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The Spirit of the Season Rings Out in Spring Lake Park!



Santa hands out candy canes to carolers at Spring Lake Park.

By Michael Duquette

As another year comes to a close, South Plainfield again welcomes the holiday season and all the peace and goodwill it offers in traditional splendor. Last Sunday at Spring Lake Park, the town braved wind and rain to take in the most beautiful offering

of the holidays, the music.

Students from South Plainfield High School's musical groups turned out to sing and play a wonderful selection of carols for children, adults, and Santa Claus himself (Councilman Ed Kubala). The High School Traveling Choir, under the direction of Tracy Glenn Murray, and the Band

and Color Guard, under the direction of Mark Tweed, played such classics as "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Carol of the Bells," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "O Holy Night," which featured a beautiful solo by senior chorus member Katie Mott.

Afterwards, refreshments were served to the public at the Senior Center, while the band hosted a holiday reception for the hardworking musicians. A fantastic time was had by all, proving that the holiday season gives South Plainfield a tremendous lot to be proud of.



SPHS Band members provide musical entertainment at caroling in the park.



Santa poses with his elves and assistants at the Recreation's annual "Visit with Santa."

Santa Listens to Last Minute Wishes

By Patricia Abbott

Recreation's annual "Visit with Santa" gave South Plainfield children a last minute chance to remind



Santa of their Christmas wishes. The event was held at the Senior Citizens Center on Sunday. Dressed in their holiday best, many waited patiently for their turn to talk to the jolly fellow. Santa spoke earnestly to each and every child, then listened carefully as they told him what they hoped to find under the tree come Christmas morning. Most of the youngsters willingly climbed in Santa's lap, but there were a few who voiced their fear quite loudly.

Each child received a gift and a candy cane and had a Polaroid photo taken by one of Santa's elves. Santa had a lot of assistance from several elves. While waiting for their turn or after their visit to Santa, the children watched movies on the large screen TV. (Santa bore an extraordinary resemblance to Councilman Ed Kubala!)

Merry Christmas

Seek the spirit of the holiday season. Find magic in every moment and take the joy with you into the new year.

Happy Holidays
to you & yours from the
South Plainfield Observer.

Ambulance Service to Supplement Rescue Squad

Rural/Metro to Provide Emergency Service during Working Hours

Rural Metro, the new ambulance service the Borough has hired to answer emergency calls during the day, has been hired to supplement the volunteer rescue squad, not to replace it. Those were the words of Rural/Metro representative Steven Loures, who spoke to us about the ambulance service. The South Plainfield Rescue Squad is, and will still be, needed in South Plainfield.

Rural Metro has been in business for 50 years, covering municipalities in the area for 24 of those years. Most of their employees are volunteers on their own local rescue squads and all are certified EMTs. However, no one from our rescue squad works for the company at this time. South Plainfield will be covered by two EMTs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, with our volunteer rescue squad covering the town at night, on weekends, and if a second emergency call goes out during the day.

The town will be paying Rural Metro \$1,450 a month for their

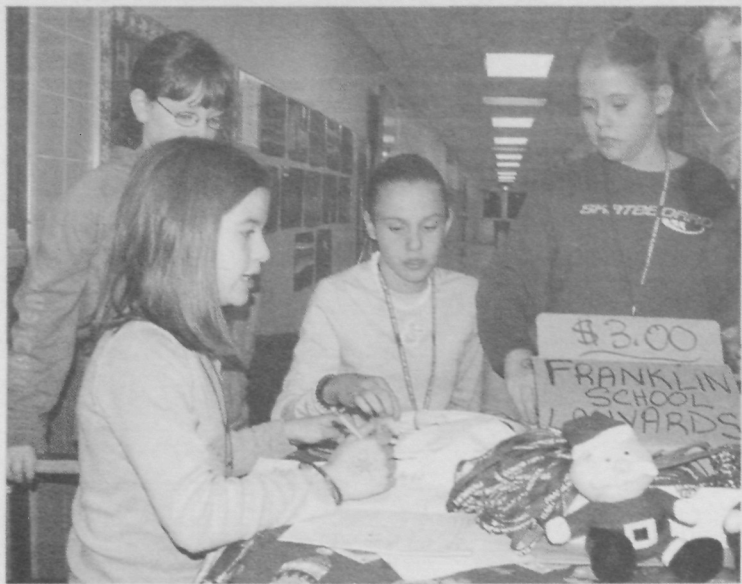
coverage and there will be a charge to residents for their services billed to their insurance company. According to Loures, Rural Metro's set charge is \$550, but most insurance companies have their own determined rates for ambulance coverage, so they rarely ever get that amount. For example, Medicaid only pays \$58 and Medicare \$190 and other insurance coverage varies from company to company. Medicare recipients may be expected to pay a 20% co-pay. Rural Metro accepts what the insurance company pays and will not take anyone to court over a balance on their bill. The only time they will sue is if a resident is compensated directly from the insurance company and they do not reimburse them. If you have no insurance, don't worry, they have assured us that they will take care of your needs just as they do everyone else; no one will be denied their services.

South Plainfield is not the only town in our area that has had

problems answering emergency calls during the daylight hours. Rural Metro now covers Piscataway, Franklin, North Brunswick and Old Bridge, just to name a few. In fact, it was the Franklin Volunteer Rescue Squad, Old Bridge Rescue Squad and North Brunswick Squad who hired Rural/Metro. The Squads found they could no longer cover the volume of calls during the day.

Rural Metro does not have a permanent office in town, even though they have been offered space in several borough owned buildings. Loures says the company feels that having their two EMTs stationed in the ambulance means they are ready to answer calls at a moment's notice.

"Our goal is not to eliminate the volunteer rescue squad, they are a part of the community and needed at night and on weekends. We are just a supplement," said Loures. He added that his experience with other towns has shown that donations do not seem to go down when they are hired.



Santa Visits Franklin School

By Patricia Abbott

The cancellation of elementary school breakfasts with Santa didn't stop Franklin School from enjoying a family meal and a visit from 'Jolly Ole Saint Nick.' Elementary schools are no longer open on Saturdays due to the budget crisis.

On Dec. 10 Franklin held a holiday dinner to replace their annual breakfast. The mouth watering menu consisted of spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, rolls, salad, beverages and of course, dessert.

At about 6 p.m., a South Plainfield fire truck roared into the parking lot with sirens wailing. Children abandoned their meals and raced to the school entrance. While snowy white



flakes would have better suited his arrival, Santa braved the gloomy wet night and stepped down from the truck into the throng of clamoring youths. After being seated in the gym, Santa prepared to listen to all of the children's Christmas wishes. The long, boisterous line snaked across the gym. Each family had an opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa and each child received a candy cane. While PTA elves shot Polaroids, moms and dads snapped away with their own cameras.

The PTA sponsored event brought in 135 hungry guests. In addition to a delicious meal there was a 50/50 drawing and a chance to buy tickets to win gift baskets made by the Holiday Boutique crew of Maria Huber and her helpers.



Letter to the Editor:

The South Plainfield Education Foundation held our annual telethon the week of Dec. 6. We had over 40 students participate each night. Through the efforts of our students and the overwhelming response from the community, the foundation received over \$14,000 in pledges.

We want to thank the community for their generous donations, as well as the students for all their hard work. We would also like to thank Marriott Services for supplying the students with soda and setting up the room for us each night. Also, Ciccio's Pizza for supplying us with pizza. I would also like to thank Mr. Ford and Miss Panuzzo from the high school for their help with the students. A very special thank you to Ellen Decker for all her help in coordinating the students and to Mike Benak for his effort in getting so many students to work each night. And finally, a huge thank you to all members of the foundation for helping each night. Without the effort of all of them, this would not have been as huge a success as it was this year.

Please look for your pledge envelope in the mail. This money will help the Foundation to provide not only scholarships, but will enable us to continue to help various programs throughout the district.

**SINCERELY,
MARJORIE M. REEDY, PRESIDENT
SOUTH PLAINFIELD
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Dear Editor,

Christmas. What was Christmas years ago and what is Christmas today?

Shopping for the people in your life and greeting strangers with "Merry Christmas" as you went store-to-store. After paying for your purchase, the clerk would wish you "Merry Christmas" and not "Happy Holidays."

Christmas carols could be heard over the noise of the cash registers and all the happy smiling faces, red from the cold air outside, were the sign that such an important day will soon be here.

As you walked past one of the many churches, you could hear the choir practicing, the wonderful Christmas carols and at times, the church bells would ring.

The pretty Christmas cards that wished you a Merry Christmas, not Seasons Greetings or Happy Holidays.

I used to get many cards sent to me by some organizations, but now, if they don't have "Wishing You a Merry Christmas," they go into recycling bins.

"Christmas Greeting" cards are hung on my front door, but the others are put aside until all cards are recycled.

