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Post Office is Recognized For Promoting Breast Cancer Stamp

If you stopped by the South Plainfield Post Office during the past few weeks, you may have noticed a table set up with complimentary coffee and cookies. The post office was celebrating their award-winning sale of the Breast Cancer Stamp.

Tellers at the post office had asked patrons to purchase the Breast Cancer Stamp for the past few months. Eight cents of the 40-cent stamp goes to breast cancer research.



With each purchase customers also received a pin and literature. The tellers worked hard promoting the stamp

and received the award for being one of the top five sellers in the Northern New Jersey area.

Retail Sales Manager of the U.S. Postal Service Northern District of New Jersey Joe DiFeo was on hand to present the award.

Postmaster Mike Diegnan, who was recently appointed permanent postmaster, is very proud that the local tellers received recognition for their efforts. He commended them on their efforts to promote the stamp to customers.



Proudly displaying their award are Eunice Grant, Ernestine Price, Sabrina Whitehead, Douglas Porter, Postmaster Michael Diegnan, Martin Spielman and Joe DiFeo.

Postmaster Diegnan served as temporary postmaster here for about a year. He said that when he first came to South Plainfield there were many problems within the post office, both in mail deliveries and with the public's perception of the post office.

He has spent the last year addressing these problems and feels the residents of South Plainfield now see the post office in a more positive light.

Diegnan recognizes that a problem with parking at the post office still exists. He added that

plans are in the works to expand the post office and the parking lot. South Plainfield has experienced a lot of growth in the past years and the post office has not kept up. The expansion and parking lot are in the planning stages and need approval from U.S. Postal Services.

School Board Referendum On the Ballot For March 14

The Board of Education voted Tuesday night to schedule a second referendum on March 14 asking voters to approve a \$22.6 million school bond. Voters recently voted down a request for a \$22.5 million bond last December.

The board is still asking for \$11.7 million to build a new Roosevelt School, but new plans include relocating the administrative offices to a new building constructed behind Grant School. Grant School will still have an additional 10 classrooms added. Roosevelt School will not be renovated and used for administration offices as originally planned. The current Roosevelt School may still be needed to meet future enrollment needs.

Many residents of South Plainfield aren't registered to vote and the board plans to make a concerted effort to encourage registration before the next referendum vote. Next week's *Observer* will provide information on how to register.

Also included in the bond referendum are the costs of the boiler replacement, a track at Jost Field, technology infrastructure and equipment and electrical upgrades.

The board will be holding special meetings at the Administration Building on Cromwell Place on Thursday, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Borough Notes

COUNCIL NEWS

■ An ordinance to establish the conditions and regulations of the use of "outdoor storage" trailers in commercial or industrial zoned areas was introduced.

■ Public Works will install a street light at the end of Rio Street. The borough engineer and the police department have conducted a field study and concurred a street light is needed at this location.

■ A bus shelter will be built on Oak Tree Ave. near the Oak Commons Mall. New Jersey Transit will purchase and install the shelter and the borough will be responsible for its maintenance and repairs.

■ Frank Gartland has been appointed as 'Broker of Record' for the borough employee's self-funded health insurance coverage program. The broker's compen-

sation is derived from agency commissions paid by the providers of the insurance policies.

■ A lien in the amount of \$874.48 has been placed on the property at 210 New Market (Propel). The owner did not respond to a summons issued by the Health Department for a violation of the Health Code and the public works department had to abate the condition. The owner will be assessed the necessary cost.

■ Attorney Robert T. Norton, Esq. of Westfield has been retained to represent two officers in a civil complaint. The cost will not exceed \$5,000.

■ Carolyn Allen was appointed to the Business Advisory Group. She replaces Paulette Giroux who has resigned from the group.

■ In an agreement with

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Library Receives \$13,000 Donation



George and Edith Goodrich present South Plainfield Public Library Board of Trustees President Eric Aronowitz with a donation of \$13,000.

George and Edith Goodrich presented 100 shares of Bristol Myers Stock to the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees, valued at approximately \$13,000, at their reorganization meeting held last week.

The board was delighted to re-

ceive the generous donation and plans to announce how they will use the donation in near future.

This is the third time that the Goodrichs have donated a large contribution to a South Plainfield organization. In 1998 they made similar contributions to both the

Rescue Squad and the Volunteer Fire Department. Both Edith and George explained that they are proud of South Plainfield and this is their way of showing how much they love the town.

Edith Miller Goodrich, a lifelong resident, was born in a farmhouse right here in South Plainfield. She was an employee at the South Plainfield Library for many years and had also been the high school librarian. She married George in 1941 and they have resided in South Plainfield ever since, except for the first few years when George was in the army.

They have lived in their Plainfield Ave. home since 1950 and are both retired.

The members of the library board plan to meet and discuss how they will use this donation. Some suggestions include creating a mobile library for those residents who aren't able to visit the library. (See library reorganization meeting story on page 3)

In My Opinion

Letters

A Letter of Appreciation

My husband, John Campanelli, recently passed away on Jan. 2, and my family and I would like to thank several people and organizations that were part of his memorial services.

First, I would like to thank the staff at McCriscin Funeral Home. It was their genuine compassion for our family that helped us through our toughest days. They made things so effortless for us when we needed that the most. Our funeral director, James Gustafson, did an amazing job at organizing the entire memorial service. We simply can't thank him enough.

Next, I would like to thank the South Plainfield Fire Department for their wonderful ceremony and gesture of respect to one of their own. I would also like to thank all the members of VFW Post #6763 for their wonderful ceremony. It was a very touching moment to see all those wonderful and brave veterans.

I would like to thank the various members of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church for their love and support, especially those who were involved with the repast we held at the church following the Mass. I want to extend my gratitude to the staff at The Fountainbleau restaurant for their kind generosity. I would like to thank all those who came to pay their final respects to my husband.

Finally, I want to extend a very special thank you to Father John Skwara of OLC church, for his heartfelt touching eulogy of my husband.

**SINCERELY,
THE FAMILY OF JOHN
CAMPANELLI**

Dear Secret Santas,

We've completed another successful year of giving to families in need. This project, as in everything else, does not work with just one or two people. This is a group

of many people who work together and work in the same direction. Needless to say, our direction is straight for the children and this would never be able to work if so many were not involved!

I try to pass on a little remembrance to all each year. This year we had an eight-year-old little boy. He was so friendly and just could not hide how happy he was to be with all of us. He also looked at his grandma with a great big smile and expressed how excited he was to get back to school to share his experience with his classmates! Of course, all the Pokemon stuff donated by a Secret Santa excited him a little!

The stories and all the children's comments could go on. However(the *Observer* won't let me use the whole paper to keep writing). I would now like to thank some of our Secret Santas: Lori Smith, Randy Gregorio, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Seider, Vinnie and Maria Butrico, Sue Butrico and the children of Our Lady of Czestochowa CCD classes. Mary Cargill, Deb Chabok, Debra Kravit, along with her group of Secret Santas that she rounded up: The Gaughans, the Maistickles and the Turises.

Also, to our little wrappers this year, Ashley and Bobby Sacks, along with Laura and Caryn Butrico. I hope we covered everyone, because thanks to you, the Secret Santas worked again. I just want to take a moment to apologize to those I did not contact. I started so late this year and the season was here before I knew it. Oh yes, and just to let you all know, we're going to check with Santa to see if he would be interested in hopping around as the Secret Santas are making Easter Baskets for the children in need.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL,
MARY SACKS AND
ALISON AXELSON**

Pop Warner Football and Cheerleaders Registration

Pop Warner will be holding registration for football and cheerleading at the Eagles Fieldhouse on Kenneth Ave. (across from the recycling area) on Friday, Jan. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and on Friday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Registration is open to all South Plainfield children ages five to 14 (by 8/1). Coaches are welcome. Roster sizes are limited. Register early. A registration fee is due at sign-up.

R.A.R.E. Students Act Out Against Rocker Ignorance

By Patricia Abbott

A recent *Sports Illustrated* article that featured the outrageous comments of Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker has created a figurative "rock slide" of responses. In a single interview the pitcher managed to offend a host of minorities, a ball team, an entire state, single mothers, AIDS patients and a Middle Eastern country. His narrow-minded views are reminiscent of neo-Nazi groups that have been popping up across the nation. He is the antithesis of everything that children are taught.

Professional athletes are the things childhood dreams are made of. That children emulate their heroes goes without saying.

Students at SPHS have united to form a letter writing campaign against Rocker's bigotry. R.A.R.E. (Respect All Races Everywhere) is raring to go. In fact, it was RARE members, along with Advisor Mr. Tom Baker, that initiated the letter writing campaign using the English classes as a vehicle and starting point to voice displeasure.

SPHS English teacher Mr. Scott Horowitz initially showed the interview to Principal Tony Massaro just a day or two before

the winter break. Mr. Horowitz noted that his tenth grade English students are very focused on the Rocker issue. Horowitz incorporated their reactions into a writing assignment. It is an ongoing issue with the students. They follow and discuss any and all media spots about the pitcher. They have what they call "The John Rocker File," including photocopies of printed interviews and videotapes of live interviews. The students went so far as to send Rocker an application to join R.A.R.E.

Mr. Horowitz, who is also a coach and an avid baseball fan, explained his strong feelings about this athlete by using a comparison to another athlete who suffered a downfall.

As a youngster Horowitz idolized Mets' ballplayer Darrell Strawberry. Strawberry was one of the mega-sports figures of the 80s. Horowitz said he emulated him and thought that "he was the

greatest!" His feelings today of the once favored athlete were summed up with a single word — "disgusted," stated Horowitz. Strawberry's downfall was the result of a serious and ongoing drug problem that led Horowitz and many other young fans to the disturbing conclusion that their hero was not all what they had been led to believe. Horowitz added his own two cents worth and sent the letter to Rocker, Ted Turner and the Braves Clubhouse in Atlanta, Ga. The contents of the letters by Horowitz and his students speak volumes about their intolerance for bigotry and defines the attitudes of today's youth—a generation that is well versed in acceptance of cultural diversity.

The *Observer* will continue to follow the SPHS "John Rocker File" through some of the letters sent to Rocker and various other publications. Watch for letters in next week's issue.

