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Students Jump for Joy

Franklin School students are jumping for joy. Their recent 'Jump Rope For Heart' raised \$10,173 for the American Heart Association (AMA).

One hundred eighty students in kindergarten through fifth grade gathered pledges. On a warm sunny day after school they began to collect on those pledges by jumping rope. They jumped alone, in pairs and in long lines. They jumped fast and slow. Some were experts, while others struggled to complete two consecutive jumps.

Despite their different skill levels, the students all had the same goal, to

help the AMA. Assisting them was gym teacher Bill Pavlak. Pavlak encouraged the jumpers, reminding them when to switch partners, as music blared from speakers. Fifteen teachers and 30 parents were on hand to assist and cheer on the youths. The PTA provided refreshments.

Former Franklin gym teacher Drew Smith got the school involved in this national program in 1994. Since then, Franklin students have raised over \$50,000. This year's contributions ranged from \$1 to \$1000 with the average contribution being \$15-\$35.

Borough Hires CEO

Borough resident Glenn Cullen has been hired as South Plainfield's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Cullen starts his job on May 24 at a salary of \$84,000.

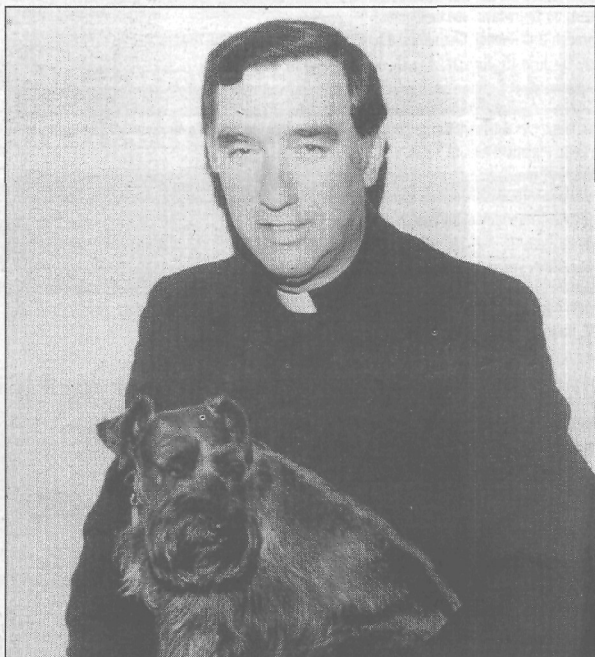
Former Borough Administrator Frank DeRosa, also served as the Borough CEO. He resigned suddenly in March, but only recently resigned as CEO as of May 24.

Cullen comes to South Plainfield after serving as the director of Patient Finance at Hackettstown Community Hospital. He has spent the last seven years in the health care system, both managing and directing at hospitals and health care facilities.

Cullen graduated Middlesex County College in 1988 with a A.A.S. in Accounting, with honors. He attended Kean College and earned a B.S. in accounting and graduated Summa Cum Laude and he also attended Fairleigh Dickinson University earning his Masters in Business Administration in 1995.

According to Councilman Ed Kubala, Cullen will be coming on board just in time. The South Plainfield 2003 budget process is about to begin.

Kubala added that plans are on hold to hire a new borough administrator. He said that the workload can be handled between the new CEO and the Borough Clerk. If so, the Borough will not need to hire a new Borough Administrator. The Council will take a wait and see attitude for a while.



Father John M. Skwara, Pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, will retire June 1. He is pictured here with his famous dog, Bingo.

Skwara Retiring After 30 Years as Pastor

Father John M. Skwara, pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, will retire as of June 1. Father John has been administering the parish for the past 30 years. As a parish priest for some 43 years, he had previously served in parishes in South River, Trenton and Carteret.

Father John was assigned to Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish on June

6, 1972. This was his first and only pastorate. During the past 30 years he has seen the church grow from 50 to over 500 families and watched as a new church was built in 1976.

Born in Trenton on Aug. 29, 1931, of Walter and Mary Skwara, Father John had nine siblings, eight sisters and one brother. He will retire to

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Animal Hospital Celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Patricia Abbott

Plainfield Animal Hospital recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with a doggone good party! Guests of Dr. Scott Linick and his staff came in all shapes and sizes, two feet and four.

Human guests enjoyed barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken, salads, cold drinks and cake. Furry friends enjoyed pet food samples and treats. Each table held a pet food dish filled with candy. Guests received goodie bags of party favors, including a bandana that could be seen on more pets than their owners.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilman Ray Petronko were among the 200 people who stopped by to join the celebration.

Tents set up in the parking area provided seating and shade from the afternoon sun. They also housed sponsor booths and participants who offered freebies such as pens, magnets and literature. A particular favorite was a gingerbread cookie shaped like a boxer. A sign clearly stated that the



Plainfield Animal Hospital employees and friends were on hand to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

cookies were "for humans!"

Clowns entertained the younger set with face painting and balloon creations. Animals were the theme of the day, and children were transformed

into cats and dogs or had colorful snakes painted on their arms. Balloons followed the theme with a wide assortment of creatures. Everyone who registered was entered into

a raffle and received their choice of a bag of pet food or a pet photo album.

Participants included People for Animals, Animal Rescue Force, Grey-

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**Don't Miss the
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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, May 20 Thursday, May 23

Monday, June 3 Thursday, June 6

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. (starting in May at 7 p.m.) • Questions? 908-226-7641
May 28, June 1, June 25

zoning board of adjustment

Meets on Thursdays (see new dates)

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

May 16, June 13, June 27, July 18, July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29

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.

site plan sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 26

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August

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

June 4, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

June 10

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - June 11, July (no meeting), Aug. 13, Sept.

10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 2003, Feb. 11, March 11, April 1.

Regular Board Mtg., held Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. - May 21 (SPHS auditorium), June 18,

July (no meeting), Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, 2003, Feb. 18, March 18, April 8.

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

May 22, June 26, July 24,

(Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18

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Dear Editor,

This year Brownie Troop #17 was fortunate to have had their Cookie Booth Sale in front of The Bagel Pantry, located on Plainfield Avenue. Not only do the "gentlemen" at the Bagel Pantry make the best bagels, they give us a great place to sell our cookies, while purchasing several boxes of cookies themselves.

We appreciated the support we received and hope that South Plainfield residents will continue to truly support those businesses that support our youth.

**KIM MCMAHON
COOKIE MOM, TROOP #17**

Dear Editor,

May is "National Electrical Safety Awareness Month." Each year thousands of people are either injured or killed because an individual was doing electrical work improperly, or just did not know how to do the job correctly!

It is the law in New Jersey that any contractor who is doing ANY electrical work must be licensed and have a business permit issued from the State of New Jersey. Municipalities in which the work is performed must also inspect the work. Any contractor who does electrical work and is not licensed, is doing so illegally and is violating the law. Violating this law is a felony crime of the fourth degree and may be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.

If you would like more information on this subject, please feel free to contact our state office at 800-227-6467.

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Dear Editor,

May is National Foster Care Month and as the social worker for the Infant Foster Program at the Children's Home Society of New Jersey in Trenton, I want to commend all foster parents for the important work

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IN MY OPINION

that they do for children. I work very closely with the foster parents.

Raising a child is a difficult task in itself, but raising a foster child is even more difficult. Foster families are the anchors that some children never get to have in their parents' home. Foster families give of themselves something that some of us take for granted. Sharing their love, emotions, home, time, knowledge, patience and extended families takes a gift that is not given to everyone. Foster families have the extraordinary talent to help children feel a little bit better about themselves, who they are and where they come from. Foster families love the children and have the ability to let the children go when the time comes, which some say "allows them the room in their heart for another child."

The foster parents I work with have an unending job caring for newborn babies. I have learned so much from their spirit and am honored to work with them. I hope that I do them justice in my work with them. I don't know if foster families know how much they are appreciated. I just want to say to my families and all foster families, you have the most difficult task of raising someone else's child as your own. I appreciate all you do and all that you wish you could do.

Without the foster families there would be many more children lost, hurt or dead. Thank you for being who and what you are to the children you care for. There are many more foster families needed. If you feel this is for you, call Marie (609) 695-6274.

**DEBRA PLATT
FOSTER CARE COOR.
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NJ**

Dear Editor,

If you are looking for a good human interest story, have I got one for you. It's a story that we can so use in today's day and age. It's about one person who had an idea, then a dream, that turned into a mission. The idea was to help people in need. The dream was to start an organization that would implement that idea. The mission is to wipe out hunger in our communities, one person at a time. This person's name is Andrew Wilson.

