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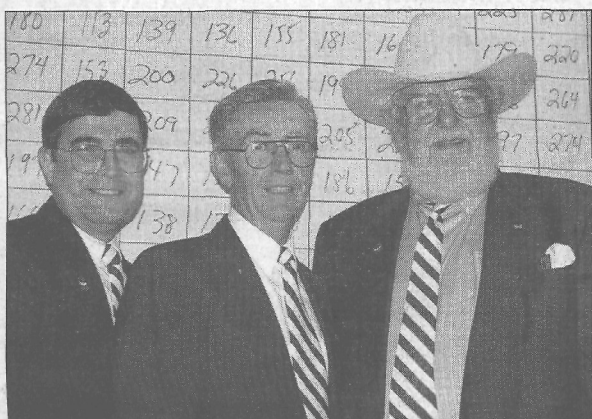
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## DEMOCRATS SWEEP ELECTIONS

*Dan Gallagher, Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral Win by Wide Margin*



Mayor Dan Gallagher (center) with Councilmen Jim Vokral (left) and Ed Kubala (right), are all smiles after being re-elected Tuesday night.

Tuesday night's election was a resounding win for the Democrats in South Plainfield and a bitter defeat for the Republicans, who really believed they had a chance this year of defeating at least one of the incumbents. Instead, the Democrats will maintain in control of Borough Council. The Democrats were the winners in every District. Approximately 48 percent of the registered voters went to the polls.

This year's election was one of the

most contested in recent years. The Republicans actively campaigned, wrote hundreds of letters and canvassed South Plainfield shaking hands with the voters. On the other hand, the Democrats ran strictly on their record over the past years and stuck to their message throughout the campaign.

When the votes were counted, Democratic incumbents, Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilmen Ed Kubala

and Jim Vokral were re-elected by a wide margin. Gallagher was re-elected to his fourth four-year term as Mayor and Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral were re-elected for a third term on the Council.

The final tally gave Mayor Dan Gallagher 3,424 votes, defeating Jake Cataldo who received 2,334 votes. In the race for council, Jim Vokral received 3,289 and Ed Kubala got 3,227, while Republicans Marge Reedy received 2,445 and Geoff Champion got 2,261.

The scene at the Knights of Columbus Hall where the Democrats counted the votes was jubilant as the votes were being tallied.

Mayor Gallagher was more than pleased with the way the voters support him, adding "I want to sincerely thank the voters of South Plainfield from the bottom of my heart."

"I think we have been successful because we have a great team and we are all here to serve South Plainfield and will continue to do so in the years to come," said Councilman Jim Vokral.

Ed Kubala, "This Democratic team has always dedicated itself to the needs of the residents."

The scene at the American Legion was much more somber, when it be-

came evident that their candidates were not going to win. But according to Dave Guoth, GOP Chairman, this was a year of rebuilding for the Republican Party in South Plainfield and he promised they will be back next year even stronger.

"I don't know how to begin to thank all the people who worked so diligently on our behalf. We ran a campaign we can be proud of and while the results didn't go our way, we made our voices heard," commented Jake Cataldo. "We had an uphill battle—fighting against the power of incumbency and the big money that goes along with it. Nevertheless, my congratulations to the Democrats on their hard-fought victory. I'm sure they will do their best for the people of South Plainfield."

"People worked amazingly hard on this campaign and for the first time in a long time, South Plainfield Republicans made some waves. We were outspent more than twenty to one and we still got our message out there. We wish Mayor Gallagher and Councilmen Vokral and Kubala well, and we'll be there to help them any way we can," Guoth said.

"Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on our behalf, added Marge Reedy. "While we didn't win,



Dan and Marion Gallagher watch as the tallied votes went to the Democrats.

I am proud of the campaign we ran—a campaign based on issues and ideas. I plan to continue to work to make South Plainfield a better place. I congratulate our opponents and I pledge to work with them whenever I can."

Geoff Champion also commented, "I want to congratulate the other side on their victory. While one party will still be in charge of Borough government, I encourage everyone to be involved by attending meetings and watching what goes on. We can still have a voice as long as we don't give up. If we do this, South Plainfield will win."

## SPHS Field Hockey Team are Greater Middlesex Conference Champions

By Sharon Miller

Congratulations to the South Plainfield High School Field Hockey Team, who just won the Greater Middlesex Conference Championship last Saturday!

Magnificent is the only way to describe the varsity team's 18<sup>th</sup> win of the season, as they defeated Sayreville 4-0 to capture the title of GMC Champions. Their record is an absolutely impressive 18-0-1. Earning the No. 1 seed in the GMC

Tournament, they faced Old Bridge (seeded fifth) in the semi-final round and defeated them 2-0.

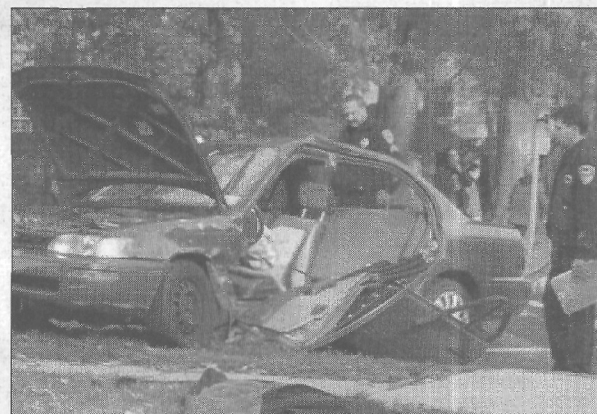
The championship round had them facing the No. 2 seed, Sayreville. Just five minutes into the game, senior center-midfielder, Meaghan Schweers fired in a shot to take them to a 1-0 lead. About a minute later, junior forward, Ngozi Oparake put the pressure on Sayreville when she scored the team's second goal. The third goal was collected by junior forward Amanda

Rastelli with less than three minutes remaining in the first half. Schweers added the final goal of the game early in the second half bringing the final score to 4-0.

The SPHS Field Hockey Team is number one in Middlesex County and they are ranked among the top 20 best field hockey teams in the state, moving up to 14<sup>th</sup> position. They will be facing Cranford on Friday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at home. (See page 12 for more on the SPHS Field Hockey team.)



Members of the SPHS Field Hockey team celebrate winning the GMC Tournament with Coach Fran Flannery.



## Two Injured in Auto Accident

Last Friday afternoon, minutes before Franklin School was about to dismiss their children, an auto accident on the corner of Clinton and Franklin sent two people to the hospital. Luckily no Franklin School children had reached the intersection when the accident occurred.

A 1993 Toyota Corolla operated by Alba Hernandez, 37, of South Plainfield, was struck by a 1992 Plymouth Voyager, operated by Glenn Rymer, 51, of North Plainfield. The Toyota was traveling west on Franklin Ave. when it was struck by the Plymouth, which was going northbound on Clinton Ave. The South Plainfield Fire Department had to extricate Hernan-

dez from her vehicle. She was treated at the scene by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and Mercy 6 paramedics and then transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, for treatment of internal injuries. Rymer was transported to Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield with minor injuries.

Also two young girls, ages 10 and 11, who were in Hernandez's vehicle, were treated at the scene and released to family members. All parties involved were wearing seatbelts and the airbags in both vehicles were deployed.

Hernandez was issued a summons for failure to stop or yield.



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## council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

**AGENDA MEETING** ..... **PUBLIC MEETING**  
Monday, December 9 ..... Thursday, December 12

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

## planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
Nov. 12, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Dec. 24 (no meeting)

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets on Thursdays  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19

## board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - Nov. 12, Dec. 10,  
Jan. 14, 2003, Feb. 11, March 11, April 1.  
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m. - Nov. 19, Dec. 17,  
Jan. 21, 2003, Feb. 18, March 18, April 8.

## taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at  
Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-668-0538

## site placement committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 19

## recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716  
Nov. 12, Dec. 3

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621  
Nov. 13, Dec. 11

## business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100  
Nov. 13 (second Wednesday)

## traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall  
Nov. 27, Dec. 18

# IN YOUR OPINION

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## To the Editor,

I am so sick and tired of reading about all Mayor Gallagher and his council have done for South Plainfield. He has taken a once beautiful town and turned into one that is starting to look like the honkey tonk highway of Rt. 22—too many strip malls, shopping centers (many with empty stores), gas stations, convenience stores, restaurants and housing developments. The traffic is awful. We already need more schools. As for the senior citizen center, don't forget the Mayor made a deal with Jack Morris in exchange for building the center. He will be allowed to build more houses. To say this Mayor was about open space is a joke.

As for the taxes never going up, if that is the case, then I think I want a refund for the extra money I have been paying.

THANK YOU,  
JULIE MIEHLE

## Letter to the Editor:

Sometimes being on both sides of the proverbial fence gives you a closer look at people's motives and real intentions. Between working in the schools and as a former Board of Education member, I've watched the on-going political maneuvering over every key administrative player in our school system. It was absolutely right on target for teacher Dec Falato to question the blatant politics behind searching for an outsider when we have perfectly capable insiders. It is wrong both morally and financially. There is no one more deserving than Dr. Kenneth May Ed.D. to be our next superintendent.

It is simply mean spirited and symptomatic of the ongoing power trips to deny one of our own administrators from being named "acting superintendent"—if only to pay back our leaders in order to build their resumes when the acting responsibilities or giving them the opportunity to showcase their skills. What reason could you possibly fool the community with that justifies renting a superintendent for \$650 per day? The community better start paying attention to how you really operate, and it's certainly not in the best interests of our kids!

PATRICIA DESANTIS

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## Letter to the Editor:

Hats off to Ms. Falato, Cooperative Education Coordinator at South Plainfield High School, for having the courage to publicly express her opinion about the superintendent vacancy and put her concern for the students of South Plainfield first. I wholeheartedly agree with her endorsement of Dr. May for the position of superintendent of schools.

As a parent, Dr. May has always been available to me to offer suggestions or render assistance. His dedication to the students of South Plainfield extends well beyond the school day; he is present at all school events and many community activities.

It is a shame that rather than immediately hire Dr. May to fill a position for which he has all the qualifications, that the Board has chosen to spend \$650 a day for an interim superintendent. This money could have been used to benefit our students in so many ways if the Board had looked to Dr. May to step in to a position where he has total familiarity with the school system, the staff, the students and the community. Dr. May has truly dedicated himself to the young people of South Plainfield, and I hope that the Board of Education will carefully consider this in their search for a new superintendent.

SINCERELY,  
LYNNE GASPARI

## Dear Editor:

I am nine years old and in fourth grade at Riley School. We borrowed books from the library last week and found out that they are trying to get new books for children and teens who don't have any of their own through a program called "Books For Keep." I did not know there were kids who do not have books of their own. Well, I found out there are lots of kids who don't have even ONE book of their own, and also won't get any new ones during the holidays.

Knowing this made me sad. We have tons of books at my house. I love to read. Books teach you things and bring you places you might never get to see otherwise. We can also learn about different people and cultures from books. This helps everyone get along better.

I went to the library Saturday and asked if I could help by telling everyone about "Books For Keep." They said yes, so I am asking every family in town to go to the South Plainfield Library before Dec. 15 and put \$1 in the "Books for Keep" jar on the counter. I am also asking each student in South Plainfield to bring a NEW book to the library and tell them it is for the "Books for Keep" program.

