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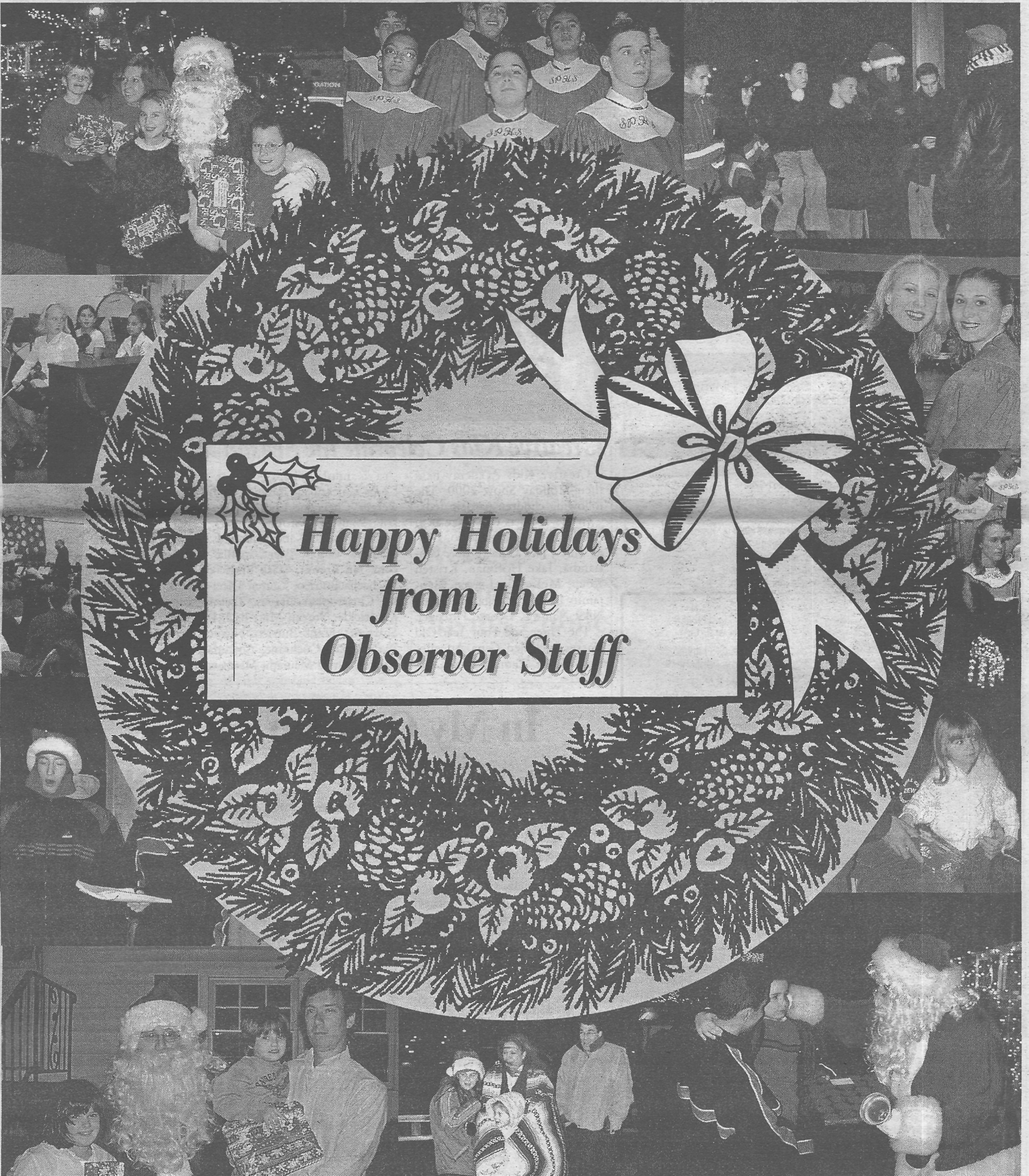
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council meetings

Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2001 at 1 p.m. The public is invited.

Meets twice a month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, January 8 Thursday, January 11

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

January 2, 2001

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

December (No Meeting)

recycling commission

Meets Thursday, once a month

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

The Dec. 28 meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be Jan. 25, 2001.

recreation commission

Meets once a month

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

2001 Scheduled to be announced

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

board of education meetings

Board Conference Room at Administration Building, on Cromwell Place

Committee of the Whole, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg., Jan. 16, 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg., Feb. 19, 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, Mar. 13, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg., Mar. 20, 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, Apr. 3, 8 p.m.; Regular Board Mtg., Apr. 10, 8 p.m.

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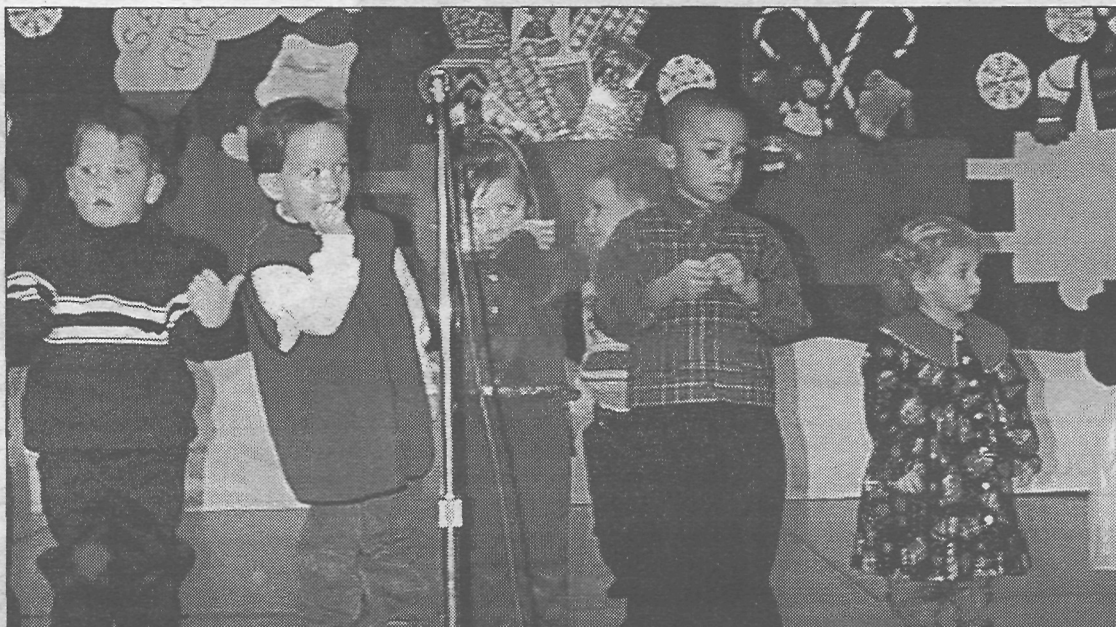
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Creative Kids Celebrate the Season with Holiday Show

Creative Kids Academy held their Holiday Show 2000. The following children participated:

In the Toddlers class were Beth Aucello, Alyssa Chirumbolo, Daniel Furey, Jack Gillis, Nicole Goitandia, Jake Hoffman, Kristen Koep, McKenzie Larsen, Benjamin Lundy, Morgan Merkler, Nikit Nainwal, George Pittenger.

