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When The Blind Leadeth The Blind... Get Out Of The Way!

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Spring Hill Civic League Mission Statement

With a continuing goal of community strength and enrichment, and encouraging the participation of all community residents and business leaders, The Spring Hill Civic League accepts as its defining mission the responsibility to serve its neighborhood by assisting in the achievement of its many common goals

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Newsletter

Please submit articles for the
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Mail to:

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

Monday, March 1st, 7PM at the Spring Hill Elementary School auditorium. Agenda includes the usage of the WBU property.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

On October 28, 2003, Ed Vogel went to his eternal reward. Ed was a loyal and dedicated board member of the Spring Hill Senior Citizens. He never refused any task and performed with a willing and cheerful heart that was deeply appreciated by the organization he served. He truly was a Community Champion and will be sadly missed by all of us.

Ann Schad,
President
Spring Hill Senior Citizens

**A special Thank
You to Allegheny
Print Shop
for printing our
newsletter**

*From The Desk
of The President...*

"You see, George, you've really had a wonderful life..."
Clarence Oddbody, Angel 2nd class from "It's a Wonderful Life"

As you may have guessed, I just finished watching "**It's A Wonderful Life**" for the umpteenth time. It is one of my favorite movies with a message that resonates each time I view it because it is truly difficult to see the effect that our lives have on those around us.

I am always impressed by the contrast of the town and the people's behavior without George Bailey's influence. From the prosperous town of Bedford Falls to the vice-filled enclave of Pottersville, the movie demonstrates the biblical proverb "evil prevails when good men do nothing".

I compare our small urban community to Bedford Falls. Like George Bailey, many of us put aside our own interests to assist our neighbors and friends. Like Bedford Falls, our small urban community exists without the bells and whistles that others use to attract people, and is simply is a bedroom community where people know their neighbor and keep a watchful eye. Do we have vice? Of course; it is a given in our deteriorated society, but remember the proverb...

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THERE IS NO ME WITHOUT YOU

By Eddie Vogel

I feel so lonely without you
And I know you feel it too,
The reason that I'm so unhappy
There is no me without you.

There is no rose without the flower
There is no fog without the dew
There is no morning without the sunshine
And there is no me without you.

There is no tree without the leaves, dear,
There is no sky without the blue
There is no evening without the sunset
And there is no me without you.

There is no love without a lover
There is just one for me, that's true,
There is no river without the water
And there is no me without you.

The family of Edward Vogel would like to thank all of you for your sincere expressions of sympathy. Eddie was my life. We grew up together, we grew old together, and we will spend eternity together. We all miss him terribly.

His wife, Jean, and our three sons Eddie, Kenny, and Billy.

Rescue! Rescue Street

The property where the former WBU Club was located needs the neighborhood's support. Are you interested in seeing the property at 1307 Rescue Street restored to a place where you could take your family to dine, bowl, and enjoy banquets, weddings, or more? We are looking to do just that; we are hoping to do an extensive renovation of this building while capturing its original appearance. It will also include a redesigned, well-lit parking lot (able to hold double the capacity of the former lot), beautifully landscaped with a privacy fence. Reopening a place like this can give the local residents a place to go for great family fun and entertainment. We were hoping for support from the community or some suggestions. You can mail your suggestions or ideas to:

Rescue! Rescue Street
C/o Guy Schutzeus
50 South 7th Street
Pgh. PA 15203
Or

e-mail your comments to:
teamcons@telerama.com

In Memory of
Ed Vogel

Until we meet again...

Diane Schmitt

**WHERE PEACEFUL
WATERS FLOW**

Come, my child, let's take a
walk
Along the peaceful shore
There's something there you
have to see
That you've never seen before

No need to worry, no need to
fear
I'm walking by your side,
I'm right here with my
outstretched arms
And they're open, oh so wide

I'll hold you and I'll comfort you
I'll shower you with My love,
Listen to the Comforter
Who came from up above

He'll never leave you all alone
Of this you can be sure,
You have the ability to
OVERCOME
You simply must **ENDURE**

Come on My child, just walk
with Me
I would not steer you wrong
I'm teaching you to **TRUST** in
Me
For in Me, **YOU** will be
STRONG

Come on My child, come walk
with Me
Where peaceful waters flow
Cast **ALL** your cares, down at
My feet
My **GRACE** to you I'll show

By Margie Epps

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!