Due to the lack of interest by the so-called Christian people and no talk about the anti-Christian struggle from Christian leaders in many churches,

Submit Letters to the Editor:

Letters may be submitted to the Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax 908-668-8819 or by email: spobserver@comcast.net. Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m. Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. We reserve the right to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject.

Christmas may well be the "thing of the past." Where are all the Christians? Do they care about next Christmas and the many more that may follow, or maybe just this one more Christmas?

The anti-Christians are winning the so-called war against Christians and the Christians are asleep on the battlefield.

The wake up call is overdue, or may be too late. Maybe, just maybe, "Merry Christmas" will be back in our homes, towns, counties, states and country.

In the meantime, as we wait for the great Christian awakening, go to the better high schools and listen to the Christmas music, since some schools, not knowing better, will not have a Christmas program due to the lack of knowledge by their local school boards.

To conclude this letter, I wish everyone, including the American Civil Liberties Union, National Organization of Women, the Organization of Separation of Church and State, National Education Association, the Clintons, Edward Kennedy and all other socialists a very Merry Christmas.

TED ZYCHLINSKI

Dear Editor,

Shirley Affinito and I, as chairpersons of our first Pasta Dinner with Santa on Friday, Dec. 17, would like to thank the record number of persons who came out and supported our Riley School children and PTO, all the supporters of our Holiday Booklet and placemat, our first time cooks with burned fingers who had to keep up with the overwhelming demand for food for our guests, Bob Boyle of Roma Food who donated all the food, desserts and supplies, Laura and Tom Timmerman, Kelly and Billy Butrico, Connie Besser and Mickey Wrublewski of the SPSHS Athletic Booster Club, Karen Kozak, Sue Rickert, Diane Keilman, Santa Tim (Santa Sal was ill), Maggie and Jeff Temple, MaryAnn Boyle, Mr. Artie and Francisco Jimenez for all your donated time, Kathy Flanagan for your drawings, Mike "Shotman" Lanza for printing the placemats, Al Rue for printing the holiday booklets, Liz Nully, Amy (Laura Timmerman's sister), Jessica Olah, Kyle Hughes, Casey Butrico, Amanda Hunterton, Sarah Hunterton, our elves Patrick Boyle, Joey Affinito, Natalie Kozak, Lisa Affinito, Brett and Ryan Temple, music man Mike Boyle, Sam Barthel and Toni Hudak, Jane

Russo, Julia Parker and Nancy Grennier who always comes to events all over town with the lens. You all made it a great time for everyone!

**DEBBIE BOYLE, CHAIRMAN
RILEY PASTA DINNER**

To the Editor,

I have been going back and forth about doing this, and decided after reading your article in the Dec. 12 Observer I had to do it.

I went to the Dec. 7 Riley School third and fourth grade holiday concert and left with my chest ready to explode with pride. My grandson (whom I won't mention so as not to embarrass him) and all the third and fourth graders put on such a great show, I wish my entire family could have been there. It was wonderful!! The music was so different and the lights were beautiful. I have been going to these shows since my oldest sons went to the old Grant School. You know how long ago that was! This was the best ever!

I want to praise the director Joanne Gurske and all the children and the staff who helped, for the *December Nights*, *December Lights*. It was a concert I will be talking (bragging) about for many years to come.

**SINCERELY A VERY PROUD AND
GRATEFUL GRANDMOTHER**

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank coach Schulte, John Greco and Taryn Decker-Prybella and all the girls of the South Plainfield High School Jr. Varsity and Varsity girls' basketball teams for the first pregame pasta dinner at my home on Thursday, Dec. 16. You all have great spirits and overwhelming support for each other. Here's to a great season and a great group of girls, icing and all!

**LOVE YAS,
DEBBIE BOYLE**

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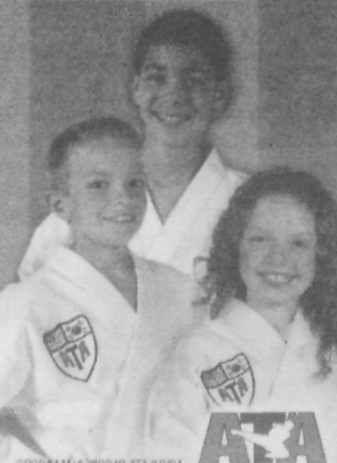
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On Dec. 5, Junior Girl Scout Troop 410 of John F. Kennedy Elementary School spent a fun-filled Sunday afternoon baking an array of holiday cookies (40 dozen to be exact) with the ladies at the senior residence on Morris Ave. Not only did this help them earn their Community Service Badge, but it also taught them valuable cooking and math skills. The troop will be heading back there to help serve all the wonderful treats at their Holiday Dance. Pictured (l to r) Meghan Heim, Samantha Hunterton, Bianca LoBosco, Nicole Jones, Emily Reineke, Christina Kasmer, Isabella Behne, Jessica Saffold, Angela Spedavecchia, Kristin Forbes and leader Wendy Heim, with helpers Maria Jones and Eleanor LoBosco. Not pictured are Emily Skula, Alexa Douras and leaders Tina Spedavecchia and Christa Reineke.

Borough News

Council Notes

- Three in-car video systems will be purchased from Mobile Vision at a cost not to exceed \$15,810 to be used in the new police vehicles. The funds are coming from forfeiture money. The new video system will be digitalized, eliminating the purchase of videotapes and will be downloaded directly onto the computers at police headquarters at the end of every shift.

- The Borough has accepted the resignation of Nino Zeccardo and Craig McKenzie as members of the Planning Board, effective immediately.

- The Library Board of Trustees has selected Nadaskay Kopelson Architects to prepare the design of the new South Plainfield Public Library.

- Mary Nelsen has resigned as public safety telecommunicator.

- Eleanor Wascavage, Administrative secretary, has announced she will retire effective Dec. 1, 2005.

- Building permit fees associated with the construction of a handicap ramp at Wesley United Methodist Church will be waived.

- Philip J. Aiello, Jr., has been hired as a part-time recreation attendant. Robert Kitlasz has been hired as a part-time recycling groundskeeper. Liliana Grasso has been hired as a part-time aerobics instructor.

- A maintenance contract has been authorized with Class Software Solutions for service on the PAL computer software, at a cost not to exceed \$4,667.23 for the period of Jan. through Dec. 2005.

- A maintenance contract for the Health Department's Animal Control Program was authorized with FRA Technologies at a cost not to exceed

\$375 for the period of Jan. through Dec. 2005.

- J.T. Penyak Roofing Company, Inc., has been awarded a contract to repair the roof at the Municipal Building at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.

- The Borough authorized the transfer of Mary Beth Khidre to the position of Senior Clerk Typist in the Police Department at a salary commensurate with the current salary ordinance.

- Denholtz Associates has been named the "Conditional Redeveloper" for the redevelopment area known as the Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Site.

- A "Professional Services" contract has been awarded to CME Associates to prepare design specifications and bid documents for the drywell at the Cedarbrook Pump Station at a cost not to exceed \$9,415.

- Danielle Bonaventure has been promoted to full-time Public Safety Telecommunicator.

- Rural/Metro Ambulance has been hired to provide daytime ambulance service at a cost of \$1,450 a month.

- The Borough rejected all bids for the Durham Ave. road project due to the amounts of said bids. This project will be re-bid.

policereport

- On Dec. 11 a W. Crescent Parkway resident reported that two of their mechanical reindeer decorations on the lawn had been damaged.

- On Dec. 14 a Diana Dr. resident reported that the rear window of their vehicle had been smashed. Nothing was taken.

Recycling Center Holiday Hours

The Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and on Saturday, Dec. 25, for Christmas and also on Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. Recycling will be open instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 29.

The Yard Waste Site will also be closed for Christmas and New Years', but will be open instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28.

Regular hours at the Recycling Center are noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Yard Waste winter hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Trash Compactor on Kenneth Ave., which is open on the first Saturday of the month from Oct. through May, will be closed Jan. 1, but will be open instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 8.

2004 Yard Waste/Compactor Decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using. Decals for 2005 will be available the first week in January.

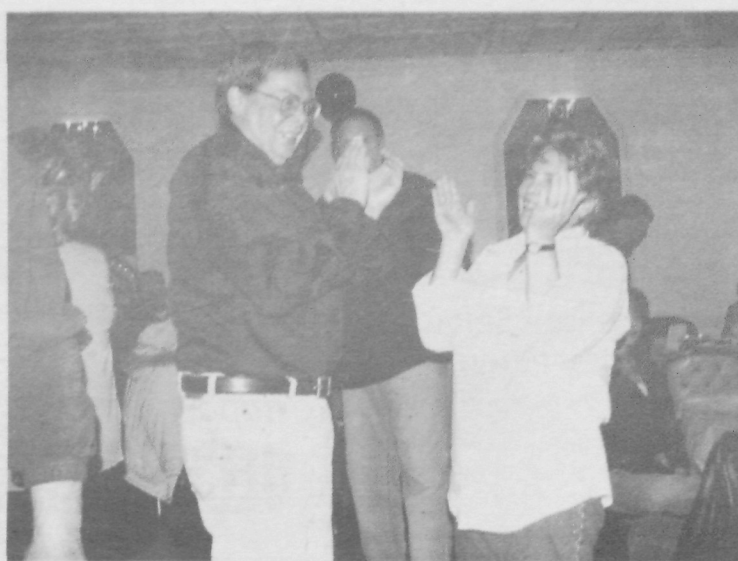
For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.

