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The proposed site of the new police substation on New Market Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard.

High School Students Participate in Shadow Day at Police Department

The South Plainfield Police Department invited two students from the South Plainfield High School to participate in Shadow Day last week. Shadow Day encourages students to spend a day at police headquarters and observe a police officer's typical day on the job.

Glenn Thimons and Rich Harrison, SPHS students interested in becoming police officers, were selected to spend the day at the police department as a part of the high school's Cooperative Education Program. Both students are considering pursuing careers in law enforcement.

The students began the day at 6:30 a.m. by attending morning briefings with Sgt. George Albertucki, shift supervisor. The students were then assigned to accompany Officers Charles Siedenburg and Rich Rogers in their patrol cars to experience what a patrolman's job entails. After three hours in patrol cars they visited the police firing range. The remainder of the day was spent in the Detective Bureau.

According to Lt. Robert Merckler, Shadow Day introduces students to an actual day in the life

of a policeman. Spending a day with a policeman may help students in deciding whether or not they would like to pursue a crime prevention education.

Both Glenn and Rich are planning to take the police exam and possibly attend the police acad-

Also participating in Shadow Day was Carmela Volpe, who spent the day with Maria Perry, municipal court assistant administrator. Volpe would like to pursue a career as a court reporter and will be attending Cittone Business School in Edison after graduating.

Police Substation Proposed On New Market Avenue And Hamilton Boulevard

By Patricia Abbott

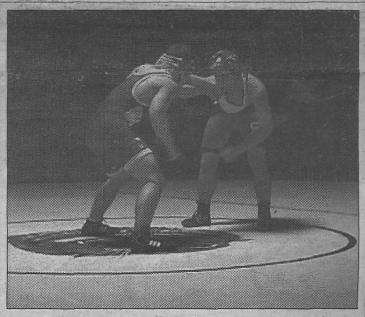
An eye on community policing has always been an issue at the forefront for the South Plainfield Police Department, including the school DARE program as well as neighborhood watches and security surveys. Community policing means officers are located nearby, but outside of, police headquarters, where they can be available for questions about safety and more. These efforts include police substations.

A new substation is in the planning on the south side of town. The long vacant Empire Gas Station, on the corner of New Market and Hamilton Blvd., is cited to become the home of the newest commu-

staffed by two officers. Joe Papa and Allen LaMonda will head up the Community Police/DARE station.

In an agreement with the borough, the former owner of the Empire station has agreed to hand the property over in exchange for back taxes owed to the town. The substation's tentative move to this area would be part of the ongoing downtown revitalization. An ordinance to approve the deal was initiated at a recent borough council meeting with a hearing scheduled for March 11.

Approvements will be funded through donations. Equipment, as well as manpower, will come in the form of these donations. Currently a substation is in place nity policing unit which will be at the PAL on Maple Ave.



Tigers Crush Voorhees, Drop Sectional Final To Del Val - Complete Wrestling coverage on pages 4-5.

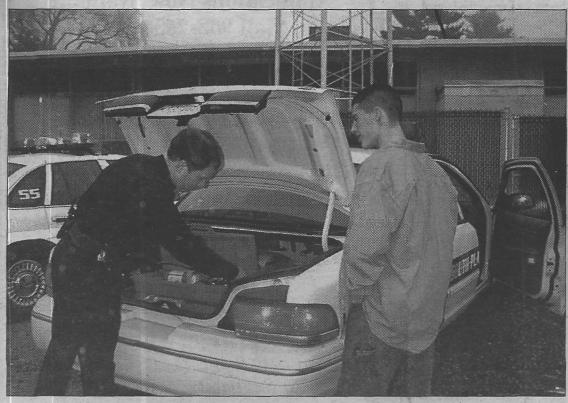
Council

- Three new volunteer members have been appointed to the fire department. They are Jose N. Garcia of Woodland Ave., Shayne A. Lugo of Lee Place and John D. Siddons of Church St.
- Joe Zekas has been appointed to serve on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.
- The council awarded a contract to Fleming White Appraisals, Inc. in the amount of \$9,800. to provide appraisals on ten parcels of property around Putnam Park to acertain market values as part of an acquisition of properties needed to expand the park. Funds have been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders towards the acquisition of property and development of the park.
- The borough administrator has been authorized to execute an

agreement with Summit Bank to provide credit card services to the Municipal Court. The Municipal Court will accept credit cards as payment of bail, fines and other court costs. The acceptance of credit card payment is expected to minimize the time that is presently dedicated to the collection of costs and improve the court's accounts receivable collection percentage.

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South Plainfield Police Officer Rich Rogers prepares his patrol car while Shadow Day participant Rich Harrison looks on.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

Zoning Board of Adjustment 1999 Meeting Dates

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

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:

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

Planning Board 1999 Meeting Dates

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as Follows:

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

Council Meetings

AGENDA MEETINGS	PUBLIC MEETINGS
Monday, March 8	Thursday, March 11
Monday, March 22	
Monday, Apr. 5	Thursday, Apr. 8
Monday, Apr. 19	
Monday, May 10	
Monday, May 24	Thursday, May 27

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.

Attention Board of Education Members:

Be advised the following meetings of Board of Education will be held in the Board Conference Room, Administration Bldg., on Cromwell Place.

Special Public Meeting: Tuesday, March 2,1999 at 8:00 p.m. Accept Architect's Report Adopt Tentative Budget 1999-2000 Action will be taken.

Special Public Meeting: Tuesday, March 30,1999 at 8 p.m. Formal Budget Hearing Adopt Final Budget 1999-2000 Action will be taken.

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In My Opinion

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To the Editor,

A few short weeks ago I used this forum to indicate my desire to serve this borough as a member of the Board of Education. I am pleased to announce that I will be joined in that endeavor by Jeff Seider, as we will be running as members of a ticket.

On April 20 the citizens of this borough will have a chance to directly affect the process of education here in town, by exercising their right to vote.

We believe the choice is clear: support the status quo, which has contributed to the development of a mindset that accepts mediocrity; or help us take the steps to raise the reputation of our district's standard of education to one worthy of outside recognition.

The relationship between a community's school system's quality of education, its quality of life, and its property values is inseparable. By concentrating the support of all individual stakeholders (parents, residents, educators, community leaders and businesses) to prevail upon our state representatives for our "fair share" of available funding, we can work to provide a revenue stream necessary to transform our schools into institutions equipped to help our students meet the challenges of tomorrow. In an increasingly competitive economy a quality education becomes more critical than ever. The infusion of new ideas and the commitment to see those ideas through to fruition has never been needed more by this district.

