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Vets' Services Draw Record Crowd



Corner Deli Sells Winning Lottery Ticket

A South Plainfield couple hit it big, picking the winning numbers in the Thursday, Nov. 7 NJ Pick 6 Lotto. Diane and Bobby Heaslip, lifelong residents of South Plainfield, will share the 3.1 million Pick 6 Lotto Jackpot with another winner from Forked River in Ocean County. The winning numbers were 09, 11, 12, 17, 20 and 25. The ticket was purchased at Corner Deli on Hamilton Blvd. Owner Ruth Ferraro noted that the deli has had several big winners over the years—a \$50,000 winner last year and a 2.1 million dollar winner in the 80's. See next week's *Observer* for full story and photo.

Monday brought out one of the largest crowds in recent history to witness the ceremonies at the VFW in honor of those Veterans who fought for our country's freedom.

Despite the bad weather, the front of the VFW was filled with veterans from all services, politicians and residents. After Commander Julius Peterson and Woman's Auxiliary President Marianne Cortese placed a wreath in front of the building, the ceremonies moved in to the hall, filling most of the tables. It was a great turnout compared to years past, much to the delight of all Veterans present. Members of the VFW Post 6763 and American Legion Chaumont Post 243 were present, as well as many veterans from all services.

Councilman Ray Petronko brought his father Steve, a World War II Navy Veteran, and his son Randy, who was on leave from the U.S. Navy. Ray's dad served with the 11th Amphibious/3rd Beach Battalion during World War II. His son Randy is an operations officer on the USS Tara and will soon be shipping out. It was a poignant reminder of those who serve as protectors of our freedom.

Also attending were Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Dennis Cerami, Bob Cusick, Jim Vokral, Charlie Butrico, Ed Kubala, Ray Petronko, Police Chief Bob Merkler and Assemblyman Pat Diegman.



Pictured above are Veterans' Day services at the VFW on Monday. Below is Councilman Ray Petronko with son Randy, presently in the U.S. Navy, and dad Steve, who served during World War II in the Navy.



PAL's Teen Night is Back

Teen Night is back at the PAL starting this Saturday night, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Teen Night is open to all children in South Plainfield, ages 12 and older.

This Saturday night will feature the "Battle of the Bands." Admission is

\$5, which will be donated to the Riley Hubner Fund.

All children must have a PAL card to get in, no exceptions. Register at the PAL during the week. Office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SPHS Tigers March into ACC Finals

Last Sunday, Nov. 10, the South Plainfield High School Marching Band realized their season long dream of making it into the top 25 bands

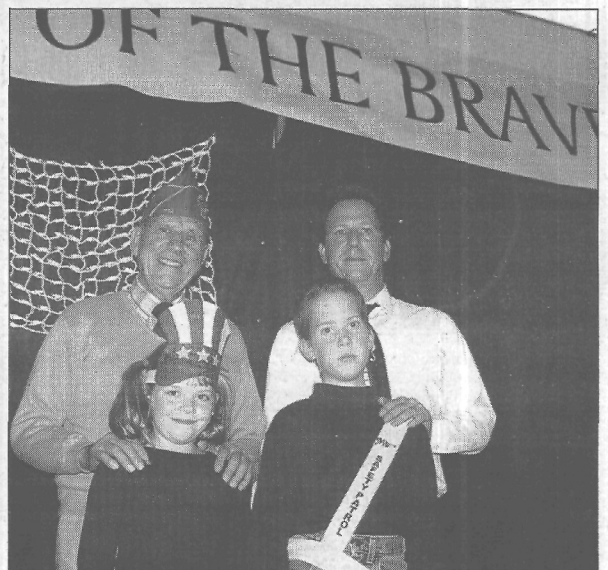
who travel to Scranton, Pa. for the T.O.B. Atlantic Coast Championships. The Tigers will compete in the Tournament of Bands, one of the largest

competitive band organizations in the country. The T.O.B. has 13 Chapters that encompass students in nine states.

The Marching Tigers, competing in Group III, had to beat out 17 other bands in their chapter to be able to advance to the finals at Scranton. Their second place finish at Old Bridge High School Chapter Championships on Nov. 3, ended with a season high score of 86.75, which advanced them in the top 25. Approximately 100 member band, under the direction of Mark S. Tweed, performed their nine minute show entitled "The Civil War," on the astroturf at Lackawanna County Stadium competing against bands from NJ, Pa., Md., Delaware and West Virginia.

Their musically demanding show moved them forward from the 25th spot to 22nd on the East Coast circuit, with a score of 84.90. Highlights of the evening were high school senior drum majors, Chris Baron and Brian Publik placing seventh out of 31 bands in the Drum Major competition. You can still see the Tigers award winning show at the Thanksgiving Day homecoming football game at 10 a.m. at Frank Jost Memorial Field.

—Submitted by Pat Publik



Franklin Music Teacher Glen Parisi with his Veteran father and children.

Franklin Program Honors Vets

By Patricia Abbott

Veterans' Day seen through the eyes of a child can only be called priceless. It is also the only way to describe the recent Veterans' Day program at Franklin School. From kindergarten students attending for the first time, to the more worldly fifth grade youths participating for the last time, each

child contributed to the show with songs, essays, poems and skits.

The afternoon opened with a procession of military flags. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robert Conway sang the *Star Spangled Banner*. A power point presentation with ever-changing scenes highlighted the children's performance. The simplicity of the performance, the simp-

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Taxman Stops Out-of-State Trucks on Durham Ave.

By special invitation from the South Plainfield Police Department, the NJ Division of Taxation has been randomly setting up "truck check choke points" on Durham Ave. near Quick Chek. Their purpose here is to stop out-of-state trucks to ascertain whether their companies have any business tax violations. Before a truck can continue, the businessowner is obligated to bring current any taxes owing.

Riley School Cub Scout Pack 224 Scouting For Food

Each year South Plainfield's Boy and Cub Scouts participate in "Scouting for Food." The scouts participate by going in groups with parents distributing bags for collection of nonperishable foods, and collect the bags the following week. Each pack is assigned to a designated area for distribution and for pick up.

This year the bag distribution for

Riley School Pack 224 will be on Saturday, Nov. 2, and the pick up will be on Saturday, Nov. 16. We look forward to your kind donations, and in your contribution that will make this program a success. The food collected is distributed in town, so this program has a local impact.

On behalf of the Scouts, we thank you in advance for your participation.

SDW Selling Tickets to "Evening of Giving"

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop is selling tickets to Menlo Park Mall's "Evening of Giving" on Sunday, Nov. 24.

This event features special sales and other events at the mall, including performances by the Summer Drama

Workshop and other groups. This is a fundraiser for the SPSPDW and the Simon Foundation, with each group benefiting from portions of the ticket sales.

For tickets or more information, please call (908) 756-6461.

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude to all who have supported us through my father's sudden illness and passing. The kind words and prayers were very comforting to us at this most difficult time. The cards, flowers and donations to Vision 2001 were also incredible.

Also, a special "Thank You" to Bobby Hunter for being a rock to all of us during our time of sorrow; we know how hard this was for you.

Again, thank you to all.

SINCERELY,
TRISH LEPORINO-OZBALIK

Residents of South Plainfield,

The process of open and free elections, a privilege secured for us by our Veterans, has once again taken plans in our country.

I am deeply honored by your support and vote of confidence in selecting me to serve as your Mayor.

I thank all who followed the campaign, learned the issues and cast their ballot on Election Day.

Today, as I will again on Jan. 5, 2003, I renew my commitment to the residents and Borough of South Plainfield, to serve to the best of my ability; to meet the needs, provide services; enhance our quality of life; maintain an open government and to do this within our ability to pay.

To those whose opinions and views differ from mine, I extend my hand in friendship and ask that we work together to make South Plainfield even greater than it is today.

Again, thank you.

DANIEL J. GALLAGHER

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Republican committee for all their hard work during this past election. I would also like to thank those that voted for us, as well as all those who let us put our signs on their lawns.

While I am disappointed that we did not win this election, I would like to congratulate Mayor Gallagher, Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral on the election.

And while we did not win this year, I will still be in the audience at council meetings, asking questions and watching all that takes place in our community.

