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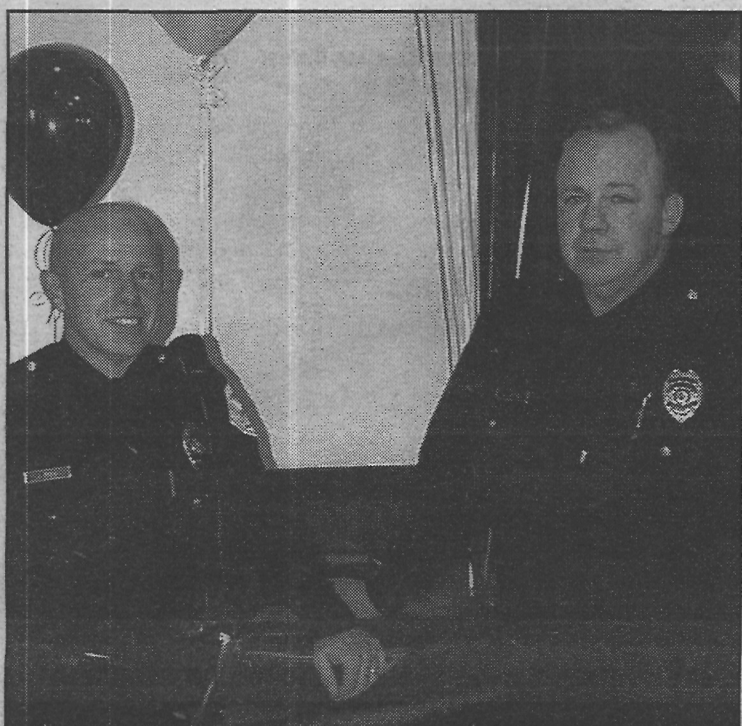
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South Plainfield D.A.R.E. Police Officers Joe Papa and Allen LaMonda recently completed teaching the DARE program.

Students DARE to Avoid Drugs with Help of Local Program

By Patricia Abbott

This week culminates a 17-week program sponsored by the South Plainfield Police Department and area schools. Project D.A.R.E. - Drug Awareness Resistance Education - is a joint effort aimed at teaching children how to avoid drugs. Fifth graders from five elementary classes have participated in DARE "graduations" this week. Next issue of the *Observer* will cover these graduations in depth.

The war on drugs and alcohol aimed at our grade school-aged children is a prominent and important part of society. The messages can be found on TV, in movies, in newspapers, on billboards, places of worship and even on street corners. Traditional drug abuse programs dwell on the harmful effects of drugs. Young minds are bombarded with horror stories of those who dare risk their health and life with drugs or alcohol.

Project D.A.R.E. takes a different approach. Instead of teaching the after effects of drug abuse, the "this is you on drugs," the program concentrates on the avoidance of drugs altogether. The emphasis of DARE is on helping students to recognize and resist the many pressures that influence them to experiment with drugs and alcohol. The program was founded in Los Angeles by the police department and school districts and has grown steadily for many years. The founders realized that self-esteem plays a big role in the pre-teen, early teen years. The DARE program focuses on these feelings as well as

interpersonal and communication skills, decision making or how to simply say "NO!" and it offers the students alternatives to drug abuse behavior.

From its inception, Project DARE was a joint effort. The

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Sacred Heart to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 31-Feb. 6

By Mary Holmer

Sacred Heart School will beat the winter blues by embarking on a week long, action-packed celebration that will honor the rich tradition of Catholic schools in our country. Catholic Schools Week, an annual event, will be observed the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 5. This year's theme, "Faith for a Brighter Future," reflects the trust, hope and love shared by a community guided by a true and enduring faith. At Sacred Heart School, the week will be dedicated to recognizing the priests, sisters, teachers, staff members, students and families who work together to promote both the spiritual and academic mission of Catholic Schools at home as well as nationwide.

The Home and School Association will kick off the festivities by sponsoring a catered brunch on Sunday, January 31 after the 9 a.m. Mass. All Sacred Heart School families, teachers and staff are invited to come and to enjoy a hot breakfast of french toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh muffins, croissants, coffee,

tea and juice. The event organizer, Eileen Boosmann, hopes that this year's brunch will become an annual tradition.

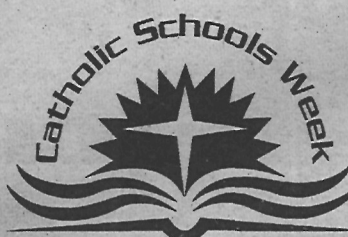
"This is a wonderful way to begin the week," she explains. "By attending Mass together and sharing a meal together, it helps to strengthen us as a school community."

The school week will include special events for teachers and students alike. On Monday morning, the entire student body will participate in a prayer service with scripture readings emphasizing the "Faith for a Brighter Future" theme. At the

conclusion of the prayer service, each student and faculty member will receive a gift from the Home and School Association. Immediately following, teachers and staff will be guests at a "thank you" breakfast while classroom parents will lend a hand by supervising students in their classrooms for an hour.

Sacred Heart School will hold an open house and registration of new students on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and Thursday, Feb. 4 between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. New families interested in registering for the 1999-2000 school year are invited to visit the school and observe classes in progress. Parent volunteers will be available to answer questions and to tour the school with all prospective par-

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Faith for a Brighter Future
January 31-February 6, 1999

Lakeview/Church Left Turn Restrictions on Hold

The left turn restrictions recently imposed on the corner of Lakeview and Church have been temporarily put on hold.

During this week's agenda session, Mayor Dan Gallagher said he had listened to the objections of Councilman Cerami and felt further study should be done. He asked the Department of Transportation to conduct a study of the intersection and they have agreed to do so.

He asked the police not to issue any tickets at that intersection while the study is taking place. It should be completed in about two months.

Last month Cerami explained he was opposed to the left turn restrictions because he felt a complete evaluation had not been done of the intersection. He said the new no left turn restriction would make traffic patterns more confusing and create a hazard.

Borough Notes

Council

■ Staples donated \$4000 towards the planting of trees and shrubs along Hadley Blvd.

■ Mayor Gallagher will be appointing a Citizens Advisory Committee in connection with the Housing and Community Block Grant.

Planning Board

■ Tonsar was granted preliminary and final approval on a two lot subdivision on Delmore Ave.

■ Bill Wilkins was granted a three lot subdivision for the property on Pershing and Bullard Place. The applicant was denied a variance last month when he requested building four houses on this lot.

Board of Adjustment

■ Approved Janice Muccilli as the Board of Adjustment Secretary.

■ Approved James Clarkin III, Esp. as Board Attorney.

■ Oak Tree Associates was granted final site plan approval for a commercial/retail building to include stores, shops, business or personal services.

■ Robert Bosch Corp. located on New Durham Ave. was granted permission to convert a portion of their building into a retail service center.

■ Ramada Limited was granted preliminary approval to erect an addition to the existing building to provide a general lobby and buffet room on the lower level and meeting rooms on the upper level.

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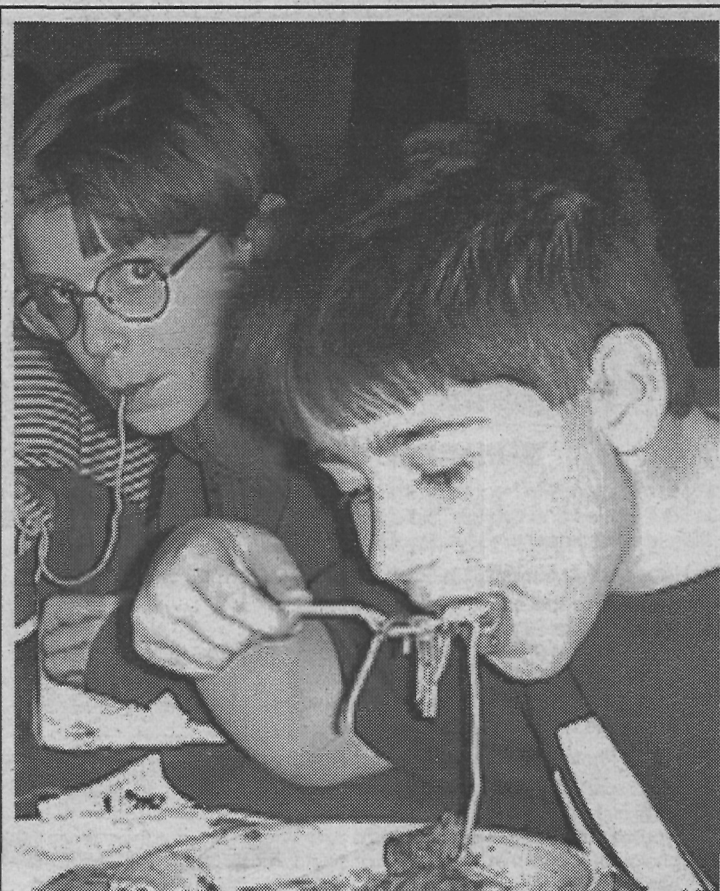
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Fifth grade Franklin School student Gary Smith (left) enjoys his spaghetti dinner along with Brett Morris at A Touch of Italy, a fundraiser for the fifth grade Stokes Trip. Photo by Patricia Abbott

In My Opinion

Letters

To The Editor:

In reference to Mr. Zekas' letter published in the *Observer* a few weeks ago, as well as the others crying, give me, give me:

On two (2) Democracy Days (a political force), we the citizens of South Plainfield said "NO" to building any facility for us "senior citizens." Remember Mr. Gallagher, on Democracy Day, the people speak and you listen.

Instead of crying Mr. Zekas, do what the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Polish Club and Veterans did, build and maintain their own facilities.

