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by Patricia Abbott

**Veteran's Day Observed
at VFW - Story and
photos on page 5**

Franklin School Honors Area Veterans at Annual Ceremonies

Veteran's Day was celebrated a bit early at Franklin School. The annual ceremony was held on Friday, Nov. 6, but nowhere in the country were the speeches more patriotic and the participants more sincere. A number of Veterans attended and sat in the place of honor on the stage. The elementary school is the only school in town to host a ceremony honoring our Veterans.

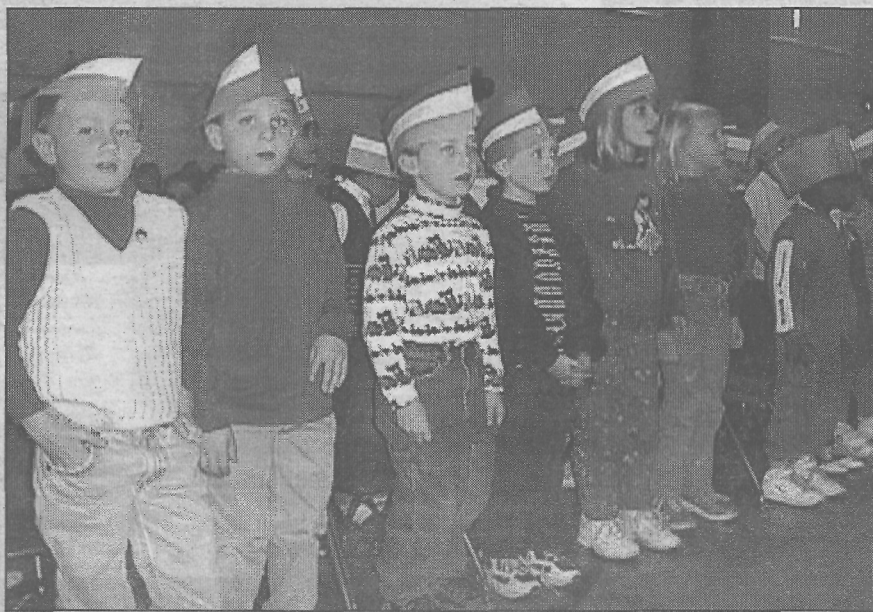
Each grade plays a role in creating the program that often

brings a tear to parents and teachers alike. Music is a vibrant part of the show. There are songs by each grade level as well as the band and chorus. This year some of the featured songs were *Anchors Away*, *The Marine's Hymn*, and *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. Poems were read by Alexander Nau and Eileen Cameron and The Gettysburg Address was presented by Lee Tetrault.

Normally the "Andrew Sister's" put in an appearance but

this year a new act appeared much to the delight of the students and guests. A "Soldier" who resembled Drew Smithgym teacher sat upon the stage as his thoughts were magically heard throughout the room. "USO" performers, who looked suspiciously like Franklin School teachers, dressed in sleek black gowns adorned with colorful feather boas performed to such hits as *Soldier Boy*. When "mail

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Borough Hires Two Police Officers

South Plainfield has added two police officers to its ranks. Christopher Collucci and David Franchak were sworn in at the council meeting on Nov. 12 and will be attending the Sea Girt Police Academy, starting in the next few weeks.

Christopher Collucci, 28, graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1987. He attended Middlesex County College and served in the US Air Force as a Security Police Specialist, with tours of duty in Korea and Saudi

Arabia. He was employed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons as a Correction officer. He and his wife Robin have one daughter, Chelsey.

David Franchak, 28, graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1988. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1988-1992 as an infantry machine gunner, which included a tour in the Persian Gulf. He was employed by the NJ State Department of Corrections as a corrections officer. He and his wife Elvira have two children, a son, Zackery and a daughter, Ashley.



Jim Eckert swears in David Franchak (left) with his wife Elvira and Christopher Collucci (right) with his wife Robin.



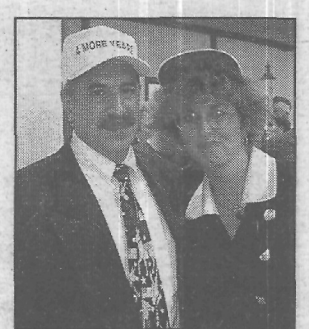
Both officers are residents of South Plainfield. They will be replacing Ken Van Kleef and Walter Smialowicz, who are both retiring.

Democrats Retain Control of Council

When the votes were counted on Nov. 3, the Democrats were jubilant and the Republicans felt they had fought a good fight. The Democrats won both the mayoral election and two council seats. The Democrats won in 11 of the 15 voting districts. The turnout of voters overall was 45.58%.

In the race for mayor, Dan Gallagher defeated Anthony "Jake" Caltado, 2,866 to 2,479, winning by 387 votes. The vote on the two seats for council went to Democrats Dennis Cerami, 2,689 and Darlene Pinto, 2,741. Republicans Sue Krystopik received 2,212 votes and Hank Grabarz, 2,301. Independent candidate William Hogan received 485 votes. Councilperson elect Darlene Pinto garnered the most council votes overall.

Mayor Dan Gallagher wore a big smile and kissed his grandson when the tally of votes showed him to be a winner. He expressed his thanks to all of the people for allowing him to serve as Mayor again. He, along with the other candidates and councilmen, donned caps that read



Dennis Cerami and Darlene Pinto

"Four More Years." Mayor Gallagher will be serving his third term as mayor. He also served one term on the council.

Darlene Pinto and Dennis Cerami were overjoyed that the message to the voters was heeded. They both promised to continue to listen to the people and serve them to the best of their ability. This is Cerami's second term on the council. Darlene Pinto will be filling the seat vacated by Middlesex County Freeholder John Pulomena, who chose not run for re-election.

In my OPINION

It's Good for You!

Dear Editor:

My name is Eric Toth. I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 309 from Wesley Methodist Church in South Plainfield. I am an Eagle Scout candidate working toward my Eagle Scout rank and would like your help.

For my Eagle project I will be running a Toy Drive to benefit some of the needy families in South Plainfield. The toys and gifts will be distributed through the Director of Social Services in South Plainfield, Mrs. Ackerman. I am trying to collect as many toys and games for the holidays as possible. I will need gifts for infants as well as young children and teenagers. I will be collecting the toys and donations from Nov. 21 through Dec. 12.

I will be setting up collection points in local schools, churches and businesses during late November through early December. New toys, games, gift certificates from local stores, or donations of money to purchase gifts or special request items will be collected during the drive. If you can help me out by donating any of these items it will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to get involved with the Toy Drive, I could supply a collection box and fliers to distribute.

If needed I can be contacted at (908) 791-0706. Call for free pick-up.

**EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE
ERIC F. TOTTH**

To The Editor:

I wish to express my thanks to those people who supported me in this past election. A special thanks to my family for their support.

I ran because I believe in a two party system offering ideas and suggestions from both sides of the aisle. If I offended any-

one in that effort, I apologize.

To the winners, congratulations.

To the new council of 1999, I hope that you will be granted the wisdom to lead South Plainfield into the next century with true dignity and pride.

**SINCERELY
HANK GRABARZ,
COUNCIL CANDIDATE 1998**

Dear Editor,

Franklin School's October Festival was a success! I wish to thank Miss Erickson, Linda Duquette, Pat Mahoney and Franklin School's bravest, our crossing guard Clare for all your help and guidance and patience with me. Because of you, this day turned out wonderful.

To all the teachers along with Mrs. Stark, our nurse, thank you for helping and spending your day with us! To all the parents: I would need a full page to mention all of you. All your hard work brought success to this day. I also wish to thank Mr. Ferri along with Board of Ed. members for coming out to support our school.

Georgeann, the owner of Mohn's, your support for the children in this town is priceless along with your famous words, "Anything for the children!" You're truly one in a million! To Mr. and Mrs. Tramanto, the donation of our pumpkin and apple patch, along with all the help of your son Brian, Franklin School is so grateful.

Chief Merkler, thanks so much for donating the services of two wonderful officers for our children. Other merchants I wish to thank are Mr. and Mrs. Upen as always, from the Party Pros, Bagel Pantry, Mr. and Mrs. Ferraro, and Spotlight on Dance. I apologize if I left anyone out, however my gratitude

is there. You all worked so hard and thanks to all of you... we did it!

**SINCERELY,
MARY SACKS**

To the Editor:

When someone close to you passes away it feels like a part of you goes with that person. Your heart aches, and you feel a certain emptiness and sorrow. At times it seems unbearable. But then, you open your eyes and look around you and realize that despite tragedy, there is something positive happening. There are people everywhere — family, friends, community members — surrounding you with love, support, and compassion.

Simon and Garfunkel sang, "Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down." With the death of "Chops", our family, friends and community became that bridge. Words cannot express our appreciation for everything people have done and continue to do to help us through this most difficult time of our lives. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and acts of kindness, which provided the "bridge" to help us cross the waters. An incredible tribute was given to an incredible man, made possible by friends and loved ones.

"Chops" will live on through our memories of him as husband, father, brother, son and friend. His passion for life and the people in it will continue on through those lives he touched — which were many. Our family will continue to run Imperial Deli and will continue to meet the standards he set for so many years. Again, thank you to everyone, God bless you all.