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

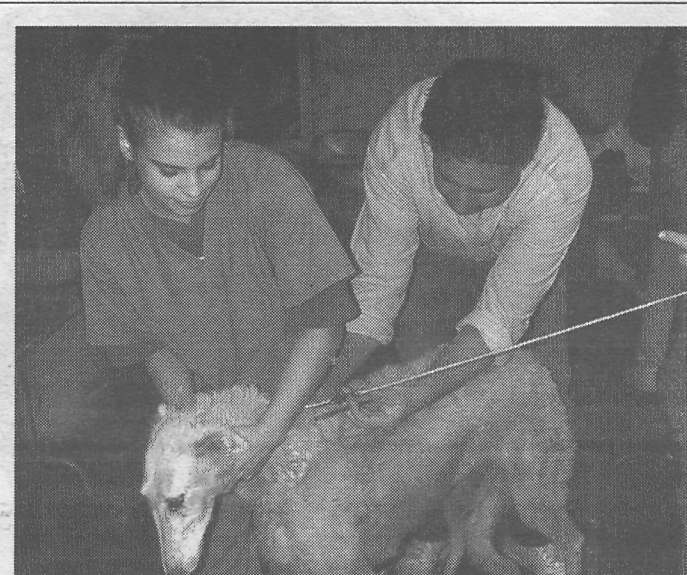
Millions of Americans are at risk of losing their eyesight to glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States. Highest at risk are African-Americans over the age of 40 and everyone over the age of 60.

During this month, community leaders and health professionals are encouraged to provide sight-saving information to individuals who are at high risk for glaucoma.

Glaucoma is called the silent theft of sight because people are often unaware that the disease is slowly stealing their vision and

any loss cannot be restored. It is highly recommended that everyone in the high risk category and even those that aren't be tested for glaucoma.

The Lions Club of South Plainfield has been helping the visually and hearing impaired since 1947. Glaucoma awareness is just part of the educational process the Lions try to bring to South Plainfield. For more information on glaucoma or the Lions, please write to the Lions Club of South Plainfield at P.O. Box 721, South Plainfield, NJ, 07080.



Veterinarian Dr. Scott Linick of Plainfield Animal Hospital, along with the help of his assistant Sherry, administers a rabies inoculation at the recent South Plainfield Health Department's Free Rabies Clinic.

CORRECTIONS

In last week's issue, Abington Apartments listed the incorrect phone number in their classified advertisement. The correct number is (877) 263-8100.

In MILESTONES, we incorrectly identified the Fasano Family in the headline. We regret the error.

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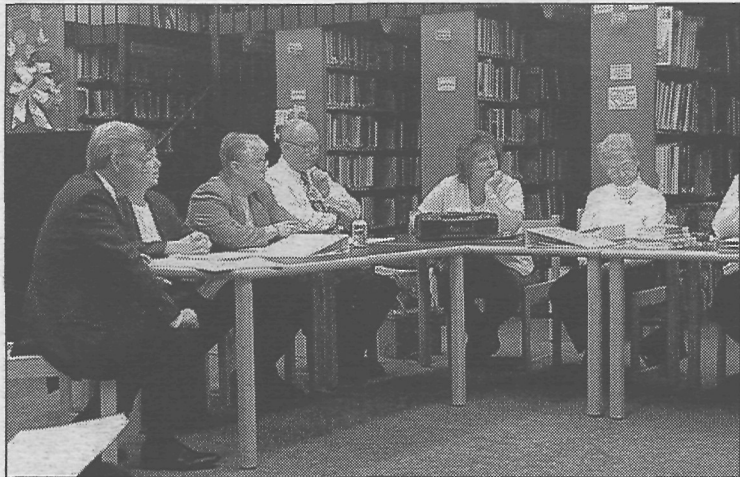
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Library Board Reorganizes Despite Controversy

The first meeting of the millennium was held on Jan. 11. The meeting was called to order by last year's president, Nancy Paulmen. Immediately after the start of the meeting, there was some confusion about whether the old board or the new board should be in charge of the meeting.

In the past, the prior year's board members ran the meeting, and at the end of the meeting the new board members took over. These past procedures were questioned by some board members. Mayor Dan Gallagher, who attended the organization meeting, said the new library board members were sworn in on Jan. 2 and became board members on that date. At that point, Nancy Paulmen, outgoing president, and Robert Neumann got up and walked out of the meeting.

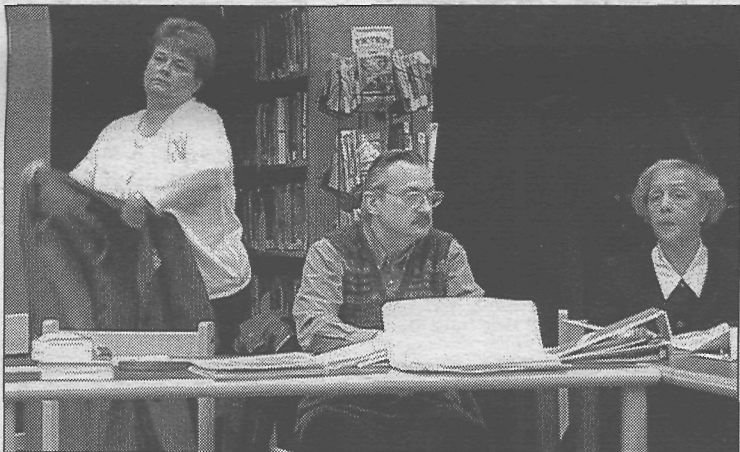
The board subsequently elected Eric Aronowitz to serve as this year's president. Other officers elected were Dorothy Berney, vice president and Stephen Magura,

treasurer. Mary Kris Bobowsky serves as secretary. Other library board members are Peter Calderrone, Catherine Cavaliere (mayor's representative), Patricia Massey (school sup. alter.), Sundra Fenn (library director), and newly appointed members Eleanor Haines, Virginia Popik and Barbara Ware.

Residents George and Edith Goodrich presented the library with 100 Shares of Bristol Myers stock valued at \$130,000. (See related photo and story on page 1.)

Board members voted on the 2000 meeting schedule. President Aronowitz asked each member to list three committees they would like to serve on so that he make committee assignments. No committee reports were given at this meeting.

Also discussed were some of the ways the library collects on overdue books and tapes. The board will discuss a new collections agency that may help with this problem.



Outgoing SP Library Board of Trustees President Nancy Paulmen walks out of meeting.

School Board Candidacy Info Available at Local District Office

South Plainfield's Business Administrator Ellen B. Johnson has announced that the deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office, located at 305 Cromwell Place, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"You don't have to be an education expert to serve on your local school board," said Charles V. Reilly, NJSBA president. "What counts most is a sincere interest in children and their education."

Rescue Squad Answers 158 Calls in Dec. and 1,813 Calls for the Year

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad logged 158 calls in Dec., including 119 medical assistance requests, 24 motor vehicle accidents, four fires, one hazardous materials call, three mutual-aid requests, three transportations and four maintenance runs. The squad's volunteers spent 373 member hours answering the Dec. calls.

From Jan. through Dec. of 1999, the squad's members dedicated approximately 4,500 hours to the community and responded to 1,813 calls.

MILESTONES

Birth

Staats Welcome Birth of Daughter



Skyler Jaclyn Staats

Billy and Erin Staats are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Skyler Jaclyn Staats.

Skyler was born on December 26 at 4:50 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, five ounces and measured 20½ inches.

Welcoming Skyler are her proud grandparents, Bill and Heather Staats, and Jaclyn King, both of South Plainfield, as well as her aunts, Samantha and Kerie and her uncle Derek, also of South Plainfield.

Terra Nova Garden Therapy to Hold Workshop

The Terra Nova Garden Therapy Committee will hold a workshop at the home of chairman Virginia Nuzzo of Edison on Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. in preparation for the flower arranging session with clients at the Muhlenberg Hospital Adultcare facility the following day.

The first meeting of the Year 2000 for the Terra Nova Garden Club will be on Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Edison Public Library on Grove Ave.

A program on invasion marsh plants will be presented by Judith Cinquina of Upper Saddle River entitled, "Loosestrife,

Phragmites and a Pretty Marsh." Ms. Cinquina is an avid birder, naturalist and teacher. She has had articles published in the *New York Times*, *Bird Watchers Digest*, *Birder's World* and the *New Jersey Audubon Magazine*.

A floral design entitled "Winter Magic" will be created by Kay McCormack and Debbie Czech will report on a horticultural specimen.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mary Mazepa and Philomena DeFillipo.

Guests are welcome to an educational, as well as enjoyable, social evening.

The Elks Tale

The South Plainfield Elks are welcoming Cristine Iannitto and her Yoga classes to our newly remodeled meeting room. Cris's classes are on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15. All are welcome to stop down and visit her to learn how everyone can benefit from yoga.

Though our Lodge Scholarship Committee received no applications this year to share in the millions of dollars in aid annually distributed by the Elks nationwide, the committee wishes all of our high school seniors well in their current and future endeavors. For juniors, it's never too early to begin the search for colleges and financial aid. Each year, tens of millions of free dollars for education aid goes nowhere because nobody applies for it! The largest hinderance to education is always motivation!

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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

VFW Monthly Dinner and Awards Ceremony

VFW will hold its monthly Salisbury Steak Dinner on Jan. 21, 5 to 8 p.m. at the post hall on Front St. The cost is \$6.

VFW will also have an awards ceremony that same evening for Voice of Democracy and Youth Essay at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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

Scoop Dinner to be Held at Franklin

On Thursday, Jan. 20, Franklin School will hold a Scoop Dinner to benefit the annual fifth grade class trip to Stokes State Forest. The dinner runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Chairpersons for the event are fifth grade parents, Suzanne and Bill Butrico and Annemarie Stoeckel. The current fifth grade class at Franklin School numbers about 75 students.

Many of students will be participating in their fundraiser by decorating cafeteria prior to the dinner, helping with set up, serving and clean up. At least half of the fifth grade parents are helping in one capacity or another. The dinner is 25 cents a scoop and chairpersons promise a wide variety of food provided by local restaurants and parents. The fare ranges from entrees and salads to desserts. There will also be a 50/50 and various raffle items to complete the evening.