Just last summer, a letter appeared in our local paper complaining about the bathrooms not being cleaned in the senior citizen facility, which is maintained

by our town. Why do our town personnel, whose salaries are paid by my taxes, have to clean up your facility and your messes.

Even if Mr. Gallagher does override the public at large, please answer the following questions:

- Who will be paying the salaries of the people who will maintain said facility?

- Who will pay the gas, electric and insurance bills?

- What builder would build a home or houses in South Plainfield knowing that the same type of facility will be offered by another builder in another area for less?

- Also Mr. Gallagher, where would said monies received from the builders be kept by the town, or can we be assured, that like

sewer taxes, they will not be lost?

I have been a homeowner in South Plainfield since 1962. I am seventy years old plus and I believe in the old saying, don't cry, get busy.

EDWARD JOHN SCHMIDT

Dear Editor,

My name is Eric Johnson and recently, you put two of my articles in the paper. I just wanted to say thank you. I attend South Plainfield High School and all of my friends said they saw my article in your paper.

I just wanted to let you know that I was very happy to see you guys do this.

**YOUR FAITHFUL READER,
ERIC JOHNSON**



Hall of Fame Seeking 1999 Nominees

The South Plainfield Hall of Fame Committee is again beginning its search for candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was established at South Plainfield High School to recognize outstanding graduates as leaders in their fields who could serve as role models for current and future students.

To be eligible, Hall of Fame candidates must have graduated South Plainfield High School at least 15 years prior to nomination and they must have achieved a prominent position in their careers or made a significant contribution to the world/community.

Those candidates selected will be honored at a luncheon and will

be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the High School's Annual Academic Awards Program held on June 1, 1999. The nominees will also have their photographs and biographies displayed on a "Hall of Fame" at the high school.

Community members interested in obtaining a Hall of Fame nomination form should call Mr. Massaro at 754-4620. Application deadline is March 26.

DEADLINE FOR COPY

We invite you to send in your letter or opinion on subjects pertinent to South Plainfield. If you choose to not have your name published let us know, however, you must provide your name and phone number when submitting a letter.

To have your copy included it must be submitted by Friday, 5 p.m. for publication in the following week's edition.

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IMPORTANT
MEETING DATESZoning Board of Adjustment
1999 Meeting Dates

First, third and fifth Tuesday of the month as follows:

February 2, February 16
March 2, March 16, March 30
April 6, April 20
May 4, May 18
June 1, June 15, June 29
July 6, July 20
August 3, August 17, August 30
September 21
October 5, October 19
Nov. 4 (Thursday), November 16, November 30
December 7, December 21

Site-Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Dates:
Fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27,
June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28

Planning Board
1999 Meeting Dates

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as follows:

January 26
February 9, February 23
March 9, March 23
April 13, April 27
May 11, May 25
June 8, June 22
July 13, July 27
August 10, August 24
September 14, September 28
October 26
November 9, November 23
December 14, December 28

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Council Meetings

AGENDA MEETINGS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, Feb. 8	Thursday, Feb. 11
Monday, Feb. 22	Thursday, Feb. 25
Monday, March 8	Thursday, March 11
Monday, March 22	Thursday, March 25
Monday, Apr. 5	Thursday, Apr. 8
Monday, Apr. 19	Thursday, Apr. 22
Monday, May 10	Thursday, May 13
Monday, May 24	Thursday, May 27
Monday, June 7	Thursday, June 10
Monday, June 21	Thursday, June 24
Monday, July 12	Thursday, July 15
Monday, Aug. 16	Thursday, Aug. 19
Tuesday, Sept. 7	Thursday, Sept. 9
Monday, Sept. 20	Thursday, Sept. 23
Tuesday, Oct. 12	Thursday, Oct. 14
Monday, Oct. 25	Thursday, Oct. 28
Monday, Nov. 8	Monday, Nov. 15
Monday, Dec. 6	Thursday, Dec. 9

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

Logon to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda.

Police Officer Applications

Deadline Extended for Police Officer Applications

The NJ Department of Personnel has extended the deadline for filing applications for the 1999 Law Enforcement Entrance Level Examination until February 26, 1999. Please note that, notwithstanding this change, the requirements for these positions must be met as of the original closing date of January 29, 1999.

The application is published by and must be returned to the N.J. Department of Personnel. Applications may be obtained any time of the day at the South Plainfield Police Department communications center.

RESIDENCY: Must be a resident of South Plainfield as of the closing date for filing the application and maintain continuous residency in South Plainfield up to and including the date of appointment.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: As listed in the application.

STARTING SALARY: \$32,399.00 (1998)

BENEFITS: A listing of job benefits may be obtained with the application.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES: A brief summary of duties & responsibilities may be obtained with the application.

Any questions please contact Lt. Robert Merkler at (908) 226-7674.

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Plans Underway for PAL Expansion

A special meeting of the Recreation Commission was held last week to start the ball rolling on the expansion of the PAL Building.

A committee was formed to oversee the layout and planning of the new expansion. Bob Merkler, representing the police department, and Joe DiBiase, representing wrestling, along with the Recreation Commission, plan to work together and review the projected plans and costs.

Commissioner Jim Curcio told everyone that how much expansion is done depends on the cost. He said that funds are limited, so even though everyone has dreams of what they would like to see done, costs will dictate the finished product. Curcio said, "There will be no blank checks, we are limited in scope." He said there will be \$200,000 in funds

to work with. The Borough is providing \$150,000, Recreation \$50,000 and Wrestling \$50,000.

Some of the proposed plans include a new multi-purpose room, lockers and rest rooms. The electrical service will also be evaluated and updated. The exact size of these rooms is yet to be determined. The police department also requested an office that would serve as a police community room for communication with kids as well as storage for their equipment.

Local architect Joe DeAndrea was told to draw up plans and have an estimate on the costs when he returns to the Recreation Commission next month. The regular board meeting is Monday, Feb. 1 and the public is invited to express their opinions.

The overall expansion will almost double the size of the PAL Building. The softball field will remain at its present location, along with soccer field.



The girl scouts of Junior Troop 375 got into the holiday spirit by planning and organizing a tree trimming party for the residents of Greenbrook Manor Care Center. The troop asked other community troops to participate by donating hand crafted ornaments to be placed on the tree. The party, held on Dec. 4, was a huge success. A large number of ornaments were collected and the tree was absolutely beautiful! In addition to decorating the tree in the main recreation room, the girls sang holiday carols and also shared a snack with the residents.

Emergency Management Commission Meets

Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma held a meeting last week with the members of the Emergency Management Committee. Some of those attending were Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese, Police Chief Steve Merkler, Rescue Squad Captain Peter McGrath and Superintendent of Public Works Joe Glowacki. Also present were Councilmen Vinnie Buttiglieri, Dennis Cerami and Ray Petronko.

The committee is currently preparing the paperwork to resubmit their Emergency Operating Plan (E.O.P.) instituting a State of Emergency. The plan is due in April.

Zushma also reported on his recent meeting with Public Service concerning the slow response during the Labor Day storm. It was decided that new classifications will be introduced during an emergency and new forms to assess the damage will be used to improve response time.

Emergency Management will be getting a new home on Belmont Ave. at no cost to the Borough. It will be donated by a builder who wishes to remain anonymous.

During the meeting the committee reviewed the response to the recent propane truck accident. Each department was asked to comment on what problems they encountered and make suggestions for solutions. All members agreed that the drills held last year were an asset to them in responding to emergencies.

Send Your Love With a Song

In an effort to meet their \$3,500 fundraising goal, The United Way of South Plainfield wants to serenade your valentine. They are currently \$1,400 short of their \$3,500 goal.

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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

Senior Citizen Luncheon

On Thursday, Feb. 11 a senior citizen luncheon will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the PAL building. Doors will be open at 11:00 a.m. All senior citizens age 60 and over and living in South Plainfield are welcome to attend. Registration is at the PAL building. A \$2.00 donation is required. Transportation is available. Please call 754-1047 for further information.

Polish Home Plans Breakfast

The Polish Home located on New Market Ave. is sponsoring a breakfast to be held on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 8-12 noon.

The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for children 12 and under. Children under five will be free.

Portions of the breakfast will go towards Project Graduation.

Polish Home Sponsoring Trip to AC

The Polish National Home is sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Feb. 21. The cost is \$15 and \$19, coin return.

The bus leaves the Polish National Home parking lot on New Market Ave. For reservations, call Ann at 561-6551 or Emily at 757-3428.

Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society to Meet

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on Feb. 8 after the 7 p.m. Mass and Novena in the school cafeteria on Randolph Ave.

The agenda will include a fun time with a "Pound Night" auction. Everyone should bring a wrapped gift to be auctioned off. Each gift should weigh one pound.

Elks Ladies Auxiliary Plans Event

The Elks Ladies Auxiliary is planning two events. A fashion show sponsored by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Plus will be held on Feb. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. Tickets are \$25. There will be door prizes and raffles. For more information, call Kris Dziomba 753-0921.

They will also be holding "One Stop Shopping" on March 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge located on New Market Ave. Vendors will include Avon, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Party Lite and many more. For

more information, call Barbara Shuleski 561-1663.

First Baptist Church Holds Coffee House

The First Baptist Church located on Hamilton Blvd. will be holding a coffee house Friday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. There will be live entertainment. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. There is no cost. We are hoping the chicken will be in attendance. We have made a nest for him

Single Parents Group to Meet

If you are looking for a chance to get out and meet with others in your situation, the newly formed Single Parents of Central New Jersey group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting on Feb. 3 from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

For information, call Sandra 732-283-1250 or email snglprnt nj@aol.com.

Columbiettes and Knights Sponsor Spaghetti Dinner

The Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 4-8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall located on

Hamilton Blvd.