**SINCERELY WITH LOVE,
THE TUFARO FAMILY,
DEANNA, CHRISTINA,
CLAUDIA AND MICHAEL**

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To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the people of South Plainfield who voted for myself, Dennis Cerami and Mayor Gallagher. You have once again showed your confidence in the Democrats. I would especially like to thank all the poll workers, committee people and of course all of the residents that supported our campaign.

In closing, I would like to say "Behind every success is ambition ... Behind every ambition is effort ... Behind every effort is someone who's willing to try" and thanks to the people of South Plainfield, I am able to "try" and will succeed with the rest of the Democratic council and Mayor Gallagher to fulfill our campaign promises.

**DARLENE M. PINTO
COUNCILPERSON ELECT**

Dear Editor,

As president of the South Plainfield Education (SPEA) and a teacher in South Plainfield for 27 years, I know that parents and teachers need to work together to help our students succeed in school.

As the school year gets into high gear, many families may be grappling with how to set rules for children's TV viewing. The SPEA offers families these 10 ten tips:

- Watch TV with your children.
- Help them select programs using TV listings in advance. Look for programs that are not too violent or "grown up."
- Plan with children what shows they can watch.
- Encourage them to watch appropriate shows on PBS.
- Insist on a TV time limit.
- Talk about what you see — what's real and what's not possible in real life, how violence can hurt people, what they would do in real life, etc.
- Make meals a family event — TV free!
- Insist that children finish homework before watching TV.
- Encourage reading, playing and other beneficial activities in preference to TV.
- Watch well-selected videos on a VCR.

Children imitate what they see and hear on TV. Encourage them to watch good role models, and they will be more successful in school.

**SINCERELY,
LOUISE A. MRUZ
PRESIDENT SPEA**

In case you haven't the time to check the ads in this issue, here are a few bargains you might not be aware of. Check the ads for coupons and use them when you shop.

Freihofer's—You can get a free dessert or loaf of bread when you buy two, with a coupon. This is a great idea for Thanksgiving.

Twice Is Nice—is running a Beanie Baby Contest for the holidays. Stop in and sign up.

Ciccio's—Two medium pizzas for \$9.95 or two large pizzas for \$12.95 with coupon.

Village Salon—Receive \$5.00 off any service for new customers with coupon.

Details—Save \$29.95 on a full service detailing job with coupon.

Mohn's—Last chance to get your special thank you letter over to Mohn's. They will give a free bouquet in your name.

Twin City—is having a Diabetes Healthcare Clinic on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 to 3.

Services Plus—has received the new South Plainfield Tigers Banner Flag.

Cookies—is waiting to make your pies for the holidays. Just call ahead and they will be ready.

Sherbans—will be open Thanksgiving Day.

A Heavenly Country Store—Free Angle with any purchase.

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Vandals Destroy Meditation Bench at Veterans Park

Ed Kubala publicly expressed his disgust over the vandalism of the meditation bench at Veterans Park during the last council meeting. He asked the police department to increase patrols in the park, as well as parents cooperation in keeping track of their children after dark. He said he could not comprehend anyone doing something so reprehensible just before Veterans Day.

Ed's faith was restored when he returned home from the council meeting that night. He received a call from a resident telling him to order another bench and he would pay the cost. This person asked to remain anonymous.

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Twin City Invites All to Diabetes Clinic

By Sandy Severini

Diabetes management is one of the best ways to keep your diabetes under control and keep our body working properly. For this reason the goal for all diabetics should be to keep blood sugar at a safe level for the rest of your life.

In honor of "Diabetes Awareness Month" the staff of Twin City Pharmacy has joined forces with healthcare professionals to offer up to date information on new methods of technology to help control diabetes. Twin City has been in business since 1971 and has taken an active role in the health and education of our community. Pharmacist Bill Ashnault held forums with Senior Citizen groups and with community homes and various organizations. Pharmacists Tom Cassio and Bill Ashnault are available for questions and clarifications on medications and treatments. Twin City also specializes in compounding medi-

cations to meet those special circumstances when a pre-made drug will not fit the patient's needs.

Surviving as a family business in this world of mail order and chain drug stores has been a challenge over the years. With voice mail and automation surrounding us everywhere we turn or dial, it is reassuring to hear a real voice and see a familiar face when visiting your local drug store.

Although Twin City is not open 24 hours and does not operate a drive through window, they offer those same amenities in their own right. Pharmacists Tom and Bill are on call 24 hours and can be reached by calling the South Plainfield Police Dept. and they in turn will locate the on-call pharmacist for any emergency situations. Free delivery service is available Monday through Saturday and if you are unable to leave your car due to an injury or a sick or sleeping child, simply drive up

to their back door and beep your horn. The staff will be glad to come outside to assist. (Or call from your cell phone).

Other affiliations and services include being a Pharmacy provider for the Muhlenberg Hospice program, offering prompt service and delivery of medications for needs of Hospice patients. Twin City is also a provider for the local American Cancer Society and the Center for Hope Hospice program. They work closely with doctors, nurses and technicians to meet the needs of dialysis patients and those needing proper supplies for their ostomy and ileostomy care. A new computer station now allows them to also bill Medicare and Major Medical insurance claims on-line for a quicker reimbursement to the customer.

Twin City is your neighborhood pharmacy with modern technology and services combined with old fashioned values and customer service. With 90% of the population enrolled in some type of managed health care or prescription programs, pricing options are similar no matter where you decide to go for your prescription needs.

Stop by Twin City and chat with Sandy, Tom, Bill or Tommy. They will be happy to service your prescription and medical needs, as well as provide information to services and programs available to better your health.



Freight Train Derails Near Metuchen Road

Story and Picture by Bill Tutthill

While the construction crew workers were working on the railroad tracks at the Front Street crossing, a train derailed putting four holes in the fuel tank of the locomotive.

Construction on the Front Street crossing closed traffic and caused havoc in the traffic pattern in South Plainfield. The project, which was supposed to take only a few days, turned into a week-long project. Meanwhile, traffic was diverted down Hamilton Blvd. making the crowded traffic

pattern on the south side of town even more frustrating to motorists.

During the construction of the Front Street crossing two units of a train leaving MarinoWare Co. were derailed. Apparently the train was being pushed out of MarinoWare, lost control and hit the locomotive, puncturing four holes in the fuel tank. Approximately 50 gallons of fuel spilled and the Fire Department and Middlesex County HazMet were called to the scene. Conrail also sent a crew out to clean up the mess and clear the tracks.

What is Diabetes?

Diabetes is a lifelong disease in which your body does not make enough insulin or cannot properly use the insulin it produces. To understand diabetes one needs to know how the body normally uses sugar/glucose for energy.

What are the signs of diabetes?

When the glucose is not used, symptoms of diabetes begin to appear. These include lack of energy, hunger and weight loss. Since the body cells are not using glucose for energy the body starts to use stored fat for energy. Other signs of diabetes include thirst, vomiting, abdominal pain and weakness.

There are two types of diabetes: Type I and Type II. In Type I, the body makes little or no insulin and insulin must be given by injection. Type I diabetes is commonly called Juvenile Diabetes or Diabetes Mellitus. About 10% of all people with diabetes have Type I. It usually occurs in younger

people, but can occur in older adults. This type of diabetes can be controlled through daily injections, meal planning, exercise, self blood glucose monitoring and education.

Type II diabetes, the most common type of diabetes, occurs when the body makes insulin, but the cells cannot use it properly. It most often occurs in people who are over 40 years of age, are overweight, and/or have a family history of diabetes. This type can be controlled through reaching and maintaining a healthy weight, exercise, possible use of diabetes pills or insulin injections, self blood glucose monitoring and education.

Although the cause is unknown, some factors contributing to Type II diabetes are heredity, obesity, pregnancy, physical or emotional stress, aging, infections or a history of pancreatic disease. The cause is unknown so far for with Type I.

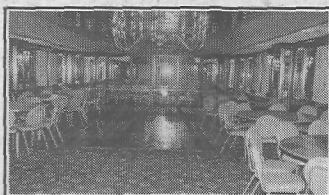
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Council News

■ An ordinance to revise the number of garage sales allowed per household in the Borough was passed. In the past residents were allowed only one garage sale, now they will be able to have two a year.

■ A bond ordinance for \$336,720 was introduced for the removal of underground storage tanks at the Cedarbrook pump station and the public works yard. A bond ordinance for \$386,720 to extract soil vapors from a leaking underground storage tank behind Borough Hall. A public hearing on both proposals is set for the Dec. 17 council meeting.

■ Mt. Hope Rock Products was

awarded the contract for resurfacing of the road at a cost not to exceed \$148,933. An additional \$1,040 will be paid so the project may continue at night, thus minimizing traffic disruption.

■ Coleen Dooley and Jennifer F. Cottone have been hired as 911 communications operator-trainees.

■ Ray Petronko reported that the handball court has been repaired at Putnam Park. Next spring a special coating will be applied to protect the courts.

■ The South Plainfield web page is going strong, according to James Vokral. He said the page now contains the agenda of both the

BOROUGH NOTES

planning board and board of adjustment, as well as other information. You can e-mail members of the council, borough employees and departments with questions, suggestions or complaints. The web page can be accessed at www/southplainfieldnj.com.

■ The mayor has asked that we look into increasing the amount of leaf bags residents are given from 10 to 20 in the future.

Planning Board

■ The Villages at South Plainfield, on Durham Ave., received its final site plan approval to construct 12 buildings with a total of 252 apartment units.

