout Troop Hosts Blood Drive

Girl Scout Troop #136 will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The blood drive will be held at the fire house on Maple Avenue. Blood donors are needed! To set up a donation time or for more information, please call 757-1794.

AARP to Meet

The next meeting of AARP Chapter #4144 will be held Nov. 21 at the P.A.L. Building on Maple Ave. at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Robert Weiss of the Urology Dept. at the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital will be the guest speaker at the membership meeting. Dr. Weiss will speak about prostate problems and solutions.

Elks Sponsors Blood Drive

The South Plainfield Elks and Ladies Auxiliary are proud to be sponsors of the upcoming Red Cross blood drive scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 29. The Bloodmobile will be in the ELKS parking lot, 1254 New Market Ave.

'Scoop Dinner' at John E. Riley

John E. Riley School will hold a 'Scoop Dinner' on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Senior Citizens Early Bird will be 4:30 p.m.) The price is 25 cents per scoop. All proceeds will benefit the fifth grade Stokes trip.

The dinner is sponsored by the fifth grade students and parents. For more information, please call Dawn Jeffreys at 755-3986.

Sacred Heart Rosary Society Holds Pie Sale

Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will be holding their traditional pie sale on Nov. 22 and 23 after each mass.

Back by popular demand are pumpkin, apple and mince meat pies at reasonable prices.

Sales tables will be located in the parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, the sale will take place in the inside foyer.

The annual Christmas Dinner Party will be held on Dec. 19 at the Willows Restaurant in Greenbrook. All parish women are invited. Reservations are necessary. Call Chairperson Marge Price at 755-3899 or Vi Burrell at 561-5420. The deadline is Nov. 22.

Holiday Craft Fair

The 14th Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd. The event is sponsored by the Women's Evening Circle, who will provide baked goods, crafts, Kids Korner (no adults, please!) and a hot lunch in the kitchen. Proceeds from these areas will be distributed among various church functions and charity work for our community. The crafters joining us will be offering items which include holiday decorations and gifts for year-round giving.

Please start your holiday shopping with us.

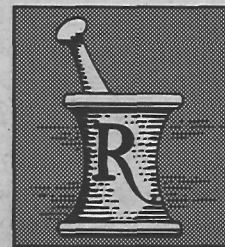
VFW to Hold Dinner

VFW Post 6763, Front St., will hold a beef stew dinner on Nov. 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Music will be by Billy Phillips. Donation is \$6.00. For further information, call 668-9751.

Environmental Commission Sponsors Walks 'N Talks

The South Plainfield Environmental Commission will hold a "Who's Left" Walks 'N Talks Program on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Highland Avenue Woods. For information call 226-7621.

To have your organization included in events around town, submit your information to the Observer editorial department at 530 Union Ave. Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax to 732 805-0815.



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SCHOOL DAYS: What's News?



UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

By Phyllis Savage,
Assistant Principal

United Nations Day was very much in evidence at the South Plainfield Middle School on Oct. 24. Celebrations took place throughout the school all day.

Upon arrival at school, the students and staff viewed the spectacular banner prepared by Jeff Spezio, graphic arts instructor. During the morning announcements, Computer Instructor Diane Scarpulla proclaimed the importance of United Nations Day.

Flags of different countries prepared by the sixth grade social studies classes decorated the corridors. Posters of games and contributions to the field of mathematics from all over the world created by Mrs. Decker's seventh grade math classes hung on the walls. An informative bulletin board celebrating October as vegetarian month was displayed by Mrs. Lepore's foods room. Recipes such as Swedish Brown Beans, Vietnamese Braised Bean Curd, African Lentil Soup, Chilean Black-Eyed Peas and Turkish Stuffed Eggplant tempted the palate.

There were also magnificent displays of authentic German and Italian articles contributed by instructors Kathy Boyle, Susan Slinger, Maria LaSalvia, Rosemary Fiorillo, Linda Sausville, parent Mrs. Mann and secretary Kathy Bisci. A special thank you goes to Art Teacher Diane Kardos and Librarian Barbara Shrank for their artistic input for the students and research.

The first cultural program of the year was conducted by the R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H. organization (Respect All Races Everywhere: Stop Prejudice and Confront Hatred). The school day of other countries was the topic of the student presenters at the R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H. assembly for sixth grade students. Following a speech by Christopher Horn on the possibilities in the world if there was peace, the Middle School day of the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, England, "The German Waltz," Germany, India, Italy, Ireland, Nigeria, Philip-

dos and Librarian Barbara Shrank for their artistic input for the students and research.

pinos, Scotland, and Vietnam was discussed by Kathy Almanzar, Christine Martinez, Christopher Cornish, Milton Bravo, Sally Salib, Laura Sharbash; Mr. Sturm's Trumpeters, Sarah Miele; Darleen Marin, Sandra Salazar, Nicholas Figler, Christopher Sanchez, Joshua Jackson, Daniel Sierzega, Jordan Lynch; Heather Loesner, Danielle Larisch; Prasanna Sridharan, Billie Jean Sarullo, Justin Gaynor, Caitlin Hunter, Chinidem Okpara-cke, Ngozi Okpara-cke, Charmaine Wakefield; Josef Rodriguez; Alex Tierney and Mary Nguyen, James Nguyen, Joanne Nguyen, respectively. The flags from different countries were made by Kerry Mackey, Charlyn Magot, Angelica Keller, Alexander Tierney, Sarah Miele, Thomas Capanella, Jonathan Buggy, Michael Colquhoun, Vaneshree Patel, Yorka Rawlins, Shannon Matthew, Michael Carmon, Elaine Alexander Josef Rodriguez, Tommy Lamm and Christopher Nguyen.

Mrs. Tedeschi's seventh and eighth grade orchestra added a special touch through the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "The March." The following musicians participated: Violinists: Allison Provaire, Lauren Kaczka, Alex Huynh, Nick Green, Valerie Katsonis, Danielle Skoba, Jason Yu, Prasanna Sridharan; Viola: Elliot Kaplan, Heather Barrett, Christine DeMatos, Morgan Lichtenstein, Michelle DeSantis; Cello: Stephanie Waingraw, Kristen Mazellan, Christopher Bubnick; and Bass: Matthew Vance, Katie Lawrence.

The students were also given the opportunity to sign up for participation in R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H., sign the "stop hate" poster in the cafeteria during lunch and join G.A.P. and B.A.P. (Girls About Progress) (Boys About Progress), student groups newly created by Middle School Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage. Students in Mrs. Villani's sewing classes viewed clothing from other countries. There was a discussion on the turn of the century Italian hand-woven cloth and clothing. Indian, Nigerian, Japanese, Filipino, German and Hungarian clothing were also featured in the collection. These donations were made by the families of Rupel Patel, Ramses Ali, Josef Rodriguez, Maria DiCarlo, Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Nagy.

