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## Police to Install Video Equipment In Patrol Cars

The South Plainfield Police Department will be purchasing in-car video systems for their patrol cars. They will be spending almost \$55,000 to purchase video cameras, along with the related equipment needed.

The video equipment will be mounted in police cars to videotape motor vehicle stops and pursuits. The cameras can be removed from the cars if needed. The purchases will be made without using any taxpayer money.

Forfeiture funds amounting to more than a half million dollars—\$566,574—were awarded to the South Plainfield Police Department in March of 2000 for their help in solving a money laundering scheme.

A drug ring laundered tens of millions of dollars through U.S. Banks for Colombian drug cartels. The central figure in the case, Julio Montes Cardona of Piscataway, pled guilty to money laundering conspiracy and other charges in 1990. He was sentenced to eight years in prison. Packages filled with money orders and checks arrived in banks for deposit with Cardona's South Plainfield home as a return address. South Plainfield police aided in the investigation and were awarded a portion of the forfeiture money.

The police have already used some of the money to purchase two Ford Expeditions, a prisoner transport vehicle, three new detective vehicles, seven radar units, a speed measuring trailer, a computer forensic lab, four computers for the detective division and various other equipment.

## Community-Wide Thanksgiving Worship Service

The South Plainfield Clergy Group will hold their annual Community-Wide Thanksgiving Worship Service. Each year, the clergy groups come together to celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done for us and for all that God is doing in our community and nation.

This year's worship service will be hosted by Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. Services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

As always, we will be blessed by music from our combined choirs. Music directors Tom Baker, Cathy Davidson, Jim Horvath and Tony Orlowski have been preparing the music and the choir.

This year, we will give special thanks to our uniformed service personnel; Fire Dept., Police Dept. and Rescue Squad will be recognized and prayed for. The annual Thanksgiving Offering will be given to these uniformed service agencies to whom we give thanks. All are welcome and eagerly expected at this worship service.



## Sacred Heart Scouts Make Ornaments for Advent

The entire Sacred Heart Scouting family gathered last week to make ornaments for the Sacred Heart Advent Tree. Not only were the scouts and their leaders busy making the ornaments, but parents, grandparents and siblings joined in and the results were 1,500 beautifully decorated

handmade ornaments.

Sacred Heart parishioners will be able to see the results for themselves on Saturday, Dec. 1. Two fully decorated Advent Trees, one at the altar and one at the entrance, will be placed in the church.

Parishioners are encouraged to pick

one or more of the 1,500 ornaments and look at the back for the name of a baby item. They are asked to purchase the baby gift and place it at the bottom of the Advent Tree. The new baby gifts will be donated to Problem Pregnancy Group and other groups affiliated with the diocese.

The Advent Tree will remain up until Sunday, Dec. 16.

Parishioners will also notice food baskets that are placed at the exit of the church. They are encouraged to bring a food item, which will be given to a needy family during the upcoming holidays.

## Vets Remembered Holiday Holds Special Meaning

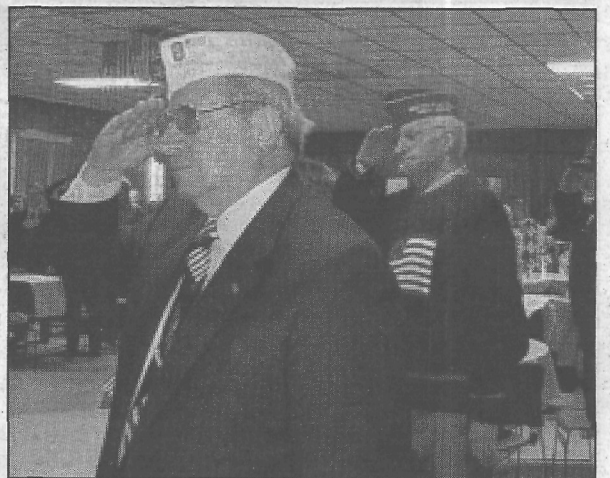
Veterans Day 2001 in South Plainfield was remembered with ceremonies at the VFW. Attended by about 75, the solemn ceremonies were held to remember those who served and died in all of the armed services. The ceremonies began with a prayer and a wreath laying ceremony in front of the VFW and ended with Pam Janiszak and her dad, Steve singing *Til We Meet Again*.

Vice Commander Metro Kopchak was Master of Ceremonies, Past Commander Ray Costa introduced the guests and Post Chaplain Michael Panca opened and closed the ceremonies with a prayer. Pam Janiszak also sang our *National Anthem*, the *Lords Prayer* and *God Bless America*. She was accompanied by her brother,

Steve playing the trumpet. Steve also played taps during the outdoor ceremonies.

Councilmen Ed Kubala, Dennis Cerami, Ray Petronko, Councilman-elect Charlie Butrico, Police Chief Robert Merkler and newly elected State Assemblyman Pat Diegnan were on hand, along with many local veterans representing all services.

Since 1776 over one million soldiers have died defending our country's freedom. During the past few years Veterans Day has seen fewer and fewer residents attending the Veterans Day ceremonies. But since the Sept. 11 terrorists attack, much has changed. Our servicemen have once again been called upon to defend our countries freedom and people have



come to realize just how much our veterans mean to our freedom.

The present generation has never understood what our veterans really were talking about when they discussed the realities of war, the thousand that were wounded, the untold suffering they endured and the death of many of their comrades and relatives. Unfortunately Sept. 11 has taught us all a hard lesson in reality.

As Police Chief Robert Merkler said on Sunday, "If not for our past veterans heroics, we would not have the opportunity to defend our freedom today."

An Act of Congress, approved on

May 13, 1938 declared the 11th day of November in each year as a legal holiday—a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor the veterans of World War I, but in 1954 Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American Veterans and renamed Veterans Day.



The Veterans Day ceremonies began with a wreath laying ceremony in front of the VFW building.

**Reminder: There will be no *Observer* published next week.  
We wish all our readers a  
Happy Thanksgiving!**





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for the latest  
meeting agenda

## council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

## AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, December 3 Thursday, December 6, 2001  
All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJS 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  
Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Dec. 25 (no meeting).

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

## 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:  
Nov. 22 (no meeting), Dec. 27

## recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716  
Dec. 4.

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280  
Dec. 12, Jan. 9, 2002

## board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.  
Regular Board Mtg., Nov. 20, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

## business advisory group

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

## traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall  
Nov. 28, Dec. 26.

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# IN MY OPINION

## To the Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the voters that voted for me in this year's election. I also want to thank all those who allowed us to put signs on their lawns.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Mr. Cerami and Mr. Butrico on their win. I wish them well for their term on the Borough Council.

**MARJORIE M. REEDY**

## Letter to the Editor:

I am humbled by the support I received from the voters of the 18th District in last Tuesday's election. Only in this great country of ours, could the son of Irish immigrants receive the honor of serving in the state legislature. My only promise is that I will work as hard as I can to do the best job I can as your Assemblyman.

Everyone knows the challenges that face our new Governor, Jim McGreevey. New Jersey is a great state and our residents are more focused than ever before to do what must be done to make us even stronger. We will get through these crisis and we will be all the better for it. I am committed to work with Governor McGreevey to make that happen.

In particular I want to thank my running mates, Senator-elect Barbara Buono and Assemblyman Peter Barnes for their help and guidance.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,  
PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

## To the Editor:

*Dear Residents of South Plainfield:*

I am sincerely grateful for your vote and support enabling me to continue for a third term as your Councilman. I will continue to address your concerns and work diligently to insure that the Borough of South Plainfield will remain the greatest community in Middlesex County.

You have made my job that much easier by electing my running mate, Charlie Butrico. Charlie will be an asset to South Plainfield, bringing his expertise in finance and administration to the Council.

I have previously stated, "I am committed to serve the community in Good Faith and assure a Safe and Secure Community for my extend family, the residents of this Great Borough."

Democracy will continue to Work as a Team, for all of South Plainfield.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

**COUNCILMAN DENNIS J. CERAMI**

## To The Editor:

*Dear Friends in South Plainfield:*

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and for electing me to the Borough Council this year. As I stated in my campaign, I will work to continue to keep our

borough taxes and expenses under control and to preserve open space. I am ready to work hard and to use my 20+ years of expertise in business to support the town I have called home for over 42 years.

I am also very happy to see that Dennis Cerami was elected to another term. Over the last six years, Dennis has shown over and over again his dedication to South Plainfield. He has made a real difference in our community and I am proud to have him as my running mate.

Thank you again for your support.

**SINCERELY,  
CHARLIE BUTRICO**

## To the Editor,

Hello, my name is Erica Noel and I have been a resident of South Plainfield all of my life, going on 21 years now. While growing up in South Plainfield, I participated in recreation sports programs, girl scouts and multiple other local activities. I am a Bishop George Ahr HS alumnae (class of 1998). While at BGA I held several students offices including treasurer and vice president of student council, Ahr Star executive board member, Peer Leader and co-captain of the varsity girls soccer team. I am now a senior at College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa.

While here at Misericordia, I have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.83 as a physical therapy major as well as a 4.0 GPA in my major. I am also a four year letter winner on our women's soccer team. As a goalkeeper for our women's soccer team I have earned three All-Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) selections, three All-PAC All-Academic selections, Team MVP, co-MVP of the PAC playoffs as well as breaking two school records (consecutive shutouts and shutouts in a season). As a team, in my three previous years we have earned three PAC playoff bids, two trips to the PAC finals and one Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament bid. I have also served as a co-captain for two seasons. I feel that my accomplishments in the classroom and on the playing field have represented South Plainfield and Bishop Ahr well.