The price is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and \$4.50 for children ages 4-11. The dinner will include spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, butter, dessert and coffee. Other beverages will be available for an additional charge.

For information or directions, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

AARP Chapter 4144 Events

On March 22, a trip is planned to the Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theater to see "Catch Me If You Can." The cost is \$45, which includes transportation, dinner, show, taxes and gratuities. Call Lee (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764 for reservations.

A/C Bus Trip to Cesare's Palace

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 6763 will sponsor a bus trip to Cesare's Palace A/C on Feb. 21. The bus will leave the post on Front Street at 9 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20. (\$20 returned at destination.)

For reservations or more information call (908) 668-9751 and ask for Carol or Joan Jepsen.

To be included in **Events Around Town**, submit your information to the Observer at 530 Union Ave., Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax information to 732 805-0815.

MILESTONES

Engagement

Leigh Schulte To Wed Patrick Harris

Mr. and Mrs. John Schulte of South Plainfield have announced the engagement of their daughter,



Leigh Schulte and Patrick Harris

Leigh Schulte to Patrick Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, also of South Plainfield.

Leigh is a 1994 graduate of South Plainfield High School and obtained a BA in Elementary Education/Special Ed. from The College of Saint Elizabeth's in 1998. She is currently enrolled at Central Connecticut State University pursuing a masters in Educational Technology. She is employed at CREC Soundbridge, as an oral interpreter for the hearing impaired.

Patrick is a 1994 graduate of Saint Joseph's High School and has a BA in Communications from York College of Pennsylvania. He is currently employed with NBC Studios in New York City.

A June 2000 wedding is planned.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

It's time for more news from South Plainfield Library:

You know, it's been a while since we have listed our operating hours in this column.

We're open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Be sure to keep an eye on this column and on our posted notices regarding special closings.

Next week we're sticking with our regular schedule of storytimes. They take place on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. All are for children ages three and over, no registration is required. For more information, you can call us at 754-7885 and ask for Linda Hansen.

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Today, we're between groups in the Video Circuit. The group for February will be available early next week.

On the subject of Circuit items, here's a reminder. You will notice that they circulate with a bar-coded card attached. (In the case of videos and large print books, there's also a title card.) We use the bar-coded cards to register these temporary items in our computer so that they can circulate. Please keep track of these cards

and don't lose them. Without them, the task of keeping track of the items is much more difficult. Also, we charge a fine of 25 cents per lost card, which can add up pretty quickly. Thanks for your help on this.

We're in the midst of a change in our book collection. Our collection of Junior Intermediate (JI) books is being phased out. Books from that section will be reclassified as regular Juvenile Fiction, or will be discarded. The catalog records are still being updated to reflect this change, so if you're looking for a "JI" book, ask at the desk if you can't find it. We'll check on its current status.

We have a lot of items in our collection, but we don't have everything. In the past, if a patron was looking for something we didn't have, they'd ask at the desk and we'd check our computer terminal to see if another area library had it. Now, though, the situation has changed. The catalogs for other libraries are now available on-line. You can access them from one of our Internet terminals; just click on the "Favorites" icon and scan down to the catalog link. Once you've found what you're looking for, let a staff member know, so we can double-check with that other library. As always, we hope this makes your search a bit easier.

With that, we'll close out this week's column. Thanks for both your attention and your comments. We'll have more in February.

Van Kleef Named New Jersey's Junior Miss for 1999

Natalie Van Kleef of Colonia was selected as New Jersey's Junior Miss for 1999 on Jan. 16 at the 41st Annual State Finals in Cherry Hill. Natalie was selected from 24 finalists who competed for the Junior Miss title, a \$6,200 cash scholarship to the college of her choice and a trip to Mobile, Alabama, in June to represent the Garden State at America's Junior Miss Program.

As a senior at Colonia High School and North Middlesex County's Junior Miss, Natalie was one of 24 outstanding high school senior girls who participated in this annual program to recognize and reward the excellence in the young women of today. Judging was based on five categories: scholastic achievement, judges' interview, presence-composure, fitness and creative and performing arts.

Natalie was also the recipient of a preliminary award for creative and performing arts, one for fitness and one for presence-composure.

She was awarded \$250 for each award, an additional \$750 cash

scholarship.

For her creative and performing arts presentation, Natalie danced ballet on points to "Journey Through the Snow" from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*.

Natalie plans to attend Boston College and major in communications. She is the daughter of Margaret van Kleef of Colonia and the granddaughter of William and Laura Van Kleef of South Plainfield.

Natalie will represent New Jersey at America's Junior Miss program in June, when she will join representatives from the other 49 states for the national program to select 1999 America's Junior Miss.

Do you know of a birth, marriage, promotion, etc? Send your information, along with a photo (if available), to So. Plainfield Observer, 530 Union Ave., Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 and we will publish it in **Milestones**. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photos returned.

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Dr. Scott Lenox of the Plainfield Animal Hospital inoculates South Plainfield Police Officer Redden's dog.

200+ Pets Receive Rabies Shots

The annual Dog/Cat Rabies Clinic was held on Jan. 15 and 16 at the Borough Garage on Spicer Ave. Despite last week's snow and ice storms, a steady stream of dogs and cats managed to slip and slide to receive shots.

Dr. Scott Lenox and his assistant from the Plainfield Animal Hospital on Park Ave. were on hand to administer the shots. The rabies inoculations are free of charge and are good for three years.

According to Harriet Wagner of the Health Department, approximately 150 dogs and 75 cats received shots. She said the count was down this year and attributed it to the inclement weather. In addition to the inoculations, owners were able to pick up their

1999 dog/cat licenses.

Another dog/cat rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in New Brunswick at the Public Works Garage. Ms. Wagner said that South Plainfield may also schedule another rabies clinic in April.

Every dog and cat is required to get a license. The 1999 dog/cat licenses are available at the Health Department in Borough Hall. You can also apply for a license through the mail. The license fee is \$8 if altered and \$11 if non-altered/spayed. There is a late fee of \$1 per month after Jan. 30.

For more information, call Harriet Wagner at the Health Department at 908-226-7630.

Here's more Internet sales feedback

you should know about, and some good news too! But the good news first (since it's mine!). On Friday I spoke with a new customer sales executive with Comcast Online out of their Baltimore, Md. office. She was the most helpful and knowledgeable telephone rep I have spoken to in some time regarding any matter, in any industry! Finally, as in FINALLY, my HFCnetwork node is operational, and Comcast Online has slated me in with an installation date. For the readers of this column, you may recall the stories of the often missed "service due" dates, and schedule push-backs. Two years ago, I was personally advised that I would have service by August of '97. Now, 18 months later, I'm finally getting hooked up! I am one happy camper to be sure, although I know several areas of our town have already been online since this last August. This is truly the bandwagon every Internet user should jump on. Now the Internet can really come alive with no more bottlenecks and AOL style disconnects. As they say at the racetrack: "Gentlemen, start your engines!"

For anyone who desires a high speed (a VERY high speed) Internet connection, and you are in the Comcast cable service area, email me (Bruggo@earthlink.net) or call me (908-753-4700) right away to get signed up. The

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum

waiting list for installation dates is running about three weeks, so check in now. This is great news for everyone in our town and I'm excited for all of us.

TIP: Ever agonize over having to wait while windows restarts when you download a new application or program. You should know that "restarting" does not necessarily mean "re-booting" which does take time. To quickly restart windows without rebooting the computer, hold down the shift key when you click on OK in the "shutdown windows" dialog box. Windows will restart quickly and easily.

In our previous column, I mentioned how strongly Internet sales had taken off over this recent buying season. Subsequent Internet buyer polling has yielded some significant feedback already, and I want to share this with you. Previously, privacy and security issues have ranked highest in the minds of prospective online shoppers, but these concerns have dissolved away to become re-crystallized into more mature marketplace issues. Highest among these are product availability and the high cost of shipping. Other concerns over lack of service and product

return policies have fallen even further behind

than earlier reported! Analysts say that all this points to a rapidly maturing online marketplace. Now if we can only download that "new car smell" we'll have it made.

TIP: Take a look at the "accessibility options" in the Win95 control panel. Check out the "Sticky Keys" feature to see how your keyboard productivity can be enhanced with a few customizing features. Keep in mind too, that if more than one person uses the same computer, Win95 "user profiles" will allow each user to set personalized configuration parameters. That way, the sticky keys and other personal preferences that someone else likes won't be left behind for you to have to re-adjust for your session.

