

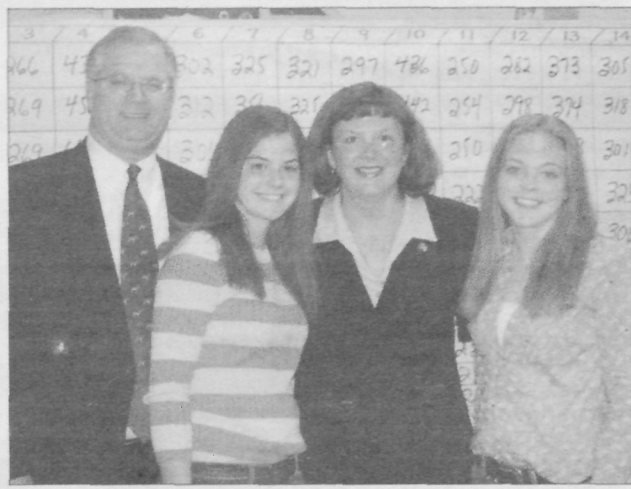
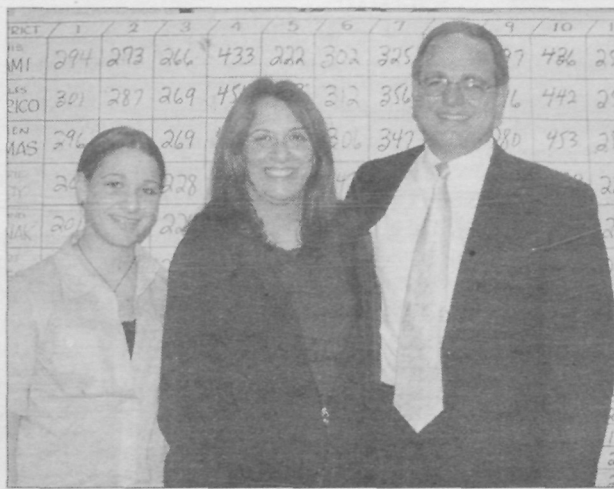
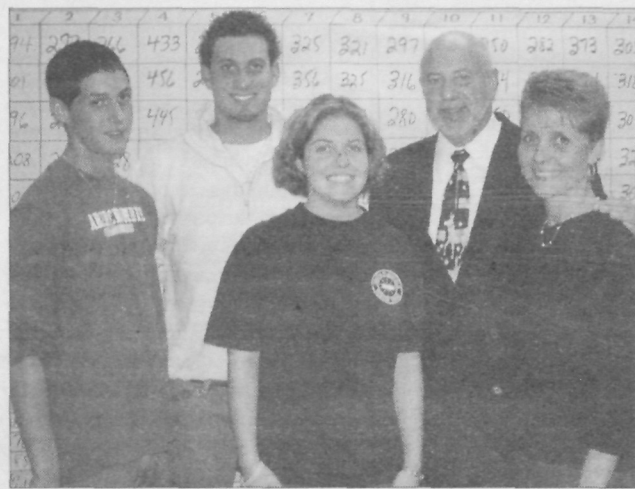
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Incumbents Sweep Election



Democratic incumbents reelected (left to right): Dennis Cerami, with wife Michelle and children; Charlie Butrico with wife Sherry and daughter; and Kathy Thomas with husband Bill and two daughters.

South Plainfield voters again chose the Democratic incumbents over the Republican challengers. This is the thirteenth year the Democrats have won the local election.

This year the Republicans waged a vigorous campaign, stressing the sewer tax increase, traffic, play to pay, the two party system and other issues. Meanwhile, the Democrats ran on their record of no tax increases, their past accomplishments, and what they plan to do in the future.

More than 70%, or 9,351, of the 13,191 registered voters went to the polls this year, versus only 29.7% last year. The increase in voter turnout was most likely due to the fact that this year was also a presidential election.

Top vote getter was Charlie Butrico, who received 4,914 votes, followed by Dennis Cerami with 4,739. Republican Marge Reedy received 3,866 and Ray Rusnak got 3,645 votes. They were running for three year terms on the council.

In the council race for a one-year term, Kathy Thomas received 4,788 votes versus 3,800 for Bob Jones. Thomas was appointed in January to fill the council vacancy after Jim Vokral resigned and she will have to run again next year, if she chooses.

"The Democrats ran on their performance and on their vision of the future, and the people of South Plainfield heard the message," said a smiling Patrick Diegnan.

After thanking the many supporters and workers, Dennis Cerami said, "I believe I ran with the best candidates. We ran on merit, accomplishments, on facts and honesty. We have plans for the future of South Plainfield and we know we are on the right track."

Charlie Butrico summed his feelings up by saying, "I am really proud of the way we ran our campaign; we ran on what we believe was right for this community, and the voters came back and said yes tonight."

Kathy Thomas also thanked everyone, especially her family for their support. She said, "I never realized when I was appointed how much she would love this job and I am honored that the people of South Plainfield have given

me the chance to continue."

"While the results did not turn out as we hoped, I wish our opponents well. I hope we've raised some issues that will help push South Plainfield in the right direction. We especially want to thank our volunteers and supporters for their hard work," said Ray Rusnak.

"I can't thank the people of South Plainfield enough for the great reception they've given us as we've knocked on their doors over the past few months. While the other side prevailed, I feel good about

the campaign we ran—an issue-oriented, ethical campaign," said Marge Reedy.

"Even though things did not work out as I had hoped, this campaign has been a great experience for me. The support I received from family, friends, neighbors and even total strangers, awed me. It's difficult, however, to compete with the financial resources of the other side. I only have the best of things to say about the people of our town, and I promise to continue to work on their behalf," said Bob Jones.

Second Town History Day Sunday

The South Plainfield Historical Society will present the second annual Town History Day, celebrating the history and heritage of the community this Sunday at the Senior Center. Event begin at 1 p.m. with the presentation of colors, followed by a short program of singing and dancing by local high school and dance studio students. A Hungarian folk dance group will also perform.

Afterwards, guests are invited to browse the Historical Society Collections, view special exhibits and listen to the presentations of guest speakers.

Framed and mounted displays in

the exhibit hall will highlight the growth and development of the borough and its people and circumstances that influenced it. The Reading Room will be the place to find scrapbooks, oral history transcriptions, photograph reference binders and many other books of interest. The Hall of Antique Fashions will illustrate the advancement of style and sewing techniques. The Civil War Room will have memorabilia presented by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Custer Camp Number 17. Outdoors will be a display of antique cars. Several eight and

16 mm films of "old" South Plainfield have been transferred to video and will be shown throughout the day.

Three local guest speakers will give short presentations. Dr. Richard Veit of Monmouth University, author of *Images of America: South Plainfield*. Larry Randolph, chairman of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission and expert on local history, will give insight on the community's early local industry—specifically the grist mill on Spring Lake. Frank McGonigal, from the Sons of Union Veterans, will address the five men from "New Brooklyn" who fought and died during the Civil War.

Several local groups plan displays, including the Suburban Woman's Club, the VFW, the South Plainfield Elks and the Friends of the Woods at Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve.

Admission and refreshments are free. Come spend an enjoyable and informative day about our town.