Help Jeff and I make this our

DANIEL SMITH **JEFF SAIDER SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

Rescue Squad Answers 140 Calls

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad responded to 140 calls in January, including: 102 medical assistance requests, 16 motor vehicle accidents, six fires, four hazardous materials calls, four transportations, three mutual aid and five community service requests.

Volunteers spent 343 crew hours answering the January calls.

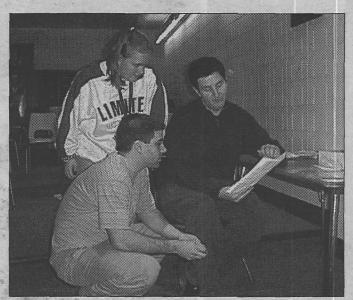
Junior Baseball Club Offers College Scholarship

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is now accepting applications for our college scholarship. Applications may be picked up at the guidance department of the high school or by contacting the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club at (908) 754-2090.

The applicant must be a graduating high school student this June, a South Plainfield resident, and must have participated in the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club for a minimum of five years.

Please note that the filing deadline is April 1, 1999.

We invite letters and opinions 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.



Director Shayne Miller (seated) reviews the cast list for the SPHS alumni production of Little Shop of Horrors with Kristen Pfeifer and Joe La Juneuesse.

Library Board of Trustees Elects 1999 Officers

At the Jan. 12 meeting of the as liaison to schools is Patricia South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees the following officers were elected:

Nancy Paulmenn, president; Dorothy Berney, vice president; Stephen Magura, treasurer; returning trustees: Peter Calderone, Marvin Deruyscher and Robert Neumann. Newly appointed trustee is Eric Aronowitz. Reappointed as mayor's alternate is Catherine Cavaliere. Reappointed

Massey.

Board of Trustee meetings are held at the Library on Plainfield Ave. on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The 1999 Board of Trustee meeting dates for the remainder of the year are March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

Junior Woman's Club and Juniorettes Host Fashion Show

The Junior Woman's Club and the Juniorettes will host a fashion show on Sunday, March 14, 2-5 p.m. at the VFW on Front Street. The fashion show will have a "prom" theme. Juniorettes, who will model prom fashions from BZ of Linden, will be escorted by high school gentlemen modeling tuxedos from Ducoff's in Iselin. Light snacks and desserts will be served. The Juniorettes want to use their share of proceeds for two

classmates diagnosed with cancer. The Junior Woman's Club will use their proceeds towards CODE ADAM, a child recovery enforcement act designed to allow store owners a plan of action if a child is lost or abducted while in their store. Cost of tickets is \$7. for students and \$10. for adults. Tickets may be purchased from any Juniorette at the high school or by calling Tracey Hartmann at 755-4349.

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IN OUR SCHOOLS

Franklin Science Club Sees Stars

The sky is the limit for the Franklin School Science Club. The February meeting explored the vast subject of the stars and the wonders of the sky. On Feb. 10 over 60 students enjoyed three activities. Divided by grade level, students created their own miniplanetariums with cans and some help from mom or dad. By taping a copy of a star constellation to the top of a can they were able to hammer small holes into it. A flashlight held to the open end of the finished can created a display of 'stars' on the wall.

While one group hammered away, the next entered a portable planetarium bubble dome provided by Professor John Miller and Pearl Observatory of Bridgewater and Greenbrook. Inside the dome students viewed the constellations and had the chance to see and touch a piece of a meteorite. The highlight of the evening took place outside under the stars. Nick Delicatl of Pearl Observatory set up a telescope behind the school. Students braved the cold waiting in line for their chance to view Jupiter and the moons. They excitedly described the clouds that were visible across the surface of Jupiter. Further out in the field a lit scale replica of the





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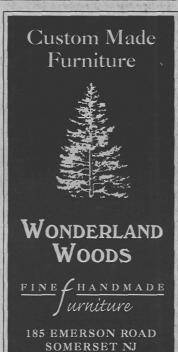
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The following stories, excerpted from the South Plainfield High School publication, Tiger Times, were submitted to the Observer by SPHS Teacher Alissa Percora.

The South Plainfield **All-District Music Festival**

By Erin Mackey and Carrie Reilly SPHS Tiger Times Co-Copy Editors

"Do, mi, re, fa, mi, so, fa, la, so, ti, la, so, fa, mi, re, do..." You may hear these sounds coming from the high school chorus room, while the ensembles prepare to take the stage. The collection of voices ranges from third to twelfth grade. It is time for the annual South Plainfield All District Music Festival. Held for the first time over the course of two days,

March 18 and tor Mr. Tracy "The thing that about the festiwhat's per-other schools. I ementary and perform." Also South time, High School's sesembles, The Jades will be performing, Middle School's select Gems. The high school forming a Disney medley, Spangled Banner." The Jades will be performing "Bohemian

take place on 19. Choral Direc-Murray said, I enjoy the most val is seeing formed by the like seeing the elmiddle schools for the first Plainfield lect choir enand Emeralds, along with the girls' choir, The choir will be peralong with the "Star-Rhapsody," by Queen, and the Emeralds will sing "Con-

stant Craving," by k.d. Lang and "Mr. Sandman," a popular 50s song. Sophomore Leo Campos said, "The District Festival is a good opportunity for younger students in the middle and elementary schools to see the high school chorus, bands and orchestra play." Freshman Tammy Dombrowski said, "This year is my first district festival in the high school and I look forward to performing." A finale will be performed, compiled of choruses from all four elementary schools, the Middle School, and high school, called "This Land Is Ours." March 18 will be the vocal portion of the festival, and the instrumental portion will be held the following day. As it has for over 25 years, the South Plainfield All-District Music Festival is expected to be a success.

Senior Trip

By Naleesa Hardial SPHS Tiger Times Co-Editor-In-Chief

In December, the senior trip was canceled because not enough people signed up. Right now the Student Counwhether we should have another one. The Student Council is planning either a one day trip or a three day weekend. The trip might be to Florida, the Poconos or to Great Adventure. A senior and member

of the student council, Samantha Noonan give her opinion on the senior trip, "There hasn't been a senior trip for about ten years to Great Adventure, and we would like to start that tradition again." Stucil is taking a vote as to dent Council member Patty Reach said, "The trip will be in the end of May. Although this trip is not approved by the board I think we should go because we've all been working so hard and this will bring us all closer."

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The Observer thanks **Robert Hunter for his** diligent coverage of South Plainfield Wrestling

By Bob Hunter

Tigers Win Big at Tournament, Claim 26 Medals



Bully Padula gets some last minute instructions from Coach Bill Ashnault at SP Invitational Tournament.