The Misericordia Women's Soccer team has been invited to play in an international tournament in France next summer. Misericordia is a Division III school and thus there is no budget for this trip. Each player must raise her own funds or pay out of pocket to go on the trip. It is a rather costly trip, but it is the opportunity of a lifetime for me. I have dreamed of playing abroad for many years now and this may be the only chance I get to do so. The bottom line of this all is that I am asking for your help in the form of monetary donations. Any donation that you would be willing to make would be helpful to me. Checks can be made payable to Misericordia Women's Soccer and mailed to me at Erica Noel, Box 2406, College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa. 18612. Thank you for your time and support.

**ERICA NOEL**

## Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the residents of the 18th Legislative District for their overwhelming support this past Election Day. Given the events of recent weeks, we appreciate the heartfelt demonstration of the American spirit in exercising your right to vote and support a democratic form of government.

In addition, we are particularly proud of the attention to the issues raised in this election. We are energized and focused on working in Trenton to improve health care, education, the environment and the quality of life here in New Jersey.

We realize that all too often many Americans become discouraged by the political process, however, please know that your voices will be heard every day that we serve as your state legislators. Again, we thank you for your support and assure you that our door is always open to assist you with any matter of concern.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,  
BARBARA BUONO,  
SENATOR-ELECT, 18TH DISTRICT  
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ASSEMBLYMAN, 18TH DISTRICT  
PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.  
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## Just A Reminder

## Meeting Change Notice

The Borough Council Meetings that were scheduled for Monday, Dec. 17, 2001 (agenda meeting) and Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001 (public meeting) have been cancelled.

The meetings scheduled for Monday, Dec. 3, 2001 and Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001 will remain unchanged.





Rudy Poczak Commander of the VFW Post 6763 presents a check for \$1,000 to Wally Bolivar, president of the South Plainfield Soccer Club. Soccer players are Quin Bolivar, AJ Celentano and Daniel Lyew.

## southplainfieldpeople

### Milestones

#### Wayne Otlowski is Appointed Vice Principal of Adult School

Boro resident, Wayne J. Otlowski was appointed recently to the newly created position of Vice Principal for the Perth Amboy Adult School by the Perth Amboy Board of Education.

Otlowski, the husband of Riley School librarian Joanne Otlowski, has lived in South Plainfield for 26 years along with their two daughters, Jennifer and Mary and recently married son, Anthony.

Otlowski has worked for the Perth Amboy School District for 29 years as a Social Studies teacher at Perth Amboy High School and from 1977 to 1981 as a Department Chairman for the Alternative High School. He has served on numerous educational committees in the Perth Amboy School District, edited an education publication for the Perth Amboy Federation and taught an educationally related after school course for teach-



Wayne Otlowski

ers and para professionals.

Although Mr. Otlowski looks forward to his new position with excitement, he leaves Perth Amboy High School, his alma mater, with mixed emotions.

## From the Board of Education

- The Board received approval from the state to use surplus funds left over from a tank removal project, to rebuild the track at Jost Field. The track, which has not been used this year, should be ready by spring.

- Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer and Curriculum Director Dr. Janet Munger presented an abbreviated presentation of both the District's Five Year Curriculum Plan and the Quality Assurance Annual Report. Anyone interested in obtaining the complete plan or report can obtain a copy at the Board of Education offices.

- The board voted to engage the services of former Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri for six days, through Dec. 4 at the rate of \$600 per diem. Also, out-of-state preparation time can be charged at the rate of \$50 per hour for a maximum for 20 hours with a cap amount of \$1,000. Additionally the board agreed to provide air and ground fare, as well as room, board, rental car and adequate workspace. Ferri will testify as a consultant in an arbitration case that is now in litigation. The suit, filed in 1995 by the teachers union, concerned the starting salaries of teachers hired in 1990. The suit been appealed several times and last year ended up in the Supreme Court.

- The board voted to replace 232 lockers in the Middle School at a cost of \$27,685. The contract was awarded to All State Pallet & Equipment Company of Fairfield, NJ.

- Physical Education teacher William Pavlak has been transferred from the high school to Franklin School.

- The Board has chosen Commerce Bank's banking services and will transfer their banking accounts around Dec. 1.

## Cultural Arts Commission Sponsors a Victorian Tea Party

Story/photos Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission recently hosted a Victorian Tea Party entitled "A Bushel and A Peck." Lecturer Judith Krall-Russo spoke of Victorian Christmas Traditions that result in many modern day customs. The greenery used to deco-

rate our homes today, including wreaths and garland, were just a few examples.

from the Victorian era. Krall-Russo has lectured extensively throughout New Jersey. Topics are based on her life-long love affair with the history of food and the rich culinary history of New Jersey. Lecture topics include; Apples-sauce to cider, the Harvest Festival, Remedies From Your Kitchen and foods from the Bible



Front, L-R Cultural Arts Commission Chairman Terrance Julian, Natalie Bergen; back, Suzanne Lyte, Myra Stillman and Judith Krall-Russo.

rate our homes today, including wreaths and garland, were just a few examples.

In Victorian times it was believed that the evergreens housed spirits because they never died. During the 12 days of Christmas a truce was called between the living and the spirits. All matter of evergreen could safely be placed in the home, but had to be removed by the 12th day.

Krall-Russo also explained the origin of candy canes. During a period when it was unlawful to celebrate Christmas, candy fashioned to look like a shepherd's hook was made. The canes had three stripes to represent the trinity.

The lecture included foods of the time and the once important tea time. "High Tea," Krall-Russo explained, was an evening meal, while "Afternoon Tea" was an important social event. Christmas cards, gift-giving, music, foods and more were discussed. The afternoon ended with samples of tea

just to name a few. The lecture was one of many sponsored by the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission (CAC). The commission strives to create opportunities for residents to enjoy and participate in cultural activities in all areas of the arts, art, drama, dance and music. Each year the commission presents dance and music festivals, children's theatre and a classical concert series.

CAC meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the PAL building. All residents are welcome to join.

## Elks Selling Entertainment Books

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30. Please contact Lou Peralta 756-6406.

To Our Readers: Please Note-The Observer does not publish Thanksgiving Week. There will be no paper next week, November 26.

## They expect the flowers. Include a memory.

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Thanksgiving is  
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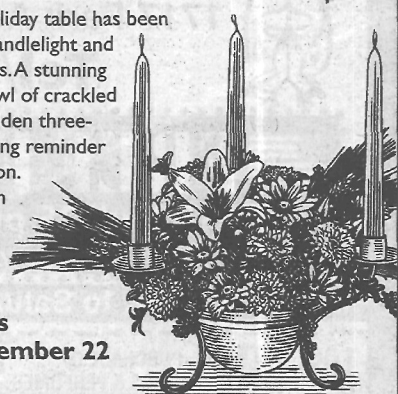
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The SPHS PTA urges patronization of  
The Club at Ricochet for its contribution to the  
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# Events

## AARP Nov. Meeting

November 16

AARP Chapter 4144 will meet at the PAL Bldg. on Maple Ave., on Nov. 16, at 12:30 p.m. Claire Edelman, a volunteer with New Jersey AARP, will show the video, "In Your Hands" which is an educational production by American Bar Association.

The video is narrated by the late stage and screen actress, Helen Hayes and her son, James McArthur. Hayes discusses the legal tools needed for preserving your personal independence and why a will, alone, is not enough. Arlene Ellenberg, who is an elder law attorney will answer questions. All are welcome.

## Elks Sponsor Comedy Show

November 17

The South Plainfield Elks will hold a Comedy Show on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elks Club on New Market Ave. Admission is \$40 per person which includes food and drinks. For tickets, call Lisa at (908) 668-9750.

## Athletic Boosters Hosts Auction

November 17

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club is holding a Sports Auction on Saturday, Nov. 17. Doors open at 6 p.m. Auction starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door, which includes 25 auction tickets.

Some of the prizes being auctioned are Devils tickets, autographed balls, sports theme baskets, Rutgers tickets, a bicycle and a television.

For info call the Keller's at (908) 753-1341, the Celentano's at (908) 757-5691 or the PAL.

## Menlo Park Mall "Evening of Giving"

November 18

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop has tickets available for the "Evening of Giving," which includes entertainment and shopping, with part of the proceeds going to worthy causes.

The event will be held Sunday

night, Nov. 18, at Menlo Park Mall. Many of the stores will be offering special sales and many groups, including the SDW will perform on one of the stages in the mall that evening. There will also be prize drawings and other activities.

Tickets are available by calling South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop at (908) 561-5255.

## ATA Black Belt Academy Sponsoring Walk-a-thon

November 18

ATA Black Belt Academy will be sponsoring "A Walk for a Miracle" walk-a-thon on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. in Spring Lake Park. Anyone Interested in making donations may do so. You can make donations payable to ATA Black Belt Academy or to the National Kidney Foundation, P.O. Box 72, Dayton, NJ 08810.

We will be selling purple and white sweatshirts for \$20 each. All proceeds will go to the Kidney Foundation. Help make one of our future black belt students miracle come true.

If you need further information please contact ATA Black Belt Academy at (908) 755-5440.

## SPHS Class of 1981 20th Reunion

November 23

Attention classmates! South Plainfield High School Class of 1981 will hold its 20th reunion on Friday, Nov. 23 at Madeline's in Bound Brook.

