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SPEA Telethon Raises \$15,000

By Libby Barsky

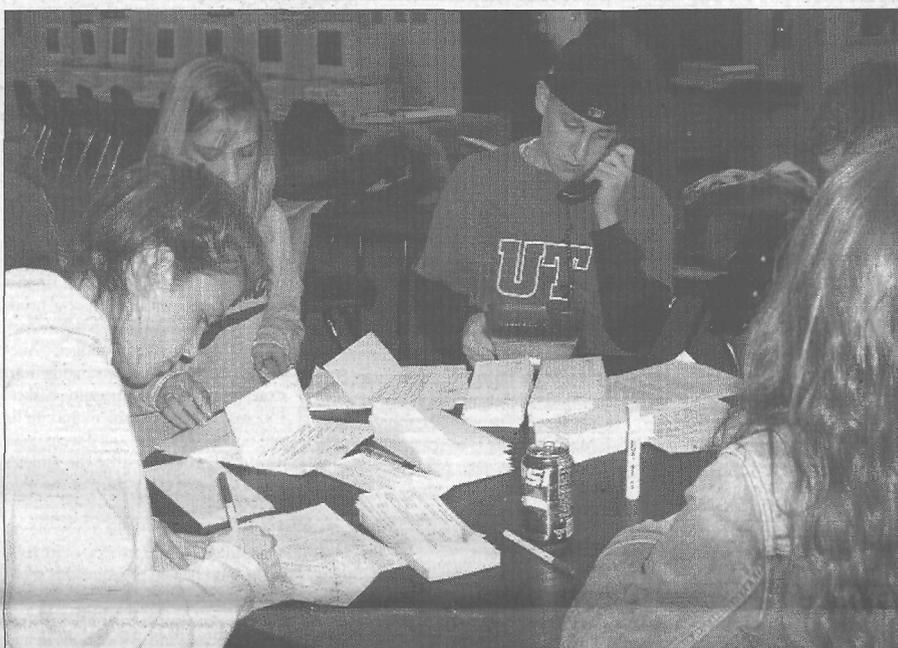
The South Plainfield High School students who volunteered to work in this year's South Plainfield Education Foundation Telethon received \$15,000 in pledges so far, and will be on the phones again on Thursday, Dec. 15, to make up for the evening they lost when the high school phones were shut down due to a transformer breakdown on Dec. 8.

"At \$15,000, the telethon initially scheduled for four nights (Dec. 5-8), managed to raise more pledges in three nights than last year's 2004 telethon, which raised \$14,500," said SPHS Assistant Principal Ralph Errico, adding that the students are determined to hold another session to make up for the lost evening.

Funds collected through the foundation provide scholarships for students who will be attending college and incentives for high school students to keep their grades up. One incentive is the Gold Card, good for many discounts. They also provide funding toward specific programs, i.e. Stokes State Forest experience which enriches their curriculum.

SPHS Senior Gina Severini encouraged fellow members of Peer Leadership to volunteer, increasing the number of volunteers to 120, according to Errico. For the first time this year the high school information center was transformed into a call center. The four previous telethons had been held in the high school guidance office.

However, with 30 or more volunteers each night, this year's telethon



SPHS students at the SPEF Telethon holding phones are Danny McCreesh, Jenn Little, Nicole Benak and Gina Severini.

headquarters was moved into the information center. It made the evening's cleanup process a little longer. "All the phones had to be programmed for the information center and then be reprogrammed again for the morning," said Errico.

Many trustees of the South Plainfield Education Foundation were also present, busy stuffing envelopes and addressing them for mailing. They included Frank Mikorski, Fred Oberkehr (pizza sponsors), Jack

Pedersen and Frank Rainear. Student volunteers teamed up on their own in twos, threes or four. One called the parents whose children are in the school district and asked for a donation to the Foundation, while the others took over the paper work, making out pledge cards, addressing envelopes and inserting donation pledge slips with a 'thank you' or a 'we missed you' letter. Keeping a handle on the paper work was Trustee Myra Stillman.

A small competition was also taking place. Each member of the team whose calls brought in the highest amount in pledges for that evening

received \$50.

It was the vision and determination of former Board of Education member Emil Leporino, who died in 2002, that helped found the South Plainfield Education Foundation 10 years ago to provide an independent, non-profit and tax exempt organization for educational purposes.

Since its founding, the SPEF has provided \$197,150 for over 50 scholarships, \$130,000 endowments, \$41,000 for curriculum programs, \$25,000 for academic incentive programs and \$15,000 for school equipment. A golf outing fundraiser honoring Leporino is held in the spring.

Caroling at Spring Lake Sunday

The holiday season is right around the corner. Recreation Director Mike English is inviting all South Plainfield residents to take time out from their busy schedule and join in an afternoon of "Caroling in the Park" on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. The South Plainfield High School Band and Choir will be on hand to lead us in holiday songs.

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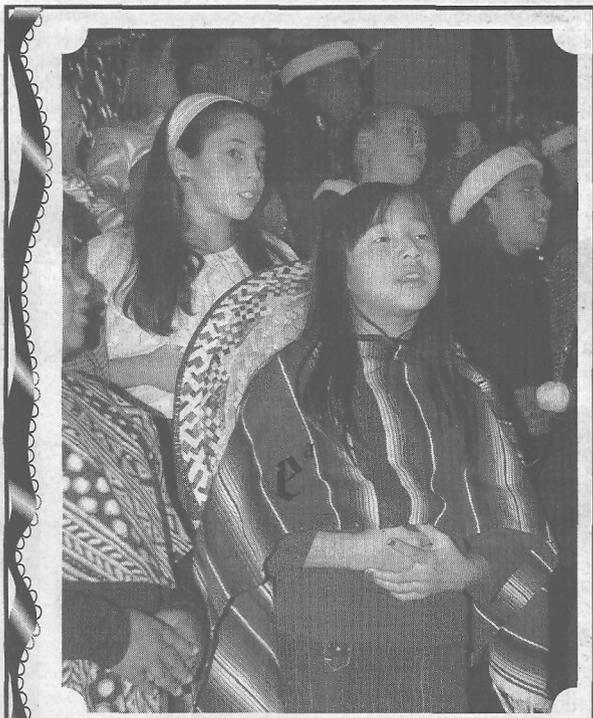


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Children will have the opportunity to talk with Santa and have their pictures taken. Each child will receive a gift.

Register at the PAL until Dec. 12. Fee is \$5 per participant.



'Tis the Season.... Holiday Concerts get students in a festive mood. For coverage of John E. Riley and Franklin concerts, see page 6.

McCriskin's Honors 101st Airborne



Members of the 101st Airborne General Anthony C. McAuliffe, NY-NJ Chapter and the general public gather at McCriskin Home For Funerals to commemorate servicemen and women who lost their lives in 1985.