I can ask you to do this because I, a nine-year-old girl, am going to put \$10 of my own money in the jar and bring in five new books. I am sure that if you try you can find just one extra dollar in the next six weeks. You can get new books really cheap. I saw some at the bookstore for about \$3! Please bring NEW books. These will be given to children who have none. Their very first book of their own should be a new one. I bet with all the people in South Plainfield we can raise \$1,000 and 500 books by Dec. 15. We only have \$990 and 495 books to go!

THANK YOU,  
SARAH HAGEMAN

## To the Editor:

I had to laugh when I saw the small article in the *Observer* in which Mayor

Gallagher set a 7 p.m. curfew for trick-or-treat. As all parents know, all children, even the older ones, like to trick-or-treat, and I see no harm in setting a curfew. But 7 p.m.? Why not 8 p.m.? Let the kids have some fun this one time a year to dress up and get some candy.

So the Mayor wanted to set a curfew for Halloween; a small task. Do you think the Mayor can handle a bigger task, like stopping people speeding down my street? In my few dealings with the Mayor about the speeding on my street, I found him to be a person who can listen, but does not hear what the people of South Plainfield are saying.

Can he handle small problems such as a trick-or-treat curfew? Yes, I guess so. Can he handle bigger problems, such as the speeding cars and trucks in our town? No, I don't think so.

LESLIE AND BILL STEEG  
MAPLE AVENUE

## Letter to the Editor:

The SPHS girls' Field Hockey team played a very important game last Saturday at the Carol Espinosa field. This was for the Greater Middlesex Conference Championship. The Tigers had been runner-up for the past two years, but this year was different. Congratulations to Coach Fran Flannery, Asst. Coaches Tammy Zurka and Joanne Haus, and the entire team for winning a spectacular game. They are the 2002 GMC Conference CHAMPIONS!!!! They beat a tough Sayreville team 4-0. The girls stepped it up a notch and took control right from the beginning.

This letter is to congratulate the team and coaches, but more importantly, to thank the close to 300 fans who came out to support the 18-0-1 Tiger Field Hockey Team. It was great to see the usual parents and friends, but it was really nice to see members of the Football, Soccer, Cross-Country, Tennis and Gymnastics teams there to support their fellow classmates/athletes. It was also nice to have the "fan fare" of an announcer (Bill Cochrane), the singing of our National Anthem (senior Natasha Kurilew), decorations all over the field, horns and bells sounding off and plenty of media. It is always nice to see Board of Ed members, high school administrators and parents who don't have any children in the schools, there to support the winning Tigers. It was truly a Championship Day.

The GMC Conference president was there to present the trophies and shirts to both teams. The Tigers even took a victory lap (with hoods on) to the music used by the wrestling team when they entered the gym!

Congratulations again to the Tigers and all the fans for your support. The Tigers begin their state games today, Nov. 8, at home. See you there!

NORM LOENSER,  
FIELD HOCKEY PARENT AND FAN

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The Future Stars Preschool Parent Group presented teachers Sue Butrico and Patty Waters with a check for \$1,050. Following tradition, the Parent Group contributed money raised through fundraising. The check was presented by Bobbiejo Soper, president. Also present were Ellen Carlson, secretary; Gloria Moskowitz, vice president; Linda Skelley, second vice president and Frances Elsmann, treasurer. Not pictured is James Lenox, Director of Future Stars Preschool. The money is contributed to eight classrooms.

## Unity Bank to Customers: "Bear With Us"

When best selling author, John Naisbitt, coined the phrase "High-Tech/High-Touch," he probably wasn't thinking about bank conversions and Teddy bears, but that is exactly what Unity Bank has in mind.

"The decision to upgrade a bank's operating systems is inevitable," notes Tony Feraro, President and CEO of Clinton-based Unity Bank. "In order to bring customers the best in service and new products, all good companies go through this. It is one of those

excruciating processes that all successful companies must face in this high-tech era."

To complete the successful conversion, Unity Bank has announced that it will have to be closed on Saturday, Nov. 9 and Sunday, Nov. 10.

"We realize that this is an inconvenience for our customers. However, while many banks will be closed on Veterans' Day Monday, Nov. 11, Unity Bank will be open with all our new systems in place," Feraro continues.

To thank their customers for their "for-bear-ance," the bank is holding a drawing at each of their 12 offices for a bear from the "Build-A-Bear" Workshop.

"These workshops are so popular," states Kelly Stashko, the bank's communications officer. "At Build-A-Bear Centers, children and adults can create their own custom creature. They select the clothes and fur. They choose a sound chip to place inside their bear. They select stuffing, from soft to firm. Before the bear is stitched shut, a bar code is inserted, so if it's ever lost it can be reunited with its owner."

The bears, dressed in a patriotic theme to honor Veteran's Day, are on display at each branch. Winners can then take their bear to a Build-A-Bear Workshop, located in Bridgewater and Menlo Park Mall, to have them personalized and receive a "birth certificate."

Unity Bank also plans to offer specials on bank products, along with refreshments at each office during the last two weeks of November.

Unity Bank has offices in Clinton, Colonia, Edison, Flemington, Highland Park, Whitehouse, Linden, North Plainfield, Scotch Plains, South Plainfield, Springfield and Union.

## Rev. Stephenson and St. Peter by the Sea Returns to Sacred Heart in December

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society announced that Father Alphonse Stephenson and his 45-member symphony orchestra, *St. Peter by the Sea*, will be returning to Sacred Heart Church and performing a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 1.

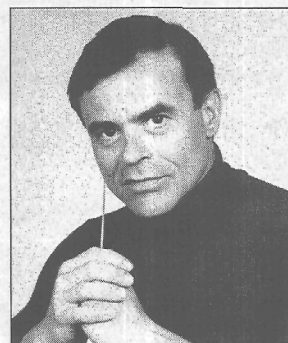
Rev. Stephenson and his orchestra performed last December to a sell-out crowd so order your tickets early.

Father Alphonse Stephenson is well-known for his versatility—part maestro, part comedian and part priest.

Born in Paterson in 1950, Father Alphonse has a long and impressive background in music, studying under George Schick of the Metropolitan Opera and Dr. Robert Abramson of Juillard School. He has served as guest conductor at Fresno Philharmonic, Delaware Valley Philharmonic and many other orchestras.

Stephenson's first orchestra was formed in New York's Theatre District while he served at St. Malachy's, the Actors' Chapel. In 1980, Michael Bennett, the late Broadway director and choreographer, hired him as conductor and music director for his smash hit, *A Chorus Line*. He conducted nearly 3,000 performances of the famous musical.

He is also the founder and conduc-



Father Alphonse Stephenson

tor of the *Festival of Atlantic* in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey's largest outdoor music festival. Father Alphonse also entertains his audience with his good cheer and charisma.

*St. Peter by the Sea* consists of 45 members who have 750 years of study and performed over 57,000 concerts and recitals.

The Dec. 1 performance takes place at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. The concert promises to be another big hit; get your tickets now.

General admission is \$25; students and seniors are \$20. Ticket information can be obtained by calling (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.

## Recycling Center Closed For Veterans Day Holiday

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 12, because of the Veterans Day holiday weekend. It will be open instead on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

The Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. The regular winter schedule at the Recycling Center is: Tuesdays 12 noon to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Yard Waste Site, which is open for leaf collection during November, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11. Yard Waste will be open

the rest of the week from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

## Extra 'Beach Boys' Tickets Available

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community has extra tickets for sale to see the Beach Boys Holiday Concert at the STATE Theatre in New Brunswick on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. Great Seats. Cost is \$50 per ticket.

If interested call, Carrie George at 755-8429.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

South Plainfield's Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 26. The Annual Thanksgiving Worship Service is sponsored by the South Plainfield Clergy Group.

On behalf of the clergy group, Pastor John Alvarado would like to welcome each and every resident to Sacred Heart Church at 7:30 p.m. Reverend Dr. Irene Campbell will be the speaker for the evening, with other clergy members participating in other ways.

As always, there will be special music from a combined choir. Choir Directors Alice Kovach, Jim Hor-

vath, Tom Baker and Esther Crowley are working to assure that the musical program that will be a blessing to all.

At this time of the year when we give thanks to God for the blessings we have received, we will take time to show in a tangible way our thanksgiving. An offering will be taken to benefit FISH Ministries, a local ministry to the homeless. Please bring a non-perishable food product which will be forwarded to a local food shelf.

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# Events

## Suburban Woman's Club Meeting

November 7

The November meeting of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7 starting at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Road.

This month's speaker will be Ann Flood. Her topic will be "Buttons: Miniature Works of Art."

Women interested in attending should call (908) 754-7410 for further information.

## SPHS Class of 1982 Reunion

November 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1982 announced that plans are underway for their 20 year reunion. The date is Saturday, Nov. 9.

If you have a new address or know of other classmates' whereabouts, contact Rosanne Demico-Iardo at (732) 878-9877. For reunion information, log onto [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com).

## Polish Home Sponsors Atlantic City Trip

November 10

The Polish Home on New Market Ave. is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City's Caesar's Palace on Sunday, Nov. 10. Bus leaves the parking lot at 11 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person with a \$13 coin return.

## SPHS Booster Club Meeting

November 12

The next meeting of the SPHS Athletic Booster Club is Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. We will be discussing our upcoming "Sports Auction" on Nov. 16, coaches requests for help and other issues involving our student athletes. Everyone is welcome! Come join us!

## Historical Society Mtg.

November 12

The next regular meeting of the Historical Society is Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in SPHS library.

Nominations for new officers will be taken. Voting of new officers takes place at the December meeting. The public is invited.

## What's happening in NOVEMBER

Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
(908) 754-1047

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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## Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Nov. 14 - Twin City Pharmacy</b> Generic & Brand Name Prescription Medicine, Related Topics <b>Dec. 23 - Openings Available-Christmas Show-</b> Hunterdon Hills Playhouse			7	8
<b>EVENTS</b> Veteran's Day Closed 11	Bingo 10AM-2PM Blood Pressure 10am-Noon Flu Shots 5:30-7:30 12	Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45 Movie 11:30 AARP Crafts 1 PM AARP Board Meeting 2PM 13	Shopping at Pathmark 9AM Practical Crafting 10-11AM Twin City Pharmacy 1-2 PM Practical Crafting 10-11AM 14	Bingo 10AM-2PM Pizza Lunch 11:30 AM Listening to Children 9:30AM-12:30PM 15
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				

For information call Bill Tuthill at 756-9654.

## VFW Plans Chicken Paprikash Dinner

November 15

The VFW located on Front St. will be holding a Chicken Paprikash Dinner from 5-8 p.m. Donation is \$7.

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

## AARP Chapter #4144 Meeting

November 18

AARP chapter #4144 of So. Plainfield will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 18 in the new Senior Citizen Center at 90 Maple Ave. at 12:30 p.m. Mike Pante, Emergency Medical Coordinator of St. Peter's Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center will give a presentation on "When EMS arrives at your home." This information is not only important, but informative also. All of us NEED to know this.

## St. Stephen's to Hold Chinese Auction

November 16

St. Stephen's Orthodox Church, 609 Lane Ave. will hold their First Annual Chinese Auction on Nov. 16.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. for browsing and the auction calling will begin precisely at 7:30 p.m.

Admission charge is \$5, which includes dessert, coffee and door prizes. Join us for a fun evening and shop for your holiday gifts. There will be beautiful theme baskets, small appliances, jewelry, toys, bed and bath items, sundries and much more. Advanced tickets only. Call Rosemary (973) 635-2797 or Beba (908) 654-4914.

## SPHS Athletic Booster Sports Auction/Raffle

November 16

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club will be holding a Sports Auction-Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 16. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door and include 25 tickets. Prizes include, Giants and Rutgers tickets, autographed balls, sports theme baskets, bicycle and television.