Welcome to the following
neighbors who have recently
moved into the community:

- Ian Miller** of Homer St.
- Nicholas & Jeanine Scigliano** of Romanhoff St.
- Mandy Graff** of Rockledge St.

If you would like to welcome a
neighbor on your street, submit
the announcement for publication
to Spring Hill/Cityview Time editor,
Jean Vogel, using the contact
information found on the front
page of the newsletter.

New neighbors, if you would like
to be informed of meetings and
other community information via
e-mail, please contact Diane
Schmitt, President at
schmittdl@stargate.net. We look
forward to hearing from you!

GET WELL WISHES

- To **Gary Freiss** of Lappe Lane
after his November surgery...
- To **Dennis Schmitt** of Yetta
Ave. after an accident and
hospitalization in November...
- To **Terri Mania** after an early
December hospitalization...



**OUR DEEPEST
SYMPATHY...**

To Jean Vogel and her children
and to Lois Tacey on the passing
of **Ed Vogel** of Itin St in late
October. Ed was a faithful director
of the Spring Hill Civic League
since 1997, a director of the
Spring Hill Senior Citizens group,
and a past member of Springview
Athletic Association. Together, he
and his wife Jean developed the
Spring Hill/Cityview Times from a
2-page newsletter to the
publication it is today...

To the **Daum** family on the mid-
October passing of brother
Howard of Reserve Twp...

To the family and friends of **Bryan
Cruz** of Harbor St. on his untimely
passing in mid-November...

To **Ray & Helen Gerst** of Homer
St. and the other members of the
Gerst family on the passing of
Donald Gerst of Admiral St. at the
end of December.



It's a Boy!



Congratulations to **Jim & Lois
Hurray** of Damas St. on the birth
of their new grandson, Carson.
Carson was born on November 22
to their daughter, Sherry Dominek,
her husband, Chip, & and joins
sister, Maleena at home.

I REMEMBER ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL...

Why is it, as we grow older, that we can remember so many things from our youth, but can't remember what we had for breakfast? Well, I vividly recall two incidents when I attended St. Ambrose School (which I loved and of which I was very proud). We really did get a good education from the Divine Providence nuns, whom I liked (most of them, anyway!).

I was about two or three months into the first grade, and we were standing in line to go home for lunch. Yes, we did that in those days. Of course, there was no talking, which certainly did not apply to me because I could not keep my mouth shut for longer than two minutes (still can't). Besides, everything I had to say was always very important.

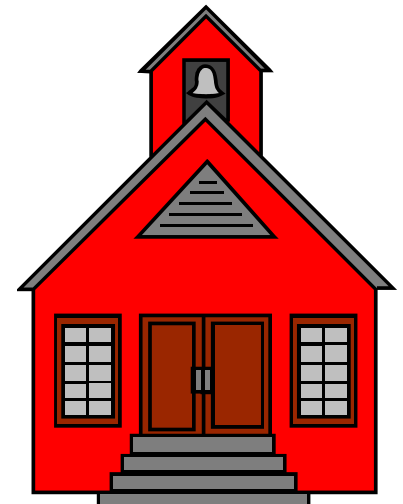
So, I was talking to my girlfriend, Lilly, when Sister Amelia saw me and asked if I wouldn't like to share with the rest of the class what I had to say. "Oh, yes", I happily replied, "I would like to become a nun when I grow up." She said, with a smile on her face, "How nice, and why do you want to be a nun?" Now, either in innocence or stupidity, I replied, "So I can smack the kids around". Thank God, the bell rang, and I proudly pranced pass her as she stood there with a blank look on her face and her mouth hanging open.