For more info, call Jane (Lacey) O'Dowd at (908) 479-1684 or Gina (Rosania) Capizola at (908) 526-3262.

## Rev. Stephenson & St. Peter by the Sea At Sacred Heart

December 2

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society has 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. 2. Rev. Stephenson and his orchestra

performed last Sept. to a sell-out crowd.

*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. 2 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 either (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.

## South Plainfield/Edison Rotary Clubs Wine Tasting

December 3

The South Plainfield/Edison Rotary Clubs will hold their Annual Wine Tasting night on Monday, Dec. 3. The event, which runs from 6 to 9 p.m. and is hosted by The Clarion Hotel and Towers, located on Highway 27 & Talmadge Road in Edison, also includes micro brewed beers.

Contribution is \$20; 24-hour advance ticket purchase is required; no tickets will be available at the door. Purchase tickets at Oak Tree Discount Wines and Spirits at 902 Oak Tree Rd.

## Holiday Craft Show at John E. Riley School

December 7

The John E. Riley School Stokes Committee will be hosting a Holiday Craft Show on Friday, Dec. 7. Show hours will be from 5 to 9 p.m. The show will feature new and handcrafted merchandise. Refreshments will be available. Come do your shopping at Riley School!

For vendor information, please call (908) 755-4349 or (908) 668-8252.

## PAL Planning Trip to Atlantic City

December 9

The Recreation Department will be taking a trip to Atlantic City on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001; leaving at 11 a.m. Come enjoy the casinos and have

fun at the Resorts with a free \$13 worth in coins.

Register at the PAL. Only 45 tickets will be sold. The fee is \$10 per person.

## Recreation Sponsoring Trip to Broadway

December 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip is on Dec. 16 to see the classic Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show. Tickets are \$75 per person.

The bus will leave the PAL Building at 1:30 p.m. and allows time to shop and dine before the show.

Purchase tickets at the PAL building on Maple Ave., weekdays.

## Santa to Visit the PAL

December 22

Santa will be coming to the PAL on Saturday, Dec. 22 and he would like to meet with as many South Plainfield children as possible.

Pre-registration (at the PAL) is required. The fee is \$5 per child.

## — Out of Town —

## Dunellen Theatre Presents Alice in Wonderland

November 17

The Dunellen Theatre will present a musical adaptation of a timeless classic, *Alice In Wonderland*, presented by Yates Musical Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m.

Come and see Alice as she travels through a wonderland; meeting the White Rabbit, Chesire Cat, Dutchess, Mad Hatter, the Doormouse and last, but not least, the King and Queen of Hearts. With a tea party, a hilarious croquet game and a very strange courtroom scene. The story is enhanced by original songs, sets and colorful costumes to make it a delight for children of all ages!

The Dunellen Theater is located at 458 North Ave. (Rt. 28), Dunellen. Cost is \$8 per person. For reservations or info, call (732) 968-9010 or at [www.jerseycentraltheatre.com](http://www.jerseycentraltheatre.com)

## Adoption Support CHAT Meeting

November 26

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHADS), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26 at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. Marie Shukaitis, M.S.W., will speak of "The Joys and Challenges of Adopting Abroad." She is founder and executive director of Homestudies, Inc., a licensed New Jersey adoption agency specializing in international adoptions. Open sharing of adoption-related stories; light refreshments.

Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://communitynj.com/cc/cbats> for information.

## Terra Nova Garden Club Meeting

November 28

The Terra Nova Garden Club will hold their November monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at the North Edison Library on Grove Ave. in Edison.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Fred Primich. The presentation is entitled "Container Gardening." Dr. Primich is an avid gardener who has life experiences to share on this exciting and trendy topic. Accompanying slide presentation and lecture will set the stage for beginners and advanced gardeners alike.

The Terra Nova Garden Club is also selling a savory cookbook of tried and true recipes of our members. The cost is \$10 and can be purchased from any member.

## Old-Fashioned Christmas Planned

Dec. 8

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas," a free holiday program for the whole family will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Dunellen Theater on North Ave.

The community festivities will feature an hour of holiday music, including a hand bell choir and audience sing-alongs of traditional Christmas Carols and other winter favorites of both adults and children. Special guest appearance by "Harold the Angel," who will share his unique perspective on the Christmas story. Everyone will receive a small free gift and a special memory of Christmas, 2001.

"Many people seem to agree that we've lost the true meaning of Christmas," explained Pastor Jeff Wildrick of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen. "This program is our gift to the community. *An Old-Fashioned Christmas* brings to mind images of sleigh bells ringing, homemade cookies, stories of angels and shepherds told around the Christmas tree, laughter, and singing.

First Presbyterian Church is developing a tradition of providing free acts of service to the community. Among these have been free car washes, a free lunch, and "Praise in the Park." According to Pastor Wildrick, these activities are the church's way of showing God's love in practical ways, with no strings attached.

For information, contact First Presbyterian Church at (732) 968-3844.

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## Annual Oktoberfest Dinner Held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Photos by Patricia Abbott

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, located on Park Ave., celebrated their Fourth Annual Oktoberfest with a dinner featuring authentic German food.

The event included two seatings to accommodate the anticipated crowd. More than 150 seats were reserved in advance. In addition many diners attended without reservations and some ordered take out dinners.

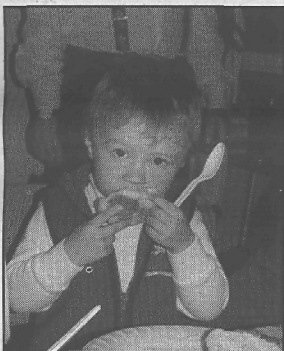
The hosts for the evening were George and Carol Rudo, who were attired in traditional German costumes. George was also the beer dispenser. What would an Oktoberfest be without beer?

Boy Scouts from troops 324 helped set up and serve the meal. Pastor Richard Kiesling and other volunteers helped prepare the meal.

Guests dined on, saurbraten, red cabbage, spaetzle, green beans, knockwurst and saukraut. A desert table offered a wide variety of home-made treats, including German chocolate cake.



George and Carol Rudo were the official host and hostess for the evening.



Serving food were Randy Hasbrouck, Chris Hansen, Frank Gianneschi and Eric Conrad.

## Borough Notes

### Council Notes

• South Plainfield's request to the State of New Jersey for extraordinary aid has been refused again this year. South Plainfield had asked for \$50,000.

• Councilwoman Darlene Pinto was the lone descending vote last Thursday, when Ordinance #1577 came up for a vote. The ordinance rescinded Zoning Ordinance #1568. The Business Advisory Group expressed concerns about the ordinance and asked that it be rescinded. A new ordinance will be introduced shortly.

• Councilwoman Darlene Pinto announced that all funds for the Facade Program have been used up this year. No more applications will be taken until the Borough receives a new grant.

• Attorney Lori Dvorek's professional service contract has been extended. Her fee will not exceed \$10,000.

• Ron Geis has been hired as a part-time recreation supervisor at the PAL building.

• Carol Anne Giordano has been hired as a substitute aerobics instructor at the PAL.

• John Buttrico was hired as a full-time telecommunications operator, while Aislynn Stern resigned as a full-time telecommunications operator.

• Stacey Zereconski has resigned as senior docket clerk.

• Stars of the Sea Concrete has been awarded the contract to repave Kenneth Ave., Walnut St. and Woodland Ave. at a cost of \$181,610.30. Part of the funding comes from a Department of Transportation Trust Fund Grant.

• CME Associates has been awarded \$95,000 to manage various Borough infra-structure improvement projects and \$65,000 to conduct a review of the Borough's sanitary sewer system, users billing and collection.

• Hodulik and Morrison has been awarded a contract to review the Borough's sanitary sewer system, users billing and collection, not to exceed \$15,000.

• Benecard Services Inc. will again be the prescription drug plan provider for the borough through June 30, 2002.

• The Madison Inn located on Hamilton Blvd. has been issued a new liquor license for their premises.



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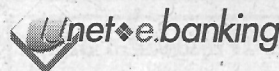
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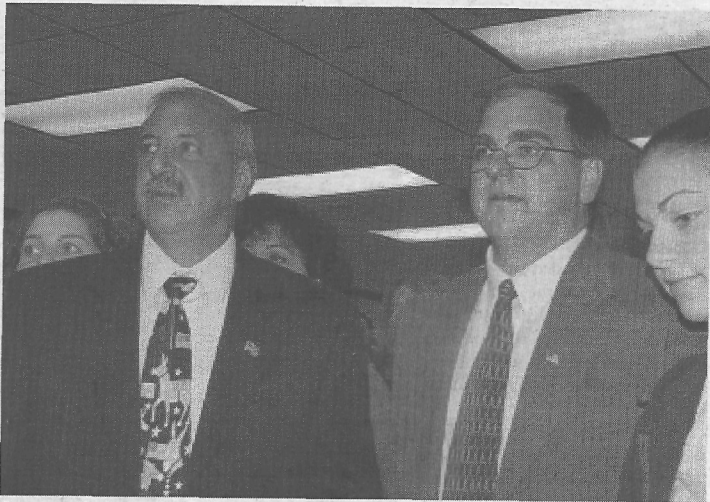
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# Scenes from Democratic Headquarters on Election Night



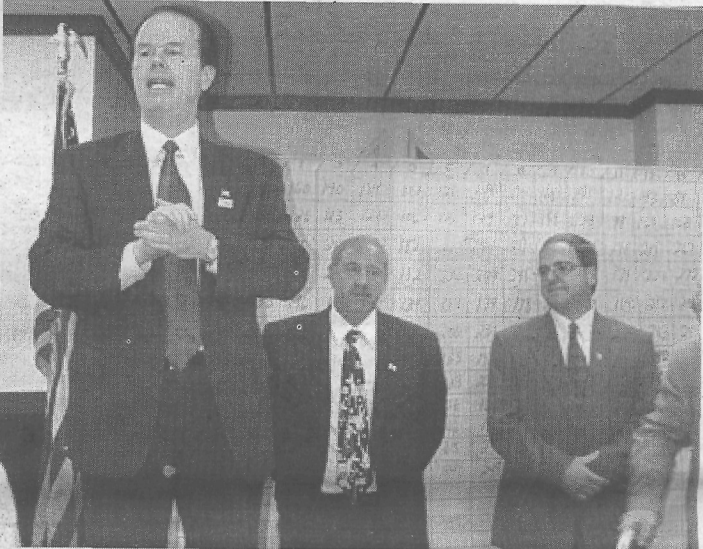
As the votes are brought in, Freeholder John Pulomena reads them off and Pat Diegnan records them on a large chart.