By Robert Hunter

The 25th Annual South Plainfield Invitational Wrestling Tournament had another banner year with 1,100 wrestlers competing over two days for the honor of being a champion at this prestigious tournament.

The Tigers wrestlers came away with an impressive 26 overall place winners and crowned three champions.

In the Pee Wee division, the Tigers had two champions in Mike Wagner, 60 pounds, and John Wylam, 54 pounds. Wagner defeated teammate Steven Paskowitz in the finals. Wylam won his first match and defeated Alex Trust of Toms River in the finals. Also placing in the Pee Wee divi-

sion was Corey Hay, 51 pounds, who came home with a second place medal when he lost his final to Jason Dack of Pascack Hills. Pat Millard, a heavyweight, lost his bid for a title when he lost to Steve Szczepanik of Kenilworth for a second place finish.

In the consolation round Kyle Hughes, 51 pounds, finished in fourth place. Jake Smithline, 57 pounds, lost his match by decision for a fourth place finish. Also wrestling but not placing were Nelson Duarte and Jeffrey Conroy, both at 42 pounds, Frank De-Biase and Ryan Billick, both at 48 pounds and Justin DeOliveria at 51 pounds.

In the Bantam division, Rocco Petriello scored a major decision over Joe Dowling of Wood- sion in his consolation final for bridge, 12-0, for third place. Pat- fourth place. rick Hunter, 53 pounds, finished in fourth place. Alex Vajda, 76 pounds, also came home with a matches but not placing were Nick Pauls, Vinnie Padula, Tim Gaughan, Danny Pompilio, Jonathan Conroy, Bissy Martin, Fred Niemczyk and Ryan Szumski.

The Midget division was very competitive this year with eight Tigers winning metals. In the 58 pound weight class Jimmy Conroy lost his bid for a title when he lost a close 1-0 decision to Fred Santaile of Pascack Hills. It seemed Conroy had gained control with eight seconds left for the two-point reverse, but did not get the call, as time ran down for second place finish. Mark Wagner, 73 pounds, lost his bid for a title when he lost to Frank Cammisa of Danbury, Conn. Wagner, a first year wrestler, won his first three matches to reach the finals.

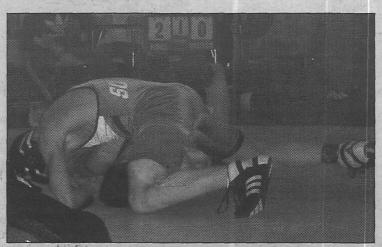
Sam Martin, 77 pounds, dropped his final to Eric Medina of Danbury, Conn. for second place. Kevin Crilley, 105, lost his final by a decision to Alex Caruso of Middlesex for second place. In the consolation round Billy Ashnault, 61 pounds, won his match by a fall for third place. Nick Dorey won his consolation match in the 70 pound weight class, for a third place finish. Danny Bayak, 67 pounds, lost his consolation final for third place. Frank Stefanelli, 90 pounds, lost a close 5-4 deci-

Also winning matches but not placing were Robert Gentile, Bryan Hunt, Matt D'Alessandro, fourth place finish. Also winning Mike Jakubik, Jeff Osley, Brad Martin, Anthony Niemczyk and Billy Daly.

In the junior division, Guy Severini, 113 pounds, won his Reichert, Nick Vallone, Mike final by fall over Lou Cevetello of Fords Wildcats at 1:35 for the

won his consolation final 7-0 for third place. Danny DeAndrea, 81 pounds, won his consolation final by a fall at 0:33 for third place. Glenn Gross, 126 pounds, scored a major decision 13-3 for third place. Steve Johnston, 132 pounds, won by decision 2-1 for third place. Travis Hollis pinned Paul Markowski of the Wildcats at 2:24 for third place.

Also winning matches but not



Guy Severini (top) has Lou Cevetello of the Wildcats in trouble. Severini went on to pin his man enroute to his 113 pound championship.

championship. Joe DeBiase, 124 pounds, lost his bid for a title when he lost to Anthony Pontoriero of Toms River for second place honors. In the consolation round, Billy Padula, 69 pounds, lost his consolation final by decision for fourth place.

In the intermediate division, Martin Diamont, 75 pounds, placing were Peter DeAndrea, 75 pounds; Kyle Bostick, 90 pounds; Jim Hearne, 95 pounds; Rob Maistickle, 107 pounds; Matt Gursky, 150 pounds; Ryan Elliott, Chinne Oparaeke, Gary Curcio, Nybil Ghunem, Brandon Lundgren, Brian Destefano, Raj Jainaire, TonyMelendez, Mike Towers, Joey Reach and Frank Demarest.

Middle School Wrestling Team Finishes Year at 19-5

By Bob Hunter

The South Plainfield Middle School Wrestling Team had an outstanding season, compiling a 19-5 record and some outstanding individual performances. This team is in the New Jersey Elementary School Wrestling League.

from Hopatcong, North Hunterdon, Hillsborough, Randolph, Rahway Bound Brook, Somerville, Warren Hills, Voorhees, Del Val, Phillipsburg and Flemington.

The Tigers defeated Hopatcong 48-24 in the season opener then beat North Hunterdon 40-24. Hillsborough came to town and went home on the short end of a 42-37 defeat. Randolph, one of the state's top programs, was no problem for the Tigers, handing them a 42-37 loss. Rahway was next and the Tigers took the early lead and never looked back, posting a 63-12 victory. Bound Brook, a team on the rise, met their toughest challenge of the year when the Tigers handed them a 38-27 defeat. Phillipsburg was next in what was the most exciting match of the season with the Stateliners handing the Tigers their first loss of the season 42-39. Somerville was next and what a match it was when the Tigers came from behind to win 27-26.

Plainfield came to town only to be defeated 36-24. Union was no match for the Tigers, dropping a 69-3 decision. Warren Hills came to town and gave the Tigers all they could handle before falling 44-36. The Tigers then faced The League consists of teams Pennsylvania powerhouse Allentown and the Higers prevailed,

> Voorhees was next and the Tigers wasted little time taking control of the match and cruising to a 52-10 victory. In the rematch with Hopatcong the Tigers again were not to be denied and came away with a 46-24 win. Del Val was next and the Tigers coasted to a 60-12 win. South River was the next Tiger victim dropping a 67-7 decision.

> The Tigers traveled to Woodbridge and handed the Bears a 41-31 loss in front of the home crowd. The only losses of the year came at the hands of Phillipsburg (twice), North Hunterdon, Roselle Park and Flemington.