Hey now! Here are two websites that I just have to mention: www.spobserver.com and www.southplainfieldnj.com. Both of these are from our town, and I can tell you that they are anxious for input from users. Let's all check in on them from time to time, and send them some thoughts on what we'd like to see in our town's web representation. Such sites are always user-driven, and that means that what you think does matter. Only through our feedback can they change to meet "our" desired needs. Tell 'em what you think about what they've got! See you next issue. -Bruggo@earthlink.net

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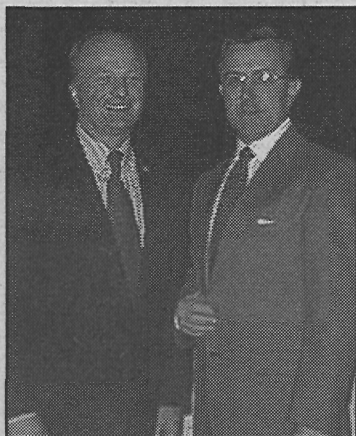
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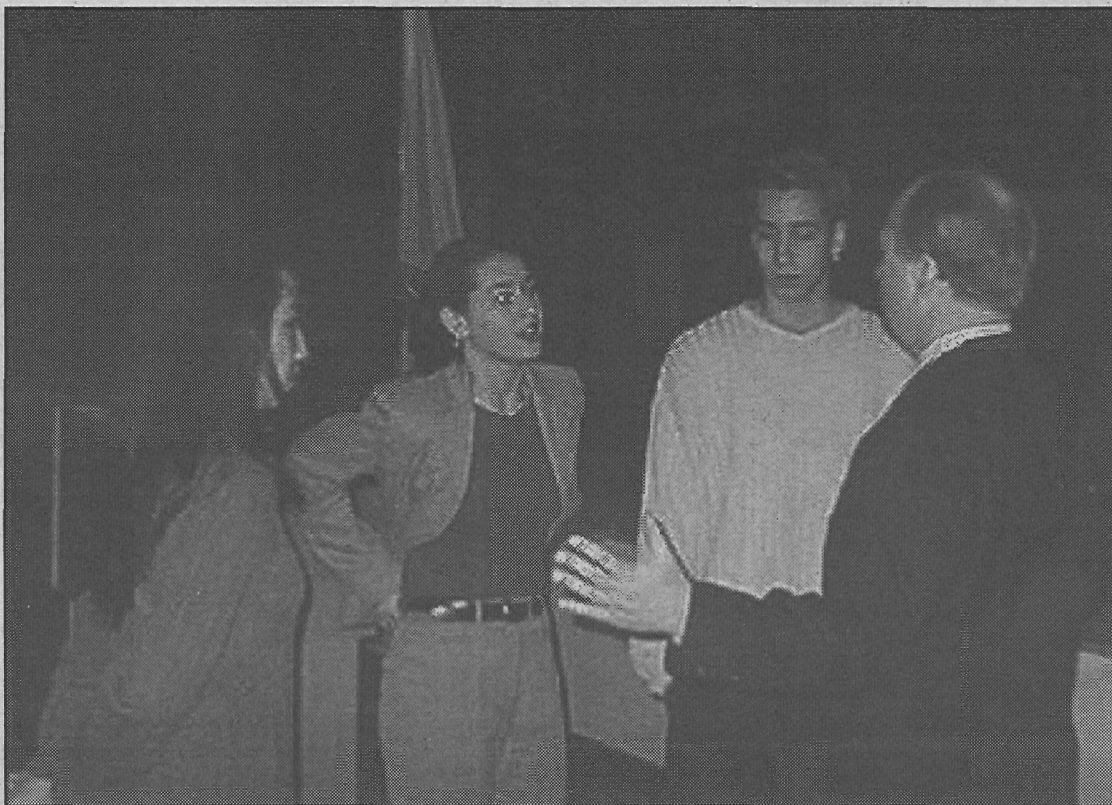
Congressman Bob Franks Addresses High School Law and Government Students



Congressman Bob Franks with High School Teacher Steve Novak.

Congressman Bob Franks (R-7th District) recently visited South Plainfield High School and spoke to the students of Steve Novak's Government and Law classes as well as students from other government classes. Seniors interested in hearing the congressman speak were also invited. Over the years many government officials have come to SPHS but Congressman Franks is the highest ranking elected official to speak to the students.

The congressman spoke for a little over an hour. Steve Novak proudly noted that the students paid close attention to the speaker. A panel of students prepared questions for the congressman which were presented by a student moderator.



Congressman Bob Franks discusses current issues with high school students.

Congressman Franks' initial remarks covered the Clinton impeachment proceedings. Steve Novak said the Congressman devoted about 15 minutes to this topic. He did not offer his opinion on a verdict but he did remind the students that the crime of perjury had been committed.

The questions prepared by the students covered a diversified array of subjects. They inquired about Franks' and asked if he returned phone calls and letters. They questioned him on the feasibility of a True Balanced Budget, and on the likelihood of a National Health Insurance. A major topic of concern to the students

was whether or not the congressman would support a tax credit or abatement for college loans. Another set of questions concerned Saddam Hussein. The students inquired about Congressman Franks' future plans regarding the possibility of seeking a higher office such as governor or U.S. Senate. This final question remained unanswered.

Principal Tony Massaro said he was pleased with the behavior of the students. He noted that this would have been an excellent program for cable television.

Board of Ed Presents Certificates of Tenure

By William Tutbill

The Board of Education presented Certificates of Tenure to three district employees at its regular BOD meeting held last week.

Mary Ann Smith, a science teacher, who has garnered \$100,000 in grants for service projects. Mary Ann was also instrumental in initiating the 'Butterfly Garden' in the circle at the front of the high school.

Mary Ellen Martko, a staff developer who provides workshops for teachers, was recognized as one of the primary trainers of teachers in the three district consortium in the area. This is a shared service program. Most training sessions are run in South Plainfield because the facilities are best for the programs.

Fredrick Oberkehr, coordinator of math and sciences, has been working on a project about receiving E-mail in the district. It will ultimately be connected to all of the schools in the state. He also wrote the grant application and received a \$95,000 for various math and science projects including the new computers used in the schools. He was also instrumental in the newly installed Internet system in the school district.

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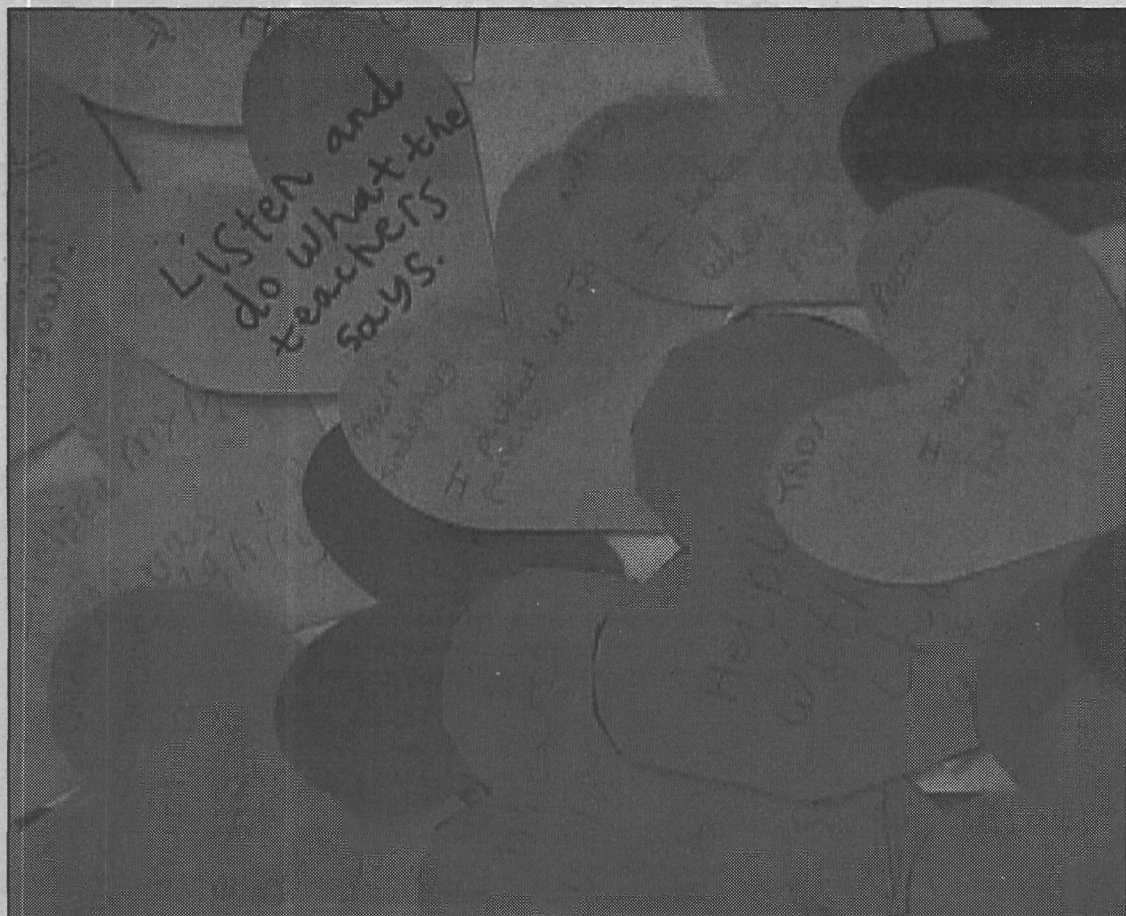
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Franklin School Takes the Challenge

By Patricia Abbott

"You gotta have Heart!" and Franklin School students have plenty! The students are participating in the "Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge." The program, now in its second year, is a school-based leadership program that encourages students to make a difference in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The

two week program is held after the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. It focuses on teaching the values taught by Dr. King, including kindness and justice.

Each day over the two week period the students will record their acts of kindness and justice on small paper hearts that are displayed in the school's lobby. Many of the acts will be recorded on the internet (www.dosomething.com).

The display at Franklin School started with one small heart, it is now a huge heart shaped collage that takes up much of the wall.

The colorful display clearly makes the point one person can make a difference; "That one kindness draws another, until the anger and the separateness that often keeps people apart, melts away."

Catholic Schools Week *Continued from page 1*

ents. Sacred Heart School parents are also welcomed and encouraged to visit their children's classrooms on these two days. While registration will be ongoing all week, classroom visitations will be limited to the specified hours on Tuesday and Thursday.

Thursday afternoon may be the most eagerly anticipated event of the week — a return engagement by the Gladys Bryant Orchestra and a concert which will hip-hop, rock & roll and sing the blues. In past years, this concert has always presented a collection of eclectic musical styles, but the audience has always been too busy dancing, clapping and singing to realize that the concert offers an equal

dose of education and entertainment. This winning combination has made the musical show an essential staple of Catholic Schools Week!