Financial Aid Workshop

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, the SPHS Guidance Department will be hosting a Financial Aid Workshop. Ben Curtis, associate director of admissions from Elmira College, will provide useful information regarding financial aid for continuing education.

Curtis brings a wealth of background in financial aid planning with topics focusing on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and explanations on obtaining scholarships, grants and loans. He will help workshop participants understand programs such as CSS, TAG, SEOG, SAR and EFC, kinds of loans, choices available for selecting loans and loan accounts will be discussed.

For information about the workshop, contact Cheryl Fox, high school counselor. The program will be held in Cafeteria A/B starting at 7 p.m.



Guests at the American Legion's Do Wop Night turned back the pages of time for a few brief hours. There were poodle skirts and ponytails to go along with the memories as the band Class of 1957 played songs from the fifties and sixties. The event was a benefit for the J.J. Frank Cancer Fund.

Seniors Get a Lesson on Internet Safety from the FBI

Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan, in conjunction with the FBI recently presented a new program entitled "Innocent Images" to South Plainfield seniors at the Senior Center recently.

In response to the many reports that the Middlesex County FBI office has received from parents and grandparents whose children have fallen victim to online sexual predators, the assemblymen put together a new child pornography prevention program. They felt that seniors spend a good deal of time taking care of their grandchildren who may be using the Internet and should be made aware of the dangers associated with people they may be speaking to and ways to prevent such occurrences.

FBI Special Agent Tim Nestor's informative program gave the seniors tips on what to look for when a child may be speaking with a potential predator. Nestor presented a slide show with images from the Internet and demonstrated how strangers can just strike up conversations with users. He suggested closely monitoring instant messages and images that children download and also phone calls and possible meetings that they may



FBI Special Agent Tim Nestor addressing seniors.

be planning. Nestor also pointed out how easy it is to obtain personal information about individual children on the Internet and how easy it is to become friendly with them.

The FBI suggests that if you suspect your child may be a victim of an internet predator, contact them immediately at (732) 469-7986 and ask for supervisor of "Innocent Images" or on the web at newark.fbi.gov. Assemblymen Barnes and Diegnan are also working on bringing this program to local school systems throughout the County.

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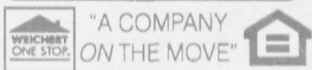
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Events

Candlelight Services at Wesley Church

December 24 & 26

Wesley Church will celebrate the Christmas season with two candlelight services on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

At the 7:30 p.m. family friendly candlelight service you will hear and experience the story of Christmas through the children. Wesley would like to welcome friends, guests and members to hear the music from two Bell Choirs. The 11 p.m. candlelight services will share the message of Christmas and music of the season.

On Dec. 26, join the Contemporary Worship team at 9 a.m., who will present the story of the Little Drummer Boy. All are welcome.

Wesley Church is located on Plainfield Ave. Contact Pastor Thompson at the church at (908) 757-2838 or at home (908) 756-1044 for any spiritual needs.

Pilgrim Covenant Worship Services

December 26 & January 2

Pilgrim Covenant Church Sunday worship takes place at 10 a.m. The speaker for Dec 26 and Jan. 2, will be the Rev. Wilfredo Rodriguez, who is a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Last year Rev. Rodriguez served as chaplain in Kuwait and Iraq. We also have a regular Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:30 on Dec. 24 and a Christmas Morning Service, with refreshments, takes place at 10 a.m.

Come join us. All are welcome.

Free Worldwide Hypnotism Day

January 4

On Jan. 4 hypnosis experts will present three free seminars to make the public aware of the uses, benefits and procedures of hypnosis. An exciting day of presentations of stress management at 3:30 p.m., weight reduction at 5 p.m. and group past life regression experience at 6:30 p.m., plus questions and answers about hypnosis.

The event takes place at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. Call for a schedule and directions at (908) 964-4467. A \$5 donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is requested.

Sports Auction-Raffle

January 8

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club presents their annual Sports Auction-Raffle on Saturday, Jan. 8, (snow date: Jan. 15). Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

Prizes include exciting NEW baskets, sports-themed baskets, sports tickets, a DVD player and a television.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission includes 25

What's happening in DECEMBER

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
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 EVENTS	<i>March 7—Best of Branson at Hunterdon Hills</i>		Weekly Shopping 23 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11 & 1pm	Center Closed 24 Happy Holidays
	<i>April 7—Oklahoma at NJPAC</i>			
	<i>May 19—Cactus Flower at Hunterdon Hills</i>			
Knitting/Crocheting 27 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 28 Ladies Social Grp	Exercise 8:30am 29 Line Dancing 10am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 10, 11:30, 1pm Listening to Kids 9:30am	Weekly Shopping 30 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 31 Pizza lunch available Center open until 2 pm
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auction tickets. For tickets or more information, call the Georges at (908) 755-4633 or Kevin Lykes at (908) 756-3671. No one under 18 years of age will be admitted.

VFW Breakfast

January 9

The South Plainfield VFW Post #6763, located on Front St., will hold a breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 8 to 11 a.m.

The public is invited. Proceeds benefit the Lyons VA Hospital. For information call (908) 668-9751.

Practical Crafting Workshop at Library

January 10

A "Practical Crafting" workshop will be held on Monday, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the library.

"Practical Crafting" instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead participants in making "pocket cards." Students are requested to bring a pair of scissors, a pencil with an eraser and a glue stick. There is a charge of \$1, payable upon registration, to cover the cost of other materials. Space is limited, so pre-registration by Tuesday, Jan. 4 is required. In case of inclement weather, the class will be held on Monday, Jan. 24.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Introduction to Polymer Clay at Library

January 10

The "Practical Crafting" program, "Introduction to Polymer Clay" will be held at the library on Monday, Jan.

10, at 7 p.m.

"Practical Crafting" instructor Ronda Wisniewski will conduct the workshop, during which students will make a polymer clay candleholder. Completed projects will be collected for firing and glazing and picked up at the library after Friday, Jan. 14.

Class size is limited, so preregistration is required by Tuesday, Jan. 4. There is a charge of \$1, payable upon registration, to cover the cost of materials. In case of inclement weather, class will be held on Monday, Jan. 24.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Fire Department Wine Tasting

January 22

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department is hosting their annual Wine Tasting, sponsored by Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 6-11 p.m. at Embassy Suites in Piscataway. The tickets are \$40 per person and include the wine tasting reception from 6-9 p.m. and a cash bar, DJ and dancing from 9-11 p.m. Special rate hotel rooms are available for an overnight stay.

For tickets and information, please call Mike Gallagher, (908) 755-9874; John Celentano, (908) 757-5691 or Buy-Rite Liquor, (908) 561-0051.



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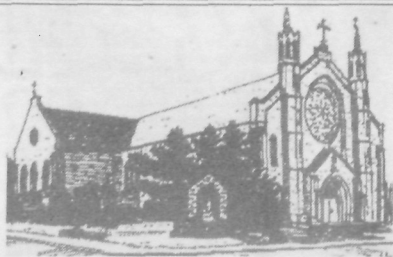
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vases using advertising images from magazines of the 1940s and 50s. Using a traditional oil painting technique reminiscent of the illustration styles of the period, he creates what he likes to call "pop art from the wrong era."

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"School Readiness" Seminar

January 6

Community Nursing School of Metuchen will host a program for parents and educators, "School Readiness, What is it?" on Thursday, Jan. 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, Education Building, Chapel.

Child care will be provided in the nursery. Please RSVP by Jan. 3 if you plan to attend. For more information, call (732) 549-5015.

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

Starts January 7

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress, a touching, bittersweet comedy by Alan Ball, opens at Circle Players, the community theater of Piscataway, on Friday, Jan. 7.

Performances are Fridays, Jan. 7, 14 and 21; Saturdays, Jan. 8, 15 and 22 and Sunday matinees, Jan. 9 and 16.

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

Playwriting Workshop Series Offered

January 12-March 6

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo), will offer a playwriting workshop series at the North Brunswick Municipal Building. Workshops will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 12 through March 6.

This program is offered free and open to individuals ages 16 and over. For more information, call (732) 745-3885. Registration deadline is Jan. 4.

— Out of Town —

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

December 26, 27 & 28

Tickets are on sale for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," presented by Middlesex County's Plays-in-the-Park at the State Theatre.

Performances are 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26 and Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. All seats are \$6. Seating is reserved.


Purchase tickets at the State Theatre Box Office, call (732) 246-7469 or (877) STATE-11, or purchase tickets online at www.statetheatrenj.org. There is an additional charge for telephone and online orders.