Roosevelt Sponsors Snow White At SPSHS

Yates Musical Theatre presents Snow White, sponsored by Roosevelt School PTA, on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. at South Plainfield High School.

Spread the Word!

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Tickets are \$8.

For information, call 561-7559.

Auditions to be held for 2000 New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom

Auditions for singers, dancers, musicians, belly-dancers and Shakespeareans will be held on Friday, Jan. 21, 7:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. Callbacks are on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Auditions for the storyline, comedies, fighters and villagers will be held on Friday, Jan. 28 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. Callbacks are on Sunday, Jan 30 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Archery auditions will be held in March. Those wishing to volunteer for non-performing jobs at gaming booths, refreshment stands, etc. can call the number below. All auditions will be held at the Hampton Inn on Davidson Ave. in Somerset, NJ. For directions to the Hampton or other information, call (732) 271-1119 or at ARee@erols.com.

Footloose Tickets Still Available

Tickets are still available for the Broadway musical "Footloose" on Sunday, Feb. 27. The bus leaves at 11 a.m. from the PAL. The cost is \$55 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the PAL on Maple Ave. For information call 226-7713.

Rec Sponsors Trip to "The King and I"

The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to the New Performing Arts Center to see "The King And I" on Thursday, March 23. Senior Citizens only. Bus leaves at 12 noon from the PAL. The cost is \$25 per person. Sign up at the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

Columbiettes Sponsoring Roast Beef Dinner

The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes are sponsoring a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 29. The dinner will be held at the K of C Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 4 to 8 p.m.

Prices for the dinner are \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$7 for children ages three to 12.

Advance tickets are available at a savings of \$1 per person.

The menu will consist of roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and coffee, tea and milk or juice for the children.

For additional information and advance tickets, call Mary Ann at 908-226-1222.

Recreation Plans Ski Trip to Montage

The Recreation Department invites you to ski Montage on Monday, Jan. 21.

Participants must be at least 14 years old. Fee for bus and lift only is \$45; bus, lift and rental is \$59 and bus and adult learn to ski is \$47.

Register at the PAL by Jan. 14.

Connected Hearts Adoption Group

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will meet 7:15-9:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church on 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Mary Levitt, adopted adult who was never told by her parents that she was adopted, will discuss her growing-up years and her reunion with both of her birthparents and 13 siblings.

Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or <http://community.nj.com/cc/chatsfor> information.

Senior Line Dancing At PAL

Seniors aged 55 and older are invited to join the fun of Line Dancing on Wednesdays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. The remaining date is Jan. 26.

Instructors will be Sandy Smehil and Lois Desoto. The fee is \$15 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents. This class will be teaching all the great, popular lines. Sign up at the PAL on Maple Ave. or call the Recreation Dept. (908) 226-7714.

Ponytail Association Meeting

The South Plainfield Parent/Ponytail Association will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School Library.

Happy Birthday



Patrick Dunn
On Your 13th Birthday



Petty Officer Jim Cava, US Navy brings his patriotic message to Riley school.

Vietnam Veteran Inspires Riley School Students

After Riley School held its annual school-wide fundraiser last year, the school placed high enough in sales to be able to select a prize. What they chose wasn't what a school normally gets for selling candy, it was an inspirational patriotic presentation given by Petty Officer Jim Cava, US Navy retired, who is dedicated to teaching the true meaning of American patriotism.

When the students first entered the auditorium they didn't know what to expect. Many were joking around and just glad to get out of class. As Petty Officer Cava began his presentation, he first explained his appearance. While in Vietnam, he was in a helicopter that was shot down by enemy fire. The pilot and co-pilot were killed. As a result of the crash, Cava broke his back in three places. Both of his legs were crushed and his left arm was severed. By the time he finished his introduction, Petty Officer Cava had the attention of every child and adult in the room.

The message he brought was simple: for the good of our country and the survival of our nation,

we must get back to the basics and reaffirm our belief in, and respect for, our creator and our country, the United States of America, as well as the principles on which this country stands—honor, liberty, equality, justice and humanity.

Jim Cava was born in Hackensack and grew up in Carlstadt. He played little league, was an altar boy and an average student, but Jim has always held a deep belief in God. His patriotism was inherent. He served in Vietnam without question and is a combat decorated veteran.

At the end of his presentation Cava asked the children to take a pledge of patriotism and they responded enthusiastically to every part of the pledge. The program ended with the singing of *God Bless America*. By that time, everyone in the auditorium was singing at the top of their lungs.

Petty Officer Jim Cava has a program for both grade school and high school aged students and is also available to speak to adults and veterans groups. If you would like more information about his program, call 973-427-3871.

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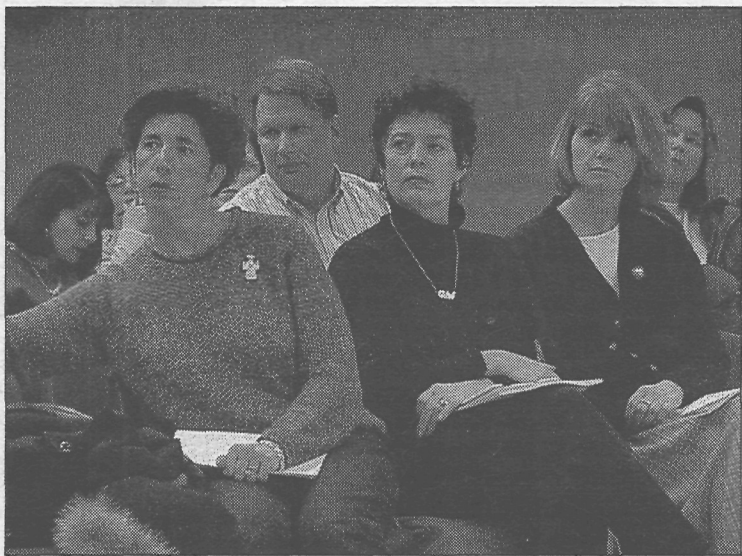
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Parents attend SPHS Orientation Program.

HS Orientation Program Helps Parents Prepare

By Patricia Abbott

The first high school class of the new millennium will enter their freshman year in September of 2000. The transition from the Middle School to high school is a big step and can be overwhelming for both students and parents. With this in mind, SPHS held a Parent Orientation on Thursday,



SPHS Vice Principal Helen Gottlieb explains the high school's Gold Card, an academic achievement incentive program.

Jan. 13. A separate orientation for incoming students is scheduled for later in the year. The purpose of the parent orientation is to provide an overview of the programs and activities at South Plainfield High School.

The meeting opened with Principal Tony Massaro conveying his belief in the school and all it has to offer. After the introduction, Student Council President Brad Tierney and Junior Class President Kristyn Ciarlariello spoke to parents. Vice Principal Dr. May spoke about the program planning guide that each parent had received. He discussed scheduling and the variety of courses offered.

Transitional activities were explained by Vice Principal Helen Gottlieb. The wide variety of stu-

dent activities were discussed by Mike Buggey. A brief question and answer session was held and closing comments were made by Massaro. The parents were then offered a tour of the school by Mr. Vatalare.

Angela Uffer, mother of an incoming freshman attending the meeting, whose goals were a bit different from some of the other parents, said her son is interested in pursuing a trade school instead of college. "I was concerned whether or not the high school would prepare my son for a trade," she said. "From the meeting I learned that the high school was the better way to go over a vo-tech school." It was stressed that the students interested in a trade still need a solid academic background. SPHS can offer more-academically than a vo-tech.

Middle School teacher Donna Tierney has two sons. Brad is a senior and Alex will enter the school in September. Tierney, who attended the parent orientation four years ago for Brad, said, "We had every intention to put Brad in private school. He had been up for an academic scholarship award at Rutgers Prep. I am very happy that we decided to put him in SPHS. There is nothing more that Brad could have gotten from a private school." She noted that the private schools do not have as much to offer in the way of extra curricular activities. She added, "I feel that the public schools have much more to offer, not just academically." This is her second parent orientation meeting. "Even though I went to orientation for Brad, as a parent we owe it to our kids to attend everything offered that will help them."

Riley School Raising Funds for WWII Memorial

The John E. Riley Student Council, under the supervision of Mrs. S. Mariani, will be selling Valentine's Day candy to students during the week of Feb. 7. The money raised from this fundraiser will be donated to the proposed World War II Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C.

Riley School will donate this money through Walmart, which has promised to match any funds raised up to \$3 million.

Riley School also plans to have the entire student body make Valentine's Day cards for the veterans in the V.A. Hospital. In the past, only the primary grades (K-3) have done this, but because they want the students to be exposed to the sacrifices others have made so that we might enjoy our lives, the entire school will now be involved. Many of the student know about WWII as they have grandfathers who served in the war.

Riley School plans to continue to look for ways to show their appreciation to the veterans during the school year. We must never forget those who have suffered and died for our country.

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum

Well, aren't we off to a

great start for the New Year? Time-Warner and AOL want to link up in the biggest deal ever, Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham want to become the world's largest drug maker, and Bill Gates steps down (excuse me, steps "over") at Microsoft. And of course, Windows2000 is almost ready for everyone. Not bad stuff for the first half of the first month of the new millennium. So what's on your plate for the New Year, and do you too feel uninvited to the party?

Fear not, at least I'm not so sure Windows2000 will be anything to jump at. For one thing it's expensive at \$300+ for the upgrade. And just to run it, you'll need a fast and new computer with at least 128MB of RAM! Wow, that's a lotta cheese for anyone's mouse to push around, but that's what it takes. I've had the beta for some time and have heard the talkabout too. Yeah, it does hold some goodies for some users, but this not anything for the homeuser unless you really know what you're doing and why. That it's much more robust and stable than Win98 or even NT is surely saying something in it's favor, but I think it would be better to wait and order it with your next new machine instead of buying it now. The Internet is full of the pros and cons, and I'd advise anyone to weigh in there and bone up on this new OS first. A word to the wise!