On Friday, the fifth grade class will sponsor the First Friday Mass and the entire school community will come together to celebrate as a family. Both the Dec. and Jan. Students of the Month will be presented, and the faculty will rededicate themselves to the mission of Catholic education.

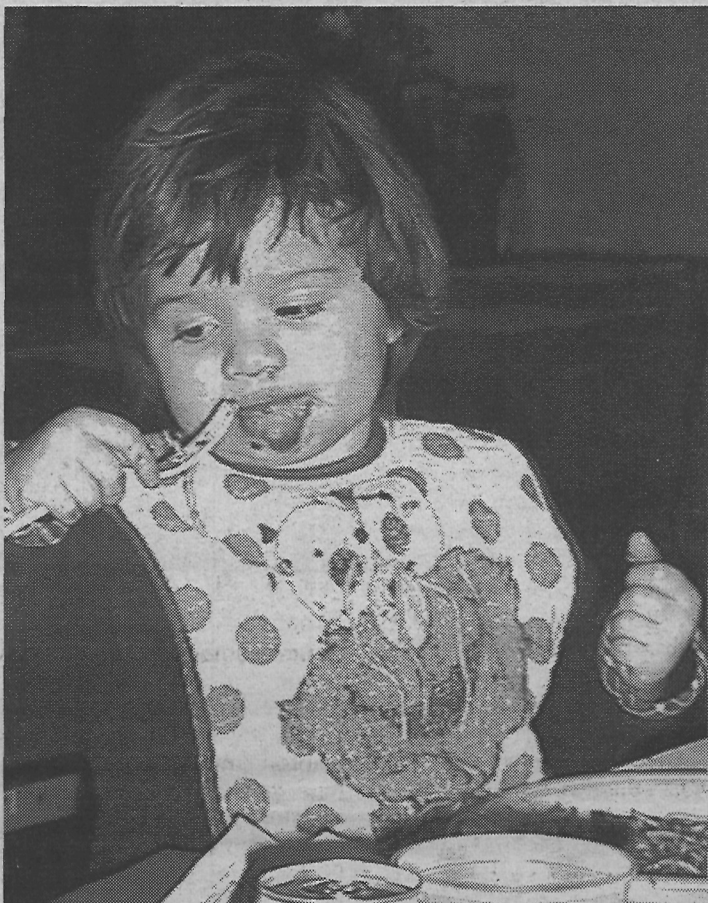
Catholic Schools' Week is also an opportunity to recognize and to appreciate the support received from local communities. Catholic schools thrive in communities which are dedicated to coopera-

tive relationships, and Sacred Heart has benefited from the support of local businesses, the South Plainfield public schools and the town administration. Sacred Heart's recent joint venture with the public schools to utilize a federal grant earmarked for Internet hook-up is just one example of how community plays an important positive role.

All parents interested in additional information may call Sister Cornelia Ramirez, RVM at 908-756-0632 between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

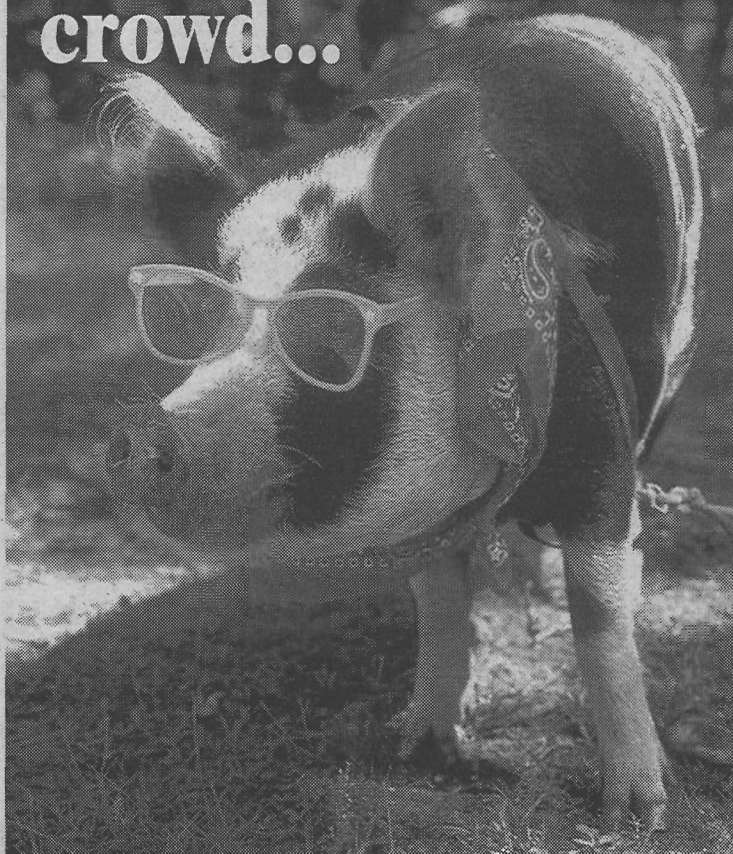
A Touch of Italy at Franklin School

On Friday January 22, Franklin School held their second annual *Touch of Italy* spaghetti dinner. The successful event brought many families out on a rainy night. The dinner, with all the trimmings, was a fundraiser for the fifth grade Stokes Trip. Many area businesses donated goods for the meal and for the gift baskets which were raffled off at the end of the evening.



Caroline, daughter of Franklin school teacher Patti Ratti, enjoys her meal at *A Touch of Italy*, a fundraiser for Franklin School's fifth grade Stokes Trip.

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SPORTS

High School Basketball

Tigers Girls Fall to Trojans

For the second time this year, the South Plainfield girls basketball team met with their arch rival and a significant conference foe, the Bishop Ahr Trojans from Edison.

A Saturday matinee saw the Trojans prevail by a score of 64-

28. The Trojans sent a message to the Tigers saying that come tournament time, they'll be ready.

Sheryl Cwickalo's seven points were a team high in a game the Tigers were never really in. Bishop Ahr went to the locker

room with a 28 point lead and never let up. The Tigers girls fell to 6-3, with the other losses coming from the Trojans as well as a Bound Brook tournament slip up.

The next home game will be held on Feb. 4 against Monroe.

Boys Hammer Kennedy Again

The Tigers boys basketball team traveled to Woodbridge Monday night and came away with another dominating victory over John F. Kennedy by a score of 63-49.

Coach Lubreski used all his

weapons in this game. The entire Tiger squad contributed to the victory. Dominique Pender started slow but got hotter as the game went on, scoring a team high 15 points.

Justin Benford (12), Adam Gerb (10) and Clint Robinson (10)

also had season high games to duplicate a similar pounding against J.E.K. in December.

The boys will begin a five game road trip. They won't return home until Feb. 5, when they play South River.

Tigers Wrestling

Tigers Roll on to Victory at Old Bridge

Last Friday night the South Plainfield Wrestling team traveled to Old Bridge with the knowledge that only one team would remain undefeated. The team that came away undefeated was the South Plainfield Tigers. They handed a very formidable Old Bridge squad their first loss by a score of 35-18.

With two majors by Roberto

Ramos (112) and Billy Wilson (119), sandwiched between a Matt Anderson (103) 5-1 victory and a David Stoeckel (125) pin, Old Bridge was unable to recover from the early 17 point deficit. Chris Cioffi (215) added a pin right before Colin "encore" Hunter once again finished out the night with a South Plainfield victory.

The following night the Tigers came home for the ice storm makeup match against High Point and once again prevailed. They remain undefeated, handing High Point a 35-22 loss.

Matt Anderson (5-1), Billy Wilson (major) and David Stoeckel (pin) duplicated Friday night's results. John Blondet (130) and David Fiore (145) rebounded from tough losses. The night ended with Colin "encore" Hunter pinning John Lee in the first period.

Two home matches await the Tigers this weekend, one with Piscataway on Friday and Elizabeth on Saturday...come feel the PRIDE!!!

Greater Middlesex Conference Wrestling Tournament

February 5, 1999

Preliminaries:

7:00 p.m.

February 6, 1999

Quarter-Finals & Wrestle Backs:

10:00 a.m.

Semi-Finals & Wrestle Backs:

1:00 p.m.

Consolations: (5th place/3rd place)

4:00 p.m.

Finals:

6:00 p.m.

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	STUDENTS	ADULTS
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7:00 p.m. First Round	\$3	\$4
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10:00 a.m. Quarter-Finals & Wrestle Backs	\$3	\$5
1:00 p.m. Semi-Finals & Wrestle Backs		
Saturday		
4:00 p.m. Consolations	\$3	\$5
6:00 p.m. Finals		
All-Round Combination Tickets	\$7	\$12
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Snowdate: Sunday, February 7, 1999 — Schedule will be modified as needed.

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1999 Ponytail Softball Registration Opens

The 1999 Ponytail Softball registration is open to all South Plainfield resident girls, ages 8-13, as of Oct. 1, 1998.

Softball Ponytail is sponsored by the South Plainfield Recreation Department. All games are played at Pitt Street Park, Monday through Saturday.

The fee is \$22 per participant if registered before March 5, and \$32 thereafter. Placement on a team is not guaranteed after March 5. At that time participants will be put on a waiting list.

Birth certificates are required for registrants who have not participated in a Recreation sponsored Youth League in the past year. Parents are required to provide black sweat pants.

Register at the Recreation office, located in the PAL Recreation Center on Maple Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration will be taken from February 8 to March 5. The Recreation Office will also be open 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Monday, March 1.

You can pick up a form at the PAL building and mail it in. Coach's registration will also be taken. For more information, call (908) 226-7713.

Recreation Basketball

Submitted by South
Plainfield Recreation

The South Plainfield Recreation Youth Basketball Program consists of 50 teams - 420 girls and boys ages seven to 14 years. Games are played at the Middle School and the PAL.