For tickets call (908) 753-1341 or (908) 757-5691.

## Fashion Show at Fashion Bug

November 16

Women across the country will take to the runway on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. for the Holiday 2002 chain-wide fashion show hosted by Fashion Bug.

Women of all sizes are encouraged to become a model for a day by signing up at the Fashion Bug, located in the Golden Acres Shopping Center on Oak Tree Rd.

For info, call 1-888-298-8284.

## Chaumont Post 243 Bus Trip to Resorts

November 17

On Sunday, Nov. 17, Chaumont Post 243 will sponsor a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City.

Bus leaves the Post at 9 a.m. sharp. The cost is \$20 with \$13 back from the casino.

Beer, soda, sandwiches, prizes.

## Knights of Columbus Open House

November 19

Knights of Columbus and Cumbiettes of South Plainfield Council #6203 cordially invite you to an Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Knights of Colum-

bus Hall located just off Hamilton Blvd. (across from Pizza Stop), one block from New Market Ave.

We are looking for families for membership in the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Have fun, make friends and support your church and community. What could be more rewarding? Refreshments will be served.

For more info, please call Zig Sutor at (908) 755-9708.

## Sacred Heart Advent Wreath Workshop

November 22

The Sacred Heart HSA invites all students and families of our school and parish to come and begin their holiday by making an advent wreath for the coming Christmas season on Nov. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart School cafeteria. The cost is \$15 per wreath (all supplies included).

Christmas ornament kits will also be available at a cost of \$1 each (please bring smock, paint will be used).

## Historical Society Hosting Lenape Culture Program

November 24

On Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. the South Plainfield Historical Society will host a free program entitled, *Lenape Culture: An introduction to Native American life in New Jersey*. This family program will be held at the South Plainfield Library and was offered by The New Jersey Council for The Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for The Humanities.

Beverly Friend, a Lenape Indian and a member of the Cherokee Nation will be presenting this program. Friend received cultural instruction from her mother and maternal grandparents and other members of the Cherokee Nation. She was a protege of James "Lone Bear" Revey, Partner chairman of the New Jersey Indian Office. Revey is buried in the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown on New Market Road. In addition to discussing Lenape daily life, beliefs, and culture, Friend will bring authentic artifacts, crafts and clothing including a bear skin rug. The views expressed by Friend are hers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the New Jersey Council for The Humanities or the National Endowment for The Humanities.

## SPJB Night of Holiday Shopping

November 24

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's Womens Auxilliary is holding a Night of Holiday Shopping at Menlo Park Mall on Nov. 24 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It is a special night with shopping discounts, entertainment and events.

Ticket price is \$8 and can be purchased at the Baseball Complex in the clubhouse during registration.

## — Out of Town —

## Tricky Tray Auction

November 8

Koinonia Academy, 1049 Plainfield Ave. in Plainfield will hold a Tricky Tray Auction on Friday, Nov. 8 starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 and includes 25 tickets and dessert.

For info, call (908) 754-8505.

## Union Catholic Holiday Craft Fair & Gift Market

November 9

The holiday craft fair and gift market sponsored by the Parent Guild of Union Catholic High School will be held Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the UC campus at 1600 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.

More than 125 vendors, quality crafted, handmade items, new merchandise for the coming holiday season celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Light refreshments will be available.

Ample parking is available on the UCHS campus. The building is handicapped accessible at the gym entrance.

## Holiday Gift Auction at Resurrection Church

November 10

Resurrection of Christ Church, 649 Bound Brook Rd., Dunellen will hold a Holiday Gift Auction on Sunday, Nov. 10. Doors open at noon. Drawing begins at 2 p.m. Donation is \$5. Variety of items include, toys, perfume, jewelry, holiday items, etc.

For information, call (732) 873-1731 or (732) 752-5741.

## Psychiatrist To Discuss Mood Disorders

November 13

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (formerly the First NJ Depressive and Manic Depressive Support Group) monthly lecture meeting on Nov. 13 will feature Ivan Goldberg, M.D., noted psychopharmacologist.

The organization's educational meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd.

For info, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

## Woodbridge Area WOWS Dance/Social

November 17

The Woodbridge Area Widows or Widowers (Wow) will be holding a dance/social on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Live band and refreshments. Cost is \$8. Call (732) 297-1775.

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## Pets Compete in Halloween Contest



Photos by Patricia Abbott

Several South Plainfield residents and their furry friends took prizes in the Halloween Costume Contest at the PetSmart store in Watchung Square Mall in Watchung.

Isabel Mejia and her dog Jasmine placed in the Prettiest category. Jasmine wore a Jeanie costume. Lory and Bob Alcaro and their dog Cody took home a prize in the Most original category. Cody was dressed as a clown. Also placing in the Most Original category was Chandler decked out as a bumble bee. Chandler is owned by Marie Devries.



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus held its annual "Kids Halloween Party" on October 30 at the Knights hall. The event was planned by Knights Mark O'Brien and Jim Shea.

## Robots at Riley School

Riley School students received an educational program on "Our World of Robotics", presented by Mobile Ed Productions, Inc.

The children learned the relationship between the exploding world of computers and robotics. A prototype robotic arm demonstrated its abilities by removing a pen from its performer's pockets.

Through the World of Industrial Robots the students were guided into their homes, where the hero junior robot enchanted the students, using sensors while moving around the room, playing games and interacting with selected student volunteers. It sang, recited poems and even guarded a child's room. Max Steele, a toy robot, allowed everyone a glimpse at our future and how highly interactive our lives can be with these remarkable instruments. This presentation was sponsored by the PTSO.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for news from the South Plainfield Library:

The Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday in honor of Veteran's Day.

We'll stay with our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. These programs are for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. And, coming up on Monday, Nov. 18, we have a special Kidcraft program at 6:30 p.m. It's for children ages six and over; please sign up in advance for this program. If you'd like more

information, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

On Tuesday morning at 10:30, we'll have our next Job Information Center class, "Resumes and Cover Letters". The class is presented free of charge, but space is limited so pre-registration is needed.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.


The latest group of Circuit videos and DVDs is now available. November titles include *Bounce*, *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, *Air Bud*, *Some Like it Hot*, *Training Day* and, on DVD, *Moulin Rouge*. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

Once again, the Library is collecting donations for the Books to Keep program. Books to Keep, a program of the Libraries of Middlesex and Middlesex County College Library, provides books to needy children during the Holiday season. For information about how to donate, please stop by the Circulation Desk.

It just seems like the Holiday shopping season starts earlier every year. Your kids probably haven't finished up their Halloween candy and here we are presenting you with gift ideas. Library gift items are now featured on our display wall. Library tote bags are now available for \$10 each. We're also doing a clearance sale for Summer Reading Club T-shirts; they go for \$5 each. Please check for available sizes. Finally, we have Library sweatshirts for \$15 each. These last items must be ordered; stop by the main desk for ordering information. Also, please make sure you're ordering the proper size, as there will be no exchanges or refunds. And don't forget about the reduced November prices for the Friends of the Library Book Sale: All sale books are priced at 15 cents each, two for 25 cents or ten for \$1, with sale videos priced at 50 cents each.

And, finally, this note: To make better use of our available space (and to keep you patrons on your toes), we've made a change in our internal arrangement. Paperback books are now found on the shelves next to the public photocopier, right by the stairs. The Foreign Language Circuit books, previously kept on those shelves, are now found on the shelves at the top of that stairway, next to the fan. If you're still having trouble finding them, ask a staff member for help.

That's about all for this week. See you next Friday.



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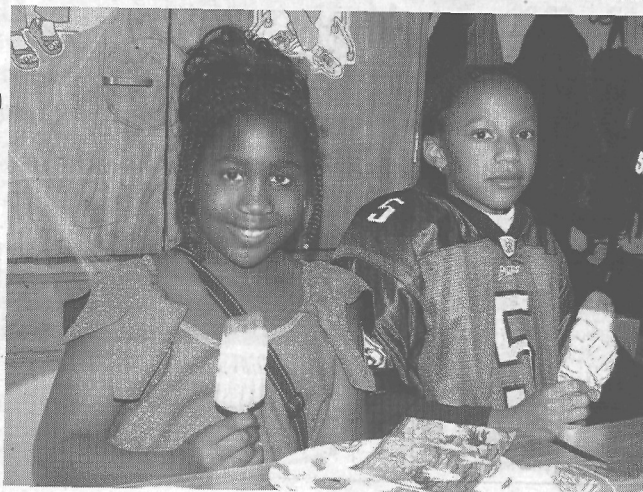
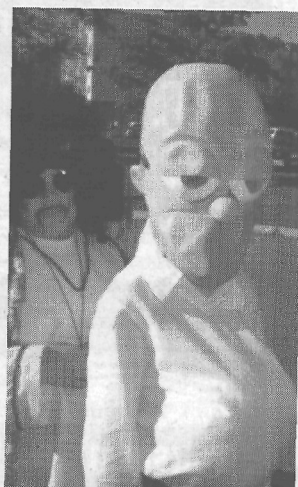
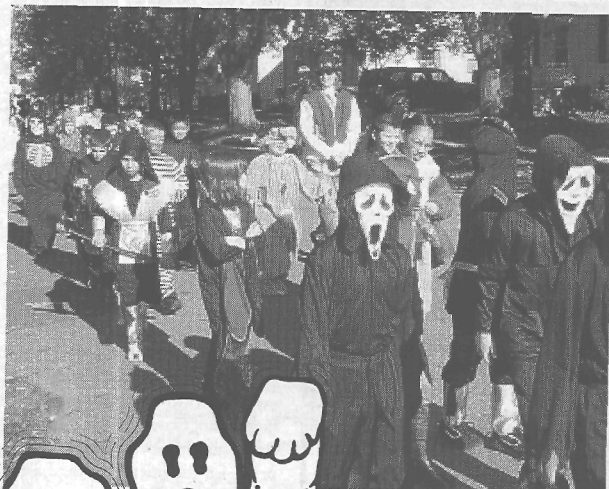
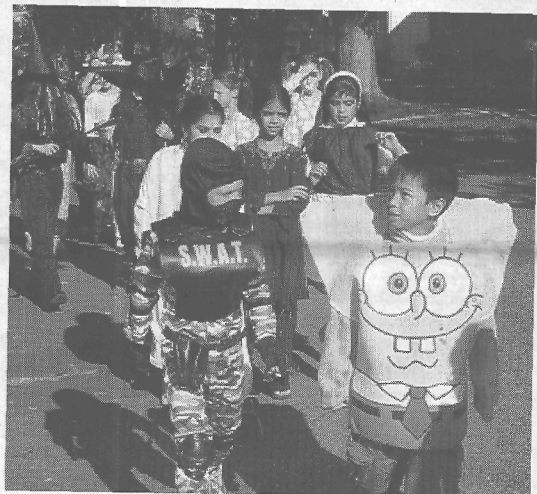
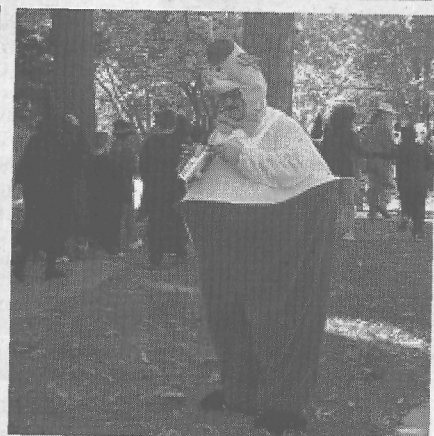
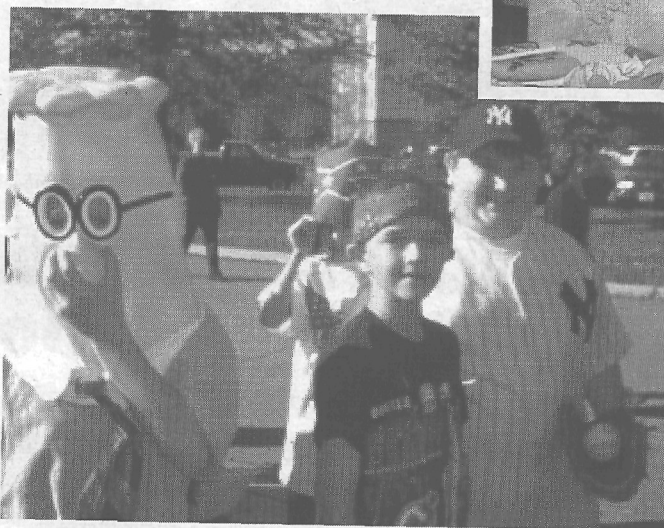
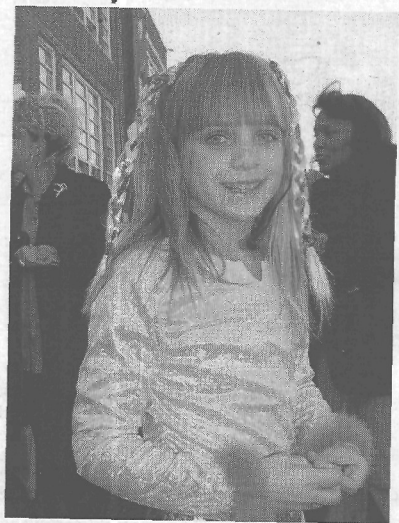
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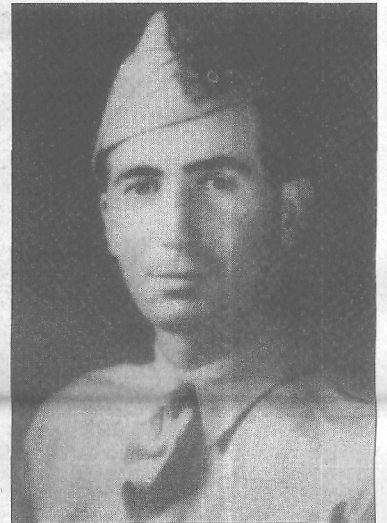
## Veteran's Day Ceremonies