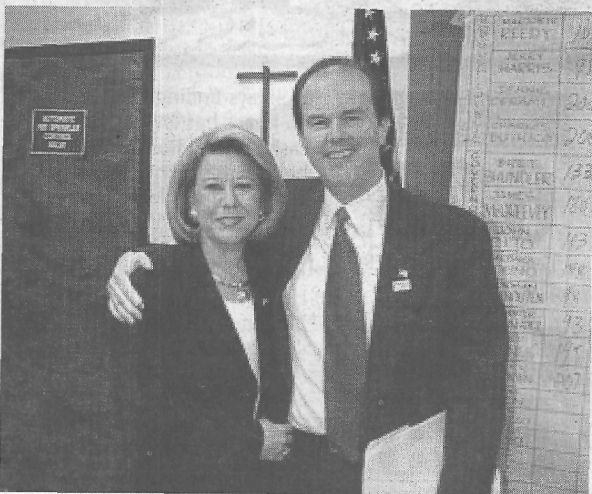
Democratic Council candidates Dennis Cerami and Charlie Butrico hold their breath as the votes are tabulated.



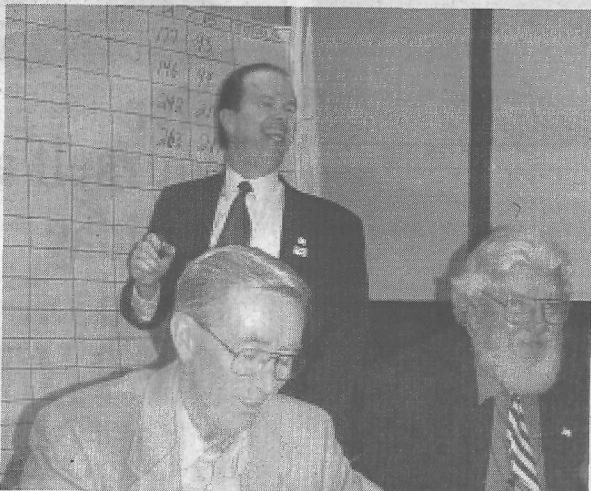
Councilman-elect Charlie Butrico with wife, Sherry, and daughters Dana, Kristie and Michelle.



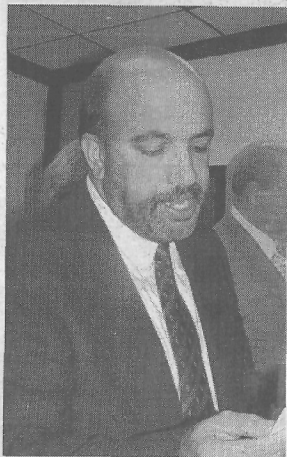
After the votes were counted Democratic chairman Pat Diegnan addressed the crowd.



Newly elected State Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and his wife, Anita.



Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Ed Kubala keep tally of the votes.



Freeholder John Pulomena was also on hand to help count the votes.

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## Free Foot Screening During National Diabetes Month

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and one doctor is helping the cause. For the entire month of November, Dr. Peter Wishnie, a podiatrist in Piscataway, is offering a free foot and ankle examination. More than 16 million people in the United States suffer from diabetes and almost half are unaware of their condition. In addition, at least 15 percent of all people with diabetes eventually develop foot problems.


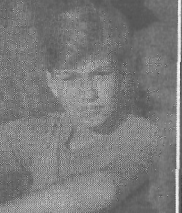
If your feet are constantly feel cold and you're experiencing reduced sensation or recurrent, persistent infections that are slow to heal, it could be an early indicator of diabetes. Other factors and signs of diabetes include unusual thirst, fatigue and frequent urination.

Poor circulation is another problem diabetics have with their feet. This prevents the delivery of oxygen and other nutrients to the foot, which

again can lead to infection.

Dr. Wishnie is a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and board certified in po-

diatric surgery and medicine. His office is located at 84 Stelton Rd. in Piscataway. For a free foot screening call (732) 968-3833.





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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's some pre-Thanksgiving news from the South Plainfield Library:

The Library will close early, at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 21, and will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Looking at Children's programs, there's still some space available in this afternoon's Kidcraft program. It's set for 4 p.m. and is for children ages six and over. All craft materials are provided by the Library. Space is limited, so you must call ahead to reserve a spot. Turning to Storytimes, we'll only have one program this week. It's the Tuesday Storytime; it starts at 10:30 a.m. and is for children ages three and over. No pre-registration is required. The Wednesday and Thursday programs have been cancelled, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you'd like more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

The Friends of the Library "Dollar a Bag" Book Sale is scheduled for tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of books, fiction and non-fiction, hardcover and paperback, will be available.

We're still accepting donations for the Books to Keep program, which provides disadvantaged children with books. We're accepting both monetary contributions and donations of new children's books. Stop by the main desk for more information.

The latest group from the CD Circuit is now available for borrowing. Artists featured in this group include the Oak Ridge Boys, Kathleen Battle, Sting, Vangelis and Trisha Yearwood. CDs may be borrowed, four at a time, four two weeks. This group will available

here until mid-February of 2002.

Next, here's a word regarding our general video collection. Available space in that area is getting a bit thin, so, to make room, we may have to do some fairly extensive weeding in that area. The problem is that, based upon circulation statistics, many of that tapes that get tossed could be of older, classic films. As many of these tapes are favorites of our patrons, we're reluctant to get rid of them. The problem is that those circulation stats are the criteria we use to determine what goes and what stays, and if an item just doesn't go out, we don't have the room to keep it, particularly in the light of continual demands for new VHS tapes and more DVDs. So, if you want us to hang onto these classics, the best way to let us know this is by borrowing them. Higher circulation stats mean better odds of survival. This month, we're featuring classic comedies and musicals in the video display in the general video section. Come on in and check them out today, because they may not be here tomorrow. It's all up to you, viewers.

Finally, as previously noted, Thanksgiving is coming up next week. We at the Library want to be of help to you during the holiday. But, since we can't buy your food or wash your dishes, how about this: Our collection features a variety of cookbooks and cooking videos, just the thing for finding a new recipe for the holiday feast (be it turkey or whatever). And, for the day after Thanksgiving, we've got a variety of exercise tapes and books to show you how to shed the pounds you've added. Feel free to stop in and see what we have; check with Reference for help in your search.

That's all for now. Thanks for reading; now, you'd better go make room in the fridge for all that extra food.

## 2001 Middlesex County Bicycling Guide Available

Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc. (KMM), Middlesex County's non-profit transportation management association announced the availability of the 2001 Middlesex County Bicycling Guide. A map indicates conditions such as speed and shoulders so a bicyclist can make a reasonable determination as to whether or not to travel on a particular road.

Morteza Ansari, KMM's Transportation Program Coordinator said, "The Guide gives bicyclists comprehensive information for planning a safe trip and identifies employment, recreational and cultural sites that might attract bicyclists."

The Guide also provides NJ Transit bicycle policies and safety tips, local bike locker locations, area hospitals and most importantly, information

on bicycle safety. It encompasses a quick bicycle inspection, NJ bicycle and helmet laws and helpful tips for children. Everything one needs to know about biking in Middlesex County can be found in this handy Bicycle Guide.

The Guide was developed by KMM in conjunction with the Middlesex County Planning Department and with input from the Middlesex County Bicycle-Pedestrian Task Force. The Federal Highway Administration and the NJ Department of Transportation provided funding to produce the Guide.

For a free copy of this guide, call KMM (732) 745-2326 or e-mail [www.kmm@kmm.org](mailto:www.kmm@kmm.org). Be sure to include your mailing address and the amount of guides you would like.