A LEAGUE STANDINGS

AGES 13-14

So. Carolina	6	0
Texas	5	1
Georgia	5	2
Tennessee	4	2
Maryland	4	3
L.S.U.	2	4
North Carolina	2	4
Florida	0	6
Kentucky	0	6

A LEAGUE RESULTS-JAN. 23

Kentucky	Cancelled
L.S.U.	Cancelled
Tennessee	Cancelled
Florida	Cancelled
South Carolina	48
Texas	20
High scorers—So. Carolina: Joe Dezmin-12, Steve Janiszak-11, Mike Alloco-8 and Victor Essien-7; Texas: Justin Toth-7, Chris Sanchez-5, Jerome Mason-4 and Francisco Guevara-4.	
Maryland	19
Georgia	51
High scorers—Maryland: Anthony Vitelli-11, Dan Pollin-5, Rich Muglia-3; Georgia: Jason Basile-16, Lee Stellakis-14, Mike Wieczorek-13 and Frank Wrubleuski-6.	

North Carolina: Bye

B LEAGUE STANDINGS

AGE 11-12

Illinois	7	0
Michigan	6	0
Ohio State	5	2
Pittsburgh	5	2
Kansas	4	3
Notre Dame	3	3
Syracuse	3	3
Arizona	3	3
Georgetown	3	4
Rutgers	2	5
U.C.L.A.	1	5
Seton Hall	1	6
Kentucky	0	6

B LEAGUE RESULTS-JAN. 23

Rutgers	23
Notre Dame	31
High scorers—Rutgers: Jeffery Pollin-10 and Brian Cantor-9; Notre Dame: Amanda Fugate-10, David Cacciatore-6, Galen Johnson-6 and Eileen Milcarek-4.	
Seton Hall	26
Michigan	29
High scorers—Seton Hall: Dan LaVerne-14, Andrew Miller-6, Chirs Bojarski-4; Michigan: Chris Bakazan-12, Dan Pinowar-7, David Acevedo-4 and Jason Cosma-4.	
U.C.L.A.	25
Arizona	37
High scorers—UCLA: Allan Mazurak-10 and Chris Czaplinski-10; Arizona: Ryan Decker-14, Brian Acrin-11, Billy Weaver-6 and Danny Sierzega-4.	
Pittsburgh	24
Kansas	28
High scorers—Pittsburgh: Chirs McKnight-11, Chris Horn-8 and Mike Salerno-5; Kansas: William Merkler-10, Ryan Taylor-8, Eddie Kania-4 and Vincent Velez-4.	
Kentucky	8
Ohio State	31
High scorers—Kentucky: Amanda Rastelli-4; Ohio State: Mike Downes-15 and James Charneco-10.	
Georgetown	18
Illinois	21
High scorers—Georgetown: Nick Cesare-6, Jonathan Chiang-6 and Nick Grego-4; Illinois: Andre Scott-10, Alan Dummett-4 and Caitlin English-3.	

C LEAGUE STANDINGS

AGE 9-10

Kings	6	1
Grizzlies	6	1
Warriors	6	1
Mavricks	5	2
Nuggets	5	2
Trail Blazers	4	3
Spurs	4	3
Rockets	4	3
Cavaliers	3	4
Suns	3	4
Hawks	1	6
Wizards	1	6
Supersonics	0	7
Bucks	0	7

C LEAGUE RESULTS-JAN. 23

Spurs	30
Trail Blazers	34
High scorers—Spurs: Justin Basilone-8, Mat Jaglinski-6, Joe DeFalco-6 and Justin Kelly-4; Trail Blazers: Nick Giannakis-8, Anthony Cassano-7, Mat Fabino-6 and Lacey Stone-6.	
Nuggets	24
Kings	18
High scorers—Nuggets: Kevin Siedenburg-12 and Nick Desimone-6; Kings: Mike Stallone-8, Danny McCreesh-4 and Chris Stallone-4.	
Wizards	22
Hawks	24
High scorers—Wizards: Bennie Gibson-10, Zack Famula-6 and Tim Williams-4; Hawks: Joey Denitio-16.	
Grizzlies	25
Suns	26
High scorers—Grizzlies: Kyle Lendach-9, Kevin Cantor-6, Stephen Dvorak-4 and Scott Hunterton-4; Suns: Anthony Pitriello-8, Stephen Richard-6, and Alexander Ramos-6.	
Rockets	22
Cavaliers	18
High scorers—Rockets: Zachary Gray-12, Harshel Patel-8; Cavaliers: Brian Wieckowski-6 and Robert Strani-6.	
Warriors	32
Bucks	28
High scorers—Warriors: Brett Morris-10, Bill Daly-10; Bucks: Keith Dezmin-18, Anthony Ettore-4 and Nick Baldassarre-4.	
Supersonics	26
Mavericks	29
High scorers—Supersonics: Scott Hartje-10, Samuel Martin-8 and Billy Hodge-4; Mavericks: Mike Piazza-14 and Jonathan Girguis-8.	

D LEAGUE STANDINGS

AGE 7-8

Raptors	7	0
Knicks	5	2
Bulls	5	2
Nets	4	3
Celtics	4	3
Magic	4	3
Clippers	3	3
Jazz	3	4
Timber Wolves	3	4
76ers	3	4
Pistons	2	4
Hornets	2	5
Heat	2	5
Lakers	1	6

D LEAGUE RESULTS-JAN. 16

Jazz	14
Nets	36
High scorers—Jazz: Matthew Seider-12; Nets: Brandon Ullom-10, Bob Harrington-8, Kyle Quail-6, Kevin Scholte-6 and Sean Tarnzoke-6.	
Bulls	20
Knicks	27
High scorers—Bulls: Greg Watts-12, Grey Coppi-4, Scott Barton-4; Knicks: Mike Dezmin-11, Aaron Wright-6, Nick Jeglinski-4 and Tim Durmak-4.	
Pistons	9
Heat	10
High scorers—Pistons: David Alston-4, Erick Daley-3; Heat: Troy Russell-6.	
Lakers	17
Magic	18
High scorers—Lakers: Brendan O'Shea-11, Chris Deolivera-6; Magic: Taylor Curtis-6, Bard Martin-6 and Keith Heckel-4.	
Timber Wolves	26
Hornets	12
High scorers—Timber Wolves: Justin Cantor-10, Vinnie Padula-10 and John Mills-4; Hornets: Jalil Williams-8.	
Raptors	33
76ers	30
High scorers—Raptors: Blaire Houston-11, Denny Espin-12, Robbie Hoffman-10; 76ers: Mike Muglia-12, Andrew Gray-10 and Jonathan Marcoux-4.	
Celtics	16
Clippers	15
High scorers—Celtics: Jordan Petriella-6, Kyle McManon-4 and Kyle Darr-4; Clippers: Brian Fabino-8, Peter Adorna-5.	

Recreation Wrestling

Junior Tigers Beat Plainfield, Westfield and Flemington

By Bobby Hunter

The Tigers competed in a tri-match on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Plainfield High School with the Jr. Cardinals and the Jr. Westfield Blue Devils. In the opening match with Westfield the Tigers started out slow but came on strong to win 58-24. In the match with Plainfield the Tigers began with a bang taking an early 30-0 lead before coasting to a 52-23 victory.

In the Westfield match, Robert Gentile won by forfeit in the 50 pound weight class.

The Tigers forfeited the 53 pound weight class tying the score at six apiece and then dropped the match in the 57 pound weight class, giving Westfield back the lead.

The Tigers came roaring back with a fall by Jimmy Conroy in the 60 pound match. Conroy needed only 0:27 to score the fall over Jason McKay.

In the 65 pound match Billy Ashnault built an early 9-0 lead before he pinned Mike Martoglio at the 1:27 mark.

After dropping the 67 pound bout and with the match again tied, Billy Padula put the Tigers in the lead for good by pinning Sean McManus in 0:46 in the 70 pound class.

Nick Dorey increased the Tiger lead with a fall over John Skibitsat in the 73 pound match at 0:59.

Peter DeAndrea then took on Dom Delpapolo in the 77 pound match and got early control and went on to win a 6-0 decision.

Sam Martin followed with a 9-0 major decision over Tom Leonard in the 80 pound match.

In the 90 pound match, a much improved Frank Stefanelli fought back from 2-0 to score five unanswered points, before scoring the fall over Brad Corea at 2:50.

In the most exciting match of the day, Kyle Bostick trailing 5-2 with less than thirty seconds left, scored an escape and then a takedown on Dave DelDuca to send the match into overtime. After a scoreless first OT, Bostick rode him out for the double OT victory.

In the 102 pound match, Kevin Crilley wasted no time with Rob Morrison scoring a fall in just 18 seconds.

Rob Maistickle finished the scoring with a fall over Jason Kania in the 110 pound match.

Also wrestling were John Wylam, Nick Valone, Dan Bayak, Brad Martin and Rocco Petriello.

In the Plainfield match, at 50 pounds Robert Gentile won by fall over Dan Gordon. At 53 pounds, John Wylam won a 5-3 decision over Kevin Williams. At 57 pounds Nick Malone won by forfeit. At 60 pounds Jimmy Conroy won by forfeit. Billy Ashnault at 63 pounds won by fall over Rasha Lewis. At 67 pounds Danny Bayak won a decision of 3-0 over Derrick Gordon. At 77 pounds Peter DeAndrea scored a 12-0 major decision over Aron Tvler.

At 80 pounds Sam Martin won by a fall over Chad Elder. At 102 pounds, Kevin Crilley won by fall over Will Preston. Rob Maistickle at 110 won by fall over Omahr Tero. Also wrestling for the Tigers were, Bill Padula, Nick Dorey, Brad Martin, Frank Stefanelli, Kyle Bostick.