Lawrence.

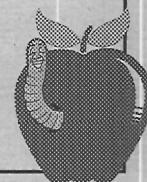
Some of the students in Mr. Gallucci's class are preparing to spend an evening with the family of Josef Rodriguez, a sixth grader. This visit grew out of a lesson where differences were discussed. Mr. Gallucci is coordinating the arrangements with Mrs. Savage.

Riley School News

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classes celebrated their Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, Nov. 19. Mrs. Lay's class and Mrs. Publik's class were busy reading stories about the Pilgrims and Native Americans and the food they shared at their first Thanksgiving feast. The children learned that these people were giving "thanks" for their bountiful harvest and wanted to share their food with each other, and come together as friends.

The classes were busy making paperbag Native American vests and headbands and Pilgrim hats and collars so they could come dressed to the feast. Parents were busy planning their feast of turkey, stuffing, corn bread, cranberries, yams, carrots, corn and apple and pumpkin pies. The feasts took place in the school gym.



Italian American Day Highlights Multicultural Awareness

Melissa Creagh,
English Instructor

"Buon Giorno," Mrs. LaSalvia, eighth grade language arts teacher, greeted faculty and students over the loud speaker as the South Plainfield Middle School celebrated its first ever Italian American Day on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

This special holiday was created by Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage, in conjunction with Columbus Day, which honors the explorer from Genoa. Italian American Day was another step in the Middle School's stride towards multicultural awareness.

Sixth Grade Teacher Mrs. Fiorillo, Art Teacher Mrs. Kardos and Mrs. LaSalvia worked together to transform one of the school's display cases into an Italian store front. On display were books, maps and coins, as well as leather and silk from Florence, colognes from Milan, glass jewelry from Murano,

China from Stornara, and a hand painted clay wine set.

In sewing class, Mrs. Villani's students were fortunate enough to see hand-made Italian clothes from the early 1900s made from hand woven material donated by Mrs. Maria DiCarlo. Mrs. Lepore's home economics classroom was a pizzeria for the day as the students tried their hands at making pizza.

With the help of Librarian Barbara Shrank's bibliography of related materials, all departments were able to participate in Italian American Day. The Reading Department dazzled its students with Italian tales. In Math class, students played games that

Italian school children would play. The seventh graders studied the geography of the Mediterranean in Social Studies class, while the eighth graders discussed the plight of the Italian immigrants. Science class revealed the accomplishments of such Italian scientists as Francesco Redi and Lazzaro Spallanzani, who both tested the hypothesis of spontaneous generation.

Italian Americans are just one of the heritages to be honored at the Middle School. Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage has much more in store for the multicultural education of the students, faculty and community.

Free College Information Parent Forums Offered

The South Plainfield High School Guidance Department and the Parent Teacher Association invite interested parents to attend the planned additional forums. These informative lecture and discussion programs are free

to students and parents.

The first program, presented by Mr. John Scott, director of admissions at Rutgers University, entertained an audience of over 100 parents. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of

these free programs.

Programs:

DECEMBER 10, 1997
7:00 P.M.

S.P.H.S. Cafeteria
Speaker: Susannah Griffin
Topic: Planning the College Visitation — Questions Students and Parents Should Ask

JANUARY 8, 1998
7:00 P.M.

S.P.H.S. Auditorium
Speaker: Ms. Ninfa Mueller
Topic: Financial Aid Workshop
Speaker: Ms. Cheryl Staub
Topic: Student Loan — Corestates Bank

Roosevelt School Welcomes 97-98 Safety Patrols

Mrs. Lanfrit-Allen's Class
Shakellah Amini
Rose Benak - *Alternate*
Shakera Beverley
Peter DeAndrea
Linda Lee - *Captain*
Thomas Manolio
Jessica Musolino
Matthew Rasmussen
Mansoor Sharify

Mrs. Decker-Frederickson's Class
Caitlin English
Erin Gyuris
La-Toya Johnson
Kathleen Morgan - *Captain*
Gregory Morris
Brian Murtagh
Eigil Pantaleon - *Alternate*
Jessica Senz
Jessica Vanderhoof

Miss McGrath's Class
Kristin Badolato - *Alternate*
Michael Benak - *Captain*
Jeffrey Eng
Nicholas Grego
Lauren Haus
Crystal Holloway
Jamie Jakubik
Kurtis Maglaque
Alicia Miranda

SCHOOL DAYS: What's News?

Tamara Dombrowski Reports.....

Notes from the Middle School

Hi!! My name is Tamara Dombrowski and I am an 8th grade student at the South Plainfield Middle School. I have been given the opportunity to be a reporter this month and again in March. Here's what's been going on in our school.

Student Council Representatives

The results of the elections for the Student Council Representatives for the 1997-98 school year have been announced. The eighth grade representatives are Jennifer Butrico, Tammy Dombrowski, Jessica Macklin, Lorianne Waton, and Cheryl Yates; for seventh grade we have Nicole Esposito, Hollie Gaster, Tommy Haus, Danny Pollin, and Frank Wrublevski; and the sixth grade students are Kelly Butrico, Kristie Butrico, Vincent Carubia, Christopher Czaplinski, Joshua Jackson, Christopher Nguyen, and Alex Tierney.

Student of the Month

Each month, the teachers select one male and one female "student of the month" based on academic and extra curricular activities. For the month of October, eighth graders Billie Jean Sarullo and Christopher Grevious were chosen. In November, seventh graders Katie Lawrence and Frank Wrublevski were selected. Congratulations to all of you.

Meadowlands Game

The Middle School was given the opportunity to play a boys' and girls' basketball game at the Meadowlands Arena on November 7th. SPMS took on Sacred Heart at this double header. Since this event occurred before the normal basketball season



Tamara Dombrowski

starts, only the 7th and 8th grade players from last year's squads were eligible to play. The players and the cheerleaders were able to use the NBA locker room

and bench facilities. The students saw the New Jersey Nets take on the Miami Heat. GO TIGERS - GO NETS!!!

Shakespeare Festival

The 8th graders will have the chance to see a New Jersey Shakespeare Festival from Drew University called "Shakespeare Live." Shakespeare Live brings abridged productions of Shakespeare's plays throughout the tri-state area. We are going to see a one hour long production of Romeo and Juliet, followed by a post-performance discussion with the actors. "Shakespeare Live" is funded in part by Gerald R. Dodge Foundation, AT&T and the National Endowment for the Arts. The New Jersey Shakes-

peare Festival is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of the State. It was arranged by Ms. Scarpulla and sponsored by the SPMS Student Council.

Halloween Dance

Our Middle School Halloween Dance was postponed due to the tragic death of Mr. James Tierney. The dance was rescheduled.