SINCERELY,
MARJORIE M. REEDY

To the Editor,

Once again, for the fourth time, I am writing to thank the voters of South Plainfield for their vote of confidence in Jim Vokral and me in re-electing us to the South Plainfield Borough Council and Dan Gallagher as Mayor.

As Jim and I promised in our campaign and as we have tried to do since 1993, we will continue to insist on fiscally responsible, pay-as-you-go government in South Plainfield, which emphasizes the issues that affect our daily lives, traffic, recreation, road maintenance and the quality of life for all our residents, including both the youngest and oldest among us. We will continue our efforts on the Helen Street project, which will improve life in town by redirecting truck traffic away from the town center. We will continue our efforts to revitalize our parks, recreation programs and roads, while stabilizing our tax rates by spending more than we afford.

To me, open, pay-as-you-go government does not mean sitting on our hands, but creatively solving the problems for which local government has to be responsible. As Hubert Humphrey said nearly a half a century ago, we have a continuing obligation to both those in the dawn and in the twilight of life. Our commitments and actions will continue into the future with regards to the senior recreation center and for the existing and new senior housing, as well as on behalf of the people, who use our parks and recreation programs. We will continue to listen to your concerns and try our best to respond to those concerns in a constructive way.

Thank you, again, voters of South Plainfield. Jim and I will continue to work with the Mayor and the rest of our Council Team to justify your confidence in us.

SINCERELY,
ED P. KUBALA, COUNCILMAN

Dear South Plainfield Residents:

First, I want to congratulate Mayor Gallagher and Council Members Kubala and Vokral on their victory.

Second, I would like to thank all the people who worked hard on our campaign. They are too numerous to mention, but I appreciate, more than they will ever know, their efforts.

Together, the South Plainfield Republican Party and my fellow candidates, Mr. Cataldo and Mrs. Reedy,

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created so much interest in this campaign that almost 50 percent of the registered voters turned out — more than voted in South Plainfield in many years. This was a positive thing for our town.

This brings me to my next point: more than two thousand residents — over 40 percent of those voting — gave us their support. Because of this, I feel obliged to them to stay involved, and I will. On an unofficial basis, I will keep an eye on what the council does and when it's appropriate, I will speak out. I plan to stay engaged in what's going on and I will continue to work for the best interests of the community.

Again, thank you to everyone for all they've done.

YOURS TRULY,
GEOFFREY CHAMPION, REPUBLICAN COUNCIL CANDIDATE

To The Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people in South Plainfield who supported Dan Gallagher, Ed Kubala and me during this past election. We truly appreciate your confidence and continued support. Even if you didn't vote for us, we are committed to work hard for the next three years as your Mayor and Councilmen to represent all residents and their issues.

We believe that the current members of this Council are a cohesive team, each one dedicated to move our town forward in a fiscally responsible manner. During our upcoming term, there are several projects that we need to address. We will continue to do as much as we can on a "Pay as You Go" basis, while looking for grants and other ways to reduce expenses.

In addition, we would like to invite each one of you to become more involved.

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New Book on South Plainfield Now Available

A new book, "Images of America-South Plainfield," has just been released. The 130-page book has hundreds of images of South Plainfield's early days, a history of how it was once part of Piscataway and how, over the years it evolved to become South Plainfield.

The book, written by Richard Viet, was compiled with the help of many residents, including Dorothy and Sara Miele, who dug up many old photos and Larry Randolph, our resident expert on South Plainfield history. Many South Plainfield organizations contributed photos, including the Historical Society, the Fire Department and the Library, just to name a few.

Author Richard Viet is a resident of South Plainfield. He graduated from South Plainfield High School and was inducted into the SPHS Hall of Fame this past June.

He teaches in the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University.

The cost of the book is \$19.99 and is now available at the *Observer* on Hamilton Blvd., Twin City Pharmacy on Park Ave. and at Custom Creations on South Plainfield Ave. All proceeds from the sale at the *Observer* will go to local organizations.

Plans are in motion for a book signing. All proceeds will go to organizations in town.



Borough Councilman Ray Petronko with Joann Graf, newly appointed Senior Center Coordinator and Recreation Director Mike English.

Joann Graf Named Senior Citizen Coordinator

Former South Plainfield Councilwoman Joann Graf, whose family roots in the Borough go back to 1887, has been named the Senior Citizen Program Coordinator, replacing Sue Mishka, who retired earlier this month.

In 1981, Graf became the first woman in South Plainfield to be elected to the Council and the first woman to serve as Council President (1983-1984). While on the Council, she was Recreation Committee chairperson, initiated the creation of the Cultural Arts Council and helped obtain funding to purchase the first Senior Center located on South Plainfield Ave.

She served on the Mayor's Committee on Senior Housing, Mayor's Advisory Board on the Aged, was Senior Citizen Liaison to the South Plainfield Recreation Commission, was a member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary and also authored the Borough's Personnel Handbook, to name just a few of the volunteer organizations she has been associated with. She has also been a long-time advocate for senior citizens services and programs.

She was named "Outstanding Woman of the Year" by the Jaycees and "Citizen of the Year" by both VFW District #8 and NJ State VFW. Graf's family settled in South Plainfield in 1887. They owned the Thornton Hotel (currently the site of the VFW) when South Plainfield was a summer resort. She was born and raised here, attended Sacred Heart School and earned a BA in Elementary and Special Ed from Marywood College in Scranton, Pa.

Graf's great Uncle John Geary was the first South Plainfield Postmaster. Her father John was the Borough's building inspector for 20 years; her brother Robert currently works for the Public Works Dept. Her parents set an example of what volunteering is all about for Joann at an early age. She was employed at Park Travel Agency for 24 years, working with the Adult School in the planning of their tours and cruises before starting her own travel consulting business in Toms River. She moved to Toms River in 1998, but returned 'home' in 2001.

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From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's another bunch of news from the South Plainfield Library:

Turning to our children's programs, there's a special Kidcraft program scheduled for Monday evening at 6:30. It's for children ages six and over; please sign up in advance for this program. Also, we have our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs. Those programs are for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. If you'd like more information, call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

We've got another special program coming up. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, we'll host a program called "Lenape Culture: An Introduction to Native American Life in New Jersey." Beverly Friend of the American Indian Council of New Jersey will talk about the daily lives and culture of the Lenape, who lived in this area during the time of European exploration and colonization. The program starts at 2 p.m. and is free of charge; everyone is invited to attend. The program is being presented in association with the NJ Council of the Humanities, and has been sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society.

The latest group of items from the CD Circuit is now available. Artists in this group include the Beatles, Dinah Washington, the Dave Brubeck Quartet, Vangelis, Chuck Berry, and Boyz II Men. CDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

One note of interest: In addition to all the other books we've recently added to the collection, we've received a copy of the new book, *Last in the Flood*. It was donated to us by the author, Catherine Dixon Leigh, who herself is from South Plainfield. It's

now available in our New Adult Fiction section.

Here's an advisory from our Notary Public: Before you come in to have documents notarized, please examine them carefully. Be sure that they are completely filled out before you're ready to sign them. Be sure that all of the details on them are accurate. And, if your signature needs to be witnessed by someone in addition to the Notary, it's best that you bring them yourself. Ideally, your witnesses should know you personally. Please call ahead to make sure the Notary will be available, so you can coordinate your respective schedules. (Contrary to popular belief, he doesn't actually live here.)

Finally, at this writing, most of the repaving work on the parking lot side of our building appears to be finished. However, they still have to replace the "Library Staff Only" signs at several of the parking spaces in that area. We ask that you please remember that those spaces are reserved and you should park somewhere else. And, while the lack of a sign may give you an "out", once those signs are replaced, people who park illegally in that area will be ticketed. We are quite serious about this.

That's about all for this week. We'll be back next Friday with more.

SDW Cast, Crew Rehearsal Call

Cast and crew members who wish to participate in the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop performance at the Menlo Park Mall "Evening of Giving" are invited to rehearsals on Tuesday, Nov. 19 and Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. Rehearsals will be held in the High School Chorus room. For more information, email the SPSPDW at www.spdw.com, or leave a message at (908) 561-5255.