The Three and Four Year Old classes included Gina Aucello, Sara Bichler, Thomas Butler, Jes-

sica Dandola, Shannon Fonti, Corey Glucksman, Jordan Handwerker, Cheyenne Locklear, Dakota Pauls, Christopher Prasek, Robby Puckett, Katie Simmonds, Matthew Vargas, Tyler Van Blarcom, Ian Brewer, Mark Buttrico, Michaela Buttrico, Lauren Dicellis, Christopher Graves, Taylor Maistickle, Steven Merrill, L.J. Scarpitto, Frank Buttrico, Nicole Bythell, Ben Cochrane, Amanda Larson, Alyssa Maurath, Matthew

O'Brien, Melanie Rajpal, Daniel Spear.

The Pre-K was Joseph Bermudez, Kayla Bridges, Shannon Butler, Heather Carr, Daniel Cooper, Brandon Graham, D.W. Greder, Johnathan Grennier, Shanequa Johnson, Carly Kensey, Haley Marks, Tucker Merkler, David Niedzielski, Kaitlyn Sheedy, Nina Bavosa, Chris Burton, Jason Carr, Anthony Chirumbolo, Joseph Deladivitch, Erika Holterman, Raymond Jazikoff, Shelly Luong, Mia Mathis, Corey Neiper, Brittny Papa, Allyson Piersanti, Jack Shiavo, Inan Sikel, Daniel Vargas.

In My Opinion

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Mr. Jankoski's letter concerning streets in South Plainfield named after our Veterans. My dad, Alphonse J. Pisaniello, recently had a new street named in his honor, "Pisaniello Court." At the same time my mom's brother, Joseph DelNegro, had a new street named in his honor, "DelNegro Court."

My dad and my uncle both served in WWII and were also from South Plainfield. I agree with Mr. Jankoski. The street sign placed in honor of a veteran should be marked with a special notation such an insignia showing the branch of service or the years during which the veteran served. Years ago a gold star was placed on the street sign in honor of the veteran who was killed in action. However, many new residents do not know what this means and some do not know the town names streets after veterans or individual families. An insignia on the street signs would separate the

veteran's street from a street named after a family or specific person and remind the public and other residents that a particular street was named after a very special person - a veteran from South Plainfield.

In our family we have more than one veteran who served and that should also be noted. In our household we had three veterans who served in the Armed Forces during different campaigns.

**THANK YOU
TONY PISANIELLO**

Notice

Please be advised of the following **Special Public Meeting of the Board of Education** on

Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 7 p.m. for Student/Staff Recognition Awards.

This meeting will take place in the Grant School gymnasium on Cromwell Place.

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Please note: The Dec. 24 Recycling Commission meeting has been cancelled. A meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 25, 2001.

Scouts Invited to Learn More About Government

Second year Webelos from Pack 205 of Roosevelt School attended last week's council meeting to observe and learn how the governing body works. The Webelos attended the meeting, as a requirement to earn their Citizen Advisory Badge.

Mayor Dan Gallagher took time to stop at each phase of the meeting and explain what the council had just voted on, what resolution had just been passed and even how the bills are paid.

Mayor Gallagher suggested that

next year a member of the troop could be assigned to each member of the council and the mayor. They would then follow that councilperson/mayor around for one week and learn what their duties are. He added that they could attend the next council meeting and report on what they learned and even make suggestions to the governing body.

This way the scouts could learn first-hand the day to day duties of the mayor and council, while earning their badge.



Pictured are Webelos Joey Ragno, Omar Rodriguez, Chris Steger and Chris Esposito with their leader Bob Vincent.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

With two Holiday observances in progress, and two more nearly upon us, you're forgiven if you feel a bit harried or frantic right about now. So, let's sit down, take a breath, and look at some news from South Plainfield Library:

The library will be closed on Sunday and Monday in observance of Christmas.

Next week, we'll be following our usual Storytime schedule. Each program lasts about an hour and is for children ages three and over. No pre-registration is required. They're held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. If you'd like more information, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Tuesday will be the last day you can borrow tapes from this month's Video Circuit group. Available titles include "The Seven Samurai," "Runaway Bride," "Air Bud," "Some Like it Hot," "Sleepy Hollow" and, on DVD, "The World is Not Enough." Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. Meanwhile, we're between groups on the Large Print Circuit. The next batch of LPC books will be available soon.

Getting back to videos for a moment, we have a pretty good selection of Christmas videos available in our collection. Our adult video section includes classic titles like "A Christmas Carol" (the Alistair Sim version in black and white, of course), "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and more recent movies like "Jingle All the Way" and "A Christmas Story."

Over in the Juvenile section, there are perennial favorites like "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "A Child's Christmas in Wales," "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol," and "Frosty the Snowman." Feel free to stop by and see what's still around for your Yuletide viewing, even if it's "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians."

Winter officially began yesterday. And winter weather, some of it severe, is bound to follow. (Up to now, believe it or not, it's actually been fall weather.) As a result, some of our patrons, particularly the elderly or infirm, are unable to get out to the library and pick up materials. As you might expect, we're available to help such people out. Through our Homebound Program, patrons otherwise unable to come to us can borrow items. Based on supplied criteria, we'll select and check out the items, which are then delivered to the patron's home by a volunteer. There's no fee involved; all you have to do is sign up. Call us at (908) 754-7885 for details; ask for Mrs. Fenn, our director.

Lastly, here's one last sort-of commercial for our South Plainfield coverlets. These handsome items, a pretty good Holiday gift, are available for \$35 each. If you're interested in purchasing one, ask at the main desk. But don't delay; there are only a few left and when they're gone, that's it.

To use a season-appropriate phrase, that'll wrap it up for this week. We at the library hope you're all having, and will continue to have, a happy and safe Holiday season.



The police department recently recognized several local business persons for their ongoing support and their donations to the DARE Program. Halls Trucking and Haagen Daz are regular supporters of the DARE Picnic and Police Bike Rodeo and Home Depot recently donated a computer to DARE. Pictured left to right are Police Officer Joe Papa; Bernadette Thimons, Home Depot; Police Officer Allen LaMonda; Marquita Pardun, Haagen Daz; Mike Picaroni, Haagen Daz, Tim Brady, Halls and Police Chief Steven Merkler.

Senior Citizens Elect 2001 Officers

The Senior Citizens Club of South Plainfield elected new officers for the year 2001.

Dolores Zekas, president; Fran Strobeck, vice president; Gloria Corio, 2nd vice president; Gloria Harupa, secretary; Alice Caulfield, treasurer and Joseph Zekas, assistant secretary. The new officers were sworn in on Dec. 19 at the PAL building.

Wesley Methodist Invites Public to Services

Wesley United Methodist Church of South Plainfield invites the public to join them this holiday season in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior to the World.

Ceremonies on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, will be held at 10:30 a.m., with a Christmas service with communion and then at 8 p.m. with a beautiful candlelight service with Pastor Dr. Rev. Henry Leono.

Wesley's mission is to worship, to learn, to grow and to share God's love.

Wesley United Methodist is located at 1500 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. For more information, call (908) 757-2838.

Flu Vaccine Available

Middlesex County has just made available the flu shot. Anyone interested in getting the vaccine should come to the PAL on Thursday, Dec. 28 between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Elks Selling Entertainment Books

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.