The giant fir tree that sits on the front lawn of McCriskin's Home for Funerals was lit last Saturday following a solemn ceremony. The thousands of tiny white lights are a memorial to the 246 U.S. servicemen and women of the 101st Airborne who lost their lives in a plane crash over Gander, Newfoundland 20 years ago. On December 12, 1985 the Screaming Eagles were returning home from a peace-keeping mission in Sinai when the plane went down shortly after takeoff. The tragedy is considered the worst

aviation disaster in U.S. history.

McCriskin's had been contemplating decorating the huge tree for years. After the crash they decided to light the tree in memory of the deceased heroes. A plaque commemorating the day sits beneath the tree. Each year members of the 101st Airborne General Anthony C. McAuliffe, NY-NJ Chapter travel to McCriskin's to lay a wreath and light the tree. This year over 40 people were in attendance for the event.

Mark Your Calendars

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

January 1 Reorganization 2:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NUSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641 Dec. 27.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641 Dec. 22.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Com. of the Whole, Tuesdays 7 p.m.-Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.
Regular Meeting Tuesdays 8 p.m.-Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 4.

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 plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m. Dec. 20.

recreation commission

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

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
Jan. 11, 2006

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.
Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

The Grant Elementary School PTO meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the school library. Please remember to drop off any cell phones that you no longer need, working or not, to Grant School or any of the grammar schools and contact Stephanie Walsh with any questions. Debra Krawiec is chairing the 2006 Yearbook Committee and needs any type of photos of our children participating in any of Grant's many activities. Their is an activity fee of \$25 payable to Grant PTO. This fee helps support cultural arts, fifth grade D.A.R.E. picnic and the sixth grade picnic, among others.

Upcoming cultural arts programs, chaired by Linda Wilson are as follows: "The Team That Fought Hate," Character Building and Greek Mythology.

A Family Day notice will be going home the week of Dec. 12 in regards to a showing of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," to be held for the Grant School children, parents, siblings and friends, Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 9:45 a.m. at the Dunellen Theater. Tickets cost \$9 and will include two slices of pizza, popcorn, drink and the movie. All children attending must be chaperoned by adults—no "drop-offs". There are only 235 tickets available and they are on a first come, first serve basis. A future Family Day is planned for January 2006 at Roosevelt Park Ice Rink in Edison by Menlo Mall. Also, a 50/50 raffle notice will be forthcoming to benefit the fifth grade Stokes trip. Four hundred tickets will be available at \$10 per ticket. There will be four winners. Maria Hubner is the chairperson. The drawing will take place at the 2006 Spring Concert. You must be 18 years or older to play.

Remember your box tops with your child's name on the envelope. Vice Principal Rob Richkus discussed the attendance improvement at Grant School and again stressed the importance of not dropping children off for school in

the middle of the road, but use the lot to the right and left of the school and to please pull into the lot to drop off.

Snack Day will be held again on Dec. 23 for our half day of school. Thank you Janet McDermott and your crew! The kids love it!

Also, thank you to all the people who came out in the pouring rain to help pack sweatshirts and candles with myself and Debbie DiDolce: Eileen Brady, Gail Butrico, Yvonne Davisson, Carol Macchia, Debbie Seider, Jennifer Pellegrino and Diane Zekas and to Eileen and Kristen Brady, who returned the following day at 8:15 a.m. to help review all orders. We thank you and all the volunteers who continually give their time for the children.

Our next PTO meeting will be Jan. 13 at Grant School library at 7 p.m. Enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season and New Year 2006.

Congratulations to the high school boys freshman coach John Greco and JV coach Bob Conway!

**SINCERELY,
DEBBIE BOYLE, GRANT PTO AND
FIFTH GRADE STOKES CHAIR**

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club held its Annual Sports Auction at the high school. Proceeds from this event helped to offset the special needs of our high school sports teams not covered by our school budget. Auctioned off were 136 items ranging from store bought items, specialty baskets and major sports team memorabilia and tickets. Also auctioned were sport team baskets donated by the athletes and coaches of every team at the high school.

I would like to thank everyone on the Auction Committee too numerous to list who helped organize this wonderful event and made it the success it was. A special thank you goes to all the businesses and associations in and

Submit Letters to the Editor:

Please be advised that the *Observer* will no longer publish anonymous letters. Any letter received without identification will be discarded.

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around South Plainfield for their contributions along with the friends and families that came and made it an enjoyable evening for all.

**JANET GEORGE, SPHSABC
CHAIRPERSON SPORTS AUCTION/
RAFFLE**

To the Editor:

I am a member of Boy Scout Troop #309 and currently working on my Eagle Scout Project.

For my project, I have chosen to go into Newark on Saturday, Jan. 7 and distribute food, clothing and blankets to 300 homeless and poor individuals. On that day, I will visit the Newark YWCA and the Carlton Hotel where these destitute people will await our assistance.

These people depend on donations for survival. Without our help it would be impossible for these poor individuals to live. By doing this project, I am attempting to help close the gap between urban need and suburban plenty.

The food needed for the project will be donated by local restaurants and prepared by members of the troop, their families and friends.

I am asking for your assistance by donating any new or gently used coats and blankets. All items can be dropped off at 267 Pearl Pl. in South Plainfield or you can contact me at (908) 755-3735 to arrange for a pickup.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
STANLEY STELLAKIS**

Communities of Light To Be a Symbol of Peace

Woman Aware, Inc. is proud to partner in their 2006 Communities of Light event with Womanspace of Mercer County, Resource Center for Women and Their Families, Somerset County, Providence House, Ocean County and Women's Crisis Services, Hunterdon County, to increase awareness of domestic violence and the services available to victims, survivors and their families.

Businesses and neighborhoods across these five contiguous counties will unite through the lighting of luminaries at dusk (approximately 5 p.m.) on Sunday, Dec. 18. The light from 100,000 candles will be a powerful symbol of hope to families living in

violent homes and a message from community members who support the right of all families to live in peace.

The First Baptist Church, located on Hamilton Blvd. in South Plainfield will participate in the lighting on Sunday. Kits can be purchased at Twin City Pharmacy on Park Ave.

One of the largest tasks a victim of domestic violence faces is that of overcoming the change and isolation resulting from abuse, breaking the silence and reaching out for help. By participating in Communities of Light, residents will be supporting Women Aware from all of the towns in Middlesex County. They will be joined by the supporters of domestic violence prevention

in Mercer, Ocean, Somerset and Hunterdon counties who have chosen to take a public stand against domestic violence by creating a visible symbol of hope for all victims across the center of the state from the Delaware River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Proceeds from luminary sales (\$10 per kit) will benefit the organizations, ensuring that victims have a safe place to turn for shelter, counseling and support. Each luminary kit contains six candles, six white bags, sand and instructions to light approximately 100 linear feet of drive or walkway.

For information or to volunteer, contact Yvonne Hook at (732) 249-4900 or email womenaware@aol.com.

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A vehicle, driven by an 81-year-old woman ended up an embankment after being struck by another vehicle on Monday.