An outstanding memory is of Sister Mathia who had piercing, brown eyes and always had her arms folded. Come to think of it, she had us marching around that school in such precision time that the Gestapo would have been jealous!

Now I am in the second grade. We attended Mass every morning, and the goal was to sit directly in front of Sister because you got the important mission. She would poke you in the back to go and tell whoever was misbehaving to "stop it and kneel up straight". I thought this was a great duty. So one morning, we marched into church with Sister a little behind us, and lo and behold, my cousin, Eleanor, wouldn't go into the pew first. I pushed her, and she pushed back, and before I knew it, we were fist-fighting in the aisle. All of the sudden, I looked up and saw Sister Pious coming down the aisle so fast, I thought she was on roller skates. Her veil was flying out further than I had ever seen it, certainly further than the Flying Nun's on TV. I flew into the pew like someone shot me out of a cannon! I never moved during the whole Mass except for my shivering, and I prayed that I wouldn't get "smacked around" when we got back to the classroom. Sister Pious was a saint in my eyes because all I got was a good tongue-lashing.

Sometimes I wonder how I ever got through eighth grade, because, believe me, there were many more faux pas to follow!

Jean Miller
Harbor St.



SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

With winter weather here, snow removal is a chore with which older residents have difficulty. If you find yourself in need of someone to shovel your walkway, please contact Diane Schmitt at 412-231-7948 or schmittdl@stargate.net for referrals.

****Remember that the city allows only 24 hours to clear your sidewalk before you can be cited for unsafe conditions****

Make A Difference

Meals On Wheels is a program that provides hot, nutritious meals for house-bound elderly and disabled people. The Tri- Hill Valley Meals on Wheels Program, run from St. Michael's Lutheran Church on Spring Garden Ave., is the provider of that service for our local area. Currently, they are in desperate need of driver/delivery people and other volunteers to serve the 125 Troy Hill, Spring Hill, Spring Garden, and other North Side clients for whom they provide meals on weekdays. Please call Sylvia Lynn, Volunteer Coordinator, at 412-366-9490 for more information on serving a day or two a week and **please**, share this information with your neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

Found on a tombstone in England:

*Remember man, as you walk by, as you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, you soon will be.
Prepare yourself and follow me.*

From The Desk of the President...

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As we begin 2004, there is work to be done in our community. As always, we will tackle beautification projects in the spring and plan community events for the year. We will continue to address blighted housing and will work toward a meaningful process to gain better control over this issue. We will continue to monitor criminal activity in our community and work with law enforcement to rid ourselves of this element. We will continue the work before us to grow together and to live in the awareness of being neighbors who do care for one another and for the community in which we live.

Come, join in the task of improving our community and being a good neighbor. You will find that it really is a wonderful life!

A blessed and healthy New Year to you and yours...

Diane Schmitt,
President



Roses



I would rather have one little rose
From the garden of a friend,
Than to have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth must end.
I would rather have a pleasant word
In kindness said to me,
Than flattery when my heart is still
And life has ceased to be.
I would rather have a loving smile
From friends I know are true,
Than tears shed 'round my casket
When to this world I bid adieu.
Bring me all your flowers today
Whether pink, or white, or red;
I'd rather have one blossom now
Than a truckload when I'm dead.

Submitted by: Sheila Fishel & Bea Fohl
(Author unknown)

I REMEMBER ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL...

Allegheny's old side, dark red brick, squatted, squinting through monotonous square windows at #12 Police Station. The other side, new, white, stylish, and housing a state-of-the-art gymnasium, nestled next its campus, West Park, where students were free to roam during the three brief lunch periods. Inside, bridges of halls and stairwells joined the two; traffic flowed to the sound of a bell every fifty minutes. It was a hike from Spring Hill, especially in winter when the wind howls up North Avenue, but Allegheny High was both schooling and fun.