For info, call (732) 548-2884.


Jay Lander at Metuchen Art Works

January 1

Metuchen Art Works is proud to announce a one-person show of the recent paintings of Jay Lander in January. Jay constructs large shaped can-



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Former South Plainfielder Returns Home From Iraq

U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Jose J. Pineda, formerly of South Plainfield, returned home from Iraq in October.

Welcoming him home were his mother, Patty Pineda, and his brother Carlos Pineda, a senior at Madison High School. Friends, neighbors and relatives lined the street to welcome Jose home, greeting him with balloons, signs and a get-together.

Jose is a member of the 1st and 2nd Platoon Truck Company out of

Ebensburg, Pa., who were attached to the 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines. He was activated on Jan. 6, 2004, arrived in Kuwait on Feb. 14, convoyed into Iraq on March 2 and left Iraq on Oct. 2. He was deployed at Al Tagaddum, the old Saddam Hussein air base near Fallujah.

He is presently working as a diesel engine mechanic and is assisting with the Toys for Tots program at his home base in Ebensburg, Pa.

Franklin Brownie Troop 521 Enjoy Fall Outings

Brownie Troop 521 has been busy with their fall outings. The troops' leaders, Lorie Cragle and Michele Arntz, have been helping their troop earn their patches in a fun-filled, exciting and educational environment.

Brownie Troop 521 members include first graders from Franklin School. They are Hannah Arntz, Melissa Abate, Danielle Bowbliss, Gina Cummings, Sierra and Jasmine O'Neal, Noelle Rutowski, Briana Spinella, Sydni Surowiec and Casey Whalen.

In November, troop members attended the Great Pumpkin Sail held at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The girls had carved two beautiful jack-o-lanterns at a prior meeting. Once they arrived at the park, the smell of the campfire and the scene of the lake with floating jack-o-lanterns made the girls eager for their adventure. Before they were called to sail their jack-o-lanterns, the troop enjoyed roasting marshmallows over an open fire along with a cup of hot chocolate. When it was their turn they watched in excitement as their jack-o-lanterns were lit and once illuminated, were set out to sail. The girls were filled with pride as they watched their jack-o-lanterns float along with the others down the beautifully lit lake.



Troop 521 at Camp Hoover Try-It Day. Pictured from bottom left are Sierra O'Neal, Jasmine O'Neal, Kaitlyn Scarcella, Briana Spinella, Sydni Surowiec, Casey Whalen, Melissa Abate, Hannah Arntz, Gina Cummings, Noelle Rutowski and Danielle Bowbliss with troop leaders Lorie Cragle and Michele Arntz.

On Nov. 13, the troop headed to Camp Hoover, located in Middleville. They participated in a Brownie Try-It-Day, spending the day earning Sounds of Music, Science Wonders and Around the World Try-its. Each Brownie received a patch for each Try-it they did. After the brisk afternoon hike, the girls ended the day with a

campfire sing-a-long and a delicious s'mores treats!

Submitted by Denise Spinella

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Tiffany Boyle Named to Dean's List At West Chester University

Tiffany Boyle, sophomore at West Chester University in Pennsylvania, has been elected to the prestigious External Vice President of the National Panhellenic Council, which oversees the 23 Greek sororities located on campus. The Council regulates, approves and sponsors philanthropic, fraternal and social functions within the university campus as well as adjudicating sorority charter violations.

In addition to her work on the Panhellenic Council, she is an officer of Delta Phi Epsilon and was the Rush Mom for the fall pledge class. She is also the Dorm Student Council Representative and is a contestant in the Ms. West Chester University Talent

Pageant. Tiffany is studying to be an elementary school teacher. Her mother, Diane Boyle, teaches second grade at Kennedy School in South Plainfield and her father, Dr. Thomas Boyle, is a superintendent of schools in Somerset County. Her sister, Kellie Boyle, also of South Plainfield, is a social worker/SAC counselor and her other sister, Kristen Boyle, is a nurse practitioner for a social school for children born with multiple disabilities located in Somerset County. As a family of educators, it was a natural choice for Tiffany to look toward education as a lifelong career goal.

West Chester University is noted as one of the outstanding teacher preparation schools in the country.

Melissa Dupont-Reyes is AP Scholar

Melissa Dupont-Reyes of South Plainfield received the AP Scholar designation after receiving grades of three or higher on three or more AP exams. Melissa attends Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison. She was

one of 14 students who earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) exams.

KMM Has Solutions to Winter Driving Woes

Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc., Middlesex County's non-profit transportation management association, is advising commuters to plan now for upcoming inclement winter weather. The TMA is offering free Middlesex County Transit Guides and free rideshare matching to help reduce the number of cars on slippery roads.

KMM's Program Director Roberta Karpinecz says it's a good idea to have a backup strategy for those days when you don't want to drive to work. Karpinecz has identified two other commuters with whom she can carpool if the weather is bad.

"I don't like to drive in snow. Rather than be anxious about the commute, I call a friend who is going my way and doesn't mind driving," Karpinecz said.

KMM urges other commuters to make similar carpool or mass transit arrangements with transit guides and

bus or train schedules. Additionally, KMM provides a free ride match service for commuters. Those who register for ridesharing could also be eligible for a free emergency ride home.

To obtain a transit guide of schedules or to register for ride matching, log onto www.kmm.org or call KMM's Commuter Services Administrator at (732) 745-4368.

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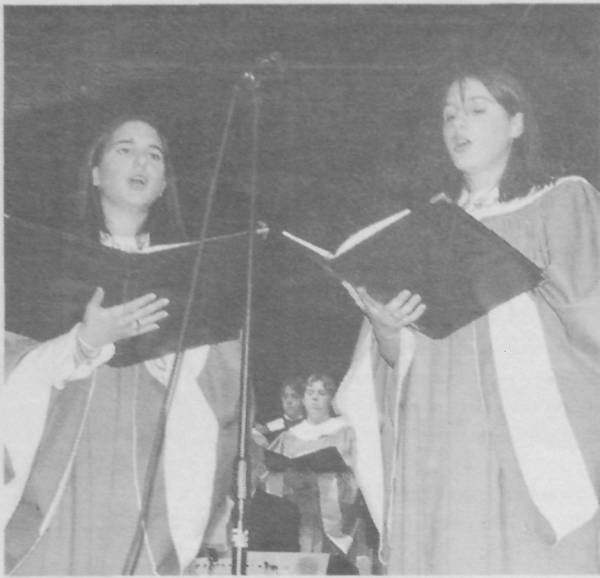
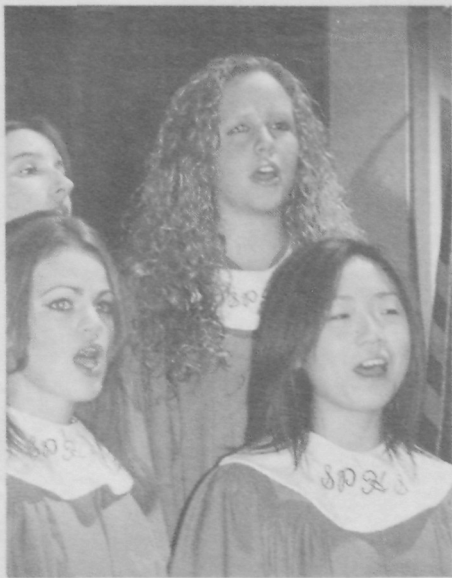
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High School Orchestra and Chorus Join the Parade of Holiday Concerts

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield High School's orchestra and choral groups joined the parade of holiday concerts, performing on Dec. 16. The orchestra opened

the evening with *Exultate Jubilate* and *Waltz Triptych*.

Following the orchestra were the Jade and Emeralds featuring several soloists, including Michael Duquette, Katie Mott, Darren Kaczowski, Peter

Assad and Nicole Aguilar, as well as several instrumental solos.

After a brief intermission the chorus performed *Gloria in D Major, RV 589*, (Antonio Vivaldi 1676-1741). Soloists were Katie Mott, Susan Mott

and Natalia Tamzoke.

The evening ended with an SPHS tradition—alumni were invited onstage to perform *Hallelujah* from *Messiah*. This year's concert saw at least a dozen former students take to

the stage to sing.

The Orchestra was conducted by Bruce M. Mikolon and the choral groups by Tracy Glenn Murray.