Confused Driver Blamed for Three Car Accident on Oak Tree Rd.

A driver who South Plainfield Police say appeared emotionally disturbed at the time, side swiped one vehicle and then hit another waiting in traffic shortly after 3 p.m. on Monday on Oak Tree Rd.

James Conroy, 47, of Piscataway was in the center lane on Oak Tree Rd. heading toward Edison, across from McDonald's, when he drove his 2005 Toyota Corolla into a stopped 2001 Buick Regal on his right. He then hit a 2001 Buick Century on the left, waiting to turn into the Oak Park Commons Shopping Center. The Regal, driven by an 81 year-old South Plainfield woman, jumped the curb and landed on the embankment in front of Buy-Rite Liquors. She received minor injuries to her face. The driver of the Century, also a Piscataway resident, along with her husband and

two young children were unharmed. According to police Conroy knew his personal information, but didn't know where he was and talked about someone chasing him. He received no injuries. The accident is still under investigation.

The accident caused a subsequent minor accident as drivers tried to avoid the scene and debris.

Residents Ask Council to Pass An Open Government Ordinance

South Plainfield residents Ken and Audrey Reisch are asking the council to introduce an ordinance which will inform residents of the various positions open for appointment in the Borough and to explain their requirements and post the information on the Borough's website. They sent their request to Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and she in turn asked the council to consider the ordinance.

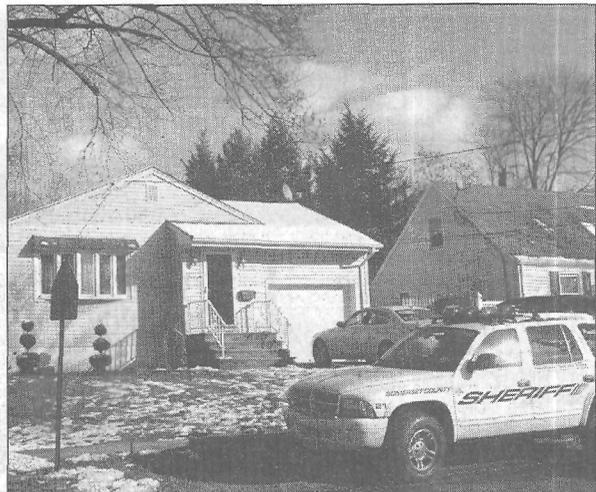
The purpose of the ordinance is to foster openness in government and give residents the information concerning the various appointed positions available in the Borough. It will

Ed Kubala is Stand-in Mayor For the Evening

Councilman Ed Kubala presided over the last council meeting of the year, sitting in for Mayor Dan Gallagher, who could not attend due to illness. Coincidentally, this was also Kubala's last meeting since his term of office will be up in January. He has served on the council for the past 12 years.

With the mayor's gavel in hand, Ed brought the meeting to order and breezed through the office portion of the meeting like a pro.

Ed wore his Santa hat during the council meeting to remind everyone of all of the holiday events planned throughout the Borough. Of course everyone knows that Kubala has been the official Borough Santa for many years. Santa will again be on hand Saturday afternoon at the Senior Center to talk to the kids and will also be arriving by fire truck at Spring Lake Park on Sunday to participate in the annual Caroling, at the Park on Sunday. After carolling, Santa will be leading the way to the Senior Center for refreshments. Everyone is invited.



The Somerset County K-9 unit sent their drug sniffing dog into the home to search for illegal substances.

South Plainfield Police Bust Local Cocaine Dealer

By Jane Dornick

A morning raid on Dec. 7 at the home of 53 year-old Cesar A. Martinez at 2813 Park Ave. yielded a large quantity of cocaine and cash.

The South Plainfield Police Dept., along with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force and Piscataway Police Dept., had been investigating Martinez for a month. Officers found one ounce of high grade cocaine, drug paraphernalia and \$21,082 in cash from drug deals.

Martinez's home is located within 1,000 feet of Kennedy Elementary School, as well as Pilgrim Covenant and St. Stephens's preschools. Because of the location, the violations will carry much stiffer penalties.

Charges pending including possession of cocaine, possession with intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is currently being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in No. Brunswick in lieu of posting \$100,000 bail.

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also explain the procedure of how to apply for these positions. Residents will be able to indicate their desire to hold certain positions and when they become available, they will be notified what action was taken.

If the ordinance is passed, residents will be able to find out what each appointed municipal position is with a brief description of the positions' powers and duties, special qualifications required, length of time, name of person currently holding the position, number of vacant seats and the date, times and frequency of any meetings the person must attend. The clerk will be required to maintain a list of all existing vacancies for each appointed position and will be available at the clerks office free of charge as well as posted in the municipal building.

The Reisch's, who moved to South Plainfield three years ago, are very active. They teach literacy at the Piscataway Library once a week and are members of a singing group which performs for seniors each Tuesday. They are also volunteers with Common Cause and have been actively involved with Pay to Play issues. They consider this ordinance as the next step

in open government.

Members of the council seemed were very receptive to their suggestion and thought it was a good idea. They will study the suggestion and probably introduce the ordinance early next year.

Ken and Audrey they felt this ordinance was just another step in opening up government to those who want to get more involved in their town.

Our Lady Of Czestochowa R.C. Church
807 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield 908-756-1333

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
5:30pm Vigil Mass (for Children)
10:00pm Night Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25 - Solemnity of Christmas
9:00am Mass at Dawn
11:00am Mass of Christmas Day

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Around Town

VFW Chicken Paprika Dinner

Friday, Dec. 16

VFW Post #6763, located on Front St., will hold a chicken paprika dinner on Friday, Dec. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost for adults is a \$7 donation and children under 12 are \$4. Take out is 50 cents extra.

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

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Breakfast with Santa at American Legion

December 18

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave. will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa from

What's happening in DECEMBER

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8 a.m. to noon. The cost for the all you can eat breakfast is \$5.

For information, call (908) 668-9414.

Elks to hold Breakfast with Santa

December 18

Bring your cameras and appetites to the Elks Lodge on New Market Ave. on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon for our annual breakfast with Santa. The all you can eat breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, eggs, coffee, tea, milk, juice and pictures with Santa. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children five to 12, under five are free.

Any questions call (908) 668-9750.

Santa's Coming to 200 Ritter Ave.

December 19

Santa is scheduled to visit 200 Ritter Ave. from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20. Come and see the Ritter house

decorations close up and visit with Santa. All are welcome.

VFW Breakfast

January 8

The South Plainfield VFW, located on Front St. will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 8 to 11 a.m. Proceeds benefit the VA Hospital at Lyons. The public is invited.

For additional information, call (908) 668-9751.

Rainbow Academy Open House

January 7

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit the needs of children ages six weeks to 7 years.

Those interested are also invited to meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For information, visit the website at www.rainbowacademy.com or call (908) 769-3224.

