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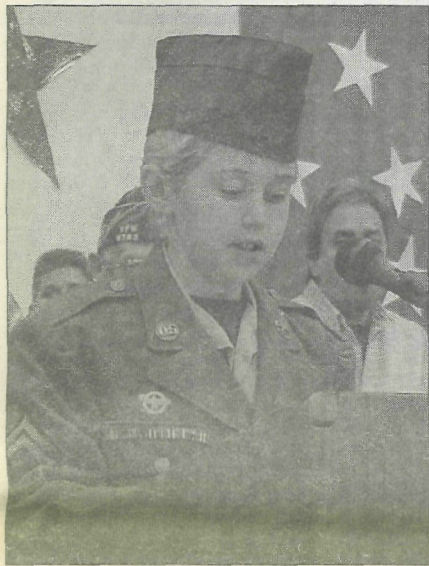
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Franklin School Celebrates Veterans Day



By Patricia Abbott

Veterans Day at Franklin Elementary School is not just another holiday or another day off from school. The preparation began weeks ago when students

made red, white and blue hats, wrote essays and learned patriotic songs. In their preparations, they learn what a Veteran is and the many sacrifices they have made for our country. Many discover veterans in their own families.

Franklin Elementary is the only school in South Plainfield that presents a Veterans Day Program. The annual event is now in its sixth year.

The students' new-found knowledge culminated in the annual Veterans Day Program. Local Veterans were the guests of honor at the school and were seated on the stage. The gym was packed to overflowing with students, staff, friends and family. Students and teachers alike were decked out in the patriotic colors of Old Glory. Others wore military uniforms or combat fatigues.

The opening ceremony included flags from each branch of service. As the youngsters solemnly recited the Pledge of Allegiance the veterans stood at attention and saluted. A student from each grade read an original essay or poem that touched upon the essence of Veterans Day. Some children focused on a family member, others on the meaning of freedom, but all showed an understanding of what Veterans Day is about. The words were simple and heartfelt. What they lacked in sophistication and literary style they made up for with their honesty and enthusiasm. For instance, they thanked veterans for the freedom to be able to choose any television show, to grow and live their dreams, and for the freedom to experience the

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Longtime Rescue Squad Volunteer Theresa "Tessie" Micali Dies

Theresa "Tessie" (Bianculi) Micali, died on Monday, Nov. 15, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She was 84 years old.

Tessie was an active member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for over 30 years. She was one of four original women to be accepted into the South Plainfield Rescue Squad as a regular member. She served in various positions on the executive board and was also a member of the Rescue Squad's Women's Auxiliary for the past 49 years.

In addition, Mrs. Micali was a long time member of the Auxiliary of the BPO Elks Lodge 2298 in South Plainfield, where she served as sergeant-at-arms. She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and bowled in the Monday morning Senior League at Strike 'N-Spare Lanes in Greenbrook. She also had formerly been active in the PTSO of Roosevelt School.

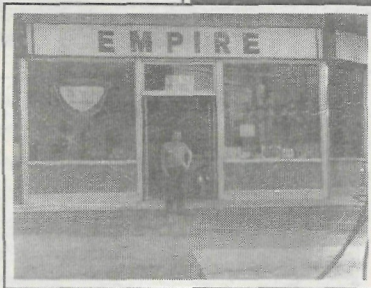
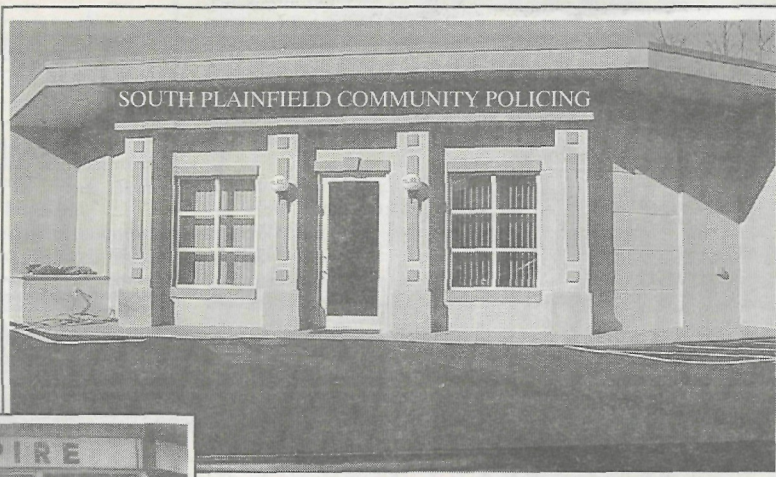
A complete obituary is on page 10.

DARE Building Dedication Set for Next Week

In the midst of the summer heat wave and drought most people stayed indoors in an attempt to stay cool. However, DARE police officers Alan Lamonda and Joe Papa were hard at work transforming a local eyesore into the new Community Policing Office. The windows had long been boarded up, the lot overgrown with weeds and littered with garbage. The building, a former Empire gas station (pictured left), sits on the corner of New Market Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. The once thriving establishment was originally owned by Raritan Oil Company and rented by Tony Pelligrino. It closed in the early 80's. The building and lot were in a state of serious deterioration when acquired by the borough.

Work began in July of this year and was completed just last week. Officers Papa and LaMonda worked almost daily in all kinds of weather. They spent three days gutting the inside of the building. Next was outside demolition work and renovations. A drive past the building on almost any day would provide a view of the officers discussing work with various contractors or working hard with shovels, brooms and paint brushes.

Donations of labor and material included a new roof and paint for the interior. The white building, with its newly repaved lot, is a bright spot in an older section of town. Installed on both sides of the lettering "South Plainfield Community Police" are round lights bearing



the word POLICE which gives the building an old-fashioned, "Dick Tracy" era look.

Officers LaMonda and Papa make up the Community Policing Unit which

handles Crime Prevention, DARE and all quality of life issues. The officers are specially trained in resolving these issues. Officer Papa described the Community Policing Unit as a "back to the beat" mentality. He said, "This office is a place that you can come to and speak to a police officer face-to-face and work on solutions to problems."

The bright interior holds a wall filled with brochures. Another wall has a larger than life mural of the "Darin The DARE Lion," painted by Lucy Demico. The officers hope to install the final touch, a flagpole with both the U.S. and the DARE flags before the grand opening. Officer LaMonda noted that, "The new building is a prime example of what can be accomplished with community support."

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Mayor Gallagher and council members will be attending, along with police officers and borough officials. Officer Papa said, "Also attending will be contractors and many others who have contributed their time and money to make this worthwhile cause come to fruition."

Santa Is Looking for Your Letters

Once again this Christmas season the South Plainfield Post Office will have a special mailbox for children to tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

You can mail your letters at the South Plainfield Post Office in Santa's Special Mailbox. All letters must be mailed by Saturday, December 18.

The
South Plainfield
Observer wishes a
Happy
Thanksgiving
to all our readers.

PLEASE NOTE:
The Observer will NOT be
published next week.
Our next issue will be
December 3.

In My Opinion

Letters

To the Editor,

South Plainfield High School's Annual Scoop Dinner was held on Nov. 4, a big undertaking made possible by many people. Thanks go to the Project Graduation Committee, Marriott Food Services, the girls' soccer team and the high school staff for all their support and hard work. SPECIAL THANKS to the high school parents for all their generous food donations. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation, an alcohol and drug free celebration for all graduating seniors on graduation night.

Many thanks again to every-

one. The Scoop Dinner could not have happened without you!

**NANCY REGAN AND
JOAN REACH
CO-CHAIRPERSONS**

To the Editor,

As President of the South Plainfield Education Association, I find it necessary to respond to and correct the many misleading statements that Frank Mikorski, a member of the Board of Education's negotiating team, has been making concerning the current contract negotiations.

Mr. Mikorski has chosen to alarm the public into believing that the teachers want double-digit salary increases and free medical benefits. At the same time he has neglected to say that the Board's original proposals included 0% increases for the new contract.