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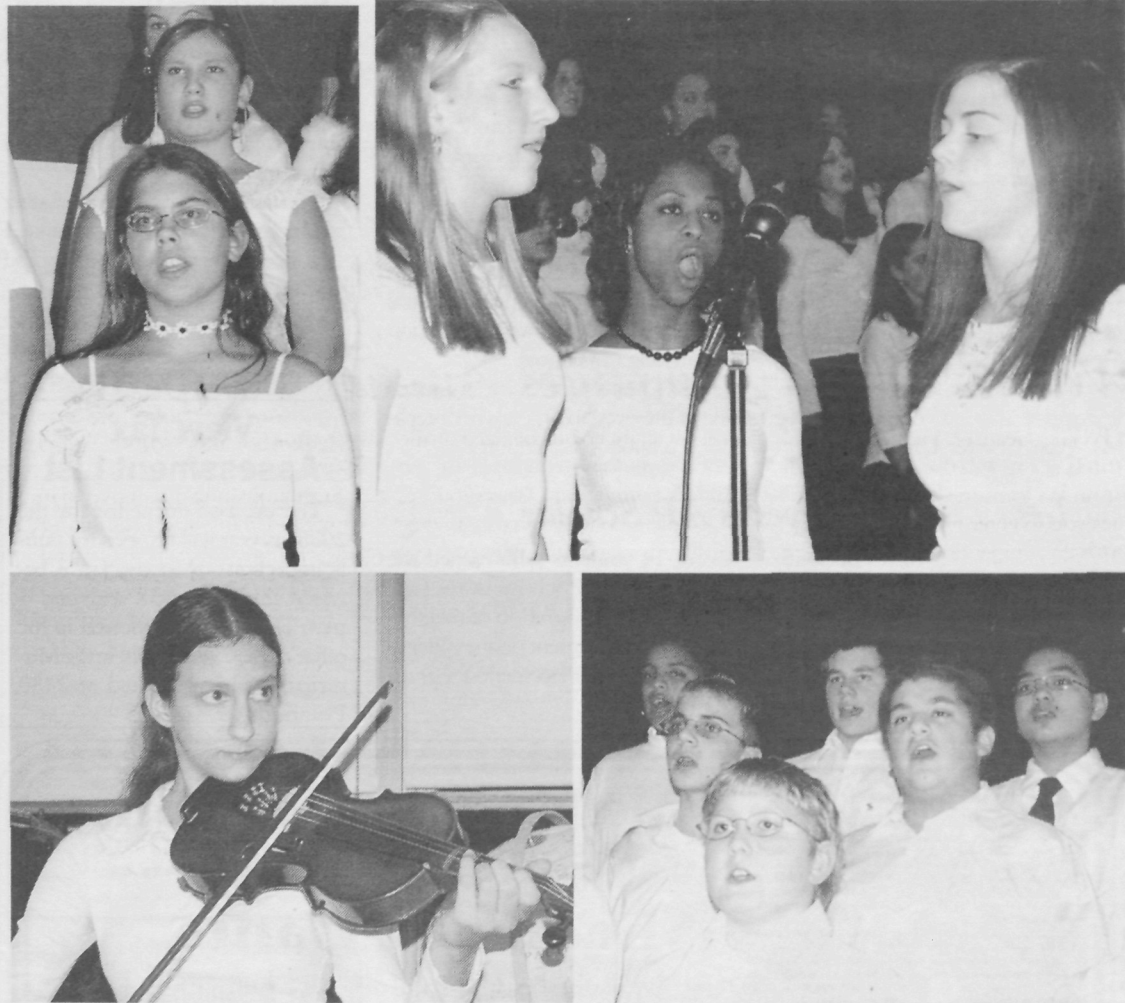
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Middle School Hosts Winter Concert

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield school district concert season continued with an outstanding Middle School Winter Concert held on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The concert featured the orchestra, concert choir, Gems and concert band.

The evening opened with a performance by the orchestra, conducted by Carleen C. Tedeschi. Their selections included *Royal Fireworks Music*, *Variant on an Old English Carol* and *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*. The con-

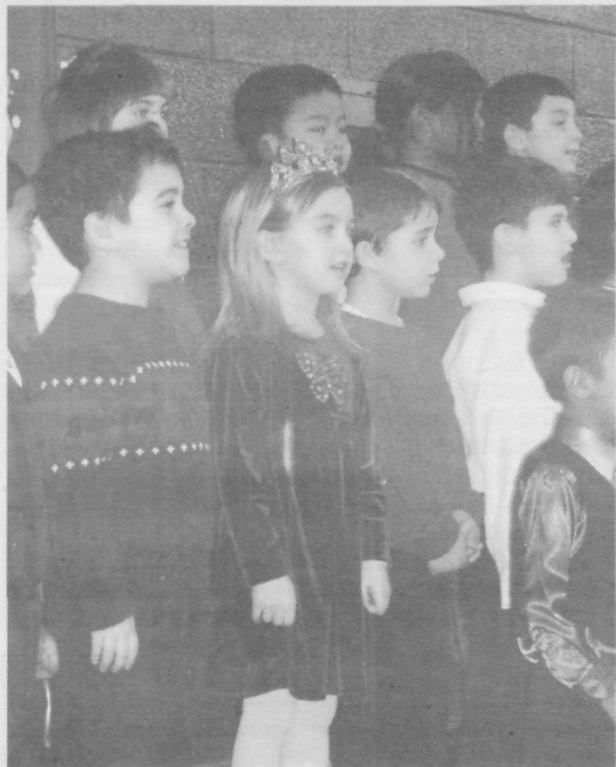
cert choir, directed by Donna Markiewicz, performed several songs. The students sang in Latin, French, Hebrew and English and also used American Sign Language.

Students Ashleigh Gray, Alyssa McCreesh and Kara Thomas were featured in one number. The elite female ensemble, the Gems, sang two songs. Frank Jacobson accompanied each group. The evening concluded with the Middle School Concert Band conducted by Andrew Weiss. Their selections included *A Percy Grainger Suite*,

African Bell Carol featuring the percussion section and much to the delight of the younger set, *Sponge Bob Squarepants* with Eric Nuber as Captain.

The event was recorded by Traveling Tracks and orders will be accepted until Dec. 23. A single CD is \$15; a family pack is available as well, buy two CDs for \$30 and get a third free.

Contact band director Andrew Weiss at aveiss@spnetk12.nj.us or call the Middle School for more information.



Kennedy School Performs Annual Holiday Concert

Story/photos by Jane Dornick

Kennedy Elementary School students held their annual holiday concert last Friday to a capacity crowd of parents and relatives. The concert featured each grade singing three songs led by music teacher Barbara Habeeb and accompanying them on piano.

The kindergartners sang "O Christmas Tree," "Mr. Santa Claus" and "We Wish you a Merry Christmas," followed by the first graders who sang "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," "Two Front Teeth" and "Hanukkah Hayom." The second grade sang "32 Feet," "Here we Come a Carolling" and "Alfie the Elf" and the third grade performed "Jingle Bell Rock," "Hanukkah is Coming" and "Little Drummer Boy." The fourth grade ended the show with "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," a medley of "Winter Fantasy" and "Jingle Bells" and "Silver Bells."

In the morning, the children practiced their songs in front of classmates and were given a special treat when their teachers got up on stage to perform their own mini-concert for the school. The teachers, decked out in Santa hats and Christmas sweaters, performed "Winter Wonderland" and "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" as the audience cheered and sang along.



Kennedy School teachers performed a mini-concert for the students. The teachers, decked out in Santa hats and Christmas sweaters, performed "Winter Wonderland" and "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" as the audience cheered and sang along.

Writer's Group Announces Annual Competition

Feeling creative? The San Gabriel Writers' League, based in suburban Austin Williamson County, Texas, invites you to enter its annual "Writing Smarter" competition. Entries will be accepted in poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

Cash prizes will be awarded to entries for first, second and third place in each category; honorable mention

entries will also be recognized at the awards ceremony to be held at the League's Spring 2005 Workshop.

Complete contest rules and entry forms are available at: www.sgw.org/contest2005.htm

Entry forms can also be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the League's 2005 Contest Coordinator, Melissa Leedom, at

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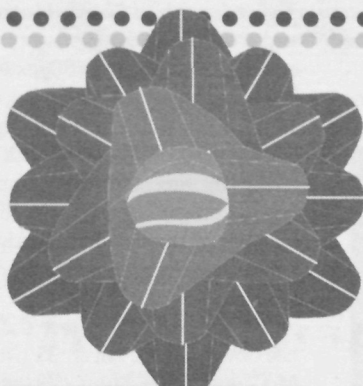
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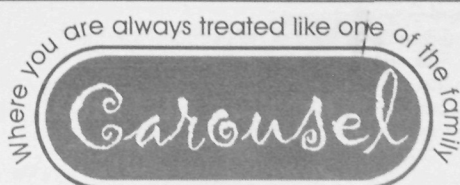
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Wrestling News

By Bob Hunter

Tigers Dominate at Morris Knolls Tournament

The South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team kicked off their 2004-2005 season in dominating fashion by winning their sixth consecutive Morris Knolls Tournament. The Tigers sent 10 wrestlers to the finals and crowned eight champions. They scored a tournament record of 262 points, with Hackettstown placing a distant second with 168½ points and Morris Knolls coming in third. Other teams competing were Bogota, Seton Hall Prep, Governor Livingston, Morris Knolls, Morris Hills and Montville.