Here's one for you First Amendment advocates. A judge ruled against a restraining order to prohibit 72 websites from dis-

tributing the DeCSS utility,

which allows the copying of DVD ROM movies by removing the encryption. The DVD CCA (Copy Control Assoc.) formed by the Motion Picture Artists Assoc. wants to prevent the copying of movies (duh!), but their basic security model is fatally flawed to begin with. Laughably, the defense is that DeCSS was written to allow LINUX users to access DVDs, which it is unable to do otherwise. Looks like us users are winning this one, and our First Amendment still works.

Do you know what a "Cybersquatter" is? He's the modern day equivalent of a land squatter who registers an Internet Domain Name (like: worldwrestling-federation.com) and then tries to sell it back to the highest bidder. It's been done and is being done very successfully, and there are even domain name auctions and brokers. But, along comes the WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) meeting in Geneva and they've decided otherwise. In the case of the WWE, an arbitrator said the original registry was in "bad faith" and that the owner had no legitimate interest or intent with respect to that name. Now maybe Howard Stern will get his name back and run a website too!

I'm still waiting to hear from any readers who have topics to discuss, ideas to share, or even axes to grind. Write and say Hi, lemme know you're alive in 2000.

-Briggs Longbothum, ed.
(Bruggo@home.com)

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SPORTS

Three Bowlers Chosen to Compete in GMC Individual Championship

Three bowlers from South Plainfield High School will be competing in the GMC Individual Championship next week. Qualifying for the championships were Paul Larisch, a junior, with a 233-163-212 and a 608 set, Doug Lauckhardt, a senior and captain of the team, with a 216-185-181 and a 592 set. The cutoff score was a 555 set. Also qualifying was Melissa Jamieson, a junior, with a 191-172-156 and a 519 set. The cutoff score for girls was a 489 set.

The format is the same for both boys and girls competing at the GMC Championships. Approximately 200 boys and 200 girls will bowl three games and the top 20 will qualify for the finals (to be held next week).

The 20 finalists will bowl three individual games and the top 10 will receive GMC medals. Then the top five will compete in a step-ladder match-up: number five plays number four and the winner then plays number three, etc., until only one bowler remains and that boy and girl becomes GMC Champions.

High School Bowling Teams Just Keep Rolling Along

Versus J. F. Kennedy

The girls team shutout perennial nemesis J.F. Kennedy as they snagged the Mustangs by 288 pins. Melissa Jamieson bowled a high game of 210 and a 548 high set. Captain Amanda Smith rolled a 175-185 and a 510 set. Chipping in were Sabina Montenegro with a 182 and Rachel Feller with a 167. The girls improved to 10-2-1.

The boys team also jumped out of the starting blocks as they corralled the Mustangs of JFK by 300 points. Leading the way were Eric Gaub with a 200-291 and a solid 587 high set. Danny Wallis bowled games of 212-197 and a 560 solid set. Doug Lauckhardt bowled a 204 and a 545 set, Matt Square a 200 and 544 set, Ray Tomei a 203 and Paul Larisch a 202 as the Tigers turned in a solid team effort. The victory placed the Tigers at 13-0 and on top in the White Division.

Versus Carteret

The girls team, in a crucial White Division matchup, took on powerful league leader Carteret and the Tigers jumped out to a 127 point advantage after the first game. Carteret squeaked out the next two games and the Tigers had to settle for a tie against the heavily favored Ramblers. Melissa Jamieson's pair of 193's and 541 high set, led the upset bid. Amanda Smith bowled a 490 solid set and Kristen Herzog's 181 game also aided the cause. They girls stand at 10 wins, one loss and two ties in Division play.

The boys team ran its streak to 14-0 as they crushed Carteret by 320 pins in a 4-0 whitewash. Eric Gaub led all scorers with a big 231 game. Chipping in where Matt Square and Ray Tomei with matching 195's.

Rishi Ramdgobin bowled a 211 game in the junior varsity match.

2000 Ponytail Softball Registration Opens

Registration for Ponytail Softball is open to all South Plainfield resident girls, ages 8-13 (as of Oct. 1, 1999). The Ponytail League is sponsored by South Plainfield Recreation Department. All games are played at Pitt Street Park (Monday through Saturday).

The fee is \$25 per participant who registers before March 7,

2000 and \$30 after that date.

Placement on a team is not guaranteed after March 20. Birth certificates are required for registrants who have not participated in a recreation sponsored Youth League in the past year.

Register at the PAL Building on Maple Ave., Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration will be taken January 7 to March 6. The Recreation Office will also be open from 6-8 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month.

If you have any questions, call 226-7714.

2000 T-Ball and Teener Ball Registration Underway

Registration is open to all South Plainfield resident boys and girls in grades K-2 for both T-Ball and Teener Ball.

T-Ball is open to children who were five as of Oct. 1, 1999; Teener Ball is open to children who were 6-7 as of Oct. 1, 1999 and is sponsored by South Plainfield Recreation Department. Birth certificates are required for registrants who have not participated in a recreation sponsored Youth League in the past year.

Teener Ball has two divisions,

girls play softball and boys play baseball. The fee is \$15 per participant registered before April 3, and \$20 after that date.

Register at the Recreation office located in the PAL Building on Maple Ave., Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration will be taken January 7 to March 6. The Recreation Office will also be open from 6-8 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month.

For more information, call 226-7714.

Ed Niemczyk's Youth Basketball League Scores

The Ed Niemczyk's Basketball League consists of 420 boys and girls who play 24 games each Saturday at both the Middle School and the PAL Building.

A LEAGUE STANDINGS

Spurs	5	1
Cavaliers	5	1
Grizzlies	5	1
Bucks	3	3
Rockets	2	4
Supersonics	2	4
Warriors	1	4
Nuggets	0	5

A LEAGUE SCORES-JAN 15

Cavaliers 62
Nuggets 21
High scorers—Cavaliers: Jason Cosma-6, Adam Toth-6, Chris Horn-17, Jon Buggy-11, Andy Cupido-10, Kyle Kazimir-8; Nuggets: Dani Jo Dimaria-8, Jason Grieb-7, Amanda Fugate-6, Greg Garbowski-4.

Spurs 40
Supersonics 23
High scorers—Spurs: Mike Allocco-10, Nick Green-10, Chris Czaplinski-8, Mike Wiecek-6; Supersonics: Danny Melick-13, Mike Espin-6.

Warriors 24
Rockets 38
High scorers—Warriors: Alex Ferraris-6, Dan Levene-6, Jonathan Chiang-6, Jordan Lynch-4; Rockets: Christine Strani-18, Tommy Haus-10, Jaclene Prongay-6.

Bucks 28
Grizzlies 48
High scorers—Bucks: Alan Dummett-7, Ankit Patel-6, Jasen Ortiz-6, Gary Houston-5; Grizzlies: Danny Pollin-12, Kyle Prendergast-10, Chris Sanchez-10, David Acevedo-6, Joe Sorrentino-4.

B LEAGUE STANDINGS

Jazz	5	1
Nets	5	1
Heat	5	1
Magic	4	2
Timberwolves	4	2
Bulls	3	3
Raptors	3	3
Hornets	2	4
Lakers	2	4
Knicks	1	4
Cavaliers	1	5
Pistons	0	5

B LEAGUE RESULTS JAN. 15

Raptors 27
Jazz 26
High scorers—Raptors: Joey Jaghab-8, Kyle Lendach-7, Preet Dhaligal-4, Michael Williams-4; Jazz: Chris Bakazan-12, Daniel Piwowar-10.

Knicks Cancelled
Pistons Cancelled
Lakers 29
Hornets 9
High scorers—Lakers: Mike Hanley-11, Allan Mazurak-7, Jeff Pollin-7, Chris Rojarski-4; Hornets: Kevin Siedenburgh-3.

Timberwolves 25
Magic 23
High scorers—Timberwolves: Adam Bianchi-15, Joe Stasio-6, Andy Roibal-4; Magic: Ryan Taylor-7, Doug Dietzold-6, Chris McKnight-5, Tom Manolio-3.

Cavaliers 20
Nets 29
High scorers—Cavaliers: Robert Strani-6, Nick Grego-5, Erik Vesper-4, Robert Mathis-3; Nets: Mike Downes-11, Nick Jefferys-8.

Bulls 29
Heat 33
High scorers—Bulls: Danielle Arndt-15, Mike Benak-5, Vincent Velez-3; Heat: Nick Casars-17, Peter Peregrin-8, Harshel Patel-6.

C LEAGUE STANDINGS

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

C LEAGUE RESULTS JAN. 15

Wizards 40
Bucks 18
High scorers—Wizards: Garrett Lake-14, Chris Pollin-12, Danny Hubner-4, Denise Lopez-4; Bucks: Anthony Cassano-10.

Kings 30
Hawks 31
High scorers—Kings: Vinnie Padula-16, Blaire Houston-8, John Mills-4; Hawks: Nick Baldassarre-8, Nick DeSimone-7, Steve Richard-6, Danny McCreesh.

Warriors 30
Trail Blazers 11
High scorers—Warriors: Chris Stallone-8, Robert Hoffman-6, Mike Stallone-6, Chris Deoliveria-6; Trail Blazers: Bobby Harrington-6.

Nuggets 10
Mavericks 20
High scorers—Nuggets: John Christ-6; Mavericks: Scott Hunterton-12, Vicente Sanchez-4.

Spurs 24
Rockets 34
High scorers—Spurs: Kevin Reviello-10, Troy Russell-6, Chuckie Decker-4, Trevor Rastelli-4; Rockets: Joey Turrisse-10, Tommy Smith-6, Kelly Downes-56, Nick Giannaks-4, Charles Loiacono-4.

Supersonics 28
Suns 12
High scorers—Supersonics: Brian Fabino-8, Megan Boyle-6, Jonathan Marcoux-4, Jeff Pryor-4; Suns: Jose Chameco-4.

Grizzlies 11
Cavaliers 25
High scorers—Grizzlies: David Alston-4, Danny Espin-4; Cavaliers: Bennie Gibson-8, Ryan Curtis-5.