SPHS Debate Class team leaders Gerry Butrico and Kelly Thomas



High School Participates In Presidential Debate

Last Friday morning, members of the high school debate class headed to the Middle School to debate the presidential election in front of the eighth grade students.

Seven students represented each presidential candidate. Kelly Thomas led Team Kerry and Gerry Butrico headed Team Bush. Questions were read by Mr. Bennet and Ms. McDonough, followed by questions by the Middle School students.

Each side had two-minute opening statements, then answered questions and had opportunity to give a rebuttal. The debate ended with closing statements.

The questions covered many issues—Iraq, terrorism, jobs, minimum wage, the draft and oil drilling in Alaska. The students cheered, applauded and occasionally sneered as each topic was discussed. It was amazing to see how informed the high school and middle school students were on current issues and how involved they were in this election.

High students participating in the debate were Dough Dietzold, Viet Vo, Craig Kulick, Robert Cusick, Alison Schmidt, Eric Rhode, Pete DeAndrea, Mike Benak, Kelly Thomas, Jeremy Rodas, Gerry Butrico, Matt Boley Paul Corrado and Erin Sikanowicz.

NEXTWEEK

Franklin School Veterans Program

Franklin School will honor our Veterans on **Wednesday, Nov. 10** with a program that begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Thomas B. Lenahan Activity Center. The Army National Guard will land a helicopter on the soccer field next to the school, between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. All veterans are invited to be seated in our reserved section.

VFW Veterans Day

The VFW Memorial Post 6763 on Front Street will hold its annual

Veteran's Day Observation on **Thursday, Nov. 11** at 11 a.m. A buffet will be served after the service and the public is invited to attend.

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

Varsity Football Scores Another Victory at Home

By Michael Duquette

SPHS's Varsity football team recorded another victory against Perth Amboy on Friday at Jost Field—their fifth win of the season.

Senior Darryl Jackson scored three

of the team's four touchdowns in the first half, in addition to another scored by senior Ryan Kenny. Four extra points by junior kicker Charlie Leon gave South Plainfield a commanding 28-0 lead before halftime. Perth Amboy's best efforts in the

second half could not turn the tide. Final score was 28-19.

With the Tigers' current record of 5-3, there seems to be no way to slow the progress of this year's team. Continue looking to the *Observer* for season developments

**Deadline for November 12 issue
is Monday, November 8 at 5 p.m.**

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, November 8	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

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.

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
December 7

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 and 16

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—Nov. 9, Dec. 14,
Jan. 11, 2005, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5

Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—Nov. 16, Dec. 21,
Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plans sub-committee

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

November 16 and December 21

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
Dec. 7

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
December 8 and January 12, 2005

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave. November 15, December 13, January 31, 2005, (No meeting February) and March 21

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of Shirley Affinito and myself as chairwomen of the Riley School Halloween Festival 2004, we would like to commend the following for all the donated time and effort in helping to make the 2004 Halloween Festival a huge success: Kelly Buttrico, Mike Rochotte, Cathy Parillo, Maggie Temple, Karen Kozak, Diane Heilman, Kathy Piltenger, Lori Esposito, Laura and Tom Timmerman, Jamie Hughes, Kathy Flannagan, Bob Boyle, Roma Food, Francisco Jimenez and Artie Sabino who donated four and a half hours of their personal time, Cate Bonanno who donated her personal time, Nancy Grennier for her photo coverage, Donna Teller, PTSO and to all those who helped us set up and take down! This was the best because it's always about the kids all the time!

**SINCERELY,
DEBBIE BOYLE, CHAIRWOMAN**

To the Editor,

A number of years ago the veterans groups of South Plainfield petitioned the Board of Education to recognize Nov. 11 of each year as a School Holiday and it was adopted and acted on. Due to the fact that I do not have any children of school age, I didn't know that this Veteran's Day was excluded as a school holiday. I became aware of this reality when many veterans or members of their families called or came down to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in South Plainfield to inquire as to the reasoning behind the decision by the Board of Education and/or the Superintendent of Schools. An employee who works in the school system, whose husband is in Iraq, approached me with the same question. When the Commander of the VFW, Metro Kopchak and I went to the Superintendent's office on Wednesday, Oct. 27, Dr. Rosado was not in. I then requested that he call me on this matter.

At the General Membership Meeting of the VFW, when I reported the situation, they asked me to pursue this matter. I again called Dr. Rosado and posed the question of why Veterans' Day was omitted this year as a school holiday. His response was something to the fact that it would just be another day for the students to visit the shopping malls and that as far as he knew, Veterans' Day was never a school holiday. What he did not know is that the last few years, the teachers' convention was held during Nov. 11. Prior to that, the date was recognized as a school holiday.

When my son was going to Roosevelt School and he would ask why they were having a holiday on Nov. 11, I appreciated telling him and his friends what the word Veteran meant. In the last 15 years, we have spent many hours talking at the high

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school, middle school and grade schools concerning the Veterans of South Plainfield.

Dr. Rosado, if you walked the halls of the high school, you would see the photographs of 26 young men, "some as young as 19," from South Plainfield that gave the ultimate price in securing our freedom. When you drive through South Plainfield, look at the street signs that have a flag and a gold star to honor these fallen heroes. Stop at Monument Park and see the names of all the Veterans that left from South Plainfield to enter the Armed Forces. That, Dr. Rosado and members of the Board of Education, is why the Veterans, their family and friends are so concerned and, for a nicer word, disappointed by your decision not to honor our veterans.

We would like to thank Franklin School Principal Nancy Erickson, as well as the teachers and parents who celebrate Veteran's Day with their annual patriotic show. Also, Cheryl Fox from the high school for her help in the Voice of Democracy Contest, sponsored by the VFW and Mr. Blondo from the Middle School for participating in the VFW sponsored essay contest.

This year, as in the past 15 years, the VFW has been handing out trick-or-treat bags to the kindergarten and first grade classes of each school. Members of the VFW go to the schools and talk about the safety of Halloween. This year, as years in the past, I called each grade school a week in advance to set up a time to visit each school, every school called me back except Riley School. When we went to the other schools to distribute the bags and talk to the little ones about safety, we were enthusiastically received. When the commander and I then went to Riley School where we were told by a member of the staff that we could not talk to the children, nor could we leave the trick-or-treat bags with them to distribute to the students. This was by the direction issued by the Superintendent Dr. Rosado. When I questioned Dr. Rosado, he stated this was always the policy and that we should have written him a letter requesting the visit to the schools.

The VFW has always called the principals of each school and made ar-

rangements with them. If they had to call the Superintendent's office for permission, that was okay with us. Dr. Rosado, do we have to contact your office to give out awards for our Voice of Democracy or essay contest? Do we have to contact your office to give our annual scholarships? When you told me that you could not just let anyone or any group go into the schools, I accept that fact and applaud you for that, but for the VFW to be told that we could not give out trick-or-treat bags or speak to the children at Riley School because you did not give the okay, is outrageous.

The VFW informed Riley School Principal Rossilli a week in advance; he should have and could have arranged for us to give our presentation.

**RESPECTFULLY,
RUDY POZAK, SR. VICE COM.,
VFW MEMORIAL POST 6763**

To the Editor,

This letter is in support of the position taken by Maria LaSalvia-Seliga in last week's *Observer*. She put forward my exact feelings in regard to people of faith and their response to exhortations from the pulpit.