The Tigers started out by advancing every wrestler into the semi-finals. In the semi-final round, Patrick Hunter (103) was the first wrestler to reach the finals when he pinned Charlie Favale of Morris Knolls in :32. Billy Ashnault (112) was next to advance when he won by tech-fall over Tyler Ulm of Hackettstown 18-2.

Jimmy Conroy (119) continued the assault pinning Bob Coughlin of Governor Livingston at 1:35. The first loss of the day came at 125 when Viet Vo lost a close 5-4 decision. Nick Dorey (130) got off to a slow start and lost by a 7-1 decision.

New team member Ed McCray (135) was leading 5-1 when he got caught in a five point move and trailed 6-5 with 48 seconds left. McCray then scored an escape to tie it and scored a takedown 20 seconds into overtime to pull out an 8-6 OT decision.

Peter DeAndrea (140) won by major decision over Mike Mattingly 9-1, sending the senior into his first Morris Knolls tournament finals. Mike Jakubik (145) was in a battle with Mike Furina of Morris Knolls, but came up short, dropping a 14-11 decision.

Paul Ritchey (152) had little trouble with Mike McClair of Morris Hills, winning by a fall at 1:33. Sam Martin (160) kept things rolling with an 8-1 decision over JJ Mitchell of Hackettstown. Mark Wagner (171), another sensational freshman, had a big win over Jeff Salvano of Montville scoring the fall at 1:36.

Kevin Crilley (189), third last year,

came up big with a 4-3 decision over Gus Delvecchio of Seton Hall Prep. Rob Maistickle (215), the anchor of this Tiger team, came through with a pin over Kelvin Figueroa at 2:26.

With the tournament title well in hand after the semi-finals, the Tigers roared into the finals with a huge lead. Patrick Hunter once again got the Tigers off to a fast start with a :35 fall over Owen Veron of Hackettstown for the first Tiger title. Billy Ashnault kept things going with another pin at 1:51 over Brian Conner of Seton Hall Prep making it two in a row.

Jimmy Conroy won his third consecutive title pinning Keith Morris of Hackettstown at 3:14. Ed McCray won his first title as a Tiger, with a fall over Billy Strathern of Hackettstown at 1:09. Pete DeAndrea also won his first tournament title with a tough 4-3 OT decision over Billy Sternmetz of Morris Knolls. Paul Ritchey won his second consecutive title by pinning Scott Mack of Governor Livingston

at 4:32.

Sam Martin was in a real battle and came up short, dropping a 1-0 decision to Mark Czaney of Seton Hall Prep for second place. Mark Wagner took early control over Jordan Kenny of Bogota before winning by tech-fall at 5:45. Kevin Crilley scored the first takedown on Rickey Keenan of Bogota, but Keenan roared back to win by major decision 12-4 for second place. Rob Maistickle closed the show with another title, defeating Chris Bilchler of Seton Hall Prep by a 4-3 decision and the eighth Tiger champion.

Viet Vo won his consolation final with a fall over Steve Reedy of Governor Livingston. Nick Dorey wrestled back and defeated Phil Andolino of Seton Hall Prep by fall at 3:49 for third place. Mike Jakubik lost his consolation final 7-5 for fourth place.

All 13 Tiger wrestlers placed, except heavyweight because we did not have one. Good job and congratulations!!!

Heilmann Wins Silver at Middle School Nationals

By Bob Hunter

Nick Heilmann, the 85 pound Middle School wrestler, competed in the Virginia Challenge Middle School Nationals this past weekend in Norfolk. This is a team tournament with teams from as far as Iowa participating.

Wrestling for NJ Team Extreme, he had a great tournament going 10-1 in this three-day event. He also captured an individual National Silver Medal. Heilmann was named the most outstanding wrestler by his coaches and teammates.

In round one Heilmann pinned Zach Williams of Great Bridge, Va. at 1:22 of the first period. In round two he defeated Brian Wesley of Capital Area Wrestling VA by major decision 10-2. Round three got tougher but Heilmann defeated Bryan Whitt of Virginia Thunder 6-3. In the fourth round Heilmann

scored a tech-fall over Braydon Manchester of the Richmond Rebels, Va. 15-0.

The second day of action was as tough as the first as Heilmann got a pin in the first period over Dave Fogle of American, Pa. The next match was against the South Jersey Team and Heilmann scored the first takedown and held on for a 2-0 over Mike Tully. The New Jersey Eagles, last year's winner, once again was the team to beat. Heilmann lost by decision to Mike Bandiero of Edison 8-3. In the final match of the day Heilmann won by major decision 14-3 over Jo Jo Lawson of Kempville, Va.

In the American Bracket consolation semifinals Heilmann pinned Zach Miller again and won by decision 6-0 over Connor Miller of Capital Area Wrestling, Va. in the finals. Congratulations!

Middle School Wrestlers Capture Team Tournament Title

By Bob Hunter

The Middle School Wrestling Team had a big weekend traveling to Phillipsburg for a quad match with two Phillipsburg teams and Hillsborough. Then on Sunday they traveled to Toms River Elite Team Duals. Saturday started off in dramatic fashion when the Tigers faced a very strong Phillipsburg "A" team in the first match of the day.

The Tigers forfeited at 70 pounds, Ritchey Szeliga (75) evened the score with a fall at 2:32. Trailing 12-6, Nick Heilmann (85) won by major decision 15-6. Ryan Sacco (90) gave the Tigers the lead when he pinned Jacob Croom at :47. Cory Hay (100), added to the Tiger lead when he pinned Bobby Mayer at 3:00. With the lead going back and forth, Mike Wagner (112) kept things going when he pinned John Harak at 1:59. With a

decision loss at 119 and a forfeit at 124, the Tigers were down by two. Nick Vallone (132) put the Tiger's back on top when he pinned Mike Simon at 1:45. JJ Dellilo (140), gave the Tiger's a big win when he won by fall over Scott Simpson at 3:24. With the score 40-36 going into the (175) bout, the Tigers only needed a decision win to secure the victory. Jonathan Conroy was up for the Tigers at (175) and won a big 13-9 decision to secure the victory 43-42.

Against the Phillipsburg "B" team the Tigers steamrolled to a 84-12 victory. The Tigers won all their matches by fall. Ritchey Szeliga (75), Nick Heilmann (85), Ryan Sacco (90), John Wylam (95), Cory Hay (100), Joey Vetusch (107), Mike Wagner (112), Joel Santos (119), Nick Vallone (124), Justin Smith (132), JJ Dellilo (140), Bocilio Alvarez (150), Jonathan

Conroy (175) and a big pin by Billy Whitefleet at heavyweight.

Hillsborough was short handed and forfeited seven of the first eight matches. Ryan Sacco (90) was the first wrestle and won by fall at 1:42. Mike Wagner (112) then won in dramatic fashion when he scored a takedown in overtime to win 4-2. Joe Santos (119) won by fall at 1:42. Justin Smith (132) pinned Nick Detsis at 1:07. Final score: Tigers 63-Hillsborough 24.

On Sunday, the Tigers, who finished third a year ago, came on strong and defeated league rival Kenilworth 50-45 in the tournament final. Last year's winner Brick, was knocked out of the winners' bracket by Kenilworth.

In the opening match, the Tigers faced Tinton Falls and coasted to a 65-28 victory. Winning matches were Tyler Hunt (70) won 5-0, Scott Whalen (75) fall, Ritchey Szeliga (80)

won 16-8, Nick Heilmann (85) fall, Ryan Sacco (90) tech-fall, John Wylam (95) major decision 10-1, Cory Hay (100) won 4-2, Mike Wagner (112) major decision 10-1, Joel Santos (119), Nick Vallone (124), JJ Dellilo (140) and Bacilio Alvarado won by forfeit. Jonathan Conroy won at heavyweight 6-2. Also wrestling were Vinny Vetusch (50), Ryan Walsh (55), Christian Gonzales (60) and Kyle Brady (65). Final score: Tigers 65 Tinton Falls 28.

Next up was Flemington and the Tigers coasted to a 67-30 win. Winning matches were Vinny Vitusch (50), Ryan Walsh (55), Tyler Hunt (70), Scott Whalen (75), Ritchey Szeliga (80), Nick Heilmann (85), Ryan Sacco (90), John Wylam (95), Joe Vitusch (105), Mike Wagner (112), Joel Santos (119), Nick Vallone

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Rec Wrestlers Open With Two Big Wins

By Bob Hunter

The South Plainfield Recreation wrestlers kicked off their 2004-2005 season with two big wins over league rivals North Hunterdon and Voorhees. The Tigers faced Voorhees in the first match of the day and went on to post a 65-12 victory.

Troy Davisson (50) was trailing 11-6 at the end of the second period but came on strong to pin A. Attanassio at the 2:50 mark. Ryan Walsh (53) then won by decision 4-0. Bobby

Benwell (57) got the early takedown and an escape to win a 3-0 decision. Anthony Ashnault (60) wasted little time scoring the fall at :27.