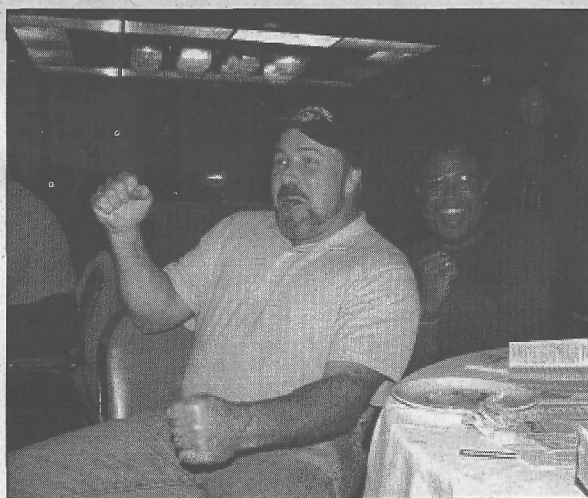
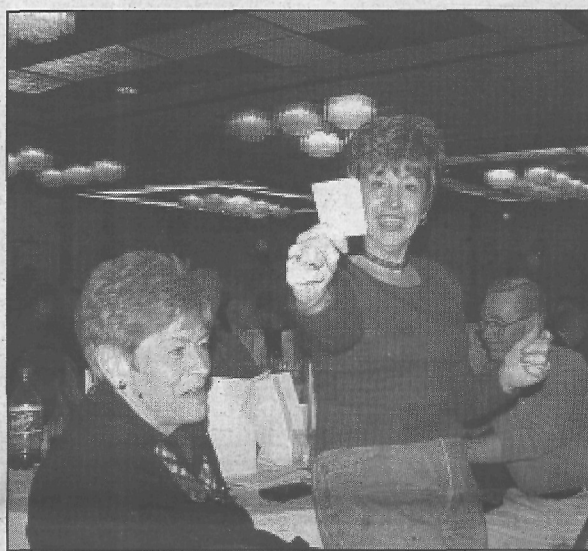
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## 'A Night at the Races' is a Winner

Photos/Story by Patricia Abbott



The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary are off and running. Their goal is to raise money for equipment and supplies for the squad. The most recent fundraiser, Fun Night 2001, a fast paced evening of horse races, brought the race track to the guests. Approximately 100 patrons arrived at the Holiday Inn for an evening of Armchair Races. The races had all the elements of a real race with all the comforts of home. Players exchanged real money for play money and placed bets based on numbers/names in the official program. After the windows are closed, an actual race began on the four TVs placed throughout the room. The films are actual races, the names of all entries are fictitious. After a slow start the fans began to root for their horses in between races there was no need to hunt for a concession stand. Every hour the snack tables changed. Guests enjoyed standard fare such as popcorn, chips, hot dogs, along with a variety of hot hors d'oeuvres, tacos, ice cream and more.

Before the racing began guests had the chance to buy raffle tickets for gift baskets provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. There was a basket for each month of the year along with specialty baskets. All the baskets were beautifully packaged by member, Kathy Smolinski.

As with any games of chance some folks are luckier than others. This also applies to raffles, where the more tickets you purchase the better your chances. Rob and Michele Mills of Piscataway won again and again, going home with five large baskets, including those for Mother's Day, summer and Thanksgiving.

The daily double was won by Dan and Marion Gallagher.

Night at the Races, Fun Night 2001 is just one of several fund raisers held by the Ladies Auxiliary. In the past they have sponsored fashion shows, male dancers, and other fundraisers. Ladies Auxiliary President Joanne Erglu noted the Armchair Races replaced their annual fashion show. The Auxiliary wanted to find an event that would interest more people. They were expecting the evening to raise about \$2,000.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the squad building 8 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month. Attendance is required at three meetings prior to being named a member.

New members 18 and older are welcome.

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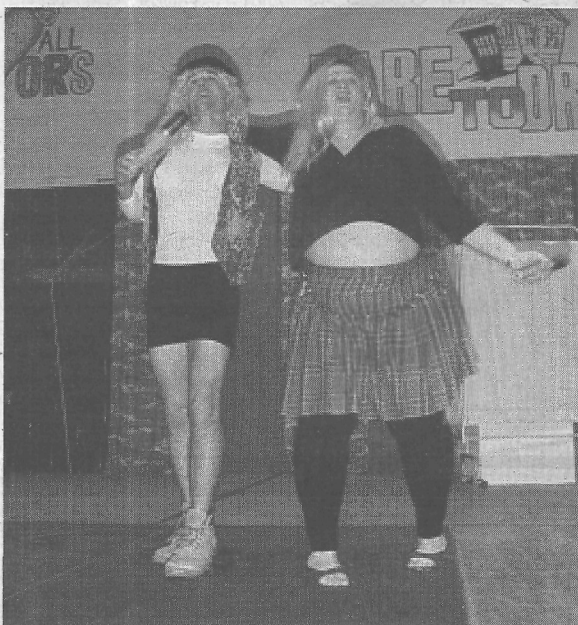
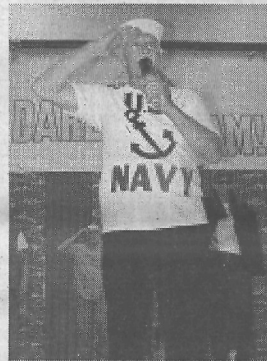
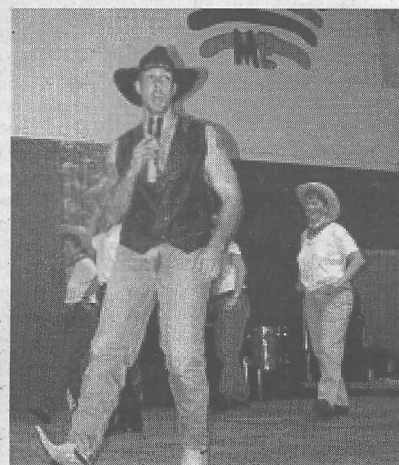
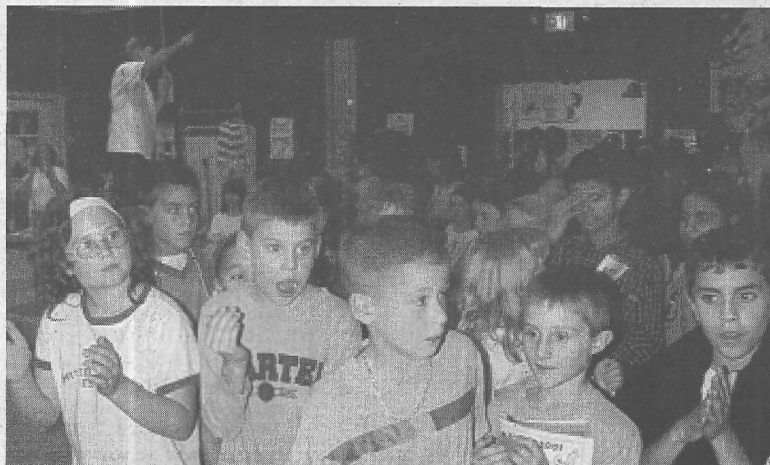
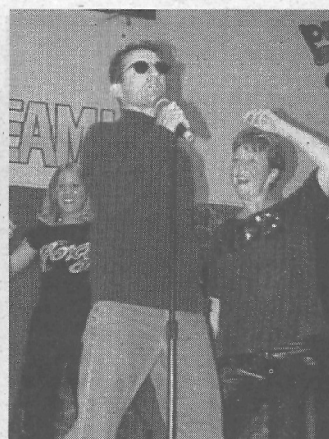
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## Kennedy Stars Light Up the Stage

By Patricia Abbott

Kennedy School's Variety 2001 proved beyond a doubt that there's "No Business Like Show Business." The event was sold out long before the doors opened with over 500 tickets purchased. The popular event brought a horde of celebrities to the Kennedy stage. This was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the stars which filled up the hall to standing room only capacity. Emcee for the event was long time South Plainfield resident Albert Miller. Miller and wife Maureen are currently in the process of moving. They were in Florida preparing their new home and returned to NJ just for the show.

When the lights dimmed an expectant hush fell over the room. The cast from *Annie Get Your Gun* burst onstage and set the high-energy pace for the rest of the evening. Broadway tunes soon gave way to rock and roll. Superstar Aretha "Angela Uffer"

Franklin brought her famous song "Respect" into a classroom full of unruly students that included the klutzy Urkle. She stood her ground amidst flying paper planes and spit balls. Mambo #5 showcased the talent of "Roubega." School Crossing Guard Betty Kyle joined The Kennedy Kops as they sang "Stop in the Name of Love." Britney, Shania and friends romped across the stage in several numbers that had the audience rolling in the aisles. Both seem to have the same hairdresser and appeared to need a shave. Their concert attire, tight tops and skirts also hinted that they are in need of a nice long rest. Looking quite well all things considered, Jerry "Al Czech" Garcia of the Grateful Dead joined the cast. He has obviously been hiding out with Elvis.

This show had something for everyone. Country fans enjoyed Garth "Kevin McCann" Brooks. Other stars included Ricky Martin and Bruce Springsteen. Whoopi "Frankie Washington" Goldberg, Carol Christatos and the pious sisters from the hit film "Sister Act" brought a few solemn moments to the stage but old habits are not hard to break and in no time the sisters were kicking up their heels. Tina "Kevin Luck" Turner put in an appearance as did Diana Ross, Ricky "Jim Miller" Martin, and the Boss, Bruce "Al" Springsteen.

Song after song, dance after dance, with blow up guitars and deflating microphones, the wonderful cast put

Milli Vanilli to shame! Kennedy teacher Barbara Harley Habeeb added her voice to the show with two wonderful songs from her new CD. The audience joined the cast in the finale, as they stood to sing *God Bless the USA*.