Talent Show

The annual Talent Show was held on October 26th, which included 17 acts and 56 students. The talent included singers, dancers, pianists, comedians, a gymnast, and a five piece band called "Pure." The stage was decorated by Mrs. Kardos and her art stu-

dents. Special thanks to advisors Ms. Boyle, Mr. Makowski, Mrs. Trusewicz, Ms. Vatalare, Mr. Wood and many others who contributed to the success of the show.

Buehler Science Center

The 8th grade science classes will be attending the Buehler Science Challenger Center. Each student will be assigned a specific job for the mission. The students had to submit a resume for what job they wanted and give reasons why they thought they had the proper skills. This will be an exciting experience to be involved in simulated space mission.

PSE&G

From Nov. 19 through Dec. 5th all Middle School students will be involved in a program called, "In Concert With the Environment" sponsored by Public Service Electric and Gas Co. (PSE&G). Students are completing surveys regarding their personal and household energy use. This data will be entered in computers supplied by PSE&G and each student will receive a print-out of their energy use and ways to conserve energy and money. We will also be learning how energy consumption affects the environment.

Well, that's all for now. Have a great Thanksgiving! I'll be back in March to report on more South Plainfield Middle School Activities.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST— The students of the Middle School display their imagination and creativity at the Halloween costume contest. Choosing the winners proved to be very difficult. Pictured are some of the more outstanding and clever costumes. Left to right, Claire Dolling, Katherine Kaczka, Valerie Macintosh, Kandice Heffernan, Taeja Oppelt, Lauren Kaczka, Heather Barret, Katlin Bundy, David Francis and Frank Salerno.

Submit your articles for the next issue of The Observer by Tuesday, November 25.

John F. Kennedy Students Celebrated United Nations Day



J. F. Kennedy's Student Council members are: Keith Dezmim, Natalia Tamzoke, Courtney Sacco, Robbie Strani, Connor O'Brien, Danielle Arndt, Chris Bakazan, Mallory Christ, Julia Russel, Andrew Miller, Devin Kile, Tiffany Roth, Samantha Corvelyn, Alex Viscosi, Donna Garcia, Jake Bayak, Bryon Baumeister.

On Oct. 22, the John F. Kennedy Student Council, under the direction of Cynthia Severino and Diane Boyle, presented an assembly to celebrate the United Nations 52nd anniversary.

The members of the student council explained the background and creation of this international

peace organization. They then discussed the five major goals of the U.N. with an emphasis on Peace. The six major departments were explained and the children watched a brief Disney video on the U.N. The program ended with everyone singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth".

On Friday, Oct. 24, the school celebrated "Peace and Brotherhood Day" in honor of the successes of the United Nations. The student council distributed Peace Buttons in the hopes of spreading a little peace and understanding throughout the school and community.

What the Wolf Ate

Submitted by second grade students and teachers at Franklin Elementary School

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, the second grade students in Mrs. Benner's, Mrs. Gillis's, Mrs. Lacasale's and Mrs. Stuewe's classes created their own version of what they thought the wolf put into his chicken stew. The culminating activity stemmed from "The Wolf's Chicken Stew," a story from their reading Anthology.

Each class read and thoroughly discussed the story. The children were then assigned to bring in certain ingredients. Each class took a turn adding different ingredients and left the pot on the stove to cook.

While it was cooking, Franklin School smelled so delicious that the people coming to vote thought they were in a restaurant. The Wolf's Stew turned out to be a tremendous success. Everyone enjoyed a big heaping bowl! Perhaps you'd like to try it!

The Wolf's Chicken Stew

Recipe created by the second grade students at Franklin School

Ingredients

19 carrots, washed and peeled
19 stalks of celery, washed and sliced
19 potatoes washed, peeled and cubed
19 onions, peeled and sliced
8 chicken breasts, cooked and cubed
Pot full of water and chicken broth mixed

Procedure

Place all the ingredients into the huge pot of water and chicken broth. Cook for several hours. Enjoy on a cold winter's day!

First Annual Overview of Multi-Cultural Activities

By Phyllis Savage,
Assistant Principal

The evening of Oct. 16 at the South Plainfield Middle School proved to be very exciting and informative. The "First Annual Overview of Multi-Cultural Activities" was prepared and presented by eleven instructors. The profits from the "Silent Auction" will be used for R.A.R.E.: S.P.E.A.C.H. activities. The First Annual Overview of Multi-Cultural Activities was the brainchild of Maria LaSalvia, English instructor.

The presentations were given in varied areas of the curriculum. Marge Kopacsi, guidance counselor, addressed ways to help your child succeed in school and get along with parents.

Barbara Florio, sixth grade instructor, prepared a brief introduction on how students learn to use longitude and latitude. The parents were given coordinates to locate various countries on a world map. After they were located, they learned about the cultures and customs of the countries. Their knowledge was then shared through oral presentations with the class.

Susan Slinger, health instructor, and Jackie Trusewicz, nurse, outlined the different cultural and religious beliefs of various

countries as they pertain to health and health care. They discussed these illnesses as well as the beliefs and practices of these groups as they deal with their health and the well being of their families. Some of these practices include different diet habits, belief in the balance/imbalance of supernatural forces and the use of witch doctors for medicinal purposes.

Betsey Sampson and Melissa Creagh, English instructors, focused on stereotypes. In 1994 an anonymous 8th grader wrote the poem "Just Because..." which details sheer frustration with racial stereotypes. The objective of the presentation was to examine stereotypes and display a personal awareness of tolerance through poetry. A volunteer read the poem "Just Because..." aloud. Group members then discussed the underlying stereotypes found in the selection. The group then brainstormed other typical stereotypes not limited to race. The brainstorming acted as a springboard for individuals to write their own "Just Because..." poems using the original as a model.

Kathy Wilson, sixth grade math teacher, focused on the achievements in math, science and technology by people and cultures throughout the world.

Reference was made to the sixth grade text which starts with a multi-cultural activity. The lesson ended with the parents doing an activity from the book *Multi-Culturalism In Mathematics, Science and Technology*.

In the lesson planned by computer instructor Diane Scarpulla, the parents were given a choice of three notable persons to research. The procedure was to paraphrase the information from the printed text, (Grolier 97 Multimedia Encyclopedia CD-ROM), choose graphics to accompany the text, use computer writing tools such as spell-check and some transitions from their word bank folder, arrange the final document from well-designed use of space, print the document and place it in the their portfolios.

Learning disabilities specialist Pat Higgins' presentation focused on understanding what it means to have a learning disability. The participants had a chance to get some facts, dispel some myths and experience what the learning disabled child feels.

Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage's R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H. students produced a mini production of a Middle School cultural presentation. Food, fun, and facts were only some of the positives.

Mrs. Younken's sixth grade general music classes, in conjunction with their study of rhythm, demonstrated the Tinikling Dance from the Philippines. Several students from these classes shared what they learned about the Philippines and the Filipinos. They danced between the moving bamboo poles to the lively music of the Tinikling Dance.