Kyle Brady (63) went on a tear and scored 16 straight points for a tech-fall. Dillon Painton (67) a newcomer to South Plainfield scored his first fall as a Tiger at :44. Scott Whalen (70) followed with a :57 pin. Tyler Hunt (73) one of the veterans on this young team pinned T. Ferrioli at 1:55.

Troy Heilmann (77) then pinned PJ Brown at 1:52. Cory Stasenko (80)

led 10-1 after the first period before pinning J. Bieske at 2:17. Jeffrey Conroy (85) jumped out to a 7-0 lead before he pinned T. Bush at 1:52. Ryan Billich (102) closed the match with a fall at 1:25. Also wrestling were Randy Jakubik (90) and Mike Molinaro (95). The Tigers forfeited the 110 bout.

In the second match of the day the Tigers faced host North Hunterdon and cruised to a 50-22 victory. Once again Troy Davisson (50) was in a battle and went on to win by decision 13-11. Ryan Walsh (53) went right to work and scored the fall at 1:20. Anthony (the firecracker) Ashnault (60) needed only 32 seconds for his second pin of the day. Kyle Brady (63) won by major decision 8-0 over Mike Ciavarrro.

Scott Whalen (70) got the early takedown and the fall at :35 over Jim McGinnis. Tyler Hunt (73) got the quickest pin of the day at :23 over A. Luberto. Troy Heilmann (77) won by decision 6-0 over J. Loftus. Jeffrey Conroy (77) got a reverse late in the third period for a 2-0 decision.

Randy Jakubik (90) was on a mission scoring a 13-0 major decision over Pat Boyle. Ryan Billich (102) was up 10-0 before pinning Paul McGourty at 2:35. Also wrestling for the Tigers were Dillon Painton (67), Corey Stasenko (80), Mike Molinaro (95) and Shawn Gorman (Hwt).

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Sports

SPHS Bowling

BY RALPH FECH

Tigers (3074) Stun Top Ranked Carteret, Boley (695), Genova (675)

SPHS	946	1064	1064	3074
Carteret	1046	946	1043	3035

The boys' bowling team shocked the Ramblers after falling behind in the first game by 100 pins. The Tigers put on a fierce rally with two consecutive 1064 games to register the hard fought victory. Matt Boley blasted the pins with games of 234-241-220 for a booming 695 set. Teammate Vin Genova crushed the pocket for a 675 set on games of 199-231-245. The solid Tiger performance was also bolstered by George Kleinknecht 232-205—590, Shawn Ferguson 203-190-190—583 and Nick Grego's 204 game. It was the first time this year that the Tigers cracked the 3000 barrier.

SPHS	825	886	940	2651
St. Josephs	1016	1131	1005	3152

Despite Vin Genova's 210-207—594 set and Matt Boley's 197-210—551, the Tigers were no match for the undefeated high flying Falcons, who found the conditions to their liking.

SPHS	881	852	881	2614
Monroe	1024	1080	993	3097

For the second match in a row, the Tigers struggled against another team of Falcons who easily swept all three games. George Kleinknecht's 203-201—588 and Vin Genova's solid 537 set were the only bright spots for the Tigers. Nick Grego chipped in with a 184 game.

Lady Tigers Bowl Well—Jamieson (519), Rualo (515), Gaub (512) But Drop 3 Tough Matches

SPHS	811	683	629	2123
Mother Seton	786	877	801	2464

The Lady Tigers surprised perennial nemesis Mother Seton by winning the first game but could not keep up with the Terriers and dropped a 3-1 decision. Beverly Jamieson led the Tigers with a solid 579 set on games of 214-160-145. Kim Gaub chipped in with a 181 game and Angelique Rualo's 151 score.

SPHS	791	742	706	2239
Monroe	738	755	752	2245

The Tigers jumped out of the starting gates again to cage the Falcons in the first game but lost two close games in the closing frames and let this hard fought match slip away.

Scoring honors went to Angelique Rualo who posted 189-180-146 for a 515 set and Kim Gaub 199-162—512 set. Beverly Jamieson added 172-168 and Phuong Trinh a 157 game.

SPHS	724	722	772	2218
Carteret	755	742	891	2388

The Tigers gave the Ramblers all they could handle before losing a tough match to the undefeated Carteret squad. Scoring for SPHS were Kim Gaub 191-168—507 set, Beverly Jamieson 160-167-169—496 and rookies Katie Yon 166, Jennifer Vasquez 150 and Phuong Trinh 146.

Tiger Bowlers Shine in 29th Joe Romer Memorial Tourney

SPHS (boys)	982	899	943
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The boys' bowling team placed ninth in the very competitive 29th Annual Joe Romer Tournament this past weekend. Matt Boley rolled 203-233 for a 615 set while teammate Shawn Ferguson cracked out 213-200 for 611. Chipping in were George Kleinknecht 209 and Vin Genova 202 as the Tigers bowled their best total of the season. Dark horse Old Bridge won the championship open to the GMC's 21 member schools.

SPHS (girls)	680	735	687	2102
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Kim Gaub's solid 214 game led the girls' bowling team to a 12th place finish in the annual event which attracts every team in the county. State ranked Woodbridge coasted to defend their title from last year.

Middle School Wrestlers Capture Title

(Continued from previous page)

(124), Justin Smith (133), JJ Dellilo (140) and Jonathan Conroy Hwt.

In the showdown with Kenilworth for the tournament title, the Tigers were in a battle with Kenilworth taking the early lead 18-6. Ryan Walsh (55) had a big pin to tie the score. The Tigers dropped the next two matches, then Tyler Hunt (70) won by tech-fall to keep the Tigers close. Scott Whalen (75), who was wrestling up, won a big decision 11-9. Ritchie Szeiglia (80) won by fall, Nick Heilmann (85) won 3-1 and Ryan Sacco (90) won 4-0. Joey Vituschi (105) won another big match 10-4. The Tigers then forfeited (119) and bumped everyone up and the move paid off, because Joel Santos (124), Nick Vallone (134) and Justin Smith

(140) all won by fall closing the gap to one with one match to go.

Jonathan Conroy (hwt), for the second day in a row had the pressure of the match on his shoulders and came through with a thrilling pin to secure the match and the championship.

After the tournament trophy was presented, the Tigers were also presented with the tournament Sportsmanship Award for exemplifying the best sportsmanship of the day. An honor they deserve to win. Congratulations!

The Middle School wrestling team continued their winning ways by sweeping a quad match. The Tigers defeated Newton 60-30, Warren Hills 60-24 and Belvidere 84-6. Next up for the Tigers will be Tyrant Duals at St. Marks in Delaware.

Junior Journalist Corner

Emily Reineke, Kennedy Fourth Grader, Named "Junior Journalist"



Kennedy Elementary School teacher Cynthia Severino with this week's winner, Emily Reineke.

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Christmas Time

By Emily Reineke

Ring-ding-ding Christmas is here!

Let out a happy cheer.

Snowflakes fall that means winter is here.

Sleds rip down the street, And wood goes up in flames.

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Frank Capparelli paid a visit to Riley Elementary School last week. Capparelli's grandson, Kevin Farrell, is a member of the fourth grade class there. His class is currently reading about and studying World War II. Capparelli, who builds full working reproductions of military fighter planes, spent the better part of a half hour discussing aviation and sharing what it was like to be an elementary school student during WWII. The Riley Staff would like to thank Mr. Capparelli for taking time out of his day to share his experiences with their students.

Grant School Announces Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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Red Hat Firecrackers Say "There's Fun After 50"

The local chapter of the Red Hat Society known as "The Red Hat Firecrackers" celebrated their first luncheon at Flanagan's dressed in their full regalia (red hats and purple outfits) earlier this month. Prior to lunch they socialized and each member received an official membership card. They are now officially a chapter and received their chapter from "Hatquarters." Among the members (who assign their own royalty title) there is a princess, duchess, countess, madam and even a king, who is a woman, to name a few. After lunch they held an impromptu fashion show. Most members decided to proceed "down the runway" and "show-off" their outfits to all their fellow members. After all, the whole idea of the Red Hat Society is to "have fun."

The Red Hat Society was started as a group for women over 50 who enjoy dressing in purple outfits and red hats. There younger sisters who have not yet turned 50 are affectionately called "Pink Hatters" and dress in lavender outfits and pink hats. Together they celebrate the joys of aging gracefully—and playfully.

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The local chapter of the Red Hat Firecrackers.

The Red Hat Society began as a result of a few women deciding to greet middle age with verve, human and élan. They believe silliness is the comedy of life and since they're all in it together, they might as well join red-gloved hand and go for the gusto together. Underneath the frivolity, they share a bond of affection forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes them next.

The standard answer to the question, "What do you do?" is as follows: nothing. They feel like they have all been dutiful and so "busy" for so long

that they deserved a break.