The Tigers were led this year by Guy Severini 112, with a record of 26-5; Joe DeBaise 117 (23-9), Glenn Gross 125 (29-8), Steve Johnston 135 (25-5); Jim Curcio 100 (12-8) and Dan DeAndrea 80 pounds (21-9). Rounding out the lineup are Billy

In a match of local rivals, North Padula 70 pounds, Peter DeAndrea 75 pounds, Martin Diamont 85 pounds, Kyle Bostick 90 pounds, Jim Hearne 95 pounds, Rob Maistickle 107 pounds, Matt Gursky 150 pounds, Travis Hollis 175 pounds and Randy Osterhoudt at heavyweight. Diamont, Hearne, Gursky, Hollis and Osterhoudt are all first year wrestlers who did a great job for the team.

Other team members include Ryan Elliot, Chinne Oparaeke, Gary Curcio, Nybil Ghunem, Brandon Lindgren, Brian Destefano, Raj Jainaire, Tony Melendez, Mike Towers, Joey Reach, Frank Demarest and Chris Hewitt. The coaches include Mike Hoppe, head coach and Bill Ashnault, assistant head coach.

In tournament action the Tigers claimed 11 medals in the Berkeley Heights Tournament with three first place winners in Dan DeAndrea, Glenn Gross and Steve Johnston. Second place finishers were Peter DeAndrea, Jimmy Curcio, Joe DeBaise and Travis Hollis. Third place finishers were Billy Padula, Kyle Bostick, Guy Severiri. A fourth place medal went to Randy Osterhoudt. This team did a great job this year with four first year wrestlers and four sixth graders in the line up, noted coach Mike Hoppe.

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High School Wrestling

Tigers Crush Voorhees, Drop Sectional Final to Del Val 29-27

Tigers Crush Voorhees 50-12 to Advance to Sectional Final

what was expected to be a close match. Tiger coach Bill Pavlak never expected to beat Voorhees by 38 points, but on this night the Tigers were not to be denied. Matt Anderson, 103, started off with a forfeit and then a technical fall by Roberto Ramos, 112, and a major decision by team captain Billy Wilson at 119. But Voorhees came right back to win

The Tigers mauled Voorhees in the next three out of four bouts to cut the Tiger lead 18-12. Jon Blondet, 135, decisioned Bryan Sutton, 8-2.

But that's where it stopped as the Tigers rolled up the score with two major decisions by Dave Fiore, 145, and Frank Crincoli at 152 and a pin by John Foscolo at 160. Chris Francis followed with 11-5 decision over Voorhees star Ken Brenzia at 171 to set up a showdown between

Cory Burd and Dan Kunst at 189. Kunst gave up an early takedown and shocked the crowd when Burd turned Kunst to his back to take an early 5-0 lead. But Kunst battled back to take a 8-5 lead before pinning Burd at the 3:58 mark. Chris Cioffi followed at 215 with a fall over Dave Pfulgfedler at 1:06. Heavyweight Colin Hunter 21-1 won by decision 9-3 over Brendan Tyson to round out the scoring.

Tigers Lose Heart Breaker to Del Val in Sectional Final

In the Sectional Finals, the Tigers traveled to Del Val to meet the Terriers, the sixth ranked team in the state in the most anticipated match of the year.

Matt Anderson, 103, got the Tigers off to a good start scoring a 14-0 major decision. In what was the first of many controversial calls by the officials, Anderson was awarded back points at the end of the period but was then waved off preventing Anderson from scoring a technical fall. Roberto Ramos

was next at 112 and scored a major decision over Dan Hutchins to give the Tigers an 8-0 lead. Billy Wilson decisioned Nick Wean 6-2 at 119 to give the Tigers a 11-

David Stoeckel, 125, then faced Adam Hendrickson and dropped 2-1 decision after another controversial call. Jon Blondet, 130, lost by technical fall 15-0 and Del Val was back in the match. Dave Butrico came out for the Tigers at 135 and seemed to have the

match won when he appeared to have Justin Sigafoos in a peterson with Sigafoos on his back as the buzzer sounded. But again not getting the call, he dropped a 7-6

Scott Doerr then faced Alex Shallop in the 140 pound bout and dropped a 2-1 decision. At 145, Mike Buteas had the task of facing Del Val star Joe Angione and was pinned at 3:03. The Tigers then bumped up Dave Fiore from 145 to wrestle at 152 and the move almost worked. Fiore, leading 4-3 with 14 seconds in regulation, was head butted by Mike Conord. Conord then took the dazed Fiore down for 5-4 victory. John Foscolo, 160, was then pinned at 4:54 to give the Terriers a 29-11 lead. But then the Tigers got the ball rolling again with a major decision by Chris Francis 14-3 at 171 and a decision by Dan Kunst at 189 over Don Schaefer 5-3 which put the Tigers in position for the win. Chris Cioffi, 215, needed to pin Pat Mancini to set the stage for Tiger heavyweight Colin Hunter to close the show. Midway through the first period Cioffi hit Mancini with a headlock and appeared to have Mancini pinned but again did not get the call. Then in the third period Cioffi again put Mancini to his back but it wasn't enough as Cioffi won 9-6. Del Val then forfeited at heavyweight for the 29-27 victory. Those four one point matches and Anderson not getting the tech fall was the dif-

Recreation Wrestling

Junior Tigers Crush Berkeley Heights and Union

Big Day for Rec Wrestlers

The recreation wrestling team posted two big wins this past weekend defeating Union 65-14 and Berekley Heights 82-9.

Winning matches in the Berekley Heights match were Robert Gentile 50, Patrick Hunter 53, Jiimny Conroy 60, Billy Ashnault 63, Nick Dorey 73, Peter DeAndrea 77, Sam Martin 80, Frank Stefanelli 90, Kyle Bostick 95, Kevin Crilley 102, Rob Maistickle 110, and heavyweight Rocco

The Tigers scored 9 pins, one tech fall and two decisions. Also wrestling were Nick Vallone 57 ounds, Danny Bayak and Billy Padula and Brad Martin. In the day at the High School.

Union match the Tigers picked up where they left off by winning 14 of 16 bouts.

Winning matches were Robert Gentile 50, Patrick Hunter 53, Nick Vallone 57, Jimmy Conroy 60, Billy Ashnault 63, Danny Bayak 67, Billy Padula 70, Nick Dorey 73, Peter DeAndrea 77, Sam Martin 80, Kyle Bostick 95, Kevin Crilley 102, Rob Maistickle 110, and Rocco Petriello at heavyweight.