He is well aware that as part of the negotiating process each side begins with a "wish list"

from which there is a continual process of give and take to reach a final mutual agreement that is much lower than the Association's first proposal and much higher than the Board's. This is the process called "collective bargaining".

The Association asked to begin negotiations with the Board in October, 1998, in accordance with the Public Employees Relations Law. Instead the Board delayed the process until March of 1999, even though they knew that our contract would expire in three months. Mr. Mikorski says that the Board "has been serious all along" and although we have had 10 meetings, hardly anything has been accomplished because the Board team, Mr. Ferri, and their attorney have only wanted to discuss "concepts," while our team (without any help from an attorney), has been trying to discuss concrete issues and specific proposals. When a member of the Board's team sleeps during negotiations, how serious can they really be? And how respectful are they of the entire process?

Mr. Mikorski states that the teachers receive free medical and dental plans. In fact the teachers pay very high deductibles for their medical benefits and the aides do not receive medical coverage. He also says that average salaries for teachers are \$55,500 for a 35-hour week. The facts are that a teacher earning that amount has been working in the district for 12 years with a Bachelor's degree and for nine years with a Masters degree plus 45 additional credits. These are teachers who've devoted many years of service to the community. But what upsets association members the most is his totally misleading statement that teachers work a 35-hour week. While school time is approximately 35 hours, Mr. Mikorski and the public know that teachers work many additional hours beyond the school day—before and after school, at home at night, on weekends, and even during vacation periods. No teacher can get their responsibilities done in 35 hours.

Finally, Mr. Mikorski reminds the Association that "we're living in the real world." Well, in "the real world" new college graduates in professions other than education often not only get high starting salaries, but also opportunities for stock options, bonuses, expense accounts, and other fringe benefits. (Educators don't expect these kinds of perks). And in "the real world" this Board pays its attorney over \$100 per hour of taxpayers' money to drag out negotiations as long as possible, but hasn't even offered the classroom and lunch duty aides a 5-cent per hour raise.

This is why the SPEA has declared "impasse." We now await the arrival of a mediator on December 20 in the hopes that our contract will be settled in an equitable manner.

If anyone from the community has any questions, I, or other members of the negotiations team, will be happy to answer them.

**LOUISE A. MRUZ
PRESIDENT, SPEA**



Dr. Patrick M. Aiello, President of the Lions Club, presents Lion of the Year Award to Bob Desch.

1999-2000 Lion of the Year Announced

The Lions Club of South Plainfield is pleased to announce their 1999-2000 Lion of the Year Award winner Bob Desch. Bob has been a member since December of 1958. Over the years he has held a variety of positions with the Lions including Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President.

Bob is active in the district

and state levels of the Lions as well and has served as Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor. Bob is currently the club's Tail Twister.

Previous awards Bob has received include: The President's Award and the Governor's Award, both in 1972. He attained status as a "Privileged Member" in 1980. Both Bob and his wife Minnie reside in South Plainfield.

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IMPORTANT BOROUGH MEETING NOTES

Board of Education Meetings 1999/2000

The following dates have been scheduled for Committee of the Whole and Regular Meetings of the South Plainfield Board of Education. All meetings are to be held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building, Cromwell Place, unless otherwise designated.

Committee of the Whole Meetings 1999

1999: December 14

2000: January 11, February 8, March 7, April 4

Regular Monthly Meetings

1999: December 21

2000: January 18, February 15, March 14, April 11, 2000

Zoning Board of Adjustment 1999 Meeting Dates

First, third and fifth Tuesday of the month as follows:

November 30, December 7, December 21

Site-Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Dates:

Fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

November 25



Planning Board 1999 Meeting Dates

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as follows:

November 23, December 14,

December 28

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Council Meetings

AGENDA MEETINGS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, Nov. 8 *Monday, Nov. 22

Monday, Dec. 6 Thursday, Dec. 9

* Date has been changed from Monday, Nov 15

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey.

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Engagement

John Krempa and Geraldine Collens Announce Their Engagement

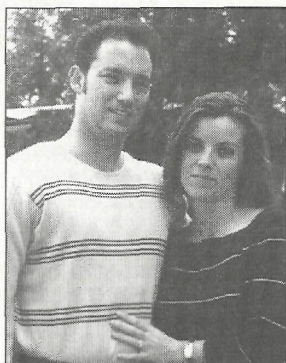
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krempa of South Plainfield, announce the engagement of their son, John Krempa to Geraldine Collens, both of Atlanta, Georgia.

Geraldine Collens is the daughter of Patrick Collens of Lille, France and Marie B. Petot of Athens, Georgia and the step-daughter of Philippe Petot.

John Krempa graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1986 and also graduated from the University of Alabama in 1991 with a degree in both International Business and French. He also attended school at the Universite d'Aix in Provence, France.

Geraldine Collens, formerly of Lille, France, graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in International Business.

Both are employed by Delta Airlines in Atlanta. John is Proj-



John Krempa and Geraldine Collens

ect Manager of International Alliances in airport customer service and Geraldine is Coordinator of Alliances.

The wedding is planned for April 15, 2000 in Paris, France, followed by a reception.

Graduation

Jennifer Baker Receives Bachelor of Science Degree from Northeastern Univ.

Jennifer Baker, daughter of Gina Baker of South Plainfield and Tom Baker of Springfield, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services and Business from Northeastern University. Commencement was held on September 16 at Matthews Arena in Boston, Massachusetts.

Baker was nominated for Sorority Woman of the Year of Sigma Delta Tau, where she served as vice president and philanthropy chairperson. She also served as Vice President of the National Panhellenic Council for three years. In addition to volunteering and being active in nu-

merous community services, Jennifer gained work experience in Elder Rehab through a Northeastern University co-op program. Because of her outstanding campus leadership and Dean's List status she has been recognized in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Jennifer's future plans include attending graduate school upon completion of her internship with Chelsea Senior Living and obtaining Health Care Administration License. She is a former 1995 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Birth

Wengenroth's Announce Birth of A Daughter, Veronica Amber

Leslie and Dave Wengenroth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Veronica Amber. She was born on Oct. 24, at 7:09 a.m. in Gwinett Medical Center in Lawrenceville, Georgia, and weighed in at 7

lbs. 7 oz.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Mocharski of South Plainfield.

The paternal grandmother is Barbara Wengenroth of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Scout Leaders Attend USA Convention

Submitted by Wayne J. Otlowski

Recently I had the unique opportunity to travel with a group of truly remarkable people to the Girl Scout USA (GSUSA) National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. This group consisted of Delegates: Donna M. Dolce, Patti Hackenberg, Margaret Miller, Joanne Otlowski and Flora Rockett; Visitors: Dolores Kresge, Leigh Sturdivant, Susan Haustein and Mona Patel; and Alternate Delegate: yours truly. Because Judith MacLellan was unable to attend, I became the delegate to take her place.

This was a wonderfully unique experience, one which I'm sure I and my fellow travelers will remember for a long time to come. Leaving Newark International Airport on Thursday morning, Oct. 1, we arrived in Kansas City around noon to the sights and wonders of this typically mid-western community.

Thursday afternoon found us visiting the booths and vendors of the Convention Center and attending related preconvention sessions concerning convention business. The actual opening session of the convention, which set the tone for the convention, was Thursday night and included the presentation of the flags of countries who are members of WAGGGS, musical selections by the Mid-Continent Council Girl Scout Chorus, a keynote address by Rebecca Lobo and musical renditions by the Kansas City High School Marching Band.

Friday found us back at the Convention Center as delegates or visitors and so began the business at hand. Preceding actual convention business came additional remarks by Leslie Stahl (former CBS anchor and now part of 60 Minutes) and Mrs. Tipper Gore. The



Left to Right, Flora Rockett, SPGS Community Director; Margaret Miller, Executive Director WRGSC and Joan Otlowski, Service Unit Manager for SPGS Community.

sessions on both Friday and Saturday lasted from 9 a.m. until around 5 p.m. with the customary lunch break sandwiched in between. With an organized flurry of activity we got to work. We listened attentively to reports; voted on seven proposals; elected a slate of officers, board members, and members to the national nominating committee.