There are no "rules" or bylaws of the chapter organization. Each chapter structures itself according to the wishes and whims of its members and the women choose officers for themselves as they see fit. The founder of the chapter is referred to as its "Queen Mother." This chapter's queen mother is Terry Spisso.

If you would like to read more about the Red Hat Society, visit their website at www.redhatsociety.com or call "Headquarters" at (714) 738-0001. The office is located at 431 S. Acacia Ave., Fullerton, Calif. 92831.

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County Ice Rink Now Open at Roosevelt Park

The Roosevelt Park Family Ice Skating Rink in Edison, Middlesex County's newest recreational facility, has opened for the season.

During its inaugural season earlier this year, about 8,000 skaters visited the popular family destination on the lakeside of the Level Playing Fields complex inside Roosevelt Park.

"The Family Skating Rink has certainly struck a chord with our residents," said Freeholder Deputy Director Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina. "We're excited to begin our first full season and offer our residents a great place

for family fun."

Normal operating hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; noon to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays and noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. on Sundays. Holidays are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day. The rink will be closed Mondays and on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

On weekends and holidays, the rink and nearby multipurpose buildings will close for one hour between sessions for maintenance and cleaning.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4

for senior citizens and children 17 and under. Skate rentals are \$4 and skate sharpening is \$6.

It is recommended that beginners wear helmets. All children under seven will be required to wear a helmet.

Group skating lessons, taught by a licensed instructor, will be offered at 11 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays starting in mid-Dec. Five 30-minute lessons cost \$60 per person. Each class has a maximum of six people.

For general skating information, call (732) 494-3785.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

The South Plainfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees has awarded a contract without competitive bidding for professional services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) to Nadaskay Kopelson Architects. The contract is for the preparation of a program document and preliminary design in connection with the construction of a new public library. The amount of the contract is \$45,000 (Program Phase-\$17,200; Preliminary Design Phase-\$27,800). The contract and the resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the Office of the Library Director.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Eric M. Aronowitz,
President

\$24.50

December 24, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

December 15, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on December 14, 2004.

A. Case #685—The Villages @ South Plainfield, Block 525.01; Lot 1; 300 Cook Ave. The applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$20.00

December 24, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

December 17, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on December 16, 2004.

A. Case #27-04/Site—Rich Properties, LLC. Block 330; Lot 6; 325 Bergen Street. The applicant's request for a use variance, bulk variances & preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$20.00

December 24, 2004

Borough's annual reorganization meeting-Jan. 2 - 1 p.m.

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Standing in front of the new name board at the South Plainfield High School Gym are Rotary members Joe DeAndrea, Dick DeAndrea, South Plainfield Rotary President Yede Dennis, District Governor Fieda Applegate, George Jaghab, Fred Skrocki and Vernon Applegate. Kneeling are: Pete DeAndrea, Viet Vo, Danielle Arndt, Rachel Perez, Coral Willis, Marquis Jones and Darren Smith representing members of the high school winter sports teams.

Rotary Club Donates Name Board to South Plainfield High School Gym

Two new name boards, donated by the Rotary Club, have been installed in the gym at South Plainfield High School.

The name boards are situated on either side of the score board and will be used for basketball and wrestling to display home and visitor's names, numbers and wrestler's weight.

Name plaques, which slide into the board have been donated by AKA, located on New Market Ave.

One of the Rotary Clubs goal this year is to put an emphasis on literature and youth. This donation is just one of many the Rotary Club has made to the youth of South Plainfield.

Rotary is made up of business and professional leaders who work to bet-

ter their community and build understanding and peace in the world. Rotary is a non-political, non-religious humanitarian organization.

Founded in 1905, there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary members of more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries. The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, the workplace and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers and other professionals and

vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*.

Since 1947, they have awarded more than \$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are administered at the local level.

The Rotary Club will be celebrating their centennial year in February 2005.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

There is something new and very useful on the South Plainfield Public Library website. Look for "Quick Search" on the library's homepage. This is JerseyClicks Quick Search. This is a portal that allows searching of a number of full-text databases with just one user friendly interface. This means you don't have to search each database individually. These databases cover subjects such as health, history, business, education, science, current events, literature and popular fiction. The QUICK SEARCH offers keyword searching across all the databases. After entering a search in the search box, the user is asked to enter their library card barcode number before the results can be seen. If the search is done within a library building, no library barcode card number will be required. CUSTOM SEARCH will give the user the ability to choose the databases to be searched. Looking for information on homework assignments, or any other information you may need. Give JerseyClicks Quick Search a try.

Children's story times are canceled the week of Dec. 28-31. We hope you all have happy holidays.

Are you looking for something with a holiday spirit to read? You could read Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* or you could read some holiday fiction by some contemporary authors: *The Lost Angel*, *The Christmas Thief*, *Deck the Halls*, by Mary Higgins Clark; *Christmas Angel* by Jo Beverley; *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci; *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham; *The*

Trouble with Angels, *Touched by Angels*, *A Season of Angels*, *The Christmas Basket*, *When Christmas Comes* by Debbie Macomber; *Family Blessings* by Fern Michaels; *Silver Bells* by Luanne Rice; *A Christmas Visitor* by Anne Perry; *A Redbird Christmas* by Flannery O'Connor; *The Delaney Christmas* by Iris Johansen; *Visions of Sugar Plums* by Janet Evanovich and *A Different Kind of Christmas* by Alex Haley.

If you don't want to read, the library has holiday videos and DVDs to borrow. There are the traditional Christmas movies like *White Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Amahl & the Night Visitors*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and the *Mormon Tabernacle Choir Classic*. The library also has a large selection of children's holiday videos by many of children's favorite characters such as Frosty the Snowman, SpongeBob, Winnie the Pooh, Thomas, the Muppets, Garfield, Eloise and Franklin. Stop in at the library and borrow some videos or DVDs.

The South Plainfield Public Library Board of Trustees and staff would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. We would also like to thank everyone who has borrowed library materials and attended programs at the library this year. You have helped the library circulate more library materials in 2004 than any other year previously. Thank you. We look forward to your continued support in 2005 and in the planning of the new library building. We want to hear your ideas and suggestions. We will keep you informed of developments as the building project moves forward.

Obituaries

Theresa Glowacki, 76

Theresa A. Glowacki died on Monday, Dec. 13 at her home in South Plainfield.

Born and raised in Sayreville, Theresa lived in South Plainfield for the past 54 years. She was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church and was a homemaker who raised her family. She also enjoyed arts and crafts.

She is predeceased by a sister, Rosie Linder.

Theresa is survived by her husband, Edward of South Plainfield; a daughter, Theresa Glowacki Seibert and her husband, George of South Plainfield; four sons, Joseph and his wife, Lisa of Edison, Edward and his wife, Corrine of Pt. Pleasant, Peter and his wife,

Theresa of South Plainfield and John of South Plainfield; a sister, Helen Fehr and her husband, Donald of Toms River and a brother, Wilhem and his wife, Shirley of Sayreville. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Joseph, Michael, Christopher, Catherine, Jennifer, Amy and Jamie.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Nancy Hauelsen (Johnson), 71

Nancy Hauelsen (nee Johnson) died on Saturday, Dec. 18 at The Woodlands Genesis Eldercare in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Freeland, Penn-

sylvania, Nancy resided in South Plainfield for the past 49 years. She worked in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield in the surgical booking dept. for 30 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Metuchen and Nancy also was a volunteer at JFK Hartwyck Nursing Home in Plainfield for many years.

Surviving is her husband, William of South Plainfield; two daughters, Jane Vasquez and her husband, Frank of South Plainfield and Amy Peevy and her husband, Ricky of Georgia; a son, Morgan Hauelsen and his wife, Cindy of Georgia; a sister, Marlyn Holtzclaw of Ohio and two brothers, Harold Johnson of Readington Twp. and Walter Johnson and his wife, Patricia of Kentucky. Also surviving are seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Rachel E. Solano, 97

Rachel E. Solano died on Sunday, Dec. 19 in Cedar Oaks Care Center.

Born in New York, she had resided in South Plainfield for many years.

There are no immediate family members surviving, other than her good friends at the nursing home.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In Loving Memory

I see the countless Christmas trees, around the world below, with tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!

I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring for it's beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so



ANTHONY EDWARD SINGH
7-19-1997 • 12-25-2000

far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me loved ones, you know I hold you dear. And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above. I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all, "love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do. For I can't count the blessings or the love he has for you! So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear. Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Sadly Missed, Mommy & Daddy, The Singh, Guzinski, Spohn, Rafalko, Pullen, Kurilew & Harkey Families

In Memoriam



Merry Christmas My Love
Charles Weaver
7-6-22 — 2-9-97

I'll remember your baby blue eyes again this Xmas without you. I know they're shining bright in heaven. You're home safe now, that makes me happy. Pop you have a great granddaughter; her name is Angel. That she is. We all love her very much. Merry Xmas Pop, I love you.
Your Wife

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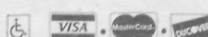
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