Your memories differ and deserve your taking time to write about them, but I began in the first floor room across from #12 with Miss Solberg who taught me to write a unified paragraph. Across the hall stood Mr. Emminger, who loved airplanes and showed his students how to build and even how to design models. Miss Boss gave detailed lectures on ancient history in the very next room, and I think "Cork-Arm McCurdy, who wrote the text, taught Geometry on the same level. Above on the second floor was Mr. Thorn, Social Studies, and above him Louis Hole, Chemistry. Both were co-ed teasers who loved to teach on the border of what then would have been considered lascivious. "Was that you parked in my drive last night and was it fun?" Louis actually held unannounced "question days", write it without signature, pass it in, and he would answer it. No, never learned much chemistry, but the atmosphere at times was scintillating as one learned about life.

On the top floor, Mr. Farrell was different. He sat at his desk demanding attention as he made huge group assignments that threw his students together in small groups. We individually researched, formulated papers, and presented them to the class. We even met outside class, sometimes at our homes, to meet his assignments. Ella Messer was brilliant in history, and she knew each of us. I suffered singing in Spanish with Ms. Caldwell without appreciation for the subject or her teaching. Miss Moore was a great homeroom and typing teacher as was her supposed sister, Clara Scott, who made Shakespeare live. However, the greatest teacher, Edna Heck, lived on Troy Hill where her brother had a butcher shop. She encouraged me even as she tore my Spring Hill dialect to pieces—made me want to go to college. There are others; many who you know so very well, and I sincerely hope you cherish your memories of Allegheny because we are among the lucky who had a chance to go there.

Coaches Bruce Allen, football, and Harry Springer, basketball, would never believe their players were winning championships for Perry or Oliver today. Today, top scholars and athletes attend other high schools as Pittsburgh shrinks (750,000 in '50's headed toward 350,000?), goes deeper in debt, and, unless a new renaissance comes, destines itself for disappointment. The Steelers' fan base draws from incredible distances and can mislead us into a false security. Pirates and Penguins depend much more heavily on local base, and neither can meet the salary demands needed to field a winner. Result: smaller crowds and less income, a brutal, descending spiral.

Pittsburgh's future calls for ideas to bring people back. The heart of America was cast in steel in Pittsburgh. If we are to be re-created into high tech, a marketing center, whatever, the transformation needs to accelerate if we are to save our communities, our schools, our traditional way of life. The closing of Allegheny High with all its rich tradition, should have been our warning to start making solid changes. I wish it were simple, like bringing Allegheny graduate, Pete Flaherty, if he is alive, out of retirement for one more turn as Mayor...

By Al Schmittlein
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Aside from being the first president of the Spring Hill Civic League, Al Schmittlein has spent a lifetime as a professor and writer, twice as a columnist (The Professor's Corner - Butler Eagle and Doc On Golf - The Keystone Golfer). He holds the Gold Key from Columbia for contributions to collegiate journalism and has served as a military correspondent with the US Navy and Marines.

St. Athanasius School Accepting Registration

St. Athanasius School, located minutes from "Horse Shoe Bend" in West View, is now accepting registration for the 2004 - 05 School Year for their Pre - K (3 and 4 year-old program), Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 6 (registration unavailable for Grades 7 & 8).

The philosophy at St. Athanasius School is to create a Catholic atmosphere that nurtures the development of Christ-centered youth. Students are challenged to develop fully their unique God-given talents and abilities. Teachers inform the mind and the heart of the child and guide him/her to develop a commitment to Christ. Students are taught conscience formation and service so that they will become contributing members of society who can make a difference in our world. Social justice issues, appreciation and respect for all peoples, and stewardship for the earth are taught and practiced.

As a Middle States Association accredited school, our academic areas include: Language Arts (reading, literature, English, spelling, phonics, handwriting, creative writing skills, and forensics); Mathematics (computation, concepts application and problem solving skills, and higher order thinking skills); Social Studies (geography, history of Pennsylvania and cultural awareness, American Revolution, US Constitution, The Civil War, Ancient Egypt, Ancient India/China, Ancient Europe, American History); Science (health, safety, and physical education); Fine Arts (music and art); Life Long Skills (study and research, critical thinking, library, dictionary, and computer skills); and Spanish as a second language.