The Kennedy Variety show is in its fifth year. The show was created by teacher Sandy Doyon about seven years ago and has become a much anticipated event. Sandy directs, choreographs and provides props for the show. She is assisted by her husband Tom. The cast, made up of faculty and spouses, rehearsed for about a month and a half. About twenty teachers performed in the event. Participating in Variety 2001 were: Colleen Adams, Jennifer Bensulock, John Bensulock, Carol Christatos, Al Czech, Debbie Czech, Jared Czech, Barbara Doerr, Sandy Doyon, Tom Doyon, Michele Fidler, Barbara Friedman, Bob Friedman, Barbara (Harley) Habeeb, Al Hook, Eve Hook, Betty Kyle, Kevin Luck, Terry Luck, Kevin McCann, Jim Miller, Michelle O'Toole, Jill Patetta, Angela Uffer, Elaine Voila, Frankie Washington and Ann Witkowski.

Proceeds from the show will be split with the JFK Joyce Papp Scholarship fund and the school. Money raised from the raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing will be donated to the World Trade Center Fund. The program was generously supported by a number of South Plainfield area businesses.

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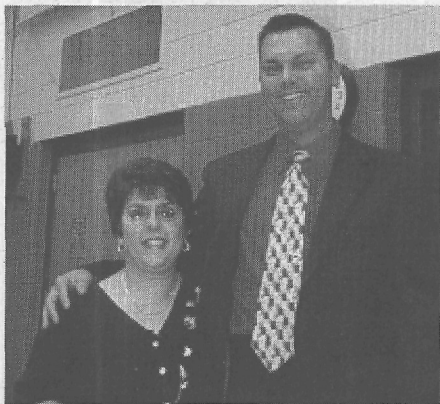
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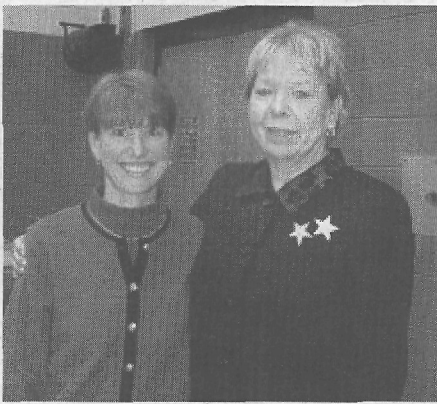
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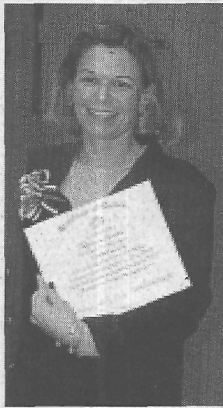
# Eleven Teachers Receive Tenure



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Mary Rodger with Franklin Principal Nancy Erickson



High school teachers Jacquelyn Barton, Monika Lehman, Maria Nesgood and Gene Kern.



John E. Riley Principal William Beegle with Beth Giakas, Assistant High School Principal and Angela Gallagher. Not pictured are Jackie Melnyk and Kathleen Mindler.



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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by James Borgese requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the 12x24.4' addition and deck, proposed addition and deck exceeds lot coverage by 115.5 s.f. or 1.2%, 2,354.5 s.f. allowed and 2,470 s.f. being proposed and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 188, Lot 60.01 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on December 4, 2001 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 1T November 16, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1579

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1579 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$85,500 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEW AND STUDY OF THE BOROUGH'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM USERS, BILLING AND COLLECTIONS was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1578

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1578 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$174,610.50 FOR THE REPAVING OF KENNETH AVENUE, WALNUT STREET AND WOODLAND AVENUE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1577

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1577 entitled: AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE #1568 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #801" ENTITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1978" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1576

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1576 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MAKING PROVISIONS OF SUBSTITUTE ONE OF TITLE 39 ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES" REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES AT WOODLAND MANOR WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1575

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1575 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2002 MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ORDINANCE #1570A

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1570A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1570 APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG BELMONT AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE TO: JAMES & SHARON MOORE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 1600 Mellon St. (formerly 415 Edgar Ave.) South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 Lot #12, Block #193

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 James & Sharon Moore for public improvements at 1600 Mellon St. (formerly 415 Edgar Ave.), South Plainfield, New Jersey known as Lot#12, in Block #193 listed on the official maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 8:00 PM Monday, December 3, 2001 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

James & Sharon Moore  
1600 Mellon St.  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied to the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield for Preliminary major Subdivision to create three (3) conforming residential building lots in the R-10 zone for premises as described below, a waiver for off-tract improvement installation, a waiver for storm water detention system installation and additional variances or relief deemed necessary by the Board.

The property in question is located at:  
Block: 368 Lot: 6.01

Street Address: Spicer Ave.,  
South Plainfield, New Jersey

A hearing will be held on this application by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield, at the Council Chambers, South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. All interested parties will be heard for the purposes of stating objections, protests or arguments against or in favor of the application.

The file, plans and maps relating to this application may be inspected in the Zoning office of the South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey during regular business hours between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Applicant's Name: Ameriland, Inc.  
Case No. 01-05  
By: John J. Sullivan, Jr., Attorney for Applicant  
1279 Bound Brook Road, Suite 12A  
Middlesex, New Jersey 08846

\$58.75 1T November 16, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, December 3, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 248 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, the Mayor and Council will hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guaranty posted by Jack Giarretta for public improvements at lots 9 and 9.01 in Block 404 of the Tax Map, South Plainfield, New Jersey. You may appear in person or by agent or attorney at which time the Mayor and Council will hear any objections to the release of the Performance Guaranty.

Lawrence A. Vastola, Esq.  
495 Union Ave.  
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# Sports

## 2001 Recreation Soccer Teams



### SOCCER

## Typhoons Handle Hillsborough

The South Plainfield Boys U-12 Typhoons (5-3-1) captured their fifth win in their last six games in convincing fashion Sunday, 5-1 over the Hillsborough Crusade. The win guarantees the Typhoons a winning record and no worse than third place in their flight, which is a great accomplishment after starting the season winless in their first three outings.

For the second straight game, it was a balanced attack that led the Typhoons on this very cold late afternoon. Brian Fabino would take the reigns early as he contributed two goals and an assist in the first half, leading South Plainfield to a 3-1 halftime score. Fabino placed a beautiful lead pass into the opponent's zone to a streaking Brendan O'Shea who put it into the left corner of the net and

the 1-0 lead. The next score was triggered when Matt Helgesen was able to find Fabino with a nice centering pass and a solid shot deep for his third goal of the year. Following a Hillsborough score, Fabino would find the net again, this time off of an O'Shea corner kick and the commanding halftime lead.

Throughout the contest, the midfielders and strikers maintained control of the ball and the flow of the game. Jonathan Marcoux, John Polizzano, Helgesen and Chris Pennisi each had opportunities to score only to be turned away, however the pressure that they provided helped to break down the Crusade's defense and allow the Typhoons other chances to score.

Nonetheless, the play of the game

came while Hillsborough still felt they were within striking distance. After O'Shea had put the Typhoons up 4-1, a questionable call in the penalty area gave the Crusade a chance to cut the lead in half with a penalty kick midway through the second half. But goalie Grey Coppi made a fantastic lunging block and then chased the ball down to secure possession and stick a dagger in the Crusade's hearts. The icing on the cake then came when Helgesen forwarded the ball to Brandon Ullom who out-raced the defense and ripped it home for his first goal of the year and the final score of 5-1.

The Typhoons will wrap up their season next Sunday at Piscataway with a chance to finish in second place and complete a very successful fall campaign.

## Blaze U-13 Girls Soccer Net 1st Win

### Blaze vs. Westfield Sting

The South Plainfield Blaze U-13 girls traveling soccer team netted their first win of a very long season beating Westfield Sting one nil. In a second match-up vs. Westfield and coming off a 1-1 tie earlier in the season Blaze prevailed in what would be a well fought defensive battle. Leading the defense inside the net our keeper Tiffany Roth did an outstanding job with numerous saves. Center fullbacks Joy Maszczak, Elizabeth

Flannery and Jackie Miller were outstanding shutting down the defensive third.

Our tough outside fullbacks Tiffany Smith and Ashleigh Gaspari eliminated the wing attacks turning all balls wide. Halftime produced a 0-0 tie.

Opening up the second half with a relentless attack and setting the tempo of the game our talented center midfielders Jennifer Copeland, Dorian Bishop and Jenna DeLillo dominated

the middle. The speed and skillful play of our outside halfbacks Ashley Little and Lauren Fry helped to set up the only score of the game when in the 49th minute and off a deflection from a defender's foot, left striker Kate Hardy placed a ball in the cage. Exciting breakaways and numerous shots on goal from our gifted strikers Becky Keller and Megan Boyle were shut-down by a revitalized opposing Westfield defense.

In what was one of the many close and hard fought battles we've had this year this game was won on sheer determination, talent and desire.

Well done ladies!

Visit the South Plainfield Soccer Club's web site at [www.sopfldsoccerclub.com](http://www.sopfldsoccerclub.com).

Submitted by Coach Hardy

## Elks Announce 30th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot Competition

The South Plainfield Lodge 2298 competition for the 30th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot, "The national free throw shooting contest for youngsters age 8 through 13," will be held at Sacred Heart School on Nov. 25 starting at 2 p.m.

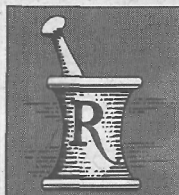
Over three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last years competition for boys and girls in the age categories 8-9; 10-11; and 12-13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals. The location will be announced.