In the Flemington match the Tigers got off to a fast start and never looked back. Robert Gentile, 50 pounds, won by forfeit. Elizabeth Martin filled in for Nick Valone at 57 pounds and won an OT decision over Randy DeVito 11-6. At 60 pounds, Jimmy

Conroy won by a fall over Sam Gaubhan. Danny Bayak won by a fall over Rich Strizki at 67 pounds. At 70 pounds Billy Padula, won by decision over Jimmy Falcone. Peter DeAndrea 77 pounds, won by a fall over Kyle Alperone. At 80 pounds, Sam Martin won by a fall over John Elipdes and Brad Martin completed the Martin family sweep with a 14-5 decision over Steve Chonko. At 90 pounds, Frank Stefanelli won by a fall over Tom Karimattan. Kyle Bostick wrestling at 90 pounds, Kevin Crilley at 95 pounds and Rob Maistickle all won by forfeit. Also wrestling for the Tigers were, John Wylam, Tim Gaughan and Nick Dorey.

By Bobby Hunter

The future of South Plainfield wrestling looks bright with the crop of first and second year beginners that took to the mat this past Sunday at the annual Middlesex Novice Wrestling Tournament. This tournament is designed to give first and second year-wrestlers some experience and mat time.

South Plainfield sent 12 wrestlers to the tournament and had eleven medal winners and one fifth place ribbon.

In the Pee Wee division, Philip Longo 42 pounds, lost his opening round match 9-7 but came back strong with a pin over Calvin Daly of Newton for a fourth place medal.

Kyle Pompilio 44 pounds, lost his opening round match and lost a close 9-7 decision for fifth place ribbon.

Corey Hay claimed the first title of the day in the 48 pound weight class with a fall over Kevin Hernandez of Kittatiny in the opening round, then he went on to pin Jeremy Accardi of Kenilworth and beat a tough Chris Burdger of Newton in the finals.

Kyle Hughes 53 pounds, lost his first match but came back to

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8. DUMONT BOMBERS	54.0	37.0	.593
9. WOLF PAC	49.0	61.0	.445
10. I DON'T KNOW	45.0	70.0	.391
11. THE BEACH BUMS	40.0	56.0	.416
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IND. BOYS HIGH GAME SCRATCH

Matthew Boley	190
Jon Jeglinski	146
Pat Cantarella	144

IND. GIRLS HIGH GAME HANDICAP

Mallory Cooper	218
Melanie Foscolo	218

HIGHLIGHTED TEAM OF THE WEEK

THE BEACH BUMS			
		TOTAL PINS	AVG.
A. Rawlands	3880		99
J. Zielinski	3189		96
K. Ciampi	3320		79

Young Tigers Claim 11 Medals at Middlesex Novice Tournament

Hay, Heilmann, and Wagner Brothers Win Titles

win his two wrestle back matches by fall to finish with a fourth place medal.

Mike Wagner wrestling at 59 pounds won his opening match by a fall over Dominic Piscelli of Middlesex, then won a 9-4 decision over Mark Stephenson. Stephenson beat Wagner last year at another tournament. In the finals, Wagner wasted little time scoring the fall over Kevin Powlison of Middlesex at the 0:38 mark of the first period to claim the second Tiger title of the day.

Eric Niemeyer 65 pounds, won his consolation match by decision for a third place finish.

In the Bantam 48 pound class, Rich Harzula won his consolation match with a fall over Billy Hannon of Kenilworth for third place.

Nick Heilmann who also wrestling at 48 pounds, won his opening match by 6-1 decision over Tim Van Orden of Sparta. In the semi final round Heilmann pinned Spencer Paniel at the 1:27 mark to reach the finals. In the finals Heilmann built an early lead before scoring a fall over Rich Weslock of Roselle Park to claim the third Tiger Championship of

the day.

Jonathan Conroy 54 pounds, won his opening round match by a fall over John Franglich of Newton. In the semifinal round he pinned Kyle Visoskas of Morris Plains to reach the finals. In the finals Conroy dropped an 11-9 decision to Ryan Radwanski of Manville.

At 60 pounds, Vinnie Padula lost his opening round match by decision but came back to win two matches in the wrestle back rounds for third place.

In the Midget division Mark Wagner 74 pounds, won his first match by a fall over Ryan Taylor of Parsipany, then won a tough 6-4 decision over Rickey Harding of Newton and pinned Frank Ruscignuolo at 0:37 for the fourth Tiger Championship.

Billy Daly, in the 100 pound weight class received a bye the opening round and pinned Greg Hardtveit of Middlesex and lost a close decision 9-6 in the finals for a second place finish. Coach Jim Conroy noted how impressed he was with all the kids. "They never quit, they wrestled hard the whole match. For not having a lot of experience they did a get job," he said.

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Obituaries

Frank M. Colvin, 78

Frank M. Colvin, of South Plainfield, died on Jan. 18 at home.

Born in Plainfield, Mr. Colvin had resided in Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield in 1943.

Mr. Colvin was the owner and operator of Panel Oven Engineering of South Plainfield since 1955. He was employed with the Watson-Stillman Co. of Roselle as an electrician and by Eastern Aircraft of Linden during WWII.

He was past president of the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield Industrial Division and past president of the US Navy League, New Brunswick Chapter.

Mr. Colvin was a member of Sacred Heart Church and St. Bonaventure Church in Lavallette.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Helen Pearson Colvin; a daughter, Carol Squindo of South Plainfield; a son, Frank Colvin, Jr. of South Plainfield; three sisters, Ruth Stefanik of Port Charlotte, Fla., Lorraine Gallian of Kingwood, TX., and Edith Snider of Milford, NJ.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, Kimberly Born, Frank Colvin, Shannon Colvin and Megan Colvin and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCrisky Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Make A Wish Foundation, 1034 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083.

James R. Franks, 71

James R. Franks of South Plainfield died Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Winchester, Va. and was a former resident of Plainview Long Island before

moving to South Plainfield 38 years ago.

Franks was an English teacher at the South Plainfield High School for 13 years before retiring in 1974.

He was a veteran of the US Navy during WWII.

He was predeceased by his wife, Vivette Allen Franks, who died in 1974.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda DeCelles of Arlington, Mass.; a son, Mitchell T. Franks of Pawtucket, RI; two brothers, Clyde Franks of Martinsville, Va. and William Franks of Gerards-town, West Virginia; four sisters, Margaret Farrow of Shippenburg, Pa., Elizabeth Marino of Winchester, Va., Betty Geishaven of Battle Creek, Mich. and Jane Benner of Gerardstown West Virginia, and five grandchildren.

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

Helen M. Supinski, 73

Helen M. Supinski died on Monday, Jan. 18, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Dupont, Pa., where she had resided for many years, Mrs. Supinski had resided in Middlesex for five years before moving to South Plainfield in 1952.

She had been employed as a electronic technician for Lockheed Electronics Co., formerly of North Plainfield for many years.

Mrs. Supinski had graduated from Middlesex County Vocational & Technical School in Piscataway in 1974 with her Licensed Practical Nursing Degree. She was a member of the Resurrection of Christ Church in Dunellen, where she was a former member of the Ladies Rosary Society. Mrs. Supinski was a former member of the Holy Mother of Sorrows Church in Dupont, Pa. She had been an avid bingo player and had formerly

been active with girl scouting and the Somerset County 4-H organization.

Surviving are her husband, James J. Supinski; a daughter, Patricia M. Badovinac of Woodbridge; two sons, Thomas E. of South Plainfield and James J., Jr. of Cocoa Beach, Fla. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held McChrisky Home For Funerals.

Donations in her memory may be made to The National Kidney Foundation of New York & New Jersey, 1250 Broadway, Suite 2001, New York, N.Y. 10001 or The American Association for Diabetes, 200 A Cottontail Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

John J. Waverka, 78

John J. Waverka died on Monday, Jan. 18, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Waverka was born in Taylor, Pa. and had resided in Bound Brook and Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield 44 years ago.

As a teen he had served with the Civilian Conservation Corps Forestry Service in Laporte, Pa.

During WW II he had served with the US Army and he also served a second enlistment with the US Army Air Corps. While in the service he had been stationed in various countries within the European Theater. He had participated in numerous battle engagements, including the D-Day Invasion at Normandy Beach in France.

He was twice awarded the Purple Heart. At the time of his discharge, he held the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Waverka had been employed for 35 years by the Union Carbide Co. in Piscataway, where he had worked in the security department. At the time of his retirement, in 1983, he was a sergeant.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

He was predeceased by three brothers, William Waverka, Frank Waverka and Joseph Waverka.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Emily R. (Ginovsky) Waverka; a daughter, Grace W. Glowacki of Millville, NJ; three sisters, Agnes Praschak of Scranton, Pa., Mary Lewandowski of Taylor, Pa. and Ann Walter of Taylor, Pa.; two brothers, Louis C. Waverka of Taylor, Pa. and George "Tommy" Waverka of Scranton, Pa. He is also survived by two grandsons, John and Robert Glowacki, both of Millville, NJ.

Funeral services were held at McCrisky Home For Funerals.



Baptist Cemetery gravestones show years of wear.

D.A.R. Seeks Information on Local Revolutionary War Vets

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield resident Ruth Janizak and her family have a long personal history with the D.A.R. Her grandmother even had a book published on one line of the family. In keeping with the family tradition, Ruth's children, Steve and Pam are members of the Col. John Nilsen chapter of C.A.R., Children of the American Revolution.