will be held at the VFW on  
Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m.  
The public is invited to attend.



SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

# Borough's New Street Signs Honor South Plainfield's Fallen Heroes



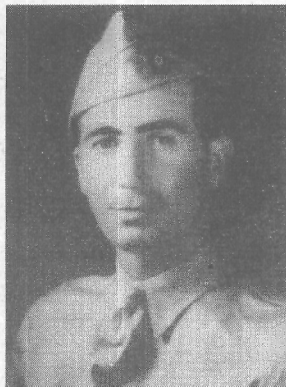
A ceremony was held by Mayor Dan Gallagher and Borough Council honoring those gallant men who gave their lives fighting for our freedom on Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Municipal Building. Over the years, 29 streets have been named in honor of those men who died in the line of duty. Twenty-nine new street signs have been made and adorned with a flag and gold star to replace the present street signs around town. Families of these heroes were presented with a duplicate of the original sign for their own memorials.



We would like to thank Rudy Poczak, of VFW Post #6763 and Joseph Penyak of the American Legion Post #243 for their assistance in gathering the information on these Veterans.

***Our Veterans Deserve Our Respect and Our Thanks. Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11.***





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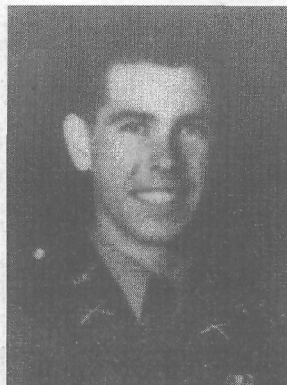
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Lt. Francis Gubernat, Jr.



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Pfc. Donald Ranger



Pfc. Anthony P. Schillaci, Jr.



Pfc. William F. Skene, Jr.



S 1/C Michael Tooz

**Sgt. Antonio Bianculli-WWII**  
Sgt. Antonio Bianculli lived on New Market Ave. in the Borough of South Plainfield. Sgt. Bianculli had three brothers, Fred, Nicholas and Angie. He was killed while serving his Country during World War II. Bianculli Ave. is off Rahway.

**Pfc. Fred Bolliger-WWII**  
Pfc. Fred Bolliger was born in Brooklyn, New York. His family relocated to South Plainfield and resided at 1621 Clinton Ave., where Fred lived with his parents and one sister. He attended the elementary school system in South Plainfield and North Plainfield High School, where he played on the football team. He was one of the original members of the Blue Streaks football team in Dunellen. He entered the Army on February 12, 1941. Pfc. Bolliger received several combat infantry medals for campaigns with the Fifth Army in North Africa and Italy. He was with the 91st "Powder River" Division when he was killed on April 17, 1945. The body of this young soldier was returned to the family in November, 1948. Veterans of Foreign War Post #6763 and the American Legion Post #243 held memorial services for Pfc. Bolliger on November 16, 1948. Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Church and interment was at Lake Nelson Memorial Park in Piscataway. Bolliger Way (off Kenyon Ave.) is named after this fallen hero.

**Pfc. John Caffrey-WWII**  
Pfc. John Caffrey was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Caffrey, who lived at 125 Lakeview Ave. He was born on March 1, 1924 and attended Grant School and attended North Plainfield High School. He later worked for Calco Company in Bound Brook. Pfc. Caffrey entered the Army in Feb. 1943. He was killed on June 1, 1944, while trying to land on a beach near Anglo, Italy. He was one of three young residents of Lakeview Ave. who gave their lives in

World War II. The others were Robert Frase and Carmine DeSepio. The body of Pfc. Caffrey was returned to his family and, after services at Sacred Heart Church, he was buried at Holy Redeemer Cemetery. He was survived by his parents, a brother, James Caffrey Jr., who was serving in the U.S. Air Force, and a sister, Mary Caffrey Diamond. Caffrey Terrace (off Park Ave.) is named after this young hero.

**Pfc. Robert N. Carbray-Korea**  
Pfc. Robert N. Carbray lived on Golf Ave. with his parents. He attended Grant School and enlisted in June of 1951. After basic training, he was shipped to Japan, arriving there on Sept. 24, 1951. A letter to his mother dated Sept. 26 told of his arrival in Korea and his imminent departure for the front. Carbray was killed in action on Sept. 28, after spending just two days in Korea and less than four months in the army. He was buried with full military honors at Holy Redeemer Cemetery. Carbray Court (off Durham Ave.) was named in honor of this young hero.

**Henry L. Case M.M. 2/C-WWII**  
Case Drive (off Oak Tree Ave.) was named after Henry L. Case, Motor Machinist Mate Second Class. Case was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Case, who resided at 159 Hamilton Blvd. Henry Case enlisted in the Navy on his 17th birthday. He served on the battleship U.S.S. New York and the carrier U.S.S. Hornet. Seaman Case was aboard the U.S.S. Hornet when it was hit during the Battle of Midway. He also served on the submarine Tulip Wheel, which was damaged by enemy fire. Seaman Case was then transferred to the submarine U.S.S. Grayback, which disappeared in Feb. 1944 after sinking nine ships while on patrol in enemy waters. According to Japanese records, a carrier plane sunk a submarine cruising on the surface of the Pa-

cific near Okinawa on February 26, 1944. The Grayback was the only submarine in that area. Seaman Case was declared missing in action on March 28, 1944 and after one year, was listed as killed in action. He received the American Campaign Medal, the Pacific Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, as well as a commendation from the Navy. His older brother Paul and younger brother Jeroud also served in the Navy.

**Pfc. George "Dutch" Celentano-Bay of Pigs**  
Pfc. George "Dutch" Celentano was born on July 12, 1942 and resided at 307 Oak Tree Ave. in the Borough of South Plainfield. He attended Grant School and then South Plainfield High School, before entering the Marines in 1960. Pfc. Celentano was stationed in Vieques, Puerto Rico during the conflict of the Bay of Pigs, when he was struck and killed by friendly fire on Memorial Day in 1961. Pfc. Celentano was 19 at the time of his death. He was survived by his father, mother, three brothers and three sisters.

**S 1/C Robert Cook-WWII**  
Sgt. First Class Robert Cook was killed during World War II. Cook was a Seaman First Class in the Navy. He attended South Plainfield public schools and was a boy scout. He enlisted in the Navy and was serving aboard a destroyer in the Pacific when he was killed. Cook Lane (off Durham Ave.) was named in honor of this young hero.

**S/Sgt. Paul Cybowski-WWII**  
Staff Sgt. Paul Cybowski was the son of the late Paul and Lenora Cybowski, who lived at 645 Spicer Ave. He was born Sept. 22, 1917. He attended Roosevelt School, after which he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1934-1936. He then worked at Cornell-Dubiler, located on Hamilton Blvd. He enlisted in the Army in March of 1942. Staff Sgt. Cybowski was serv-

ing with the 14th Air Force under the command of General Claire Chennault and the "Flying Tigers." He was assigned as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber, which had a crew of 10. On Sept. 15, 1943, his plane was shot down while on a mission over French Indochina. He was first reported missing and then declared killed in action. After the war, one of the five survivors of his plane came to visit the Cybowski family and informed them that on that fatal mission nine B-24s took off, but only two of them returned because of mechanical problems. The remaining seven were enroute to the bombing target when they were attacked by approximately 50 Japanese fighter planes (Zeros). Staff Sgt. Cybowski was still firing his guns as the plane had to make an emergency landing in a rice paddy. The five survivors were taken prisoner. Staff Sgt. Cybowski's body was never recovered. His family received a Purple Heart in his honor. He was survived by his parents, a brother, Adolph and four sisters, Estelle, Helen, Lucille and Jean. Cybowski Court (off Joan St.) is named in his honor.

**Pfc. Carmine DeFillipo-WWII**  
DeFillipo Drive is named after Carmine DeFillipo, a World War II Army private who lived at 205 South Plainfield Ave. The son of Francis and Nunzio DeFillipo, he attended Borough schools. DeFillipo was stationed with the Company B 294th Engineers and helped to build a bridge over the Seine River in France. The bridge was unofficially named Dinah Shore. He was wounded in Germany and died at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D.C. on Oct. 2, 1945. He was 20 years old. His three sister, Mary Timko, Dea DeFillipo and Theresa Fallat live in South Plainfield.

**Pfc. Carmine DeSepio-WWII**  
DeSepio Ave. is named after Carmine DeSepio, a World War II Army

private who lived at 155 Lakeview Ave. The son of Alfonso and John DeSepio, he attended Grant School and graduated from North Plainfield High School in 1938. Pfc. DeSepio was killed on July 24, 1944 in St. Lo, France. He is buried in Beverly Veterans Cemetery in Beverly, New Jersey. DeSepio had five brothers, who also served in the military. His brother John Jr. was a prisoner of war. Pfc. DeSepio was married and had a son, Carmine Vincent, who lives in California.

**M/Sgt. Pasquale Famularo-WWII**  
M/Sgt. Pasquale Famularo lived on Hillside Ave. in the Borough of South Plainfield. He attended Roosevelt School. Famularo was killed while serving his Country during World War II.