South Plainfield Lodge 2298 winners will compete against other contestants in the district event at Perth Amboy in January 2002. Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" plaque, on permanent display in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Last years winners from South Plainfield for girls 12-13 was Julia Dougherty; boys 10-11 was Ryan Hohner; girls 10-11 was Stephanie Penny; boys 8-9 was Zach Sikanowicz and girls 8-9 was Jackie Dougherty. The Dougherty girls went on to take third place in the district competition for their age groups. Age categories for 2001-2002 Hoop Shoot are: 8-9 Division if born between April 2, 1992 and April 1, 1994; 10-11 Division if born between April 2, 1990 and April 1, 1992 and 12-13 Division if born between April 2, 1988 and April 1, 1990. Any participant who shoots in the wrong age category will

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Registrants are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate.



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"Craft Projects" and "Art Lessons" will begin first week of December. Registration is now open, but seating is extremely limited. Call and ask for Mrs. Rawlins.





## Santa Claus Is Coming To Town And He's Coming On A Fire Engine

To help raise money for our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (May 2007) and Firemen's Memorial, the members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company will again ask Santa to deliver Christmas presents by fire engine. Can you imagine how excited your children will be to have Santa bring them a present on a fire engine!

Here's how it works. The fire department is asking that you donate \$20 for each family you would like Santa to deliver presents. The \$20 should be a check made payable to the SPVFC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 100% of the \$20 goes directly to 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund.

Then you must wrap a small gift for Santa to present to your child. A small present is all that is necessary. Gifts should cost no more than \$30. Please do not give expensive gifts. After you wrap the gift, put your child's name and address securely on the gift.

South Plainfield Firefighters will visit every block in the Borough to deliver all of the gifts. They will sound their sirens and activate their lights. The children can then come to the engine and receive their gift from Santa and his elves. All you need is a camera.

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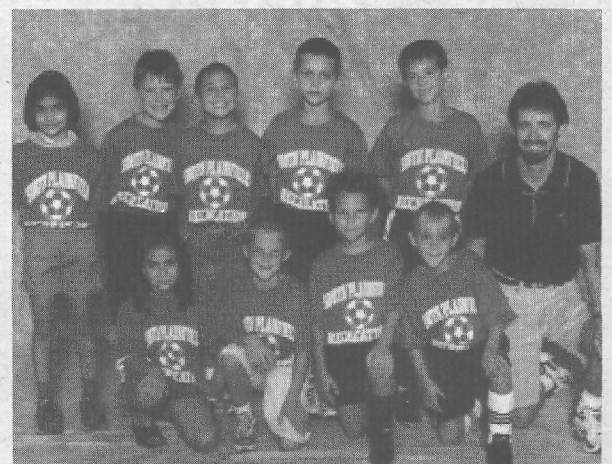
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You can call the SPVFC Activities Hotline 908-412-8868 and leave a message should you have questions and we will get back to you.

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# Sports

## SPHS Girls Field Hockey Makes it to the Finals, Wins Semi-Final Match

The South Plainfield girls field hockey team won 2-1 in an overtime shoot out over the first seeded West Windsor-Plainsboro North in the NJSIAA North Jersey Section Group III semifinals.

For the first time in over a decade the girls field hockey team advanced to the sectional finals.

Sophomores Megan Schweers and Amanda Rastelli led the team to vic-

tory by breaking the 1-1 tie in overtime. Goalie Michelle DeSantis played a stellar game with a total of 17 saves, four of them in overtime. Danielle Skoba contributed to the victory with the first goal of the game.

The girls had to played the top seeded Warren Hills in the finals.

The girls kept it close in the first half, allowing only one Warren Hills score.

The second half Warren Hills were up 3-0 when Meaghan Schweers put South Plainfield on the board. The final score was 3-1.

This was the first appearance in a sectional final since 1989 for the South Plainfield Hockey Team. They plan on returning next year and improving their record. Coach Fran Flannery said that the team will only lose three starters to graduation.

By Kevin Lykes

## juniorbaseballclubnotes

It seems like baseball season just ended, but already we're starting to prepare for next season. Our first registration period has come and gone, our next one will be coming up in January.

Coach's Clinics started on Tuesday, Nov. 13. This month's clinic featured Tim Gallagher, Head J.V. coach at SPHS. Tim went over infield practice organization. The November clinic and following clinics will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the SPJBC complex. Our organization recognizes the need for our coaches to be informed and kept up on all the latest coaching techniques, it is for this reason that we strongly recommend all those aspiring to be managers and coaches to attend as many of these clinics as possible. These clinics are both informative and educational, particularly to new coaches. They can lend insight to many training and practice routines that will help keep your team interested and ready. They encompass much more than basic rules of the game. I can't stress how much things have changed since most of us adults played last.

## Despite Loss, Junior Midgets Season Still a Success

By Tony Cassano

The South Plainfield Eagle's Junior Midget squad lost 31-8 in a hard fought championship game against the Bridgewater Panthers on Sunday, Nov. 4. The game, played once again on a beautiful fall day and at a neutral site, matched the two division winners from the Mountain Valley Pop Warner Football Conference.

Bridgewater jumped out to early lead when South Plainfield lost a fumble on their first punt which turned into a defensive touchdown for the Panthers.

They scored again to make it 12-0 at the end of the first quarter. In a game that saw a war between the tackles, the Panthers used their size, age, and muscle to take a 18-0 lead before the Eagles got the board late in the second quarter to pull within 12. The half ended with the score being 18-8. The third quarter involved an all out ground game and another score by the Panthers to make it 25-8. The Eagles continued to battle right up to the last minute despite the final score of 31-8.

Even in defeat, the Eagles showed

spirit and good sportsmanship. As many observers saw and league officials confirmed, this Eagle team, despite the smallest squad in the entire conference, played with a lot of heart and determination in the championship game and throughout the entire season.

The team, which started practicing on August 1st had good team chemistry and they worked hard from the beginning all the way up to and through their last practice the day before the Championship game.

Despite the loss, the Junior Midget season was very successful and a lot to be proud of. With a final record of 7-2 and a division championship, the Eagles left the field with their heads held high.

Congratulations to all the Junior Midgets and their Coaches for a great season.

## Jr. Baseball Ladies Auxiliary Holiday Celebration

Attention all ladies - Please join us for our Annual Holiday Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Flanagans. The cost is \$25 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, beer, wine and soda. We will also have a \$10 gift exchange.

This is open to all ladies of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club. Come on out and join us.

Call Cindy Eichler 769-4047 or Stacy Lake 757-9531 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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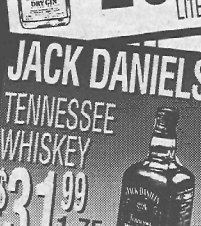
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## Obituaries

### Josephine C. Pasquale, 78

Josephine C. Pasquale of San Diego died Sunday, Oct. 14. She was born in Plainfield.

Mrs. Pasquale was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony M. Pasquale; four daughters, JoAnne Mabe, Louise Pollard, Maria Shingledecker and Toni Morris of San Diego; four sisters, Elsie Persiano, Rose Casio, Frances Sydorko and Mary Tommolino of New Jersey; a brother, Nick Russo of Anaheim. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by Goodbody Mortuary.

### George Meyer, 80

George "Art" Meyer of South Plainfield, died on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

He was born in Netcong and had lived in Sunlit and in Sarasota, Fla. before moving to South Plainfield 40 years ago. Mr. Meyer had been employed, for over 50 years, as plumber and pipefitter, working out of Local 24 of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters in Summit.

During WWII, he served with the Army Corps of Engineers and was stationed in Ecuador and Panama.

Art enjoyed traveling and belonged to the Traveling Seniors of North Plainfield. He was an avid bowler with the Monday Super Seniors at Strike 'n Spare Lanes in Green Brook.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Eileen K. (Johnson) Meyer; his children, Kathleen and Thomas Yurkevich of Beach Haven Crest, Maureen and Paul Rime of Hillsborough and George and Cynthia Meyer of Mountain View, Calif., two sisters, Joanne

Lawson of Brick and Irene Pierce of Florida and a brother, Jack Meyer of Budd Lake. He is also survived by his five granddaughters.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations to the Leukemia Society of America or to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad would be appreciated.

### Nancy Sooncoo Lee, 71

Nancy Sooncoo Lee of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Muhlenberg Regional Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Seoul Korea and came to the United States in 1980, settling in Piscataway, before moving to South Plainfield 18 years ago.

Mrs. Lee was a member of the Galilee Assembly of God Church in Hope Lawn.

She was predeceased by her husband Sah Lee who died in 1990.

She is survived by two sons, Jason Lee of South Plainfield and Max Lee of Edison; three daughters, Helen Kim and Diane Lee, both of South Plainfield and Mona Dokko of Colonia; a brother, John Chase Lee of Piscataway and 10 grandchildren.

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

### Ruth E. Krug, 86

Ruth E. Krug died on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

She was born and lived in Plainfield for most of her life, Spring Lake for 17 years and in South Plainfield for three years, before she entered the Eastern Star Home in Somerville in 1998.

She was a member of the Lydia Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in Plainfield.

Her husband, Robert E. Krug, died in 1976. She was also predeceased by her brother, William S. Volk.

Surviving are two sons and daughters in law, Robert S. and Susan Krug of Marietta, Ga. and Thomas M. and Patricia Krug of Glen Gardner; a brother, Richard Volk of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held at the

McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Bruce W. Nickeson, 48

Bruce W. Nickeson of South Plainfield, died on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Niagara Falls, NY, Mr. Nickeson resided in St. Mary's, Pa. and Scotch Plains before settling in South Plainfield 12 years ago.