Many issues go into the selection of the right candidate to support with your very important vote. A single issue is never and should never be the deciding factor. The character, education, position on various issues or the candidate and yes, gut feelings too, all go into the mix.

People of all religions, in this day and age, have the right to choose whomever they personally feel is the correct person for the presidency. This isn't the 15th century, where clergy dictate every nuance of a person's life. This is the 21st century, in a free and independent country, where each voter can and should vote his or her own conscience.

CAROL M. BYRNE

Dear Editor,

Regardless of who was elected president on Tuesday, voters should recognize that better solutions to our health care woes are available. While both candidates spoke quite a bit about health care issues, the Association of Health Insurance Advisors (AHIA), the health insurance division of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), remain concerned that both solutions don't fully address the cost of care.

During the last presidential debate, Senator John Kerry repeatedly claimed that his proposal was not a government plan; however, it is an expansion of current government programs and additional government funding of catastrophic costs.

The cost of care doesn't change just because someone else is paying for it. I liken this to a teenager who wants a

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Firefighter Memorial Bricks Still Available

In response to recent questions regarding the Firefighter Memorial, here is a status report.

In 1998 a group of firemen met with Chief Cotrone and thus began the seeds of an idea to build a fitting symbol for the past, present and future firemen who were dedicated to the citizens of South Plainfield. It was decided that a memorial would be an appropriate and fitting way to show their gratitude and always remember them and a committee was formed.

The first meeting of the newly organized committee occurred in February of 1998. In March 1998, the planning committee decided to sell commemorative bricks to help defray the costs of the memorial project. Bricks would be offered for purchase to the businesses and citizens of South Plainfield and placed as a walkway at the Memorial site.

The acquisition of property from the county for the Memorial commenced in May of 1998. Architect Joseph DeAndrea offered his services and the plans for the memorial were drawn up in December of 1998. Stilo's Excavating provided equipment for digging,



An artist's model of the future site of the Fire Department memorial.

brought in fill dirt and also graded the property; Power Solutions ran power lines and installed lights and Hall's Warehouse donated the flagpoles. The site was now ready for the four-foot granite pedestal and the seven-foot tall statue, both of which were scheduled to be installed on Dec. 15, 2004.

Unfortunately, to date not enough bricks have been purchased to make the paved walkway with inscribed bricks a reality, but every brick sold will become part of the walkway. It

was estimated that 1,500 bricks would need to be purchased. So far only 346 bricks have been sold, 252 of which are at the firehouse. The other 94 have not been ordered yet, due to storage space constraints.

Cost for a brick is \$75 for each personalized brick and \$175 for business sponsors. Up to three lines with 16 characters per line of personalized inscriptions can be placed on each brick.

Forms to purchase a brick are available at the Fire Prevention Bureau at 123 Maple Ave. or by calling (908) 756-4761.

Local Resident to Appear in Play

South Plainfield resident Bill Cochrane, owner of Mohn's Flowers and Fancy Foods, will play Tito, in *Lend Me a Tenor*, a production by Act IV Productions.

Set in the world of professional opera, this energetic comedy mixes celebrity worship, backstage maneuverings and mistaken identities to tell the story of a simple guy who rises to the top! It takes place in a hotel suite and features a great Italian tenor hired as a guest artists. When he falls unconscious, the assistant has to go on secretly in his place. What follows is a rollicking display of gimmicks and twists as old as farce itself!

Performances are on Friday, Nov. 12 and 19 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13 and 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 21 at 3 p.m. All performances are \$15. To purchase tickets or for information, call (908) 756-0750 or (908) 561-4579. *Lend Me a Tenor* will be performed at the Parish Theatre, First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave., Plainfield.



Left to right: Chamber of Commerce President Frank Zatika, UPS Store Associate Doug Wade, Councilman Ray Petronko, UPS store owners Nichole and Germain McEachern, Chamber of Commerce Director Frank Romano, Councilman Charlie Butrico, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Dennis Cerami, UPS Store Manager Danica Bradmen, UPS Store Associate Pricilla Wade.

UPS Store Holds Grand Opening Ceremonies

The UPS Store on Maple Ave. in the Lakeview Plaza across from the fire department, held a grand opening celebration last Saturday. There were plenty of special guests on hand, including Mayor Daniel Gallagher, Councilmen Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Ray Petronko, UPS Store Associate Doug Wade and several members from the Piscataway/Middlesex/South Plainfield Chamber of Commerce.

Before the ribbon cutting, Rev.

Henry Rodgers of Cathedral International offered a special prayer and blessing. Mayor Dan Gallagher then officially cut the ribbon to open the store.

Those who visited the store on Saturday enjoyed plenty of free food, balloons and gifts. A clown kept the kids busy creating animal balloons.

Owners Nicole and Germain McEachern want to invite residents to visit their store and see the wide variety of shipping services they offer.

Senior Health Fair Includes A Variety of Screenings

The Senior Center, in cooperation with the Plainfield Health Center, will hold an all day Senior Citizen Health Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Screenings will include cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, vision, hearing, foot, HIV and dental. A host of medical speakers will be on hand to lead discussions about such topics as hypertension, cholesterol and proper diet, dental care, urinary incontinence

and HIV in the senior population. There will be a large selection of medical, pharmaceutical and health care vendor tables set up including Merck, Pfizer, Bayer, Matrix, Twin City Pharmacy, The Diabetes Center, Solaris Health plus home health care providers, day care, etc.

Come and spend the day caring for yourself. Refreshments will be served all day. For information, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

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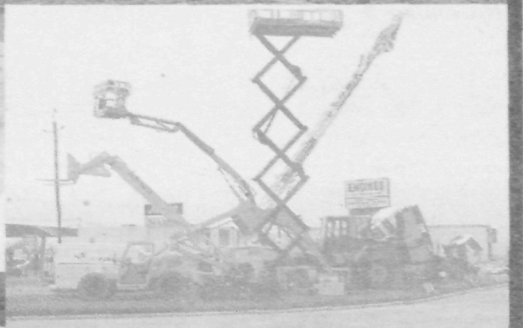
Sat. November 13th : 10am-2pm

General invitation to all high school students, teachers, guidance counselors, the public

- **Over a DOZEN** employers from trucking, busing, construction, refrigeration, marine, & related fields will be attending.
- **INDUSTRY** employers bringing equipment, giving demos and interviewing students.
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Events

Lord of the Dance Trip

November 4

The Senior Center is sponsoring a theatre trip to see the theatrical spectacle, Michael Flatley's *Lord of the Dance* on Thursday, Nov. 4. A mesmerizing blend of traditional and modern Celtic music and dance, features more than 40 performers and is played out on a grand scale with precision dancing, dramatic music and vibrant costumes. The cost is \$50 a person, including transportation. For reservations, please call the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135 or stop in.

Elks Spaghetti Dinner

November 6

The South Plainfield Elks, located on New Market Ave. will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, garlic bread, cake, coffee and tea.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children ages five to 12 are \$5. Children under five are free. Tickets are available at the door.

VFW Breakfast to Benefit Veterans Hospital

November 7

The VFW Post 155, located at 155 Front St., will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 8 to 11 a.m.