Elks Steak Dinner

January 7

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge on New Market Ave. will hold a steak dinner on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 4 p.m. until the steaks run out. The steak dinner is \$15 per person includes steak, salad, potato, vegetable and dessert and cash bar. Pay at the door.

For more information call Kathy Horvath (908) 754-7268.

AARP Defensive Driving Course

February 8-9

The AARP Defensive Drivers Course will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Cost is \$10, open to all legally licensed drivers.

This course will also be given at Muhlenberg Hospital on two Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must attend both sessions.

These courses involve discussion only. No driving test is given. You may earn a three-year discount on your auto insurance policy. You may remove two points off your license. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 for further information and registration.

Senior Center EVENTS

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its two candlelight Christmas Eve services at 7:30 and 11 p.m.

The church is located at 445 Plainfield Rd. in No. Edison. For more information, please call (732) 549-4178.

Woodbridge WOWs Social Dance

December 18

The Woodbridge WOWs will hold a member/guest dance-social on Sunday, Dec 18 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elks' Hall on Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Refreshments and gifts. For information, call (732) 291-1775.

Caregivers Meeting on Medicare Part D

December 21

Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County is offering a group for caregivers of the elderly on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Come join the group for an open discussion and a short seminar on Medicare Part D by Charles Clarkson, coordinator of NJ HAVE.

Please call Marnie Kean to RSVP or for further information at (732) 777-1940, ext. 121.

Starlight Socials

December 29

Starlight Socials will hold a happy hour/chat group on Thursday, Dec. 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Hourihan's on Rt. 22 East in Bridgewater.

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Nite of DooWop

February 4

The Dunellen Legion Post 119, along with the Dunellen High School Class of 2008, are sponsoring "A Nite of Doo-Wop 2005," featuring Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge and The Duprees will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theatre, in Branchburg.

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Blackrose to Perform

December 17

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Tim Kerwins, located on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Edison Symphony Holiday Concert

December 17

The Edison Arts Society will present the Edison Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Middlesex County College Performing Arts Center in Edison.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Edison Arts Society for \$35 adults/\$20 students. Group rates available. Call (908)753-2787 to reserve seats.

Oak Tree Presbyterian Events

December 18

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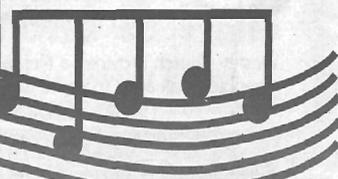
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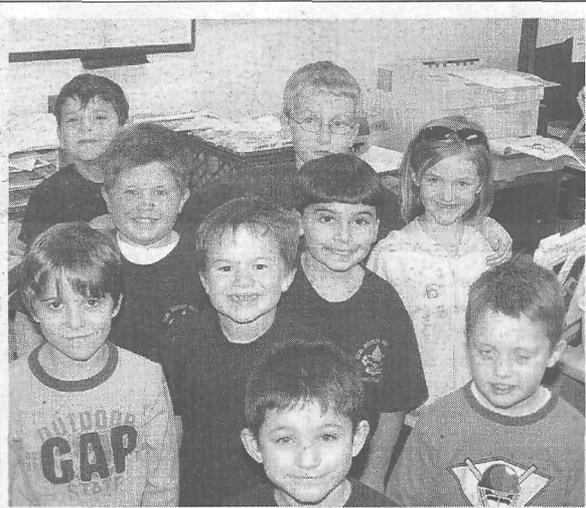
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Tiger Cub Scouts from Pack 324, Kennedy School visited the South Plainfield Observer on Monday to earn a badge. Pictured in the back row are: Douglas Veit, Gregory Forbes. In the middle row: Zachary Wolpin, Liam Nagel, Michael Lampasona, Claire Nagel. In the front row: Owen Sprigle, Troy Harzula and Connor Wolpin.

Girl Scout Camp Hoover Work Weekend On Tap

Camp Lou Henry Hoover, the summer resident camp of Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council Inc. (GSWRC) is holding its annual Work Weekend March 17-19. Volunteers are currently being sought to come work at the 340-acre camp nestled in the hills of Sussex County.

Volunteers are needed in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, maintenance and electrical work. Volunteers interested in tree clearing, cleanup and tagging trails, painting, cleaning cabins, taking inventory and making small repairs are also essential to maintaining the camp. Volunteers can be Girl Scouts, friends, family members, or

just nice people willing to help for the weekend or the day. Lunch and dinner will be provided Saturday night in the dining hall.

For further information, please contact Colleen Hay at council headquarters at (908) 232-3236 ext. 1213, chay@gswrc.com.

Founded in 1957, GSWRC proudly serves nearly 11,000 girls and adults in 24 communities in a three-county area. The council headquarters and adjoining full service shop are located at 201 Grove Street East in Westfield. Be sure to visit the council's home in cyberspace at www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

Sen. Buono Receives the "Hands of Humanity" Award From JFVS

The Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County (JFVS) recently held their 25th Silver Anniversary Gala Reception where Senator Barbara Buono was honored for her outstanding work and commitment to our community. In honor of Senator Buono's service the Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County presented Senator Buono with the "Hands of Humanity" award. In the past 25 years this award has only been presented to two other recipients, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg and Judge Harriet Deman.

"I am deeply grateful and humbled by this recognition," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex. "I commend the JFVS for being in the forefront of providing direct human services across Middlesex County for the past 25 years. The JFVS has honorably served our community by running programs such as vocational training, elder care, youth support groups, services for victims of 9/11 and so much more."

The JFVS Gala Reception was a celebration marking 25 years of community service. As the community has grown so has the JFVS which began by providing traditional counseling services to individuals and families and now runs 20 different programs which help address the needs of the

community. Since its establishment, the JFVS has become a major provider of direct human services within Middlesex County. JFVS receives referrals from schools, police departments, the United Way, clergy, community mental health agencies, local

doctors and lawyers.

"I would like to state my strong support for the JFVS and the important work they are doing on behalf of the residents of Middlesex County," added Senator Buono. "I look forward to working with the JFVS."



John Roesch and Rocco Severini are perform in Edison Valley Playhouse's "A Christmas Carol."

Local Youths Appear in "A Christmas Carol"

Don't miss South Plainfield residents Rocco Severini and John Roesch in the Edison Valley Playhouse production of "A Christmas Carol." The Dickens classic is adapted by Michael Paller and directed by Bill Seesselberg of South Plainfield.

The final performances will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16, and

17 at 8 p.m. The newly renovated Edison Valley Playhouse is located on the corner of Oak Tree Rd and Woodland Ave. in Edison.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

For more information and reservations, go to www.evplayhouse.com, or call (908) 755-4654.

Attention Seniors On Medicare

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE
December 9, 2005
Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on December 8, 2005.