D LEAGUE STANDINGS

Raptors	6	0
Cavaliers	6	0
Knicks	6	0
Lakers	5	1
Heat	3	2
Magic	3	3
76ers	3	3
Nets	3	3
Hornets	2	3
Timberwolves	2	4
Bulls	1	5
Jazz	1	5
Pistons	0	6
Celtics	0	6

D LEAGUE RESULTS JAN. 15

Raptors 28
Pistons 10
High scorers—Raptors: Jalil Williams-26; Pistons: Zachary Haupt-4, Melissa Loiacono-4.

Jazz 18
Hornets 40
High scorers—Jazz: Ricky Walton-8, Chris Lesniak-8, Hornets: Mike Muglia-10, Kaitlin Muglia-6, Kyle Kaczaka.

Timberwolves 18
76ers 34
High scorers—Timberwolves: Steve Coppi-14, Ian Collins-4; 76ers: Dominic Papa-12, Allen Garcia-6, Kyle Quail-4, Erik White-4.

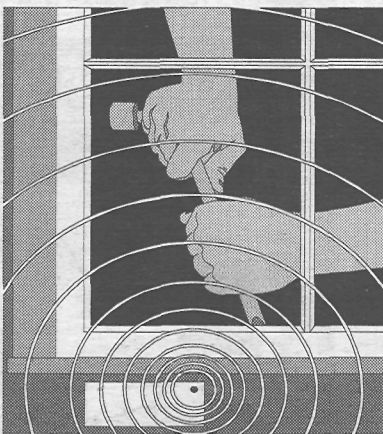
Cavaliers 34
Bulls 24
High scorers—Cavaliers: Ken Breslau-20, Chris Ascencio-10, Taylor Curtis-4; Bulls: Justin Ditmars-12, Ryan Harrington-8, Tim Yuill-4.

Lakers 10
Knicks 32
High scorers—Lakers: Jordan Petriello-4, Shawn Mack-4; Knicks: Mike Dezmin-10, Vincent Stark-8, Matthew Galinsky-6.

Heat 16
Celtics 12
High scorers—Heat: Matt Cesare-10, Dyland Papa-4; Celtics: Chris Hartje-10.

Nets 18
Magic 32
High scorers—Nets: Ricky Sierzego-8, Dontae Johnson-4, Kelvin Randolph-4, Magic: Tramane Miller-18.

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High School Basketball...

Boys Notch Another Divisional Win

The South Plainfield Tiger boys basketball team got win number four in their division with their 73-61 pounding over the Rams from South River last Friday night.

The Rams hung tough in the first half, going into the break only down by five, but that's when the Tigers turned it on. Senior point guard Vernon Shepard took command of the Tiger offense as he dished as swished, to lead all scorers with his season high 19

points and numerous assists. Carlo Estonactoc continued his long distance scoring binge by nailing three more three-pointers on route to his bakers dozen. South Plainfield's leading scorer (15 points per game) was watched like a hawk by the Ram defenders and was limited to 11 as Clint Robinson added eight. The boys record stands at 5-4 with two big divisional games this past week, on Jan. 18 vs. New Brunswick the 20th against division leading

Carteret..... updates in next weeks edition!!

Boys GMC Standings as of 1/14

Carteret	8-2	6-1
New Brunswick	7-3	5-2
Middlesex	6-3	5-2
J.F.Kennedy	6-4	5-2
Highland Park	6-4	4-3
TIGERS	5-4	4-3
Spotswood	2-8	2-5
Metuchen	4-7	1-6
South River	1-8	0-7

Girls Basketball Team Moves to 7-2

The high school girls basketball team moved their record to 7-2 with a loss to the Chiefs sandwiched between two victories. Last Tuesday the Tigers didn't come out and score their normal 40 or above. They played pressure defense and kept just enough distance between themselves and Monroe to grab the 33-25 home court win.

No Tiger hit in double-digits, with all the scoring being spread around throughout the lineup. Christie Buteas had team high eight points and Sheryl Cwiekalo chipped in with five. Senior point guard Kim Wilcox seemed to be all over the place, crashing the boards for six rebounds, picking their pockets for four steals, as well as intimidating the Falcon shooters by blocking seven of their shots. Throw in her five points and it makes for a busy night.

Leave it to an arch rival to come here and cool off a hot streak.

That's just what the Chiefs of Piscataway did last Thursday night in defeating the Tigers 45-35. Sheryl Cwiekalo and Kelly Ritchey's team high 14 apiece were not enough to fend off the run and gun style of the Chiefs. We'll be seeing a lot of Piscataway come tournament time.

The next night the Tigers bounced back with a 42-37 division win in North Brunswick. It was a tedious game as both teams got off to slow starts and went to the break with a 15-11 Tiger lead. Someone must have given Kelly Ritchey a hot foot during halftime as she came out on fire scoring 13 of her game high 19 in the third quarter to pull South Plainfield out in front for good.

The Raiders did make it interesting down the stretch going on a 13-3 run to start the fourth quarter and limiting the Tigers to no field goals until there was 49 seconds to go in the game. The Ti-

ger defense was able to mount an attack of it's own by limiting North Brunswick to no baskets in the final 2:48. Sheryl's nine points were as important as her five blocks early in the first quarter, in that Raider shooters were hesitant to post up opposite her all night.

The girls also have two big dates ahead.....tonight, Jan. 20 with division bully Colonia, then the revenge matinee at home against Bishop Ahr on Sat., Jan 22 at 1 p.m.

Girls GMC Standings as of 1/14

Bishop Ahr	7-0	4-0
Colonia	3-1	2-0
TIGERS	5-1	2-1
Sayerville	2-4	2-3
Monroe	3-3	1-2
North Brunswick	1-5	1-2
Perth Amboy	0-5	0-4

Tiger Wrestlers Win Roselle Park Tournament

By Robert Hunter

South Plainfield Recreation and Middle School wrestlers combined there talents and claimed the 20th Annual Roselle Park Dad's Club Wrestling Tournament. South Plainfield finished with a total of 155 points, out scoring second place Jersey Lighting, a club from Middlesex, by 11 points. Roselle Park finished third with 118 points. The Junior Tigers wrestled on Saturday. The Middle School and older rec kids wrestled on Sunday. Scores were kept both days to determine the winner.

The Junior Tigers crowned four individual champions, two second place finishes, four third place and one fourth place finish.

Robert Gentile (53), got the Tigers going by claiming the 53 pound title, winning a 7-1 decision and then defeating Anthony Zangari of Roselle Park by fall.

Next up for the Tigers was Patrick Hunter (57), who won a by major decision 10-2. In the semifinal round, Hunter scored a technical 17-1. Hunter claimed the title by winning a 10-4 decision over Michael Guadara of Boonton in the finals.

The next Tiger title came at midget (67), when Billy Ashnault won his quarter-final match with a 5-4 decision and in the semifinals he only needed 59 seconds to

pin Jerry Carlo of Roselle Park. In the finals he faced longtime nemesis AJ Hrabar of Jersey Lighting. In a classic battle, Ashnault took late control and went on to win by a 5-4 decision, claiming the third Tiger title.

Brad Martin (60) won his quarter-final round by a fall and the semifinal round by major decision 12-4. In the finals Martin pinned Larry O'Kroely of Bernardville to claim the fourth Tiger title.

Second place finishes went to Mike Wagner (70), who won his first two matches by major decisions, 14-0 and 15-3, before losing a close match in the finals. Nick Dorey, midget (77), won his first two matches by a fall and a 2-0 decision. Dorey lost by decision in the finals.

Third place medals went to Ryan Sacco (50), Corey Hay (57), John Wylam (60), Rocco Petriello, HWT. Mark Wagner (85), finished fourth.

Also winning matches and not placing were bantams, Kyle Hughes, Johanthan Conroy, Nick Vollone and Pat Millard; midgets, Nick Pauls, Jake Smithline, Tim Gaughan, Mike Jakubik, Ryan Szumski and Danny Pompilio.

NOTE: Next week we will publish the Middle School results.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

If you're looking for the sports section, this isn't it. If, however, you're looking for news from the South Plainfield Library, this is the place:

We're going to follow our usual Storytime schedule next week. The programs are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. The programs are for children ages three and over and no registration is needed. If you'd like more information, please check with Linda Hansen, our children's librarian. We've also got this month's Kidcraft program set for next Friday, January 28, at 4 p.m. It's for children six and over; space is limited for this program, so please call ahead and sign up.

We've also got a Homeschooler's meeting set for January 28 at 10:30 a.m. It's for parents who home school their children, or those who have an interest in doing so. It'll be held in the Children's Room; no registration is needed.

The latest group from the Audiobook Circuit is now available. Titles in this group include *Malice*, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, *Murder at the National Cathedral*, *Plutonium Murders* and *The Color of Night*. They'll be around until the beginning of April. Books-on-tape can be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

At this point, it's pretty much impossible to tell just what kind of winter we're going to have. It could be mild, as the last few have been. Or, we could be looking at a gold mine for snow shovel vendors. In any case, there are times when you may not be sure if the

weather has closed us down. If such a case arises, you could give us a call, of course. Or, you could tune your radio to WCTC (1450 AM) or WAWZ (99.1 FM) to get the details. If we have to shut down early, or not open at all, we'll make sure the word gets out.

In all likelihood, your New Year's revelry was greatly diminished by the arrival of your 1999 tax forms in the mail. Also, in all likelihood, you need additional forms or instructions. We're able to help on this, whenever possible. Unfortunately, we're not quite ready, yet. Our tax forms and documents are coming in bits and pieces, as usual. As yet, we can't make a prediction about when we'll get the lion's share of them. If you need tax forms, we suggest you call ahead first, to see which ones are in stock.

At times, a question has come up at the main desk, particularly when sources for term papers are needed. That question is, "Is there a limit on the number of books I can borrow?" Here's the answer: not really. While we do limit the number of A/V items that can go out (mainly due to high demand or limited availability), books are another matter. Limits are imposed only in rare cases, like if students need certain rare materials for a large, class-wide project. Usually, though, the borrowing limit for books is "any reasonable number", an amount always open to discussion. Beyond that, just don't back up a tractor-trailer and clean us out; leave some for someone else.

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Borough Notes

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South Plainfield, the Middlesex Health Department will provide Public Health Services for the borough for a one year period at the cost of \$146,067.