The cost is \$5 per person and all proceeds will benefit the Lyons Veterans Hospital. For more information, please call (908) 668-9751

Town History Day

November 7

Town History Day II will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 1-5 p.m. On the schedule are: three guest speakers on the topics of town history, the local grist mill and the Civil War casualties from New Brooklyn; exhibits; photographs; antique clothing; antique cars; Civil War Room dedicated to arms and personal effects of the soldier; entertainment; refreshments. Free admission. Doors open at 12:45 p.m.

Harrah's Atlantic City Trip

November 8

The Senior Center is running a trip to Harrah's Atlantic City on Monday, Nov. 8. The bus will depart the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and return around 8 p.m. Cost is \$5. There are only five seats left so call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047. You do not need to be a senior to participate on any Senior Center trip.

VFW Veterans Day

November 11

The VFW Memorial Post 6763 will hold its annual Veterans Day Observance on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. A buffet will be served after the service and the public is invited to attend. The

What's happening in NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
November 7—Town History Day November 10—Health Fair November 13—Fall Dinner Dance				
EVENTS Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Grp 10am Woodloch Pines Trip 9am	Health Fair 10a-3p Exercise Club 8:30am Line Dancing 10am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 10am, 11:30am, 1pm Movie 11:30am	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10-11am Computer Class 11 & 1pm Lord of the Dance PAC 12pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available
8	9	10	11	12

TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

VFW is located on Front St.

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

Vendor Night at Senior Center

November 11

Century 21 Moretti Realty is sponsoring a Vendor Night, benefitting the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Fund, on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Come enjoy a night of Holiday Shopping! Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Karen at (908) 755-5300 ext. 332.

Class of 1979 Reunion

November 13

A gala reunion is currently being organized for the South Plainfield High School Class of 1979 for Nov. 13. If you are a member of this class, please write to Reunions Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, NJ 07726 or call (732) 617-1000.

VFW Country Western/50's Dance

November 13

The VFW Post 6763, located on Front St., will be holding a Country Western/50s Dance on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. There will be a cash bar and light refreshments. For information, call (908) 668-9751.

Fall Dinner Dance

November 13

Reservations are now available for the Fall Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 6-10 p.m. at the Senior Center. The Al Smith & Assoc. Orchestra will provide the music and a full Thanksgiving style dinner is the menu for the evening's festivities. Cost is \$10 per person.

If you would like to join us, stop in the Senior Center or call (908) 754-1047. You do not need to be a member to attend this event. Come and see all we have to offer at the Center.

Going to Atlantic City

November 14

South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City Resorts Casino on Sunday, Nov. 14. The bus leaves the PAL at 10:30

Daily Events
 9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
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Lancaster Trip

November 17 & 18

The Senior Center is sponsoring an overnight trip to Lancaster, Pa. on Nov. 17 and 18. The trip includes tickets to the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre to see the breathtaking production of "The Miracle of Christmas," accommodations at the Ramada Inn, dinner at the Maple Shade Smorgasbord, buffet breakfast at the hotel and visit to the Farmer's Market and Kitchen Kettle Village. The cost is \$165 per person double and \$205 single. For reservations, please call the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135 or stop in.

VFW Polish Night Dinner

November 19

The VFW Post will be holding a 'Polish Night' dinner on Friday, Nov. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. For information call (908) 668-9751.

Longaberger Basket Bingo/Raffle

November 20

The Sacred Heart Home School Association is sponsoring a Longaberger® Basket Bingo/Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 20. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20 (\$5 for admission and \$15 for Bingo sheets). In addition to the Bingo prizes, Longaberger® baskets will also be raffled. To reserve tickets call Kathy Thomas at (908) 755-0891 or Sacred Heart School at (908) 756-0632.

Night of Holiday Shopping

November 21

Join us for a Night of Holiday Shopping on Sunday, Nov. 21 at Menlo Park Mall, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's Women Auxiliary and the Simon Youth Foundation.

Tickets are \$10. The evening includes discounts in all the stores, WPLJ radio station, WABC soap star "Maria" (*All My Children*), yule tide carolers, winery, entertainment, a silent auction and promotional giveaways. For tickets or information, contact Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531 or Nancy Jakubik at (908) 757-5070.

— Out of Town —

World Community Day

November 5

All are invited to remember those who have upheld and pursued peace. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Doris Gray. World Community Day 2004 is sponsored by Church Women United.

The event takes place on Friday, Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Rose Of Sharon Community Church, 825 W. 7th St., Plainfield. For information, call Margaret (Peggy) Stewart at (908) 755-0615.

Tricky Tray Auction

November 5

There will be a Tricky Tray Auction on Friday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Koinonia Academy, 1040 Plainfield Ave., Plainfield.

The event costs \$8 per person and includes 25 tickets and desserts, coffee and tea. For more information, call (908) 754-8505. Tickets sold only at the door. Food will also be sold.

"Carnegie at Carnegie"

November 5

Stockton College's Management Development and Professional Services Department will offer a "Step Up to Leadership" program on Friday, Nov. 5 at the College's new Carnegie Library Center in Atlantic City. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Cost of the program is \$199.

For information, call (609) 652-4227 or log onto www.stocktonpdcc.edu/ps and click on the Dale Carnegie Step Up To Leadership training program.

Circle Players Presents Twelfth Night

November 5-20

William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night opens at Circle Players, the community theater on Friday, Nov. 5.

Performances are Fridays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19; Saturdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are Nov. 7 and 14 at 3 p.m.

For more information, call (732) 968-7555. Circle Players is located at 416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway.

St Joe's Grand Auction

November 6

The Fathers Club of St. Joseph High School is having their Grand Auction on Saturday, Nov. 6. Doors open at 6 p.m. Over 100 items will be

available for silent and live auction. Fun and food for \$30 per couple.

For more information call (732) 549-7600 ext. 241.

6th Annual Walk For Mom

November 6

The 6th Annual Walk for Mom in Memory of Charlotte Dursee will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. All proceeds benefit CancerCare of New Jersey. The walk begins at 12 noon at the gazebo. There is a \$25 walker registration fee and each walker receives an event t-shirt.

For information, call CancerCare at (201) 444-6630, ext. 122 or log onto www.cancercare.org/walkformom.

Ross Duo to Perform

November 7

On Sunday, Nov. 7 from 7-10 p.m., the Robert Ross Duo will perform at Holy Wisdom Hall in Flanders for the first time.

Holy Wisdom Hall is located at 197 Emmans Rd. in Flanders. Tickets are \$15 and children under 12 are free. For information call (973) 584-0414.

North Plainfield High 50th Class Reunion

November 7

North Plainfield High School Class of 1954 will have its 50th Class Reunion the weekend of November 5-7, 2004, with a Saturday dinner at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison. For information, call Al or Fran Ellis at (908) 755-8489 or Joyce Kemmerer Colucci at (732) 469-3741.

Edison Arts Society "Circles and Squares"

November 7

The Edison Arts Society announced the opening/reception of its seventh Exhibition, the Statewide "Circles and Squares" at our permanent Art Gallery at the Sheraton Edison Hotel on Raritan Center Parkway. The event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 3-5 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Nineteen artists from all over New Jersey will be featured at the event.

Call (908) 753-ARTS, for information.

Women's Club Membership Meeting

November 10

Join the Metuchen-Edison Women's Club for their monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave. in Metuchen.