Council Accepting Resumes for Boards and Commissions

Residents who would like to serve on a board or commission in the Borough are being asked to send their resumes to the Mayor and Council. There are several board and commission seats open. If you would like to get more involved in town, this is a very good way to get started. Send your resume and a note indicating what board or commission would you like to serve on.

The Borough Clerk's office has a free Municipal Directory Card which lists all the boards and commissions and their meeting schedules. It also lists the Borough Hall Department phone numbers.

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events around town

Dominos Pizza Sponsors Roosevelt School Fundraiser

The Roosevelt School PTA and Domino's Pizza will be holding a fundraiser for Roosevelt School on November 23. 10% of the proceeds of all pizza orders will go to Roosevelt School for various educational programs and activities. Support your local school by ordering Dominos Pizza and telling them you're eating for kids at Roosevelt School. Dominos offers free delivery

"Christmas Spectacular" Bus Trip Planned

The Recreation Dept. is planning a bus trip to the "Christmas Spectacular" at Radio City Music Hall on Thursday, Dec. 10. The bus will leave the P.A.L. parking lot at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. The cost is \$60, adults; \$48, children under 16 and \$65, nonresidents. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.) Seating is limited to the first 46 registrants. To register visit the Recreation Office located in the PAL Building or call (908) 226-7713.

Elks Club Blood Drive Scheduled

A blood drive, sponsored by The Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the ARC and New Jersey Blood Services, will be

held on Nov. 27 at the Elks Club on New Market Ave. from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting

AARP Chapter 4144 will be meet on Nov. 20 at 12:30 at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. The guest speaker will be Mr. George Paradise, recounting tales of "slips on trips" that happened during his many years in the travel business. The Christmas meeting will be on Dec. 18 at the Willow's in Dunellen at a new time of 12 noon.

Holiday Craft Fair

The 15th Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield located at 201 Hamilton Blvd. The event is sponsored by the Women's Evening Circle who will have baked goods, crafts, Kids Korner (no adults, please!) and 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, dried flowers, knitted sweaters, decorated wood, jewelry and gifts for year-round giving. Please start your holiday shopping with us.

Wonderful Life Dinner at VFW Post 6763

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 6763 will hold its monthly dinner Friday Nov. 20, from 5-8 p.m. at the Post Hall on Front St. The cost is \$6 per person.

This month's entree will be a combination of kielbasi and sauerkraut, cabbage and noodles and pierogies. There will also be dessert and coffee or tea included.

Blood Drive Sponsored by SP Juniorettes

The South Plainfield Juniorettes set out once more to make a difference. As the cold weather sets in and the holidays approach, local blood banks experience an annual shortage. On Saturday, Nov. 28, the girls will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church located on Plainfield Ave. The Juniorettes are making a town-wide appeal to all potential donors. The Blood Center of New Jersey will run the drive. Volunteer blood donors must know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification. Donors must be at least 18, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Those 17 years old may donate with written parental permission. For information, call (evenings only) Patti Tabor at (908) 755-7880.

Riley School PTSO Plans Atlantic City Bus Trip

Riley School's PTSO announces a bus trip to Caesar's Casino, Atlantic City. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5. The bus will leave from Riley School parking lot at 3 p.m. and will return between 12:30-1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20 with a \$17

return. Raffles will be held during the bus trip to Atlantic City. Prizes were donated by The Brush Stop, Sal's Spirit Shoppe, Hollywood Video and others. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Tracey at 908-755-8240.

Rescue Squad Plans Holiday 'Coin Toss'

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad is planning to hold a 'Coin Toss' on the corner of Park Ave. and Oak Tree Rd. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27-29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Rescue Squad. The squad is also looking for new members. The daytime hours are especially in need of volunteers. If you feel that you would like to help call, (908) 754-2343.

Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

The Elks will be holding a Basketball Free Throw Contest for boys and girls in three age divisions: 8-9 years, 10-11 years, 12-13 years (ages as of April 1, 1999) on Sunday Nov. 22 from 1-3 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. The South Plainfield Elks are again sponsoring the first tier of the Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest for all boys and girls 8-13 years. This is a fun and excit-

ing event and all families are invited to enter their own in the competition. Bring all the relatives and cheer for your kids. Everyone has fun, and all entrants are eligible for the National Hoop Shoot. For more information, call Joe Servedio in South Plainfield at 668-4566.

Bus Trip to Atlantic City Resorts Casino

The Recreation Department is planning a bus trip to Atlantic City Resorts Casino on Sunday, Dec. 6. The cost is \$13 with \$17 in coins and \$2.50 in food return. The bus will leave the PAL parking lot at 11 a.m. (please be there at 10:45) and return at approximately 9 p.m. For more information call (908) 226-7713.

Class of 1988 Holding Reunion

The South Plainfield Class of 1988 is holding its 10th year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Wyndham Gardens in Piscataway. Any class member that has not already been contacted or would like to register, please contact 1-888-477-2789 Monday-Friday 2 to 9 p.m.

Board of Education Notice Meeting Place Change


Please be advised that the BOD regular public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24, in the Board conference room of the Administration Building at 8 p.m. has been moved to the High School Auditorium on 200 Lake St.



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| Elks Free Throw contest at Sacred Heart 1-3 | | Recycling Commission 8 p.m. Planning Board Meeting 8 pm | Traffic Safety Advisory Comm. 7 pm Court 9:30 am 7 pm |  | Blood Drive Elks Club 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Copy Deadline for So. Plfd. Observer | Blood Drive Sp Juniorettes at Wesley United Methodists 11 a.m.-3 p.m. |
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| | | Friends of the Library 7:30 p.m. Board of Adjustment 8 pm | Business Advisory Group 5:30pm Court 9:30 am | Taxpayers Advisory Group 7 pm Publication of So. Plfd. Observer | | Holiday Craft Fair at First Baptist Church 9 am-3 pm |
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| | | Library Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Planning Board Meeting 8 pm | Environmental Comm. 8 pm Cultural Arts Comm. 8 pm PAL Court 9:30 am & 7 pm | | | |

Veterans Honored at VFW



By William Tathill

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day was observed at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post located on Front Street. The ceremonies held in front of the VFW building where attended by Mayor Gallagher, members of the Borough Council, VFW and American Legion veterans and over 100 guests.

The ceremony began with a prayer lead by the Post Chaplain Mike Panczac. Post Commander George Green and Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Jepsen placed a wreath at the monument in front of the Post, followed by a three-round volley by the Honor Guard.

Everyone was invited inside to salute the flag and sing the National

Anthem. Post Commander Green gave the opening greetings. He spoke about all the wars this country has seen and how Veterans Day observances have diminished in recent years. But, he noted that respect for Veteran's Day has turned around, with more people recognizing how important veterans were and are to our country.

Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Jepsen said she is proud to be the daughter of a WWII marine, the sister of a marine and the wife of a Viet Nam Vet. She thanked everyone for coming out to honor the veterans, living and dead.

Rudy Proczak, Past Commander of the Post, was presented with a letter from the Borough Council in

honor of his efforts in helping to get an ordinance passed, stating that all new streets in the borough be named for members of the Armed Forces who have died in action.

Mayor Dan Gallagher read an editorial from *The Home News* that decried the attention the public gives to Veteran's Day Sales, against what attention is paid to the day itself. Councilman Ray Peronko said his father, his hero, was a veteran of the landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day in WW II. He said that he recently took his father to see the movie, "Saving Private Ryan." Ray said his father never used to say much about the war, but since seeing the movie, he has started revealing incidents that happened to him during the war.

Councilman Ed Kabula told the group how upset he was to see the broken meditation benches that were vandalized at Veteran's Park. At the Council agenda meeting, he expressed his dismay at the damage. When he got home from the meeting that night, he got a phone call from someone who told him to order a new bench and he would pay for it. Mr. Kabula said the donor wants to remain anonymous.

Lou Di Fillipo told about the great program the students of Franklin School hold each year to honor the veterans. He said that even though he considers himself a pretty sturdy guy, the program always brings tears to his eyes.

Commander Green brought the program to a close with a special thank you to all the Veterans who have worked to build the VFW and The American Legion to be such great organizations.

Franklin School Honors Vets

Continued from page 1
call "was sounded, more soldiers appeared (again there was a strong resemblance to certain Franklin teachers!) and the audience went wild as they all danced with veterans and with students.

Trumpet student Kevin Seidenburg played *Taps* towards the close of the ceremony. Whether performed by a professional or a beginner, this music always brings a quiet chill and gives pause for a moment of reflection.

There is so much more to be said about Veteran's Day. Volumes have been written, and great speeches made by many, but those that say it best seem to come from young children just discovering the meaning of this day.

Here are some of the "Dear Veteran" letters written by the students honoring Veterans both known and unknown.



Dear Uncle Peter,

This summer I lost you. It was not an enemy bullet but agent orange that destroyed you. I have so many questions to ask, but you cannot answer them now. I saw you lying in the hospital bed, but you did not know that I was there. We buried you on a beautiful Vermont hillside and you were honored with a 21 gun salute. I came back a few weeks later, and I left you an apple which I picked. The night you died, I cried. Now I thank you for all that you gave to me and to my country.

Love,
Nathanael Udell, 3rd grade

Dear Veteran,

Thank you for saving our country and risking your life. We are so happy to know that you are still here with us. When I grow up maybe I will take your place and protect our country.