■ A contract was awarded to Airpower International, Inc. at the cost of \$26,800 for a Breathing Purification system to be used by the Volunteer Fire Department

■ The licensing and maintenance agreement with E.T. Software, Inc. for the computer aided dispatch system used by the police department has been renewed for the Year 2000 at a cost of \$9,064.

■ Police Officer William Frink has informed the council he will be retiring from the police department effective Aug. 31, 2000.

■ Jill K. Murray has been appointed as a firefighter member of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.

■ Lisa A. Spahn was hired as a Docker Clerk in the South Plainfield Municipal Court at a salary of \$19,653.

■ Melanie R. Friedman has been hired as a secretary for the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission at a salary of \$750.

■ Municipal Clerk Jim Eckert has been appointed to the position of Borough Appointing Authority. This position is required by the NJ Department of Personnel (NJDP) to serve as a liaison between the Borough and (NJDP). This vacancy was created by the resignation of the borough administrator.

■ A second set of bids for the expansion of the PAL Building was rejected by the council.

■ The council has approved the acquisition of the following equipment for the Borough Engineering Department: a computerized survey instrument and data collector at a cost of \$5,895, the purchase of computer software at the cost of \$6,435.60 and a HP Designjet-450C at a cost of \$3,166.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

■ Miguel and Luz DeLatorre were approved to build a single family dwelling on a lot on Maple Ave.

■ K&K Land Enterprises were denied approval to build a 175-foot antenna on St. Nicholas Ave.

■ A preliminary and final site plan approval was granted to Quick Chek to build a convenience store on Durham Ave. at the corner of Helen Street.

■ Dowell Associates were denied a permit for the storage of empty trailers in a yard not adjacent to the loading docks.

■ First Baptist Church was granted a variance for a 9' x 11' expansion and a waiver of all site plans.

NOTICE TO PERSONS DESIRING CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you are a qualified and registered voter of the State who expects to be absent outside the State on March 14, 2000 or a qualified and registered voter who will be within the State on March 14, 2000, but because of permanent and total disability, or because of illness or temporary physical disability, or because of the observance of a religious holiday pursuant to the tenets of your religion, or because of resident attendance at a school, college, or university, or because of the nature and hours of employment, will be unable to cast your ballot at the polling place in your district on said date, and you desire to vote in the Special School Election in South Plainfield, to be held on March 14, 2000, kindly complete the application form below and send to the undersigned, or write or apply in person to the undersigned at once requesting that a civilian absentee ballot be forwarded to you. Such request must state your home address, and the address to which said ballot should be sent, and must be signed with your signature, and state the reason why you will not be able to vote at your usual polling place. No civilian absentee ballot will be furnished or forwarded to any applicant unless request therefore is received not less than 7 days prior to the election, and contains the foregoing information.

VOTERS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED SHALL, AFTER THEIR INITIAL REQUEST AND WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION ON THEIR PART BE FORWARDED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY CLERK FOR ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED BY APPLYING TO THE UNDERSIGNED EITHER IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE, OR THE APPLICATION FORM PROVIDED BELOW MAY BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED TO THE UNDERSIGNED.

Forms of application other than federal postcard application forms can be obtained from the undersigned.

DATE: January 21, 2000

JAMES V. ECKERT, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK
2480 PLAINFIELD AVE.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080
(908) 226-7606
TDD(732)246-5553

A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT OR TO BE ASSISTED AT THE POLLS BY TWO ELECTION CLERKS, ONE FROM EACH PARTY, OR BY A PERSON CHOSEN BY THE VOTER OTHER THAN THE VOTER'S EMPLOYER OR AGENT OF THAT EMPLOYER, OR OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE VOTERS'S UNION. VOTING LOCATIONS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING WITH PROPER SIGNAGE MUST BE PROVIDED. DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED VOTERS CAN ACCESS THE FOLLOWING TDD NUMBER: (732)937-8364. INSTRUCTIONS PRINTED IN LARGE TYPE MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED AT EACH PERMANENT REGISTRATION FACILITY AND POLLING PLACE. VIOLATIONS OF THE ABOVE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS: (732)745-3471.

☐ Marque aqui si usted desea recibir sus materiales electorales en Español. **CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**
You must apply for an Absentee Ballot for each Election. I hereby apply for an absentee ballot for the (Check one)
☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Municipal ☐ Special
☐ Local ☐ School ☐ Regional

☐ Other _____ To be held on _____
SPECIFY DATE

CHECK AND COMPLETE

I live in the ☐ City ☐ Town ☐ Township ☐ Borough
☐ Village of _____
My legal residence address including Street Number and/or R.D.
Number and Box Number is as follows:

STREET ADDRESS _____
MUNICIPALITY _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

Mail my ballot to the following address:

STREET ADDRESS _____
MUNICIPALITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

CHECK REASON FOR BALLOT

I am unable to vote at my regular polling place on election day because:
☐ I expect to be absent from the State of New Jersey on election day.

(DATE OF DEPARTURE) _____
☐ Of illness or physical disability including blindness or pregnancy I will be unable to vote at my polling place on election day.
☐ I am permanently and totally disabled.

State reason _____
☐ Observance of a religious holiday on election day.
☐ Resident attendance at a school, college or University on election day.

☐ Of nature and hours of my employment on election day.
Under penalty of Law, I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct.

➡ SIGN YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS IN REGISTRY BOOK

PRINT OR TYPE YOUR NAME _____

• If sick or confined a voter may apply for an absentee ballot by authorize messenger.

• I designate _____ to be my authorized messenger. (NAME OF MESSENGER)

• _____ (SIGNATURE OF VOTER)

• Authorized messenger must sign application only in presence of county clerk or county clerk designee.

• _____ (SIGNATURE OF MESSENGER)

• _____ (STREET ADDRESS)

• _____ (MUNICIPALITY) _____ (ZIP CODE)

OFFICE USE ONLY

VOTER NUMBER _____ PARTY _____ WARD _____ DISTRICT _____

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____ REMARKS _____

\$308.34

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AVISO PARA LAS PERSONAS QUE DESEEN PAPELETAS DE CIVIL AUSENTE

Si usted es un elector del Estado calificado y registrado, pero espera estar ausente del mismo en March 14 de 2000, o va a estar en el Estado en March 14 de 2000, pero no va a poder ir a votar a su lugar de votación debido a las siguientes razones: incapacidad permanente o temporaria; por enfermedad o incapacidad física temporaria; por causas religiosas; por asistir a la escuela, colegio o universidad; o por horario o tipo de trabajo. Si usted desea votar en la Elección Especial Escolar de South Plainfield, en March 14 de 1999, por favor llene la solicitud de abajo y envíela a la dirección indicada; o escriba, o solicite personalmente en la dirección de abajo, para que le envíen una papeleta por correo. Su solicitud debe incluir; su dirección residencial y la dirección a la cual se le enviara la papeleta; su firma y la razón por la cual no podra votar en su lugar de votación. No se le enviara, o proveera papeletas de civil ausente a nadie a menos que la solicitud sea recibida por lo menos 7 días antes de la elección y contenga la información requerida.

ELECTORES QUE SON PERMANENTEMENTE Y TOTALMENTE INCAPACITADOS DEBEN, AUTOMATICAMENTE DESPUES DE SU SOLICITUD INICIAL, RECIBIR UNA PAPELETA DE ELECTOR AUSENTE DEL SECRETARIO DEL CONDADO PARA TODAS LAS FUTURAS ELECCIONES EN LAS CUALES SEAN ELEGIBLES. SOLICITUDES PUEDEN SER OBTENIDAS ESCRIBIENDO O LLAMANDO AL MENCIONADO, O PUEDE ENVIAR LA SOLICITUD INCLUIDA ABAJO AL MISMO.

Las solicitudes, excepto la solicitud postal federal, pueden ser obtenidas en la siguiente dirección:

FECHA: ENERO 21, 2000

JAMES V. ECKERT, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK
2480 PLAINFIELD AVE.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080
(908) 226-7606

UNA PERSONA INCAPACITADA TIENE EL DERECHO A VOTAR CON PAPELETA DE AUSENTE O A SER ASISTIDA EN LAS URNAS POR DOS OFICIALES DE ELECCIONES, UNO DE CADA PARTIDO, O POR UNA PERSONA ELEGIDA POR EL VOTANTE QUE NO SEA SU JEFE, O EL AGENTE DE ESE JEFE, U OFICIAL O AGENTE DE SU UNION. LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN; DEBEN SER ACCESIBLES Y ESTACIONAMIENTO ACCESIBLE CON SEÑALES APROPIADAS DEBE SER PROVEÍDO. VOTANTES CON SORDERA O POCA AUDICIÓN PUEDEN CONTACTAR EL SIGUIENTE NÚMERO TDD: (732) 937-8364. INSTRUCCIONES IMPRESAS EN LETRA GRANDE DEBERAN SER CLARAMENTE EXHIBIDAS EN CADA LUGAR PERMANENTE DE REGISTRACIÓN O VOTACIÓN. VIOLACIONES A LO DE ARRIBA DEBERÁN SER REFERIDAS A LA JUNTA DE ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE MIDDLESEX: (732) 745-3471.

SOLICITUD DE VOTO DE ELECTOR CIVIL AUSENTE

Usted debe solicitar un voto de ausente para cada elección. Por el presente solicito un voto de ausente para la elección (indique una)

☐ Primaria ☐ General ☐ Municipal ☐ Especial
☐ Local ☐ Regional ☐ Técnica De artes y oficios

☐ Otra _____, que se realizará el _____
ESPECIFIQUE FECHA

LLENE LAS CASILLAS Y ESPACIOS EN BLANCO

Vivo en ☐ la ciudad ☐ el pueblo ☐ el municipio ☐ el barrio
☐ la aldea de _____
Mi residencia legal, incluyendo el número de la calle, el de la ruta o ambos y el apartado, es la siguiente:

DIRECCION DE LA CALLE _____
MUNICIPIO _____ ZONA POSTAL _____ TELEFONO _____
Envien mi voto a la siguiente dirección:

DIRECCION DE LA CALLE _____
MUNICIPIO _____ ESTADO _____ ZONA POSTAL _____

INDIQUE LA RAZON DEL VOTO

El día de elecciones no podré votar en mi urna regular debido a que:
☐ Espero encontrarme ausente del estado de Nueva Jersey el día de la elección

(FECHA DE LA PARTIDA) _____
☐ Una enfermedad o incapacidad física, incluyendo la ceguera y el embarazo, me impedirán votar en mi urna el día de la elección.
☐ Sufró de invalidez permanente y total.