The meeting will include a Taste-fully Simple Taste Testing by Cassie Dutka. We will also discuss upcoming events, such as the Metuchen-Edison Holiday Charity Auction, which is being held on Nov. 19 to benefit Amandla's Crossing. Please come join us and see what our club is about.

For information, call Cassie Dutka at (732) 985-7583.

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Local Youth Participate in Youth Make a Difference Day

On Oct. 23, the United Way of Somerset County sponsored Youth Make A Difference Day. Alternatives Inc., a nonprofit agency, hosted a pumpkin carving and decorating session for individuals with developmental disabilities. Local boys Anthony Austin and James and Christopher Markey had the opportunity to volunteer. The boys assisted families in both the carving and painting of pumpkins.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Peloquin Awarded Scholarship from Chevron Texaco

In recognition of his strong academic effort in petroleum engineering, as well as involvement in the Society of Petroleum Engineering, Matthew Peloquin from the Department of Petroleum Engineering and Geology at Marietta College was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Matthew Peloquin is the son of Linda and Thomas Peloquin of South Plainfield.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. The college offers 41 majors and has been listed among Barron's Best Buys in College Education and Peterson's Competitive Colleges and has been recognized as one of the top regional comprehensive colleges by *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Princeton Review*.

Barlett Participates in International Study

Philip S. Bartlett of Plainfield, is participating in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program (Spain) for the Fall 2004 semester.

St. Lawrence, a coeducational liberal arts and sciences institution of 2,000 students in Canton, New York,

operates programs of study in Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Spain and Trinidad.

Bartlett graduated from Delbarton School in Morristown.

'Aye Matey, we're confiscating the booty!

A band of pirates took over the helm at Columbia Bank on Oak Tree Avenue last Friday as employees dressed in elaborate costumes for customers in celebration of Halloween. Pictured left to right are Gloria Logan, Patti Kocher, Nick Cesare, James Labaire and Shannon Jeffreys. Branch Manager John George is kneeling.



Unity Bancorp Reports 9.9% Earning Increase

Unity Bancorp, Inc. has reported net income of \$1.4 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share, for the quarter ended Sept. 30, a 9.9% increase compared to \$1.3 million, or \$0.22 per diluted share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.

Return on average assets and average common equity for the third quarter of 2004 were 1.17% and 17.39%, respectively, as compared to 1.14% and 17.70%, respectively, for the third quarter of 2003.

For the nine months ended September 30, net income was \$4.0 million, or \$0.65 per diluted share, an 8.3% increase from the \$3.7 million, or \$0.62 per diluted share for the same period a year ago. Return on average assets and average common equity for the nine month period ended September 30, were 1.11% and 16.61%, respectively, as compared to 1.11% and 17.37%, respectively, from the prior year's comparable period.

Net interest income was \$5.0 million for the third quarter of 2004, an increase of 11.5%, compared to \$4.5 million in the comparable quarter a year ago. Net interest margin was 4.30% for the third quarter of 2004 compared to 4.18% for the third quarter of 2003. The increase was primarily due to higher yields on interest earning assets and a lower cost of funds.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Marcia Lubansky

Books to Keep—Every year from November till the middle of December, the libraries in Middlesex County participate in a program called "Books-to-Keep." The program started in 1990 to promote the joy of reading, the pride of book ownership and to encourage library use. We encourage you to donate new children's and young adult books to be distributed through social organizations to disadvantaged children. We also accept cash donations towards the program.

A FULL November Lineup—Children's programming continues with its normal schedule. The same program of stories and a craft is offered at three different times for your convenience: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. The "Books 'n Babies" program is on Friday Nov. 12 and 19. This program is designed for infants and children up to three years of age. On Nov. 8, join Practical Craft instructor Ronda Wisniewski for another in our series of "Make-and-Take" craft programs at 10:30 a.m. Create a Victorian-style collage pin. The class is limited to 12 people. A nominal material fee of \$1 is charged and registration is mandatory. The Friends of the Library have their monthly meeting on Nov. 9 at

11:30 a.m. here at the library. Check our online calendar for other future events.

Library Closings—The library will be closed early on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. Architects will make presentations to the library board and staff regarding plans for a new library. The library will be closed on Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

A Simple Request—If you have a cabinet stuffed with plastic shopping bags, please share some of them with us. We will give them right back to our patrons, as an easier way to carry home library materials. If our kids have a big pile of little books, or if it's a rainy day, these bags are a wonderful convenience for everyone.

Kids Catalog—Our new Kids Catalog made its debut with bright, colorful, easy-to-use screens designed just for kids. Have you seen it? Try searching subject categories such as animals, crafts, holidays, presidents, sports, comics and jokes. Kids are also directed to online resources such as the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *KidsClick*, *Dictionary.com* and *Kids InfoBits*. Try it from home too: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Click on "Library Catalog" then on the tab, "Kids."