Free time (between sessions and in the evening) allowed us the opportunity to sightsee, visit the booths and vendors, and attend one of the many theme dinners that were planned.

All too quickly it was Sunday morning and with the last flurry of business, including the installation of those elected and a presentation by the representatives of the next GSUSA National Convention in Long Beach, California, it was time to depart and head for home. Approximately 10,000 people (delegates, alternates, visitors and guests) had met in Kansas City, Missouri, and had a remarkably wonderful and productive time.

Kudos to GSUSA and the committee in Kansas City, Missouri who put this all together. But most of all thanks to Barbie who kept us so wonderfully entertained and involved with her seemingly endless repertoire of Girl Scout songs!

Names Sought For New Streets

Planning Board member Bob Ackerman, Chairman of the Street Naming Committee, reports that all the names on the street naming list have been used and there are currently nine streets available to be named. He is asking veterans organizations in town to review their records and see if there are any other names that they would like to add to the list.

If anyone has a name they would like to submit, send in your suggestion to either Mayor Dan Gallagher or Bob Ackerman at Borough Hall.

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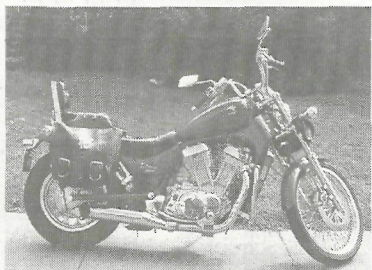
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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service

The South Plainfield Ecumenical Clergy Association (SPECAC) will sponsor its annual Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service next Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church located on Plainfield Ave.

All are welcome to attend. The service will feature the combined choirs and Rev. Irene Cambbell from Rescue House of Prayer preaching.

Holiday Craft Show At John E. Riley

John E. Riley School will be hosting a holiday craft show on Friday, Dec. 3. Show hours will be from 5 to 9 p.m.

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

For vendor information, call (908) 668-8252.

AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting to be Held

The November meeting of AARP, Chapter 4144 will be held Nov. 19, at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. Sherry Moccia from the Essex County Mental Association will be the speaker. Sherry will speak about an experimental program that pairs seniors with elementary students. The program is called "Listen to the Children." As always, the time of the meeting is at 12:30 p.m.

A trip to Bucks County Playhouse to see "The Chorus Line" will be on Nov. 28. Browse the many beautiful shops of New Hope and have lunch at the quaint Logan Inn which is located across the street from the

Playhouse, \$49 covers transportation, luncheon and the show. Call Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764. Be prepared to leave a message.

VFW Post 6763 Plans Ham Dinner

VFW Memorial Post 6763 located on Front Street is planning a ham dinner on Friday, Nov. 19, from 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Donation is \$6 and take out dinners are \$6.25. For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

Senior Line Dancing At PAL Building

Seniors aged 55 and older are invited to join the fun of Line Dancing on Wednesdays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. The scheduled dates are Dec. 15 and 29 and Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Line Dance instructors will be Sandy Smehil and Lois Desoto. The fee is \$15 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents. Social and country western dancing will be included. This class will be teaching all the great, popular lines. Sign up at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at (908) 226-7714.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Annual Bake Sale

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church is having its Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 20. All items are home baked and delicious. Available will be: pies, cakes, cupcakes, khrusciki, brownies, breads and much more!

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and purchase some baked

goods for Thanksgiving.

The Church is located in South Plainfield at the corner of Belmont and Delmore avenues.

Holiday Craft Fair at First Baptist Church

Our last craft fair of the century, the 16th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, 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 and crafts, Kids Korner (no adults, please!), and hot lunch in the kitchen.

Proceeds from these areas will be distributed amongst 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.

Roosevelt PTA Sponsoring Bus Trip

The Roosevelt School PTA will sponsor a bus trip to Caesar's in Atlantic City on Friday, Nov. 19. The bus will leave Roosevelt School at 6 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$20 with a return bonus of \$19. Call Michele at 908-753-0124 for information.

Athletic Booster Club Plans Sport Raffle Auction

The South Plainfield Booster Club will be holding a Sport Raffle Auction on Dec. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the raffle will begin at 7 p.m.

Connected Hearts Adoption Meeting

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATs) will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. "Growing Up With International

Adoption" Pat Bennett will discuss her experiences with her two daughters, ages 20 and 13, both adopted from Colombia, one of whom may participate in the program. Pat has been active in Concerned Persons for Adoption and she is presently coordinator for this year's "Let's Talk Adoption" conference.

Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

Breakfast with Santa At Sacred Heart

On Sunday, Dec. 12, Sacred Heart HSA will host a "Breakfast with Santa." This catered event will be held in the school cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost will be \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children under five will be admitted free.

This buffet breakfast will include eggs, french toast, hash-browns, bacon, sausage, croissants, juice, milk, coffee and tea. Santa will be available during breakfast and there will be entertainment for the children.

If you would like to be included in the fun, call Wanda at (732) 752-2624. Reservations would be appreciated.

Columbiettes Upcoming Events

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are planning a trip to see the New Jersey Devils play the Washington Capitals on Friday, Jan. 14, which is baseball cap giveaway night to all fans in attendance. The cost is \$65 per person and includes the hockey game ticket, bus and driver gratuity. The bus will leave the Knights of Columbus Hall at 6 p.m.

For information or reservations, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222. All events are open to the public.

Red Cross Blood Drives Scheduled

Blood drives sponsored by American Red Cross and New Jersey Blood Services will be held around the area in December. For information, call (908) 353-2500, (908) 756-6414, (800)-933-2566 or (800) 403-7879.

There is a need to improve the number of blood donors. Only

Santa's Coming To the PAL

Santa Claus will be at the PAL Building on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. Children aged newborn to ten are invited, but must be accompanied by their parents. There will be movies, gifts and pictures with Santa. Register at the PAL by Dec. 3. Registration is \$5 per child.

2% of the general population gave blood. Last year the Red Cross services provided 14,000 units of blood to Union County hospitals, yet they only collected 10,000 units of blood. The following is a list of blood drives:

- Nov. 23 at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 40 Mercer Ave., No. Plainfield, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 28 at the Edison Firehouse, 850 New Dover Rd., Edison, 2-7 p.m.

Tourette Syndrome Support Meeting

The Tourette Syndrome Association Family Support Group of Middlesex County will meet on the following dates: Jan. 11, March 14 and May 9, 2000.

For more information, contact Debbie at 732-283-1439 or www.tsanj.org.

SPHS Class of 1979 Planning Reunion

Join us at the twenty year reunion of the class of 1979 and tell us about what the past 20 years have been for you. The reunion will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Pines Manor located on Route 27 in Edison, from 8-12 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person and includes a buffet and a DJ.

For more information log on to <http://idt.net/~abbottk/SPHS1979.HTML>.

UNICO Will Hold Annual Pig Roast

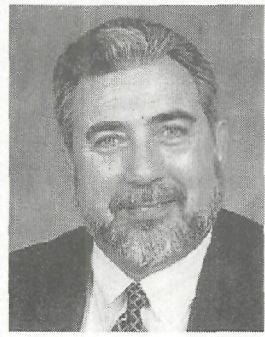
The Plainfield Chapter of UNICO will be holding its Annual Pig Roast on Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Italian American Hall on Valley Ave. in Scotch Plains.