Expresa la razón _____
☐ El día de la elección deberé observar un feriado religioso.
☐ El día de la elección estaré asistiendo como residente a una escuela, escuela superior o universidad.
☐ La naturaleza de mi trabajo y su horario, el día de la elección.
So pena de incurrir en las sanciones legales, certifico que las anteriores manifestaciones hechas por mí son veraces y correctas.

➡ FIRME CON SU NOMBRE COMO APARECE EN EL LIBRO DEL REGISTRO

ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE EN LETRA DE MOLDE O MECANOGRAFIA

• Si el votante se encuentra enfermo o recluso, puede solicitar un voto de ausente por intermedio de un mensajero autorizado.

• Nombre a _____ mi mensajero autorizado. (NOMBRE DEL MENSAJERO)

• _____ (FIRMA DEL VOTANTE)

• El mensajero autorizado debe firmar las solicitudes únicamente ante el Secretario del Condado o su delegado.

• _____ (FIRMA DEL MENSAJERO)

• _____ (DIRECCION DE LA CALLE)

• _____ (MUNICIPIO) _____ (ZONA POSTAL)

USO DE OFICINA SOLAMENTE

VOTER NUMBER _____ PARTY _____ WARD _____ DISTRICT _____

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____ REMARKS _____

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GOT NEWS?
908-668-0010

AVISO PARA ELECTORES EN EL SERVICIO MILITAR, SUS PARIENTES Y AMIGOS

Si usted se encuentra en el servicio militar; es esposo(a) ó dependiente de alguien en el servicio; es paciente en un hospital para veteranos; es un civil adjunto a, ó sirve con, las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos, fuera del Estado de Nueva Jersey; es esposo(a) ó dependiente de un civil adjunto a, ó que sirve con, las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos. Si usted tiene estas características y desea votar, ó es un familiar ó amigo de alguien que las tenga y que usted crea que quiera votar, en la Elección Especial Escolar de South Plainfield de March 14 de 2000. Escriba a la dirección de abajo para solicitar la papeleta del servicio militar, para votar en dicha elección. Si usted esta en el servicio incluya su nombre, edad, número de serie, dirección residencial y la dirección de su base ó donde se le pueda localizar. Si desea la papeleta para un pariente ó amigo, haga la petición bajo juramento, declarando que la persona es mayor de dieciocho años, su nombre, su número de serie si esta en el servicio militar, dirección residencial y dirección de su base ó de donde pueda ser localizado.

Electores del servicio militar pueden solicitar la papeleta de voto militar enviando una solicitud federal en forma de tarjeta postal al Secretario del Condado.

En la solicitud para la papeleta del servicio militar, electores del servicio militar pueden requerir que una papeleta del servicio militar les sea enviada para las demás elecciones que se lleven acabo éste año.

(NOTA: EL ELECTOR MILITAR QUE DECLARE SU ESTACION MILITAR COMO DOMICILIO PARA VOTAR NO PUEDE USAR LA PAPELETA DE MILITAR AUSENTE A MENOS QUE ESTE REGISTRADO PARA VOTAR EN EL MUNICIPIO DONDE DICHA ESTACION ESTA LOCALIZADA.)

Las solicitudes, excepto la solicitud postal federal, pueden ser obtenidas en la siguiente dirección:

FECHA: ENRO 21, 2000

JAMES V. ECKERT, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK
2480 PLAINFIELD AVE.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080

\$103.75

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NOTICE TO MILITARY SERVICE VOTERS AND TO THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

If you are in the military service, or the spouse or dependent of a person in military service or a patient in a veterans' hospital or a civilian attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States without the State of New Jersey, or the spouse and dependent of and accompanying or residing with a civilian attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States, and desire to vote, or if you are a relative or friend of any such person who, you believe, will desire to vote in the Special School Election in South Plainfield to be held on March 14, 2000, kindly write to the undersigned at once making application for a military service ballot to be voted in said election to be forwarded to you, stating your name, age, serial number if you are in military service, home address and the address at which you are stationed or can be found, or if you desire the military service ballot for a relative or friend then make application under oath for a military service ballot to be forwarded to him, stating in your application that he is over the age of 18 years and stating his name, serial number if he is in military service, home address and the address at which he is stationed or can be found. Military service voters may also apply for a military service ballot by sending a federal postcard application form to the undersigned.

On the application for a military service ballot, military service voters may request that a military service ballot be sent for all subsequent elections held during this calendar year.

(NOTE: MILITARY SERVICE VOTER CLAIMING MILITARY STATION AS HOME ADDRESS FOR VOTING PURPOSES MAY NOT USE MILITARY ABSENTEE BALLOT UNLESS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE SUCH STATION IS LOCATED.)

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DATE: January 21, 2000

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2480 PLAINFIELD AVE.
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080

\$101.50

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TaraBen Shah, 81

TaraBen Shah died on Saturday, Jan. 8, in her home.
Funeral services were held in the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Angelina (DiStefano) Gulino, 84

Angelina (DiStefano) Gulino died on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Eger Nursing Home in Staten Island, NY.
She was born in New York City, and had resided in Queens for many years before moving to Staten Island over 20 years ago.
For many years, Mrs. Gulino enjoyed dancing in the Roseland Dance Hall in New York City.
Her husband, Amedeo Gulino, died in 1964.
Surviving are her two sons, John Gulino of South Plainfield and Frank Gulino of Great Kills in Staten Island, NY; a brother, George DiStefano of Harve de Grace, Maryland and four grandchildren, John, Vicki, Joseph and Vincent Gulino.
Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Wilbur J. Goodwin, 84

Wilbur J. Goodwin died on Jan. 12 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.
Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Goodwin had resided in Edison for most of his life, before settling in South Plainfield in 1983.
He was employed as a machinist for Foley Machinery in Piscataway for 30 years before his retirement 19 years ago
He was a life member of the South Plainfield Elks B.P.O. Lodge #2298.
Mr. Goodwin is predeceased by a sister, Carie and a brother, Larry.
Surviving are his wife, Alice (Arminio) Goodwin; two daughters, Lee Goodwin of Iselin and Donna

Obituaries

Murphy of East Brunswick; a son, William Goodwin of Virginia; a sister, Dorothy Skandy of Rahway and his grandchildren, Diane, Jennifer, Melissa and Nicole. Also surviving are his great grandchildren, Miranda and Patrick.
Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Robert D. Gerhardt, Sr., 60

Robert D. Gerhardt, Sr., died on Thursday, Jan. 13, at his home.
Born in Newark, he had resided in Irvington, Iselin and Garwood before settling in South Plainfield 30 years ago.
He was employed as a milkman for Brauers Dairy until 1969 when he bought the company, which be-

came BJ's Dairy, delivering milk in the Central New Jersey Area until 1983, when he sold the company and purchased Dixie's Tavern in Carteret, which he owned and operated for the past 17 years.
He is predeceased by his parents, Fred and Elsie Gerhardt and a brother, Edward Gerhardt.
Surviving are his wife, Janet (Cicero) Gerhardt; four daughters, Lisa Santone of South Plainfield, Robyn Grimes of Iselin, Susan Gerhardt of South Plainfield and Fawn Butler of Plainfield; two sons, Robert D. Gerhardt Jr. of Staten Island and William Olsen of Alabama and a brother, Fred Gerhardt of Iselin. Also surviving are his seven grandchildren.
Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

By Cyrus N. Moon

Weekly Horoscope

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Happy birthday to all of you born under the sign of the Waterbearer. Your ruling planet Uranus was the Ancient Greek sky god, first ruler of the universe. Some traits that are found in your sign are independent, analytical, progressive, strong dislikes and firm opinions. The amethyst is your birthstone; this stone brings faithfulness in love and bestows the gift of presence. Wednesday is your day and electric blue lights up your personality. This week will be good for interactions of all kinds—romantic, social, business, friendships and even fleeting encounters with such people as salesclerks or bank tellers will have wonderful information for you.
PISCES 2/19-3/20 This week your awareness will be stimulated. You may well be sensitive to other people, and you seem to know how they feel intuitively. Visit family or friends who are sick or are in the hospital, you can bring uplifting spirits that can only help. A soak in the hot tub will bring inner peace.
ARIES 3/21-4/19 Power struggles may appear this week. Be careful and try not to react in a fit of rage to some revenge that is being done to you. You can be stronger for this in the eyes of others. Anger at this time can be transformed into positive energy.
TAURUS 4/20-5/20 You have a wonderful chance to succeed if you seek to establish solid, long-lasting relationships. A romance can start from a friendship that is based on mutual commitment and responsibility along with love and affection. Legal matters will be successful and a promotion is likely.
GEMINI 5/21-6/20 This week your thinking will be greatly sped up. Listen to your intuition for it will hit you at lighting speed. This will come in handy for all mental work that requires originality and cleverness. Experiment with new ideas. Be careful when driving.
CANCER 6/21-7/22 Put away those old prejudices. Do not lump someone you just met into a category that you don't like very much, rather regard them as individuals. Why dislike someone by the way they look or the clothes they wear? Be careful of delicate

negotiations that require logic.
LEO 7/23-8/22 This is a time when the past catches up with you. If you have not previously conducted your affairs in a proper manner, you may now wish you had. Timing will be off but don't let it discourage you, forge ahead! Rewards will come later. Be ready to take on a responsible position.
VIRGO 8/23-9/22 You may want to be alone for awhile, there is nothing wrong with this. Out of sight, out of mind, then there will be no hard feelings with the ones you love. This is not the time to pretend to have emotions that you do not feel. The other person will feel this and the hurt will be increased.
LIBRA 9/23-10/22 I would say there is the potential for excitement in romance, so enjoy! A possible challenge, a love relationship can run into conflict over issues of stability vs. freedom. A new attraction can have that "love at first sight" so take care. Risk appeals to you so watch finances.
SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Your ambition is high this week! You want power and you can succeed, if you do so with integrity. But if you do not, resistance, conflicts or power struggles can occur. Something that no longer works needs to be eliminated. Face up to needed change. Success follows!
SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 Obstacles can be confronted this week that blocks your success. And these things can happen by your own ego, stubborn pride, greed, or self-indulgence. Avoid anger and a negative attitude at the job! It will be noticed! And your goals will be obtained!
CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 If you are a well prepared, organized individual with definite goals, you will be in a good position. Create opportunities that demonstrate your experience. Others can help you achieve these goals. But you can take advantage of your seniority or position at the job, why not?
QUOTE: Limitation for love over another, Will never be gained if you wish it so.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1527 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN PARTICULAR CHAPTER 157, ENTITLED "SEWERS"** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 21, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1527

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN PARTICULAR CHAPTER 157, ENTITLED "SEWERS"

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 157 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. The following Schedule A entitled "Annual Sewer Rentals - 2000" replaces in its entirety "Schedule " - Annual Sewer Rentals - 1998" of the above recited Chapter of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield.