To order your book, call Lou Peralta at 908-756-6406.

Borough Hires Police Officer

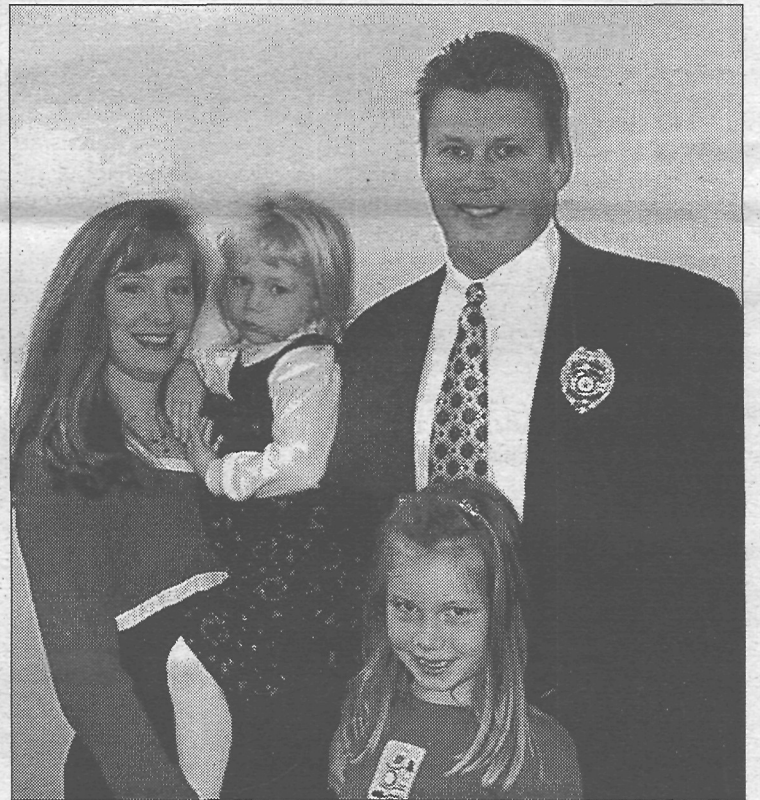
David DeLair was sworn in during last week's council meeting as a probationary police officer. The department now has a total of 56 officers.

DeLair will be attending the Somerset County Police Academy beginning January 16. David, his wife Mary and are residents of South Plainfield, along with


daughters Holly and Sarah.

DeLair's brother, Mark, was also a South Plainfield police officer, until his sudden death in a car crash last February.

Police recruits are chosen from a civil service list. The list is determined by a written and a physical fitness test. Names are placed on the list according to test scores.



South Plainfield's newest police officer David DeLair, with his wife Mary and daughters Holly and Sarah.



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Around Town

Santa at the PAL December 23

Santa will be coming to the PAL on Dec. 23, at 1 p.m.

Children, newborn to 10 years old, are invited to come and see Santa (accompanied by parents).

Movies, gifts and pictures with Santa are part of the festivities. To pre-register (required), call 226-7713. Fee is \$5 per child.



Senior Citizens Trip to Taj Mahal

January 3, 2001

The Senior Citizens Club is running a trip to the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001. Cost \$14.

If interested contact Dolores Zekas, 757-2575 or Agnes Ficorilli, 757-3318.

Rec Sponsors Trip to Riverdance

February 8, 2001

The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to see the best show on Broadway today, *Riverdance*, on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001. Orchestra seats are \$65 per person. Bus leaves the PAL at 4:30 p.m. Only 45 tickets are available. Tickets are available at the PAL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

AARP Atlantic City And Theatre Trip

February 21, 2001

AARP Chapter 4144 will sponsor a trip to Atlantic City and the Three Little Bakers Theater on Feb. 21 and 22, 2001. Tickets are \$155, double occupancy.

For information and reservations, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

Rec Sponsoring Trip to See The Lion King

July 5, 2001

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see *The Lion King* on July 5, 2001.

The cost is \$95 per person and includes your ticket and the bus. Purchase your ticket at the PAL. The bus leaves at 4 p.m.

The PAL is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PAL Trip to Cape Cod, Massachusetts Offered

September 10-14, 2001

The PAL Building Recreational Center is sponsoring a 5-day, 4-night trip to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, with a visit to Foxwoods Casino.

The trip package includes 4 nights accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, including a lobster bake, fully escorted tours of the Hyannis area, the historic Massachusetts towns of Sandwich, Boston, Quincy Market, Plymouth and Provincetown; and the Hyannis Harbor Cruise.

A visit to Foxwoods Casino enroute home, an evening of entertainment, a welcome reception, baggage handling, all taxes and standard gratuities and motorcoach transportation will all also be included in this trip.

Dates of the trip are set for Sept. 10-14, 2001. Prices are \$325 per person double, triple and quad occupancy. Single supplement is \$78.

For more information and reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714.

Multi-Class Reunion Planned

An invitation has been extended to all SPSHS graduates from Sandi Spisso Connelly and Bobby Cobb, SPSHS Class of 1969.

The 1969 alumni are planning a special "Golden 50th Birthday" Class Reunion for May of 2001, to be held as an all day outdoor event at Forest Lodge in Warren. Many people from a diverse range of graduating classes find the idea of a *multi-class* reunion appealing. It offers an excellent way to renew old friendships. Some classes lack reunion coordinators, sufficient number of alumni or both.

In view of this interest, we, of the Class of 1969, have opened the invitation for the event to *all* SPSHS alumni. The 60's Boardwalk theme will celebrate all those who once walked the halls of South Plainfield High School.

Pass the word to all alumni you have contact with. If they have an interest, contact either Sandy Spisso Connelly or Bobby Cobb at the following email addresses: spdcon@aol.com or racobb@epix.neto

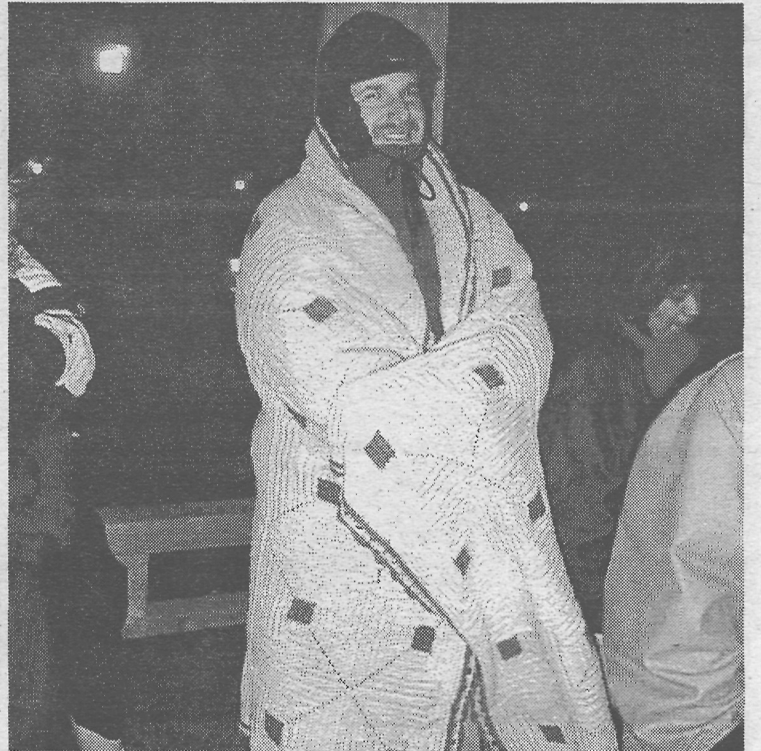
Events In Surrounding Towns

Fundraiser at Woodbridge Mall

The Colonia Chapter of Hadassah is holding a gift wrapping fundraiser at the Woodbridge Center Mall. They will be raising money for Hadassah Medical Organization's cancer research and cancer treatment programs now through Dec. 24.