The donation is \$30 per person. For more information or tickets call Michael Cortese at 561-1539.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

This is just a suggestion, but how about taking a break from looking for the good dinnerware for Thursday and checking out the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

At the time of this writing, there are still openings in this afternoon's Children's Craft program. It starts at 3 p.m. and is for children ages six and over. Space is limited, though, so call ahead. While we're on the subject of children's programs, there's a change in the Storytime schedule. Next week, we'll only hold the Tuesday 10:30 a.m. program. It's for children ages three and up; no registration is needed. The other Storytimes have been cancelled due to a change in our schedule. (More on that momentarily.) If you have any questions, please check with Linda Hansen, the Children's Librarian.

We've changed our operating hours due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We'll close early next Wednesday at 6 p.m. and we'll be closed all day on Thursday. Elvis, our automated circulation system, will be on, however, if you need to make an emergency renewal.

Here's a reminder about a subject that makes us a little sad. There are still people who signed up for library cards at Back-to-School Night in September who still haven't picked them up. Sure, things have been busy lately due to one thing or another, but come on! How's about starting the holiday season by claiming those cards and using them, huh?

After some unavoidable delay, the latest group from the Compact Disc Circuit is now available. CD's can be taken out, four at a time, for a period of two weeks.

Artists featured in this group include Tony Bennett, Celine Dion, Barbra Streisand, M.C. Hammer and Fleetwood Mac.

November 22 marks the anniversary of one of the most shocking events in history: the assassination of President Kennedy. Few events have so shaken the world or caused such controversy. To this day, explanations and theories about what exactly happened that day in Dallas, and why it happened. The Library has a number of materials on the subject, first and foremost being a videocassette of the infamous Zapruder film of the actual event. We also have several books presenting several differing, often conflicting, theories on the assassination. Selections include *Case Closed* by Gerald Posner, *The Day Kennedy Was Shot* by Jim Bishop and *Crossfire* by Jim Marrs, as well as a copy of the Warren Commission report. Feel free to come in check these items out, and then make your own judgment.

Turning to a much happier subject, Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. In addition to the Macy's Parade and the football games, there's the traditional meal. For those of you whose experience in cooking doesn't go much further than the buttons on the microwave, we're available to help. We feature numerous videos and books on cooking and recipes. You should be able to find what you're looking for (including the phone numbers of local restaurants). If not, ask a Reference Librarian for assistance. Just don't blame us when you read the bathroom scale on Friday.

That's all for this week. We hope you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Now check and see if that good silverware is in the dining room cabinet, maybe.



Pictured above are students and staff from Pilgrim Covenant Church Learning Center's 4 Plus Class. With them are South Plainfield Rescue Squad members Michael Zushma and Linda Zushma who came to the school to talk to the children about the functions of the Rescue Squad, safety and what they could do in case of an emergency. The children were also given a tour of the ambulance and were used for different practice accident scenarios and shown how they would be treated in case of an accident.

K-Mart Marks Grand Re-Opening

By William Tuthill

Last Saturday, K-Mart located in the Middlesex Mall, marked the "official" reopening of the newly remodeled store. Long time employee Anna Ritchie, along with Robert Hess, the store manager, cut the ribbon.

The store has added 26,000 square feet for a total of 90,000 square feet. Aisles have been widened and new lighting brightens up the store.

A new department called "The Pantry" features a wide variety of groceries. Also featured is the "Martha Stewart Home Fashions Department."

The store employs 120 people. In the front of the store the K-Cafe is located. It features Little Caesar Pizza to eat in or take out.

During the ceremonies, K-Mart presented a \$250 check to Ida Gildea of E.I.S.H. of Middlesex County to help with rebuilding. The Bound Brook E.I.S.H. offices were destroyed in the recent flooding.



Rescue Squad Answers 170 Calls During October

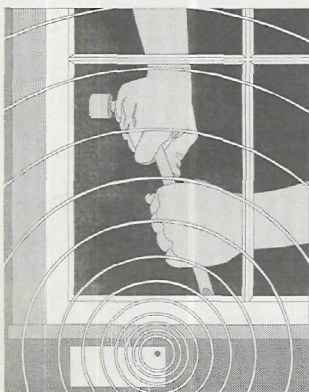
The South Plainfield Rescue Squad logged 170 called in October, including: 121 medical assistance requests, 28 motor vehicle accidents, one fire, two hazardous materials calls, 13 community service requests and five transportations.

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Local VFW Post 6763 Celebrates Veterans

By Patricia Abbott

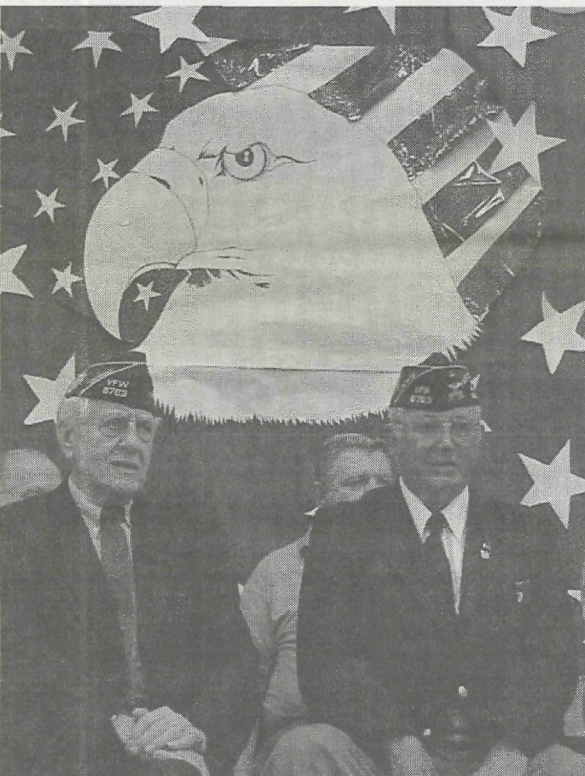
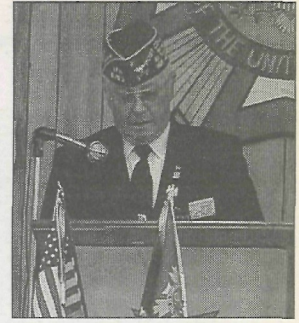
On Veterans Day ceremonies are held at VFW posts throughout the country. Veterans Day is not a day of sadness at the VFW, but rather a day to honor all veterans, living as well as those who have passed away or died fighting for their country. It is a special day of pride for VFW members to reflect on all that those veterans have accomplished over the decades and the freedoms they have protected.

VFW members honor veterans daily by following the VFW

motto, "honor the dead by helping the living." They volunteer to help those less fortunate. They speak to school children passing along history first hand and they work to improve the quality of life for active duty troops as well as other activities. The VFW hopes that through their actions, citizens of our country will pause and think of all that veterans have contributed to our country, both past and present.

The ceremony at South Plainfield VFW Post 6763 was held at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day. The U.S. flag whipped overhead

as a wreath was laid below. The ceremony was concluded indoors and an open house followed.



They (Franklin School students) thanked Veterans for the freedom to ... experience the day to day simplicity of life unburdened by the fear of war.

Franklin School Celebrates Veterans Day

Continued from page one

day to day simplicity of life unburdened by the fear of war.

Fifth grade student Kelly Downes reflected on what she had learned about Veterans Day in her years at Franklin School. She spoke of President John F. Kennedy and noted that didn't know that he was a veteran. She stated, "You see, even a president can fight for his country." She went on to say, "We all need to care more about our country and its people. I think war has made us all stronger people because we realize from the stories that we are told that we can survive if we believe in our country." She thanked her grandfather, Dennis Finnegan, for helping her learn the meaning of Veterans Day. She noted that he was not with her as a guest at the program for the first time in five years due to a fall in which he broke his hip. To honor her grandfather's service to his country, she wore his Army uniform in the program.

The readings were interspersed with patriotic selections from the school chorus and band. The touching program has been known to bring a tear to many an eye over the years. In addition to tears, laughter is a big part of the show. Each year a surprise guest or faux movie star leaves the audience shrieking with laughter.