A. Case #33-01-Elite Landscaping. Block 307; Lots 3, 4 & 5; Roosevelt Avenue & Sage Street. The applicant's request for an expanded use variance together w/preliminary & final site plan approval & waivers was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #61-05/S/U-Scott Delvecchio. Block 535; Lot 10.01; 2801 Summit Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance to conduct a landscape contractor's storage yard, bulk variances, side yard setbacks, a variance for the number of parking spaces, the continuation of non-conforming conditions for lot area, lot width & a front yard setback for a principal structure together w/waivers & preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

C. Case #69-05/S/V-New Cingular Wireless. Block 528.01; Lot 48.01; 4000 Hadley Road. The applicant's request for the height variance, other variances & site plan relief in order to construct (9) antennae @ a height of 127 ft. on an existing monopole together w/(5) ground level equipment cabinets was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

D. Case #72-05-Vittorio Ravi, Jr. Block 167; Lot 34; 586 Franklin Avenue. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance in order to construct a dormer measuring 19 ft. by 30 ft. & w/a 5.6 ft. westerly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

E. Case #73-05-Luis M. Diaz. Block 35; Lot 12; 1428 Kenyon Avenue. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance in order to construct a 2nd floor add-a-level measuring 24.5 ft. by 30 ft. & w/a 5.4 ft. southerly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED subject to (3) voluntary conditions.

F. Case #76-05-David DeLair. Block 79; Lot 14; 517 E. Crescent Pkwy. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance in order to construct an attached garage measuring 10.6 ft. in width by 20 ft. in length & w/a 4.8 ft. westerly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Secretary-Board of Adjustment

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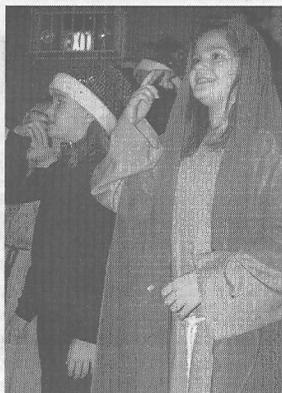
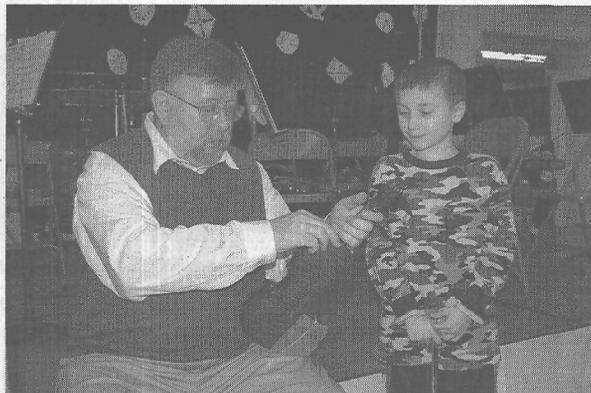
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John E. Riley, Franklin Schools Celebrate Season with Song

By Patricia Abbott

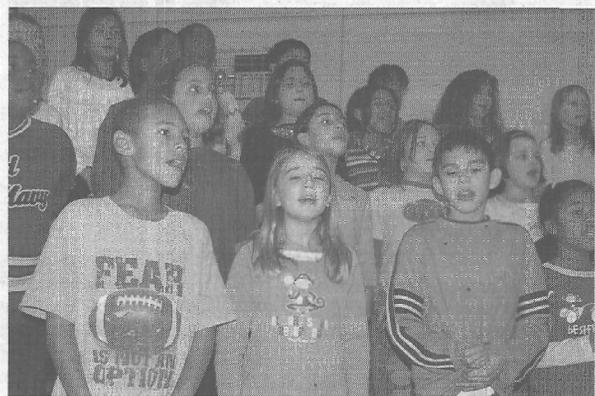
It's holiday concert season! Weeks of practice by the schools choral groups, orchestras and bands have come to an end. The youths are proudly presenting their productions to family, friends and classmates.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, John E. Riley School offered their holiday production in the form of a short musical.

The program set the scene for the show, "The play takes place on a rooftop with several chimneys. A group of chimney sweeps moves from rooftop to rooftop cleaning chimneys before the hard winter sets in. As they move from chimney to chimney, home to home, they share the stories of the many ways that people celebrate the winter holidays, from the traditional Hanukkah celebration

and traditional Christmas story to Santa, Las Posadas and Kwanzaa." The show was directed by Mrs. Gumina, Mrs. Gurske and Mrs. Zablocki. Portions of the Riley program will be performed at next Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

Franklin held their concert on Monday, Dec. 12. The program opened with the Bell Carol by fourth grade LAMP students, directed by Glenn Parisi. They were followed by the orchestra, directed by Bruce Mikolon and the chorus, directed by Parisi with Patricia Landy as accompanist.



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4-H offers learning and fun for youth in a variety of project areas from animals, to dance, to leadership. The 4-H program is centered on experience. It is education for life. 4-H gives youth an opportunity to experience a sense of accomplishment and success, key ingredients to gaining a sense of self-esteem.

Attendance at the 4-H awards program is by reservation only. Please mail or fax a response (732) 398 5276, including name, publication name, number attending, phone number and e-mail address, to the Middlesex County 4-H office. Or e-mail david.smela@co.middlesex.nj.us.

The afternoon's theme will be "East Meets West." The 4-H Association and Teen Council will make hors d'oeuvres and desserts available. Attire for the event is dressy casual (no jeans or sweats please). So come out to the 4-H Center on the corner of Cranbury and Fern roads in East Brunswick.

If you'd like more information, please contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 398-5264.

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Madison Miller, Grant School Fifth Grader, Named This Week's "Junior Journalist"



Principal Leo Whalen, Madison Miller and teacher Lynn Reebe.

Madison Miller, Grant School fifth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "All Mixed Up," has won her dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal, Hometown Heros located on Hamilton Blvd. or the Observer office.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year end banquet.

For more information, call the Observer at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

All Mixed Up By Madison Miller

Time goes by, and I grow up,
But guess what? I'm mixed up.
Growth is like a butterfly,
Soaring through the air, But no where to go.
I'm stuck in a corner, Don't know what to do.
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I need to see my shining light, To lead me to understand.

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Student Council Officers Describe SPHS Activities

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education policy is to start its regular meeting with a student presentation. South Plainfield High School was featured for the month of November with SPHS seniors, Rotary Student of the Month Awardees and Student Council officers Katie Pollak, Gina Severini and Krystal Williams describing the many varied opportunities that the SPHS provides in academics, activities, arts and athletics.

Krystal Williams, a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Vice President of the Executive Board of the Student Council described Freshman orientation in August. The Freshmen were divided into small groups and introduced to two seniors who spoke about every aspect of SPHS and how important it was for Freshman to take their studies and the attendance policy seriously. They also stressed the importance of becoming involved in school activities and athletics. Williams, a member of Peer Leadership Club, spoke of their activity to adopt families for the holidays and to provide necessities and gifts for them. Williams also spoke of collecting packaging and shipping \$15,000 worth of school supplies to student victims of Katrina.