Community Thanksgiving Service

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

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

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

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

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

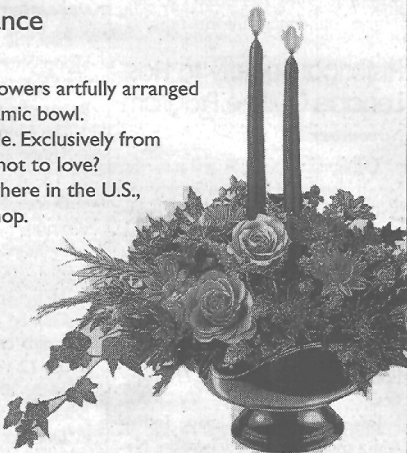
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Around Town

VFW Plans Chicken Paprikash Dinner

November 15

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

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

Pasta Dinner at John F. Kennedy

November 15

John F. Kennedy Elementary School will hold a pasta dinner on Friday, Nov. 15. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for seniors; 5 p.m. for the public. Cost for seniors is \$4 a plate; adults, \$5 a plate, children 12 and under \$4 a plate. The meal includes pasta, meatball, salad and drink. Desserts sold separately. Drink refills are 25 cents.

All profits will benefit the fourth grade Stokes trip in June of 2003.

Fashion Show at Fashion Bug

November 16

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

Women of all sizes are encouraged to become a model for a day by signing up at the Fashion Bug in Golden Acres Shopping Ctr. on Oak Tree Rd. For info, call 1-888-298-8284.

St. Stephen's to Hold Chinese Auction

November 16

St. Stephen's Orthodox Church, 609 Lane Ave. will hold their First Annual Chinese Auction on Nov. 16. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for browsing and the auction calling will begin precisely at 7:30 p.m.

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

SPHS Athletic Booster Sports Auction/Raffle

November 16

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club will be holding a Sports Auction-

What's happening in NOVEMBER

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

Senior Center EVENTS

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov. 14 - Twin City Pharmacy Generic & Brand Name Prescription Medicine, Related Topics Dec. 23 - Openings Available-Christmas Show-Hunterdon Hills Playhouse				
EVENTS Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45 AM Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30 Yoga 10:30-11 AM	Bingo 10AM-2PM	Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45 Movie 11:30 AARP Crafts 1 PM	Shopping at Pathmark 9AM Practical Crafting 10-11AM Twin City Pharmacy 1-2 PM	Bingo 10AM-2PM Pizza Lunch 11:30 AM Listening to Children 9:30AM-12:30PM
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.

Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 16. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door and include 25 tickets. Prizes include, Giants and Rutgers tickets, autographed balls, sports theme baskets, bicycle and television.

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

Chaumont Post #243 Bus Trip to Resorts

November 17

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

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

Beer, soda, sandwiches, prizes.

AARP Chapter #4144 Meeting

November 18

AARP Chapter #4144 of South Plainfield will meet on Monday, Nov. 18 in the Senior Citizen Center at 90 Maple Ave. at 12:30 p.m.

Mike Pante, Emergency Medical Coordinator of St. Peter's Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, will give a presentation on "When EMS arrives at your home." This information is not only important, but informative also. All of us NEED to know this.

Knights of Columbus Open House

November 19

Knights of Columbus and Cumbiettes of South Plainfield Council #6203 cordially invite you to an Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall located just off Hamilton Blvd. (across from Pizza Stop), one block from New Market Ave.

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

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

Fibromyalgia Support Group

November 19

Do you suffer from "Fibromyalgia Syndrome"? If so, come join others who experience FMS as well, at our FMS Support Group at Pilgrim Covenant Church. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. For further information, please contact Pastor Cathy Stanley-Erickson at 908-756-2474.

SPHS PTA Meeting

November 21

The next meeting of the SPHS PTA

is Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. in the SPHS Information Center (Library). We will be discussing our upcoming Project Graduation Auction (scheduled for March 8th) and activities planned for Project Graduation night. Everyone is welcome. Your help is needed!

Sacred Heart Advent Wreath Workshop

November 22

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

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

SPHS Class of 89 Reunion

November 24

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1989 reunion committee is in the process of planning the 15-year reunion. The projected date for the reunion will be the night of Nov. 27. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact via email at SPHSCClassOf89@yahoo.com, or contact South Plainfield Middle School at (908) 754-4620 ext. 307 to give your contact information.

Historical Society to Host Lenape Culture Program

November 24

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

Beverly Friend, a Lenape Indian and a member of the Cherokee Nation will be presenting this program. Friend received cultural instruction from her mother and maternal grandparents and other members of the Cherokee Nation. She was a protege of James "Lone Bear" Revey, Partner chairman of the New Jersey Indian

Office. Revey is buried in the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown on New Market Road. In addition to discussing Lenape daily life, beliefs, and culture, Friend will bring authentic artifacts, crafts and clothing including a bear skin rug. The views expressed by Friend are hers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the New Jersey Council for The Humanities or the National Endowment for The Humanities.

SPJB Night of Holiday Shopping

November 24

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

Ticket price is \$8 and can be purchased at the Baseball Complex in the clubhouse during registration on Nov. 14, 15 and 16 or by calling Stacey Lake (908) 757-9531, Kathy Pollin (908) 756-3803 or Colleen Hubner at (908) 753-8933.

SPHS Class of 71 Reunion

November 29

The South Plainfield High School Class of '71 thirty-something reunion will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, at the Willows Restaurant in Green Brook. If you have not received an invite, we couldn't locate you.

Call Linda at (908) 561-7209 or Pat at (908) 580-9196 immediately as space is running out. There will be no tickets available at the door.

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea

December 1

Sacred Heart Church Rosary Altar Society proudly presents the internationally acclaimed, "The Orchestra of St. Peter By The Sea," Christmas Concert conducted By Rev. Alphonse Stephenson on Sunday, Dec. 1, at Sacred Heart Church.

Tickets for general admission are \$25, seniors and students are \$20.

For information, call (908) 756-0632, ext. 10 or (908) 755-6416.

Elks Sponsoring Annual Hoop Shoot

December 8

Elks will be holding their 'Annual Hoop Shoot' on Sunday, Dec 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Riley School Gym. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m.

The Hoop Shoot is open to girls and boys, age groups 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. A copy of the participants birth certificate must be present at registration.

Eight-year-olds can not be nine by April 1, 2003; nine year-olds can not be 10 by April 1, 2003; 10-year-olds can not be 11 by April 1, 2003; 11-year-olds can not be 12 by April 1, 2003; 12-year-olds can not be 13 by April 1, 2003 and 13-year-olds can not be 14 by April 1, 2003.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second place finishers in each age and gender group. First place finishers will also move onto the District Hoop Shoot Challenge.

Any questions, call Pete Smith (908) 656-4011.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Tim Kelly Named Hero of the Month



Tim Kelly

Tim Kelly has been named "Hometown Hero" of the month.

Kelly has always shown great loyalty and devotion to his job as a 911 dispatcher for the South Plainfield Police Department. His dedication to his position has, on numerous occasions, caused him to miss family

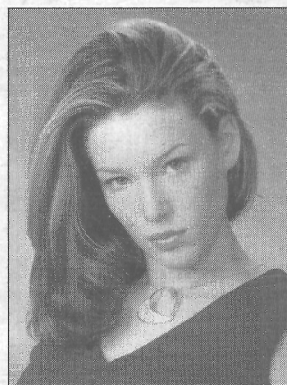
functions, holidays and many other occasions.

Kelly began helping others at a very young age by joining the South Plainfield Rescue Squad as a cadet and moving on to a senior member. He also worked for the Muhlenberg Hospital Mobile Intensive Care Unit before becoming a 911 dispatcher for the Borough's police department. Kelly is currently a certified 911 trainer, actively teaching new personnel.

He is a great family man who is always there for his wife Karen, daughter Allysa and son Patrick.

Kelly has served South Plainfield for more than 10 years and has received commendations for "above and beyond" the call of duty. Tim was nominated by his mom, Diane, who says, "I am so proud of him and what he does. He always seems to find the time to help, or be there whenever someone needs him."

Tim has won a catered lunch for six courtesy of Hometown Heroes.



Pamela Janiszak

Janiszak Earns Miss Central NJ

Pamela Janiszak, 15, was recently crowned Miss Central New Jersey at the American coed Jr. Teen Pageant. She won the state talent competition, placed first and second runner-up in speech, first runner-up in sportswear modeling and won most promising model. She was also crowned NJ Jr. Teen Hostess. She will represent New Jersey at the National Pageant at the Walt Disney World Hilton in Orlando, Fla. during the week of Thanksgiving.