The Middle School staff wishes to express special appreciation to members of the staff and community who contributed time, effort, baked goods, clothing and silent auction goods. They are Mrs. Lepore, Mr. & Mrs. Okparaek, Mrs. Miele, Mrs. Larisch, Mrs. Haus, Mrs. Kellerman, Ms. LaSalvia, Ms. Boyle, Mrs. Deutsch, Mrs. Fiorillo, Mrs. Rydarowski, Mrs. Wakefield, Mrs. Serago, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Buggey, Mrs. Lay, Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Olim, and the families of the following students: Christopher Horn, Jessica Liberty, Anthony Soto, Rosie Bayak, Rebecca Bianchi, Tristan More, Sue Zarnak and Jordan Lynch.

Students who assisted and or participated in the program were Billie Jean Sarullo, Justin Gaynor, Caitlin Hunter, Chinidem Okparaek, Ngozi Okparaek, Charmaine Wakefield, Josef Rodriguez, Alex Tierney, Mary Nguyen, James Nguyen, Joanne Nguyen, Christopher Horn, Kathy Almanzar, Christopher Cornish, Milton Bravo, Sally Salib, Laura Sharbash, Sarah Miele, Darleen Marin, Sandra Salazar, Nicholas Figler, Christopher Sanchez, Joshua Jackson, Daniel Sierzega, Jordan Lynch, Heather Loesner, Danielle Larisch, Prasanna Sridharan, Amanda George, Katie Lawrence, Danny Pollin, Eddie Kania, Eric Paprcha, Catherine Flannery Matt Carella and Andrew Cupido.



Dr. Janet Munger, principal (above) leads the parade of students at the John E. Riley School Annual Halloween Costume Parade.



Franklin School Elects Student Council

The Franklin School student body congratulates their new student council officers: Eric Vesper, president; Fernando Sandoval, vice president; Danny McCreesh, corresponding secretary and Lee Tetreault, recording secretary.

Consultants Join Moriatti Realty

Ms. Gisele Schiele and Ms. Anne Lane joined Century 21 Moretti Realty as marketing consultants.

Ms. Schiele has over 20 years of real estate experience. During her tenure in the business, Gisele was recognized by the State Association of Realtors & Middlesex County Board of Realtors as a recipient of the *Million Dollar Sales Club* award. This award recognized Gisele's sales production within the top 10 percent of all agents in Middlesex County.

Ms. Lane has also been recognized with multiple top agent awards from her previous employers including: *Rookie of the Year*, *Top Dollar Volume of Sales*, and *Most Revenue Units*. Ms.

Lane is a resident of South Plainfield and has two grown children. She has been involved in many civic organizations, most recently the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. Anne is known to "make a difference" in organizations to which she belongs.

Gisele and Anne chose to join Century 21 Moretti Realty because of their quality reputation in the marketplace, technology and sales support, along with an aggressive marketing program. "Quality associates like Gisele and Anne are what separate CENTURY 21 Moretti Realty from the others," said Guy Moretti, Broker. "I would like to welcome them to our team of professionals."

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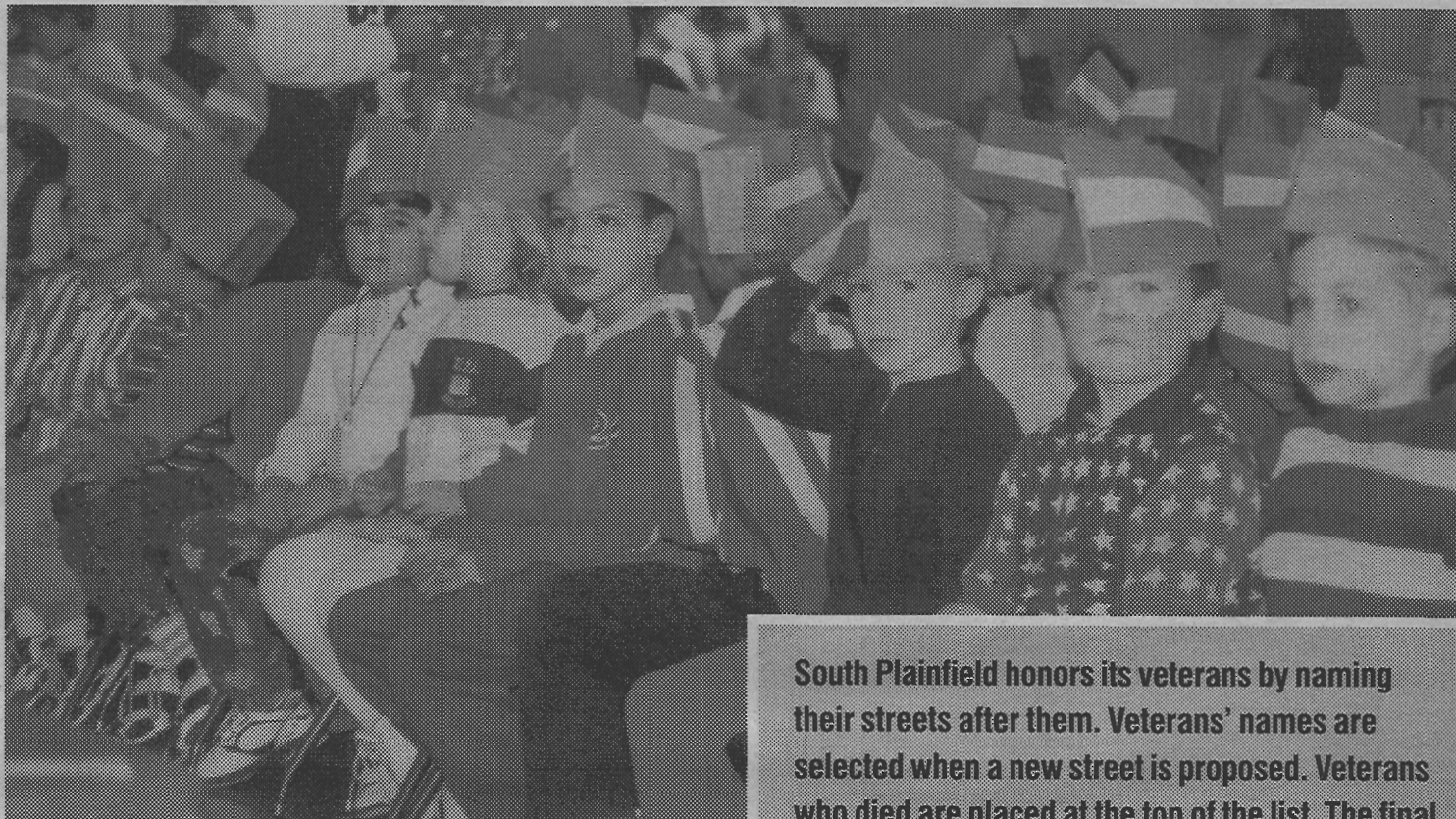
The Show Must Go On

By Patricia Abbott

With schools closed the week of Veteran's Day, Franklin School students held their annual Veteran's Day Program on Friday, Nov. 7. The veterans, many in uniform, were seated on stage in the presence of the entire student body. A number of the students were decked out in red, white and blue. The lower grades sported patriotic hats and enthusiastically waved the flags handed out by teachers.