Your friend,
Jéabna Petties, 2nd grade

Dear Veteran(s),

I cannot thank you enough for saving our country. You have impressed us with your bravery. Today we thank you for what you have done for us. You fought for our country because you wanted to and you cared. You are one special person, out of a million, who decided to help and care for others. You have made a difference and have made many big changes for people. Also, you have changed my life because of your strength to fight for our nation. I am very proud of you and thank you for fighting for my country.... AMERICA!!

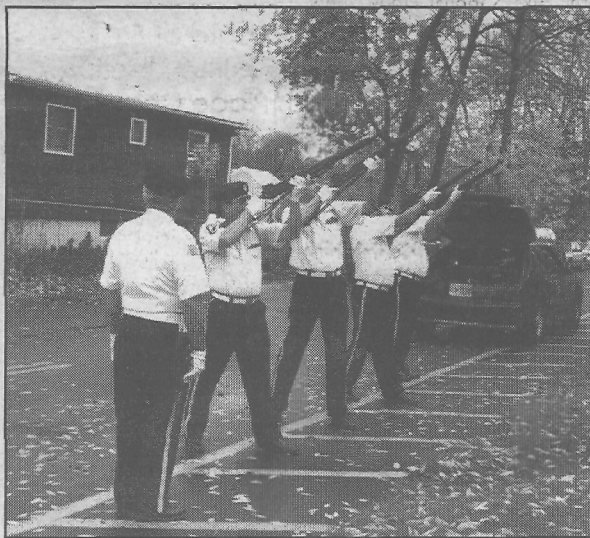
I think that you deserve a little something... but I just don't know what. OH! I know, how about a spectacular assembly program just for Veterans!!

Thank you,
Taryn A. Billich

To All The Veterans,

I am thankful to all the men and women who fought in the wars, so we can live the way we live today. I can be with my family and friends. We can go many places and enjoy many things. I am lucky and proud to be an AMERICAN.

Chelsea Ng, 1st grade



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Before you go shopping for the turkey, pumpkin pie and other Thanksgiving offerings, how about checking on the latest news from South Plainfield Library.

There's still space available for the children's craft program today at 4 p.m. The program is for children ages six and over.

The library will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Due to our revised schedule, we'll only have one storytime program next week; it's set for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. The following week, the Wednesday and Thursday programs at 6:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. respectively, will return. The programs are for children ages three and over.

The Friends of the Library will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The library is again aiding a number of charitable causes. The Girl Scouts' collection of relief supplies for victims of the recent hurricanes will continue until Nov. 25. The Junior Woman's Club and the Friends of the Library are both collecting hats, scarves and gloves for the needy. The J.W.C. collection will run until the end of November, the Friends' collection runs until Dec. 18. The drop boxes for these causes are right in front of our display wall. Also, we're again participating in the "Books to Keep" program providing books for disadvantaged children. You can donate books for the program in the drop box in the children's room, or you can pick up an envelope at the desk and make a monetary contribution. The drive runs until Dec. 15. This is a very appropriate time to take part, since this week is Children's Book Week.

Meanwhile, here's the moment several of our patrons have eagerly awaited. Our annual "Food for Fines" program has begun, in which patrons can pay off outstanding overdue fines by donating canned goods for the needy. However, this doesn't apply to those who owe for missing or damaged items. We accept donations until Dec. 26, allowing you to both help the needy and clean out our outstanding fine records, preferably more of the former than the latter.

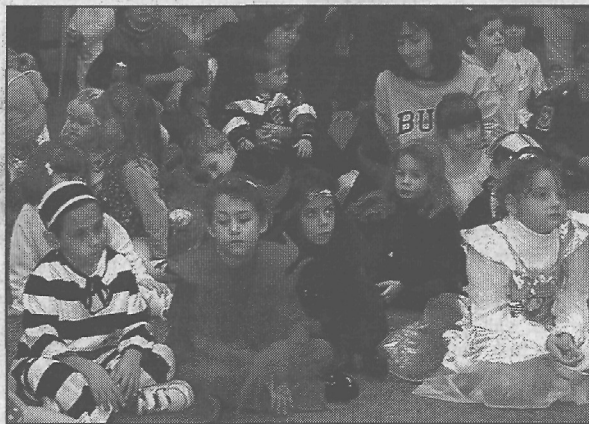
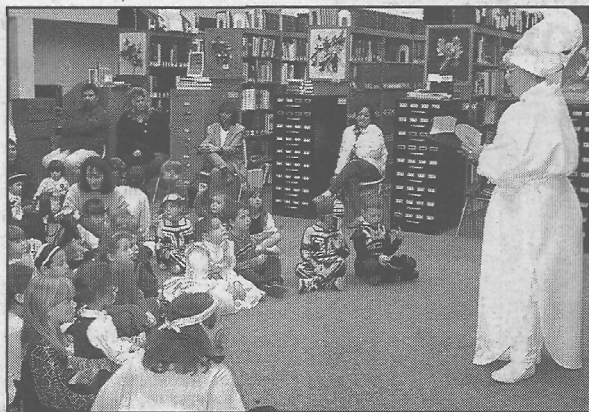
We've got two artistic displays this month. Artwork by South Plainfield resident Dorothy Miele is up on our display wall and hand-painted china, provided by

Alice M. Cook of New Jersey's First China Painting Club, is in our display case. The exhibits can be seen until the end of next week.

Finally, a brief, final word about Halloween '98. Our children's Halloween party held three weeks ago was very well attended and greatly enjoyed, both by adults and kids. Special thanks, refreshment-wise to Dunkin' Donuts for providing the Munchkins and to Mrs. Hansen, who put together the candy bags.

Well, now that we've closed out Halloween, let's look forward to next Thursday. We can help out both before and after the holiday. Before, we offer a number of cookbooks and other resources to help you prepare your meal. And after, we've got a number of exercise and fitness items to help you shed the excess pounds provided by said meals.

So, have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. And be sure to catch the next issue for more library news.



Library Haunted For Halloween

The South Plainfield Library was haunted for Halloween this year. Library employees, along with Library Director Sundra Fenn, dressed in costume and decorated the library for a Halloween party held on the Tuesday before Halloween.

Children, also dressed in costumes along with their parents, filled the library and listened to spooky, scary stories read by Sundra Fenn and her staff.

The library also set up 'The Haunted Tunnel' in the book aisles. Cobwebs, skeletons, eerie sounds and scary creatures were visible as you walked through the darkened tunnel.

Refreshments and treat bags were given to the children. A drawing for books was also held.

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Lions Eye Glass Collection Box in Boro Hall

The Lions Club of South Plainfield's eye glass collection box has been in Boro Hall and the Lions would like to thank all those who have donated their old eye glasses. Recycling eye glasses and hearing aids is one of the many ways Lions help those less fortunate. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

For more information on Lionism, please feel free to contact the Lions Club at P.O. Box 721, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The Alternative View

By Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C.



Dear Dr. DeCosta:

I recently read a very disturbing article from the Associated Press which reported that prescription use in the U.S. rose six percent between 1997 and 1998, that pharmacy sales were expected to increase 15% in 1998 up to \$102.5 billion and that consumers will fill 2.8 billion prescriptions in 1998. That's eleven prescriptions for every man, woman and child in the country.

With all this money going for drugs, we, as a people, are not anymore healthier than many other poorer nations. How do you make any sense of this insanity? — K. T.

Dear K.T.

I agree with you that the most medicated country in the world, America, is not the most healthiest nation. But the pharmaceutical companies spend approximately one-third of every dollar they take in on marketing the idea that you need to take their drugs to "feel good" and then you'll "think" you really are healthy.

A colleague and former classmate of mine, Dr. Robert J. Hoffman, D.C. of Oyster Bay, NY, recently wrote an article entitled, "Prescription for Disaster" which addresses this issue. The following excerpts from that article should cause concern to all who read it:

Better health through chemistry has failed. It is time to realize that health and healing come from within. The symptoms are everywhere that drugs are not the answer. In fact, drugs are often the problem.

Up to two million people are hospitalized and 140,000 die each year from the side effects or reactions to prescription drugs, says a report based on data from the Food and Drug Administration. First we must realize that this scandalous number of deaths each year is from doctor prescribed drugs, not street drugs. Second, 140,000 deaths each year is more than the number of deaths from all homicides, suicides, car fatalities and AIDS combined. It is equivalent to three jumbo jets crashing every two days in one year!

In 1983, retail sales of prescription drugs was \$17 billion. In 1993, that number skyrocketed to \$57 billion, and today we are spending \$76 billion. Ask yourself: Are we better off and healthier as a nation because of this outrageous spending on drugs? All indications say NO!

The statistics of the adverse effects of drugs are mind-boggling. For instance, 32,000 hip fractures are attributed to drugs that leave the elderly sedated and unbalanced. What is even more tragic is that 70% of doctors who treat Medicare patients recently flunked an exam on prescribing to the elderly!

About 200,000 Americans are on dialysis because of chronic kidney failure says the National Kidney Foundation. Approximately 10% of all cases of chronic kidney failure are attributed to aspirin use. If one takes 365 aspirins in a year or 1,000 in one's lifetime, the risk of kidney disease is doubled.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reported that adverse drug reactions are the fourth leading cause of death in the US, right after heart disease, cancer and stroke.

Did you know that of the 2.1 billion prescriptions written by medical doctors last year, 40%-60% were provided "off-label?" That means they were prescribed to treat conditions for which they are not approved and, in some cases, not even tested.