**Lt. Robert Frase-WWII**  
Lt. Robert Frase lived on Lakeview Ave. in the Borough of South Plainfield. He was active in the Volunteer Fire Company and attended South Plainfield's local schools. He was paratrooper in the service. Lt. Frase was killed while serving his Country during World II.

**Pfc. Donald Fredericks-WWII**  
Pfc. Fredericks was killed while serving his Country during World War II.

**Sgt. Edward Gruszcynski-WWII**  
Sgt. Edward Gruszcynski was killed during World War II. Gruszcynski Way (off New Durham Rd.) was named in honor of this young hero.

**Lt. Francis Gubernat, Jr.-WWII**  
Gubernat Drive was named after Francis (Frank) Gubernat, Jr., a World War II Air Force Lieutenant who lived at 407 Maple Ave. The son of Frank and Katherine Gubernat, he was born Sept. 9, 1919. He entered the service on Feb. 12, 1942 and was killed on





Pfc. George "Dutch" Celentano



S 1/C Robert Cook



S/Sgt. Paul Cybowski



Pfc. Carmine DeFillipo



Pfc. Carmine DeSepio



Pfc. Theodore Jankoski



Area 3/C John H. Libourel



Lt. Myron Morrill



Pfc. Vincent Nunnink



S 1/C Leonard J. Piersante



John Vakerich S 1/C



Pfc. Carl C. Wenzel



Pfc. Patrick Yurgel



Pfc. Joseph Zwolak

March 29, 1944 during a bombing mission over Stuttgart, Germany. Lt. Gubernat was the co-pilot of a B-17 in the 401st Bomber Squadron, 91st Bomb Group. He attended the former Grant School and graduated from North Plainfield High School in 1938, where he excelled in football and wrestling. Lt. Gubernat learned to fly at Hadley Airport (now Middlesex Mall). He is buried in Henri-Chapelle Cemetery, Belgium.

#### Pfc. Theodore Jankoski WWII

Jankoski Court (off Durham Ave.) is named after Theodore Jankoski, 25, a World War II Army Private, who lived at 211 New Market Ave. The son of Anthony and Cecilia Jankoski, he was born on May 10, 1919 and attended Roosevelt School. His family owned a butcher shop on the corner of Hamilton Blvd. and Spicer Ave. Pfc. Jankoski served with the 47th Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. He was killed in action on July 12, 1944 at St. Lo, France. He is buried in Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield. Pfc. Jankoski was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and several other medals. Pfc. Jankoski had six brothers, who also served in the military during World War II.

#### Area 3/C John H. Libourel WWII

Area Third Class John H. Libourel was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Libourel, who lived at 1213 New Market Ave. He attended grade school in Brooklyn and graduated North Plainfield High School in 1939. John Libourel entered the navy shortly after high school. Naval tradition carries on the names of ships that have succumbed in battle. The first U.S.S. Lexington was sunk on May 8, 1942 during the Battle of the Coral Sea. John served aboard the new air craft carrier U.S.S. Lexington during the Battle of Leyte Gulf, which ended in victory on Oct. 26,

1944. The Lexington then was participating in the air attack on the Manila Bay area when she was attacked by suicide, "Kamikaze" planes. Area 3/C John H. Libourel was killed in action by one of those planes. He was 22 years old. His sister Mildred served in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WACs), his brother Harold was with the Army in France. Libourel Road (near Kenyon Ave.) is named after this fallen hero.

#### Lt. Myron Morrill-WWII

Lt. Myron Morrill was killed during World War II. Morrill Drive (off Park Ave.) was named in honor of this young hero.

#### Pfc. Vincent Nunnink-WWII

Pfc. Vincent Nunnink lived on New Market Ave. in the Borough of South Plainfield. Pfc. Nunnink attended Roosevelt School. He graduated from North Plainfield High School in approximately 1937. Pfc. Nunnink was killed while serving his Country during World War II.

#### S 1/C Leonard J. Piersante Korea

Piersante Way, named in honor of Navy Seaman Leonard J. Piersante, has just recently become a reality, with the construction of the Traditions Complex. Korean War Navy Seaman First Class Leonard J. Piersante was born in 1931 and raised on Hancock Street. He graduated from Roosevelt School in 1945 and from North Plainfield High School in 1949. He entered the Navy in 1951 and died March 22, 1953, while on duty in a patrol bomber over the Caribbean Sea. The plane went down in the water and no trace of the plane, nor the nine men on board, were ever found. A marker was placed by the Navy at Holy Redeemer Cemetery, where Mr. Piersante's mother and father are buried.

#### Sgt. Michael Puha-WWII

Sgt. Michael Puha lived on Pine St. in the Borough of South Plainfield. He had four brothers. He attended Grant School and later graduated from North Plainfield High School in 1941. He was a volunteer firefighter in South Plainfield and was a four-letter man in sports. Sgt. Puha enlisted in the service in 1943 and volunteered to go overseas. Sgt. Puha was killed by a sniper on Feb. 9, 1945, one month before the war ended.

#### Pfc. Donald Ranger-WWII

Ranger Street is named after Donald G. Ranger, 23, a World War II Army Private who lived on Windrew Ave. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Ranger, Sr. was born in Elizabeth on August 22, 1921, shortly before his family moved to South Plainfield. He attended Willis and Roosevelt schools. In 1940 he graduated from North Plainfield High School, where he was a member of the football, track and wrestling teams. He went on to East Stroudsburg University, where he continued to play football. In 1941, he earned an intercollegiate wrestling championship title. Donald Ranger enlisted in the Army in July of 1942, leaving school at the beginning of his junior year. He received his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was assigned first to the artillery and later served with the Rangers. He was killed in action in Holland in December of 1944 and is buried there.

#### Pfc. Anthony P. Schillaci, Jr. Korea

Pfc. Anthony P. Schillaci, Jr. lived on the 300 block of Randolph Ave. in the Borough of South Plainfield. Pfc. Schillaci was killed while serving his Country during the Korean War.

#### Pfc. William F. Skene, Jr WWII

Pfc. William F. Skene, Jr. lived on South Clinton Ave. in the Borough of

South Plainfield. Pfc. Skene attended Grant School and graduated from North Plainfield High School in 1935. Pfc. Skene was killed while serving his Country during World War II.

#### Michael Tooz S 1/C-WWII

Seaman First Class Michael Tooz was the son of the late Mary and Stephen Tooz, who resided in a Harris Steel bungalow on New Market Ave. He was born July 14, 1921 in Brooklyn, NY. The family moved to Middlesex and then to South Plainfield, where he attended Roosevelt School and North Plainfield High School. He worked at Harris Steel before enlisting in the Navy in July of 1942. Seaman First Class Tooz took his basic training in Rhode Island and served for a short time at Newport News, Virginia. He was then assigned aboard the merchant ship SS Lancaster. The family of Seaman First Class Tooz received word that their son was missing in action on about Dec. 31, 1942 while on assignment with the SS Lancaster. The merchant ship was off the coast of Casablanca, a seaport in Morocco. The family did not know the details of his death or the final disposition of the ship. Michael Tooz was confirmed dead on May 29, 1943. His body has never been recovered. Besides his parents, Michael was survived by a younger sister, Mary "Tooz" Seider, who has worked for many years in the South Plainfield High School cafeteria. Tooz Place (off Ledden Terrace) is named in honor of this fallen hero.

#### John Vakerich S 1/C-WWII

Seaman First Class John Vakerich was the son of the late John and Ann Vakerich, who lived 10 Spring Lake Dr. (now Ritter Ave.). He attended Roosevelt School and after that worked at Cornell-Dubilier on Hamilton Blvd. He enlisted in the Navy in June of 1943 and received basic training at Newport, Rhode Island. Seaman Vakerich was then assigned aboard LST, whose main mission was transporting tanks to the

beach. His ship participated in the invasion of France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The ship returned twice to England for more tanks and personnel to land on the French coast. On the third crossing the ship's "screws" (propeller) picked up a German mine which exploded. Seaman Vakerich was killed in action on June 15, 1944. He was 19 years old. His remains were buried in England. The family had his body brought home to South Plainfield in 1947. His remains were honored by the American Legion Post #243 at the old McCarty House, where the Borough Municipal Building is located today. Following a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, he was laid to rest in Holy Redeemer Cemetery. His parents were later buried on each side of him. Besides his parents, the young seaman was survived by four brothers and four sisters. Two of his brothers served in World War II, Charles in the Navy and George in the Army. Vakerich Drive (off Joan St.) is named for him.

#### Pfc. Carl C. Wenzel-WWII

Pfc. Carl C. Wenzel was born in Yugoslavia, but grew up in South Plainfield. He and his parents lived in a Harris Structural Steel Co. bungalow. He attended Roosevelt School and was employed by Harris Steel. He married Laura Barton and they lived on New Market Ave. Wenzel entered the service on November 6, 1942 and was killed on December 14, 1944 during the invasion of the Philippine Islands at Leyte Gulf. He was buried with military honors in Holy Redeemer Cemetery. Wenzel Court (located in The Highlands Complex) was named after this fallen hero.

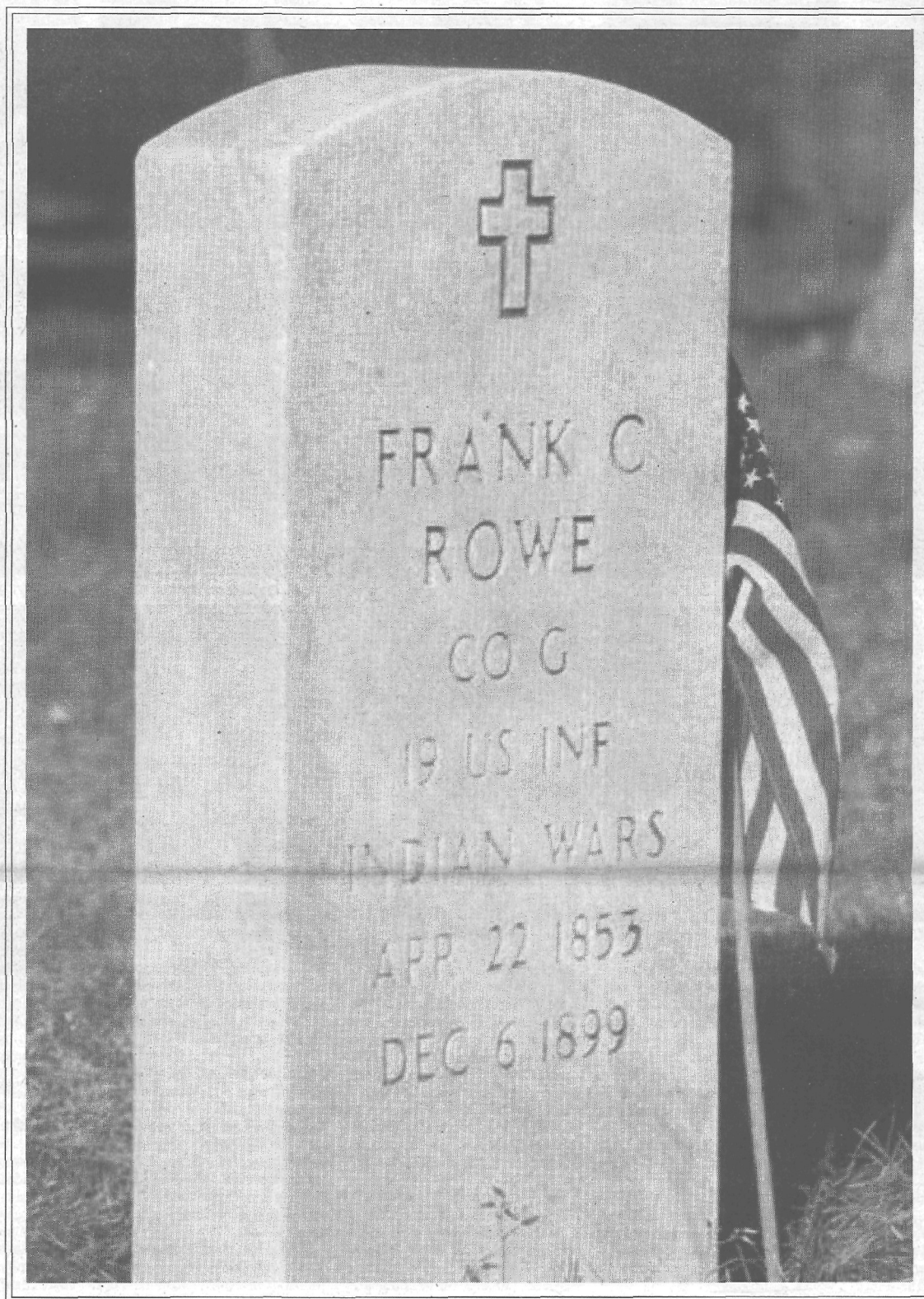
#### Pfc. Patrick Yurgel-WWII

Pfc. Patrick Yurgel was killed during World War II Yurgel Drive (off Durham Ave.) was named in honor of this young hero.