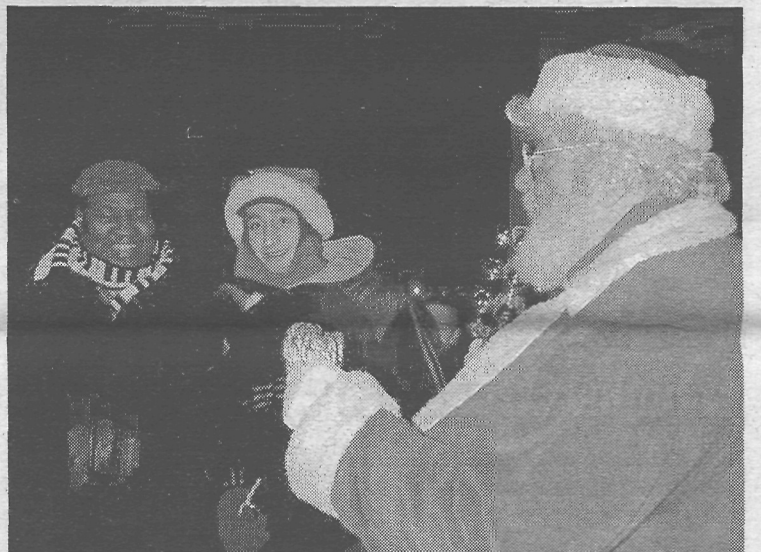
The Charity Giftwrap counters are located at the main mall entrance between Sterns and Fortunoff's department stores; same mall entrance where public bus stops are found. Members of the community are encouraged to stop by and support this valuable fundraising event.

They have wrapping paper to suit Hanukkah, Christmas, birthday, anniversary, or any other gifts needs. Donations range from \$1 to \$5 for average sized packages and members of the Premier Shoppers Club can use their membership cards towards this charity fundraiser as well.



"Oh, the Weather Outside is Frightful..."

Caroling in Spring Lake Park took place last Sunday despite the cold, windy and sometimes wet, evening. The two dozen or so brave souls who joined in the sing-a-long didn't let the bitter cold winds deter them. The warmth of the holidays could be felt throughout the crowd as they joined SPSHS Choir Director Tracy Murray and members of the Traveling Choir in singing a selection of holiday songs. Some folks were smart enough to wrap themselves in blankets and scarves to keep warm. Santa and his elves were on hand to cheer up the crowd. After the sing-along everyone assembled at the Rescue Squad to warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. Selections of songs performed by the Traveling Choir can be purchased on CD or cassette from Tracy Murray or a member of the choir.

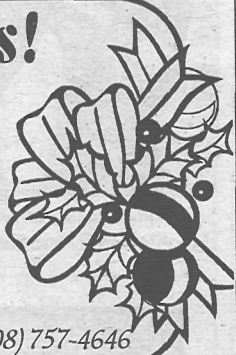


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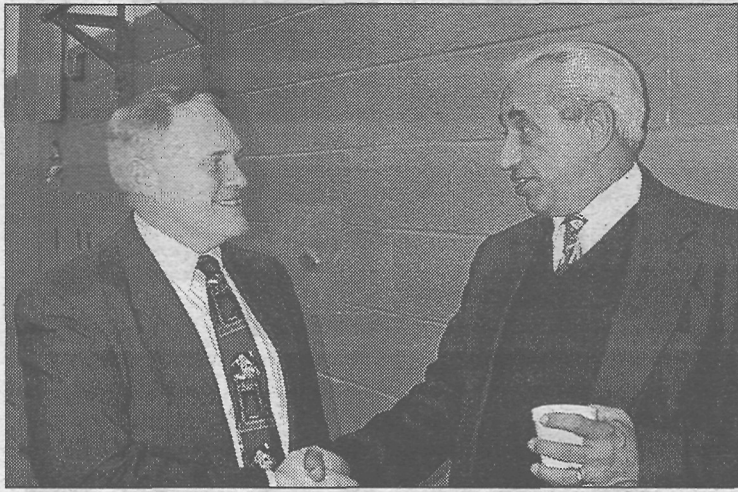
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William Beegle Named New Riley Principal



Bill Beegle (left) receives congratulations from Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri.

William Beegle, assistant principal at the Middle School, has been appointed principal of John E. Riley Elementary School, replacing Dr. Janet Munger. The Board of Education made it official at this week's BOE meeting, with a unanimous vote.

Beegle has been assistant principal at the Middle School since 1994. Before that he was director of guidance and vocational education in the high school for

seven years. He has also served as the coordinator for the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness for many years.

Dr. Janet Munger was recently appointed curriculum coordinator, a position that has been vacant for quite some time. Her appointment was contingent on the board's finding a replacement for her at Riley School.

Beegle will assume the new position as of January 1, 2001.



JFK Holiday Concert Celebrates Season

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, JFK Elementary School held their Holiday Concert, which featured the string ensemble, school band and fourth and fifth grade chorus.

Performing under the direction of Carleen Tedeschi and accompanied by Barbara Habeeb were: Violin I-Chelsea Moubarak, Taylor Kurilew, Kathryn McGee, Kelly McCormack, Victoria Tran; Violin II-Amber Scott, Lisa Migliore, Sara Johnson and Viola-Raymond Lee.

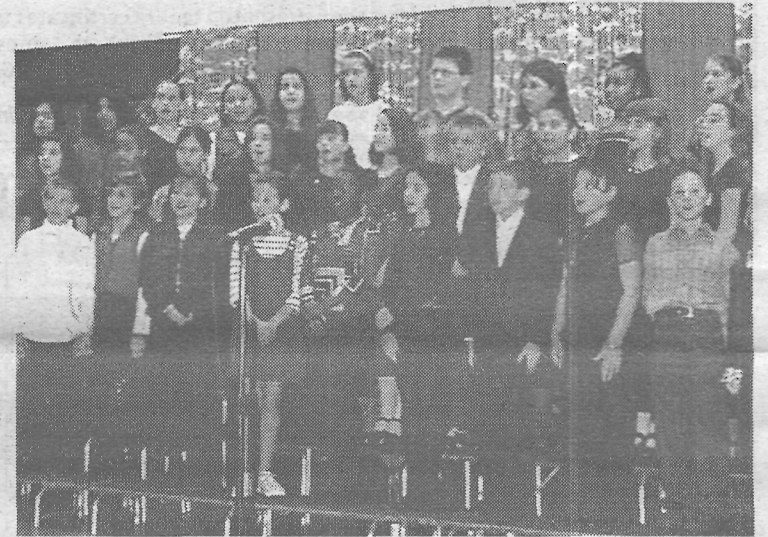
The school band consisted of David Quiroga, Elizabeth Valentino and Ashley Prete on flute, Samantha Rivers and Elizabeth Diamant on French Horn, Ryan Szumski on trombone, Christopher DeOliviera on percussion, Aaron Wright on oboe, Raymond Lee and Chelsea Moubarak on clarinet and Keith Heckel, Andrew Orhiska and Austen Lynch on trumpet.