The ceremony began with a color guard made up of scouts in uniform presenting the flags of each of our armed forces along with Old Glory. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the student council officers. Principal Nancy Erickson welcomed the veterans and greeted some of the guests in the audience including veteran and Superintendent of Schools, Guy Ferri; Board of Education member, Frank Mikorski and Veteran Anthony Cotoia, retired Middle School principal.

Also seated in the audience was a Ida Erickson, mother of Nancy Erickson, principal, who sold war bonds in 1917. Mrs. Erickson received a medal for her sales of Liberty Bond



stamps. The stamps sold for \$1.00, a considerable amount in 1917. The medal, presented to her in 1918 before the war ended, was made from the metal of a German cannon.

The veterans were treated to

songs performed by the students as well as performances by the school's band and chorus. Poems were read by Jennifer Braco, Paul Corrado, Dominic Sobers, as well as an original poem, "Let There Be Peace On Earth," by Gina Butrico. "Where Have All The Flowers Gone" was sung by soloist Alexa Lyszcza. Alexa is a member of the Rutgers Children's Choir. Taps were played on trumpet by Christopher Bojarsky.

As a special treat for the veterans, students and parents alike, USO guests arrived to entertain the crowd. Bing Crosby and the Andrew Sisters performed to the delight and cheers from the entire audience. Bing, with his ever-present pipe, trench coat and hat and the Andrew Sisters with their long blonde hair and trench coats looked suspiciously like teachers Drew Smith, Marie Stemmler, Rita Stuewe, and Sally Gillis. The program served to remind all of us how much our veterans did for our country.



South Plainfield Rescue Squad Needs Your Help

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad is staffed entirely by 40 emergency medical technicians trained in life-saving, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Many members also are trained to use defibrillators, which help shock the heart back into a normal rhythm during cardiac arrest.

Squad members donate at least 75 hours per month to the organization. Add to these hours training, meetings, building and ambulance maintenance, open houses and additional on-call duty and many members volunteer close to 100 hours each

month.

Last year alone, squad members answered more than 1,500 calls for help from homes and businesses throughout the borough. Whether it's a motor vehicle accident, chest pains, injuries from a fall — even a train derailment — South Plainfield Rescue Squad volunteers respond quickly. They respond day and night, holidays and weekends, in blizzards and floods. Not only does having a competent, effective, volunteer rescue squad save South Plainfield's homeowners and business owners tens of thousands of dollars

in emergency services and salaries each year, it also enables neighbors to help neighbors. Members come from all walks of life and every corner of the borough. All share a desire to help others.

Because they are a volunteer organization, the S.P. Rescue Squad relies heavily on donations from the community to offset operating costs and keep medical supplies stocked.

Anyone interested in joining the squad is encouraged to call 753-2343, or stop by the building at 2520 Plainfield Ave.

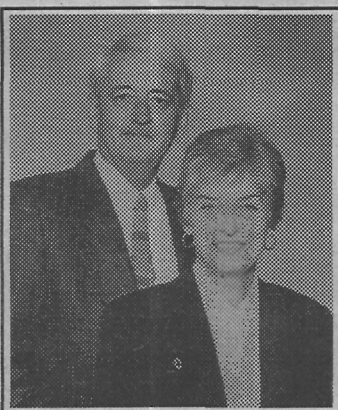
South Plainfield honors its veterans by naming their streets after them. Veterans' names are selected when a new street is proposed. Veterans who died are placed at the top of the list. The final decision rests with the Planning Board.

Veterans who have a street named after them

Sgt. Antonio Biancuzzi, age unknown	WWII
PFC. Fred Bolliger, age unknown, Clinton Ave.	WWII
PFC. John Caffrey, age 20, 125 Lakeview Ave.	WWII
M/M Second Class Henry L. Chase, age 20, Hamilton Blvd.	WWII
Staff Sgt. Paul Cybowski, age 26, Spicer Ave.	WWII
PFC Carmine DeFillipo, age 20, South Plainfield Ave.	WWII
PFC Carmine DeSepio, age 23, Lakeview Ave.	WWII
Master Sgt. Pasquale Famularo, age unknown, Hillside Ave.	WWII
Lt. Robert Frase, age 22, Lakeview Ave.	WWII
PFC Donald Fredricks, age unknown	WWII
Lt. Francis Gubernator, Jr., age 24, Maple Ave.	WWII
PFC Theodore Jankoski, age 25, New Market Ave.	WWII
ARER Third Class John H. Libourel, age 22, New Market Ave.	WWII
Lt. Myron Morrill, age unknown	WWII
PFC Vincent Nunnink, age unknown, New Market Ave.	WWII
Sgt. Michael Puha, age 21, Pine St.	WWII
PFC Donald Ranger, age 23, Windrew Ave.	WWII
PFC William F. Skene, Jr., age unknown	WWII
PFC Anthony P. Schillaci, Jr., age 22, Randolph Rd.	Korea
Sgt. First Class Michael Tooz, age 21, New Market Ave.	WWII
Sgt. First Class John Vakerich, age 19, Ritter Ave.	WWII
PFC. Patrick Yurgel, age unknown	WWII
PFC Joseph Zwolak, age 28, Belmont Ave.	WWII

Veterans who have not yet had a street named after them

PFC Robert N. Carbray, age 20, Golf Ave.	Korea
Sgt. First Class Robert Cook, age 20, Roosevelt Ave.	
Sgt. Edward Gruszcynski, age 24, Kosciusko Ave.	WWII
Sgt. First Class Leonard J. Piersante, age 20, Hancock St.	Korea
Sgt. Carl Wenzel, Jr. age 25, New Market Ave.	WWII
Donald M. Rustay, age unknown	Vietnam



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Wrestling

Wrestling Tigers Look to Repeat As Central Jersey Champions

By Bob Hunter

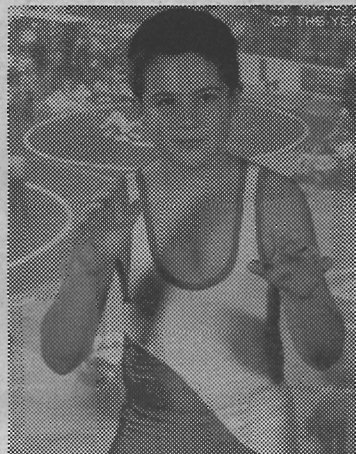
The 1997-1998 wrestling season is just around the corner with preseason tournaments starting soon.