Extra Curricular Activities include: Altar servers, cantors, handball choir, band, forensics, and PJAS (Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science). Athletic Activities include basketball, soccer, and cheerleading.

Students also have the opportunity of attending: Mass one day a week - each grade plans the Liturgy for their assigned week, the Dare Program, GATE, and Challenge classes. Services provided through the Intermediate Unit, to qualifying students, include Remedial Math/Reading, Speech Therapy, and Language Skills. Hot lunches are available in the cafeteria daily.

Spring Hill/City View and Troy Hill students attending St. Athanasius are transported to school by the city of Pittsburgh Public School District. For additional information and an appointment to view St. Athanasius, please call the school office at (412) 931-6633.

St. Athanasius School - Where God's Children Learn and Grow

Scouting is a Family Program

Families are the basis of our society. The family is vital to the future of our communities and our nation. Boy Scouts of America has a great interest in the strength of the family. Scouting aims to develop its youth into participating citizens of good character who are physically, spiritually, and mentally fit. The organization recognizes that it is the responsibility of parents and family to teach their children. Scouting is an available resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships with family members.

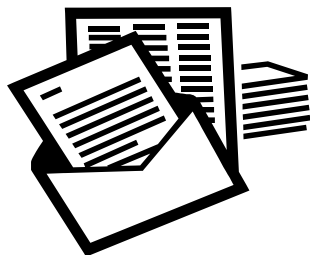
The Boys Scouts of America local Pack 24 and Troop 24, chartered by Most Holy Name Church, 1700 Harpster Street, invites you and your son to become a part of America's leading values-driven organization. During the months of January and February, you can come to one of the Tuesday Den meetings at Most Holy Name Church, 7:00pm to sign-up.

Boys in grades 1-5 can join any Cub Scout Pack in the area; boys in grades 6-8 can join a Boy Scout Troop. Scouting activities include games, field trips, campouts, fishing, canoeing, and much more.

For more information, contact Naudain Radcliff, District Executive, The Greater Pittsburgh Council, 1275 Bedford Ave. at 412-471-2927 or visit our website at www.joincubscouts.org.



We Get Letters...



I wanted to tell you I am impressed with your newsletter. I am a new homeowner on Spring Hill, just buying and moving into 1120 Shirls St. My Name is Michael Zagger. I am a city Police Officer working out of Zone 1. I have been very active in the COP program and now with the Community Problem Solving office. Unfortunately I was run over and dragged in an undercover drug arrest that was all over the news a month ago, and I am facing several surgeries consequently. In the past, I have been active with community affairs and was the individual that started the Spring Garden Blockwatch Group, working with Robin Troy. I am looking forward to working with you and the community.

Thank You,
Michael Zagger

I would like to welcome three new neighbors on my street:

First: Mrs. Karen Mossholder and son Johnny and grandchildren Joshua and Justin. They moved to Luella St. in Sept. 2003. It's a pleasure to have such good neighbors. Karen is also a special friend to me.

Second: Karen and Jason Alexander, who moved to Luella St. several years ago. Such a wonderful pleasant couple to have near me. I have been blessed with them.

Third: Sherry and P.J. Mossholder and girls Brook, Alexis and Paige, who moved to Luella St. in Feb. 2003. Great neighbors! I'm so happy to have them near.

Ms. Betty Badamo
Luella St.

ANNUAL SHCL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Blockworkers will begin collecting for the annual Spring Hill Civic League Membership Drive in March. Be looking for details in the next newsletter as well as a clip-out membership form that you can mail in if you choose.

Dues are \$2.00 per adult. Thank you for your support!

Girls Night at the Gym

Ladies, would you be interested in using the Steel City Boxing facility for a "Girls Only" night or afternoon of exercising? We have been offered the use of the facility and equipment when the kids aren't there. Possibilities we've disused would be General Exercise, Yoga, Weight Training, Basics of Boxing, Weight Management, etc.