Currently, worldwide spending on drugs is at about \$300 billion a year, with the U.S. accounting for more than one-third of that total. In spite of this enormous spending on drugs, America ranks 25th in infant mortality as well as 20th in life expectancy.

I can continue to provide more shocking statistics related to prescription drugs, but the good news is that the public seems to be waking up to the fact that healing does not come in a bottle. There is a revolution taking place today moving us away from the "disease model" and toward the "health and wellness model". As the Titanic of drug therapy, medical care continues to sink, we have example after example of revered medical experts "jumping ship" to the sane dry land of wellness care.

Questions for The Alternative View should be addressed to: The Alternative View, c/o Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C., 129 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07060. Visit The Alternative View on the web at www.usalternativemedicine.com

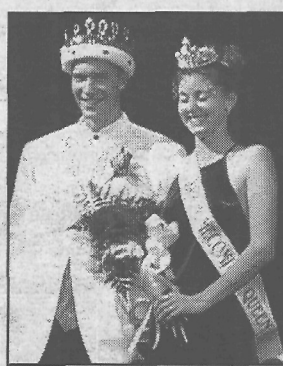
Patty Reach and Matt Wojcik Named High School Homecoming King and Queen

Patty Reach and Matt Wojcik were chosen homecoming King and Queen during a pageant held in the high school auditorium just before the homecoming game on Friday, Nov. 6.

The High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mark Tweed, started the off evening with a concert. Emcee Bill Cochrane then introduced the homecoming nominees to the audience.

In order to be eligible, nominees were required to obtain 255 student signatures on a petition and have the petition signed by five teachers. They also had to maintain academic averages as well participate in volunteer work along with students activities. This year's nominees all had a long list of credentials. The final vote for the homecoming king and queen were chosen by the seniors by ballot and announced at the pageant.

In all 41 students participated,



Matt Wojcik and Patty Reach

23 girls and 18 boys, the largest group in the history of the pageant.

Nominees for homecoming king and queen were Steven Ambielli, Erik Anderson, Leyna Bollwage, Kelly Conrad, Chris Atcachunus, John Blondet, Dana Curcio, Juliette Falocco, Steven Buchchingnano, Nick Cesare,

Chrissy Freeman, Jill Hoppe, Kristen Linczyk, Chris Cioffi, Mike DeLuca, Erica McGrath, Amy Miller, Brianne Morrison, Dan Devens, Ryan Flannery, Samantha Noonan, Melissa O'Connor and Dimple Patel. Also Adam Gerb, Kevin Krystopik, Ashley Perhach, Thais Petrocelli, Kristin Pfeifer, Michael Lindgren, Mohamed Shiliwala, Michelle Provaire, Elaine Ramos, Patty Reach, Matthew Wojcik, Judy Wang, Lenora Zerbian, Glen Thimons, Roger Vroom, Carolyn Schweers, Elizabeth Serago and Wayne Whitsitt.

This year's king and queen were Patty Reach and Matt Wojcik; Samantha Noonan and Adam Gerb were second runner-ups; and Donna Curcio and Steven Ambielli were first runner-ups. All six participated in the homecoming ceremonies at Frank Jost Field during the homecoming game.

Girls Club Helps Cleans Up School

The American Girls Club of John F. Kennedy Elementary School consists of 17 fifth grade girls and is monitored by fourth grade teacher Miss Urcioli. Club members include Nicole Aiello, Courtney Alston, Kristen Boyle, Breanne Fore, Nazreen Rushianally, Natalia Tamzoke, Darice Bishop, Ashley Bodner, Lindsay Loiacono, Kristina Mascolo, Kaitlyn Negron, Amber Pornovets, Courtney Sacco, Amanda Smith, Rebecca Watts, Cassandra Elkasin and Morgan Walters.

This club was established in 1995 and is based upon the American Girl Collection. The dolls, books and accessories designed by the Pleasant Company represent the experience of growing up as an American girl.

The group meets twice a month to discuss different aspects of the American Girl Collection. Topics of the meetings vary from discussions of the history period that each doll and book represent, to activities, crafts and planning fund raisers.

In the last few years, the club has raised enough money to purchase American Girl dolls, books and accessories. The items are housed in a display case in the school library.

Recently, the girls participated in the Campus Cleanup Program sponsored by the Borough of South Plainfield. This program



The American Girls Club of John F. Kennedy Elementary School participated in the Campus Cleanup Program sponsored by the Borough of South Plainfield.

was instituted to educate children of South Plainfield concerning the importance of good litter habits as well as proper solid waste disposal procedures. Armed with protective gloves and trash bags, the club cleaned the grounds of the J.F. Kennedy Elementary School property.

The exciting experiences of the club are ongoing. Every year the new members of the club work together to determine the agenda of each meeting. Ultimately, by the end of each year, the group of fifth grade girls obtains an increased knowledge of the past and the role of American girls in his-



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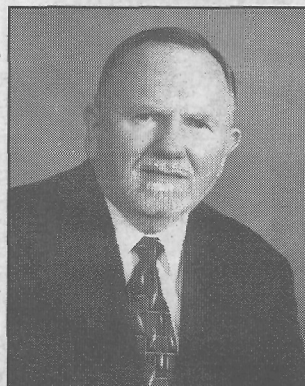
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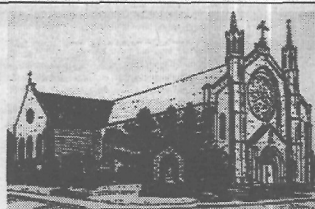
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nd after 5:45 p.m. Vigil Mass



Pop Warner Football Eagles Results

Sunday, Nov. 1

Mighty Mites

Wash. Rock 0-So. Plainfield 0

Jr. Pee Wees

Wash. Rock 24-So. Plainfield 13

Jr. Midgets

Wash. Rock 0-So. Plainfield 14

Midgets

Wash. Rock 8-So. Plainfield 6

Mighty Mites—Offensive standouts were Kenneth Yefko, Jaul Williams, Chris Steger and Vinnie Stark. Standouts on defense were Justin Smith, Ace Schoenly, Mathew Schenck and Jacob Rosocha.

Jr. Pee Wees—Tom Deschaine tossed a touchdown pass to Chris Pollen and Justin Huffsmith scored a touchdown on a run. The extra point was kicked by Duschaine. Defensive standouts were Greg Yefko, Jonathan Wiseman, Thomas Whalen and Frank Stefanelli.

Jr. Midgets—Jimmy Kean scored on a pass from Matt Finn and Guy Severini scored on a 65 yard run. David Gerna intercepted two passes. Defensive standouts were Michael Capella, Chris Bojarski, Devin Colon and Anthony Fierro.

Midgets—Forde scored a touchdown on a run.

Flag—Standouts in offense were Kristopher Baker, Shawn Boyle, Matt Cesare and Anthony Ciafrocca. Defensive standouts were Johnathon Conroy, Stephen Coppi, Marcel Counts and Frank DeBiase.

Sunday, Nov. 8

Mighty Mites

Somerville 12-So. Plainfield 6

Jr. Pee Wees

Somerville 18-So. Plainfield 18

Jr. Midgets

Somerville 21-So. Plainfield 6

Midgets—No Game

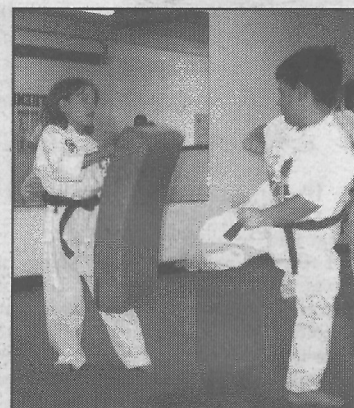
Mighty Mites—Mark Wagner scored on a run. Standouts in offensive were Jordon Petriello, Mike Muglia, Kenneth Luckey and Brad Martin. Defensive standouts were Tim Lester, Anore Lawson, AJ Kuni and Michael Kress.

Jr. Pee Wees—Jeff Osley scored on a touchdown runs of 40 yards and 25 yards. Justin Huffsmith scored on a 47 yard run. Offensive standouts were Connor O'Brien, Sam Martin, Kyle Lendack and Mike Jakubik. Defensive standouts were Bryan Hunt, Mark Hankiewicz and Nick Fierro.

Jr. Midgets—Guy Severini scored a touchdown on a run. Jimmy Keane had an interception. Defensive standouts were Michael Maher, Greg Kylowski and Nick Jefferys.

Flag—Offensive standouts were Patrick Millard, Elizabeth Martin, Kyle Kaczka and Tyler Driscoll. Defensive standouts were Conner Dubasak, Matt Galinsky, Rich Harzula, Nick Heilmann, Kyle Hughes and Randy Jakubik.

Congratulations to Ricochet Health & Racquet Club on their 20th Anniversary.



Pictured left, back row from left, Instructor Don Wiggins, Bobby Parillo, Therese D'Adezzio, Erin Boosmann, Alex Nau and Andrew Ohriska. Front row from left, Mike Krusinowski, Kyle Lykes, Jordan Pinckney, Sarah Konops, John Carigma and Nicholas Teubens. Pictured right, Sarah Konops holds a shield pad as Mike Drusinowski kicks.

Every Kid is Special at ATA Academy

Congratulations to the 21 kids from South Plainfield Black Belt Academy (ATA) who successfully competed in the ATA Mid Atlantic Regional Championships held Oct. 17. The event, hosted by the South Plainfield, Spotswood and Millstone ATA Black Belt Academies, was held at ATA Spotswood High School. Four hundred-fifty competitors representing many ATA academies in New Jersey and several neighboring states attended.