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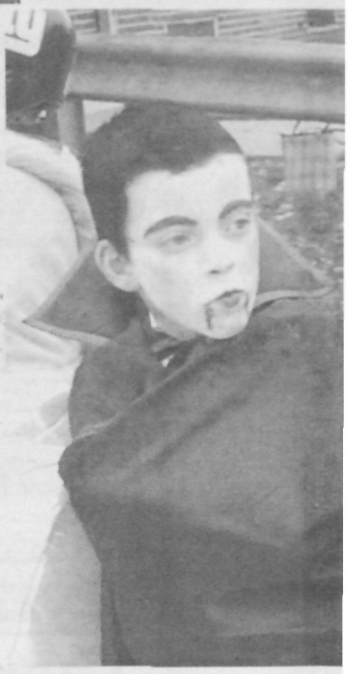
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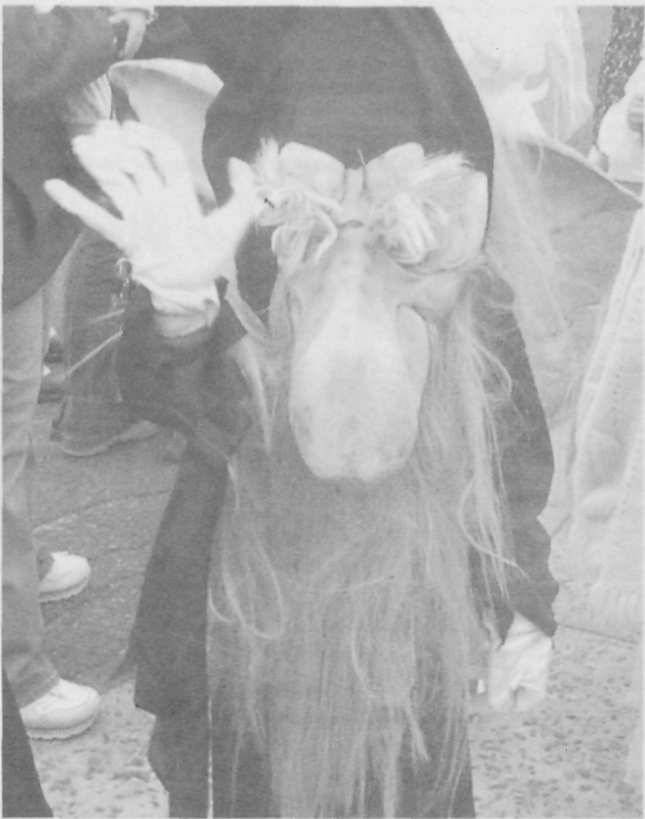
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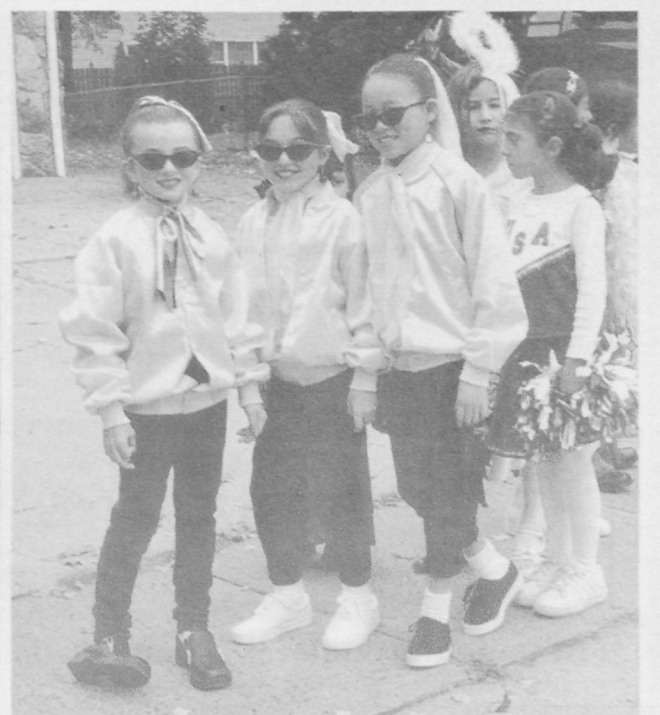
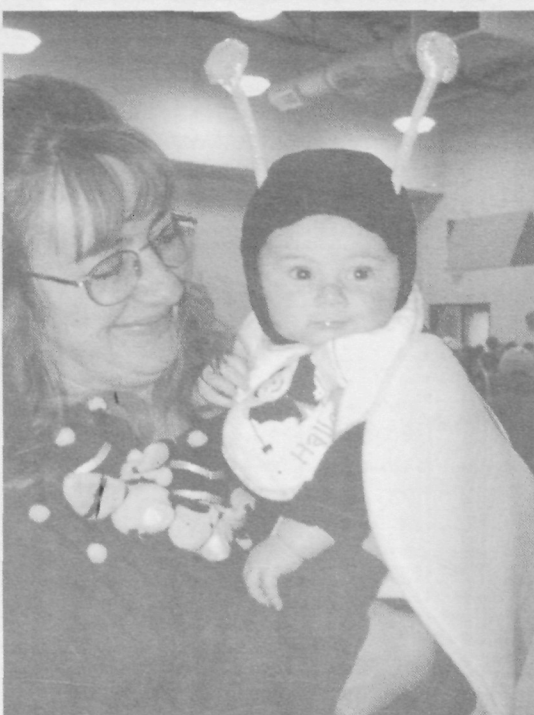
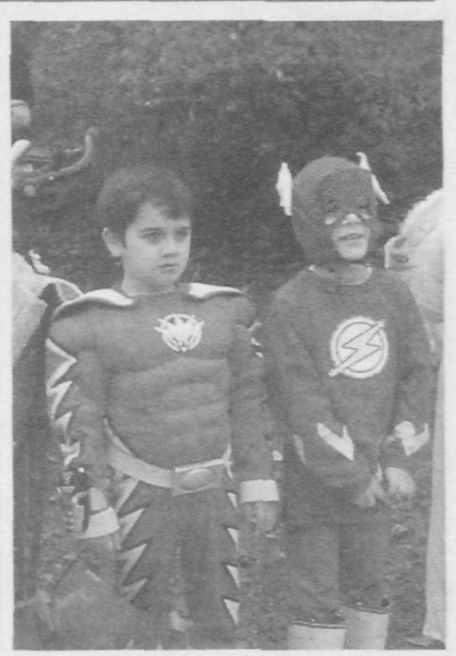
Schools all over South Plainfield are coming to school in costume each school wearing a variety of costumes. Many of the parents who are also in costume, to keep the children safe. In the evening several fundraisers. Trunks were sold. Dances complete with DJ were held. Riley school even had a dance. Only predicted good things.





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South Plainfield celebrated Halloween by com-
ing. Students and teachers paraded around
a variety of original and traditional costumes.
Who came to watch the children parade were
in the theme of things.
Several schools held a trunk-or-treat event as a
decorated and lighted for everyone to see.
Games, and all sorts of scary games were
had a fortune teller (Debbie Boyle), who
looks for the future!



Marching Tigers Take First Place at Tournament



"The Battle" unfolds through sounds of the band

Late busses, closed band rooms and no paint for their practice field, due to the Board of Education's frozen budget, did not dampen the spirits of the SPHS Marching Tiger Band.

On Oct. 24, the Marching Tigers marched their way into Group II first place victory and Best Music Award at the Governor Livingston Tournament of Bands Competition. With the first place victory score of 83.85, the band jumped from 46th to 23rd place in the Atlantic Coast group II competitions.

The 68 member marching tigers consisting of 45 musicians and 23 color guard members is under the direction

of Band Director Mark S. Tweed, assisted by Kathy Petrocelli. Visual coordinator is Darren Delaney. Color guard advisors are Kara Georgio, Angela Green and Danny Matos. Original music was written and arranged by Brian Sleeper; drill designer was Joe Borgese; percussion advisor is SPHS alumni Danny Lammi and symbol advisor is Maggie Temple.

The band practices every Monday and Wednesday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. with sectional practices every Tuesday and Thursday. On Fridays the band inspires the football team with peppy stand tunes and an awesome halftime

show. From September through November the band competes in Tournament of Band competitions throughout the state. This year's field show is 'Pirates.' In this original arrangement the life of an 18th century pirate comes to life through sound and vision.

Dedication and discipline are important parts of marching band. Every member must learn to juggle school, work, band practices, football games and competitions. It is up to Drum Majors John Roesch and Scott Rann to teach the band. The drum majors feel that camaraderie is the key to create a winning combination of music and movement. "Marching band competition is one of those things in life that only a marching band member can understand," stated drum major Scott Rann. "No matter what else is going on in life for those 14 minutes on the field, nothing else matters."

At a recent practice, drum major John Roesch read a poem written by a band member in 1997. The poem states "Eyes with pride, it's not just a catchy little saying. It describes the feeling when you are performing, when you are together, when nothing can stop you."

At Sunday's competition you could see in the eyes of the drum majors and how proud they are of the band and in the eyes of the band members how proud they are of their drum majors.

SPHS Honor Society Parties with Kennedy Kids



A Kennedy School student puts her hands in a box labeled guts, brains and eyeballs and tries to guess what food is inside.

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield High School Honor Society threw a Halloween

party last Thursday for the Kennedy Elementary School fourth graders.

The honor students provided scary masks for the kids to color and then

played a game of kickball outside with them. They also had a Halloween "guess what's inside the box" game, where the students put their hands in covered boxes labeled guts, brains and eyeballs and tried to guess what food was inside. At the end of the party each participant was given a goodie bag put together by the honor students. According to Honor Society President Rosanna Mootoo, they are already planning to come back soon with some winter theme activities for the children.