The boxing training is open to everyone Monday thru Thursday evenings 6-9 pm. We girls could utilize the equipment any other evening or perhaps mornings or afternoons.

If you are interested in learning more or are able to teach (yoga, Aerobics, etc.), please contact me for more information.

If we have enough interest, we could possibly start scheduling in January, just in time to get rid of that holiday cookie bulge!

For more information contact: Dianne Burns 412-231-7718
dianne.burns@verizon.net

Look What We're Up To Now!
www.shaklee.net/dburns
www.shaklee.com



Christmas Tree Lighting

This year's mild, clear weather graced our November 30th Christmas Tree Lighting, in contrast to last year's frigid, snowy evening. The Santa Truck drove throughout the community before the Lighting ceremony, greeting neighbors of all ages and encouraging them to come along and participate in the event. 15 young volunteers from our community rode on the truck with Santa and had a great time.

Approximately 100 people attended the ceremony at the Rockledge St. lot, where the manger scene was lit for the first time this Advent season after a message by Pastor Paul Kocenda of St Michael's Lutheran Church. Brooke Vogel of Yetta Ave. M.C.'d the event, and Johanna Leonard led the crowd in hymn-singing. With great pleasure, Brooke, representing the community, and Jan Orr, representing ESB Bank, presented checks for \$220.00 each to Marlene Stecklein of Holy Wisdom Food Pantry and George Finley of Tri-Hill Valley Meals on Wheels. The Rhine St. office of ESB Bank partnered with the community for a second year in a matching-funds effort for these two ministries. After the ceremony the assembly enjoyed cookies, donated by Dudt's Bakery of North Hills, and children had a visit with Santa and received a small treat afterward.

Twenty-nine volunteers helped with the Christmas Tree Lighting. They are Katie Bourquin; Steve Brady; Kayla & Ashley Campbell; Lauren Hardwig; Courtney Henson; Kalli and Mary Herman; Jim Hurray; Pastor Paul Kocenda; Jordie Lenz; Johanna Leonard; Christina Lober and her cousin Jessie; Katrina Morrissey and her cousin Elaina Ryan; Diane and Doug Schmitt; Kristie Schneider; Angie Snyder; Ashley, Jerome, and Samantha Snyder; Bernie Strahler; Alex and Harley Tew; Ruth Vance; Brooke Vogel; and Joyce Welsh. Thanks to all of you, your willingness to help made this event a success!

Thanks also to Brady's Memorial Home, Dudt's Bakery, and ESB Bank; all who partnered with the civic league to make this evening very special for the community.

The Halloween
Pictures are available
through the picture
link on the website.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

Robot Zoo

January 23 – May 9, 2004

Giant robot animals and hands-on activities show the amazing real-life characteristics of animals. How does a chameleon catch insects with a rapid-fire tongue? Or a fly see through its multi-lens eyes? Visitors put the machinery in motion in the larger-than-life critters to simulate the body parts and movements of their real-life counterparts. Hands-on activities let you see what it's like to change body color as camouflage, move your eyes in opposite directions, and walk up walls like a fly.

Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

January 17, 18, and 19

Take part in **Dream O'Rama** and work as a team to build a real house with hammers, drills, and saws at the **If I Had a Hammer** exhibit. (Must be 9 or older to participate in **If I Had a Hammer**; woodworking classes will be offered for younger children.)

Healthy Smiles Day

February 6 and 7

Get yourself a toothy grin at this event sponsored by the Dental Society of Western Pennsylvania, Sullivan-Schein Dental, and Proctor & Gamble. Bring your child in for a free dental checkup from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (appointments made on a first-come, first served basis.) Make your own toothpaste at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm; meet the Tooth Fairy at 12:00, 1:00, and 2:00 pm; and participate in a "Brush Off!" at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Free dental checkups will be provided for Head Start children on February 5 and 6.