The Tigers will have five returning state qualifying tournament wrestlers. Leading the way for the Tigers is Jimmy Conroy, a third place finisher in last year's State Tournament.

Kevin Crilley will be back after claiming a fourth place finish. Veteran Joe DeBiase is coming back to give the Tigers the leadership needed coming off a fifth-sixth place finish in last year's State Tournament. Patrick Hunter, a young lightweight wrestler, qualified with a strong State Tournament and will be out to win a starting spot on a strong Tiger team. Veteran Danny DeAndrea will supply the young Tigers with experience and leadership after a strong performance in the State Tournament.

Wrestlers on the Rise

Here's a sneak preview of the up and coming recreation wrestlers. In the lighter weights the Tigers have depth with Patrick Hunter and Robert Gentile coming off successful seasons last year. Veteran Billy Ashnult will be back to improve on last year's outstanding performance with his experience and aggressive style. Jimmy Conroy, a State medal winner, will toughen up the lower weights with his experience. Kevin Crilley will be back to fill the void in the heavier weights. State place winner Crilley will look to pick up where he left off. Watch out for Frank Steffinelli. A much improved wrestler, he should provide the Tigers with some depth. Nicky Dorey had a great season last year and will also provide depth and experience. Danny Bayak, another much improved wrestler, will also give the Tigers depth. Another brother tandem to watch are the Martin brothers, Sam and Brad, both of whom had great seasons last year. They can work their way into the starting line up. Another brother duo are Jordan and Rocco Petrillo, who both de-



Joe DeBiase, a 1997 Kids State Tournament place winner, will be one of several veterans returning to go after a fourth consecutive Central Jersey Title.

veloped nicely last year, should see a lot of action this year. Matt D'Alessandro, Danny Pompillio, Nick Giakas and Vinnie Padula all made great progress last year and look to improve on last year's successes.

Tigers Well Balanced, Have Experience

The Tigers lost team leaders Jimmy Curcio, Steve Gross, Joey DeAndrea and Steve Maione, but have some experienced veteran wrestlers to step up and fill in. The Tigers will look to returning veterans Jon Buggey,

Girls Gymnastics Brigettes Go to the Sectionals

The Level 5 Open team from Feigley's Gymnastic School continued their winning season. Two South Plainfield gymnasts, Lauren Darr and Morgan Walters, are showing excellent performances in all their meets.

Darr and Walters scored high enough in all around scores to advance to the State Sectional Meet. Morgan had an all around score of 32.5 scoring high on beam and floor. Lauren had an all around score of 30 placing first on vault and third on beam. If the girls qualify they will advance to the USGA State Championships which will be held in January.

Dan DeAndrea, Frank Demarast, Joey Reach, Ryan Mack, Alex Telmey and Billy Weaver. Kyle Bostick, Peter DeAndrea and Billy Padula also had strong seasons a year ago and all should improve. Joe DeBiase, a state place winner, will anchor the heavier weights and give the team balance along with a lot of experience.

The Tigers will be coached by Joe DeBiase, Mark Besser, Jim Conroy and Billy Ashnult. The coaches are shooting for a fourth consecutive Central Jersey Championship.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS: How to Use the 911 System

By Joseph Papa
Crime Prevention Unit

Nearly everyone will have to use 911 during their lifetime. When a person is not properly trained in responding to an emergency, fear, panic, doubt, and confusion can take hold. If an individual is trained he or she can respond properly to an emergency.

How to control yourself during an emergency.

When you are faced with an emergency situation, remain calm. Take a deep breath and a split second to gain your composure. Assess the situation, collect your thoughts and understand what is happening. Ask yourself "What must I do?" Then take immediate action. By concentrating on what you must do, you will avoid panic.

Adult School Sponsors Holiday Trips

The South Plainfield Adult School has space available on four holiday trips.

For the tenth year the school will visit the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights from Friday, Dec. 5 through Monday, Dec. 8. The Festival includes many lights and decorations on both the Canadian and the U.S. sides of the Falls with many animated displays celebrating Niagara in the winter. The trip also includes three dinners including the Minolta Tower revolving restaurant. The dinner show *Oh Canada Eh*, a tour of Niagara and Niagara on the Lake, the IMAX movie (*Niagara-Miracles, Myths and Magic*), a high tea, and many other features.

A trip is planned to the Radio City Christmas Show on

Time is critical.

Time can make the difference between life and death. Timely reporting can perhaps stop a fire from spreading, prevent a crime or aid in the apprehension of a criminal. When someone is not breathing, it takes only four minutes to die or for permanent brain damage to set in. Therefore, you must respond immediately and not waste a second, as it could mean the difference between life and death.

Enhanced 911 system

South Plainfield has an enhanced 911 system that immediately provides the 911 operator with the originating telephone number and location. This can aid the police or other emergency personnel in locating a victim who has lost consciousness or is being attacked, or other-

Kapsch led the offense with a .541 batting average. He had five triples and four doubles and only struck out twice in 40 at bats. He was followed by Sarrullo at .450, Bucchinago with .388, Mike Vito hit .384, and Atcachunas .353. Brendon Lazar played a solid first base and hit .300. Chris Malecki caught and batted .316.

Rounding out the team were Mike Duluci, Sam Alexander, and Jason Garcia. Coach Atcachunas was ably assisted by Coach Steve Bucchinago, Sr. and Coach Sam Alexander, Sr.

Fall Baseball League

Tigers End Season with Winning Record

The South Plainfield Fall Baseball Team entered the semifinals of the Merrill Park/Fords Senior League, but were upset by Middlesex 4-2. Head Coach John Atcachunas commented, "We picked the wrong time to have a bad game. All the runs were unearned and we didn't hit." The Tigers ended the season with a 12-3-2 record.

Pitching was strong. Juniors Steve Bucchinago and Pat Sarrullo each recorded four wins. Chris Atcachunas had three victorys. He also led the staff striking out 46 opponents. Bucchinago recorded 44 strikeouts. Mike

wise can not speak. It also allows police to respond quickly to the source of any prank 911 calls. People making prank calls on 911 systems may be arrested and charged for making these calls.

How to determine if you have a 911 emergency.

You can make this determination by asking yourself this question: Are the police, fire department or first aid personnel needed immediately to protect life or property? If the answer is yes, then immediately dial 911, and advise the emergency operator of what has happened.

Do not use 911 for a non-emergency.

Use the regular number for the police department if you don't have a 911 emergency situation. South Plainfield's non-emergency number is (908) 226-7688. If your not sure whether or not your situation is an emergency use 911. It is better to make an error on the side of caution than to possibly have a delay in receiving emergency services.