Also wrestling were Brad Martin and Frank Stefanelli. The Tigers will finish up with Cranford and will get ready for the Central Jersey Team Tournament this Suit-

By Brian Cochrane

Basketball

Boys Tournament Hopes Dashed

The Tiger boys basketball season ended last Wednesday with a 60-46 defeat at the hands of 13 seed New Brunswick. The 20 seed Tigers entered the GMC tournament on somewhat of a roll, winning six of their last nine games but just couldn't keep. The boys finished the season 8-12.

pace with the rather prolific Zebra team. South Plainfield's top scorer this year, Jr. Dominique Pender, nailed three, 3-pointers on his way to a game high 22 as Justin Benford poured in 14 of his own.

ference in the match.

Girls Take First Round

The Tiger girls basketball team, seeded 10, rolled through the first round of the GMC tournament with a 35-27 victory over 23 seed Highland Park last Thursday. Coming off a nagging back injury, Dana Curcio sank three, 3-pointers and led a balanced Tiger attack with a team high 10. After taking a six point lead into the half, the Tigers came out of the locker room and played a very stingy defense, unleashing their vaunted full court press and holding Highland Park to a mere

three, fourth quarter points.

Last Saturday, the Tiger girls traveled to seven seeded Edison for their second round match-up and dropped a tough game 42-35. Once again threepoint specialist Dana Curcio sank three from long range and shared team high with this year's team scoring leader, Cheryl Cwiekalo (13). Both of this year's scoring leaders, juniors Dominique and Cheryl, will come back next year to provide us with more exciting Tiger basketball!

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.

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Jaghab-6; Vincent Velez-5. Kentucky High scorers—Kentucky: Johnathan Liebl-3; Notre Dame: Amanda Fugate-7; Galen Johnson-7, Michael Hanley-5, Doug Dietzold-3

Illinois Arizona High scorers—Illinois: Andre Scott-16, Danielle Arndt-6, Alan Dummett-5, Ankit Patel-4; Arizona: Tom Whalen-8, Brian Acrin-7, Ryan Decker-6.

Georgetown Georgetown: Nick Cesare-9, Nicholas Greco-6, Terry Paschall-4; *Michigan:* Chris Bakazan-10, David Acevedo-9, Nicholas Jefferys -8, Jason Coama-4, Robert Hoff-

U.C.L.A. Rutgers High scorers—UCLA: Chris Czaplinski-10. Allen Mazurak-6, Joe Teller-3; *Rutgers*: Brian Cantor-8, Dane Miyasato-8, Jeffrey Pollin-6.

Pittsburgh Syracuse High scorers—Pittsburgh: Chris McKnight-19, Mike Salerno-16, Chris Horn-8; Syracuse: Andrew Cupido-24, Greg Garbowsky-6, Kyle Kazimir-6, Steven Mincevich-4.

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C LEAGUE RESULTS-FEB. 13

Hawks 22 16 Nuggets High scorers—Hawks: Taylor Mandel-6; Nicole Cortese-4, Joey Denitzio-4; Jonathan O'Connor-4; Nuggets: Kevin Siedenburg-10, Chris Weakley-6.

26 Spurs

High Scorers—Kings: Danny McCreesh-14, Chris Stallone-12, Charlie George-4, Mike George-4, Mike Stallone-4; Spurs: Matt Jeglinski-10, Justin Kelly-4, Ryan Curtis-4, Joe DeFalco-4, Justin Basilone-4.

Supersonics

High Scorers—Blazers: Lacey Santone-10, Nick Biannakis-8, Matt Fabino-4, Anthony Cassano-3; Sonics: Ben Milcarek-9, Scott Hartje-8, Samuel Martin-8.

Warriors **Mavericks** 22 High scorers-Warriors: Chris Pollin-8, Bill Daly-8, Brett Morris-4; Mavricks: Mike Pi-

azza-10, Jonathan Guirguis-6. **Rockets**

High scorers-Bucks: Keith Dezmin-8,

Nick Baldasarre-4, Courtney Eustice-4;

Rockets: Zachary Gray-16, Harshal Patel-6. **Cavaliers** Grizzlies

High scorers— Cavaliers: Robert Strani-23, A.J. Romano-4, Matthew Ramos-4; Grizzlies: Kyle Lendach-17, Kevin Cantor-10, Scott Hunterton-6.

Suns Wizards **High scorers**—Suns: Anthony Petriello-6; Travis Noll-6; Wizards: Vincent Genova-5,

Nets Clippers

D LEAGUE STANDINGS

Knicks 76ers Celtics Magic **Pistons** Jazz **Timber Wolfs** Hornets Heat Lakers

D LEAGUE RESULTS-FEB. 13

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High scorers-Knicks: Tim Durnak-18, ike dezmin-8, uniis ascendio-4, bhan Hanley-4, Aaron Wright-4.

Celtics

High scorers-Nets: Bob Harrington-8, Joey Grennier-4, Brandon Ullom-4; Celtics: Kyle Darr-8, Jordan Petriello-6, Chris Pennisi-4.

Raptors Clippers 14

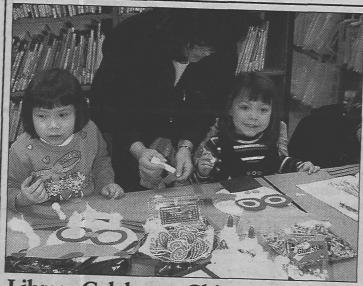
High scorers—Raptors: Blaire Houston-22, Danny Espin-14; Clippers: Brian Fabino-8, Ryan Bunting-4.

76ers **Timberwolves**

High scorers—76ers: Andrew Gray-10, Joe Lacerdo-6, Mike Muglia-5, Jeff Pagdensolan-4; Timberwolfs: Justin Cantor-15, Vinnie Padula-14, John Mills-6.

High scorers-Hornets: John Christ-12, Jose Charneco-6, Jalil Williams-4; Lakers: Brendan O'Shea-8; Chris Deolivera-6.

Magic **Pistons** 18 High scorers-Magic: Jonathan Cursi-4, Pistons: David Alston-10; Erick Palev.



Library Celebrates Chinese New Year

Local children participated in a special storytime at the Library on Feb. 13 in recognition of Chinese New Year (the year of the rabbit.) Children's Librarian Linden Hansen read a story about the Chinese New Year to about a dozen children. Afterwards the children made colorful Chinese masks to take home.

Meekly Horoscope

ARIES - Be positive and hold your temper. Something you been holding back may be released at a bad time. Also something lost may be found at this time.