The fourth and fifth grade chorus performed under the conduction of Barbara Habeeb, and was accompanied by Carleen Tedeschi.

Elizabeth Valentino served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Soloists included Kristen Billich, Lisa Migliore, Brittany Okoszko, Jamie Okoszko, Danielle Ranger and Nicole Rann. Woodblocks were played by Ricky Harzula, Vanessa Leguizamon, Chelsea Moubarak. Jingle Bells were played by Joanna Nastarowicz and Amber Scott and the tambourine was played by Constance Flanagan.

The fourth and fifth grade chorus consists of Noelle Aguilar, Danielle Atachunas, Katie Baldasare, Kristen Billich, Elizabeth Blackford, Gina Caruso, Vanessa Casteblanco, Caitlin Davies, Elizabeth Diamant, Jennifer Disch, Constance Flanagan, Cindy Garzon, Ricky Harzula, Sara John-

son, Jenna Kanaley, Taylor Kurilew, Vanessa Leguizamon, Jordan Leporino, Nicole Listorti, Austen Lynch, Mark Mackintosh, Kathryn McGee, Ian McGregor, Lisa Migliore, Chelsea Moubarak, Joanna Nastarowicz, Meghan Nigro, Brittany Okoszko, Jamie Okoszko, Daniel Phillips, Annie Polanco, Ashley Prete, Danielle Ranger, Nicole Rann, Samantha Rivera, Tiffany Rouse, Sarah Schulte, Amber Scot, Tiffany Tangora, Elizabeth Valentino and Andrea Vedutis.



Valley National Bank, located on the corner of Durham Ave. and Hamilton Blvd., recently presented four desks and two credenzas to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation located in Edison. Pictured is Aida Santos of Valley National Bank and Dan Buzy of Cerebral Palsy.

Recycling Center & Yard Waste Site Holiday Schedule Changes

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Recycling will be open on Wednesday of those weeks instead. The schedule will be:

Closed	Open
Tuesday, Dec. 26	Saturday, Dec. 23 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 27, 12-7 p.m.
	Friday, Dec. 29, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2	Saturday, Dec. 30, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
	Wednesday, Jan. 3, 12-7 p.m.

Regular schedule resumes Jan. 5. The Regular schedule at the Recycling Center is Tuesdays, 12-7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. The Yard Waste Site is open only on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the spring.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 226-7620 or visit our website: www.southplainfieldnj.com

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Janet Port, Middle School



Michele Fugazzi, High School



Cameron Green, High School



Elizabeth Sampson, Middle School



Melissa Creagh, Grant School



Rachel Schleich, Franklin School



Robyn Mikaelian, Middle School

Fourteen Borough Teachers Receive Tenure

The South Plainfield Board of Education presented tenure certificates to fourteen borough teachers from the following schools: *Middle School*—Neil Aiello, Joseph Blondo, Robyn Mikaelian, Kelly Panuzzo, Janet Port, Dierdre Roberts, Elizabeth Sampson and Andrew Viess; *Franklin School*—Tobie Baldwin and Rachel Schleich; *High School*—Michele Fugazzi and Cameron Green; *Kennedy School*—Carol Christatos; *Grant Sixth Grade*—Melissa Creagh.

Not pictured: Neil Aiello, Deidre Roberts, Andrew Viess, Tobie Baldwin

Middle School Honor Roll Students—First Marking Period

High Honor Roll

Grade 8

Peter DeAndrea, Michael Benak, Justin Buendia, Gerry Butrico, Pasquale Cantarella, Nicholas Curcio, Stacey Diana, Kaitlynn Disch, Michael Downes, Cassandra D'Urso, Joseph Helgesen, Katherine Kelliher, Aimee Maiorino, Alyssa Maiorino, Jessica Manning, Allan Mazurak, Stephanie Miller, Kathleen Morgan, Brian Murtagh, Deep Patel, Dwight Quichua, Justin Shelton, Stephanie Stellakis, Sara Sukenik, Kelly Thomas and Vincent Velez

Grade 7

William Daly, Samantha Deffler, Zachary Gray, Gina Severini, Kevin Siedenbug, Natalia Tamzoke and Lee Tetreault

Honor Roll

Grade 7

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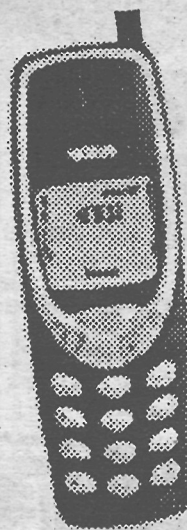
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Sports

WRESTLING

Santa Comes Early for Middle School Wrestlers

South Plainfield Middle School wrestlers got an early visit from Santa this past weekend. Santa left new warm-ups in the wrestlers stockings. Anonymously donated, they looked great and were greatly appreciated. Sporting their new attire, the team traveled to Washington Twp. and dispatched Warren Hills 66-7. The team also won their first league match of the sea-

son 33-30 over a very tough Del Val team last week.

At Washington Twp. the team won 13 out of 15 matches and even took six out of eight exhibition matches. Leading the way for the Middle School were Robert Gentile, Jimmy Conroy, Billy Ashnault, Nick Dorey, Sam Martin Anthony Niemczyk, Anthony Costante, Paul Ritchie, Peter De

Andrea, Kyle Bostick Anthony Fiero and Rob Masticle.

The match against Del Val was their first league match and was a much tougher affair. A seesaw match that saw South Plainfield jump out to an early lead, relinquish that lead and fall behind, finally was won when Kevin Criley came through with a big pin in the end. Also leading the way

for the Middle School were Robert Gentile, Jimmy Conroy, Billy Ashnault, Nick Dorey, Paul Ritchie, Peter De Andrea and Kyle Bostick. Del Val, a finalist at the Randolph tournament, boasts one of the more balanced line ups in the league, and posed a big challenge for South Plainfield. The team was up to that challenge and are now off to a 5-1 record.

The Middle School team this year is bigger in numbers and has many new faces, including one young lady Heather Martin, who is wrestling for the first time this year. Some of the other new faces got a chance to wrestle in these matches, including Viet Vo, Joe Helderson, Mark Warness, Kyle Kulick, Shawn Mc Carthy, Tony Nyugen and Jomar Beverly.

The Middle School team this

-Submitted by George D'Alessandro

Rec Wrestlers Win Opener Against North Hunterdon

By Bobby Hunter

Last Sunday the Recreation Tiger Wrestling Team opened their season with a 60-12 victory over league rival North Hunterdon.