When calling 911, follow these instructions:

Give the location of the emergency. Be as specific as possible. Specify what emergency personnel are required, i.e. police, firefighters, paramedics, etc.; if weapons are involved (a hand gun, knife, etc.); number of persons involved; how many suspects are involved, and a description of the possible suspects, suspect's car, etc.

Obstacles or conditions that will, or could, prevent the police, firefighters, or rescue personnel from rendering services should be reported. For examples: the sick or injured person is locked in the house, a vicious dog is on the premises, dangerous fumes are present, etc.

Keep all your information as factual as possible. Don't exaggerate. If you don't know an answer to a question you are asked simply say you don't know. Don't make up an answer.

Follow Directions.

Don't hang up on a 911 operator unless told to do so. If they give you instructions such as how to render first-aid, follow these directions. Many untrained people have saved lives by following instructions given to them by 911 operators.

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Obituaries

Norma (Sinkinson) Bruno

Norma (Sinkinson) Bruno, 61, died on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Jersey City and was a former resident of Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield seven years ago.

Mrs. Bruno was the office manager for Budget Car & Truck Rental in Plainfield for the last 17 years.

She was a member of the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by two sons, Louis E. Bruno of Green Brook and Ross V. Bruno of Dunellen; two daughters, Janice L. Bruno of Edison and Leslie VanWagenen of Gouldsboro, Pa.; a sister, Lorraine Spindler of Monroe, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

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

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300 Memphis TN 38146.

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Flattinger

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Flattinger, 81, died Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Senior Quarters Assisted Living Facility in Cranford.

Ms. Flattinger was born in New York City and had resided for most of her life in the Bronx before moving to Cranford in 1994.

She had been employed as a secretary for Union Carbide Co. of New York City for 40 years before her retirement in 1980.

She was a member of the Bronx Democratic Club and she was a long time communicant of S. Philip Nero Church in the Bronx.

Surviving is her cousin, Maria A. Roser of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Dorothy J. (Rezinski) Geiger

Dorothy J. (Rezinski) Geiger, 54, died on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Newark and was a former resident of Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield 20 years ago.

Mrs. Geiger was a merchandiser for Hallmark cards in Edison for the last five years. Prior to that she was a switchboard operator for New Jersey Bell in Plainfield for 23 years before

retiring in 1983.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Communications Workers of America.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

She is survived by her husband, John C. Geiger; a son, Wayne Crivello of South Plainfield; her mother, Josephine Bezinski of South Plainfield; a brother, Robert Rezinak of Kingwood Twp.

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

Walter "Pop-Pop" Housel

Walter "Pop-Pop" Housel, 82, died on Nov. 6 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Newark, Housel had resided there for many years before settling here in 1952.

Mr. Housel was employed by L.A. Dreyfus Co. in the production department before transferring to the lab department as a lab technician before his retirement in 1977 after 23 years. He previously was employed by the former Tie Flicks Household Paper Products in Newark.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II where he served in Germany as a guard patrolman with the 24th district. He was a Rifle Marksman and earned the WWII Victory Medal.

His wife, Katherine B. Housel, died in 1968.

Surviving are his son, Walter A. Housel and daughter, Joan Housel of South Plainfield; his sister, Clara Williams of Miami, Fla.; his brother, Louis Housel of Spring Hills, Fla. and his granddaughter, Shannon K. Housel of South Plainfield. Also surviving are 12 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Hans T. Kahlthau

Hans T. Kahlthau, 90, died on Wednesday, Oct. 29 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Perth Amboy, he had resided in South Plainfield since 1945.

Kahlthau was employed by the Former Reading Railroad of Port Reading, NJ as a railroad policeman for 42 years before retiring in 1963. After his retirement from the railroad, he was employed as a security guard for the Air Reduction Corp. of Murray Hill for five years. He retired in 1968 from Air Reduction. He then became

employed as a crossing guard for the Manufacture's Safeguard Inc. of South Plainfield. He fully retired in 1991.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Kahlthau, who died in April of 1972.

Surviving is a sister, Dorothy Perrine of Bayville; two nieces, Myrtle E. Harris of South Plainfield and Doris Greaux of Perth Amboy.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

George C. McKnight

George C. McKnight, 80, died on Nov. 9 at his daughters home. Born in Newark, he had resided in South Plainfield since 1952.

Mr. McKnight was employed as a machinist for Westinghouse formerly of Newark for 45 years before his retirement in 1982. He was a veteran of WWII where he served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. McKnight was a member of the Electrical Workers Union Local # 426 of Newark, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Newark Police Post 1639, and the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2252 of Warren.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He is predeceased by his wife, Anna E. (Strittmaher) McKnight, who died in December of 1996.

Surviving are his daughter, Janet Scavone of South Plainfield and his son, Kenneth McKnight, Edison; his four sisters: Margaret Welsch of Titusville, Fla.; Regina Dengel of Palm Beach, Fla.; Mildred Snyder of Pa. and Marilyn McKnight of Souderton, Pa. and his four brothers: Charles McKnight of South Plainfield, Robert McKnight of Union, John McKnight of Newark and Thomas McKnight of Simsbury, Conn.

Also surviving are two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donald R. Tharp

Donald R. Tharp, 58, died Nov. 7 at his home.

Mr. Tharp was born in North Plainfield and had resided in various areas of Somerset County before moving to South Plainfield 30 years ago.

He had been employed as a route salesman by the Bachmann Pretzel Company of Raritan Center in Woodbridge. He had been with the company for eight years before his retirement in 1978. Prior to Bachmann's, he had worked at various Shop-Rite Stores in the Union and Middlesex County areas.

Mr. Tharp served with the U.S. Air Force in the early 1960's. He had been stationed in Tripoli. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, a former member of the BPO Elks Lodge 2298 and a former member of the Plainfield Moose Lodge.

Mr. Tharp was a former member of the Jr. Baseball Club, where he coached and managed in the club's various leagues. He was an avid fresh water fisherman and bowler and had been

involved in various leagues at the Strike'N Spare lanes in Greenbrook.

He was predeceased by his two granddaughters, Suzannah and Katherine Dobos and also by three brothers, Robert J., Charles E. and Thomas W. Tharp.

Surviving is his wife, Sandra V. DeNise Tharp; his daughter, Tammy Dobos of Plainfield; his son, Donald R. Tharp, Sr. of Manahawkin; his mother, Mary Polon Tharp of Bound Brook; five brothers, John B. Tharp of Bound Brook; Harry W. Tharp of South Bound Brook; Daniel G. Tharp of North Plainfield; Ralph C. Tharp of Caldwell, and Alfred R. Tharp of Hohenwald, Tenn.; two sisters, Shirley A. Tharp of Easton, Pa. and Linda M. Tharp of Bound Brook. He is also survived by one grandson, Johnathan Tharp.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

James R. Tierney

James R. Tierney, 47, died on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from injuries sustained in a car accident in Philadelphia.