TAURUS - Have you been remem-bering your dreams lately? Consult a dream book for possible meanings. This is a good time to trust your first impres-

GEMINI - Talk to a friend. A relationship you're in may not be going well at this time. And this friend may be able to help with advice. Look to your inner soul

CANCER - You have a full week, make time for your your hobbies. Children will want you to themselves for fun. And in business, speaking your mind is more in tune than diplomacy.

LEO - Go out and do some shopping, not for yourself but for your home. If you recieve an invitation, go! You will be surprised at how much you can have in common with this person

VIRGO - Get rid of those negative feelings. Your emotions are strong. Do something fun. You have the will to make

LIBRA - "Is it to good to be true?" Keep that in mind when presented with a money making idea. Be sure to do full research. Think of the source it's coming

SCORPIO - A misunderstanding will likely come out this week on a romantic issue. So don't fly off the handlle... talk it out! (without anger). You also deserve any new money that is earned at the

CAPRICORN - If you been experiencing any problems with your car or information not getting to you, this should end with mercury's retrogade motion

ending. Full speed ahead.

AQUARIUS - Social activities are highlighted this month. You are at your best in groups. Speak with someone you usually don't have time for and when this

all comes together, enjoyment is to be had.

PISCES - You must put full efforts at vork, promotions and raises will follow but only with hard work on your end. Take some time out to write some poetry.

INFO - PISCES (February 19-March

20) Your planet ruler is Neptune, the incient god of the sea. Neptune is known as the planet of illusion, glamour, mystery and conflicting desires. Pisces rule and corns. Lucky days are Fridays and numbers are 2 and 6. Aquamarine is your brithstone. My quote for you is "poetry

- CYRUS N. MOON

Baseball Tryouts; Rule Changes; Events

Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 6 at the PAL. All players who have registered will receive notification by mail. All players are urged to attend the tryout, and remember to wear sneakers and bring your glove!!

Players who wish to sign up should contact the club as soon as possible. Most leagues are almost full.

Contact the SPJBC Clubhouse 908-754-2090 or email spjbc99@ aol.com.

The February "Coaches Clinic" featured John Evans, a player/ coach with the Bridgeport Bluefish, as the speaker. John's session focused on catching and base running. The next clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Playing Rule Changes

The following is a summary of the playing rule changes made for the 1999 season. The changes apply to all leagues except where noted.

- All players are to be included in the batting order.
- There will be free defensive substitution.
- Every player must play at least three (3) innings defensively.
- The regular season will con-

Skills Clinic for Girls Softball

All girl softball players third through eighth grade are invited to attend a softball clinic. The New Jersey Wildcats Junior Olympic Fastpitch Softball organization will be holding a Gen-

The clinic will be held in the gvm 2-6 p.m. The fee is \$25. For registration forms and information, call (908) 754-8136.

sist of fourteen (14) games.

- There will be a double elimination tournament in each league involving all teams.
- · All teams (except Small Fry C) will seed in the tournament according to regular season standings.
- Small Fry C team seedings will be randomly selected at the end of the regular season.

Small Fry C only

- No standings will be kept.
- All players will play defense a minimum of four (4) innings.
- · Except for the catcher, no player can play the the same position more than twice in a game.
- No player may sit out more than one inning at a time.
- Eight year olds must pitch one inning of every game within the first four innings.

- No player will play in excess of six consecutive innings in two consecutive games.
- · There will be no base stealing until May 15.
- Pitching will be limited to no more than two innings per game and not exceed four innings per

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Registration - contact the club only few openings remain.

Monthly Meeting - Monday March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the club-

League Manager's Meetings will be held during the week of March 1.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 6 at the PAL.

Draft Nights will be held during the week of March 8.

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

Okay now! It's figot my cable-modem on the Internet as you

By Briggs Longbothum

nally happened for me. on Friday, and it's as fast could imagine. It really

opens new doors for me too. The throughput of streaming sound and video files is terrific, and gone are the interrupting pauses while my 28.8 modem re-buffers my cache. I can now listen to endless CD-ROM quality music from any artist at all. Heck, I can even produce my own CDs with any collection of music I want for listening later in my car or Walkman. Any CD I'll ever buy again, will either be blank for recording upon, or will contain computer applications and data. (We'll talk about pirating another time!).

Two years ago, my computer system was a top-of-the-line PC clone with an Intel 166Mhz Pentium, V.34 28.8Kbps fax-modem, and 32Mb RAM. The Internet, even then, was pretty darn good too. But in these times of rapidly advancing technology, two years is a very long time. Just listen to the hype! By the time a new chip design is released to the market, two more quantum level advances are nearing comple-

an older machine "dead" versus a new one is its ability to handle the adjoining application technology that is also advancing at light speed. The industry certainly exists for users who want more, and who want it faster. While graphic intensive gaming and the interactivity of the Internet require more processing power, the competitive race to market with "bigger and better" seems to fuel a Catch-22 type scenario. Although this is not a bad thing, the path to the present is littered with perfectly working throwaways! The real sore point in my book, is that this good, but older, technology is often poorly supported, or totally unsupported by those who created it. Note that Microsoft no longer supports Windows 3.1! Thankfully, there does exist a small retro-tech aftermarket.

Bottom line, I'm now hoping for a new computer, so I can use my faster Internet connection to better advantage. In another column, we'll look at how faster Internet connectivity has shifted the bottlenecking which affects how quickly pages or images appear on screen after they are selected and the buttons are pushed. I'd like to hear from other users who have built computers for use with fast internet connections. Let's see if we can join forces and design an ultimate Internet machine. Who knows, maybe we can even get it built and donated to our library! Anyone interested?

TIP: Your efforts (if any) at protecting you computer from power spikes and surges are probably ineffective! Read on below!

Most of us utilize some sort of "power strip" into which we plug computers and peripherals. We rely on these gadgets because they offer multiple power outlets, offer "protection", and often also "protect" our phone lines. Some are cheap, and some are costly, but almost without exception they utilize MOVs or metal oxide varistors as the protective element in their circuitry. For technical reasons, these things have limited lifetimes. Though a light may be on, or is still shining "green", they are still likely to be already dead! Besides that, and at best, they only shunt spikes and surges to the ground (I assume you did not carelessly employ a 3-wire to 2-wire adapter) or to the neutral wire. Note that I said "shunt" and not "suppress!" Whenever any unwanted current hits the ground side or neutral, some of it flows through the inherent "ground loop" of all your interconnected equipment. This is not a good thing, because it can re-enter internal circuitry and disrupt the data stream thereby often causing keyboard lockups and assorted other flavors of systems crashes! Contact me at Bruggo@earthlink.net (or now Bruggo@home.com) and I'll gladly expand on this subject. The take home message here is twofold: 1) No power strip on the market suppresses spikes and surges, and 2) it's useful life, even at diverting these power anomalies, is probably over, and is now useless for any sort of protection.