Now, if one person can do much, three can do more. So, he went to his brother and sister to help make up the board for a non-profit public organization called the Regional Food Bank, Inc. In the form of craft shows, carnivals and other events, Regional Food Bank is going to communities to raise funds for local banks.

A lot of late nights, sweat and ambition have gone into making this idea work. As the niece of these three, I'd like to say I'm incredibly proud and moved by their efforts. To say I want to help is one thing, doing is quite another. That is what they have done. I was moved so much, that I

too have joined the ranks to help make a difference. I serve by giving my time to help promote the mission. Not only do I want people to know how amazing these three people are, I also want to give a little hope for those in need that there is a way. There's somewhere to go, a toll free number to call.

When we think of hunger we tend to think of third world countries. The fact of the matter is, it's right under our very noses. It could be your neighbor and you don't even know it. Or maybe, you do know, but are barely making it yourself. There are community resources that not everyone knows about. By supporting the local food bank you keep these community resources alive and running. These food banks are essential to our communities because, sometimes government resources are not readily available. At times it takes a week or two for resources to provide relief. Even a day or two is too long to go without food, especially for those with young ones.

Have you ever had to tell your child, "I'm sorry honey, I don't have anything for dinner but, I promise tomorrow I'll come up with something." This conversation happens more often than we would like to admit. We can could help those that are just temporarily going through a rough time.

There is something you can do. Call our toll free number: 1-800-627-0038 to find out how you can help. Whether it's giving a charitable contribution, finding where to send nonperishables or just giving this number to someone in need. So support your local food banks. Give an answer to that mother that is struggling.

One last thing, thanks to my family who have helped me through rough times and provided a way for me to help those who may not be as fortunate. I love all of you more than you will ever know.

**PATTY BROWN
PUBLIC RELATIONS
DIRECTOR OF R.F.B.I.**

Correction



Last week on page 12 we incorrectly identified Police Officer Michael Redden (holding ducklings in pail). We apologize for the error.

Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Ave.
South Plainfield, NJ

Rev. John Paul
Alvarado, Pastor

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

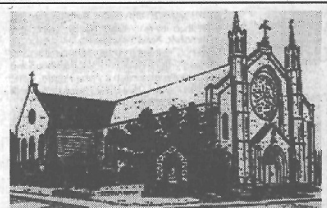
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

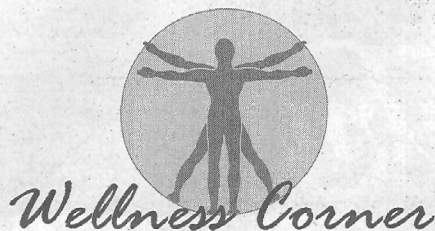
Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-11 a.m., 4-4:45 p.m.

and after 5 p.m. Vigil Mass





Wellness Corner

The Weekend Warrior...

Snap, crackle, pop. No, I'm not referring to the popular cereal, but rather to the aging athlete who still thinks he or she is still in high school with his varsity sweater. Unfortunately, that's too many of us playing in weekly softball leagues, baseball, soccer, hockey, tennis or whatever activity you happen to be doing.

Most of us continue to play these sports because of our love and enjoyment for the sport and competition, but also to help keep us healthy and in shape. Which brings us to the latest topic.

With the nice weather approaching, it's time for us to shed our winter coats and start moving. From yard work and gardening, to more outdoor physical activities such as tennis, softball, bicycling, etc., there's a whole slew of activities that can help us regain, maintain and improve upon our health.

Unfortunately, as we age, and yes I've used the word 'age', we tend not to recover as quickly to physical stresses as when we were younger. For some, this writer included, that's not an easy concept to grasp. I've actually started subscribing to the theory, "The Older I Get, The Better I Was". That way, I figure, in a few years I'll have hit more home runs than Babe Ruth. But that's another story for another time.

Anyway, the point I'm trying to make is we need to take care of ourselves. One theme of the articles I've written is to get the reader to assume more responsibilities in their own health. No matter how well balanced



by Dr. Patrick Aiello, DC

one's health habits are, being human, there's always room for improvement. Here are some tips to help aid not just the weekend warrior but also those who want to be more physically active and improve their health.

(1) Stay in shape to play competitive sports and don't play competitive sports to stay in shape. Might sound like a catch 22 because if you play competitive sports you are going to derive some health benefits out of it. But by staying in shape to play competitive sports, you'll not only help yourself to perform better; you'll reduce the risk of injury. Something the aging athlete would do well to avoid.

(2) Warm up with light movement or a brisk walk to loosen your muscles and increase your flexibility. The smooth coordination of your muscles and ligaments is an important part of safe exertion not only in sports or athletic events, but also in gardening and other household activities.

(3) Know your strengths and limitations. Do not overexert, vary your activities, and take regular rest breaks.

(4) Drink plenty of water and keep yourself hydrated. The summer sun along with sweating can deplete your body of precious minerals and water. It's important to replace it.

I hope you found the above helpful. If it makes you slow down and

Re-think about your activities before you do them, then chances are, you'll be less likely to experience an injury or other summer set back.

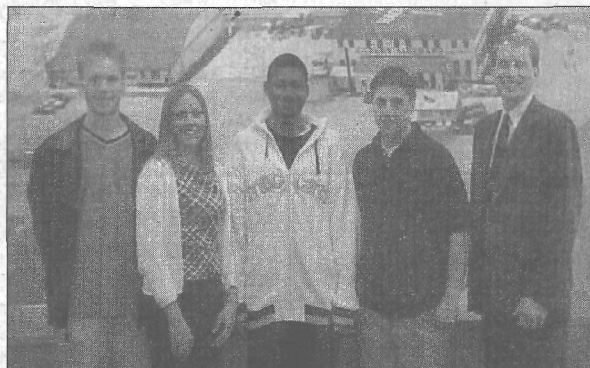


Scouts Hike Jockey Hollow

Boy Scout Troop #324 hiked the trails of Jockey Hollow in Morristown last month, the site of George Washington's winter retreat during the American Revolution. The scouts completed the first phase in information gathering toward earning a Jockey Hollow Medal. Phase two will be completed in June. Adults on the 10-mile hike were assistant leader Bill Seesselberg and Pat Zebrowski.

Pictured left are Matt Zebrowski, Frank Fugazzi, Andrew Roibal, Nick Whitney, C.J. Seesselberg, Chris Burke, Chris Wormley and Bill Seesselberg.

Top SPHS Cooperative Education to Careers Students Receive Awards



Pictured left to right are Matt Noll, Michelle Socha, Tory Joe, Daniel Lahey with Commerce Bank Branch Manager Eric Radell.

The popular South Plainfield High School Cooperative Education/School to Careers Program announced this year's top awards. The CE Student of the Year and three outstanding Achievement Awards are being sponsored by Commerce Bank in an ongoing Business/Education Community Partnership.

A \$200 check from Commerce Bank was presented to Michelle Socha, chosen CE Student of the Year. Michelle, the daughter of Maria and Burt Socha of Somerset Ave., will be

attending Rutgers University next fall majoring in public relations and communications. Active in both school and community activities, Michelle is also a member of The National Honor Society. Recently as chairperson, she organized and ran the Annual CE Business Breakfast Forum, bringing business and community leaders together with CE seniors. Michelle's on-the-job training is working part-time at Green Brook Buick, Pontiac GMC on Route 22 East. Service Manager Peter Halonski said, "Michelle has the

maturity to mix humor and a seriousness of purpose at our service center. She is a terrific customer service representative and will have a great future in the business world."

The following three students are also being honored with a \$100 check each from Commerce Bank for Outstanding Achievement:

Matthew Noll, son of Ken and Maureen Noll of Sprague Ave., who will attend George Mason University in Virginia, majoring in finance, management and information systems.

Daniel Leahy, son of Mark and Christine Leahy of Fred Allen Dr., who will attend Rutgers University, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Tory Joe, son of Penny Joe, who will attend the University of Hartford, majoring in pre-law and political science.

Eric Radell, assistant vice-president and South Plainfield branch manager of Commerce Bank, who believes strongly in the importance of school, business and community partnerships, explained, "A program such as Cooperative Education teaches students to consider how trends and market demands influence today's top careers. It is an honor to work with these outstanding seniors."

Police Will Be Enforcing Seat Belt Law

The South Plainfield Police Dept. will be participating in the "Click It Or Ticket" campaign from May 20-27 as part of the Operation ABC Mobilization.