The "Andrew Sisters" were regulars for several years. This year "Elvis" put in an appearance in a bejeweled jumpsuit and belted out a hit song. Another "Elvis" was dragged off by a youthful looking Uncle Sam to the military draft. Attired in a more drab U.S. Army uniform, Elvis the soldier still had a throng of screaming bobbysoxers falling at his feet, who swooned and fainted.

The program closed with Taps, played in parts by four trumpeters from Franklin School Band, as the veterans once again stood at attention behind the young musicians.



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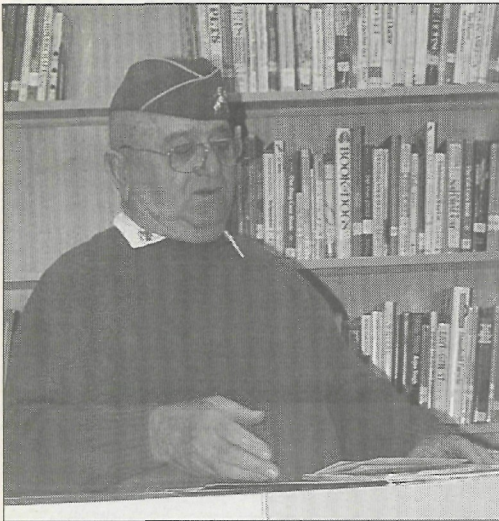
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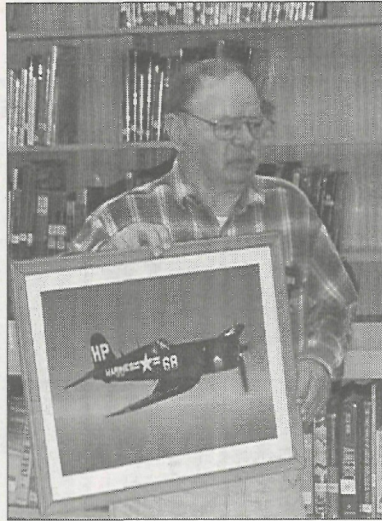
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Veterans Speak at Historical Society Meeting



Marine Veteran Michael Santoro



Marine Aviation Veteran Bill Tuthill

Three veterans were the honored speakers at last week's Historical Society monthly meeting. Attending the meeting were members of the SPHS Jersey Club who are studying World War I with their advisors.

The three speakers talked about why they joined the service, where they served and about some of the adventures they encountered while in the service. All three served during World War II. The veterans brought pictures of themselves in uniform, as well as pictures of ships and planes used in World War II.

Navy Veteran Edward Mazepa wore his navy uniform (it still fits him!) and told about his tour on the USS Foote from 1942 until 1945 as a Gunners-Mate 1st Class training the crew and maintaining the guns. He spoke of the brave men he served with, some of whom were not as fortunate as he and didn't survive the war. He also spoke

about battles he witnessed, including the Japanese suicide pilots who crashed their planes into the ships.

Michael Santoro, a marine who served in the Pacific Theater during the war, had to get his parents signature in 1938 to sign up because he was under



Navy Veteran Edward Mazepa

age. He explained about poor conditions in the Pacific that the men had to endure.

He told of the 31 days it took to sail from Norfolk, Va. to British Samoa. He said word was that American kids were soft and the war would end fast, but he said they had strong leadership and training, and they all did a great job.

Bill Tuthill, who served in the Marine Aviation Division, was responsible for maintenance of combat planes. Stationed in Japan his job was to make sure the combat planes were ready to fly and he boasted that he never lost a plane because of poor maintenance. He explained that there were many diseases in the Pacific, including Jungle Rot and malaria.

Over 30 members of the Jersey Club listened to the adventures of the veterans and laughed at the comparisons of their equipment with today's modern, electronic fighting equipment.

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum

Fasten your seatbelts and brace yourselves readers, the Holiday Season is upon us! If my last year's volume of words-of-wisdom(?) hasn't convinced you of the validity of online buying and commerce, then just get out of the way! Last year's tally for seasonal online buying overshoot estimates by whopping margins, and what we'll read about for this year will absolutely boggle the mind. The accelerating level of e-business activity will snap your head harder than an eighteen year old banging second gear out the parking lot on the last day of school. Our path into the new millennium is being marked by the most significant changes in consumer buying since the onslaught of the shopping mall!

In the last column, we looked at Priceline.com's online grocery shopping venture. Sunday's USA Weekend magazine section featured several more online food sources. Though I agree that online grocery shopping will not attract most people, but those of us with special needs (diets, special meals planning, and vacation meal shopping, etc.) can greatly benefit. Imagine keying in your dietary specifications, then shopping from the "allowed" list presented. My bet is that "traditional" grocery stores will counter with similar on-site computerized shopping assistance. What do you think?

TIP: Surf through these online food stores: latin grocer.com, peapod.com, valu page.com, urbanorganic.com, and streamline.com. (hint, you don't always have to enter the "www" before an internet address. Most browsers will add it for you where necessary).

Shifting gears (slowly this time); who knows about the "Blue Screen of Death? I bet everyone has seen it, but how do you deal with it? This is the GPF or General Protection Fault warning. It's that &*&#ing blue screen that appears all of a sudden, and all you can do is reboot your machine and start over. Don't you love it?

These are hard to unravel and correct. The GPF is a warning that the symptoms of a problem have been detected! It rarely tells you what that problem is, instead indicating where it is. More than likely it is the result of a memory conflict. Your best course of action is to stop swearing and decide you don't really need whatever it was you just tried. Seriously though, there's a method to resolving these events and it goes something like this: Hit the Ctrl-Alt-Delete keys simultaneously to open a window showing all running programs. Try closing programs one at a time, repeating your last action in between closes. You can safely close all of them EXCEPT explorer and systray. When your last action works properly, you've found your conflicting program. If anyone has other ideas, suggestions, or further moves, please let me know too!

TIP: The Encyclopedia Britannica is now free on the web! Go to www.britannica.com for everything you need to know. Trivia: How many volumes does the legendary print edition contain?

Enjoy a great Thanksgiving, see you next column. Briggs Longbothum, ed. (Bruggo@home.com).

Franklin Students Write About Veterans

Students from Franklin wrote essays, poems and made posters about veterans. Here are a few examples of what they wrote:

VETERANS POEM

By Douglas Porzio, grade 3

*Veterans are cool,
And wars are cruel,
We learn about them in our school.
I am free,
And so are you,
We are Americans because of you!
Today is your day,
Because it is Veterans Day,
And so we cheer, hip-hip-hooray!*

VETERANS ESSAY

By Nathanael Udell, grade 4

This summer I walked where heroes lie. I saw a field of gray stones, each with a story to tell. I wonder what these honored Americans thought of while fighting for my freedom. Were they scared? Did they think of their homes and families? Did they think of me?

On this beautiful summer day I walk slowly past one grave to the next. I think of all that has been given to me by my unknown friends. My heart is sad that I cannot thank them now for their sacrifice. May they rest peacefully forever in our hearts and in our memories.

VETERANS ESSAY

By Ryan Lind, grade 1

On November 11 we celebrate Veterans Day. And veterans are people who fought in the war. I feel happy that they had enough courage to join the war. It's not about a day off from school, having sales or parades, it's a day about giving thanks to those who fought in the wars so we could have our freedom. I love them.

Culturally Speaking.....

Cultural Arts Commission to Present Musical Program

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present a musical program, "Fall, and the Sound of Music," on Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located on Plainfield Ave. The program will begin at 3 p.m.

Among the artists taking part will be: Lisa Daltrius, lyric soprano from Pennsylv-

ania, Howard Hudson, baritone; talented violinists Cassandra Lambros, David Louie and Steve Welosenovich and pianists Jane Tsai and Anthony Ding.