One of the DAR's many responsibilities is to locate and mark the graves of veterans of the American Revolution who lie unrecognized in cemeteries across the country. Last year, representing the D.A.R., Ruth and her daughter set out to place flags on the graves of revolutionary war veterans at Hillside Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day. It was their first visit to the cemetery and Ruth described their fascination with the dates on many of the ancient headstones and her dismay at the condition of the stones. She said much of the damage was simply due to the age of the stones. On a return trip to complete the job Ruth met Gordon Holz who maintains records for the cemetery. She told him of the DAR's efforts to locate and

provide markers for forgotten revolutionary war veterans. Mr. Holz in turn put her in touch with South Plainfield resident Larry Randolph, a local historian, who gave a jump start to the DAR project at Hillside. Instead of starting from scratch, Ruth found that much of the work had been done for her. She was given information that had been researched 25 years before. A list of revolutionary war veterans was sent to the DAR headquarters in Washington D.C. and has already been approved for headstones. The stones would be provided by the Veterans Affairs Department in Washington. They hope to have the stones in place in the next four months.

The DAR is seeking South Plainfield residents that may be related to the veterans listed in the box below. The Jersey Blue Chapter of the DAR will be conducting lineage workshops in the near future. For information about the veterans or the workshops call 753-1824.

Ruth noted that the work is far from done. There are approximately 25 more names that are currently being researched.

Revolutionary War Patriots-Hillside Cemetery

Ayres, Obediah, born 1730, died 5/4/1813
 wife Catherine, born 1840, died 1/27/1814.
 Blackford, David born 1729, died 2/11/1812
 wife Hannah died 9/9/1856
 Blackford Nathan, born 1756, died 8/21/1851
 wife Rachel, born 1762, died 10/15/1854
 Coriell, David, born 1762, died 4/20/1836
 wife Sarah, died 11/14/1836
 Davis, Joshua, born 9/5/1760, died 10/23/1839
 wife Jemima La Boiteaux
 Drake, Ephraim, born 1747, died 8/21/1804
 wife Rachel, died 10/1/1816
 Drake, Samuel, born 1747, died 4/22/1823
 wife 1. Hulda, died 1/8/1779
 wife 2. Judah, died 9/29/1819
 daughter Priscilla, died 5/26/1821
 daughter Elizabeth, died 7/8/1811
 Drake, Samuel, born 1764, died 4/1/1825
 wife Lucy, died 8/12/1821
 Dunn, Clawson, born 1762, died 4/14/1826
 wife Allis died 2/18/1826
 Frazee, Morris, born 1752, died 2/12/1839
 wife Mary died, 1/21/1851
 Laing, Benjamin, born 1745, died 1/6/1819
 wife Mary, died 5/9/1707
 daughter Huldah, died 9/10/1802
 wife Sophia Manning
 Lupardus, Christianus, born 1734, died 6/19/1793

wife Martha, died 11/24/1788
 Manning, Andrew, born 2/01/1739, died 4/19/1818
 wife Mary Stelle, died 1/1/1801
 Manning, Benjamin, born 2/23/1763, died 6/2/1839
 wife Phebe Drake died 2/3/1933
 daughter Phebe, 9/29/1816
 daughter Elizabeth died 11/23/1805
 Martin, David, born 1726, died 11/10/1800
 wife Rozannah died 10/2/1804
 Martin, James, born 1759, died 7/25/1825
 wife Mary Fitz Randolph
 Daughter Experience, died 4/10/1824
 Daughter Elizabeth, died 2/14/1839
 Randolph, Ephraim F.
 wife Rachel
 son Stille, died 2/8/1806
 Randolph, Joseph F., born 1/16/1750, died 11/11/1801
 wife Mary Lane
 son. Issac, died 9/10/1811
 son. Edward
 wife Betsy G. Mundy
 Randolph Nehemiah, born 1744, died 1/3/1806
 wife Sarah F., died 3/27/1807
 wife Phebe Wooden
 Runyon, Enoch, born 1754, died 10/22/1822
 wife Rachel died 7/8/1827
 Tingley, Ebenezer, born 3/27/1763, died 6/14/1824
 wife Elizabeth Runyon, died 8/10/1806

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POLICE REPORT

• A truck parked at Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing was burglarized. Two Bosch impact hammers and assorted bits valued at \$2,600 were stolen.

• A victim claimed that while visiting a friend on Delaney Ct., a car with five occupants drove up and the occupants all got out. A verbal fight broke out and punches were thrown. The car fled the scene and was later stopped. Two of its occupants were arrested. The victim was taken to JFK hospital.

• During a motor vehicle stop on Park Ave., Joseph Tremarco of Colonia was arrested for having four Contempt of Court citations, totaling \$1856. He was taken into custody.

• A 1986 Mazda RX7 was stolen while parked on Jackson Ave. last Friday morning.

• A welding machine was taken from J. Anthony Equipment on Clinton Ave. Apparently a truck pulled up and loaded the machine and drove off with it.

• A Lincoln Electric Arc Welder valued at \$300 was taken from a hand cart in the metal shop area of the high school. The lock of a supply room door was also pried off, but nothing was taken.

• Patrica Totten was arrested

when Pathmark security observed her shoplifting and putting the merchandise into a blue bag. The shoplifted items were worth \$94.81.

• Christine Moor of Plainfield was arrested and charged with refusing to show her credentials. During a motor vehicle stop, she refused to give the officer any information because he would not tell her why she was stopped. She was issued three summonses.

• Markita Arrington of Piscataway was arrested for shoplifting \$373 worth of clothing and various merchandise from K-Mart.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

January 20, 1999

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on January 19, 1999

CASE No. 20-98/S—J. Anthony Equipment Co. — Block 446; Lot 6; M-3 Zone; 4201 South Clinton Ave. —Applicant's request for final site plan was hereby GRANTED.

CASE #61-98/I—Livingston Infusion Care — Block 420; Lot 11.01; M-3 Zone; 603 Montrose Ave.—Applicant's request for interpretation was hereby DENIED. Applicant's request for a use variance for retail sales in the M-3 Zone was hereby GRANTED.

CASE #59-98—F.B. Plainfield, RD Management, LLC—Block 528.01; Lot 46.05; OBC-2 Zone; 7000 Hadley Road—Applicant's request for two bulk variances was hereby GRANTED.

Case #2-96/S/A—U.S. Plastics, formerly-Shlome Sales Co.—Block 387; Lot 2; M-3 Zone; 651 Metuchen Road—Applicant's request for an amended final site plan was hereby GRANTED.

The appointment of Janice Muccilli as Board Secretary, was hereby APPROVED.

The appointment of James Clarkin III, Esq. as Board Attorney was hereby APPROVED.

Janice Muccilli
Secretary, Zoning Board of Adjustment

Elks News

The South Plainfield Elks would like to thank Domino's Pizza and Kelly Smith for their donation of pizzas to the Central District Youth Activities Committee meeting recently hosted by the South Plainfield Elks. This group of Elks organized the local and district level "Hoop Shoot" competitions open to youngsters of several age groups. The competition leads up to the National Hoop Shoot winners who win Elk Scholarships. Thank you Kelly for your continued support.

Students DARE to Avoid Drugs

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program assists police officers, school administrators, and teachers in the planning and implementation of a drug abuse resistance program. The program is geared locally to fifth graders but in other areas of the country to fifth and/or sixth graders.

DARE officers are dedicated

individuals who attend a two week program that certifies them in the methods of instruction. The 17 week program is conducted by a uniformed officer. South Plainfield's DARE officers are Officer Joseph Papa and Officer Allen LaMonda. DARE offers the students a variety of activity-oriented ways to express what they have

learned. Often student leaders are used as role models. These students are chosen through essay and poster contests. There is one winner in each fifth grade class for each category; essay and a poster. In June, just prior to fifth grade graduation, a pool party is held at South Plainfield Community Pool. The party sums up the efforts of the DARE officers, the schools, and the students. "Graduating," moving up to a different school, can be difficult. The students are suddenly the youngest again instead of those who perhaps made their mark in grade school.

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Rescue Squad Swears in 1999 Officers

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad held its 1999 Installation Dinner on Jan. 9. The 1999 officers were sworn in for the coming year.

Sworn in were Peter McGrath as Captain, Gary Toth as First Lieutenant, Michael Zushpnaas

Second Lieutenant, William Feketeas Night Sergeant, Peter Magmani as Day Sergeant, Brian Anderson as President and Jose Heavens as Vice President. Service Awards were given to Gary Toth for 10 years and Karen Bulla for 5 years.

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Copy Deadline: Friday, 5 pm Advertising Deadline: Tuesday, 5 pm	25 DARE Graduation Franklin 1:45 pm Borough Council Agenda Meeting 8 pm	26 DARE Graduation Sacred Heart 11:45 am Recycling Comm. 8 pm Planning Board 8 pm	27 DARE Graduation Roosevelt 1:45 pm Traffic Safety Advisory Comm. 7 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	28 DARE Graduation Kennedy 1:45 pm Borough Council Meeting 8 pm	29 DARE Graduation Riley 1:45 pm Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	30 Columbiettes/Knights Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 pm, KC Hall
31	February 1 Recreation Comm. Meeting 7 p.m. PAL	2 Friends of the Library 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment 8 pm	3 Business Advisory Group 5:30 pm Court 9:30 am	4 Taxpayers Advisory Group 7 pm	5 Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	6
7 Breakfast—Polish Home 8-12 noon	8 Borough Council Agenda Meeting 8 pm	9 Historical Society HS Library 7:30 pm Planning Board Meeting 8 pm	10 Environmental Comm. 8 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	11 Senior Luncheon PAL 1:30 p.m. Borough Council Meeting 8 pm	12 Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	13
14	15 Land Management Advisory Committee 7:30 pm	16 Board of Adjustment 8 pm	17 Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	18	19 Touch of Italy Franklin 5 pm Publication of So. Plfd. Observer	20
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