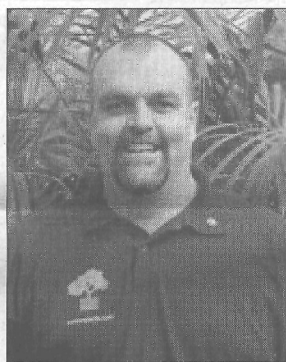
Pamela would like to thank everyone who has supported her as she prepares for the national pageant.

Union Catholic National Honor Society Inductees

Union Catholic High School inducted 71 students into the Aquinas Chapter of the National Honor Society on Oct. 17. Admission to the society requires that a student have a 6.5 GPA, and demonstrate service to the school and/or community by showing strong leadership and good character in three areas such as clubs, activities or sports.

Among the senior students inducted were South Plainfield resident Margaret Monroe.

Highlights of the induction ceremony included an invocation by Union Catholic Principal Sister Percylee Hart, RSM and presentation of certificates by Guest Speaker Christine McCoid. The Club Advisor is Patricia M. Mascolino who also organized the evening's event.



Tom Walsh

association's commitment to creating and preserving the beauty of our landscape. The program is designed to reward landscape contracting professionals who execute quality-landscaping projects and to recognize citizens who underwrite such work. In sponsoring the awards program, ALCA also strives to increase public awareness of environmental improvement through quality landscaping and to encourage the landscape contractors' consistent use of quality materials and workmanship.

Parker Interior Plantscape Receives National Environmental Award

Parker Interior Plantscape is proud to announce it has been awarded the Grand Award for the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA, in the 33rd Annual Environmental Improvement Awards Program sponsored by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA).

Lifelong South Plainfield resident Tom Walsh was instrumental in the sale and installation of this award winning project. Tom is a Recreation Soccer coach and a former T-ball coach.

Parker installed sixteen 17-foot perfectly uniform Ficus Microcarpa 'Kay' trees and under plantings in above ground planters seven stories above street level, on the rooftop atrium. All of the foliage plants, fill materials and equipment had to be hoisted onto the seventh floor rooftop atrium by a 35-ton crane positioned inside the partially enclosed building.

Rich Parker, president of Parker Interior Plantscape said, "The tremendous effort to install this very difficult job is a testament to our crew for their professionalism, hard work and determination."

ALCA's Environmental Improvement Awards Program reflects the

Heather Hearne Graduates from Somerset School of Massage

South Plainfield resident Heather Hearne was awarded a diploma in Therapeutic Massage from the Piscataway Campus of the Somerset School of Massage Therapy.

Together with more than 90 Fall

graduates from both Wall Township and Piscataway locations, Hearne successfully completed a Professional Track program of academic courses, technique instruction and clinical practice in all facets of contemporary Western massage therapy, exceeding New Jersey State certification requirements. In addition, core curriculum courses at the school are recommended for thirteen college credits by the American Council on education college credit recommen-

dation service.

As a graduate, she is eligible for listing in the prestigious American Massage Therapy Association's registry of approved massage therapy schools and practitioners.

Hearne, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, plans to continue her Massage Therapy education with advanced courses and seminars. She is looking forward to joining an existing practice and eventually opening her own business.

Health Educator Plans Events For Teens

Susan Slinger, Health educator at South Plainfield Middle School, has planned a variety of upcoming events for her seventh and eighth grade students.

She has invited a range of speakers to address important health-related topics with her classes. These include:

- Representatives from Planned Parenthood will be discussing sexual harassment and other types of harassment, "Teen and responsible decision-making," and "body imaging."

- Life Choices reviews "sexually transmitted diseases/infections," as well as "abstinence and choices."

- Representative from the NJ National Guard, will do a "Drug Reduction" program covering various drugs and alcohol.

- Representatives from the Middlesex County Health Department will speak on such topics as "Tobacco Abuse" and "Eating Disorders: Anorexia and Bulimia."

- Peer leaders from South Plainfield High School, whose topics will include "Smoking: Everyone is NOT doing it!" and "Choices and saying NO!"

In addition, on Nov. 18, from 7-8 p.m., Slinger is hosting a "tea" for all seventh grade parents at SPMS in order to discuss the seventh grade health course, which includes sex education. Slinger feels, "It's very important for parents to know HOW we teach this subject and for parents to voice their concerns and feelings."

Slinger recently returned from a workshop/conference whose topics included "Excellence in Sexuality Education," "Teaching Safer Sex" and "Using Partner is Not Enough: Educating About Sexual Orientation Respectfully and Responsibly." This workshop/conference allowed Slinger to keep up with the most current techniques and attitudes required for successfully teaching these topics.

She also attended a workshop on Drugs and Substance Awareness, which provided up-to-date information to her students on the issue of club drugs and their dangers and consequences, availability, etc.

In January 2003 Slinger will be attending a workshop concentrating on the issues pertaining to seventh and eighth grade students.

Elks Breakfast With Santa

December 15

The Elks, located on New Market Ave., will hold their annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 15, 8 a.m. till noon. Cost for adults is \$6, children 5-12 are \$4 and children under five are free.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs to order, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea and juice.

Christmas in the City and a Play

December 15

South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to NYC on Sunday, Dec. 15, to see the Broadway show "Chicago." There will also be time to shop in the city.

Cost is \$70 per person. Get tickets at the PAL on Maple Ave. Bus leaves at 10 a.m., returns about 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Show at Hunterdon Playhouse

December 23

The Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Playhouse's Christmas Show on Dec. 23. Cost is \$50 per person. Bus leaves the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Register at the PAL.

— Out of Town —

Yuletide Crafts Fair in Scotch Plains

November 16

All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains will hold a Yuletide Fair on Saturday, Nov. 16. Open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the fair will feature over 30 local dealers of antiques, holiday crafts and decorations, who will show their line of handmade crafts and holiday decorations. A country kitchen will offer lunches and refreshments to shoppers.

All Saints' Church is located at 559 Park Ave., one block from town center in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call (908) 322-8047.

Woodbridge Area Wows Dance/Social

November 17

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

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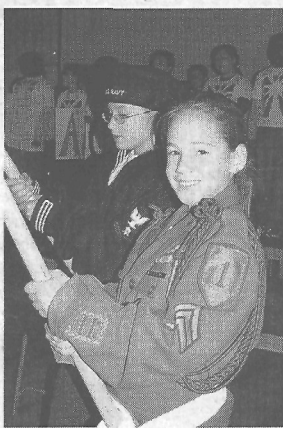
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Veterans' Day at VFW



Franklin Program Honors Local Vets

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ity and sincerity of the youthful insights touched the guests of honor, the veterans seated on stage and in the audience, as well as proud parents and teachers.

Seven children were chosen to present their original poems and essays honoring our veterans—two from the fourth and fifth grades, as well as one each from first through third. The *Observer* presents excerpts of these innocent, yet powerful, words from the students.



Edwin Molina, grade 5, explained why Veterans' Day is important to him. "I want to thank the veterans for giving us freedom. When I am 18, I will join the

Army or the Navy. I will thank the sailors and soldiers for giving up their lives for us. Other people should thank the veterans too."

Lauren Parcello, grade 3, who understands peace and freedom are part of the big picture said, "Thank you for saving our country. As you keep fighting for us I am proud to call America my home. When you fight for world peace it makes me feel safe to live in America."



Jillian Rutkowski, grade 5, spoke of their bravery. "Our heroes of our nation are very special. The veterans are strong and brave. When one died they didn't stop to cry, they fought harder. When they lost a lot of the



Tommy Willey, grade 1, wrote a poem. "I have the freedom to go to school, and make lifelong friends along the way. I have the freedom to swim in a pool, and read a book at the end of the day. These freedoms I am grateful for."

Ryan Billich, grade 5, also wrote a poem. "By the morning of day, to the darkness of night, it was the honor that encouraged their fight. Without any fright they fought through the night, with only their rifles beside them... They are still fighting today, always righting the wrongs of others."



Drew Catalina, grade 2, wrote about a veteran who is his personal hero, his Pop Pop Michael Faulkner, a Marine who fought in Vietnam. Drew spoke of all the things his Pop Pop does for him; helping with science experiments and teaching him to play chess. Drew said, "He is always there when I need help. He comes to my house and plays with my brother and me a lot. He is a hero for many reasons. Not only did



he fight for freedom, he teaches me and loves me. That is a real hero and I love him a lot."