Randy Jakubik (53 pounds) got the Tigers going when he scored a major decision over Tyler Vitelli 11-1. Ryan Sacco (60 pounds) took early control before pinning Kyle Woil at 1:21. Robert Gentile (60 pounds) took early control and won a 4-1 decision over Kevin Carulo. Nick Heilmann (63 pounds) won a tough 2-0 decision over Billy Loftus. Patrick Hunter (67 pounds) faced Anthony Fusco and on a 4-3 decision.

John Wylam (70 pounds) made his varsity debut. He took early control and went on to post a 6-0 victory. Billy Ashnault (77 pounds) took an early 6-0 lead

before pinning Mark Zacelli at 0:43.

Brian Hunt (80) pounds followed suit with a fall over Eric Wilson at 1:53. Nick Dorey (85 pounds) added to the Tiger lead when he pinned Jeff Plaisted at 2:57. Sam Martin (90 pounds) won a tough 3-2 decision over CJ Wagner. The Tigers Mark Wagner followed fall over Dan Shost at 1:49.

Danny Pompilio (110 pounds) took complete control of the match and scored a tech fall 16-0 over Jeff Angstadt. At heavy-weight, Rocco Petriello closed the match with a fall over Colin Curzi at 2:29.

Also wrestling were Jeff Conroy at 50 pounds, Tim Gaughan at 73 pounds and Brad Martin at 102 pounds.

The JV Tiger team also defeated North and will be reported in next week's *Observer*.

High School Tigers Win Morris Knolls Tournament

The South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team defended their title with a mere one-and-a-half point margin, over second place Wallkill Valley 179 to 177.5 on Sunday.

The Tigers claimed four champions, Rich Gebauer 112, Matt Anderson 119, Watt Gatti 135 and Scott Doerr 140. Finishing in second place were Dave Butrico 130, Steve Johnston 160, who lost due injury default.

Finishing third were Danny

DeAndrea 103, Ricky Ringel 125 and Joe DeBiase 171. Fourth place went to Glenn Gross 145, due injury default.

The Tigers also won their home opener over Bishop Ahr 55-19. Big winners for the Tigers were Rick De Andrea 103, Rich Gebauer 112, Matt Anderson 119, Ricky Ringel 125, Dave Butrico 135, Matt Gatti 135, Glen Gross 135, Mike Buteas 152, Joe DeBiase 171 and John Foscolo 189.

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Sports



East Brunswick Defeats South Plainfield in Finals of Twin City Pharmacy/SPASA Tournament

The Twin City Pharmacy/South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness Holiday Basketball Tournament was a great success again this year. This ninth annual event featured boys and girls teams from middle schools in Dunellen, East Brunswick, Sacred Heart and South Plainfield. The purpose of the tournament was two-fold, to provide a quality, healthy, athletic event and to disseminate in-

formation regarding the dangers of smoking, drinking, the use of controlled dangerous substances and steroids.

formation a success were Tom Cassio, owner of Twin City Pharmacy; DARE Officers Al LaMonda and Joe Papa; High School Counselor Marge Kopacsi and Elementary Student Assistance Counselor Diane Mandel.

Also Bill Cochrane volunteered his time to officiate some of the basketball games. High school students Jimmy Curcio, Catherine Flannery, Elizabeth Flannery, Tommy Haus, Jessica Irber and Alicia Lehman volunteered their time to operate the game clock, collect tickets and keep score for each of the games.

Joe Romer, a resident of South Plainfield and owner of Joe Romer Trophy Shop of Edison, donated the team trophies and individual awards for each of the winning team players. Joe has been doing this for nine years and his support is greatly appreciated. Shirts with an anti-drug message, "Put The Jam On Drugs," were also given to each player, coach and manager along with substance awareness information. Jeff Spezio, graphics teacher designed the artwork for the shirts. Lisa Campoli, student assistance counselor, engaged the Middle School Peer Mentorship Club in preparing packets with drug awareness information.

The preliminary games for the boys held on Monday, Dec. 11 had East Brunswick defeating Dunellen 63-20 and South Plainfield defeating Sacred Heart 76-35. Similarly in the girl's contest on Tuesday, Dec. 12, South Plainfield won over Sacred Heart by a score of 46-28, as did East Brunswick over Dunellen 54-10.

The finals were held on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The East Brunswick boys team defeated South Plainfield by a score of 67-31 and the girls final was also won by East Brunswick 46-38 over South Plainfield.



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Tom Baker, high school student assistance counselor and Bill Beegle, Middle School assistant principal, presented a video on substance awareness and led a discussion on the dangers of student athletes abusing drugs and smoking. Mr. Baker stressed that nicotine in cigarettes is ten times more addicting than cocaine and is a "gateway" drug. He added, "The best thing to do about smoking is don't start."

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Bowling

Jamieson Set School Record Again!!

Tigers Claw Lion Bowlers

The Boys Bowling Team swept all three games last Tuesday, clobbering St. Mary's by over 300 pins. Eric Gaub led the Tigers with a 232 high game and a 571 high set. Chipping in the win were Ray Tomei with a 206 game and Jeff Smith with a 205 game.

Lady Tigers Sweep St. Mary's

The Girls Bowling Team remained undefeated and recorded their third straight shutout last Tuesday. Melissa Jamieson's 222 game and 549 set, coupled with Vicky Boley's 213 game and 550 high set, spearheaded the Tiger girls improving their record to 3-0-1.

Tigers Dehorn S. River Rams

On Wednesday the Boys Bowling Team swept all three games and shutout the Rams of South River by over 350 pins. Ray Tomei, with games of 198 and 201 and a high set of 579, led the Tigers. The team also received solid support from Jeff Smith with games of 196 and 205, Paul Larisch with games of 193 and 191, Eric Gaub with a 194 and Anthony Ingerto with a 180. The Boys record stands at 3-1.

Jamieson Shatters Own Record With 694

Last Wednesday, the Girls

Bowling Team took no prisoners, crushing an overmatched South River Squad by nearly 900 pins. Senior Melissa Jamieson, who set a school record last week with a 653 set, shattered her own record by bowling games of 227, 234 and 233, for an eye-popping 694 set. Other high scorers for the Lady Tigers were Kristen Herzog with games of 182 and 165, Sabina Montanaro with games of 178 and 167, Vicky Boley with a 163 and three solid 150-plus games from Meredith Cooper. This victory makes the girls team leaders in the White Division with a record of 4 wins and 1 tie.



Melissa Jamieson

and 172, junior Brett Snyder chimed in with a 175 game and junior Jay Patel helped fuel the charge. The Boys Team now stands at the top of the White Division with a 4 and 1 record.

Lady Tigers Record 5th Straight Shutout

The Girls Bowling Team scored its fifth straight shutout last Thursday as they humbled Monroe by over 500 pins. Melissa Jamieson had games of 198 and 209, Vicky Boley recorded games of 178 and 188, Sabina Montanaro and Kristen Herzog each bowled 174 games, setting the pace for the Tigers, who improved their White Division leading record to 5 wins and 1 tie.