#### Pfc. Joseph Zwolak-WWII

Zwolak Court (off Wooden Ave.) was named after Pfc. Joseph Zwolak, son of the late Rose and Joseph Zwolak, who lived at 318 Belmont Ave.. He was one of nine children. Pfc. Zwolak was born on Oct. 11, 1917. He attended Roosevelt School and entered the Army on November 6, 1942. He was serving with the 1st Cavalry on Leyte Island in the Philippines when he was killed in action on February 23, 1945. He was buried on Leyte Island. He was the second South Plainfield serviceman killed on Leyte Island. The first was Sgt. Carl Wenzel, who was killed on Dec. 14, 1944. Pfc. Zwolak had three brothers serving in World War II. One brother, Frank, was a prisoner of war, in Germany. Members of the Zwolak family still live at 318 Belmont Ave.





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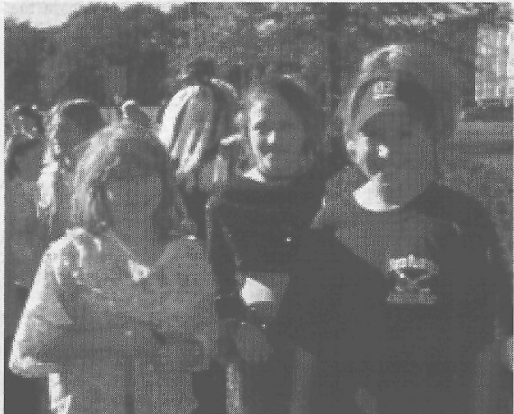
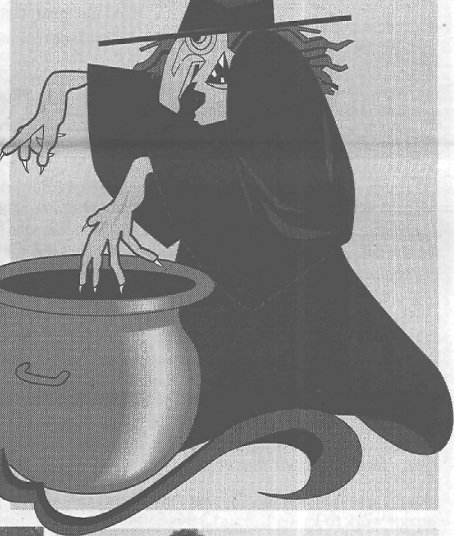
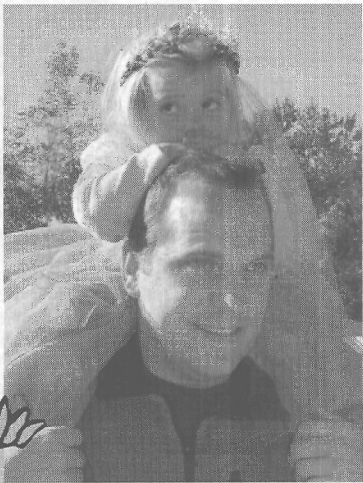
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# The Frights and Sights of Halloween





# Sports

## SOCCER

### SP Bullets Tie Metuchen Wizards, 1-1

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the South Plainfield Soccer Club Bullets U-9 boys traveled to Metuchen to avenge an early season loss to the Wizards, but managed only a 1-1 tie. In a match clearly dominated by the Bullets, it was the Wizards that struck first, capitalizing on a second quarter misplay in front of the Bullets goal. The first half closed with the score 1-0 in favor of the Wizards.

The third quarter saw the Bullets increase the offensive pressure, yielding a penalty shot that the Bullets failed to convert. Forwards Daniel Zwatschka, Tony Franczak, Kevin Flanagan, and Ryan Marcoux continually pressured the Metuchen goalie. Halfway through the quarter their perseverance paid off when Marcoux fed a perfect pass to Flanagan, who easily beat the Metuchen sweeper and goalie and fired home the game-tying goal.

The final five minutes of the match saw the Wizards come to life, managing third hard shots on Bullets keeper Steven Bichler, who responded like a seasoned veteran in thwarting the Wizard's rally. The Bullets defense of Nick Pleeter, Nicko Rivera, Daniel Lyew, John E. Cotone, Zachary Noll, and Albert Vill were outstanding in stopping the Wizards late game rally. With this tie the Bullets moved to 4-3-2 on the season.

Join the Bullets in their final game of the fall season when they host the Kenilworth Blue Dragons at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Kenneth Ave Field No. 2.

#### Bullets Split the Weekend

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the Bullets traveled to muddied Stony Brook Park in N. Plainfield to face a tough Wolverine squad. The poor field conditions made it difficult for either team to pass the ball effectively. A handball in front of the Bullets goal yielded a Wolverine penalty shot, which was converted for a 1-0 lead, the final score. Daniel Lyew and Tony Franczak were outstanding in goal, with Lyew stopping six shots and Franczak turning away another three.

Sunday's fair skies promised a better result and they delivered big time with a 4-0 win over the N. Brunswick Avalanche. The defense, having yielded a meager 10 goals all season, proved too much for the Avalanche as Nick Pleeter, Zachary Noll, John Cotone, Daniel Lyew and Albert Vill turned away every attack by the Avalanche. For the Bullets offense, the excitement was non-stop as Daniel Zwatschka, Steven Bichler, Kevin Flanagan, and Ryan Marcoux hammered the Avalanche defense throughout the match. Flanagan, who played defense all season, moved to offense and proved to be the spark that the Bullets needed.

The big story of the day, however, was Ryan Marcoux's four goals. With assists from Cotone and Swatschka, Marcoux opened the scoring in the second quarter. His aggressive play led to two more goals, both unassisted, in the third quarter.

### Back to Back Wins For Sonics

On Saturday Nov. 2, the Sonics U-10 traveling soccer team took on the Knights and played a make-up game at Watchung. The fans who withstood the cold wind and snow flurries were treated to an exciting match that was scoreless after three quarters. The Sonics pressed on. On the first corner kick in the fourth quarter, Danny Hunt sent a cross to Nick Okosko who put it in the net. A few minutes later, Nick Okosko passed to Danny Hunt who eluded three defenders and scored to put the Sonics up 2-0 to end the scoring for the day.

A tough Westfield squad came to the Sonics home field on Sunday morning, Nov. 3. A see saw first half saw the Meteors jump out to a 3-0 half time lead. The Sonics did some fine tuning at half time and wow! The third quarter saw the Sonics score three unanswered goals to tie the game 3-3. Scores were Will Mott, Steve Lanza and Danny Hunt all assisted by Dana Hunt.

Undaunted, the Meteors scored again to go up 4-3. On the Sonics kick off Steve Lanza scored off an assist from Dana Hunt to knot the score 4-4.

The final score of the match was scored by Danny Hunt off a ball collected in the right corner that was lofted into the goal and cleared a leaping goalkeepers hands to give the Sonics the go ahead goal 5-4. The final 10 minutes of the match saw a tenacious Sonics team not allow a single shot by the Meteors.

Goalkeepers for both games were Will Mott, Danny Hunt and Nick Ross. The Sonics defensive line was comprised of Shaun Alers, Luke Goitandia, Nick Ross and Danny Stico. Midfielders were Ryan Billich, Charlie Huber and Danny Hunt and Nick 'Tiyy while Mike Dispenziere, Dana Hunt, Steve Lanza and Nick Okosko played offense. Outstanding play by the entire team makes the Sonics current record 6-1-1. The last game of the fall season is November 10th away at Berkeley Heights. Keep up the great team effort Sonics!



Pictured left to right are Bob Besser, Bill Lane, Tom Casavani, Ralph Feh, Jack Kudrick and Joe Sosnak.

### 2002 LBI Presidential Cup Champions

Rutgers, Buena Vista and Ocean Acres were this year's golf course setting, where the Annual LBI Presidential Cup was held. A three day "Ryder Cup" format set the stage for an exciting 18½-17½ victory for the challengers.

The defending champions and this

year's runners-up were Jim Flannery, Dennis Steuwe, Frank Chirichillo, Jerry Durkin, Tom Creighton, Mike O'Brien and Bill Pavlak.

Jim Flannery's 262 three day total earned him top honors in the tournament while Jerry Kurick's 269 paced the Champions.

### SPHS FIELD HOCKEY By Sharon Miller

Congratulations Greater Middlesex County Champions. See page 1 story.

Week of November 3—With the excitement of the GMC championship behind them, the team must now focus and concentrate on the State Tournament. The team has once again earned the top seed, this time in the sectionals for North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3. The team faces no. 8 seeded Cranford on Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. on the Carol Espinosa field. The winner of this game will go on to play the winner of the Hightstown (seeded 5) and W. Windsor North (seeded 4) game also scheduled for the same day. The second round of play will take place on Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. with the Sectional Final taking place on Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. These games will be played at the field of the higher seeded team.

This year's team is the number one team in Middlesex County! They steadily climb in the Group 3 rankings as they take the number four position. The are ranked amonth the Top 20 best field hockey teams in the state as they move in to proudly capture the 14th position.

Come out in support of a wonderful team of players. You don't want to miss seeing this team play. They really are unbelievable. The best of luck to both players and coaches in the states. Go tigers! Rankings are as of Nov 6.



By Kevin Lykes

### juniorbaseballclubnotes

Registration for 2003 Season Nov. 14-16—Marge Reedy said, The Fall registration for the 2003 season will take place at the Clubhouse, located on Kenneth Ave., on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 14-15 from 6-9 p.m. Also Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All new participants must bring a birth certificate. As usual we are offering an early bird discount for those who register in the fall. Fees are \$75 for an individual player, \$105 for two players from the same immediate family, and \$125 for three or more players from the same immediate family. Unlike past seasons, Winter registration fees will be increased by \$20 per category, so we strongly urge all those considering playing next season to register early and take advantage of the early bird discounts. We will also be accepting sign-ups for managers, coaches and new umpires on these dates.