Katie Pollock, student council executive board president, spoke of the three elections in September, one for Freshmen class officers, the second for representatives for student council and the third for homecoming events. A four year member of the Marching Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band, Pollock noted the band had been in a new USDA circuit this year and appeared in competition. There will soon be a competition for Jazz Band. She also spoke of the many activities of the selective Jades, Emeralds and Traveling choir and noted in addition to the spring musical, *Thirteen Past Midnight*, pre-

sented on Dec. 2, 3 and 4.

Gina Severini, student council secretary, co-president of SPHS Student Leaders and dance captain of Spotlight on Dance Competition Team, spoke of the number of many sport programs with 370 female and 395 males involved in athletics, or 68% of the SPHS population. She spoke of the tutoring offered by members of the Honor Society and the opportunity on Thursdays for help for beginning students in Spanish from members of

the Spanish Honor Society, either before school at 7:30 a.m. or after school at 2:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club awarded Katie Pollock and Eric Reiner September Student of the Month. Gina Severini and Krystal Williams were Rotary Student of the Month in October and Shaunique Cisson and Courtney Sacco are Rotary Student of the month for November. The awards are solely based on their volunteer activities in the community.



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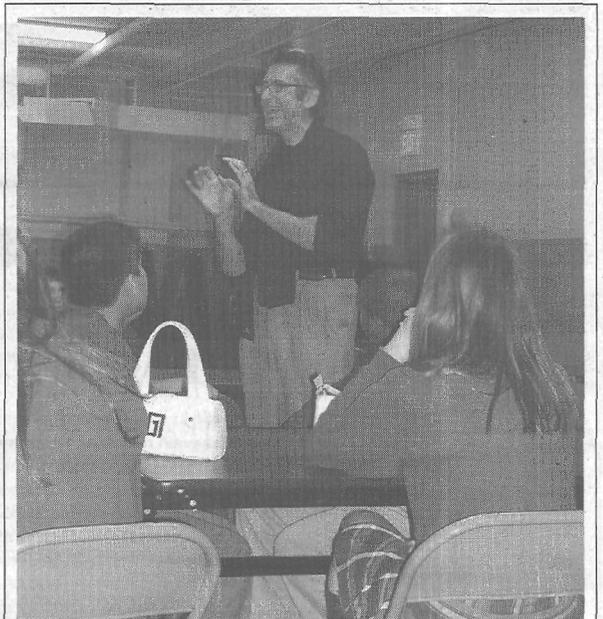
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Sports

Wrestling - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Wrestlers Compete in Phillipsburg

By Bob Hunter

The Middle School wrestling team had a good day at a quad match held in Phillipsburg this past weekend. They defeated Flemington 43-38 and Newton 54-31, but lost a heartbreaker to Phillipsburg 44-39.

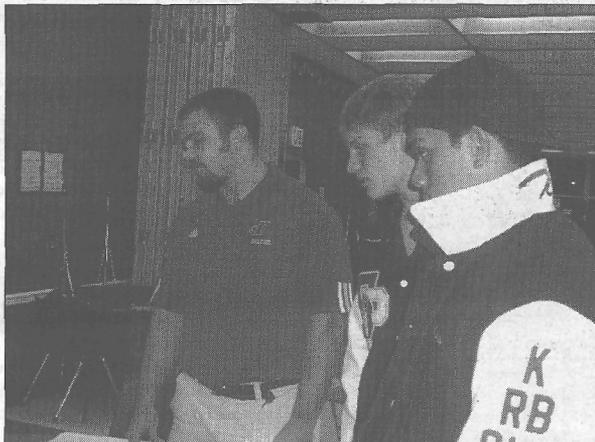
In the Flemington match, Tyler Hunt, Richie Szeliga and John Wylam had big pins for the Tigers. Kyle Hughes won by a tech fall and Mike Wagner had a 17-7 win over Jerry Somma. Ryan Sacco won by a 10-0 major decision over Brian Bistis.

In the Newton match, the Tigers came out in high gear getting a big pin from Andrew Sanchez in the first period. Also getting pins were Tyler Hunt, Richie Szeliga, Nick Heilmann and Kyle Hughes. Bobby Sacks lost a rough match at heavyweight 9-8.

The Tigers were in a battle with Phillipsburg with the score going back and forth, but the Liners held on for the win. Tyler Hunt was bumped up

to wrestle in the 80 pound spot and got a huge pin to get the Tigers back into the match. Nick Heilmann was on a mission, mauling his opponent before pinning him in the third period. Ryan Sacco showed a lot of heart wrestling for the team with an injured hand and went on to win by major decision 15-4. John Wylam kept things going with a tech fall. Mike Wagner also bumped up a couple of weight classes and got another big pin. Billy Whitefleet and Bobby Sacks closed the match with falls. Also wrestling tough in losing efforts were Ryan Billich, who was out weighed. Corey Hay wrestling up at 124, lost a close 8-6 decision. Missing from the lineup was Joey Vetuschi, who would have won his match. Then we would have had everyone were they were suppose to be noted Coach Kevin Hajduk.

We also don't have anybody to wrestle at 80 pounds, which makes it hard to give up six points every match.



Jamar Beverly and Mike Jakubik with assistant football coach Bob Ziegler of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. watch football plays on a laptop. The fair was held to bring college coaches into contact with student athletes for possible recruitment.

SPHS Hosts Football College Fair

By Libby Barsky

South Plainfield hosted the GMC Football College Fair, where coaches from 26 colleges met with student athletes at South Plainfield High School.

The Football College Fair had been hosted for many years by Piscataway High School, but ended when their football coach retired. SPHS Football Head Coach Phil McGuane revived the Football College Fair last January, encouraging college football coaches in and out of state to come to South Plainfield High School to meet and recruit high school players. This year the fair was moved to December and more colleges were represented.

The high school athletes who learned of the fair through their coaches and through e-mail came from schools throughout the state—including those in Ocean, Monmouth, Somerset and Hunterdon counties.

"It's a great thing that they are doing for the athletes today both academic wise and athletic wise," said Gary Smith captain of the SPHS football team. All these guys are athletes and they get a good look around at all kinds of schools. I'm looking at what school fits me the best—I'm interested in marketing and advertising—and what coaches I like. I want to go out

of state to the college that has the best program for me."

Everyone who came to the Fair registered initially with SPHS Assistant Football Coach Joe Cirigliano. There were two cafeteria areas with 15 tables set up in each. Each college representative was given a table to set up their materials and put up their sign. Many student athletes buzzed around the tables, filling out the college forms with their personal information, SAT scores and what positions they had held on their team.

"Judging from the number of people who came tonight, I expect we'll need more tables and see even more people here next year," predicted South Plainfield High School Principal Dr. Ken May.