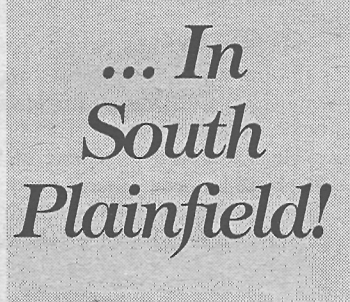
Tiger Rookies Rally

Last Thursday the Boys Bowling Team played Monroe. Without their top two bowlers in the lineup, they found themselves trailing Monroe by 86 pins after the first game, despite senior Paul Larisch's 593 high set on games of 201, 206 and 186. A quartet of relatively unknown rookies put on a blistering rally which led the Tigers to a 159 pin victory. Sophomore Anthony Ingerto bowled 160 and 193 games, sophomore Joe Adorna bowled games of 168

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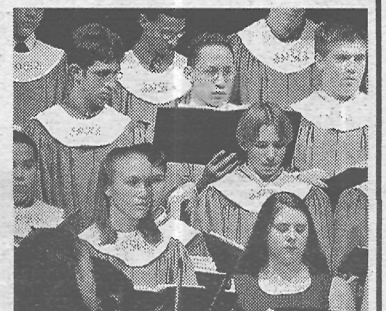
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Franklin School Presents Annual Holiday Concert

On Dec. 11 Franklin School presented their Annual Holiday Concert, which featured the string ensemble, school band and school chorus.

The String Ensemble, under the direction of Bruce Mikolon, featured beginners Freddy Almanzar, Morgan Bethea, Tiffany Catarino, John Donelly, Gary Ferguson, Kyle Freuller, Amanda Fritze, Jessica Gregorio, Paige Herriott, Megan Kerper, Jacey Murray, Mark McCullen, Christine Nau, Iyanosa Ogvevoen, Kristina Palazzo, Kimberly Percario, Andrew Ritchie, Carla Scala, Nicole Slatky, Ryan Smith, Jonathan Sukenik, Gareth Teece, Kimberly Werner, Lacey Hogan and Jillian Rutowski. Violin I were Taryn Billich, Brittany Santoro, Alison Case, Karen Werner, James Quesada and Nathaniel Udell; Violin II were Rebecca Deffler, Jamie Giannakis, Caitlin Herriot, Gilbert McKimm, Rachel Smith and Kaleigh White.

The school band, under the direction of Jessica Schimpf, featured Jessica Brandes, Tara Goitandia, Jasmine Silas and Samantha Smith on flute; Christina Nieves, Michael Oprysk and Julia Zappi on clarinet; Katie Yon on trumpet; Jesse Hay, William Mor-

ison and Christina Slatky on alto saxophone; Soham Gupte and Jeffrey Pryor on trombone and Stephan Varma, Paul Cantarella, Kevin Reviello and Jason Seigel on percussion.

The school chorus performed under the direction of Glenn Parisi along with fifth grade LAMP students Taryn Billich, Caryn Butrico, Jimmy Cox, Christopher Duquette, Soham Gupte, Elizabeth Flannery, William Morrison, Christina Nieves, Anthony Simone, Nathanael Udell, Samatha Smith and Paul Cantarella.

Chorus members are Jaime Giannakis, Cindy Hernandez, Andrew Dietzold, Natasha Catarino, Matthew Carringer, Jessica Margotto, Ann Dang, Christopher Fulton, Kaleigh White, Nicole Walker, Victoria Nguyen, Jason Siegel, Janee Coleman, Rebecca Deffler, Catherine Krawiec, Michelle Arancio, Raquel Oades, Christen Donnelly, Alexander Vajda, Meredith Ferguson, Caitlin Herriot, Ryan Bispo, Tina Foscolo, Alison Case, Taylor Curtis, Jessica Brandes, Alyssa McCreech, Danielle Dembia, Ashley Sacks, Gilbert McKimm and Katie Yon.



Obituaries

Grace Buckosh Figlio, 88

Grace Buckosh Figlio of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Carteret and was a former resident of Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 56 years ago.

Mrs. Figlio was a dye specialist for American Cyanamid in Bound Brook for 20 years before retiring in 1974.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles W. Figlio, who died in 1981.

She is survived by a son, Charles L. Figlio of South Plainfield; two brothers James Buckosh of Vermillion, Ohio and Frank Buckosh of Lorain, Ohio; a sister, Elizabeth Supo of Lorain, Ohio and grandchildren Alyssa, Carli and Gregory Figlio.

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

before moving to Jamesburg, where resided for the last few years.

Mr. Scott served in the U.S. Army in the pre-Korea peace time era. He was a graduate of Purdue University.

He had worked as a ticket agent for the Suburban Transit Co. in New Brunswick for over 30 years before his retirement 11 years ago.

His wife, Margaret Stashak Scott, died in 1986.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Mark S. Scott and Beth Merkle-Scott of South Plainfield; a sister, Ann Hall of Basking Ridge; a brother, William Scott of Littleton, Co. and a granddaughter, Katelyn Scott.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations to the N.J. Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Assoc., 1 Robert Wood Johnson Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 would be appreciated.

Dorothy M. (Martin) Rustay, 84

Dorothy M. (Martin) Rustay died on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at her home.

Born in the New Durham section of Edison, Mrs. Gustav came to South Plainfield at the age of nine and has been a resident ever since.

She was employed as a beautician

for the former Frank's Beauty Parlor in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband, Harry, who died in 1977 and a son, Donald, who died in 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Sheryl Rotondi of Kunkletown, Pa.; a sister, Eleanor Gordon of South Plainfield and a grandson, Nicholas Rotondi.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Wernfried "Fred" Lissy, 70

Wernfried "Fred" Lissy died on Thursday, Dec. 14, at his home.

Born in Germany, Mr. Lissy came to the United States in 1950. He settled in New Jersey and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 40 years.

Mr. Lissy was employed as a chemical operator for 28 years with Englehard Corporation in Newark before his retirement.

He was an active member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in South Plainfield and was a member of the South Plainfield B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2298.

Surviving are his wife, Helen (Neal) Lissy; two sons and daughters-in-laws, David and Annette Lissy of South Plainfield and Daniel and Sheri Lissy of Delton, Fla.; a sister, Ellen Spriewald of Germany. Also surviving is his grandson, Eric.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Stephens Memorial Fund, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Teen Night Popularity Grows

Teen Night in South Plainfield is growing by leaps and bounds in popularity, according to Councilman Ed Kubala.

More than 75 teens meet at the PAL each Saturday night. Often the evening has a special theme. Movies, DJ, basketball, pool and TV keep the teen's interest.

According to Kubala, there has

been a 70% reduction in vandalism on Saturday nights since Teen Night was started.

Middle and high school students are invited to join Teen Night at the PAL, which starts at 7 p.m.

For more information on Teen Night their events, call the PAL at 226-7713.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE TO HARRY POPIK FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT 219 Warren St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080; Lot#: 23.01, Block 107

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Harry Popik for public improvements at 219 Warren St., South Plainfield, New Jersey known as Lot #23.01, in Block #107 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 P.M. Monday, January 11, 2001 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

December 14, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on December 12, 2000.

Case #00-08/V-Strongtower Development, Inc.-Spicer Ave., Block 362, Lot 6.01 & 6.02, R-10 Zone-

Applicant's request for a two lot subdivision to construct two single family homes were hereby DENIED.