This campaign will be a zero tolerance effort for unbuckled children and other seat belt violations. The high profile law enforcement effort is two pronged; enforcement and education in an effort to save lives and decrease injuries through the increased use of seat belts and child safety seats.

Educational material such as posters and morning announcements will be provided to the South Plainfield High School.

In an effort to increase child safety seat usage, the police department has received a limited number of child booster seats that will be provided to residents only, free of charge.

For further information contact Sgt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679 or Officer Vincent Campagna at 226-7693.

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Events Around Town

Sacred Heart Church's Funstival

Through May 18

The Sacred Heart Funstival, in its 26th year, runs through Saturday, May 18. Hours are 6 p.m. until closing through Friday and Saturday 2 p.m. until closing.

"Pay-once-price" wrist bands can be used on rides on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Funstival takes place adjacent to Sacred Heart School on South Plainfield Ave. Plenty of parking is available.

AARP Chapter 4144

May 17

AARP Chapter 4144 of South Plainfield will meet on May 17 at the PAL Bldg. on Maple Ave. at 12:30 p.m. Annual elections will be held at that time. Also, we will have presentations by Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan and Peter Barnes on fraudulent issues concerning senior citizens.

Atlantic City trip sponsored by AARP Chapter 4144 will be Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12. We will stop at the Renault Winery for lunch and browse around Smithville for shopping. Double occupancy is \$130 and single occupancy will be \$160. The price includes all expenses, (three meals, two bonus and gratuities). It will be fun! For more information, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

VFW Installation, Chicken Dinner

May 17, 24

A Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner is planned on May 17, sponsored by VFW Auxiliary 6763, at the VFW Post on Front St. from 5-8 p.m. Children's menu available, takeouts \$6.50.

Also the 55th Installation of Officers of VFW Post 6763 and its Ladies

Auxiliary will take place on Friday, May 24, at the Post Home on Front St. Hot and cold buffet and music by Billy Phillips. The public is invited and the event is free.

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

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

May 18

Rainbow Academy, 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison, will hold an open house on Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be a professional face painter who will paint characters and animals for free on all the children who show up while their parents are getting a tour of the school.

For more information, call (908) 769-3224.

Golden Glove Semi-Finals

May 18

The 2002 Golden Glove semi-finals will be held at South Plainfield High School on Saturday, May 18, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

General admission is \$8 in advance and \$12 at the door. Golden Ring-side tickets are available at \$75. Tickets include dinner at Cafe Piancone and an entry into a \$500 drawing.

For tickets or reservations, call (908) 226-7663 or (908) 561-0649. Tickets are also available at the PAL or Sal's Spirit Shoppe on Park Ave.

Rescue Squad Open House

May 19

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold its annual open house on Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house will feature mul-

tiple demonstrations, such as vehicle extrications with the Jaws of Life, CPR and first aid demos, ambulance and rescue truck tours, blood pressure screenings and child seat safety checks by the Traffic Safety Department of the police department.

The first 50 children attending between four and eight years old will receive a free booster seat. The booster seats are part of the Boost America program sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

Refreshments, including hotdogs and hamburgers, will also be served.

Blood Drive Elks Club

May 20

The South Plainfield Elks on New Market Rd. are planning a blood drive on May 20, from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

For additional information, call Bob Eckenstein, Sr. (908) 668-9750.

Business Association Networking Event

May 22

The South Plainfield Business Association invites all South Plainfield businesses to come and meet other business people from South Plainfield at their "A Taste of the Town"—An Evening of Networking on Wednesday, May 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. (under the overpass).

The event is an opportunity to network with other South Plainfield business owners and will include refreshments, food samplings and door prizes.

This event is free and is open to all South Plainfield Businesses with the hope of attracting new members. Business cards are required to attend.

For information or to donate a door prize, call (908) 757-8811.

Community Pool Free Open House

May 27

Mark your calendar! The community pool is planning an open house on Memorial Day, May 27. Residents are invited to spend the entire day at the pool and enjoy the many facilities they have to offer, including the snack bar, picnic area, kiddie pool and the playground and game area.

Recreation Director Mike English explained that this will be a great way for residents who are thinking of joining to try it out firsthand.

Phantom of the Opera Tickets Still Available

June 6

The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is selling tickets to the *Phantom of the Opera* on Thursday, June 6. Bus leaves the PAL at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at the PAL, 8:30 to 5 p.m.

South Plainfield High School Music Booster Awards Dinner

June 14

South Plainfield High School Music Booster Awards Dinner will be held on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at MacAteers Restaurant in Somerset.

The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person. The dinner is open to all music students at South Plainfield High School and their parents, relatives or

friends. All students are encouraged to attend. Please send payment to SPHS Music Boosters, c/o Marge Reedy, 2122 Oxford Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Any questions, please call (908) 561-3951.

UNICO NATIONAL

June 17

The Plainfield Chapter of Unico is holding its 5th annual Golf Outing, on Monday, June 17. This is the day after Father's Day and would make an ideal Father's day gift, but ladies are also welcome.

The tournament is being held at Beaver Brook Golf Club in Clinton. The cost per golfer is \$135 (early bird registration is \$125) which includes green fees, cart, buffet dinner and locker storage. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin, low net and low gross. Gold and silver corporate sponsors are available. Individual holes are also available at \$100 per flag, except flags #1 and #18, which are \$125 each.

For further information, contact Frank Licato (908) 757-5500 or Renato Biribin (908) 561-9898.

The proceeds from this year's outing will go towards scholarships and to sponsor the Christmas parties for the handicapped and other charities. If you are interested in joining Unico, call Rick McNally (908) 755-8686.

Seniors Tour of New York Harbor

July 11

Seniors are invited on a tour of New York Harbor, Ellis Island and Lady Liberty on "The Lady." There will be a buffet lunch. Departure will take place at the PAL, 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. Tickets are first come, first served!

The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets are available now at the PAL.

— Out of Town —

Cedeno and Latin Orchestra

May 17

David Cedeno and his Latin Orchestra will be adding a little Latin heat to the usually conservative Piscataway Township Municipal Building at 455 Hoes La. with a Latin Salsa performance on Friday, May 17. The 8 p.m. performance is sponsored by the Piscataway Cultural Arts Advisory Commission.

The commission will transform the Municipal Building's Council Chamber into a "Coffee House" with tables and refreshments to add to guests listening pleasure... and dancing along is encouraged.

David Cedeno and his Latin orchestra will perform Salsa with English lyrics, recognized songs of the 50's and 60's with a Latin jazz and merengue. The audience will not only

be able to swing to the salsa rhythm but sing along as well.

The public is invited to attend the free concert and swing along to the Latin beat of David Cedeno's orchestra. For information or directions, call (732) 563-4117 or (732) 562-2301.

Used Clothing & Household Linens Collection

May 17-23

Drop off donations will be accepted beginning Friday, May 17, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Joseph R.C. Elementary School Convent garage, corner of Westervelt and Manning Ave., North Plainfield. Collection runs through the weekend of May 23. Signs will be posted! Household items such as stuffed animals, throw rugs, sheets, blankets, shoes, belts, boots, coats and any season clothes accepted in plastic bags. Fundraiser benefits school programs and activities. Call (908) 245-2119 for information.

Adoption Support CHATS Meeting

May 20

Adoption Support CHATS (Connected Heard Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, May 20, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield.

New York attorney Fred Greenman, who was found by the child he lost to adoption, will speak on "A Birth Father's Observations." Mr. Greenman serves as legal advisor to the American Adoption Congress. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

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

How is it All Going to End at Alliance Bible

May 19 & 21

The end of the world has been anticipated since its creation and death is awaited since birth. With threats of terrorism, war and disease plastering the headlines, the end seems imminent. The question remains, how is it all going to end?

Reality Outreach Ministries attempts to answer this question in a high impact, compelling drama presentation, *Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames* on May 19 and 21 at 7 p.m. at Alliance Bible Church. Admission is free. The church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren.

The production is designed to make people consider where they will spend eternity based on the biblical reality of life after death and beyond the grave.

For info or directions check their website at www.alliancebiblechurch.com or contact the church office at 732-469-1425 or www.theoffice@alliancebiblechurch.com.

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Student Essay Contest Winners Give Moms a Reason to Smile



Barbara and Quinn Cochrane.