Teacher Open House for exhibit Robot Zoo

February 12, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Learn how this exciting exhibit illustrates concepts in natural science, engineering, and ecology with entertaining activities for your class. To register, please call (412) 322-5058.

Quilting with Artist-in-Residence Tina Brewer

February 14, 11:00 am

Join fiber artist, Tina Brewer, for a presentation on her use of world influences, racial heritage, and oral history in quilting. Quilting Workshops for children are offered on January 10, February 14, 21, 28, and March 6, 13 and 20 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm.

Book Signing by Dave Parker

March 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

We invite you to a reception and book signing for children's book author, Dave Parker, a Pittsburgh-based, internationally acclaimed family entertainer. His new book series, "**The Best Me I Can Be**," emphasizes character development for emergent readers in kindergarten and first grade and will be offered in schools nationwide in early 2004. RSVP to (412) 831-7766.

Read Across America

March 6, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and Reading is Fundamental/Pittsburgh (RIF) take part in the nation's largest reading event to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday. Meet the **Cat in the Hat** at **11:00 am**. Storytelling will be offered throughout the day. Every child in attendance receives a book, compliments of RIF.

Hearty Beef Vegetable Soup

(A winter comfort meal)

- 2 lb. chuck steak- fat trimmed off
 - 2- 6 oz cans tomato paste
 - 1-16 oz. can diced tomatoes
 - 1- 16 oz. bag frozen soup vegetables
 - 1 lb. small bowtie pasta
 - 1/4 tsp. garlic powder (to taste)
 - 1 to 2 tsp. salt (to taste)
 - Cook beef in 8 quarts of water in a covered pot. After bringing to a boil, turn heat down to low-medium and allow to cook for 2-3 hours or until beef is falling apart. Water will evaporate a bit.
 - Remove beef and add tomato paste. Stir until dissolved.
 - Add garlic powder and salt. Stir.
 - Add frozen vegetables, tomatoes, and pasta. Stir.
 - Cook over medium heat until pasta is cooked.
 - String beef and add the amount you like into soup.
 - Serve hot with grated cheese and hot, buttered Italian bread.
 - Serves 6 people generously with left-overs.
- Yum!!

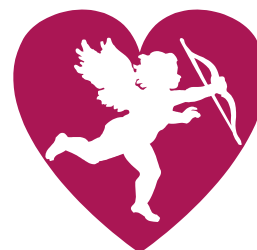
Chocolate Covered Cherry Pie

- 1 graham cracker pie crust, prepared
- 6 ounces NESTLÉ TOLL HOUSE Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
- 1 can (14 oz.) CARNATION Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 8 maraschino cherries, *stemmed*

In a saucepan, over low heat, bring chocolate chips, sweetened condensed milk, and salt to a boil, stirring continuously until blended. Mix in cherry pie filling and almond extract.

Pour into the prepared graham cracker pie crust. Chill at least 2 hours. Garnish with 8 stemmed maraschino cherries.

Serving Size: 8



Kids Say the Darrest Things!

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in a convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

HONESTY

My son Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

One Dollar Bill

Take out a one-dollar bill and look at it. The one-dollar bill first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This "paper money" is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents which we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols, then starched to make it water-resistant, and finally pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top, you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles together comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the front side is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for western civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone, is the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything!

"IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun". At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida and is the centerpiece of most war monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks; yet, very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, it is not afraid of a storm; it is strong, and smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, it wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield, there is a white bar signifying Congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning, "one nation from many people".

Above the eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the eagle holds in its talons. It holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The eagle faces the olive branch, but in time of war, its gaze turns toward the arrows.

The number 13 is perceived as an unlucky number. This superstition is prevalent throughout the world. You never see a room numbered 13, or hotels with a 13th floor, but think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum," 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, 13 arrows, and, for minorities, the 13th Amendment.

Share this information so people can learn what is on the back of the United States one-dollar bill and what it stands for; otherwise, we lose another piece of our American history.