The children first showed their mastery of the movements (form) required for their rank and age level. Next, they applied that knowledge during competitive sparring matches. This was the first championship event attended by many of the children from the South Plainfield ATA school.

It requires a good deal of courage to compete in front of many observers and we are very proud of our kids. The following students attended. Also listed are their rank and awards.

Tiny Tigers Orange Belts:

Ryan Aguilar, 4; Sean Gibney, 4; Hiram Marc Virvet, 6; Tyler Schiavo, 3; Dasia Watts, 3.

Tiny Tigers Camouflage Belt:

Steven Janowicz, 4. All Tiny Tigers received a special Tiny Tiger Trophy.

Junior White Belt:

Frankie Casciola, 7, fourth place form.

Junior Orange Belts:

Stanley Stellakis, 8, second place sparring; Cody VanDover, 6, fourth place form.

Junior Yellow Belts:

Jordan Pinckney, 6, third place form, third place sparring; Billy Ritchey, 8, third place sparring.

Junior Camouflage Belt:

Sarah Konops, 6, second place sparring; Michael Krusinowski, 5, fourth place form.

Junior Green Belt:

Kyle Lykes, 10, second place sparring; Bobby Parillo, 9, second place sparring.

and place sparring.

Junior Purple Belts:

Erin Boosman, 9, second place sparring; Alex Nau, 10, third place form, third place sparring.

Junior Blue Belts:

Joe Agrillo, 11, third place sparring; Nicholas Tubens, 6, second place form.

Junior Brown Belt:

Michael McHugh, 6, second place sparring.

Adult White Belt:

Jim Orlando, young at heart, third place forms.

Recycling Center, Yard Waste Site Closed for Holiday

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue will be closed on Friday, Nov. 27, because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. It will be open as usual on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Regular fall hours will resume Tuesday, December 1. Regular fall hours at the Recycling Center are Tuesdays noon to 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Yard Waste Site is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays during November to accept leaves from residents; however, it will not be open on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day or Friday, Nov. 27. It will be open as usual Saturday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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The Borough of South Plainfield Office of Community Economic Development is looking for interested contractors to participate in the Facade Improvement Program. You will be included in a list of professionals supplied to all applicants.

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HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS

Tigers Win Fall League Championship

By John Atcachunas

The South Plainfield High School Fall Baseball Team won the single elimination tournament held by the Merrill-Park/Fords Senior League.

In the semifinals, they beat Linden 12-7. Pat Sarrullo yielded two runs in five innings to earn his third win against no defeats. Mike Kapsch hit his fourth home run of the season to drive in three runs.

The Tigers went into the finals against a tough Perth Amboy team who they split games with during the regular season play.

With Kean and Middlesex College coaches at the game, South Plainfield prevailed in nine innings by a score of 4-3. The Tigers ended the season with a record of 15-1. The were regular season champions as well.

Their victory was a total team effort. Steve Bucchinago pitched three scoreless innings. Down 2-1 in the seventh inning, Mike Vito led off with a single and he made it to third. With two outs and a

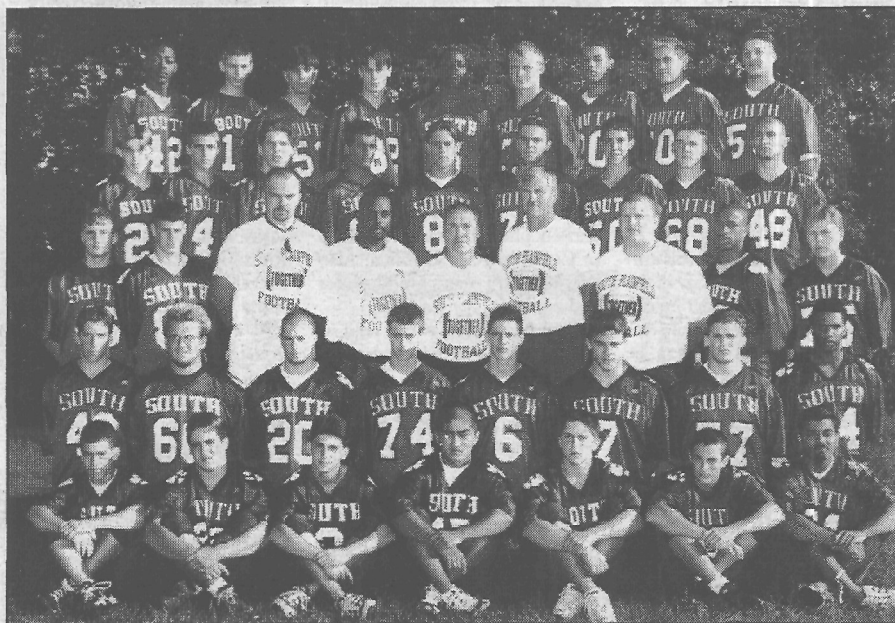
1-2 count, Chris Atcachunas hit a clutch single to score Vito and push the game into extra innings.

Pat Sarrullo threw out an Amboy runner trying to score in the bottom of the eighth. Chris Malecki did an excellent job catching, blocking home and tagging out the potential go-ahead run. Sarrullo doubled in the ninth inning to give South Plainfield the lead.

In the bottom of the ninth, Kevin Krystopik climbed the fence in left field to take a two-run home away from Amboy's clean-up hitter to preserve the 4-3 triumph.

Sam Alexander played an excellent defensive game at third base. Mike Kapsch got the win in relief to finish with a 3-0 pitching record.

NOTE: It has been an honor and privilege to coach these fine athletes over the past three years. They were unselfish playing as a team each and every weekend this past September and October. Good Luck in the Spring—Go Tigers!



Tigers Lose to Somerville in Playoffs

The South Plainfield Tigers reached the playoffs this season only to lose against a powerful Somerville team, 42-7. The game, looked promising during the first few minutes of play. On the third play from scrimmage the Tigers scored on a 65 yard play from Glenn Thimons to Dyshawn Washington and the Tigers had a 7-0 lead. Somerville answered by scoring 42 unanswered points and the Tigers football season ended.

Brian Cochrane, who will be writing sports for the Observer, attended the two games leading up to the playoffs and he reports on them below.

Homecoming, November 6...

Tigers Cruise 42-6 Over St. Mary's

By Brian Cochrane

The South Plainfield Football Tigers hosted the St. Mary's Eagles from South Amboy. It was senior night at Frank Jost Memorial Field and the Tigers didn't disappoint anyone. With many of our players parents in attendance, the Tigers rebounded from the previous weeks defeat by crushing St. Mary's 42-6.

Junior tailback Dyshawn Wash-

ington started off the scoring early with a 28 yard touchdown run on the fourth play from scrimmage. On the Tigers next possession the offense drove 67 yards culminating in a one-yard quarterback sneak by senior Glenn Thimons. After that the Tiger train just kept on rolling as Dyshawn Washington again scampered in from 23 yards out and junior fullback Chris Francis

plowed his way in from the six yard line. Then it was Dyshawn Washington striking again as he intercepted a St. Mary's pass and ran it back 60 yards for another touchdown to close out the first half.

The second half opened more dramatically than the first as junior Lamaar Grier took the kick-off and ran 90 yards for the Tigers final score of the night. The South Plainfield defense had St. Mary's stymied all game, not allowing them to cross mid-field until late in the third quarter. They carried a shut out up until the two minute mark when Eagles quarterback, Anthony Pennello, snuck one in from the one yard line. St. Mary's missed the extra point and the Tigers came away with a satisfying 42-6 win.

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|--------------------|------|------|------|
| 1. THE MONKEES | 36.0 | 13.0 | .734 |
| 2. SLAMMERS | 35.0 | 14.0 | .714 |
| 3. BULL DOGS | 35.0 | 14.0 | .714 |
| 4. STRIKE FORCE | 33.0 | 16.0 | .673 |
| 5. STRIKERS | 30.0 | 19.0 | .612 |
| 6. ADRENELINE RUSH | 29.0 | 20.0 | .591 |
| 8. I DON'T KNOW | 21.0 | 28.0 | .428 |
| 9. THE BEACH BUMS | 20.0 | 29.0 | .408 |
| 10. TEAM 9 | 19.0 | 16.0 | .542 |
| 11. WOLF PACK | 15.0 | 24.0 | .306 |
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IND. Boys High Game Scratch

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|----------------|-----|
| Matthew Boley | 190 |
| Risic Ramgobin | 145 |
| Jon Jerglinski | 139 |

IND. Boys High Game Handicap

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|------------------|-----|
| Pat Cantarells | 228 |
| Shawn Ferguson | 222 |
| Michael Mocerino | 222 |

IND. Girls High Game Handicap

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| Mallory Cooper | 218 |
| Laura Kazczka | 201 |

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October 30...

Tigers Lose to Bishop Ahr

By Brian Cochrane

Mischief Night in the South Plainfield was cold and windy. The Tigers were determined not to let anything interfere with their goal of making the playoffs. All the Tigers had to do was beat the Bishop Ahr Trojans from Edison on their own, Frank Jost Memorial Field.

The night started off on high note. The Tiger Marching Band made their way into the complex sporting their new green and white marching uniforms.