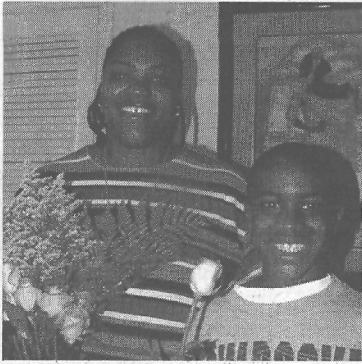
Ann Marie and Paul Seyffart.



Ana and Nelson Soriano.



Sharon and Christine Snogans.



Leslie and Agu Unfodu.



Sharon Crane, mother of Sara (not pictured).

As they do every Mother's Day, Mohn's Flowers and Fancy Foods brought huge smiles and a few tears to 15 mothers, in South Plainfield last Saturday, when they delivered roses to the winners of their annual Mother's Day Essay Contest.

Elementary school children were asked to write essays about their mom and submit them to teachers. Each elementary school chose three winners and then gave the winning names to Mohn's Flowers, who delivered a dozen roses, along with the student's winning essay, to each mom. All five elementary schools participated this year. Winning essays were written by students from first to seventh grade. All 15 winning moms were visited last Saturday by Bill Cochrane, co-owner of Mohn's, to personally present them with the roses, courtesy of Mohn's Flowers.

As we have in past years, the *Observer* had the privilege of riding along with what we've nicknamed the "Rose Patrol." This is one of the most heartwarming stories we cover each year at the *Observer*. The joy and love we see in the eyes of the moms, along with the delight of the students who wrote the winning essays, tells the whole story at each and every stop the Rose Patrol makes.

The essays all conveyed the love each child

has for their moms. They expressed themselves in many ways, some in essay form, some poems and a few had flowers and drawings. But the one point of each essay is the same, a love of their mothers. We can think of no finer gift a mother can receive than these essays.

Each year Mohn's co-owner Georgeann DiGrazi is brought to tears reading the winning essays and poems. She says she is glad she doesn't have to pick the winning essays. DiGrazi and Cochrane donate both their time and the beautiful roses for this special Mother's Day contest each year and they deserve recognition for sponsoring this annual contest. Mother's Day is one of the busiest days at Mohn's Flowers.

Winning essays and poems were written by Quinn Cochrane, Agu Unfodu, Christine Snogans, Paul Seyffart, Trang and Quynhu Doan, Nelson Soriano, Kyle Pompilio, Erica Palma, Sara Crane, Jennifer Martinez, Sten Sutt, Bria Burger, Joseph Mennuti and Monica Spooner. Also winning was Ashley Aya, who left for a visit to the Philippines. Her mom will be getting her roses when she returns. Congratulations to all the winners.

Not pictured are: Dignora and Jennifer Martinez; Merike Ayotte and Sten Sutt and Andrea and Bria Burger.



Cathy and Kyle Pompilio.



Ivana and Erica Palma.



Deborah and Monica Spooner.



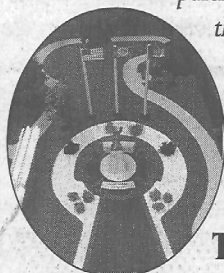
Barbara and Joseph Mennuti.



Hoa Doan was honored when both daughters Trang and Quynhu won.

Have You Purchased Your Brick Yet?

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First Communion Held at Our Lady of Czestochowa



Photos by Bill Tuthill

Pictured are the Our Lady of Czestochowa's First Communion class. They are: Robert Aimone, Stephanie Annunziata, Amanda Auletto, Jessica Bohn, Kristina Bottone, Alena Brady, Courtney Calvey, Jena Cianfrocca, Tracey Cihanowyz, Dominic Demico, Michael Ficorilli, Anthony Franczak, Elizabeth Grata, Tori Huber, Cameron Izzi, Monika Jastrzebski, Kenneth Kaczka, Heidi Kaiser, Kimberly Lozarito, Frank Malicki, Melanie Przybiski, Erick Rodriguez, Rachel Scrudato, Stephen Slatky and Lisa Vallone.

Grant Central Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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Przemyslaw Lasota, Raymond Lee, Erica Linick, Andrea Lozarito, Kellie McLean, Robert Moreira, Chelsea Moubarak, Christina Nieves, Katie Nuber, Lauren O'Day, Kristen Partesi, Christopher Pennisi, Ashley Peterson, Anthony Simone, Elan Sims, Christopher Smith, Olivia Smith, Chelsea Soisson and Stephanie Szeliga.

Honor Roll—Peter Adorna, Amanda Almezohu, Dana Alexa, Taryn Billich, Brittany Bishara, Elizabeth Blackford, Rebecca Bosse, Erica Bowden, Raymond Brooks, Ryan Bunting, Brittany Burton, Brianna Calderone, Jennifer Capparelli, Vanessa Casteblanco, Nicole Cosma, Jonathan Cursi, Kyle Czarnik, Dorothy DeLeon, Joseph Delgenio, Danielle Dembia, Elizabeth Diamant, Kaitlin Egan, Christopher Eposito, Brian Fabino, Meredith Ferguson, Elizabeth Flannery, Tara Goitandia,

Katherine Gorman, Taylor Harris, Matthew Helgesen, Kelsey Hoffman, Scott Hunterton, Christian Johansen, Natia Katsantonis, Timothy Keane, Taylor Kurlew, Gina Lampasona, Kimberly Le, Jordan Leporino, Jeffrey Licato, Jonathan Marcoux, Jason McConnell, Rab Menguito, Rachel Milliron, Matthew Moates, William Morrison, Diana Naser, Daniel Nastarowicz, Sarah Oglesby, Jamie Koszko, Zachary Olim, Matthew Olpinski and Michael Oprysk.

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Parish Mission at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring a Parish Mission from May 20 to 23. Father Raphael Bonanno and Father Peter Chepaitis, members of the Franciscan Ministry of the Word, will conduct the Mission by addressing themes that focus on the challenges and rewards of awakening and rejuvenating faith in challenging times.

Parish Missions are a Catholic tradition that provide a faith community the opportunity to participate in an inspirational retreat without the need to pack up and leave home for several days. During the four days of the Mission, parishioners are invited to join in the celebration of the 9 a.m. Mission Mass and/or attend the evening Mission Service at 7 p.m. The Mission will conclude with a Mass on the final night. Parishioners, young and old, are welcomed and encouraged to attend all or as many of the Mission Classes and Services as possible.

Each of the four days of the Mission will emphasize and develop pervasive spiritual theme through scripture reading, prayer and discussion. The theme for the first day will be "living and thriving in the embrace of God's love," while the second day will explore "forgiveness and justice as the true path to peace." The third day of the Mission will concentrate on "healing the human heart of sorrow and suffering." The final theme will reveal how the integration of the first three topics can renew and restore the human spirit, thus preparing and inspiring witnesses to share the Gospel's good news with others.

Fathers Bonanno and Chepaitis bring unique and diverse backgrounds to their mission ministry. Father Bonanno spent sixteen years in Brazil as a missionary and thirteen years in the Holy Land at the sacred shrines. He is also active with the *Retrouvaille* movement, which ministers to troubled marriages. Fluent in Portuguese, Italian and English, Father Bonanno joined the Franciscan Ministry of the Word in the Fall of 1995. Father Chepaitis' resume includes teaching French, Religion and Music on a high school level for five years, as well as serving in a Franciscan House of Prayer for 10 years. Father Chepaitis also served as a campus minister at St. Bonaventure University for five years before joining the Ministry of the Word in 1992. He has been active in Marriage Encounter and has ministered to charismatic prayer groups, 12-step groups and ecumenical gatherings.

Fathers Bonanno and Chepaitis will arrive on the afternoon of May 18 and preach an invitational homily at all weekend Masses. For more information, please call the Sacred Heart Parish Center at 908-756-0633 ext 10.

Red Cross Offers Lifeguard Training

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a lifeguard training course. The course teaches individuals the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies and provides them with a Lifeguard Certificate upon successful completion. It also includes certification in CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid.

There is a great need for lifeguards in area pools this summer. Don't miss this opportunity to be trained as a lifeguard! The training dates are Friday, May 17 from 6-10 p.m. and May 21-24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (908) 756-6414 ext. 10 to register or for more information.



Bright Horizon Day Care Celebrates Cinco de Mayo

The children at Bright Horizons Childcare and Early Education, located on Hadley Blvd., celebrated *Cinco de Mayo* during the week of May 5.

"Part of our mission at Bright Horizons Family Solutions is to celebrate our cultural diversity," says Sonali Kamekar, Director. "It is very important to expose children to 'Our world' by introducing and celebrating all cultural holidays and festivities."