He was born in Airdrie, Scotland and came to the United States in 1952 settling in Newark. He was a former resident of Kearny, before moving to South Plainfield 25 years ago.

Mr. Tierney was a regional safety services consultant for Ryder Truck Rental in Carlstadt for the last 15 years. Prior to that he taught English and history at the South Plainfield Middle School for 10 years.

Mr. Tierney was a 1971 graduate of St. Peter's College in Jersey City where he received his BA in history and English.

He was a member of the South Plainfield High School Boosters of the Musical Arts and a member of the high school Athletic Booster Club. He was active in the Riley School, Middle School and High School

PTA'S.

He was a member of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and a coach for the South Plainfield Recreation Soccer League.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and was an instructor for the children's liturgy.

He was predeceased by his father, Bernard Tierney, who died in 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Stahura Tierney; two sons, Bradford James Tierney and Alexander Todd Tierney, both at home; his mother and step father, John and Anne Tierney Armitt of Kearny; his maternal grandmother, Hannah Mulraney of Scotland; three brothers, Robert Tierney of Rutherford, Michael Tierney of Kearny and John Tierney of Old Bridge; two sisters, Margaret Orlowicz and Anne Frances Girdwood, both of Kearny.

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

Charles Verdi

Charles Verdi, 82, of Edison died Nov. 7 at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

He was born in Newark and was a former resident of Livingston before moving to Edison 15 years ago.

Mr. Verdi was a pharmacist at the Livingston Pharmacy in Livingston for 15 years before retiring in 1982.

Mr. Verdi was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Mr. Verdi was a veteran of WWII serving in the Army as a Staff Sergeant.

He is survived by his wife, Mary LiVecci Verdi; a son, Carmen Verdi of Edison; a daughter, Nanette Gawler of South Plainfield; two brothers, Ralph Verdi of Carrollton, Texas; James Verdi of East Hanover and three grandchildren.

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



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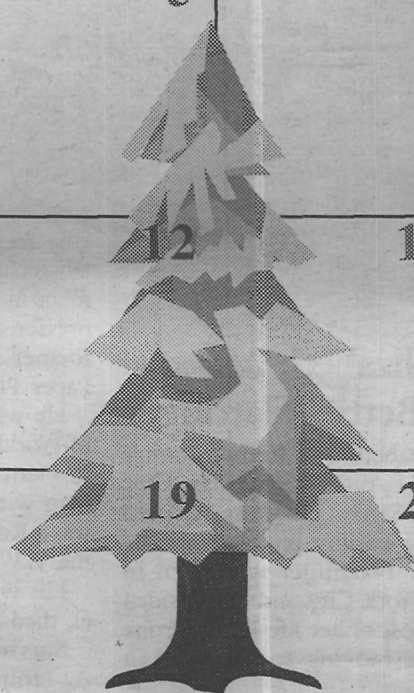
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South Plainfield Police Report

- A burglar alarm was activated at a Cedar Ave. home on Nov. 11. Police investigated and found the rear window of a spare room had the screen removed by climbing on a picnic bench. The resident was not sure if anything had been taken.
- A VCR was stolen from a Clinton Ave. on Nov. 11 home. Entry was made by picking the lock on the door.
- A shopper at Home Depot reported that upon returning to his truck he discovered that various tools and saws were missing from the tool box. The box was unlocked.
- The lights along the driveway of a house on Wooden Ave. were damaged and two lights were pulled out of the ground by vandals.
- A rock was thrown into the side of a van parked on Zwalak Ct. Damaged were the side panel and rear window wiper. The vandals also tore off the door of the mailbox and overturned planters. No one in the area saw anything suspicious.
- Ramanda Inn reported that a guest

trashed one of their rooms. Burn marks from a cigarette were on the walls and all over the rugs. Also, cigar remains were found on the furniture, walls and rugs.

- A customer in Durham Deli, Hamilton Blvd. reported someone stole a black cigarette case that had been sitting on a table. The victim stated it was used as a wallet. It contained five \$100 bills, a driver's license, registration and credit cards.

• A neighbor alerted police that someone had entered a vacant house on New Market Ave. Several police and detectives arrived and surrounded the boarded up house. Police entered the house via a rear window that was unlocked and found a suspect hiding in the front of the house. Arrested was Darryl Cullen of Middlesex. No other suspects were found. The vacant house belongs to Harris Steel.

- Colleen Hallsman of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting at Pathmark. Baby formula and diapers valued at \$129.91 were taken.

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South Plainfield Council President John Pulomena and Highland Park Mayor James Polos won seats on the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Pulomena was the top vote-getter with 104,256 and Polos received 101,780 votes. Their opponents, Republicans Brian O'Callaghan and Russell Dutcher, received 75,997 and 71,350 votes, respectively. Republican Tim O'Brien of South Plainfield lost his bid to unseat incumbent Democrat Jim Lynch for State Senate. Tim O'Brien is a member of the Land Management Committee. Governor Christie Todd Whitman was re-elected to a second term by a very close margin over James McGreevy, Mayor of Woodbridge, and Murray Sabrin. South Plainfield voted 3,089 for Whitman, 3,007 for McGreevy

and 778 for Sabrin.

Council Meetings

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays there is only one council meeting in November and December. The next Council agenda meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 and the regular council meeting will be held on December 11.

■ The Fire Department reported 86 alarms and three drills, totaling 700 man-hours for the month of October.

Board of Adjustments

Robert Gordon, Norwood Ave., was granted an approval to erect a second story and a one story addition, exceeding lot coverage by 126 sq.ft. Harris Structural Steel won approval for a temporary use permit for the storage of empty trailers and storage containers to be leased off-site, for a period of six months. Richard and Lorraine Rutkowski, Hendricks Blvd., were granted approval to erect a new wood

front porch with a 26 foot setback. Plainfield Tobacco, Park Ave., was approved for a use variance for retail sales of tobacco and tobacco products, with conditions.

Stinky Stuff Update

Michael Bonk of the South Plainfield Health Department, reported that the Borough has issued six summonses to Recycling Inc. The company continues to plead not guilty in court on these summonses. At press time a meeting was planned with Recycling, Inc., the Middlesex Health Department, the Edison Health Department and the South Plainfield Health Department to work out a time schedule to eliminate the offensive odors. If an agreement cannot be reached, court action will be taken to request a cease and desist order. The DEP has relinquished its authority for further action to the Middlesex County Health Department.

■ The Downtown revitalization project is moving along. Hamilton Blvd. paving is underway and the widening and curbing of South Plainfield Ave is underway. It was also announced that South Plainfield Ave. will be finished by Dec. 3 and work will not resume until spring. Merchants have expressed concern that the ongoing construction will hurt holiday shopping in the area.

■ Thompkins Ave. culvert work has started and will be completed in a few weeks.

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