Patrick Landy, grade 4, read his poem last. This youngster zeroed in on something important. No matter what happened to them, our veterans still defended America. Here are his words in entirety.



"Those men were great, they fought their fate, and they defended America. Bullets flew into the sky, everyday more men died, and they still defended America. The flags still waved and many were saved, and they still defended America. Hardships many a more, through the terrible war, and they still defended America. One day victory came, we should all salute their name, because veterans defended America."

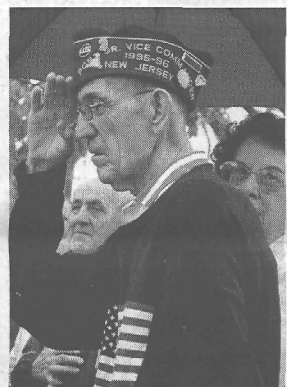
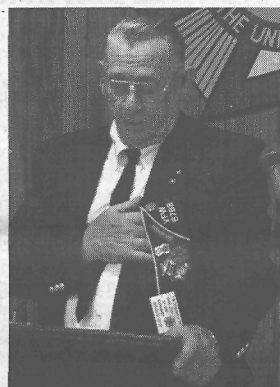


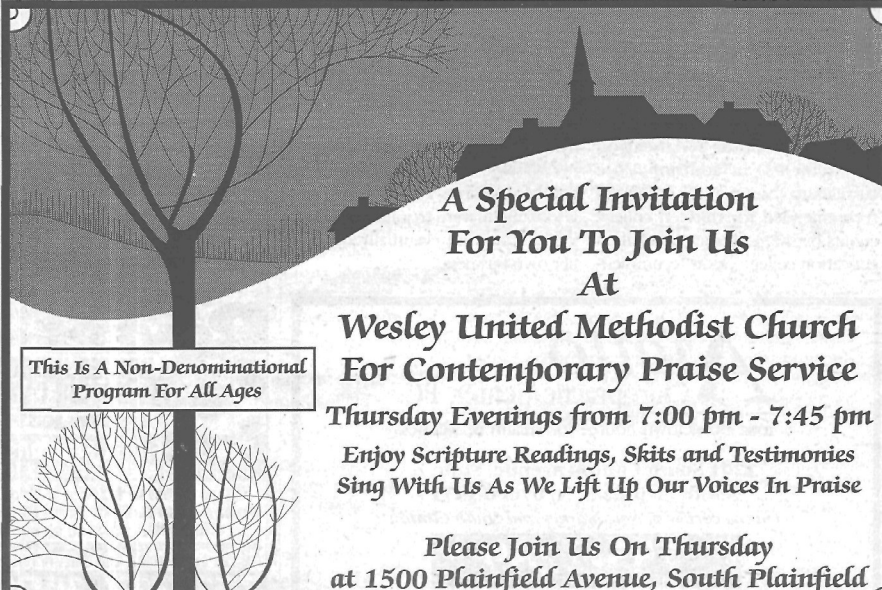
The program ended with the mournful wail of *Taps* played on trumpet by music teacher Glenn Parisi. Parisi's father, Lou, was one of the veterans on hand for the presentation.

Each phase of the program showed the children's newfound understanding of veterans and their importance to our country—past, present and future. These school children know what many older generations have yet to understand, keeping our freedom is an ongoing process; freedom is not free, but comes at a great cost. Their belief in our veterans, their love, thanks and gratitude will go along way towards educating future generations.



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ELKS CLUB PURCHASES THREE BRICKS—Members of the South Plainfield Elks Club presented a check for \$500 to buy three bricks at the future South Plainfield Fire Department memorial site. Pictured are Councilman Charlie Butrico, Fire Chief Larry Del Negro, Councilman Ray Petronko, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Firemen Tom "Bubba" Scalera and John Celetano, Leading Knight Nick Chupko, Innerguard Dale Dube and Exalted Ruler Richard Burns.

IN YOUR OPINION

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volved with the process. If you cannot attend Council meetings, please visit our Web site for information. Our goal is to provide as much as you need to enable you to keep informed about what is happening in our great town. If there are any other ways to assist you in getting information or becoming involved, please let us know.

Again, we appreciate your vote of confidence and if we can assist you in any way, please contact us.

JIM VOKRAL

To the Editor:

Although for the past month or so, the prime focus in town had been on the elections, I couldn't help but notice that once again our school board seems to be at odds with our educators and even some parents. Board members are being accused of "witch hunts" and intimidating teachers. These allegations are serious enough, but are we really spending \$650 per day from November, 2002 until February of 2003 for an "interim" superintendent. My math may be a little fuzzy, but that comes to approximately \$42,000 for an "interim" superintendent.

Dee Falato is not only an outstanding individual, but an excellent teacher as well, who has done countless good things for her students. I also applaud her courage for taking a stand. I certainly hope that we don't see her in front of this board for some ridiculous reason because she spoke up against them. She has mentioned Dr. Ken May as a long time administrator who is certified and more than

qualified for this position. She also mentioned that there are also at least four other people that could have served in this capacity for no more money than they currently make. Mario Barbieri is the assistant superintendent and also a long time administrator in this town. It appears to me that either one of these men would make an excellent superintendent. Ms. Falato must be correct when she states that the board is in search of someone they can manipulate, why else would these men be overlooked?

What is going on with the current Board of Education? These people are entrusted with overseeing our children's education and the way our money is spent. If witch hunts, intimidating teachers and frivolously spending money is their track record, than maybe we need to get some new blood on the Board.

GEORGE D'ALESSANDRO

Thanks South Plainfield,

Diane Kaczowski, the South Plainfield Team In Training member for Northern New Jersey, would like to thank all the people who supported her efforts to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Many of you helped by sponsoring Diane in her 26.2-mile walk—The Great Bermuda Marathon—held on Nov. 17. She is extremely grateful to all her sponsors, friends, and neighbors who helped her to exceed her goal of \$3,500.

Diane and two other team members work at The Club at Ricochet. Earlier this year, Ricochet sponsored

a Spin-a-Thon to support the cause. Many thanks go out from the Team members to the owners of The Club, as well as the general manager.

A few months ago, a garage sale was held at another Team member's house in Edison. Diane would like to thank those of you who donated items to be sold and all those who came to the garage sale.

A party was held at Flanagan's Restaurant some weeks ago to raise money. Diane thanks all those who came to the party. She especially thanks Flanagan's for sponsoring the event, and in particular those merchants from South Plainfield, including Ciccio's, Sherban's, Matrix Nails, The Painting Station, Black Belt Academy, Medicine Shop, Dunkin' Donuts, Gulf Station, Modern Hair and Nails, Bob Seliga, Opti-care, Enterprise, 1-800-FLOWERS, Photo Professor, any others not mentioned, as well as the merchants from other towns who donated items to be raffled off at the party. This event was a great success as well as a lot of fun for everyone.

Thanks to everyone who bought "sneakers" at The Bagel Pantry or dropped their spare change in the boxes at Witty's and South Plainfield Liquor stores.

Diane could not have achieved her goal without all of your help and she is truly grateful to all of you. However, she would like to ask one more thing from you all: that you think of her and pray for her this Sunday, Nov. 17, while she is walking in the marathon. Your support is greatly appreciated.

TAKARA KACZOWSKI

New Pastor Installed at Our Lady of Czestochowa

Rev. J. Maciej Melaniuk was recently installed as Pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish at a ceremony in his honor.

The Rite of Installation was presided over by Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski, Episcopal Vicar of Middlesex County.

Attending were dozens of clergy from the surrounding area, including Rev. John Paul Alvarado, Pastor of Sacred Heart, who presented Fa-

ther Melaniuk as the Pastor-Elect. Coming all the way from Wroclaw, Poland was special guest Cardinal Henryk Gulbinowicz.

The Angelus Choir from Brooklyn led the singing in Polish.

Father Maciej Melaniuk replaces Father John Swarka, who retired last year.

A reception was held in the Our Lady of Czestochowa hall immediately after the services in the church.