Once again we are inviting the parents of all incoming 8 year old players to attend a brief meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse, to meet the board and to get a better understanding of how the club works. To make things convenient, bring your child's birth certificate and we will accept eight year old registrations that evening.

Major Field Work Set for Sat November 9—We are planning to do some major work to Fields 1, 2 and 3 this Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. Time takes it's toll on these fields and every so often they require some attention to maintain the proper level of safety that we should all expect. Already all signs and wind screens have been taken down around the complex. Field 2 base paths have been repaired, and all fields have had a late fall fertilizer applied.

Major re-construction has begun on Field 4 by an outside company we have contracted with. The entire infield will be stripped, re-graded, a new infield mix put down, and re-sodded. A new mound will be built along with batter's boxes made of special clay specifically for that purpose. A drainage system will be installed in right field also. All this will restore Field 4 to a much safer condition, make it more enjoyable to play on and more bearable to inclement weather.

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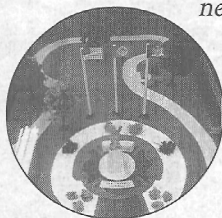
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# Sports

## South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagles Junior Midgets and Junior Pee Wees' to Play for Championship at SPHS

The regular season concluded on Sunday, Oct. 27, in West Orange.

The Junior Pee Wee's, who needed a win or tie to advance to the league championship, battled to a 0-0 tie against a once beaten West Orange team and are now officially the North Division Champions. They were originally scheduled to play this past Sunday against either the Hunterdon Hills Huskies or the Somerville Rams for the Mountain Valley Conference Junior Pee Wee League Championship.

The game is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. at South Plainfield High School. The Junior Pee Wees concluded the regular season with a 6-1-1 record. Congratulations to the players and coaches for a great season!

At the next level, The Junior Midgets won again on Sunday, Oct. 27, to finish the season unbeaten at 8-0. The final score was 18-6 as the team continued their winning ways by dominating their opponent in all areas of the game. To date, the defending North Division Champion Junior Midgets have outscored their opponents this year by a combined score of 210 to 78. They, too, will be playing on Wednesday of this week here at SPHS against the South Division Champs-Somerville Rams for the Mountain Valley Conference Junior Midget League Championship. There game was scheduled to start following the Junior Pee Wee game.

Congratulations to the players and coaches for an unbeaten season!



In a great finish, the Midgets won on a late interception return in the closing moments to beat West Orange, 12-7 and finished the season at 3-4-1.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches for a great year and best of luck to those players who move on to the high school level next year.

Speaking about high school football, at this past Friday's SPHS game vs.

Bishop Ahr, all SP Pop Warner cheerleaders and football players who wore their sweaters or jerseys were allowed in free to celebrate "Eagles Night." The Junior Pee Wees and Junior Midgets were honored between the first and second quarters for their accomplishments to date. The winners of the Mountain Valley Championship games will advance to the regional level and will play this weekend at Watchung Hills High School against the Central Jersey Champions at their respective levels. Please call the SP Pop Warner Eagles at (908) 753-6344 for an update on the results of the games held Wednesday night.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the fans, cheerleaders and the entire SP Pop Warner Board and to all the volunteers that made this year possible. The season ending bonfire held on Oct. 26, along with the entire year from the first day of practice on Aug. 1, has been tremendous and good experience for all. Your continued support and all the time and effort you've given is most appreciated and will not be forgotten.

### Important Upcoming Dates and Event

- Saturday or Sunday (Nov. 9/10) - Regional Championship Games at Watchung Hills H.S. (Please call the Eagles Clubhouse for game times and final details at (908) 753-6344.

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## IN YOUR OPINION

(Continued from page 2)

### To the Editor:

When Mrs. Jefferys puts herself on public display, as she did in the Sept. 13 issue of *The Observer*, she should understand that she invites criticism. Of course her earlier letter was "graded." Anyone with a high school education knows the importance of proof-reading published information for grammar, brevity and accuracy. It is the accuracy factor that I take issue with. While Mrs. Jefferys is technically correct that the physical education teacher in question was not certified in New Jersey, she has twice in publication misled the public about the situation. The teacher in question was always a "certified" teacher, having fulfilled all necessary requirements for that position in the State of Pennsylvania. The New Jersey regulation which resulted in this unfortunate situation became operational in January of 2000 - AFTER the P.E. teacher's graduation and certification in Pennsylvania, but before his New Jersey certification process was complete. Such a legal noose was obviously unintentional and the state has taken steps to address the issue. The New Jersey State Department postponed a decision several times over the past year. The action on the part of the state is the reason that administrators continued to submit a superb candidate to the Board for hire.

A particularly troubling aspect of Mrs. Jefferys' letter to the editor was the smug satisfaction she takes in the reprimand received from the Education Department. Perhaps Mrs. Jefferys would care to share exactly how the State Education Department came to have such detailed knowledge of the Board meeting in question. Her desire to pull down any and all who oppose her is truly frightening. Rather than allay public concern that she is on a witch-hunt, she has confirmed exactly that suspicion. In Mrs. Jefferys' Sept. 13 letter, she states that she has never used her position to intimidate teachers. She lied. As I stated publicly at the September Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Jefferys set out to intimidate and harass me last year. She used her position as a member of the Board of

Education to obtain copies of my class rosters and parent contact numbers; she set up clandestine meetings with parents to complain about me; she sought the backing of an administrator who has never seen me teach. All this was done, not as a parent, since I have never taught one of her children, but specifically as a member of the Board. Last year, in the interest of acting in a professional and courteous manner, I let the matter drop. I should have (and perhaps still can) institute ethics charges against Mrs. Jefferys. What she did was completely unprofessional. I was blindsided by her attack. She never spoke to me personally. By the way, I am extremely proud of my profession and the way in which I practice my craft. So proud, in fact, that during negotiations several years ago, I made an open invitation to Mr. Mikorski to shadow me for a week. To his credit, Mr. Mikorski did come in to observe several teaching periods over the course of a few days. I made the same offer at back to school night last year, but she hadn't the courage to visit, preferring to act in a malicious and cowardly manner. She is not prone to check her facts when it does not serve her purpose. She is a dangerous and vindictive person. Her membership on the Board of Education in this community sullies that dignified position.

SINCERELY,  
KATHLEEN ZODA

### To the Editor,

This is in response to Dawn Jefferys letter dated Oct. 25, 2002. You certainly do like to beat a dead horse, so we'll indulge you.

The first statement you made was that as a Board member it is your responsibility to ask questions before you cast a vote. We agree with and respect that belief. Since you're so good at asking questions, then tell us why you have failed to publicly question anyone else's credentials before casting your vote to hire them? Why have you failed to question the "extra" fees that it cost taxpayers for architect Scott Presco's "extra" studies regarding the new building project? Why have you failed to question and research so carefully the added costs of Sohexo to the taxpay-

ers (as compared to maintenance costs before the Board privatized the custodians)? Why have you failed to question the exorbitant legal fees that the Board incurred; and that the taxpayers had to carry over the last six and a half years? Did you ask those questions before you responsibly casted your vote? We know you never have.

Again, while you're so good at asking questions, you still haven't answered the questions about harassing Sean Mealy, about harassing Kathy Zoda in her classroom, as well as intimidating other faculty members. You still haven't answered questions about why people believe that you use your position to intimidate our educators.

Let's get back to Sean Mealy—contrary to what you have said, his certification most certainly was pending. You know as well as we do, that as a Board member, you voted to hire at least a half dozen staff members whose certifications were pending (in the past two years). Perhaps you can recall their names. If not I'll be happy to remind you privately, or you can simply reference the old Board minutes.

You go on to accuse the SPEA and me of blowing smoke in the eyes of the Board and Central Administration. Your hypocritical rhetoric and your audacity is appalling! If all you were concerned about was "certification" (or lack thereof), then why did you drag Sean Mealy through the mud publicly? You made ridiculous accusations about him, you maligned his integrity as a teacher and a coach and, to add insult to injury, you tried to bully him publicly. So Mrs. Jefferys, if this wasn't a witch hunt, what is?

Please don't insult our intelligence with your sanctimonious lectures on what a virtuous Board member you are. We are not as unsophisticated as you think. Also, please don't apologize for your poorly written letter. Since you have so little problem casting judgment on teachers, it would be naive of you to think that others aren't sitting in judgment of you. Remember the old adage—"People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

The next time you feel the need to say something to me or about me, try direct face to face communications.

DIANA JOFFE,  
SPEA VICE PRESIDENT

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## Obituaries

### Anthony E. Sepkowski, 84

Anthony E. Sepkowski died Wednesday, Oct. 30 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plymouth, Pa., Mr. Sepkowski had resided in Newark before settling in South Plainfield 44 years ago.

He had been employed as a bottler for the Budweiser Anheuser Busch Co. in Newark for 12 years before his retirement in 1983. He previously had been employed with the Ballentine Brewery Co. of Newark for 27 years. He was a member of the Teamsters Local #843 of Newark.

Mr. Sepkowski served with the Coast Artillery Battalion in the US Army during WWII serving in the European Theater. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze stars and the WWII Victory Medal.

He was a Life Member of the South Plainfield VFW Post #6763, the South Plainfield American Legion and was also a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He is predeceased by his wife Mary, who died in 1991 and his sister Lillian.

Surviving are three sons, Mark and his wife Cheryl of Bridgewater, Brian and his wife Carolyn of High Bridge and Eric of South Plainfield; a brother, Raymond of Kingston, Pa. and two granddaughters, Stephanie and Samantha.

Funeral Services were held under the direction of McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Stuart H. Rea, Sr., 80

Stuart H. Rea died on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Genesis Eldercare Center in Westfield.

Stu was born in Jersey City and had resided in Scotch Plains for 17 years and in South Plainfield for 21 years before he entered the Sunrise Assisted Living Center in Westfield 10 years ago.

He was an Army Veteran of WWII, achieving the rank of staff sergeant. During the war, he had been stationed in the Asian and Pacific Theaters.

He had been employed for 18 years by Rutgers University in New Brunswick, where he had worked as a construction management engineer before retiring in 1984.

His wife, Rita Gill Rea, died in 1992.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Lou Fonolleras of Scotch Plains; his sons and daughters-in-law, Stuart H., Jr. and Leticia Rea of San Diego, Ca. and Donald J. and Janet Rea of Damascus, Pa. and a brother, Ford Rea of Easton, Pa. Also surviving are two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

The family has request that in lieu

of flowers, donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

### Antino (Andy) P. Papa, 76

Antino (Andy) P. Papa of Bound Brook died on Friday, Nov. 1 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Andy was born and raised in Bound Brook and was a former 25 year resident of South Plainfield, before moving to Bound Brook 17 years ago. He was the son of the late Cosmo and Emilia Papa.

Andy was a truck driver for Ortho Pharmaceutical in Raritan for 10 years before retiring in 1994. Prior to that he was a driver for Giles Express and Arrow Trucking for 25 years. He was a member of the Teamsters Union Local 560 in Union.

He graduated with honors from Bound Brook High School in 1943 and upon graduation he entered the US Navy, serving in WWII as a seaman first class.

Andy was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Bound Brook and a former member of the Bound Brook Volunteer Fire Department.

Andy was an avid sports fan and especially loved football and wrestling. He was a former treasurer for the South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles and a former member of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and the South Plainfield High School Booster Club. His true love was wrestling. Andy could be found at every South Plainfield High School wrestling match and the Rutgers Prep matches and Bound Brook High School matches. During South Plainfield's 2000 championship season, Andy was selected by the wrestlers and coaches as their most loyal and dedicated fan. Andy also followed the South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling Team and was known as "Pop" to all the young wrestlers. Andy also followed the Rutgers Prep Girls Softball Team.