He was the proud owner and operator of Cross Creek Trucking, Inc. of South Plainfield for the past five years. He had previously been employed with Allstate Insurance Company.

Mr. Nickeson had been an avid fan of the New York Yankees and their star short stop, Derek Jeter.

Surviving are his wife, Joy (Pfeifer) Nickeson; a son, Michael Carl Nickeson of South Plainfield, his parents, William & Florence (Gerber) Nickeson of Florida and a brother, Scott Robert Nickeson of Hillsborough. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society of New Jersey, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08818.

### Henry E. Machos, 76

Henry "Hank" E. Machos died on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. Health Care Center in Plainfield.

Born in Linden, he grew up in Elizabeth, where he lived for many years. He has resided in South Plainfield since 1955.

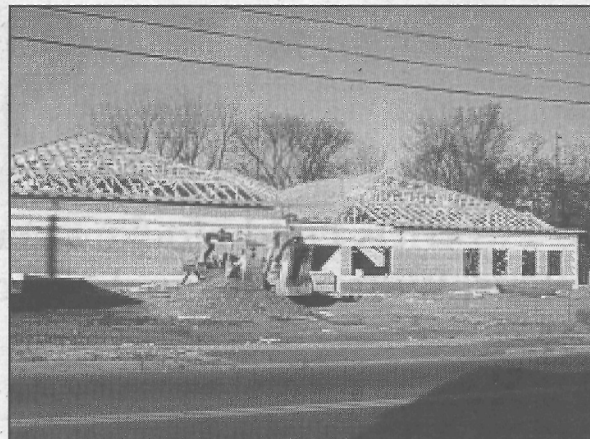
Henry was the owner and operator of Machos' Tavern, formerly located at Elizabeth Ave. and Fifth St. in Elizabeth, for 20 years. After selling the tavern in 1971, he held various jobs for the next 16 years, retiring from Cosmair, Inc. of Cranbury in 1987.

He served with the U.S. Navy during WW II. He enjoyed cooking and shopping.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Dorothy A. (Chernewski) Machos, two daughters and sons in law, Wendy and Tom Evigan and Janis and Tom Smith and a son, Jeffrey Machos and Curly, all of South Plainfield; a sister Dorothy Kingsbury of Conn.; two brothers, Walter Machos of Miami, Fla. and Joseph Machos of Plainfield. Also surviving are two grandsons Jeff and Drew Smith.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.



The new Senior Center is moving along, the roof is almost completed.



Sullivans Garage, which was struck by lightning earlier this year, is being demolished. It is unknown if and when it will be rebuilt.

## Theater Company Offers Dream Workshops for Actors and Writers

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo), a project of VSA arts of New Jersey will offer Dream Workshops for individuals ages 16 years and over on Wednesday, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2001 and Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2002 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at North Brunswick High School in North Brunswick. All levels of actors and writers are invited to register. UPTCo is a program of USA arts of New Jersey, a nonprofit statewide organization dedicated to providing expanded arts opportunities to NJ residents with and without disabilities.

Through the Dream Workshops, participants will learn about script developments and form as they create plays based upon their dreams for the spring 2002 UPTCo mainstage production. Workshops will be taught by Joseph Giardina, Artistic/Education Director at Arts Horizons and former Artistic Director of UPTCo. As an actor he has performed in NY at Playwrights Horizons, Theatre 890, Ensemble Studio Theatre and many others. As a director, Mr. Giardina has worked at Circle Rep Lab, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Manhattan Class Co., John Houseman Studio Theatre and Playwrights Horizons as well as many regional theatres.

Major funding for the Unlimited Potential Theater Company is provided in part by the NJ Department

of Community Affairs, the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission, United Way of Central Jersey, the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and by funds from the National Endowment for the Art and the central office of VSA arts under an award from the US Department of Education. VSA arts is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

These workshops are offered free of charge. Accommodations will be made for people with disabilities. Transportation may be available to Middlesex County residents upon request.

For more information or to register contact VSA arts of New Jersey, 703 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 07901, (732) 745-3884, 745-5935 or 745-3913 (TTY). Registration deadline is Nov. 26, 2001.

## Rescue Squad September Calls

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad answered 136 emergency calls (a total of 383 actual man hours) during the month of September.

Volunteers always needed. If you think you would like to volunteer, call (908) 754-2343 for information.

## Celebrate "America Recycles Day"

America Recycles Day started in 1997 as an offshoot of Texas Recycles Day. Since then national corporate sponsors have helped spread the event to all 50 states. It officially takes place on November 15 each year.

The heart of the event is each citizen's pledge to commit to making recycling work—everyday. Participation is measured by how many pledge cards are received. This year there will be three regional prizes awarded through random drawings of the pledge cards. The prizes consist of various recycled content products. Pledge

cards can be obtained in the Borough Clerk's office through Nov. 16.

In South Plainfield, Home Depot is planning an America Recycles Day event in the store on Saturday, Nov. 17. They also plan to label items in the store that contain "recycled content."

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## policereport

• On Friday, a Wells Dr. resident reported that his vehicle had been spray painted while parked in his driveway overnight.

• On Saturday, a Plainfield Ave. resident reported that the passenger side door lock of her vehicle had been damaged. No entry was gained.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported that his daughter's bike had been stolen from the rear yard.

• A Somerset resident, who was deejaying at the Knights of Columbus party, reported that her 2000 Honda Civic was missing. It was parked on Hamilton Blvd.

• A Scotch Plains man was arrested for simple assault and resisting arrest after a complaint was made by the Grand

Buffet. The man was intoxicated and wouldn't leave on his own. Police officers took him back to the station where he became belligerent and assaulted Officer Robert Roger, attempting to push him. He missed and instead grabbed Officer Rogers' arm and threatened him verbally. The man was told that he was under arrest and still refused to comply and had to be taken to the ground and placed in a cell. He was released on \$150 bail.

• On Monday, an Elsie Ave. resident reported that the front of his residence had been egged overnight.

• The assistant manager of Unity Bank reported that an unknown individual cashed a NJ Homestead Rebate check which had been reported stolen in Plainfield.



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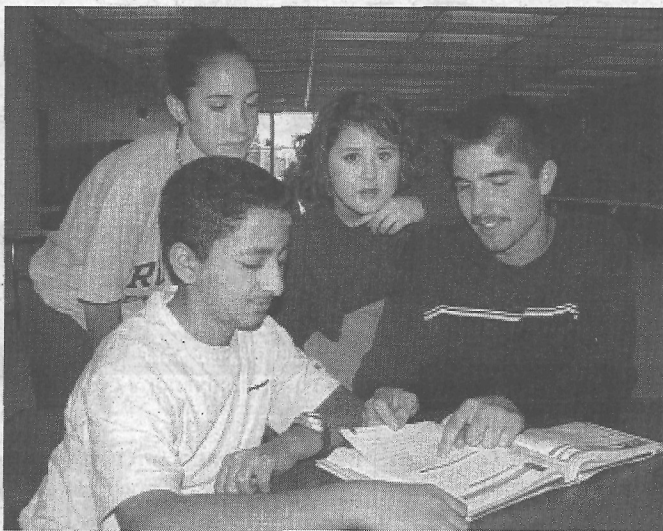
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## Riley School Participates in "America Recycles Day"

Three former members of the South Plainfield Recycling Commission have arranged for several recycling/environmental activities to take place at Riley School between Nov. 13-21 as a way of celebrating America Recycles Day.

There will be a display containing recycled-content products, and environmental messages. Handouts provided by the county will be given to each student in the classroom as the teachers explain why it is important to participate. The school library is encouraging students by displaying and reading books with environmental messages.

Riley's Student Council is sponsor-

ing an aluminum can drive as a way of promoting awareness and litter cleanup. The proceeds will be donated.

These activities are designed to teach students how our changing society has become accustomed to disposing of much of our goods and how that impacts our environment and resources. Students will also learn how they can commit to saving resources, cleaning the air and water, and saving energy and landfill space by reducing waste, reusing products, and recycling throwaways.

## News From Terra Nova Garden Club

The Terra Nova Garden Club will hold the Garden Therapy Workshop starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20, and Garden Therapy at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the Muhlenberg Adult Care Facility in Plainfield.

The Terra Nova Garden Club will hold their November monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at the North Edison Library on Grove Ave. in Edison.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Fred Primich. The presentation is entitled "Container Gardening." Dr. Primich is an avid gardener who has life experiences to share on this exciting and trendy topic. Accompanying slide presentation and lecture will set the stage for beginners and advanced gardeners alike.

The Terra Nova Garden Club is also selling a savory cookbook of tried and true recipes of our members. The cost is \$10 and may be purchased from any member.

## Friends of the Library Holding Book Sale

The Friends of the South Plainfield Library will hold a special "Dollar-a-Bag" Book Sale on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will feature a large selection of both fiction and non-fiction books, in both hardcover and paperback. The Friends will supply the bags.

The public is invited to pick up books for their collection, or to find some special fireside reading for the coming winter months.

For more information, please call the Library at (908) 754-7885.

## SP Library Holding Winter Charity Collection

The Friends of the South Plainfield Library are collecting new mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for the needy during the winter holiday season.

A basket has been placed in the South Plainfield Library. The collection drive will run from Nov. 12 to Dec. 12.

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**Remember: There will be no Observer next week. Next issue is Nov. 30.**

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