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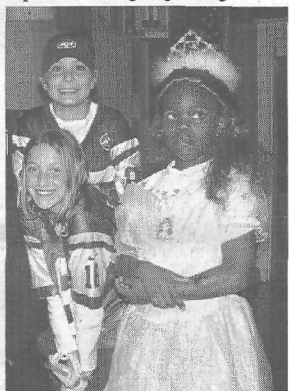
Roosevelt Fun Night Offered Halloween Treats

By Patricia Abbott

Roosevelt School's Halloween Family Fun night offered a host of exciting things to do for assorted goblins, ghosts and good guys. Over two dozen booths enticed youngsters to plunk down a ticket and play.

There was face painting, temporary tattoos, hair beads, numerous toss skill games and a chance wheel. Favorites were the candy straw booth where

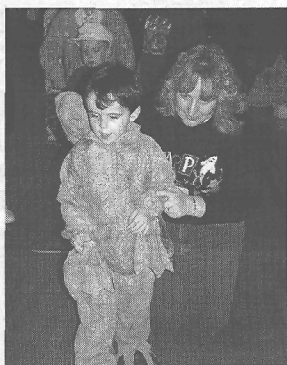
tic pace created quite a few appetites. Pizza, cold drinks and other goodies kept the crowd going strong from 6



until 9 p.m. Students enjoyed the opportunity to wear their Halloween costumes just one more time. Sponge Bob and Patrick were surrounded by "Nick at Nite" fans and Spiderman slid across the floor at an amazing speed. Babies, butterflies and Brittanys, assorted princess, fairies and military men filled the room with shouts of glee. The kaleidoscope of colorful costumes and surround-sound youthful giggles were non-stop right up til the final game closed. The fun-filled evening ended as tired but happy children and parents laden with prizes and goodies headed home to rest ending Halloween 2002.

youths fulfilled their sugar craving by creatively pouring multi-flavored and multi-colored sand like sweets into a large plastic straw. Another favorite was the fortune telling booth. A mystical gypsy with magical fairy cards offered messages from the fairies to eager listeners.

Parents relaxed while the kids dashed from booth to booth. The hec-



Celebrate America Recycles Day!

Mayor Gallagher has proclaimed Nov. 15 as South Plainfield Recycles Day in conjunction with America Recycles Day. In honor of this event, Wolf Cub Scouts of Den 9 at Riley School will sponsor a "Thank You for Recycling Day" on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

The Scouts will be on hand with refreshments, recycling information, and gifts. There will be a games table and a craft table for children to make recycled-product crafts. The Middlesex County's M.C. Blue will visit. M.C. Blue is the nation's first fully recyclable recycling robot. He explains the importance of recycling through songs and audience participation.

Scouts participating in this event are Christopher Markey, Anthony Austin, Cesar Fernandez, Joshua Siepmann and Brian Lopez.

What is America Recycles Day?

America Recycles Day started in 1997 as an offshoot of Texas Recycles Day. There were 750,000 participants in 37 states. National corporate sponsors such as Home Depot and Ford have helped spread the event, and last year there were 3.3 million participants in all 50 states. The heart of the event is each citizen's pledge to commit to making recycling work - by both source-separating recyclable waste, and by buying products made with recycled materials. Participation is measured by how many pledge cards are received.

Today we celebrate America Recycles Day because across the country, people are waking up to the wastefulness of our "throw-away" society. In 1990, only 15 percent of the United States population had curbside recycling. This year, 48 percent of the population has access to curbside recycling. The nation has been recycling more than 25 percent of its trash. In New Jersey, last year we recycled over 55 percent, but, since 1997, our recycling rates have actually decreased slightly.



Lion Larry Massaro presents the Lifetime Membership Award to Bob Desch, president of the South Plainfield Lions Club.



Bob Desch presents the President's Award to Hank Grabarz.

Bob Desch Presented Lifetime Membership Award

At their Annual Charter Night Dinner, the Lions Club of South Plainfield presented one of the most prestigious awards, The Lifetime Membership Award, to their president, Bob Desch. This is only the fourth time one of their members has received this award in its 55-year history. The award was presented by State Council Chairman Larry Massaro, also a recipient of the award.

The Charter night dinner was held at Vincenzo's Restaurant in Middlesex on Oct. 23. Approximately 40 members, their wives and guests were in attendance. This is Desch's third year serving as president of the South

Plainfield Lions Club. In the past he has served as Zone Chairman and Past Deputy District Governor and was named Lion of the Year in 1999-2000.

Other awards presented by Lions Club President Bob Desch included The Presidents Award to Club Secretary Hank Grabarz, for outstanding service, 10-year service pins to Sal Severini and Bill Ashnault, 20-year Service Pin to Ken Redler, 35-year service pin to Dieter Hollan.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Tullio "Cappy" Capparelli and to Jerry Vitale for all the help they gave to the club over the past years.

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SPHS FIELD HOCKEY

BY SHARON MILLER



Varsity Team Defeats Cranford

The SPHS Varsity Field Hockey Team did it again, defeating Cranford 3-1 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 quarterfinal round of the NJSIAA Tournament, bringing their season record to a remarkable 20-0-1.

Junior forward, Ngozi Okpara scored two goals while senior center-midfielder Meaghan Schweers added one. All three goals were scored in the first half.

Week of November 10

With the quarterfinals behind them, our top seeded team faced Hightstown (seeded 5) in the semi-final round on Nov. 13 (results not known as of publication). The winner of this game will go on to play the winner of the Warren Hills (seeded 2) and Notre Dame (seeded 6) in the Sectional Finals scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16. These games will be played at the field

of the higher seeded team.

This year's team is the number one team in Middlesex County! They are ranked among the Top 20 best field hockey teams in the state.

Please come out in support of a wonderful team of players. You don't want to miss seeing this team play, they really are unbelievable. The best of luck to both players and coaches in the States. Go Tigers! Rankings as of Nov. 13.

Pop Warner Eagles Junior Midget's and Junior Pee Wee's Take Second Place in MVC

On a cold and windy Wednesday night at Frank Jost Field, the Jr. Pee Wee and Jr. Midget squads both lost in their respective league championship games.

The Jr. Pee Wee's lost a heartbreaker 7-6 on a late fourth quarter touchdown to Hunterdon Hills. The game was 0-0 at half and So. Plfd. struck first in the second half when they scored to make it 6-0 however, a sustained drive by the Huskies point put the game

away. For the first time ever, the Jr. Pee Wee's (currently 6-2-1) are the 2002 North Division Champions of the Mountain Valley Conference. By placing second, they qualified for the Garden State games which begin this weekend. The Eagles open up on the road and will face the Tom River Indians this Sunday at 10 a.m. in Marlboro. If the Jr. Pee Wee's win, they advance to the semi-final round held next Sunday, Nov. 24 at Bound Brook High

School.

In the second game last Wednesday night, the South Plainfield Jr. Midgets faced off with the Somerville Rams in the MVC Jr. Midget title game. The Eagles with an 8-0 record faced off with the Rams (7-1) for the second time in four weeks. South Plainfield came up short in this one by losing 13-0 and taking second place for the second straight year. In a game of field position and ball control, the Rams scored to start the second quarter making it 6-0 and again with less than two minutes remaining in the game to make the final score 13-0. The defending North Division Champion South Plainfield Junior Midgets, with a combined record of 15-3 over the past two seasons will also participate in the Garden State games starting this Sunday. The Eagles open up with the Manalapan Braves at 2 p.m. in Jackson. If the Jr. Midget's win, they advance to the semi-final round to be held next Sunday, Nov. 24 at Bound Brook High School.

For directions and/or more details about these games, call the Eagles Clubhouse at (908) 753-6344.

Good luck to both teams and congratulations on a great year!

Important Upcoming Dates and Club Functions are:

Sunday, Nov. 17, Garden State games-1st Round; 10 a.m.-Jr. Pee Wee's vs. Toms River Indians at Marlboro; 2 p.m.-Jr. Midget's vs. Manalapan Braves at Jackson. Call the Clubhouse for directions at (908) 753-6344.

• Uniform and equipment returns - all teams- Call the Eagles Clubhouse for details.

Sports

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

Final Notice for Fall Registration for 2003 Season - Nov. 14-16

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

Also, Gift certificates to Sportworld will be available at sign-ups for any players from 2002 who sold \$40 worth of raffle tickets.