The Tigers came out pumped up and ready to play. Bishop Ahr received the kick-off and started from their own 43 yard line. Four plays later senior defensive back Glenn Thimons recovered a Trojans fumble on the Tigers 40 yard line, then proceeded to throw a 32 yard strike to sophomore tight end John Foscolo. On third and goal, junior tailback Lamar Grier took the hand-off from Thimons and scampered in from the eight-yard line.

Ryan Flannery's extra point was good and the Tigers had the early lead 7-0, three minutes into the game, but from that point on it was all Bishop Ahr as they scored 47 unanswered points behind the crafty running of one of the conferences leading scorers, Jason Frabasile. Frabasile rushed for a total of 247 yards and scored on runs of 12, 65, 6 and 9 yards.

"My guys never gave up. They

played their hearts out and kept their intensity level high right up to the final buzzer," said coach Phil McGuane. With this loss the Tigers dropped to 5-3 and watched their play-off hopes fall out of their control.

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Obituaries

Frank Sgromolo, 64

Frank Sgromolo died on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Woodbridge, Mr. Sgromolo had resided in Perth Amboy and in Edison before settling in South Plainfield in 1979.

He had been employed as a carpenter for Bill-Kit Builders for 25 years prior to becoming self employed in the same capacity in the Central New Jersey Area before his retirement in 1990. While employed with Bill-Kit Builders, he had assisted in the construction of many facilities in Central New Jersey including the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

He served in the Army National Guard from 1952-1960 in the Tank Battalion as a tank driver.

He is predeceased by his brother, Merrill Sgromolo.

Surviving are his wife, Janet (Yeatts) Sgromolo; a daughter, Lori Sgromolo of South Plainfield; a son, the Rev. Frank Sgromolo, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Belle Vernon, Pa. and a sister, Rosilyn Stefaniak of Perth Amboy. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Madeline (Gravante) Glick, 82

Madeline (Gravante) Glick died on Wednesday, Nov. 4, in John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Newark, she had resided in Irvington for 32 years before moving to South Plainfield five years ago.

She had been employed as a stem operator for General Electric in Newark for 15 years during the early 1940s and 1950s before leaving in 1957 to raise her family.

Her sisters, Maria Garrison and Sally Codomo and two brothers, John and Joseph Gravante, have predeceased her.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Joseph Glick; two sons, Ronald of South Plainfield and Dennis of Woodbridge and a brother, Andrew of Brick. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Anthony, Melissa and Melanie Glick, all of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Miriam E. Van Horn, 84

Miriam E. Van Horn died on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in her home in Hackensack.

Born in North Plainfield, she had been educated in the North Plainfield School System. She had resided in Plainfield before moving to Hackensack 40 years ago.

She had been employed as a

secretary for Westinghouse in New York City for many years before retiring 20 years ago.

She was a member of the Jehovah Witness Congregation of Hackensack.

Her husband, E. Harvey Van Horn, died in 1984.

Surviving are a niece, Edith Stranzenbach of North Plainfield and a nephew, E. Frank Van Horn of Columbia, So. Carolina. Also surviving are many grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Joseph T. Ball, 72

Joseph T. Ball died on Sunday, Oct. 25, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, he had resided there before settling in South Plainfield in February of 1949.

He was employed by the Teamsters Union Local No. 478 of Union where he was a driver for Shallex Express of Kenilworth for 35 years before his retirement in 1988.

Mr. Ball was a navy veteran of World War II from 1943-1945 as Seaman First Class where he was stationed on a number of ships during the South Pacific and European Theaters. He was reactivated to the United States Marines during the Korean Conflict where he served six months stateside.

Mr. Ball is a member of the St. Stephen's Anglican Catholic Church of Plainfield. He is also a member of the South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post No. 243. He is also a former member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and a member of AARP. He is predeceased by his wife, Esther E. (Petro) Ball, who died in December of 1991.

Surviving are three daughters, Marie K. Smith, Deborah L. Van Kleef and Cindy S. Piazza, all of South Plainfield; a son, Joseph T. Ball, Jr. of South Plainfield; a sister, Bertha Vandausen of Florida and a brother, John Ball of Bridgeton, NJ. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Karen Ann (Donato) Kapsch, 44

Karen Ann (Donato) Kapsch died on Tuesday Oct. 27, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Kapsch had resided in South Plainfield for the past 39 years.

She was a 1971 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

She was employed by the So. Plfld. Board of Education for the past 10 years as an assistant to the

business administrator/secretary.

Mrs. Kapsch was a member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post No. 6763 Ladies Auxiliary and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Surviving are three sons, Daniel of South Plainfield, Joseph of Los Angeles, Calif. and Michael of South Plainfield; her parents, Anthony and Lorraine Donato of South Plainfield; two sisters, Cheryl Donato of Piscataway and Kathy Dranchak of South Plainfield and two brothers, James Donato and John Donato, both of South Plainfield. Also surviving is her dear companion and friend, Dominic Carrea of Cranford.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08818.

Dora Bruno Barone, 85

Dora Bruno Barone of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

She was born in Italy and came to the United States in 1955 settling in Bronx, NY before moving to South Plainfield 19 years ago.

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

She is predeceased by her husband, Eugenio Barone, who died in 1990.

She is survived by a daughter, Alberta Saposito of South Plainfield; two sons, Remo Barone of Pearl River, NY and Vinicio Barone of Puerto Rico; a brother, Amedeo Bruno of South Plainfield; three sisters, Elda DeAngellis of Long Beach CA., Edvige DiGasbarro and Olga Viola, both of South Plainfield; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Jean E. Miscovic, 68

Jean E. Miscovic died on Thursday, Nov. 5, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Elizabeth, she has resided in South Plainfield for the past 44 years.

Mrs. Miscovic was a homemaker and a devoted wife.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, where she was a member of the church's choir and the Altar Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 6203 Woman's Auxiliary (now known as the Columbiettes) in South Plainfield.

Surviving are her husband of 44 years, Richard D. "Dick" Miscovic; two daughters, Michele Miscovic of Dallastown, Pa., Maryann Barge of Bridgewater; a brother, Robert Read of Phoenix, Arizona. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Steven J. Perrucci, 22

Steven J. Perrucci died on Sunday, Nov. 8, from injuries he sustained after being struck by a Conrail train in South Plainfield.

Mr. Perrucci was born in Jamesburg. He had resided in North Edison before moving South Plainfield 10 years ago.

He had attended the public

school systems in Edison and in South Plainfield. In 1996, he received his GED Diploma from the South Plainfield Adult School.

He had served with the U.S. Marine Corps and had been employed for the past year by Magagna & Soricelli of Middlesex as a construction delivery driver.

Surviving are his mother, Cecily LaMonda Ismael of Port Jervis, NY; his father, Robert J. Perrucci, Jr. of South Plainfield; his sister, Andrea J. Perrucci and his brother, Robert N. Perrucci, both of South Plainfield; his maternal grandmother, Joan Jannelli of Port Jervis, NY and his paternal grandparents, Robert J. and Rosemary (Hoffman) Perrucci, Sr. of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Simeon S. Abrera, 88

Simeon S. Abrera died on Monday, Nov. 9 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born the Phillippines, Mr. Abrera had resided there all of his life before coming to the United States in 1975 and residing in South Plainfield.

He was employed as a civil and mining engineer for the Philippines Iron Mines Company in the Phillippines for 35 years before retiring in 1978.

He received his Civil Engineering Degree in 1933 from the college he had attended in the Phillippines.

His wife, the late Arsenia Abrera, died in 1969.

Surviving are his daughter, Betty T. Razefsky of South Plainfield; three sons, Arturo Abrera of Sadsbury, Canada, Cesar Abrera of Toronto, Canada and Dan Abrera of Ponomo, Calif. Also surviving are nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Henry A. "Hank" Zielinski, 83

Henry A. "Hank" Zielinski died on Sunday, Nov. 8, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he was raised in Honesdale, Pa. and had resided in Plainfield and in North Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield 45 years ago.

Mr. Zielinski served as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1936 to 1942. He was stationed in the China and Philippines and had seen action during the Sino-Japanese territorial conflict. He was an expert rifleman and pistol sharpshooter and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

He was employed as a circulation district manager for the *Courier News* in Bridgewater for 15 years before his retirement in 1977. Prior to the *Courier News*, he had been a self employed linoleum and tile contractor in the Central New Jersey Area.

Mr. Zielinski was a member of the South Plainfield B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge No. 2298 and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was a former communicant of St. Joseph's Church in No. Plfld., their Holy Name Society and their Nocturnal Adoration Society.

Mr. Zielinski was an avid fresh and salt water fisherman who had won many awards for his skill.

He is predeceased by 14 brothers and sisters.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma (Bittone) Zielinski, a daughter, Deanna Sinclair of Branford, Fla.; two sons, Robert of Arlington, Texas and Richard of South Plainfield. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Northern New Jersey Chapter C/O 299, Cherry Hill Road Suite 201, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

George D. Pennington, Jr. 74

George D. Pennington, Jr. died on Friday, Nov. 6, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Pennington had settled in South Plainfield in 1955.

He is a veteran of the United States Army, serving during WWII while stationed in Central America with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Pennington attended Paul Smith College in Paul Smith, NY.