TIP: If you are too lazy to properly remove your shoes when you sit at your computer, be darn sure to, at least, "ground" yourself to your machine's chassis before resuming or starting work. This is to drain off static electricity. It's better than nothing, which is probably all you've got left!

Till next issue, let's keep in touch. Catch me if you can at Bruggo@home.com

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Obituaries

Vincenzo Pennisi, 79

Vincenzo Pennisi of South Plainfield died Thursday, Feb. 18, at Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

He was born in Pietrelcina, Italy. He came to the United States in 1958 settling in Upper Montclair before moving to South Plainfield 38 years ago.

Mr. Pennisi was a tailor for the former Rogers Mens Clothing Store in Plainfield for 22 years before retiring in 1982.

Mr. Pennisi was a member of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Mandato Pennisi; four

sons, Mario Pennisi of Cold Springs Harbor, NY; Dr. Licio Pennisi of Alfred, NY; Pio Pennisi of South Plainfield and Angelo Pennisi of Edison; a brother, Michele Pennisi of Totowa; three sisters, Delfina and Filomena Pennisi of Pietrelcina, Italy and Fiorinda Pennisi of Rome, Italy and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Padre Pio Fund c/o Columbia Savings Bank, 620 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Marie (Kane) McCluskey, 89

Marie (Kane) McCluskey died on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Mrs. McCluskey was born in South Plainfield and had resided there most of her life until moving to the Original Leisure Village in Lakewood in 1988.

Mrs. McCluskey was a 1930. graduate of the Trenton Normal School, which was the predecessor to Trenton State College.

She had been an elementary school teacher and had taught in the South Plainfield school system for 25 years. She retired in 1970.

She was a former member of Sacred Heart Church and a member of St. Mary of the Lake Church in Lakewood.

Mrs. McCluskey was a charter member of the Sacred Heart P.T.A

(Parent Teacher Assoc.) a member of Sacred Heart Seniors and a member of the South Plainfield Chapter of A.A.R.P.

Her husband, Hugh J. McCluskey, Sr., died in 1981. Her son, Robert K. McCluskey, died in 1984. She was also predeceased by her eight brothers and sisters.

Surviving are three daughters, Mary Nelson of South Plainfield, Virgina Ashley of South Plainfield and Ann McCluskey of South Burlington, Vt.; two sons, Hugh J. McCluskey, Jr. of Oakhurst and Daniel McCluskey of Hampton, NJ. She also had 12 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Surviving are a daughter, Mari-

lyn R. Mayer of South Plainfield; a

son, Anthony P. Radano of Read-

ington Twsp.; a sister, Marie Sans-

bury of Winter Garden, Fla.; three

brothers, Louis Trievison of Jersey

City, Louis Lamonea of Bradley

Beach, NJ and Anthony Trevision

of Buena, NJ. She is also survived

by four grandchildren, Bill DeNit-

zio, Lynn Moskal, Suzanne Radano

and Todd Radano and five great

McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Funeral services were held at

Donations may be made in her

Mr. De Santis had been an avid

Surviving are his wife, Nicolina

Laudato, a daughter, Maria Perrucci

of Kennesaw, Ga.; three sons,

Mariano of South Plainfield, Nicola

of Plainfield and Sabatino of Wash-

ington, N.J.; a sister, Concetta Cal-

abrese of South Plainfield and a

brother, Antonio De Santis of

South Plainfield. Also surviving are

McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Funeral services were held at

hunter and a communicant of Sac-

memory to Copsa Adult Day Pro-

gram, 671 Hoes Lane, Piscataway

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Edward J. Przybowski, Sr., 76

Edward J. Przybowski, Sr. died on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Przybowski had resided in Newark and in Clark before settling in South Plainfield 37 years ago.

He was a World War II Veteran of the United States Army where he served in the European Theater from 1943 to 1945 as a Private First Class in Military Police Platoon 30th Infantry Division. He was awarded the American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was employed as a chemical worker at National Starch Corp. in Plainfield for 20 years before his retirement in 1985

Mr. Przybowski is a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He is predeceased by two sisters. Surviving are his wife, Frances (Puchlick) Przybowski; two sons, Edward J. Przybowski and Ronald Przybowski, both of South Plainfield; a sister, Eleanor Smiglesky of Lebanon, NJ and a brother, Joseph Garneski of Linden. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2506 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or the American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ.

Angie Radano, 86

Angie Radano died on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Somerset Manor Assisted Living Facility in Somerset.

Mrs. Radano was born in Long Island City, NY and had resided in Jersey City and Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield in 1964.

She was employed for many years as a production worker by Silva Trim of South Plainfield, RCA of Raritan and Inland Steel Co. of Jersey City. She retired in 1977.

She was a member of the A.A.R.P. and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Radano was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Her husband, William J. Radano, died in March of 1993.

Mario De Santis, 74

day, Feb. 15, in his home.

Mario De Santis died on Mon-

Born in Italy, Mr. De Santis had

come to the United States in 1970

and had resided in South Plainfield.

He has been living in Plainfield

He had been employed in the

maintenance department of bank

held homes for the former Larson

Mortgage Company of Plainfield.

Most recently he had been a self em-

ployed landscaper working in the

Plainfield area. Previously he had

been employed by the Metuchen

Country Club in the Golf Course

Henry C. Timm, Sr., 80 Henry C. Timm, Sr., of South

Plainfield died Sunday, Feb. 14, at his home here.

He was born in Fairhaven, Mass. and was a former resident of Union before moving to South Plainfield 34 years ago.

Mr. Timm was an electrical contractor for 35 years and the owner of Timm Electric in Union and South Plainfield. He founded the company in 1958 and served as president before returning in 1962.

Mr. Timm was a sergeant in the U.S. Army serving in the 784th Tank Battalion were he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American War Veterans of Dunellen and the AmVets of Lyons, NJ and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Post 181 in Iselin.

Mr. Timm was active with the Middlesex County Emergency Management Program and the South Plainfield Civil Defense.

He was predeceased by a son, Henry C. Timm, Jr., who died in

He is survived by his wife, Rose Giarnieri Timm; a son, John F. Timm of South Plainfield; a daughter, Diane Deakyne of Edison; three sisters, Ellen Fenner of Springfield, Alice Baboza of Fairhaven, Mass. and Margaret Betters of Connerville, Pa.; a brother, Fredrick Timm of Merdia, Conn. and two grandchildren.