He was predeceased by his brother Vincent S. Papa, who died this year.

He is survived by his sons, Andrew and his wife Mary Kay Papa of South Plainfield, Richard and his wife Sue Papa of Fincastle Va.; his daughter, Patricia Abshire of Roanoke, Va.; his sisters, Jean Papa of Bound Brook, Millie Comandini of Egg Harbor Twp. and Theresa Hudak of Raritan; his grandchildren, David Papa and Sara Papa Belyca and her husband, Bryan along with many nieces and nephews.

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

### Carl H. Hitchcock, 90

Carl H. Hitchcock died on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Care One-The Highlands Care Facility in Edison.

He was a WWII Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Services were under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Enga F. (Fedderwitz) Cardone, 67

Enga F. (Fedderwitz) Cardone died on Saturday, Nov. 2 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Cardone came to the United States at the age of 18. She had resided in the Bronx and then lived in various cities with her husband. They lived in Brooklyn, Florida and Jersey City, before settle in South Plainfield 38 years ago.

She had been employed in the shoe department of the former Bradlees of South Plainfield for ten years, before their closing, opting to retire and stay home to care for her granddaughter. Prior to Bradlees, Mrs. Cardone had been employed by the former Standard Plastic, later known as Matel, of South Plainfield for 18 years. She is a member of the UFCW local 1262 of Clifton.

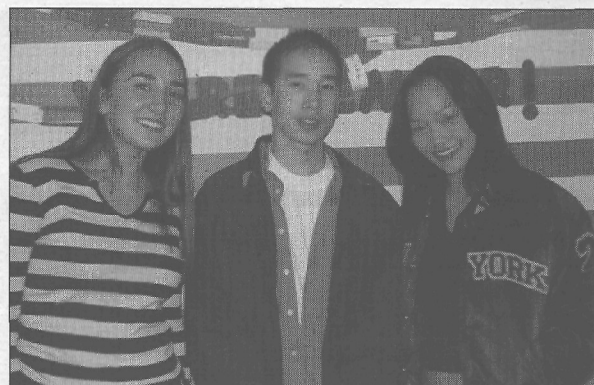
Her husband, Gerard-U.S. Navy retired, died in October of 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Joan Martin and her fiancé Michael of Fords and Karen Cardone of South Plainfield; a son, William Cardone of South Plainfield; a sister, Helga Ricci of the Bronx and a brother, Hans Fedderwitz of Jersey City.

Also surviving are her four grandchildren, Christopher J., Brielle J., Michael E. Martin and Angela M. Cardone.

Funeral services were under the direction of the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, C/O 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.



SPHS Senior Class students Amanda George, Alexander Huynh and Nicole Woo spoke about what is going on at the high school during last months Board of Education Meeting.

## SPHS Seniors Update Board of Education on Events

Each month at the Board of Education meetings Assistant Principal Dr. Ken May selects students to talk about different subjects pertaining to the high school. The topics include student activities, clubs, sports and organizations that are ongoing in the high school. Last month, three seniors spoke.

Nicole Woo, who is senior class president, spoke about the fundraisers they have done so far and what they will be doing during the year. Woo is also very active in the high school. She is a member of the Jerseyan History Club, Facilitators, RARE (Respect All Races Everywhere), Environmental Club, Voices, Ski Club and Cheerleading.

Amanda George, a Student Council Executive Board Member, talked about Red White & Blue Day, held to remember Sept. 11. The Student Council also participated in the well attended Candle Lighting Vigil held in Spring Lake Park.

The next big event the Student Council is working on now is the homecoming football game to be held on Thanksgiving day. The annual game between North Plainfield and

South Plainfield will bring back the old rivalry of years past. A semi-formal dance will take place, Friday, Nov. 22 in the SPHS gym. During the dance six girls and boys, who are running for homecoming will be chosen.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27 a Homecoming Rally will take place. Simultaneously North Plainfield will also hold a Homecoming Rally. During the Pep Rally the King and Queen will be chosen, followed by a bon fire outside the gym. The big game starts at 10 a.m. at Jost Field. Mayor Dan Gallagher will be on hand to present the trophy at the conclusion of the football game.

Amanda is active in softball, Spanish Club, Jerseyans History Club, RARE, Voices, Announcer's Club and Mentor's Club.

Alexander Huynh, the third speaker, is ranked second in his class with a 4.48 GPA. He is active in Jerseyan History Club, Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society. He has been chosen by the guidance office to receive the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal and \$60,000 Scholarship.

## policereport

• On Oct. 30 a DeFilipo Dr. resident reported that his vehicle was spray painted yellow and orange on the hood, grille and front bumper. An egg was also thrown at the second story window of the house.

• A Day St. resident reported that an unknown hard object had been thrown at their front window breaking it.

• A Stockoff Ln. resident reported that his house had been hit by numerous eggs and breaking a shutter.

• An Egany St. resident reported that while jogging along Tompkins Ave. she was hit in the left breast by a potato which was thrown from a car.

• A Kenyon Ave. resident reported that while driving home down Wickford Ave., an object was thrown at his car.

• On Oct. 31 a Tooz Pl. resident reported that her house had been the target of numerous acts of vandalism such as eggs and toilet paper being thrown. The previous owner also had the same problem.

• A Plainfield Ave. resident reported that her driver's side window, door handle and lock had been spray painted and then ignited. It did not appear to be an arson attempt.

• A Charles Pl. resident reported that his two children had their bikes stolen from a house on Scalera St.

• On Nov. 1 a shopper at the A&P reported the theft of her wallet from her purse.

• On Nov. 2 Cafe Everest on Park Ave. reported that someone had struck the flagpole in front of the building overnight.

• On Nov. 3 Manuel Nolasco, 32, of Plainfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop for driving while intoxicated and refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

• On Nov. 4 Santos O. Amaya, 48, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Lucy Ct. resident reported that someone had removed a tire from his

vehicle while parked in the parking lot.

• Blockbuster Video reported that a white male was observed banging game boxes on the floor. He was confronted and left the store, however five empty game boxes were found.

• Natoli Construction reported that two controller boxes were stolen from electric platform scaffolds and a fork lift was also damaged at the new Roosevelt School site.

• Jo-Med Contracting Corp. reported that the front glass window of an excavator had been broken at the Putnam Park construction site.

• On Nov. a high school student reported the theft of his locked bike during school hours.

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Witch Kay Sikanowicz is pictured with trick-or-treaters, Angela Furka, Sara Holbrook and Jessica Hill.

## Witch Confiscates Home on TooZ Place for Halloween

Every year about this time a witch takes over a residence on TooZ Place. She has done this for the past 24 years and the neighbors love it.

Kay Sikanowicz, a soft spoken



woman, says she loves Halloween so much she literally turns into a scary looking witch each year. Along with her husband Gene, they decorate the house with tombstones, spiderwebs (filled with spiders), and other scary looking stuff. Her dress, which is tattered and ripped, is made from her sons old SPHS graduation gown and her face is painted green. Most years eerie music can even be heard.

Over the years her house has become well-known with the neighbors and children from all over the area. Kay averages about 250 visitors. Children at first are very scared, but they return every year and actually look forward to trick-or-treating at her home.

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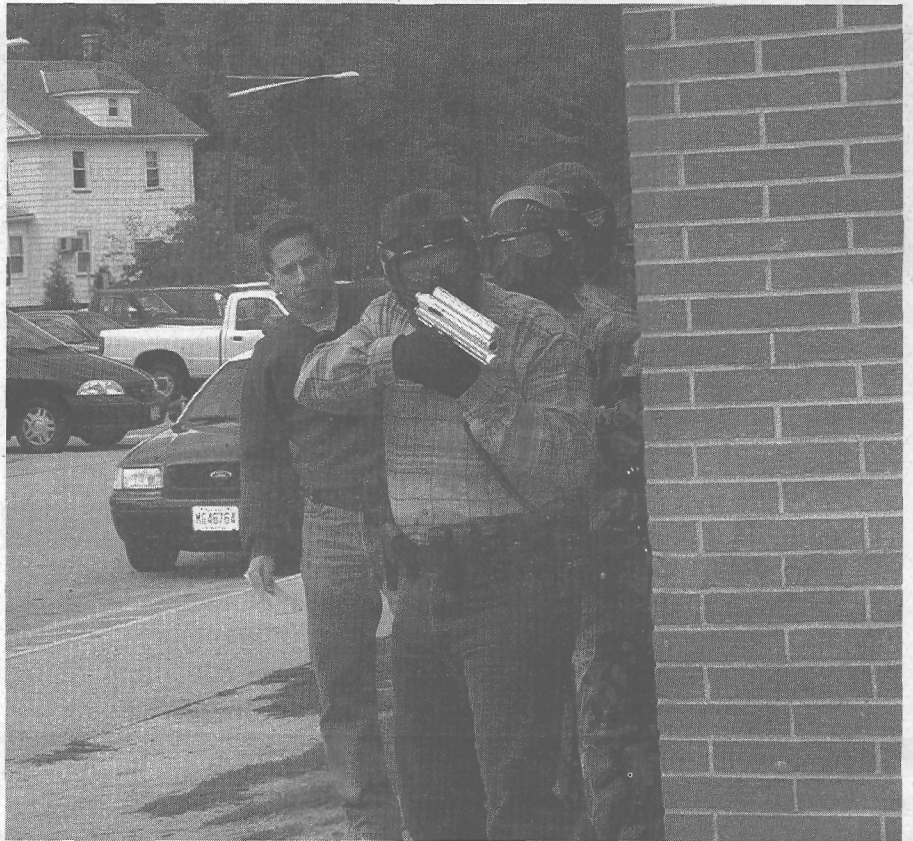
# Staged Drill Planned to Keep Emergency Agencies Prepared



**Borough agencies get training they hope they never have to use.**

"From this exercise we will be able to tell what our strengths and weaknesses are."

—Mike Zushma, Emergency Management Coordinator



South Plainfield High School was the scene of a 'staged' shooting incident, which not only looked, but felt, real to all those who participated.

The drill was planned by Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma and included members of South Plainfield Police and Fire departments and Rescue Squad.

Zushma and his staff have been planning this exercise for the past year. It drew press from as far away as New

York's *Channel 2 News* and New Jersey's *Channel 12*. Also on hand were Mayor Dan Gallagher and several members of the Council and members of the New Jersey State Police, who were there to observe.

The purpose of the drill was to ensure that all of our emergency agencies know what to do in the event of a significant emergency; and to study how each agency handles their tasks. Zushma said, "From this exercise we

will be able to tell what our strengths and weaknesses are."

The scenario went like this: Two high school students were fighting and were disciplined. They then went on a rampage, shooting a teacher, holding the principal hostage and sabotaging the bleachers so they would collapse.

The students were played by two police officers and the principal was none other than SPHS Principal Anthony Massaro. Also participating

were 40 members of the National Honor Society who were the supposed victims of the rampage.

Police responding to the high school were armed with ammunition that used water pellets, similar to paint balls. Rescue Squad personnel had to rescue the injured students and police while the school was under siege. They were taken to a staging area and assessed, then went to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Members of the Fire Department had to deal with a collapse of the sabotaged bleachers. For safety's sake, the scene of the collapse was set up behind the high school and dummies were placed strategically under the pile of lumber.

The drill lasted several hours and seemed to be successful. Zushma will hold a meeting with all the involved agencies to critique the exercise.