Maria de Lourdes Haase, Toddler Associate Teacher, shared her ethnic heritage by making piñatas with the preschool children and teaching the toddlers and preschool children a very special song that is to be sung during the celebration. On Monday, May 6, Bright Horizons of South Plainfield celebrated *Cinco de Mayo*. Maria de

Lourdes hung a special pineapple piñata that she made with the children. All of the teachers and children gathered to sing and participate in attempting to break the piñata. As each child took a turn, the children and teachers sang the special song. When the piñata broke, various "goodies" fell out. The children had a great time picking them up and putting them in their special bags! The children prepared special Spanish snacks throughout the week to continue the celebration.

"It is very important to expose children to various cultural festivities and allow them to be a part of the entire process," said Director Sonali Kamekar. "It is from these key experiences that children truly learn about and appreciate the world around them."

Annual COACHES CARE Marathon To Be Held

On Saturday May 25, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club will be holding their second annual COACHES CARE Softball Marathon and Chinese Auction to help support the Children's Fund at JFK Medical Center.

The baseball clubs coaches will be playing numerous teams throughout the day (beginning at 9 a.m.), including teams from the JFK Medical Center, Ponytail Softball, Pop Warner and the Soccer Club.

The day will conclude with the police department playing the fire department at 7 p.m.

All week tickets will be sold for the Chinese Auction at the club house, for the many donated items, including two tickets to the NASCAR Pocono 500 on June 9, two Yankee tickets, autographed items from Gwyneth Paltrow, Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate, Ward Burton, James

Gandolfini, Derek Jeter, Cal Ripken Jr., Jack Lambert, Billy Ard, Jason Biggs, Bobby Thomson and more. Other items are a Channel gift basket, a \$100 gift certificate to the Lobster Shanty, a one-year membership to the PAL Weightroom, Jets and Yankee jackets, sports equipment and many more items.

In addition, the Ward Burton #22 Dodge Caterpillar NASCAR Simulator will be on hand, along with hitting and pitching contests for all age groups.

Anyone wishing to help this cause can call Chairman Tom McCreesh at 755-8468.

Monetary donations can be sent to: The Children's Fund of JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08817.

Last year the club raised over \$5,000, which actually started this fund at the Medical Center.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Assuming you're not still waiting in line to see "Attack of the Clones," here's the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

We'll be following our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs. Those programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. They're for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. If you'd like more information, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

Our next class from the Job Information Center will be "Resumes and Cover Letters." The class will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30. At this writing, there's still space available for the class, but that space is limited, so you must pre-register. The class is being offered free of charge. To sign up, or for more information, please call and ask for Allan Kleiman.

Just a reminder that we're now once again offering notary services. The fee for this service is \$1 per page to be notarized. Please call in advance to check when our notary is available.

This month, our display wall features more artwork by students of local resident Dorothy Miele. The art display is offered in conjunction with both National Wildflower Week (which was last week), and the plant-

ing of a wildflower garden next to the building. As mentioned last week, thanks to those who took part in planting the garden, including the Friends of the Woods, the South Plainfield High School Environmental Science Club, and the SPHS chapter of the National Honor Society. (And if you'd like to put up a display of your own at the Library, please call for more information.)

Here's a request from the staff. During Storytimes or any of our children's programs, we realize that the youngsters are in high spirits and may get a bit hyper at times. On some occasions, though, this can get out of hand, with children running around and bothering other patrons. While you parents may get a bit overwhelmed at times handling your kids, we hope you understand that you can't just leave that job to us. We simply don't have enough staff (and no supplies of either handcuffs or tranquilizers) to watch over your children and keep them in line. Therefore, we ask that you try to impress on your kids that they have to be quiet and behave themselves in a library. We greatly appreciate your help on this.

Finally, a word for any teachers who might be reading this. At times, you send your students here looking for books related to a particular project. When you do this, please let the students (and us) know specifically what you're looking for. Sometimes, the requests have been so vague that it's been tough to fill the order. The more detail you pass along, the better we'll be able to help out. Also, don't spring this sort of thing on us a couple of days before the deadline. Give us enough time to use all of our available resources.

That's all for now. Thanks for reading and may the Force be with you.

Middle School Students Hold Mock Trial in the Municipal Court Room



These Middle School Social Studies students spent the day in the South Plainfield Municipal Court Room holding a mock court martial.

By Patricia Abbott

On April 18, fifty-one Middle School students found themselves in the South Plainfield Municipal Court Room. The students, who were from the third period Social Studies classes of Mr. Richkus, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Blondo, took part in a re-enactment of the Military Court Martial of Captain Henry Wirz of the Confederate Army. The charge was murder and the conspiracy to commit the murder of the Union soldiers who were being held prisoner at Camp Sumter from March 1864 until the end of the war in April, 1865. The Confederate prisoner of war camp was located in Andersonville, Georgia.

For several years the eighth grade students have participated in a re-en-

actment of the Boston Massacre in the school's library. Mr. Blondo said, "We wanted to try a new topic, one that was larger in scope." Mr. Richkus thought the South Plainfield court room would be an exciting new experience for the students and organized all of the details.

The students were bused to Borough Hall. Many employees at Borough Hall visited the courtroom to get a glimpse of what the students were doing.

The Sergeant at Arms was Michael Glover, Head of the Military Commis-

sion was Katie Pollack. The prosecution team consisted of Gaelle Amazon, Shaunique Cisson and Michael Ray. The defense team was handled by Becky Watts, Carla Zappi, Bryan Wagner and Kyle Lendach. The court clerk was Jenny Cheng.

The trial lasted the entire day and Captain Wirz, who was portrayed by Joel Cortese, was found guilty of both charges.

Blondo noted the students seemed to enjoy the re-enactment and a few mentioned that they were thinking of becoming lawyers.

Suburban Womans Club Chooses Kristina Ogenowski as Delegate

Kristina Ogenowski, a South Plainfield High School junior, has been selected by the Suburban Women's Club of South Plainfield to be a delegate to the Career Girl's Institute. She will be attending the citizenship seminar June 17 thru 20 at Douglass College. Her alternate is Nathalie Londono, also a South Plainfield High School junior.

The seminar will focus on women from the professional and business worlds discussing opportunities for today's young women. Miss Ogenowski also will have the opportunity to meet with girls from other areas in New Jersey participating in plays, choirs and many other activities with them.

Miss Ogenowski will be invited to speak at the Sept. 5 meeting of the Suburban Women's Club to relate her experiences at the seminar. The Educational Chairperson of the Suburban Women's Club is Filomena Viola.



Notice

Board of Education CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

Please be advised that the regular public meeting of the Board of Education, originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the Grant School gymnasium, has been changed to the High School Auditorium.

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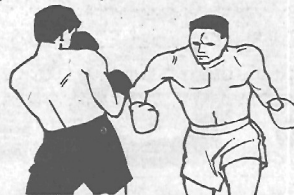
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Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan Jr. of the 18 Legislative District addresses attendees at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital Organ Donor Registration Day.

Organ Donor Registration Day at Robert Wood Johnson

On April 22, the United States Post Office in conjunction with The Sharing Network of New Jersey conducted an all day special organ donor registration day. The event was highlighted with a ceremony at the Schwartzman Courtyard at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick.

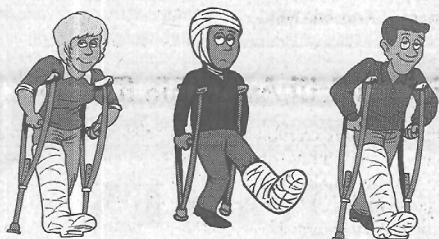
Several organ transplant recipients stressed the importance of literally "giving the gift of life" to others through organ donations. A proclamation was presented by Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan Jr., of the 18 Legislative District to Postmaster Glenn P. Mahoney of the Edison Post Office, Officer in Charge Thomas

Squindo of the East Brunswick Post Office, Executive in Charge/District Manager Vito J. Cetta and the President of The Sharing Network, Joseph Roth, recognizing their efforts on behalf of New Jersey Postal Workers.

Over 2,100 New Jerseyans and 79,000 Americans are now waiting for organ transplants.

Assemblyman Diegnan stressed, "Everyone should fill out a donor card. By doing so, we can all help do God's work here on earth. I commend the Post Office for their efforts in helping to save lives."

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American Martial Arts Big East Champions

If you think South Plainfield is New Jersey's best kept secret, you could not be more wrong.

South Plainfield's very own American Martial Arts, located on Oak Tree Road, has put South Plainfield on the map for the fifth time. On May 5, 14 American Martial Arts students competed in the U.S.T.U. Big East Championship and left with nine gold medals, four silver and six bronze in sparring, breaking and forms events.