PONYTAIL SOFTBALL
Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

Snack Bar Closing/Shed Cleanup & Inventory—November 16—The date for the snack bar closing is Saturday, Nov. 16. Please meet at the snack stand area at 9 a.m. At the same time, work will also begin on cleaning up the shed. This involves conducting an inventory of the equipment and organizing and labeling it. We will need the help of many volunteers, both association members and non-members. Snack stand and field maintenance committee members should try to attend. If your daughter played either Recreation and/or All-Star softball, we would appreciate your assistance. Please come out and join us in support of the Girls' Ponytail Softball League.

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—November 26

The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 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 November 26. New members are always welcomed.

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.

SOCCER

Fire Undefeated At Home

The South Plainfield Fire went head to head with the Hillsborough Cheetahs and came out on top 5-0.

In the first half the Fire pounded the Cheetahs net with the first goal being scored within five minutes by Joao Rafael. Goals two and three were scored by Jonathan Llerena and Mathew Santos respectively with both assists coming from off the foot of Bryant Villamarin.

In the second half Justin De-

Oliveira, Logan Green and Louis Acosta continued to keep the offensive pressure on giving Jonathan Llerena the help he needed to score the fourth goal. Scot Bishop scored the fifth and final goal with the assist coming from Gregory Herbster. Goals Derek Wilhelm and Richie Szeliga were able to secure the shutout with defensive help from Anthony Baldassarre, Kyle Pompilio, Douglas Porzio and Scot Bishop.

U-10 Sonics Win Flight

The U-10 Sonics traveling soccer team played at the Upper Columbia Field and took on the undefeated Berkeley Heights Black Hawks on Sunday, Nov. 17. Danny and Dana Hunt each scored in the first half, both assisted by Mike Dispenziere. Will Mott passed to Dana Hunt, who scored with a beautiful left footed shot to make the half time score Sonics 3 - Black Hawks 0.

The defensive team of Shaun Alers, Charlie Huber, Luke Goitandia, Nick Ross and Danny Sticco along with midfielders Ryan Billich, Danny Hunt, Will Mott and Nick Tuyp played a great game. The attackers for the game were Mike Dispenziere, Dana Hunt,

Steve Lanza and Nick Okosko. Between the pipes for the Sonics were Nick Ross and Will Mott. After the Black Hawks scored, Danny Hunt passed to Shaun Alers who was covered by a man, pivoted and put in a nice left footed shot passed the keeper to put the Sonics up 4-1. The Black Hawks scored twice more, but then the Sonics put out the fire. South Plainfield did not allow a shot on goal for the last five minutes of the game.

The Sonics handed the Black Hawks their first defeat of the season. The Black Hawks record stands at 5-1-3. With this victory, the Sonics clinch the flight with a record of 7-1-1.

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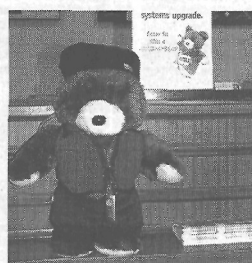
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Obituaries

Elsie Renovetz Lisko, 75

Elsie Renovetz Lisko of Belvidere died on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg.

Elsie was born and raised in South Plainfield and was a former resident of North Branch, Charlotte, NC and Sussex before moving to Belvidere two years ago.

Elsie was the former owner of the Village Toy Maker at the Old Lafayette Village in Lafayette, before retiring in 1987.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Louis Lisko, who died in 1999 and her son William L. Lisko, who died in 1956.

She is survived by three daughters, Patricia Monz of Moscow, Tenn., Susan Huddy-Kreci of Williamsport, Pa. and Jane Cavalear of Harmony and four grandchildren.

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

James E. Hanlon, 75

James E. Hanlon died on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at his daughter's home in South Plainfield.

Mr. Hanlon was born in Olean, NY, was raised in Dunkirk, NY and had resided in Irvington for a short time before settling in South Plainfield in 1953.

He was employed at the Purolator Filter Co. of Rahway for 38 years as a production control manager.

He served with the Merchant Marines and U.S. Navy Submarine Service during WWII.

He was a charter member the South Plainfield B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge #2298, where he was a Past Exalted Ruler. Jim was also active in the NJ

State Elks Association, where he was past vice president, chaplain and trustee, as well as being a member of the Elks National Association, where he was a past district deputy. He was also a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post # 243 in South Plainfield.

Jimmy had been an active volunteer with the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department for the over 37 years and had served as a long time financial secretary. He was a Life Member of the NJ Fireman's Exempt Association, where he was a past president. He was also a member of Fireman's Relief Association, where he served as treasurer for many years.

He was a long-time parishioner of Sacred Heart RC Church.

He is predeceased by his brother, Terrance Hanlon.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia M. (Branagan); two daughters, Karen E. Marsh and her husband Craig of South Plainfield and Theresa H. Hills and her husband George of Jackson; three sisters, Jean Smyczek of Dunkirk, NY, Jacqueline Wolak of New York Mills, NY and Kay Hawker of Leroy, NY; six grandchildren, Thomas, Theresa, James, Joseph, Robert and Nancy; nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Huntington's Disease Society of America would be appreciated.

Lucille Cybowski Rogers, 89

Lucille Cybowski Rogers of Smyrna Tenn., formerly of South Plainfield, died on Thursday, Nov. 7 at Peachtree

Care Center in Smyrna, Tenn.

Lucille was born in Brooklyn, was raised in South Plainfield and was a former resident of Edison and Berkeley Heights, before moving to Smyrna.

Lucille was a group leader for Mack Motors in Bridgewater for 30 years before retiring in 1973 and was a former member of the Edison Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Edward Rogers, who died in 1965.

She is survived by a son, Richard Popolillo of Las Vegas; a brother, Adolph Cybowski of South Plainfield; a sister, Estelle Cybowski of South Plainfield; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Mary D. (Cecere) Trapani, 91

Mary D. (Cecere) Trapani of Somerset, died on Sunday, Nov. 10 at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

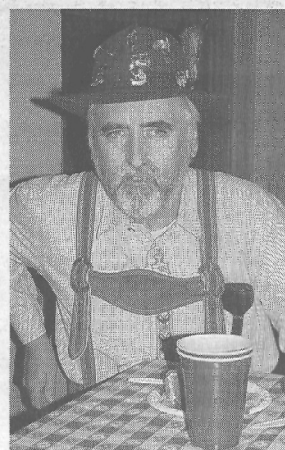
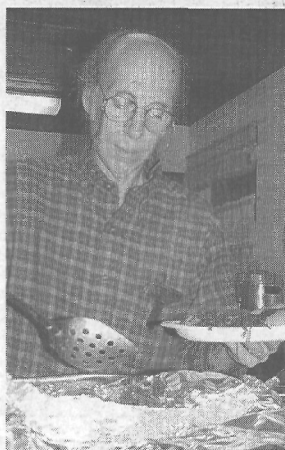
Mary was born in Hoboken and was a former resident of Wayne and Toms River before moving to Somerset in 1999.

Mary was a secretary for Felsway, Inc. in Totowa for 10 years, before retiring in 1978.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Peter Trapani, who died in 1994.

She is survived by a son, Joseph and his wife Joyce Trapani of South Plainfield and a brother, Michael Cecere of Saddle Brook.

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



St. Stephen's Church Holds October Fest Celebration

By Patricia Abbott

St. Stephen's Church, located on Park Ave., recently held their annual October Fest. The event featured an authentic German meal with spatzle, beef, sauerbraten, green beans, red cabbage, wurst and a wide array of desserts. Beverages included assorted imported and domestic beer, coffee, iced tea and lemonade.

Chairman for the dinner was Frank Gianneschi. Approximately 80 pounds of beef are marinated for several days and then divided among the members of the committee for cooking. Committee members served a steady flow of customers over the course of the evening. Boy Scout Troop 324 and the St. Stephen's Confirmation class cleared and reset tables as well as serving drinks. In-between their chores the teenagers found time to enjoy their dinner too. Despite the mouthwatering food available, most of them opted for the pizza delivered



to the church.