He was co-owner of H.E. Butler Steel Fabrication Co. formerly of Union before his retirement in 1986. Prior to H.E. Butler, Mr. Pennington had been employed by Ryerson Steel Co. of Jersey City as an Estimator.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Surviving are his wife Doris (Butling) Pennington; two daughters, Elaine Shebey of Ringoes and Susan Pilukaitis of Garland, Texas; a son, George D. Pennington III of Bricktown and a sister, Ruth Thomson of Lyndhurst. Also surviving are four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, 846 Main Street Fords, New Jersey 08818.

Mary J. Grillo Cirigliano, 79

Mary J. Grillo Cirigliano died on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Cirigliano was born in Bayonne and had resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1943.

She was a homemaker and prior to her marriage to her late husband, Joseph Cirigliano, who died in 1989, she had worked as an assembler for 15 years at the former Cornell-Dubiller Co. in South Plainfield.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

In addition to her husband, she was also predeceased by a sister, Sophie Grillo Cirigliano and two brothers, Michael and John Grillo.

Surviving are two daughters, Joan A. Terranova and Marie E. Bellotti, both of South Plainfield, a son, Anthony J. Cirigliano of South Plainfield; a sister, Angelina Grillo of Edison; three brothers, Bernadio Grillo of Edison, Tony Grillo of Bethlehem, Pa. and Rudy Grillo of Edison. She is also survived by six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.



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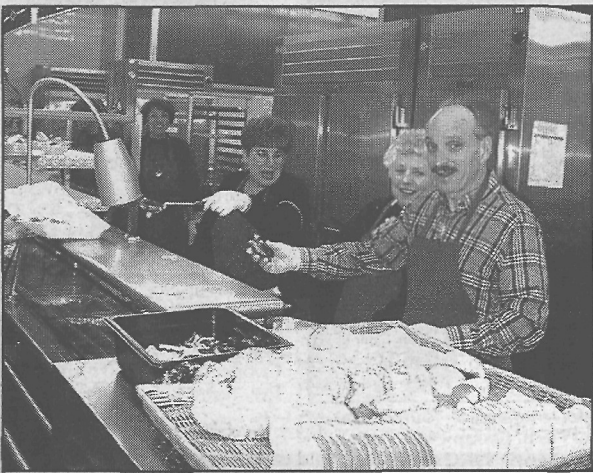
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Above, teacher volunteers stand ready to scoop up a variety of dishes to the many who attend the Scoop Dinner.

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Interactive Computer Corner

By Briggs Longbothum



I was recently reviewing "privacy and security" issues as they relate to online commerce, and how that affects a person's willingness to shop online. Since I am engaged in electronic marketing for some of my clients, properly handling fears of electronic fraud as it relates to credit card numbers, etc. is of concern to me. What I discovered was more than I cared to know and more than most marketers care for you to know too!

Forget about someone stealing your credit card information. That much has been dealt with already, and effectively so! What takes me by surprise is the vast amount of information about you and I that is already and so easily available to just about anyone who cares enough to want it. In no uncertain terms, I (or anyone) can find out more about your than you likely know about yourself. From motor vehicle and license records, to credit and medical data, it's all there for anyone with enough motivation to sift through the data that's available for sale, rent, and even free! Like they say: You can run, but you cannot hide!

There are ways, however, to stay anonymous, but they are involved and cumbersome. Just ask D.B. Cooper (if you can find him) or Al Schweitzer who's been billed as "the man who knows too much." Today's cyber sleuths, as well as the unscrupulous among us, have at their fingertips, the means to find just about anything they want to about all of us. The old "paper trail" has given way to electronically shared databases. Not that I have anything to hide mind you, but the thought of being so naked in cyberspace is a bit disconcerting to say the least. Even if the data are correct! And herein lies a problem. Remember the phrase: garbage in-garbage out? Errors are common in this industry, but who knows what's correct?

TIP: At least once a year and certainly before any loan application, job change, or significant financial commitment, check your credit report for accuracy. You are allowed one free report per year from each of the three major credit reporting agencies, and this you should do. Dept. of Consumer Affairs can help here. Fix problems now before you're affected!

How is everyone doing with their Holiday shopping plans. Got some good computer stuff on your list for this year? Prices are way down and there are few excuses left to avoid the move to computerization and the Internet. I just got back from a computer show, and the used-computer market is featuring some fine machines for damn near nothing! There just isn't enough money in older 386, and 486 machines to see them around anymore, yet lots of them still exist, and they still run well. I did see a 486 with a 15inch monitor (fine for low-end Internet access) for about two hundred dollars!

TIP: Now is a great time for bargain basement machine deals as corporations are upgrading older Pentium based computers to newer Pentium-II machines. Remember, the older computers still work well for most of what you'll want to do. Things like Email, word processing, and household/small business bookkeeping can be handled nicely by low end and older computers.

Check out the computer show schedule at "http://pcshow.com" for the next show at Raritan Center.

POLICE REPORT

• The Senior Citizens Center building side window was damaged by a BB-Gun. Police also found two BB-gun holes in the front door.

• A tree was cut down and two others were damaged with an ax at the Sampton Cemetery on New Market Ave.

• Raritan Valley Construction was burglarized recently. The burglars entered the building through a ground level window and forced their way into the office area. The office was ransacked and a metal tool box was cut open with a saw and the tools inside it were stolen. The door of a storage trailer was also ripped in half and various equipment was stolen. The burglar apparently used the bay doors at the loading dock to haul away the stolen goods. The value of the goods is yet to be determined.

• A pick-up truck parked at Sullivan's Auto Body after an accident was broken into and the speakers, valued at \$300 were taken.

• A shopper at A&P reported she lost her pocket book. It was in the shopping cart and after loading her groceries in the car she drove off without it. When she returned to the parking lot the purse was gone. It contained \$100 in cash and several credit cards.

• James Hedrick of Avenel was arrested for trying using an altered insurance card during a motor vehicle stop. The insurance card was confiscated and he was arrested.

• The window of a car parked outside Blockbuster Video was smashed and a fax machine sitting on the passenger seat was stolen. The fax machine was going to be delivered to a customer by the owner of the car.

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- Yogurt Express, Maple Ave.

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Do You Remember?

30th Anniversary of Hadley Airport

Oct. 31st marked the 30th anniversary of the closing of Hadley Airport. With its closing another chapter of the history of our town came to a close. Hadley Airport was very important in the start of national air transportation. Airlines such as American, Eastern and Pitcarin had their beginnings here. The first ground to air radios were developed by a company called Staved Engineering which later became part of Lockheed Electronics. Other items such as various radars were devised here also.

There is a monument to Hadley Airport located in front of the Holiday Inn on Stelton Road. It marks

the location of the offices of the former airport.

Remember These Places?

Billions—The gathering place for eating and warmth while skating on Spring Lake in the winter. *The South Plainfield Fire Department* now occupies that property.

Frink's Bakery and Lunch—217 Hamilton Blvd. was next to the Baptist Church in the early 30s. Now *Charlie's Barber Shop* occupies the property.

Norman Bar & Grill—was on the corner of Front and South Plainfield Ave. for many years. Now it's a graphics studio and all the windows are filled in.

A&P—The first A&P in South Plainfield was next to Norman's on South Plainfield Ave. It was run by Tony DeAndrea.

Grant School—was from Front St. to Hamilton Blvd. It is now the *Keystone Home*.

South Plainfield Movie Theater—Where we could sit all afternoon for 10 cents. It is now occupied by *Cross Stitch*.

Frank's Beauty Shop—owned by Nan and Frank Santora for many years at 175 Front St. Now it's *Twice Is Nice Consignment Shop*.

First National Bank of South Plainfield—was at 18 South Plainfield Ave. Now it's *Make It Personal*.

Send in your memories (with pictures if you have them) to the *Observer*. We'll be glad to keep this column if you like reading it.



South Plainfield High School Band, winners of Tournament of Bands held at Frank Jost Memorial Field, Group III.

SP High School Marching Band Wins Tournament of Band, Group III Division

Corporate Awards were presented by: Creighton Pfeifer, Tom Falocco, Craig Spisso, Marge Reedy, Kathy Petricello, Sandy Doyan and Ron Hepburn.

Corporate sponsors were Domino's Pizza, 1-800 Flowers, Semester Consultants, Lynn Steel, Lil Imaginations Learning Centers, Cooper Office Furniture and EverTech Corp.

Photos by Ron Hepburn



SPHS Drum Majors and Color Guard Captains, Lenora Zerbian, Juliette Falacco, Roger Vroom, Thais Petrocelli, Erica McGrath, Jennifer Ward.

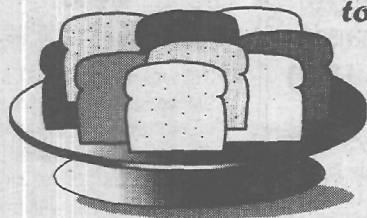
Sacred Heart Collecting Food for Thanksgiving

Sacred Heart Church is collecting food for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Any food item for a Thanksgiving meal is needed.

If you would like to make those families who are less fortunate then us have a happy Thanksgiving, bring your contribution of food to the Parish Center or leave them in the boxes at the exits of the church.

Check out our new low prices at Friehofer's!

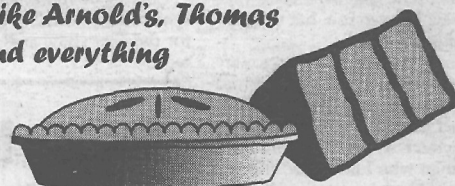
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FREE BREAD! (Buy two, get one free)

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