Before leaving the competition, Master Kevin Vigneri, Fifth Degree Black Belt and owner and master instructor of American Martial Arts was awarded an eight-foot trophy for being the Best Tae Kwon Do School on the East Coast.

Tournaments held by the United States Tae Kwon Do Union are the highest level of Tae Kwon Do competition. Only the most elite schools in the U.S. are members and have the invitation to compete. American Martial Arts is the only school in the South Plainfield area sanctioned by the U.S.T.U., a Group A Member of



the U.S. Olympic Committee and affiliated with the World Tae Kwon Do Federation.

Congratulations to Christopher Lee, Sommer Bovell, Juan Arrubla, Danver Quintin, Daniel Quintin, Jessica Robbins, Gaven Burton,

Giovanni Burton, Bonnie Schoonover, Samar Shah, Neel Shah, Lorenzo Graham, Denzel Mensah and Pat Ventruolo.

Again, you have proven that American Martial Arts is one the best Tae Kwon Do schools!

Indoor Marching Band Wins Championship



The South Plainfield High School Indoor Marching Percussion line placed first in the Scholastic Novice Division of the Tournament of Bands Indoor Championships held this weekend in Wildwood.

They placed first with their highest score to date of 84.4. They competed all season with five other drum lines, but South Plainfield was the only one left standing at the championships to claim the first place spot.

They started the weekend by competing in the preliminaries on Friday morning, earning a score of 76.7. They held an outdoor practice on Saturday afternoon at the Terrace Breeze Hotel, in front of an enthusiastic crowd of tourists. The beautiful sunny day really reenergized them for the competition on Saturday evening. They took the floor with energy, grit and determination in front of a full

house of spectators who responded with wild applause.

The Indoor Marching Percussion competition is a four to seven minute show, depending on the size of the division. Performers include drummers, pit musicians, guitar players, guard members and actors. It consists of marching, technical rudimental drumming and theatrics.

The SPHS show was based on behind the scenes of the TV show *Survivor*. It opened with the *Survivor* theme, as well as a scene based on the Broadway Show *River Dance*. It included a "Fight Scene" and a comedic short about two starving drummers who have been on the island for 39 days. They continue to lament that they would even eat a dead chicken, resulting in the sudden appearance of a rubber chicken. A drum battle over the chicken is interrupted when some-

one inquires what the fight is about. The replies are "a dead chicken" and "a million dollars." The drum line sang *If I Had A Million Dollars* and finished with the "Survivor Theme".

The indoor competitive drum line is in its second year. It began last year as a stand still ensemble unit. This year they moved to another division which included marching.

The Indoor Drum Line is under the direction of Mark S. Tweed, director of the high school music program, Captain Head Bob Publik, Bass Drum Instructor Charlie Bubnick, Snare Tech Scott Carry, music composition was by Brian Sleeper, Bob Publik, Brian Publik, Charlie Bubnick and Scott Carry. Assistant pit instructor is Katie Lawrence, choreographer was Lois Garbowski and Jacky Noonan and Director of Transportation is Mike Reedy, assisted by Nicholas Figlar.

The Drum Line will perform their Championship show at the SPHS Music Spring Concert during intermission on June 5.

SPHS Band Concert Next Wednesday

The SPHS Band concert is Wednesday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the SPHS Auditorium. The Concert band, jazz band, lab band and the indoor drum line and winterguard will perform.



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Sports



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

All-Star Try-outs—The 14's team have been chosen. Congratulations to all three teams.

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting on May 27—The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, May 27 at 8 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on May 27. New members are always welcomed. Please note: time change to 8 p.m.

Appreciation Day—June 2—The recreation Appreciation Day softball game will be held at 1 p.m. on June 2 at the Pitt Street Park complex. Coaches will be selecting five players from their teams to participate in this game. The girls selected will then be divided into two teams for the Appreciation Day game. Please join us on Sunday, June 2 for this exciting softball game.

Pool Party on June 7—The Ponytail Parents' Association will be sponsoring an end of season pool party. This event is open to all Recreation Ponytail softball players so please join us on Friday, June 7 at the South Plainfield Community pool. Additional info will be provided in upcoming publications of the Batters Box.

All-Star Tag Day is June 8—All-Star tag day will take place on Saturday June 8. It is a mandatory requirement that every All-Star player participate in two tag days. This tagging requirement can be fulfilled by participating in any two of the four tag days. If an All-Star player is unable to tag on June 8, they will be permitted to tag during any two of the three recreation tag days (please see your coach to arrange this).

Sponsorship Program—This year we have revised our sponsorship program. Our sponsors will be able to have an advertising sign placed on the outfield fences of our fields at Pitt Street Park. The sign will be four feet by eight feet in size. Sponsors will be able to design their sign with any information or logo they choose. The signs will be up for our spring, summer and fall programs (now thru end of October). Sponsors will have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$300 (includes cost of sign) or a two-year agreement at a cost of \$400 (includes cost of sign). After the initial agreement period is up, the annual renewal fee will be \$175. This new program offers our sponsors a cost-effective advertising opportunity which will reach hundreds of families. All of the funds, which are collected from our sponsors and fundraisers, goes directly towards improving and upgrading the Pitt Street softball facilities as well as benefiting the girls who play recreation and all-star softball. If you are interested in funding a sign, please contact any member of the South Plainfield Ponytail Association or contact us via our website as indicated below.

Ponytail Softball Website—Visit Ponytail Softball online anytime at our website...SPPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams. Please feel free to contact me by keying on the email link Webmasterspponytail.com, found on our home page.

SPBA Gold Outing Deemed a Success!

This year's annual South Plainfield Business Association Golf Outing on May 7 at the Cranbury Golf Club turned out to be a sunny spring day, perfect for golfing.

The event was attended by about 85 members and friends, who all enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, as well as lunch and refreshments. There were many great prizes awarded. One of the top prizes was two tickets to a Yankee game.

Photographer Bill Tuthill took many pictures around the course, which will be displayed at this week's Business Association meeting. The golf photos will also be on display at the Business Association's *Taste of the Town* networking evening on Wednesday, May 22.

Taking home awards were Jim Clarkin for mens low gross; J. Cole for low net; Roxanne Cortese for



women's low gross, N. Lev for low net; G. Dupree for most honest golfer; Wally Abrams and Stacy Robostelli for longest drive. Closest to the pin honors went to Guy Morretti, Steve

Fischbein, Jim Belz and Pat Diegman.

The South Plainfield Business Association is already starting to make plans for next year's annual golf outing.

Tiger Sharks Swim and Dive Team Registration/General Information

Registration for South Plainfield Recreation Swim/Dive teams will be Wednesday, June 5 at the pool picnic grove at 6:30 p.m. (inside PAL building if raining). The teams are free to any child ages 4-18 whose family is a

full member of the pool.

The season runs from June 5 through Saturday Aug. 3. Practices are available in the mornings and evening and meets are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Parental involvement is necessary to make these teams successful. Fund-

raising and helping at meets is required of all families. Team suits will also be available on this evening as well as optional team wear including sweatsuits and t-shirts, etc.

If you need any other information, please call Rosanne Hardo at (732) 878-9877.

Be a Part of the Most Popular Sport in the World!

South Plainfield Soccer Club will hold tryouts for boys and girls teams for the Fall and Spring 2002/2003 season on May 28-31. For complete details, visit the tryout section of our web site: www.sopfldsoccerclub.com.

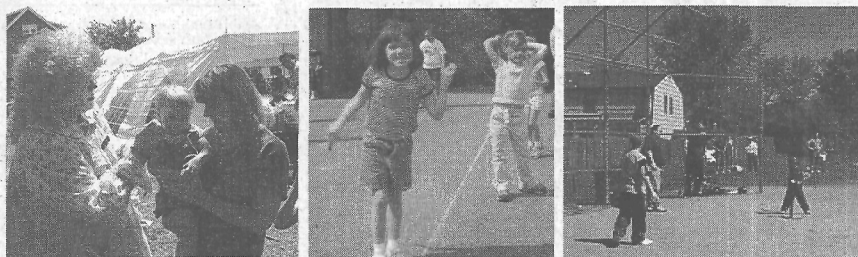
Tickets Still Available for Mets

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is planning a bus trip to the New York Mets at Shea Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 12. The Bus leaves the PAL at 10 a.m. The

cost is \$30 per person.