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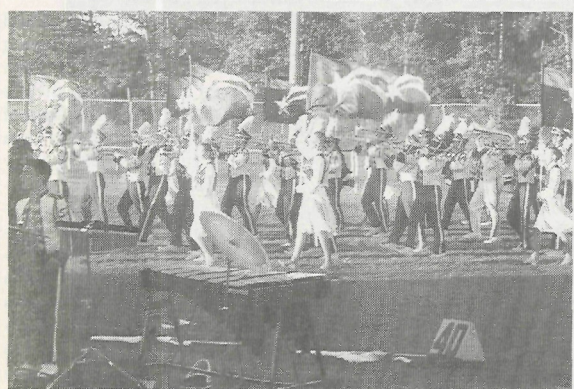
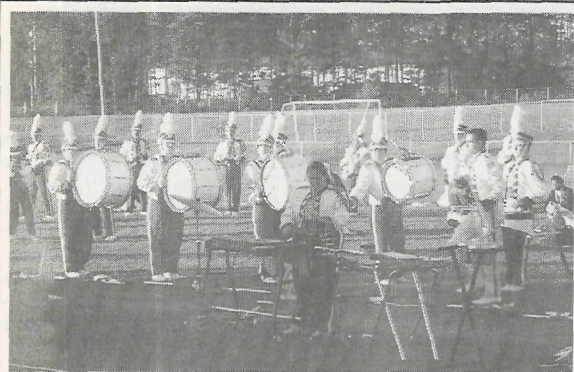
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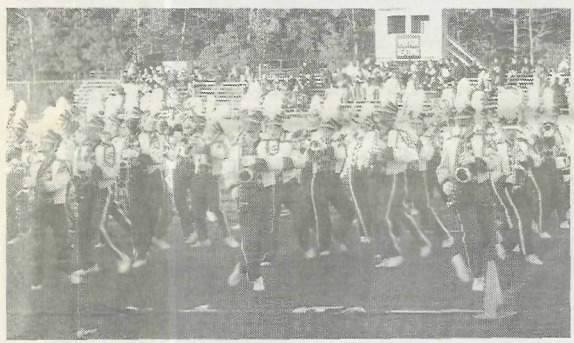
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Marching Band Competes at Tournament of Bands

The SPHS band competed at the Tournament of Bands—Chapter 10 Championships held recently at Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin. South Plainfield is in Group 3 (size rating of 55 to 85 members). They competed against Pompton Plains, Old Bridge and Toms River East and finished in third place with a score of 84.6.



Recycling Center and Yard Waste Site Closed Nov. 25-26

The Thanksgiving Day Holiday schedule at the South Plainfield Recycling Center and at the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 and open on Saturday, Nov. 27, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Regular fall hours at the Recycling Center will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The hours are

Tuesdays noon to 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Extended Yard Waste Site hours for leaf season will resume Monday, Nov. 28 and continue through Nov. 11. The hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline at (906) 228-7620.

Plainfield Area Chapter of Deborah Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On October 20, 1949, at the Park Hotel in Plainfield, the Plainfield Area Chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation, Browns Mills New Jersey, was organized. In October of 1999 the chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Westwood in Garwood, NJ.

In its fifty years of serving the communities of Plainfield, South Plainfield, North Plainfield, Dunellen, Watchung and Warren, the chapter has sponsored hundreds of patients from the area and sent over a million dollars to the hospital. Funds were accomplished through dedicated member's efforts in rummage sales, cake sales, publishing a cookbook, dinner dances, fashion shows, Chinese auctions, walkathons, tag weeks, maintenance, and bingo that was kept going for thirty years. A very proud record.

Honored guests that attended were Christine Golia, director of the New Jersey Region and Shirley Friedlander, director of chapter and regional Coordination. A tribute was paid to charter member Esta Blick, also a past president of the chapter and regional chairperson for the hospital.

Audrea Ranger, president, took the guests and members through a trip down memory lane recalling the many events that occurred during the fifty years. Four past presidents still with the chapter are Dorothy Greenfield, Dolores Allen, Esta Blick and Audrea Ranger, a past president, as well as the current president.

The officers are: Mary Smalco, treasurer; Betty Holzlohner, recording secretary; Ann Hoffman, corresponding secretary and Dolores Allen, membership.

Deborah Heart and Lung Center provides medical and surgical treatment to patients with heart and lung disease without distinction to race, religion, national origin or ability to pay. In its 77 years of existence, the hospital has never billed a patient. Deborah's mission statement is, "There can be no price on Life." It is maintained by thousands of volunteers from over three hundred chapters in 10 states and contributions from labor industry management and professions. In an era of hospi-

tal mergers and health maintenance organizations, Deborah has remained independent. Patients stay until released by their physician.

Anyone who wants services or information about the hospital should call Audrea Ranger at

(908)755-8259 or Dorothy Greenfield at (908) 755-2891. The chapter meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield American Legion on Oak Tree Road. The public is invited to attend.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town on a Fire Engine

In order to raise money for their upcoming 100th Anniversary (May 2007) and Firemen's Memorial, the members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company will have Santa deliver Christmas presents by fire engine. Can you imagine how excited your children would be to have Santa bring them a present on a fire engine! This fundraiser was a big hit last year. So make sure you get in on it early.

Here's how it will work—The cost is a \$15 donation from each family who would like Santa to deliver their presents. A \$15 check should be made payable to the SPVFC 100th Anniversary. All of the \$15 will go directly to 100th Anniversary fund. You are also asked to wrap a small gift for Santa to give to your child. Small presents are all that is necessary. Gifts should cost no more than \$20. Please do not give expensive gifts. After you wrap the gift, please put your child's name and address securely on the gift. Firefighters will visit every block in the borough to deliver the gifts. They will sound their sirens and activate their lights. The children can then come to the engine and receive their gift from Santa and his elves. All you need is a camera.

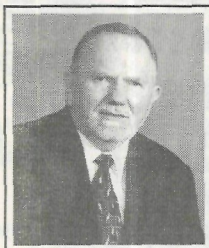
Please fill out the form below completely. Drop the check, the form and the gift(s) off at Fire Headquarters from November 29 and December 3, between the hours of 6 to 9 p.m. If you are unable to make these dates or times, please call the Activities Hotline and special arrangements will be made.

Santa will be delivering presents on December 13, 14, 15, 16. December 17 will be used as an overflow day. This is a huge undertaking by the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company so it is very important that we have the proper information for each gift so that no child is disappointed.

You can call the SPVFC Activities Hotline 908-412-8868 and leave a message should you have questions and they will get back to you.

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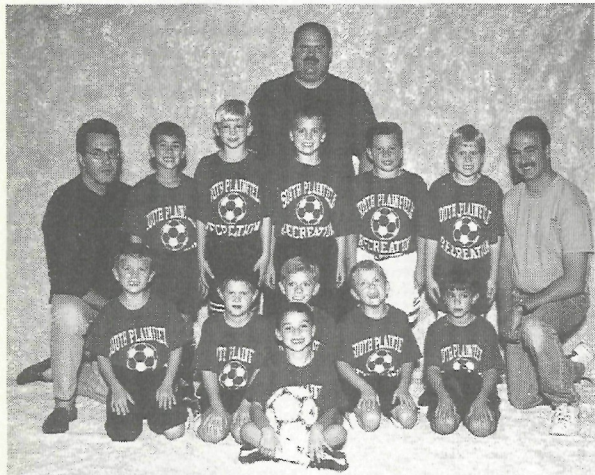
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Team: B League Rockets—Coach: Tom McCreesh—Players: Danny McCreesh, Ryan Shello, Stephen Parello, Jessica Gray, Andrew Gray, Nicole Freitas, Christopher Delaney, Stanley Stellakis, Megan Boyle, Louie Bottone, Jessica Adams, Matt Seider, Michael Troia, Cynthia Carlson and Nicholas Giannakis.



Team: A League United—Coach: Steve Grubesich—Players: Jeff Grubesich, Brittany Hartman, Chris Abbott, Roy Sorenson, Nicholas Curcio, Shawn Ferguson, Danielle Plasse, Jesse Nietzer, Joy Maszczak, Keith Dezmin, Jonathan Jarema, Audrey Wilhelm and Charles Martinez.