Janice J. Muccilli
Recording Secretary, Planning Board
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE TO WILKINS BUILDING INC. FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT PERSHING & BULLARD, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07080; Lots#: 8.01, 8.02, 8.03, Block 25

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Wilkins Building Inc. for public improvements at Pershing and Bullard, South Plainfield, New Jersey known as Lots #8.01, 8.02 and 8.03, in Block #25 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held 8:00 P.M. Monday, January 11, 2001 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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Thomas L. Scott, 72

Thomas L. Scott died on Friday, Dec. 15, at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, Mr. Scott grew up in North Plainfield and had lived in South Plainfield for many years



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police report

• An Elsie Ave. resident went to HQ to report receiving harassing phone calls at his residence. He has received up to 23 hang-up calls per day for the past year. The phone company advised him to start documenting the dates and make a report to police. The calls come up out of area on his caller ID.

• An unknown actor attempted to pass a bad check at Staples on Hadley Rd. The check was payment for a camera valued at \$635.98. The check cleared but the manager felt something was wrong and decided to make a more thorough investigation. At this point the suspect demanded his driver's license back. The suspect left the store; the driver's licence was not returned. It was later determined to be fake.

• An employee of Getty Gas Station on Park Ave. reported that a van owned by Jean E. Cook of Plainfield pulled in and asked for \$5 worth of gas. The driver drove off after paying for the gas. The van re-entered the lot and asked for \$5 more. After pumping the gas, the employee asked to be paid and the driver said, "No" and drove off. A plate number was obtained.

• Exxon Gas Station, W. 7th St., reported a woman had driven away without paying for \$28 of gas and two packs of cigarettes worth \$7.50. A partial incorrect plate number was re-

corded.

• Kmart Security Manager John Ravaoli reported the theft of a V-Tech laptop computer and a "talking" Whiz Kid laptop computer. An unknown suspect was seen taking the items off the shelf and attempting to return them at the customer service desk. When the return was refused, he left the store with the items. Jack Kravitz, asst. software manager, observed the suspect walk to a vehicle and leave the parking lot and took down the plate number. The car came back to a Jersey City man who said that his son may have the car. He refused to give more information other than his son attended Rutgers. The son claimed to have loaned the car to a friend and provided his name, but no further information.

• A Teeple Place resident was arrested for Criminal Mischief and Contempt of Court warrants from Bound Brook and Piscataway.

• A Plainfield Ave. resident reported a burglary. The resident stated that jewelry had been taken from two jewelry boxes in his home. He said his entire family was home about an hour before police were called. The family had checked all doors and windows and found them locked. They also checked all rooms inside the home and the alarm was set when they had entered the house. Police found

no signs of forced entry. Both jewelry boxes were found on the floor and select items were taken. Both boxes had been touched and moved prior to police arrival.

• Softlane Inc. Cragwood Rd. reported the theft of a laptop computer from an office. After checking to determine that his partner had not taken the computer, the victim reported the theft to police. The victim suspects a new cleaning person who had been in his office just before he left for the day. The cleaning person finished the office, locked it and left, according to the report. The victim noted the cleaning person had a key to the office. Two other businesses in the building reported thefts of laptops at the same time of this report.

• A Plainfield Ave. resident was arrested on a conspiracy charge during a Middlesex County prosecutor's investigation.

• Kmart Security Manager John Ravaoli reported being stabbed in the parking lot as he headed towards his car. The suspect approached him and asked for change and he refused. The suspect then punched him in the left shoulder. When the pain continued, the victim checked and found blood on his shirt. He had been stabbed with an unknown object. Police took security tapes as possible evidence.

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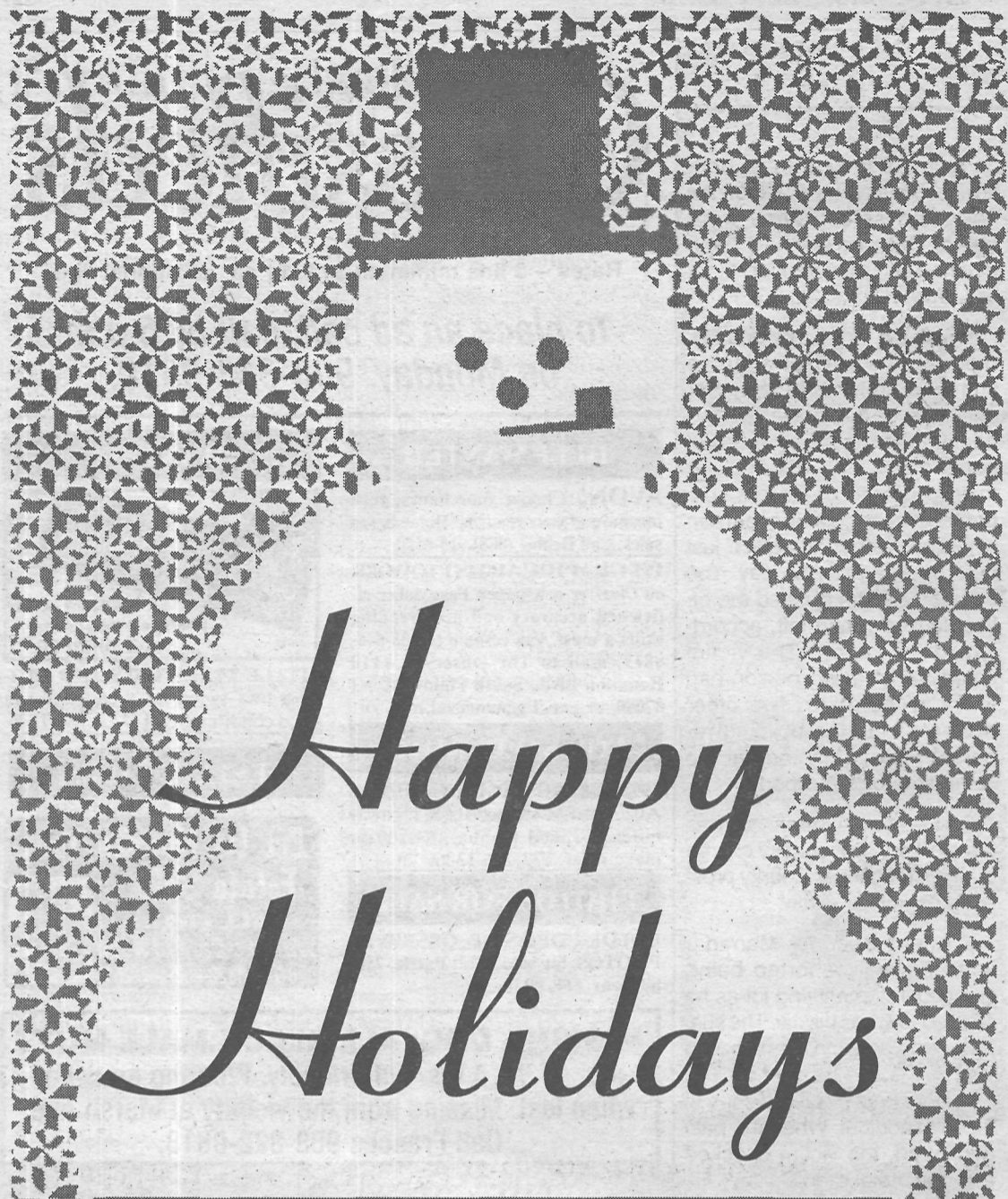
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