There are only 45 tickets available, on a first come basis. Register at the PAL Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Plainfield Animal Hospital Celebrates 50th Anniversary



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hound Friends, K-9 Care, TheraPet Inc. and Central Jersey Holistic Health Care. Inside the hospital Avian Wildlife Center and Snakes-n-Scales and Turtle Tails featured creatures that slither, crawl, swim and fly. Among them were an albino python, an alligator, a milk snake and an owl. Sponsors for the event were Pharmacia, Pfizer, Meril, Fort Dodge and Bayer.

Dr. Richard Lunna opened the Plainfield Animal Hospital in 1952. He purchased the land for \$100 in 1951 and built the hospital for \$28,000. Dr. Leroy Roemer became his partner in the 60's. When Dr. Lunna left the practice in the early 70's, Dr. Andrew Major became part-

ners with Dr. Roemer.

Dr. Scott Linick joined the staff in 1982 and when Dr. Roemer left, he became partners with Dr. Major. He bought Dr. Major's share in 1989 and is now the sole owner of the hospital. Dr. Linick recalls when Dr. Lunna used to describe the early days of the hospital.

In the 50's, South Plainfield was largely a farming community and most families owned goats. Most of the hospital's clients came from Plainfield and North Plainfield, which were considered wealthy communities at that time. On weekends, families from New York would travel to the Plainfield area to 'get away from the city' bringing their dogs and cats with them. Also helping to build clientele were the stay-at-home women of the era who bred dogs, creating a serious need for a veterinarian. Dr. Lunna spent many hours traveling to homes to whelp pups.

For the past 50 years the Plainfield Animal Hospital has been steadily growing. They are always striving to keep up with modern medical techniques, equipment and procedures and working to keep pets happy and healthy.



Obituaries

Minnie Approvato Tamponi, 71

Minnie Approvato Tamponi of South Plainfield died on Friday, May 10 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born and raised in Plainfield and resided there before moving to South Plainfield seven years ago.

Mrs. Tamponi was a former member of St. Bernard's Church in Plainfield, where she was active in many parish activities including working at Bingo.

Minnie and her husband Geno enjoyed their trips to Atlantic City, where she loved playing the slot machines.

She is survived by her husband, Geno Tamponi; a daughter, Rosemary DiMarcello of South Plainfield;

sisters Angie Festant of Bartonville Pa., Josephine Alparone and Mary Cortese, both of Piscataway; brothers Michael Approvato of Edison and Clement and Frank Approvato, both of South Plainfield and her beloved dog Sam.

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

William (Woody) Wilson, 86

William (Woody) Wilson of South Plainfield died on Friday, May 10, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Berwick, Pa. and was a former resident of Plainfield, before moving to South Plainfield 40 years ago.

Mr. Wilson was a welder for the former Ruberoid Corporation in South Bound Brook for 35 years before retiring in 1972.

He was an Army veteran of WWII serving in Northern France and Egypt as a Tech-5. He was a member of the VFW Memorial Post 6763 and the American Legion Chaumont Post 243, both in South Plainfield.

He was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Plainfield. His favorite pastime was being outside and working in his garden.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Force Wilson, who died in 1997.

He is survived by a son, William and his wife Terry Wilson of South Plainfield; three daughters, Janice Wilson of South Plainfield, Margaret Peggy Devlin of Metuchen and Jane and her husband James Curcio of South Plainfield; two brothers, Ken Pollin of North Plainfield and Donald Pollin of South Plainfield; grandchildren Robert and Katie Devlin, William Devlin, Jill Curcio and her fiancée Albert Endyk, Amy, Dana and Jimmy Curcio and Billy, Sean, Michael and Megan Wilson; his best friend, Floyd Austin and several nieces and nephews.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

May 8, 2002

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 2, 2002.

A. Case #21-02—Carmen Petrillo—Block 407; Lot 7; R-10 Zone;—Applicant's request for a front setback variance was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #22-02—Richard Thoma—1936 Linden Ave.; Block 62; Lot 6—Applicant's request for a front yard setback from East Hendricks St. was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #23-02/S—Shekinah Worship Tabernacle, Inc.;—Block 3; Lot 34; 728 Clinton Ave.—Applicant's request for a use variance and site plan approval to use one store front as a church, was hereby GRANTED.

D. Case #26-02/S/A—Home Depot, USA, Inc.—Block 4472; Lot 36; 3096 Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for a temporary use variance to store plants outside, was hereby GRANTED.

ATTEST:
Janice Muccilli
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$29.50 May 17, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Raymond & Helen Majewski requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of 5' x 14' front porch; proposed porch lacks the required 30' front setback, 27' being proposed; and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 207, Lot 4 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 Thursday, June 13, 2002 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 May 17, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

ORDINANCE No. 1594

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

Ordinance #1594 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD CODE #13.7- DECKS was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, May 9, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$17.50 May 17, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield in need of retaining an engineering firm to act as Borough Engineer, and

WHEREAS, the Borough is currently using CME Associates as the Borough Engineer since July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, CME Associates has submitted a proposal to continue serving as the Borough Engineer for South Plainfield for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), and

WHEREAS, funds for said contract will be made available in the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a Professional Services contract with CME Associates to act as the Borough Engineer for the period from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The fees are set forth in the proposal.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized said agreement.

Approved May 9, 2002 Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$40.00 May 17, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

ORDINANCE No. 1571A

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

Ordinance #1571A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1571 REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR ALL RECREATIONAL VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, May 17, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 6, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1571A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 1571 REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR ALL RECREATIONAL VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 3 SHALL BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 3. SUBMISSION OF IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

An applicant for volunteer services shall submit to the Borough of South Plainfield his or her name, address and fingerprints taken on standard fingerprint cards by the South Plainfield Police Department or another law enforcement agency. The criminal history record background checks shall be conducted by the New Jersey State Police in accordance with N.J.S. 15A:3A-1.

All other provisions of the existing Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Approved May 9, 2002 Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$50.00 May 17, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Jay Kartaganer requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the use of the erection of a 12' x 20' wood deck, proposed deck lacks the required 20' rear setback, 16' being proposed, and any other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 528, Lot 43 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 Thursday, June 13, 2002 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.

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• A Sherman Ave. resident reported her that her pocketbook had been lost or stolen while shopping at Macy's on March 8. The beginning of May she began receiving credit cards in the mail that she never applied for and when she went to cancel them, they all had large balances on them. On May 8 Miriam Hatchett of Somerset was arrested at Lord & Taylors in Philadelphia for using her credit card.

• On May 9, Darren Daniels, 34, of Plainfield was arrested after leaving Drug Fair for shoplifting seven boxes of Aleve caplets.

• On Friday a Lakeview Ave. resident reported that her front and rear driver side tires had been slashed. Several South Plainfield High School employees and a

Middle School employee also reported that their tires had been slashed while parked in the school's lot on the same day. Police received an anonymous call stating they had observed three black males walking from the Middle School parking lot through the high school lot slashing tires. There were also numerous reports of tire slashings the previous night at Veterans Park.

• Red Lobster Manager Tony Auccio, located on Hadley Rd., reported that a customer had left two fake \$50 bills on the table to pay a \$89.25 bill.

• A Canton, Ill. resident reported the theft of his 2002 Ford van from the parking lot of the Holiday Inn. The van contained

a large quantity of cell phone site parts and tools valued at \$25,000.

• On Saturday a Tomkins Ave. resident reported the theft of his CD player which was left on the front seat of his car with the window open.

• On Monday Professional Holdings on Park Ave. reported that ceiling tiles had been removed from the parking deck area and "EMO DRAMATIC" was written on the office building.

• A Walter St. resident reported that his unlocked parked vehicle was entered and the glovebox and sunvisor were ransacked. Five keys were taken that belong to trucks at his work place. He also stated that eggs had been thrown at his house within the last two month.

Skwara Retiring

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Maria Regina Residence in Somerset, a Metuchen Diocese retirement home for priests.

He completed his studies for the priesthood in Baltimore, Md. in St. Mary's Seminary and received a Bachelor Degree and a Master of Sacred Theology before entering parish service. Father John was ordained on May 23, 1959.

In Trenton, Father John was the full time chaplain of the Trenton Fire Dept. for seven years and while assigned in Metuchen, he had served

two terms on the Priests Presbyterate Advisory Senate to the Bishop.

He is also a fourth degree member of the local Knights of Columbus and one of the originators of the South Plainfield Ecumenical Ministers Group.

In retirement, Father John hopes to do a lot of freshwater fishing, catch up on his reading and visiting friends and relatives. He is considering writing a book of his adventures as a parish priest.