Team: C League Headers—Coach: Tim Bishara—Players: Zachary Bishara, Matthew Little, Andrew Staynings, Lee Aboosamara, Michael Farrell, Justin Ditmars, Leiloni Chepulis, Nicholas Lanza, Kyle Quail, Ryan Sacco, Alyssa Sutherland, Derick Wilhelm and Laurie Ascencio.

Tigers Drop Season Finale to Ridge 56-33

By Brian Cochrane

The South Plainfield Tiger football season came to a close last Saturday with their consolation loss to Ridge 56-33. It looked like the Tigers might keep up with Ridge thanks to a pair of Lamaar Grier touchdown runs of 15 and 14 yards in the first quarter that led to a 14-7 lead.

The second quarter was a different story with Ridge scoring 22 unanswered points to jump out to a 29-14 lead. That deficit was cut to nine on the ensuing kick-off as Lamaar took the kick

at the 14 yard line and out raced everyone 86 yards for the score. Ridge answered back with another pair of touchdowns to go up 44-20 just as the half ended.

The third quarter began with senior kicker Danny Czaplinski booming the opening kick-off back to the goal line, but Ridge's Mike Carola took that kick 98 yards to the end zone for another touchdown. Lamaar answered again with a three-yard plunge to finish out the third quarter scoring. The fourth quarter saw the two teams trade another pair of touchdowns

with Lamaar diving in from the one yard line for the final score of the game and the season. The Tigers finished the year 4-6.

South Plainfield will lose 12 valuable senior players to graduation next year. They include: Chris Francis, Danny Czaplinski, David Johnston, Lamaar Grier, Shawn Kenny, David Friedland, Kenny Baker, Chad Cook, Rich Drumbore, Nick DeFalco, Brian Donnelly and John Espin.

Thanks for an exciting season guys and good luck in the future.

Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

2000 Membership

Membership cards for the 2000 season are available and can be purchased at the monthly meetings.

2000 Season Registration

Registration for the 2000 season will be held in January. Registration will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 13-14 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15. Registration fees are \$55 for one player, \$85 for two players and \$105 for three or more players (all per family). Registration is open to all South Plainfield residents ages 8-16. New players must turn eight years old before Aug. 1, 2000 and must present a copy of a birth certificate. Late registration fees are \$60 per player with no discounts.

Monthly Meetings

The Men's meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. The Woman's meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Parents are encouraged to get involved with one of the many club committees. Any parent interested in being a team manager or coach, or umpire can sign up at registration or at the regular monthly meeting.

Woman's Auxiliary

NEW... NEW... Custom SPJBC outdoor flags are now being offered. The flags are two by three feet and white, black and green, with the new SPJBC logo. The cost is \$21 per flag. Contact Carolyn White at 561-8723 for more information.

Ladies are invited to join us for the annual installation/holiday dinner to be held on Friday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Flanagan's. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person. Contact Cindy Eichler at 769-4047 by November 24.

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Events at a Glance

Woman's Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 at Flanagan's

Men's Monthly Meeting on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 at the clubhouse

Registration on January 13, 14, 15 at the clubhouse

Tryouts on Saturday, March 4 at the PAL

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Obituaries

Gail Derflinger, 62

Gail Derflinger died on Monday, Nov. 8, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in South Plainfield and resided here most of her life.

Derflinger was a 1977 graduate of Middlesex County College in Edison. She was a clerical worker for Miller Energy in South Plainfield before her illness.

She is survived by two sons, Brian O'Connor of Piscataway and Thomas O'Connor of South Plainfield; her father Amos Derflinger of South Plainfield; two brothers Ed Derflinger of Lords Valley, Pa. and Bob Derflinger of Piscataway.

Funeral services were private.

Arrangements are by the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Karl J. Reinartz, 80

Karl J. Reinartz died on Monday, Nov. 1, at his home.

Born in Moenchengladbach, Germany, he came to the United States in 1954 where he settled in Maplewood before settling in South Plainfield 38 years ago.

He was the owner operator of Reinco Tool and Machine shop, which was located in South Plainfield for many years before relocating to Branchburg, before his retirement in the early 1980's.

Surviving are his wife, Helene (Kebeck); a son, Werner and two daughters, Renata C. Bouterse and Ellen "Lee" Goyeneche.

Also surviving are his seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on December 4, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church in Summit.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

John S. Stashefski, 73

John S. Stashefski died on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark.

He was born in West Hazelton, Pa. and resided in South Plainfield since 1946.

Mr. Stashefski had been employed by the National Starch and Chemical Co. of Plainfield, where he worked as a mechanic for 41 years, before retiring in 1988.

He was a member of the Polish National Home of South Plainfield, where he had served as sergeant arms and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens. He also regularly attended the South Plainfield Senior Center and he was a communicant of Our Lady

of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

He was predeceased by his wife, Katherine Zwolak Stashefski, who died in March of this year and also by his brother, Leo Stashefski.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Rose and Titao Rodriguez of Nags Head, NC; two sons and daughters-in-law, John, Jr. and Edith Stashefski of Middlesex and Stanley and Carole Stashefski of New Hampshire; four sisters, Sally Slizofski of Colorado, Janet Stregana, Helen Petry and Mildred Gudanowski, all of Pennsylvania; two brothers, Walter Wilson of New York and Edward Stashefski of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Amato M. Prudenti, 80

Amato M. Prudenti died on Friday Nov. 12, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Monteverdi, Italy and came to the United States in 1921, settling in New York City. He was a former resident of Newark and Mt. Freedom before moving to South Plainfield 15 years ago.

Mr. Prudenti was a machinist for Superior Bearing & Bronze in Moonachie for 20 years, before retiring in 1985.

Mr. Prudenti was a veteran of WW II serving in the US Army.

He was predeceased by his wife, Nellie Campbell Prudenti, who died in 1985.

He is survived by two daughters and son-in-laws, Marie and John Ostrowski and Lelia and Gordon Maxwell, both of South Plainfield and Filomena Maxwell of Lincoln Park; a sister, Filomena DeCrisfaro of Hackettstown; two brothers, Danato Prudenti of BelAir Fla. and Thomas of Mt. Arlington. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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

Theresa "Tessie" (Bianculi) Micali, 84

Theresa "Tessie" (Bianculi) Micali, died on Monday, Nov. 15, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY and resided in South Plainfield since 1925.

Mrs. Micali was one of the four original women to be accepted into the South Plainfield Rescue

Squad as a regular member. She had been an active member of the Squad for 30 years and had served in various positions on the executive board. She was also a member of the Rescue Squad's Auxiliary for the past 49 years.

In addition, Mrs. Micali was a long time member of the Auxiliary of the BPO Elks Lodge 2298 in South Plainfield, where she had served as sergeant at arms. She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and had bowled in the Monday morning Senior League at Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Greenbrook. She had formerly been active in the P.T.S.O. of Roosevelt School in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her sister, Emma Messina and by her brothers, James, Joseph, Morris, Anthony and Nicholas Bianculi.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Paul Micali, her daughter, Roberta Micali of Oxnard, Calif., her son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Linda Micali of Stroudsburg, Pa.; a sister, Edith Cerulli of Sterling and a brother, Fred Bianculi of South Plainfield.

She is also survived by three granddaughters, Terri Ann, Wendy and Colleen and by two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial Donations may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2506 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Robert P. Appoloni, 71

Robert P. Appoloni of Clermont, Florida, died on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Mr. Appoloni was retired. He had been the owner and operator of App's Family Style Foods. Born in North Plainfield. He moved to Central Florida in 1983.