SPHS Bowling

By RALPH FECH

Lady Tigers Finish 8th in Westfield

The girls bowling team kept up a steady pace as they posted games of 717-722-749 for a 2,238 series at Jersey Lanes in Linden. The Westfield tournament honors former Summit coach, Warren Wheeler, and attracts teams from throughout the state who are of championship caliber. Beverly Jamieson took scoring honors for the Tigers as she rolled 167-206-193 and a 566 set, teammates Angelique Rualo 150-174-158—482, Jackie Kukuch 160—143 set also paced the Tigers. Lindsay Murtagh chipped in with a 157 game. Woodbridge won the event followed by GMC rivals Carteret and Bishop Ahr.

Genova, Dandola Lead Tigers to 18th Place Finish

Vin Genova crushed the pocket for 243-177-170 and 590 set as freshman Mike Dandola added a big 255 game and 556 set in the 27 team field of the Westfield Invitational at Jersey Lanes. The Tigers rolled games of 863 to 826 to 915 for a 26-04 series. Brett Morris chipped in with games of 182-180 and Jeff Pryor a 191 game. Woodbridge took home the trophy with an outstanding performance with GMC rival St. Joseph's close behind.

Wrestling SPHS

Tigers to Kickoff with Morris Knolls Tournament

By Bob Hunter

The Tigers will kickoff they're wrestling season with the Morris Knolls Tournament this Saturday at the Morris Knolls High School 50 Knoll Drive in Rockaway, NJ. Teams from Hackettstown, Wallkill Valley, Morris Hills and Bogota to mention a few will try to dethrone the Tigers as Tournament Champions.

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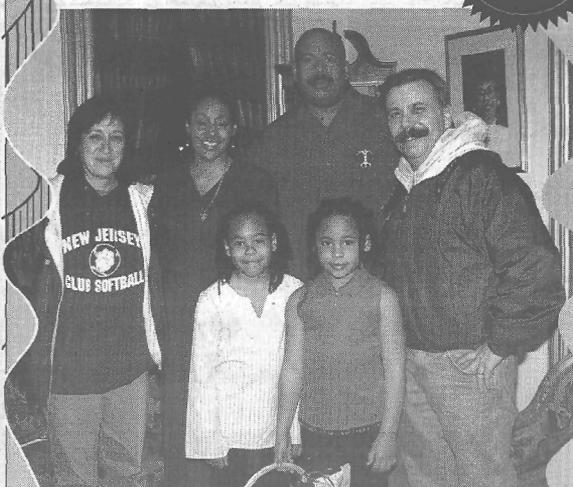
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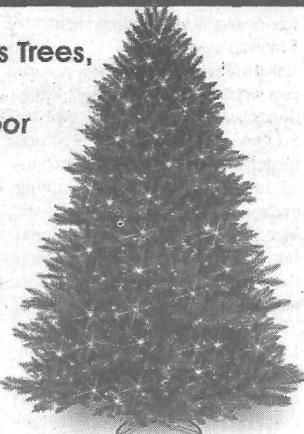


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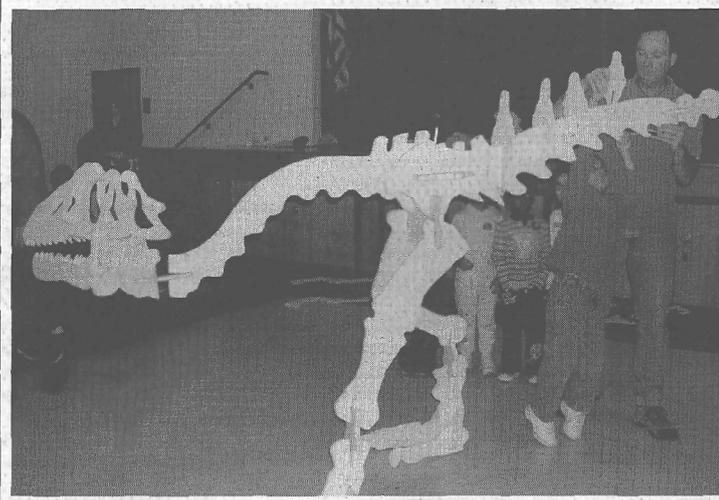
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From the South Plainfield Library
Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

So, what exactly are the 12 days of Christmas? How would you keep the partridge in the pear tree long enough to give it away? What would it cost to hire eight maids-a-milking, and would that include the cows, as well? Unfortunately, this column doesn't have the answers to those questions, but it does have news from the South Plainfield Library.

First of all, be advised that the library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, for Christmas Eve and on Sunday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas Day. (Monday also being the first day Hanukkah, the first day of Kwanzaa and Boxing Day, besides.) Then, we'll be closed on Saturday, Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve and on Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's Day. Adjust your calendars accordingly, please.

Next week, we'll follow our usual schedule of children's programming. Our Storytime programs, for children ages three and over, will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Our "Time for 2's & 3's" programs, for children ages two and three, will be held on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday evening at 6:30. And the "Books-N-Babies" program, for children up to age three, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. You don't need to register for these programs. If you'd like

more information, please call us and ask for Miss Linda.

So, looking for a Holiday gift in a hurry? We may just be able to help. We're having a bit of a clearance sale on library merchandise. Specifically, we have library tote bags, both small and large, for \$7 and \$10 each, respectively. We also have some Summer Reading t-shirts left for \$5 each. Be sure to stop by and see what's available.

Here's some advance word on an upcoming program: Our next "Practical Crafting" program is set for Monday, Jan. 9. Instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead students in making "Canned Bracelets," using polymer clay. There will be two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There's a materials fee of \$2, payable upon registration.

Here's a winter advisory, sort of: You may notice in the coming days that our semi-automatic doors don't always work. More often than not, this isn't due to a mechanical fault. Actually, it's due to comfort and economics. You see, depending on how long and often you or your eager kids push the button for the doors, they stay open for a pretty long time. This can allow cold air (sometimes, veeeerrryyy cold air) to blow into the building. This can cause discomfort for our staff and patrons and higher heating bills for the Library, as our climate control system tries to compensate. So, until the weather warms up, be prepared to open the doors manually (pull to enter, push to exit). If you need assistance, a staff member will help you. As always, thanks for your consideration with this.

That's all for now. For more details, visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or call us at (908) 754-7885. See you next Friday.

By the way, does it matter where those swans are a-swimming? Would a kiddie pool be OK, or does it have to be a lake or pond?