Serving on the October Fest committee were Pastor Richard Kiesling, Dale and Michelle Morin, Bob and Cathy Newman, Baxter Brooks, George and Carol Rudo and Jeff Marcoux. The event is in its fifth year.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Michael A. Siravo

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 420; Sentry Office Plaza; 216 Haddon Avenue; Westmont, NJ 08108, phone # (856) 858-3242; an answer to the Amended Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any), filed in a civil action, in which Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. is plaintiff, and Edward C. Lusinger, unmarried and Donna M. Mergner, unmarried is/are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-17899-02 within thirty-five (35) days after November 15, 2002 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated August 30, 2000, made by Edward C. Lusinger, unmarried and Donna M. Mergner, unmarried as mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. recorded on September 18, 2000, for Middlesex County in Book 6380, Page 627 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage has not been assigned; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 108 Zoar Place, Middlesex, NJ 08846.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the

County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7800.

YOU, Michael A. Siravo, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a Judgment entered on 11/17/93 in Superior Court of New Jersey known as Judgment #DJ-021953-1998 and Case # SC-067420-93 in the amount of \$293.41, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

Donald F. Phelan, Clerk
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY: ORDINANCE NO. 1608

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

Ordinance No. 1608 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1440N ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2002 THRU 2005 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vinnie Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$22.00 November 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY: ORDINANCE NO. 1606

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

Ordinance No. 1606 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 351 LOT 4 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
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\$20.00 November 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY: ORDINANCE NO. 1607

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

Ordinance No. 1607 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 351 LOT 6 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
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\$20.00 November 15, 2002

policereport

• On Nov. 6 Milan L. Acosta, 33, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

• Scottam Investments Inc. reported the theft of their trailer from Kentile Rd. which contained an unknown amount of Herman Miller office furniture.

• A Trinity St. resident reported the theft of a locked and chained wet/dry vac from their unlocked garage.

• On Nov. 7 a Leeds Dr. resident reported that their storm door had been pried open. No entry was gained.

• On Nov. 9 Venkatesw R. Mandava, 30, of Edison was arrested for reckless driving and driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Harvard Ave. resident reported that his car had been keyed overnight.

• A Middlesex resident reported the theft of her 1990 Pontiac Grand Am from the Statewide Disposal parking lot on Roosevelt Ave.

• A New Brunswick resident reported the theft of her purse at Burlington Coat Factory.

• K-Mart reported the theft of two Lasonic DVD players valued at \$240.

• On Nov. 10 Jeremy Ron McClendon, 20, of Dallas, Texas was arrested on Stelton Rd. on a fugitive warrant out of Texas.

• A Staten Island resident reported that \$5,000 worth of fraudulent charges were made on his credit card at Home Depot.

• An Arizona resident reported damage to his rented vehicle in the Holiday Inn parking lot. The drivers side door had been pried up, but no entry was gained.

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Cub Scouts Tour Roosevelt School Construction Site

Cub Scouts from Roosevelt School Pack 205 Webelos II Den 7 were given a tour of the new Roosevelt School, which is currently under construction. The Scouts are working on their Engineering Activity Badge which includes a requirement to visit an active construction site. The scouts were given a presentation in the construction trailer which included a chance to

see the architectural drawings. This presentation was followed by a tour through the building.

Cub Scout Pack 205 would like to thank Frank Mikorski for his assistance in organizing the building tour, and The Turner Corporation and Joseph A. Natoli Construction, for donating their time for this event, and giving the scouts the hardhats to keep as souvenirs.

4-H Teens Sponsor Project GIFT

Middlesex County 4-H Teens believe that all children should receive gifts during the holiday season. For the past six years, the 4-H Teen Council has sponsored Project GIFT, a "Holiday Shopping Day", to reach children from families with limited resources.

The event, which takes place in December, will allow clients of local shelters and agencies that help limited resource families, to select gifts for their children in a holiday bazaar atmosphere.

The gifts available at the event will include new clothing, toys, games and books. These donations were requested of businesses, community organizations, 4-H Clubs and 4-H families. Monetary donations were also acquired through the efforts of the Teen Council. Once the families arrive at the 4-H Center, they will have an opportunity to place their children in child-care provided by the 4-H teens. Children will be entertained by games, face painting and even a visit from Santa himself.

If you would like to make a donation of NEW clothes, toys or games, you can drop them off at the 4-H Center at 645 Cranbury Rd. in East Brunswick on the following dates: Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 7-9 p.m. or Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 7-9 p.m. For directions visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extension-services/4hclubs_directions.asp

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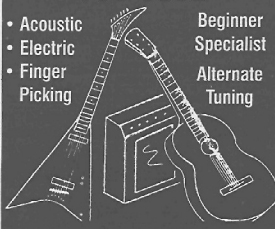
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South Plainfield Residents Display Their Oil Paintings at Art School

By Patricia Abbott

The artwork of two South Plainfield residents is currently on display at the duCret School of Art's annual Fall Art Show and Sale. Linda Stockman Berkowitz is a student at duCret and has two oil paintings in the show. She teaches children's classes at duCret several times a year. Chris Gati, an SPHS grad, is in his second year and has numerous works in mixed medium.

Pat Butynski of South Plainfield has studied at the school and has had her

work displayed in a gallery. Also from South Plainfield are students Justina Carubia, Paul Hermann (in their second year) and Rosie Bayak (in her first year).

The show of completed student works will be on display through Friday, Nov. 22. The school kicked off the event with a reception on opening day from 2-4 p.m. Director Frank Falotico was on hand to welcome guests to the event.

Visitors can view the artwork from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The duCret School of Art has been offering art education for 76 years and is the oldest private art school in New Jersey. The school is located in the historic residential district of Plainfield.

The Victorian mansion on Central Ave. was built in 1896. Originally known as the Van Emburgh School of Art, it was founded in 1926 by artist and teacher Marjorie Van Emburgh. It officially became a private, non-profit corporation under the name "The duCret School of the Arts, Inc." in 1970.

The school has small classes with full- and part-time day and evening programs in Fine Art, Graphic Design/Computer Graphics and Illustration. Their diversity offers opportunities for the serious artist looking for a career or for those who dabble in art and wish to learn or refine a skill.

On Thursday, Nov. 21, the school will hold an Open House with tours and information available from 9:30-

11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Those interested can get a first hand look at the facility and visit classes. A new semester begins on Jan. 20, 2003. The school is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology, approved by the State of New Jersey Department of Education and is a member of the Private Career Schools Association of New Jersey.

duCret will also host their annual Miniature Art Show and Sale beginning Dec. 8 with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. The show runs through Dec. 13. The miniature show is comprised of paintings, prints and drawings, none larger than 12 inches square.

For information about the show or open house, call (908) 757-2626.



South Plainfield resident Linda Stockman Berkowitz with her oil paintings.

Grant Central Student Council Announced

The Student Council year has officially started at Grant Central Sixth. This year's advisors are Ms. Panuzzo and Ms. Giorgio. Elections were held in September. Representatives for 2002/2003 are Abraham Amini, Cori Black, Greg Burton, Taylor Curtis, Becky Deffler, Courtney Easterday, Gloria Esaw, Jaime Giannakis, Ashleigh Gray, Ashley Hawkins, Tiffany Hunter, Amanda Hunterdon, Jaclyn Kukuch, Jacqueline Laverne, Nick Levendusky, Adea McNight, Codi Merritt, Brian Pullen, Danielle Ronger, Kyle Schroeder, Justin Smith, Scott Suleski, Kara Thomas, Nick Vallone and Gina Viola.

Student Council representatives say the Pledge of Allegiance during the morning announcements. Some of things they will be planning are school dances, food and paper drives, a poster contest and bulletin board decorating. Their first bulletin board can be seen in the main hallway of Grant Central. It shows that we are drug free and proud to be.

Their big event for October was Red Ribbon Week, which ran from Oct. 23-30. This was the week the students and staff at Grant became united in fighting against drugs, by holding "Spirit Week" to celebrate with days called "Living Drug Free" and "No Sweat To Me." Another day was "United We Stand For A Drug Free Land," when many students wore red, white and blue. To end the week, many dressed in green and white on "South Plainfield Is Drug Free Day." All students received bookmarker pens as a gift from the PTO. The main office window was also painted to give notice of Red Ribbon Week.

The first dance of the year was held on Friday, Oct. 25 in the Grant School Cafeteria. A special thanks to our PTO for buying additional decorations and to the Student Council representatives for decorating.

It was a great week, where all of Grant Central showed their spirit, and they are looking forward to another great year filled with fun and excitement.

-Submitted by Kelly Panuzzo

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