He was the past treasurer of the Italian-American Social Club. He was the president of the Green Valley Country Club in Clermont. He was also active in theater. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He is predeceased by his son, Peter.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret A.; two sons, Robert J. of Mount Plymouth, Fla., Thomas J. of Melbourne, Fla.; three daughters, Eileen "Missy" Olsen of Frederic, Wis., Theresa Lewkow of Ocoee, Fla., Anne-Margaret Coppedge of Lake Worth, Fla.; two brothers, Frank of Ocean Grove and Leo of South Plainfield.

He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Clermont, Fla.

By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 11/19-11/25

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 This is a time when emotional manipulation, trauma, or abuse are potentials with which you may be confronted. These problems may well come from within your family. Do not try to control these people, and you know who they are, or retribution can be a reality.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 This is a time when people will warm to you, and you can get from others exactly what you give, that is, warmth and affection. On a bigger scale this is the time to help with social reform, any help you can give in the health field will have people thanking you for your help.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 Take it easy, get away for some rest and relaxation. Go to a friend's house to be away from family for a day. Your domestic environment may be strained, restrictive, or devoid of emotional content. Vulnerability to illness is possible as in ulcers. Change of residence is possible also.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 If you are looking to get a more exciting sales approach, an avenue in which to express yourself more, or better transportation, you will find what you need this week. Everyone that uses a computer will gain valuable information on bettering their lives at home or at work.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 You may have the opportunity to demonstrate your skills in the area of swimming, sailing, or fishing for a contest or one that is coming up. Also during this time you may be given a prescription for an ailment or be directed to a physician or spiritual counselor who can be helpful.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Be careful of a tendency to overreach, or the consequences for exaggeration can pull you down in a miscalculation. Resist any temptation to accept more work than you are physically capable of handling and assignments for which you lack the proper skills or experience.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 This is a good week for a short recreational trip to indulge your desire for beautiful surroundings. Also financial transactions are favored, and you should be able to negotiate in business to your advantage. Anything you buy this week should prove to be a worthwhile investment.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 In love matters this week GEM you should pick someone

who is not too possessive, for you need to know that you have freedom, even if you don't choose to exercise it. Be careful about making a personal commitment, a partner may take it more seriously than meant.

CANCER 6/20-7/22 At this time you may find yourself in several relationships at once. It's not that you want variety but because you are unwilling to let go of a relationship that has finished. Step away and get that one person you really love into your life before they walk away.

LEO 7/23-8/22 This week, discordant moods can create difficulties in relationships. And this will be especially true if you are having any kind of internal emotional struggle. You will find that you will have to work harder for life struggles but remember this is for a short time only. "Hang in there"

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 Your mind may be racing this week. If you get into an argument, it's important to recognize that you are much more inclined to be emotional, not logical. You will be heavily influenced by your feelings. And to take a stand in that argument, make sure you know which is which.

LIBRA 9/23-10/22 This is a time when relationships with those of a different generation, particularly of a younger generation, are likely to be pleasant. They will want to listen to your version of life and what it has to offer. You have the art of diplomacy with friendships down to a "T".

QUOTE: Life is like meeting someone named Karen, All of a sudden football doesn't mean much.

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• White Castle located on Stelton Rd. reported that an employee who came to pick up his paycheck became abusive. He was using foul language and punched several windows causing one to break. He left the scene before police arrived. Police contacted the employee, a resident of Durham Ave. and he stated that he did break the window and he would return to White Castle and make restitution. No complaints were signed.

• Vincent Leverette of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting four watches from Kmart. The watches were valued at a total of \$79.96.

• Phyllis Quijano was arrested for shoplifting \$127.54 worth of groceries from A&P located on Oak Tree Road.

• Byron Miller of Scotch Plains reported his cell phone and power adapter was stolen from his unlocked vehicle. The car was parked at Spring Lake Park at the time of the theft.

• A Bell Place resident reported his wallet stolen from the front seat of his car. The car, parked at Bagle Pantry,

was unlocked and windows were open at the time of the theft.

• Toni Perkins of Hillside reported her pocketbook was stolen from her desk at her place of employment, King TeleServices.

• A Merchants Ave. resident reported the theft of a license plate from a vehicle parked in her driveway. The remaining plate was returned to motor vehicles.

• An employee of Comcast Cablevision reported the theft of a Suncoast gray signal meter from a company vehicle. The theft occurred while he was working on Joan St.

• A New Market Ave. resident reported that he had received an invoice for \$122.95 for items ordered with his credit card. The items were ordered from a phone number and the victim was not familiar with. The card had been cancelled just a few days prior to receiving the bill.

• A Hogan Dr. resident reported his wife lost a diamond ring while at the tennis court in Spring Lake Park. The ring is yellow and white gold with a round center cut diamond and six side diamonds.

• Constanzo Zarrillo was arrested for stealing a wallet from a shopper's pocketbook at Home Depot. The victim noticed the wallet missing, saw the suspect leaving the aisle and shouted for the suspect to stop. The victim grabbed the suspect and the wallet fell to the floor. The suspect was detained until police arrived.

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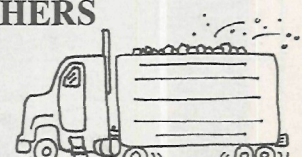
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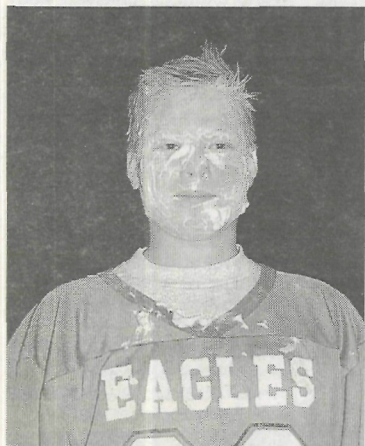
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Pop Warner Ends Season With Pizza Party and Bonfire

Story & photos by Patricia Abbott

The Pop Warner Eagles ended their season with not one but two celebrations that had something for everyone. The first was a bonfire and a family night held at the football field on Spicer Ave. on Saturday, Nov. 6. There were games of skill and a pie throwing booth, as well as food and drink. The eighth grade students were promoted from Pop Warner. Last Saturday an end of season party was held at the PAL. The party was held in two sessions, younger children from 5-6 p.m. and the older group from 6-9 p.m. A long table displayed rows trophies, each engraved with the name of a football player or cheerleader. Parent volunteers filled plate after plate with hot pizza and soda throughout the evening. Entertainment was provided by provided by DJ Kevin Murtaugh, who was surrounded by a small crowd studying his vast music collection and making requests. Kids presented cards to their coaches. A special gift of a signed football and photo of his team was presented to Coach Sal Severini Sr. who is retiring after 30 years of coaching Pop Warner.



November

& Meetings & Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Editorial copy deadline: Friday, 5 pm Advertising copy deadline: Monday, 5 pm	15 Land Management Advisory Comm. 7:30 pm	16 Board of Adjustment 8 pm Board of Health 7:30 p.m.	17 Board of Education Meeting 8 p.m. Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	18	19 VFW Ham Dinner 5-8 p.m. Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	20 Bake Sale at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin 10 am-2 pm
21	22 Borough Council Mtg 8 pm	23 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship 7:30 p.m. Wesley Methodist Planning Board Mtg 8 pm Recycling Comm. 8 pm	24 Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	25 	26 No South Plainfield Observer this week!	27
28	29	30	DECEMBER 1 Business Advisory Group 5:30 pm Court 9:30 am	2 Taxpayers Advisory Group 8 pm	3 Holiday Craft Show at Riley 5-9 pm UNICO Pig Roast 7:30 pm Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	4 Holiday Craft Fair at First Baptist Church 9 am-3 pm
5	6 Borough Council Agenda Meeting 8 pm Recreation Comm. Mtg 7 pm PAL	7 Board of Adjustment 8 pm	8 Environmental Comm. 8 p.m. Cultural Arts Comm. 8 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	9 Borough Council Mtg 8 pm	10 Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	11 Athletic Booster Club Raffle Auction 6 pm

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