Members of the honor society that participated were Rosanna Mootoo, Mike Benak, Linda Lee, Alyssa Maiorino, Keenan Gaynor, Melissa Sticco, Tommy Kiczula, Dawn Besser, Jalil Quyal, Caitlin English, Jesse Neitzer, Stacey Diana, Dwight Quichia, Chris Bakazan, Jessica Senz, Valerie Pasquarella and Kristen Coffey.



Judith Krall-Russo, food historian and tea specialist, lectures extensively throughout the area.

It's a Very Complicated Berry!

By Patricia Abbott

With Halloween behind us, thoughts turn towards Thanksgiving and food. The candy will be a vague memory once the table is set with the traditional Thanksgiving dinner—turkey and all the trimmings—including the cranberry.

The South Plainfield Historical Society held a lecture last week on the New Jersey Cranberry. Guest Speaker Judith Krall-Russo presented some interesting facts on the history and New Jersey's role in the cranberry industry.

Native Americans had many uses for the small red berry; in addition to a food staple they used them in medicine and dyes.

As decades passed the fruit continued to increase in popularity. Before the berries were cultivated, families would pick them from the wild. Those who picked the cranberry before Oct. 10, when they were fully ripe were fined 10 shillings as decreed in a 1789 New Jersey Legislature Act.

Over the years New Jersey has con-

tributed greatly to improving harvesting methods. During the fifties, Tom Darlington of New Jersey invented the Darlington Mechanical Dry Harvester. In 1965 William S. Haines of Chatsworth, New Jersey introduced the state wet harvesting. Haines is the leading cranberry grower in the state with over 700 acres of vines planted.

The state's leading cranberry grower is William S. Haines of Chatsworth, who has over 700 acres planted in cranberry vines.

The New Jersey cranberry is grown in South Jersey in the area known as the Pinelands.

Today New Jersey is ranked number three in production of cranberries, coming in behind Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

While most people think "cranberry sauce," the berry is used in everything from main dishes, dressings and sauces to desserts, candies, beverages and more.

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Once again, it is time to crown Little Miss or Mr. Baseball 2005. We ask that all the girls and boys nominated march with the Baseball Club in our parade on April 9, 2005. The parade ends up at the Baseball Complex and during Opening Day Festivities, we will announce Little Miss or Mr. Baseball 2005. A requirement for the winner is that he or she must be present to be crowned. If he or she is

not there, the runner-up will be crowned.

We will be accepting nominations for Little Miss or Mr. Baseball 2005 from Oct. 30 through Jan. 1, 2005. Girls and boys must be between the ages of five and 11 years old and be South Plainfield residents. To nominate someone, call Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531.

Finalists will be phoned on Jan. 2.

Little Miss or Mr. Baseball 2005 will be chosen by the "penny-a-vote" system. Boxes with finalists' pictures will be placed in various locations, including Quick Chek and B&C Deli, starting Jan. 5. They will remain there until March 31 when they will be removed and counted. The winner will be announced on Opening Day, April 9, 2005.

Get out and vote for our 2005 Little Miss or Mr. Baseball. If you have any questions, please call Stacy Lake at (908) 757-9531.

Leaf Pickup About to Begin

With the completion of the curbside pickup program last week, the annual leaf pickup will start on Monday, Nov. 15 in District 1 and run for four weeks.

Leaves must be in biodegradable bags which are provided free of charge at the Public Works Garage. All residents received a flyer in the mail with the schedule for pickups and a coupon for leaf bags. Public Works is open Monday through Friday and will also be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for leaf bag pickups.

You can also bring your leaves to the compost facility on Kenneth Ave.

IN YOUR OPINION

Continued from page 2

I liken this to a teenager who wants a Mercedes and believes the car is less expensive because dad is paying for it. Simply shifting the cost of care to the government from the private sector will not reduce actual health care costs of health care.

There is a need to look at the culprits for spiraling insurance costs which include the state and federal mandated benefits, improvements in medical technology, increased charges by health care providers, government-induced cost shifting and use of low deductibles. All these factors make health insurance so expensive for the average American.

The stark reality is that the cost factors above will not disappear with a new "payer" unless the service being provided is removed or rationed. AHIA believes the industry, the state and federal governments, as well as consumers need to bear the responsibility of addressing health care costs. The use of Health Savings Accounts, as well as individual and small employer tax incentives, are among other initiatives to help provide adequate coverage.

President George W. Bush did identify that the lack of consumer involve-

ment in the decision process as the reason health care costs are on the rise. However, the lack of consumer involvement in the decision process and education about health care resources are only part of the reason costs are on the rise.

Let's focus on reforming a good system to make it available to more individuals. For effective reform, Americans need to alert their state and federal legislators to better alternatives including: affordable "bare-bones" health insurance; repeal of state insurance mandates that currently require a variety of nonessential benefits; refundable tax credit; and increased use of high deductible policies and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs).

As an agent who works with self-employed and small business owners, I know how the cost of health care can cost their company workers. However, we are looking for solutions like the ones above that can help companies from possible fraudulent plans that could bankrupt an employer. I hope that whom ever steps into the role of President, remembers that Americans cherish choice and freedom in all that affect their families, including health care.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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October 29, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on October 28, 2004.

A. Case #72-03—McGraw Properties, LLC. Block 446; Lot 1.02; 115 Skyline Dr. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit the storage of vehicles and equipment outdoors, the continuation of an existing nonconforming side yard setback, preliminary and final site plan approval and waivers was hereby GRANTED, subject to voluntary conditions.

B. Case #16-04—Ameriland, Inc. and Robert Tucceri. Block 331; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 3.01; 312 New Market Ave. The applicant's request for three use variances to permit the construction of two, single family conforming homes was hereby GRANTED, subject to voluntary conditions.

C. Case #57-04—Villani Builders. Block 3; Lot 29; 1336 West 7th St. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit the operation of a self-service car wash was hereby GRANTED, subject to voluntary conditions.

D. Case #58-04—Apple Jax, LLC. Block 528; Lot 47.04; 116 Corporate Blvd. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit the retail sale of deli foods, seating and a waiver for site plan was hereby GRANTED, subject to voluntary conditions.

E. Case #62-04—Ronald Beresford. Block 282; Lot 56; 119 Fred Allen Dr. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance to erect an open porch with no walls was hereby GRANTED with one voluntary condition.

F. Case #63-04—Dominick Scarpati. Block 138; Lot 24; 1139 Clinton Terrace. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance to erect a two story addition was hereby GRANTED with one voluntary condition.

Respectfully submitted,
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Suburban Woman's Club Members Attend Conference

Six members of the G.E.W.C. South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club were among the 400 attendees welcomed to the Fall Conference of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs by President Deen Meloro. The event was held Oct. 18 at the Bridgewater Marriott.

Those attending from the South Plainfield Club were: Mary Ann Iannitto, Marge Reedy, Ginger Pierce, Frieda Walker, June Flannery and Rose Cucurello.

Eight workshops were held during the morning session. They included public speaking, conflict resolutions,

money matters, leadership, membership, for presidents only; parliamentary procedures/protocol and report writing.