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

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A. Case No. 4-99/I — Patricia Bender—Block 472; Lot 2; M-3 Zone; 4307 New Brunswick Ave. — Applicant's request for interpretation was hereby APPROVED.

Secretary Zoning Board

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· Walter Allspach of Warren reported the hub caps from his vehicle were stolen while shopping at Home Depot.

· A South Amboy resident reported the theft of a 3/8-drive rachet handle and Cobra 148 CB radio from a vehicle parked at Old Dominion Trucking on New Era

· A Plainfield resident suspected of shoplifting from Kmart was apprehended by an officer at New Brunswick Ave. and Cherry St. The merchandise reportedly stolen was on hangers in front of the car in plain view. Upon a further investigation a sustenance that appeared to be marijuana was also found in vehicle.

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EVENTS

Franklin PTA Auction/ Raffle Night

The Franklin School PTA is having its Third Annual Auction/Raffle Night to be held on Saturday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Sponsored by Franklin School PTA, the cost is \$5 in advance and \$6. at the door. For ticket information contact Deb at (908) 757-9432.

Photography Expo

The New Jersey Photography Forum Presents: 1999 Photography Information Expo on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1-4 p.m. at Watchung Arts Center, "on the circle" in Watchung. Representatives from Hasselblad Polaroid, Fuji Film and others will be demonstrating their newest products along with lighting techniques and digital technology. Admission is \$5. at the door.

101st Airborne **Division to Meet**

The 101st Airborne Division, Association, General Anthony McAuliffe, New York/New Jersey Chapter will hold a meeting on Friday, Feb. 26 at the American Legion on Oak Tree Rd. at 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The American Legion Chaumont Post will be holding its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 13 at the Post home 243 Oak Tree Avenue. The affair will start at 6 p.m. with buffet dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and all the trimmings at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The proceeds will benefit Chaumont Post 243 Scholarship Fund. Music will be provided for your dancing pleasure. For info, call (908) 668-9414.

Sacred Heart Church Lenten Fish Dinner

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of the Sacred Heart Church will sponsor Lenten Fish Dinners, Feb. 26 and March 5, 12, 19 and 26 in the school cafeteria located on South Plainfield Ave., 5-7 p.m.

The menu will feature fillet of fish (fried, broiled parmigana) or pizza; fresh garden salad, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea or cold drink, and dessert. Take out orders are also available. Admission is \$8, adults; \$7, seniors and \$4, children. Pay at the door.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church at 7 p.m.

A/C Bus Trip to Caesars Casino

The South Plainfield High School Project Graduation Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Caesars Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, Mar. 20. The cost is \$20 with \$16 coin return. For reservations or more information, call Pat Anderson at (908) 756-6512 or Ellen Melanson at (908) 756-3731.

Blood Drive at High School

The Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the ARC and New Jersey Blood Services will hold a blood drive on March 8 at SPHS, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

PBA Local 100 to Sponsor Car Show

PBA Local 100 is sponsoring a car show on May 22, 1-7 p.m. on Criagwood Rd. Rain date is May 23, 9 a.m-3 p.m. Admission is free.

Enjoy good food, browse vendor booths, as well as arts and crafts. A live band and D.J. is scheduled.

Two 50/50 drawings and a raffle

will benefit So. Plainfield D.A.R.E. For info, call (908) 756-4466.

Columbiettes Sponsoring Trip

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a trip to see Noah at the Sight and Sound Theater on Saturday, Apr. 24.

The bus will leave the K of C Hall at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$68 and includes show, bus and driver gratuity.

Reservation deadline is March 1. For information, call Mary Ann Tennenbaum at (908) 226-1222.

AARP Chapter 4144 Plans Trip to Show

On March 15, a trip is planned to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theater to see Catch Me if You Can. Cost is \$45, which includes transportation, dinner, show, taxes and gratuities. For information, call Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764 for reservations.

Elks Ladies Auxiliary Plans Event

The Elks Ladies Auxiliary will hold a fashion show sponsored by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Plus on Feb. 28 from noon-4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. Tickets are \$25. For information, call Kris Dziomba 753-0921.

They will also be holding 'One Stop Shopping" on March 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on New Market Ave. Vendors will include Avon, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Party Lite and more. For information, call Barbara Shuleski 561-1663.

Submit your events to **Around Town**, at the South Plainfield Observer, 530 Union Ave. Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmanks

By Kenneth Morgan As February of 1999 finishes up, we have time for one more column

from South Plainfield Library this

Next week, we'll be holding 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 age 3 and over. If you'd like more details, call us at (908) 754-7885; ask for Linda Hansen.

The Friends of the Library will hold their March meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Let's address a complaint about our new video arrangement. Some people feel that it's now very difficult to find new videos. Well, when we see a problem, we respond to it. We've posted lists of the new videos, both juvenile and adult. You'll find them set up in each video section, as well as posted at the front desk. And, while we were at it, we've posted a list of the new CD's in our collection. (A copy of that list is in the binder with the main CD list.) All of these lists will be updated regularly. You can also access lists of all of our new A/V additions on our catalog terminals.

The circuit videos aren't available today, as we're between groups. They'll be back early next week.

For those of you who need help in putting together your tax return (which means just about everyone), we've added a new resource. Our #2 Internet terminal now features tax instructions for the current year and previous years, as well as other IRS information. However, we aren't set up for you to file your tax returns via the Web. For help with these resources, check with the reference librarian. For help paying your taxes, you're on

Mark your calendars! We'll be presenting a special program with award-winning author Arline Zatz on Sunday, March 21. We'll have more details on this soon.

Now, let's address a rather delicate issue. At the library, we try to provide access to information with little or no restriction. This policy extends to the Internet. We do not monitor what websites patrons access, nor do we use filtering software. And, we don't wish to have our staff members policing our branch of the Information Superhighway. That said, we ask patrons to be conscious of the feelings and attitudes of others when they use our terminals. We also ask parents to be aware of what their kids are looking at on the Web. If we catch someone viewing inappropriate sites, we'll ask that someone to change sites or log off the Internet. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Thanks for reading today's column. Stay tuned for more in

YMCA Kid's Place Open House

YMCA Kid's Place on Park 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ave. will be holding an open

house, 1-4 p.m. on March 7. The new full-day child-care center offers a full day learning experience for children ages three months to five years, with options for part-time and full-day care for two to five days a week, from ren and Watchung.

For further information, call

The Plainfield Area YMCA is chartered to serve youngsters and adults in Dunellen, Greenbrook, North Plainfield, Plainfield, South Plainfield, Piscataway, War-

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