In his honor, a testimonial retirement dinner will be held on Sunday,

June 23, at The Pines Manor in Edison, starting at 2 p.m. Tickets and information are available by calling Carolyn at (908) 755-2516 or by dropping by the Rectory Office, Monday thru Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Special Committee for the occasion is headed by Frank Mikorski, Ed Kubala and Carolyn Yankoski.

A remembrance/good wishes booklet is also planned. Information or forms are available by contacting Carolyn at (908) 755-2516.

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Spring Concert, Art Display at Riley School

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Students in the Riley School band, orchestra, chorus and third grade recorder ensemble performed to a standing room only crowd at their annual Spring Concert and Art Show. Conducting the students were

Joanne Gurske, chorus and recorders, Carleen Tedeschi, orchestra and Kristin LeVine, band.

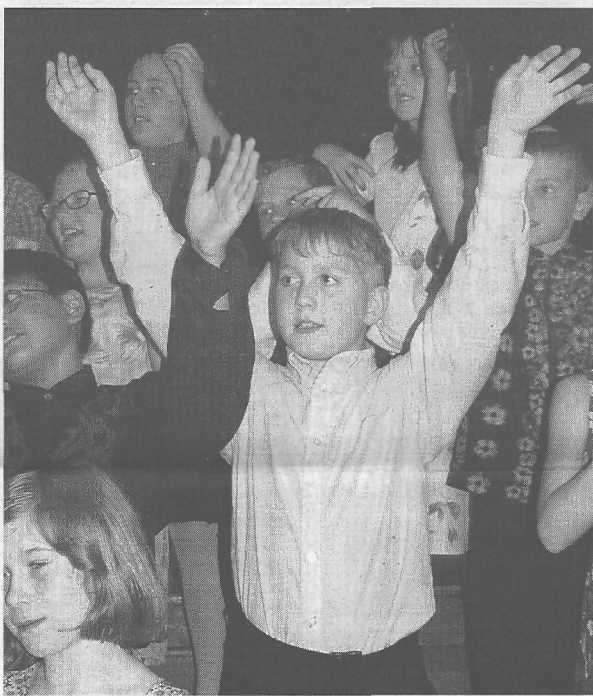
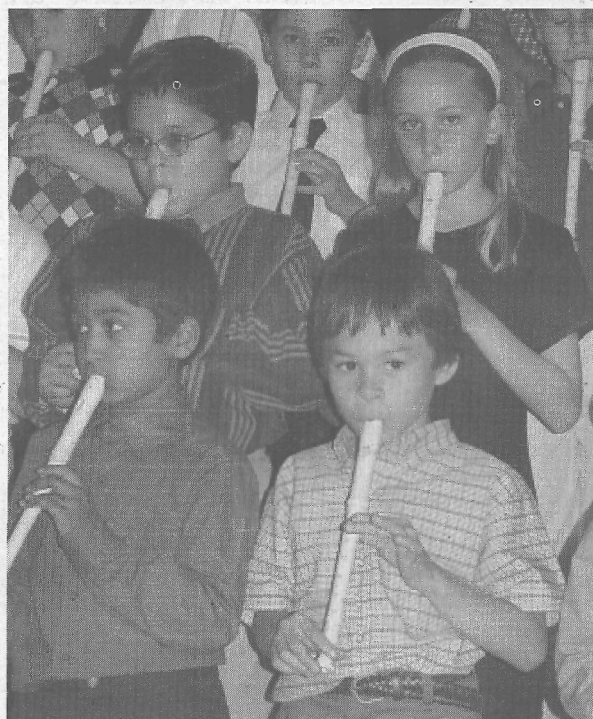
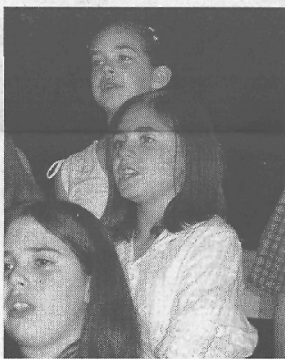
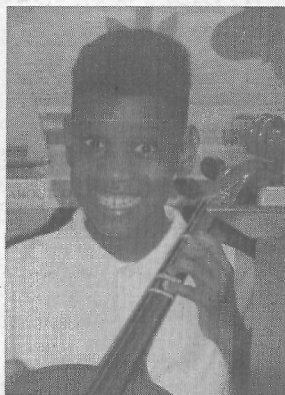
Art teacher Barbara Harris organized the wonderful display of student artwork that filled the hallways.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual music

and art awards to deserving fifth grade students. The Betty Street Memorial Music award went to Stephanie Milicia for orchestra, Lindsey Fredericks for band, Kara Thomas for chorus and Courtney Easterday received the Salvador Spadaro Memorial Art Award.



Receiving awards were: left to right, Stephanie Milicia for orchestra, Lindsey Fredericks for band, Kara Thomas chorus and not pictured, Courtney Easterday for art.



Middle School Announces Honor Roll

7th Grade

High Honor Roll— Tina Bijlan, Kiran Budhan, Gina Butrico, Ying Chen, Zakiya Clarke, Samantha Granski, Amanda Harzula, Sara Holbrook, Asia Hollis, Brittany Hollis, Daniel Hubner, Barney Johnson, Gauri Joshi, Christie Lanza, Jennifer Okuski, Karla Reyes, Christopher Stallone, Lauren Stoekel, Brittanie Wong and Luigi Zeccardo.

Honor Roll—Michelle Alcantara, Karylann Baker, Nicholas Baldassarre, Danel Becker, Nicole Benak, Angela Benko, Amber Berkowitz, Paige Berkowitz, Dorian Bishop, Julianne Bosse, Ryan Bovee, Megan Boyle, Caitlyn Brindley, Renee Brown, Melissa Budhan, Christopher Burke, John Carigma, Rebecca Dacchille, Desirae Davis, Nicholas Desimone, Charles Decker, Tina Destefano, Kelly Downes, Kathleen Eder, Matthew Emery, Alexandra Fodor, Melissa Franzson, Ryan Fredericks, Nicole Freitas, Lauren Fry, Kimberly Galinsky, Donna Garcia, Ashleigh Gaspari, Jerold Geczy, Michael J. George, Garrett Gianneschi, Matthew Gigantino, Crystal Gorman, Matthew Gross, Angelica Hebreo, Cassandra Hoffman, Brienne Howarth, Bryan Hunt, Truely Huynh, Padmani Itwaru, Michael Jakubik, Carl Kaasik, Wael Kanj, Rebecca Keller, Matthew Krupit, Sebastian Lasota, Phuong Le, Ashley Little, Jennifer Little, Marl Lopez, Amanda Makowski, Brittany

Marino, Samuel Martin, Joy Maszczak, Nicole Mathew, Kyle Matthews, Daria McCall, Danel McCreesh, Erin McGill, Nicole Miglis, Jacquelyn Miller, Jennifer Mocerino, Chintan Mody, Anthony Moretti, Susan Mott, A Phi Nguyen, Kathryn Noonan, Lelosa Ogbevoen, Stephen Parello, Nicholas Pasquale, Aarti Patel, Sonali Patel, Jenna Pein, Elizabeth Pisack, Victoria Plasse, Christopher Pollin, Jessica Pryor, Thomas Pryor, Leslie Quichua, Jessica Ranger, Trevor Rastelli, Selene Rayho, Kate Reichert, James Rivas, Tiffany Roth, Kyla Rouse, Abdussami Sheikh, Maria Soto, Michael Stallone, Gary Stark, Ceaphas Stubbs, John Sullivan, Sirish Tadepalli, Geovana Toca, Steven Tran, Michael Troia, Joseph Turrise, Jessica Vasquez, Alexandra Viscosi, Sean Walsh, Tianna Ward, Brian Wiekowski and Peter Yeung.

8th Grade

High Honor Roll—Samantha Deffler, Zachary Gray, Ramit Kalia, Kristi Lombardi, Gina Severini, Kevin Scidenburg, Melissa Szeliga, Lee Tretreault and Amnada Veinott.

Honor Roll—Hameda Ahmed, Nicole Aiello, Gaelle Amazan, Alyssa Babinetz, Ashley Bodner, James Boles, Ashley Britton, Kodi Butler, Eileen Cameron, Vanessa Cassano, Jenny Cheng, Dana Chepulis, Angelica Cirilli, Mallory Cooper, Joel Cortese, Jeffrey Cupo, Kazuki Daimo,

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