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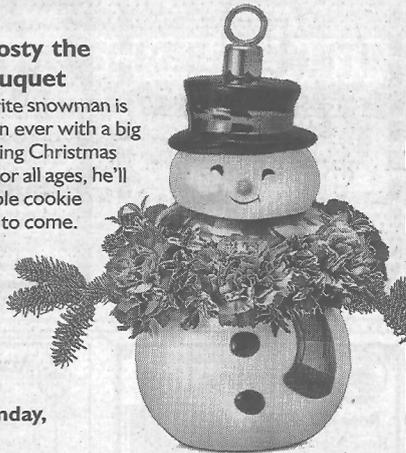
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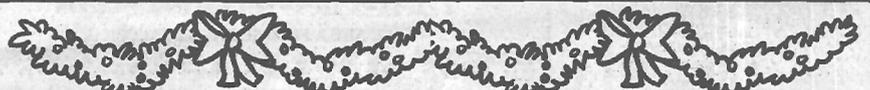
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Grant Students Learn About Diversity



By Jane Dornick

Bruce Segal of Bruce Segal Assemblies brought his 'Celebrating America's Multicultural Heritage' program to Grant School recently.

The show began with Segal changing from his street clothes into peasant garb worn by his grandparents in the Ukraine, stressing that at some point in time all of our families had migrated to North America.

A slide presentation by Segal focused on the five main groups living in the United States: African, Asian, European, Latino and Native. He depicted how each culture came to settle here, the contributions made by each group and explained intolerance and what happens when cultures can't get along.

Students were chosen from the audience and given a piece of clothing and instrument symbolic of a culture and were instructed to play along with an African rhythm.

The program ended with the presenter asking students what country they, or their ancestors were from. Segal commented at the end of the show how surprised he was that there was such a diverse background of children attending Grant School.

policereport

- On Dec. 6 Darrell Lonzell Counts, 37, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, failure to exhibit documents and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

- An employee of Tramontano and Sons on South Clinton Ave. reported that the two driver's side doors of his vehicle had been keyed.

- A W. Crescent Parkway resident reported that half of his gate had been bent and the hinges broken.

- A Fairmount Ave. resident reported that two of their blow-up Christmas decorations had been slashed.

- On Dec. 7 an Oak Tree Ave. resident reported the theft of his unlocked bike from in front of Drug Fair.

- A Babes Dr. resident reported the theft of his locked bike from in front of Drug Fair. The lock had been cut.

- On Dec. 8 Jondelle C. Bennette, 26, of Plainfield was arrested for driv-

ing on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

- Mikell Love, 44, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, no registration and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

- On Dec. 10 James L. Douglas, 48, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident, no licence and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle accident.

- Al Dente Truck Repair on Tyler Pl. reported the theft of a drivers side door, a passenger side mirror and an overhead dashboard with a radio from a 1989 Mack truck.

- On Dec. 12 a Philadelphia, Pa. resident reported that the driver side rear window of his 2003 Ford had been smashed out while parked at Best Western. A CD case with 30 CDs was taken.

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Cancer Awareness Coalition Seeks Memberships

The Middlesex County Community Cancer Awareness Coalition is interested in expanding its membership, particularly to cancer survivors and other health care professionals. The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2005, at St. Peter's University Hospital, CARES Building, 3rd Floor, 254 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Interested persons should call Connie Menafro at (732) 745-3127. A continental breakfast will be served.

Members will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss options to increase cancer awareness and access for can-

cer preventive services and treatment for Middlesex County residents.

The Coalition, which is sponsored by the Middlesex County Public Health Department through funding from the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services, is comprised of the NJ Cancer Education and Early Detection (CEED) program, healthcare providers, other service providers, civic and community organizations, community participants, minority and aged advocacy groups, cancer survivors and other interested parties.

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Obituaries

Louise (Del Negro) Jeavettorea

Louise (Del Negro) Jeavettorea died on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York City, Louise lived in South Plainfield for the past 83 years.

A member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, Mrs. Jeavettorea worked as a dressmaker for more than 20 years. She also enjoyed working in her flower garden.

She is pre-deceased by her husband, Anthony, who died in 1985 and by four brothers, Peter, Joseph, Lawrence and Marshall Del Negro.

Surviving are her daughter Rosemarie Jeavettorea of South Plainfield; two sisters, Connie Pisanelli and Sally Del Negro, both of South Plainfield and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, New Jersey, 08902.

Thomas J. Stoeckel, 58

Thomas J. Stoeckel died on Thursday, Dec. 8 at his home, following a long illness.

Born to John and Ellen Stoeckel on Feb. 18, 1947 in Newark, his family moved to South Plainfield when he was a small child and he has lived here

for most of his life.

While growing up, he was active in the youth sports programs in South Plainfield including Jr. Baseball, basketball and scouting.

Tommy was a graduate of the South Plainfield High School Class of 1965. He entered Moorehead State College in Kentucky where, in 1969, he graduated earning his Bachelor's Degree in business administration.

For the past 30 years he worked for Panasonic, Inc. of Secaucus. At the time of his retirement earlier this year, he was the credit manager for the company. In past years he had played on the company softball team.

He was devoted to his family, especially his wife, children and all of his nieces and nephews. Tommy was an avid bowler and had bowled in various leagues in the area for many years. Most recently he was in the South Plainfield monthly mixed league at Brunswick Lanes in Edison. He was a long-time Yankee, Giants and Devils fan and he loved roller coaster riding. He had visited numerous roller coaster attractions in various parts of the country.

Surviving are his wife of 18 years, Robyn (Eld) Stoeckel; a son, Christopher T. Stoeckel and two daughters, Nichole E. and Michelle L., all at home. He also leaves four brothers and sisters-in-law, John R. and Joan Stoeckel of Hamilton Square, Richard A. and Karen Stoeckel and James E. and Annmarie Stoeckel, both of South Plainfield and Robert J. and Rina Stoeckel of Branchburg; a mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carl and Rowena Eld of Belvidere, Ill., six

brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lisa and Larry Hornbrook, Tracey and John MacKay and Brian and Donna Eld, all of Illinois; an uncle, Rudolph Fischer of Edison and 17 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Johns Hopkins University, c/o Ralph H. Hruban, MD, Johns Hopkins Medical Institution, 401 No. Broadway, Weinberg 2242, Baltimore, MD 21231.

Anna Roig Hartshorn Palumbo, 74

Anna Roig Hartshorn Palumbo was called home to be with our Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Atlantic City Medical Center.

The daughter of the late Nina and Casimiro Roig, who migrated to Spain to escape the Great Depression in the US only to find themselves in the midst of the Spanish Civil War and then were evacuated by the US Navy and safely returned to the US. Anna was born in Mt. Kisko, NY. She grew up in South Plainfield and then lived in Piscataway for 40 years, until returning to South Plainfield six years ago.

She was employed for over 30 years as a billing clerk with Moores Trucking, Mclean Trucking, Smith's Transfer and retiring in 1995 from Consolidated Freightways here in South Plainfield.

Surviving are her loving husband, Thomas Palumbo; two sons, Robert Hartshorn and his wife Marilyn of Branchburg, Brian Hartshorn of South Plainfield and Wayne Hartshorn and his wife Marie of South Brunswick; a daughter, Suzanne Andreola and her husband Wayne of Middlesex; two step-daughters, Lisa Terraglia of Fla. and Kathy Pascucci of Metuchen; a step-son, Darren Palumbo of Fla. and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.



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