The keynote speaker for the afternoon session was Kate Leonard, Director of Development for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. The Community Food Bank was chosen by members of the Federation to be the Special State Project for 2004-2006. Members will be donating their time and needed food items and raising funds for this organization that assists New Jersey residents in need.

For more information about the

New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs visit njfws.org on the net or call (908) 757-3527.

Library Board Special Meeting

Special Meetings of the South Plainfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Public Library. The purpose of the meetings is to hear presentations from architectural firms regarding the proposed new library.

Obituaries

Evan R. Morris, 72

Evan R. Morris died suddenly on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he resided in Newark and North Edison before settling to South Plainfield in 1975.

He was employed in the shipping and receiving department of the former Weldotron Company in Piscataway for 17 years before his retirement in 1991. He previously worked in Newark for the Thomas Toy Factory as a warehouseman.

Mr. Morris had been very active in the North Edison Little League Association where he was the coach of the Patriots for 35 years. He also served as their commissioner and also coached Babe Ruth Baseball.

His wife, Joan M., died in Jan. 2003. He is also predeceased by a brother, Hayden; a sister-in-law, Janet Antolick and a brother-in-law, George Albright.

Surviving are a son, Evan W. Morris of South Plainfield; three sisters-in-law, Jean Dalickas of Woodbridge, Linda Bergacs of Hunterdon County and Liz Morris of Edison and two brothers-in-law, Chas Albright of NYC and William Albright of Avenel. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Irene (Kallis) Katsotis, 88

Irene (Kallis) Katsotis, the wife of the late George Katsotis, died on Monday, Nov. 1 at her home.

Mrs. Katsotis was born in Lynn,

Mass. on Jan. 8, 1916. She had been a resident of South Plainfield for over 40 years and recently had been residing in Ijamsville, MD at the home of her son and daughter-in-law.

She is survived by a daughter, Rita Katsotis of Los Angeles; a son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Dolores Katsotis of Ijamsville, MD; four grandchildren, George, Gavron, Tasia and Margo; a sister, Masry Korahais of Forrest Hills, NY and a brother, John Kallis of Deland, Fla.

Funeral services will begin on Friday at 9 a.m. in the McCriskin Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., followed by a funeral services at 10:30 a.m. in St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1101 River Rd., Piscataway. Interment will follow in the Van Liew Cemetery in North Brunswick.

Arthur J. O'Mara, 87

Arthur J. O'Mara died on Friday, Oct. 29 at his home.

Born and raised in Orange, Mr. O'Mara resided in Bloomfield before settling to South Plainfield in 1954.

A WWII veteran of the United States Army, he served as a staff sergeant during the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a salesman for Heads & Threads, MLS Industries of Queens for 22 years before he retired in 1985.

Mr. O'Mara was an active communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church, where he served as head usher and lector for the 5 p.m. Mass. In addition, he was a member of the Holy Name Society, assisted with the church's annual Festival and was a former den leader of the Cub Scouts. He was also

a member of the South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post #243, a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 and the Knights of Columbus South Plainfield Council #6203.

Arthur loved music and could often be found at the Cornerstone in Metuchen on Thursday nights for their amateur night. He loved to sing and was a self-taught piano player. Another hobby was his love for golf.

He is predeceased by his wife, Marie; two sons, Thomas, who died in 1969 and Dennis, who died in 2000 and two brothers, William and Donald.

Surviving are three children, Patricia Howard and her husband, Benny of South Plainfield, James and his wife, Angie of South Plainfield and John and his wife, Mary of Metuchen; two sisters, Ruth Riley and Jean Larkin and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Rose (Stellate) DellBeni, 91

Rose (Stellate) DellBeni died on Monday, Nov. 1 at her daughter's home in Gillette.

Born in Flushing, NY, she had resided in South Plainfield for the past 50 years.

Rose had been employed as a sales clerk for the former Teppers department store in Plainfield.

A former communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, she was also a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens. She had been a volunteer at area nursing homes and Mrs. DellBeni also enjoyed reading, sewing, caring for her gardens and cooking.

She is predeceased by her husband, Salvatore, who died in 1980; a sister, Mary Kohmescher and two brothers, Martin and Joseph.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosemary and her husband, Howard Beckman of Gillette; three grandchildren, Christina Rose and Marybeth and David Howard and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

police report

• On Oct. 25, Verizon on Hadley Rd. reported that several homemade political signs had been placed over their company billboard.

• A Kenneth Ave. and a Lorraine Ave. resident reported that their mailboxes had been dented.

• On Oct. 26 Leedell Tyus Jr., 52, of Newark was arrested for exhibiting false government documents, showing a false insurance card obstructing justice, wrongful impersonation, displaying a fictitious inspection sticker, failure to inspect, no insurance, driving while suspended and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle accident.

• On Oct. 27 William T. Green, 38, of Somerville was arrested for driving while suspended and two outstanding warrants.

• Con-Way Transportation on Hollywood Ave. reported that an air line on one of the company tractors had been damaged.

• A Front St. resident reported that the right side headlight assembly had been removed from their car.

• Commerce Bank on Durham Ave. reported the theft of a laptop computer which was in a box to be returned by UPS at the receptionist desk.

• A Plainfield Ave. resident reported the theft of the passenger side headlight of his vehicle.

• On Oct. 28 Robert G. Small, 54, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• A South Plainfield High School employee reported that objects had been placed in a garbage can outside

the school which began to smoke.

• On Oct. 29 Espinoza Cabezas, 28, of Newark was arrested for exhibiting a false government document for identification at a motor vehicle accident.

• Brian D. Patrusевич, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and having no insurance at a motor vehicle stop.

• A 16 year-old juvenile from South Plainfield was arrested for being an unlicensed driver and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Jorge Romero, 43, of Somerset was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and driving an unregistered vehicle at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Carmine Ave. resident reported that their back picture window had been broken with a rock.

• An Evergreen Ln. resident reported that a large rock had been thrown at his vehicle damaging the driver side door while driving down Woodland Ave.

• A W. Elmwood Dr. resident reported that his vehicle had been covered with shaving cream and toilet paper.

• On Oct. 31 Christina Nicole Hand, 25, of Edison was arrested for driving on a suspended license, having no insurance and three outstanding warrants.

• A Central Ave. resident reported that the driver side window of his vehicle was shattered and the windshield had been cracked. Nothing was taken.

• A Grove St. resident reported the rear passenger door of his vehicle had been dented while parked at the PAL.

Holiday Grief Program at Cedar Oak Care Center

Cedar Oaks Care Center of South Plainfield is inviting members of the community to attend a special evening program to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10 entitled "Grief and the Holidays: Dealing with Loss and Transitions During the Holidays and Special Occasions."

Speaker is Chaplain Cynthia Brady, M. Div., Spiritual Counselor and Bereavement Coordinator for Odyssey HealthCare. The event will take place on the first floor Oak Wing of Cedar Oaks Care Center, located at 1311 Durham Ave. It will begin at 6:45 p.m.

and end at 8 p.m.

The approaching holiday season can be a difficult time for those who are dealing with change and loss. The focus on family and holiday traditions can bring up powerful emotions that may be difficult to deal with. Chaplain Brady's presentation will offer information and coping skills that can support you and your family during the holidays and special occasions.

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