SCHEDULE A

Annual Sewer Rental - 2000
(Effective January 1, 2000)

- | | |
|--|---|
| (1) Residential Structures: | \$200.00 per service unit |
| (2) Commercial Establishments: | \$2.9130 per 100 cubic feet |
| (3) Industrial Establishments: | |
| a) Monitored Industrial Users |) \$ 2,367.52 Flow (per mg.) |
| |) \$ 526.89 BOD (per ton) |
| |) \$ 510.07 SS (per ton) |
| |) \$ 23.66 CL-2 Demand (per CWT) |
| b) Unmonitored Industrial Users | \$5.9806 per 100 cubic feet |
| (4) Residential Structures Reduced Rate: | All recipients of the two hundred fifty (\$250) dollar real property tax deduction granted in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 1963, C. 172 (R.S. 54:4-8.41) shall be given a deduction in the sewer rental rate that will result in a net annual rate not exceeding one hundred (\$100) dollars. |
| (5) Minimum Charge: | Except as set forth in paragraph four (4) above, notwithstanding any of the rates set forth herein to the contrary, there shall be a minimum annual charge for any property connected to the Borough Sanitary Sewer System of two hundred (\$200) dollars. |
| (6) Monitored Industrial Users: | Notwithstanding any rates set forth herein to the contrary, in no case shall the charge for Monitored Industrial Users be less than the charge for an equal volume of flow as otherwise would be determined utilizing the Commercial Establishments rate set forth in item two (2) above. |

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall supersede any and all prior ordinances which said prior Ordinances or parts thereof are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 3. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall be for any reasons declared illegal or unenforceable, such declaration of illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance and this ordinance shall be construed as if such illegal or unenforceable provision(s) had never been contained therein.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Approved 1/13/2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
James Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$72.00

1T January 21, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1440L entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2000** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 21, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE #1440L

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2000.

B. Fire Prevention	2000
Fire Inspector/part time/per hour	\$15.00
F. Administration & Executive	
Assistant Housing Technician	\$5,000

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after the publication thereof after final passage.

Approved 1/13/2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
James Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$27.00

January 21, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1528 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND AA&G BUILDERS, INC. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NEW JERSEY STATUTE 40A:12-16 et seq.** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 21, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1528

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND AA&G BUILDERS INC. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NEW JERSEY STATUTE 40A: 12-16 et seq.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 379, part of lot 6 as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, AA&G Builders Inc. are the owners of property known as Block 353, Lots 8.01 and 9, which property is shown on the tax and assessment map of the Borough of South Plainfield currently in use, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by its Mayor and Council, deems it is in the public interest that the Borough of South Plainfield acquire title to Block 353, Lots 8.01 and 9 in exchange for Block 379, part of Lot 6 and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that the land to be exchanged by the Borough of South Plainfield is not needed for public purpose or use and that the land to be acquired by the Borough of South Plainfield is more advantageous to the Borough of South Plainfield for public use, and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that the property of the Borough of South Plainfield and the property

of AA&G Builders Inc. is of equal value and

WHEREAS it is proposed that AA&G Builders Inc. convey their aforesaid property to the Borough of South Plainfield in exchange for Block 379, Part of Lot 6 as shown on the tax and assessment maps currently in use by the Borough of South Plainfield, and;

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that it is in the public interest that said exchange be consummated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, THAT

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk be authorized to execute and deliver to AA&G Builders Inc. a bargain and sale deed, conveying Block 379, Part of Lot 6 without covenants and without representations as to marketability of title. In the event AA&G Builders Inc. shall determine that title to the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions relating to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough of South Plainfield through the Borough Clerk's Office within 45 days from the date of this ordinance. In the event that questions have not been raised within said 45 day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within 90 days of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The conveyance of Block 379, part of Lot 6 shall be made subject to easements both of record and not of record, restrictions of record, the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without any representations as to the use which said property can be put, receipt from AA&G Builders Inc. of a deed conveying good and marketable title to Block 353, Lots 8.01 and 9 free and clear of all encumbrances and taxes paid to the date of closing.

SECTION 3. Good and marketable title to the property to be conveyed to the Borough of South Plainfield shall be evidenced by a title insurance policy issued by a duly licensed and qualified title insurance company of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 4. This conveyance shall be subject to the conditions of sale attached hereto as Appendix B.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication in the manner provided by law.

Approved 1/13/2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
James Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$62.00

1T January 21, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1529 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND NEW ERA DEVELOPMENT, INC. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NEW JERSEY STATUTE 40A:12-16 et seq.** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 21, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1529

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND NEW ERA DEVELOPMENT, INC. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NEW JERSEY STATUTE 40A:12-16 et seq.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 538, Lot 5, and

WHEREAS, New Era Development, Inc., are the owners of property known as Block 315, Lots 2 & 4, which property is shown on the tax and assessment map of the Borough of South Plainfield currently in use, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by its

Mayor and Council, deems it is in the public interest that the Borough of South Plainfield acquire title to Block 315, Lots 2 & 4 in exchange for Block 538, Lot 5 and the payment of \$60,000.00 to equalize the value of the exchange, and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that the land to be exchanged by the Borough of South Plainfield is not needed for public purpose or use and that the land to be acquired by the Borough of South Plainfield is more advantageous to the Borough of South Plainfield for public use, and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that the property of the Borough of South Plainfield and the property of New Era Development Inc., in addition to a payment of \$60,000.00 by New Era Development Inc., will be of equal value, and

WHEREAS it is proposed that New Era Development Inc. convey their aforesaid property to the Borough of South Plainfield in exchange for Block 538, Lot 5 as shown on the tax and assessment maps currently in use by the Borough of South Plainfield, and;

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that it is in the public interest that said exchange be consummated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, THAT

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk be authorized to execute and deliver to New Era Development Inc., a bargain and sale deed, conveying Block 538, Lot 5 without covenants and without representations as to marketability of title. In the event New Era Development Inc., shall determine that title to the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions relating to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough of South Plainfield through the Borough Clerk's Office within 45 days from the date of this ordinance. In the event that questions have not been raised within said 45 day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within 90 days of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The conveyance of Block 538, Lot 5 shall be made subject to easements both of record and not of record, restrictions of record, the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without any representations as to the use which said property can be put, receipt from New Era Development Inc. of a deed conveying good and marketable title to Block 315, Lots 2 & 4 free and clear of all encumbrances and taxes paid to the date of closing.

SECTION 3. Good and marketable title to the property to be conveyed to the Borough of South Plainfield shall be evidenced by a title insurance policy issued by a duly licensed and qualified title insurance company of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 4. This conveyance shall be subject to the conditions of sale attached hereto as Appendix A.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication in the manner provided by law.

Approved 1/13/2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
James Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$63.00

1T January 21, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1526 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE IX, SECTION 902 ENTITLED "OUTDOOR STORAGE"** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 21, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE #1526

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE IX, SECTION 902 ENTITLED "OUTDOOR STORAGE"

Article IX - Section 902 is amended to read as follows:

902. Outdoor Storage
A. No merchandise, articles or materials including trucks, trailers or containers shall be kept or stored outside the confines of buildings or structures in any industrial or commercial zone unless the same is so screened by special planting or a fence ranging between six (6) and ten (10) feet in height, as required by the Zone, the property is located in so that said merchandise, articles or materials cannot be visible from any street or adjacent property. Such outdoor storage as may be permitted hereunder is only permitted in the rear and side yard areas and under no circumstances shall the storage of any merchandise, articles or materials be permitted in the front yard of any property.

B. Furthermore, whenever the property lies adjacent to a residential zone or a street bisected by a residential zone line, there shall be no storage of any merchandise, articles or materials including trucks, trailers or containers within a minimum distance of 100 feet from any property line which lies adjacent to such residential zone line or street.

C. The minimum 100 feet area between the residential zone line or street and the proposed storage shall be considered to be a buffer strip or buffer screen as defined in Article 11, Definitions.

Approved 1/13/2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
James Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$36.50

1T January 21, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Whereas, there exists a need to purchase a license agreement for support for the police software, and

Whereas, the maximum amount of the contract will not exceed \$9,064.00 and said funds are available as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be

available for public inspection.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with ET Software, Post Office Box 2530, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-2530.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with 40A: 11-5 (1)(a)(ii) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service is specialized and qualitative requiring expertise, extensive training and must be licensed and maintained by the designers.

3. Notification of contract award shall be printed once in the Observer.

Approved 1/13/2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
James Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$23.00

1T January 21, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

January 12, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on January 4, 2000.

Case No. 16-99 - Miguel & Luz DeLattoree - Block 71; Lot 7; Maple Avenue - Applicant's request for lot area and lot width variances to construct a single family dwelling was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 40-99/S - Dowell Associates - Block 254; Lot 5; Oak Tree Road - Applicant's request for an interpretation that the storage of product in trailers located outdoors and keeping of empty trailers in a yard not adjacent to loading docks is a permitted use, is hereby DENIED.

Case No. 29-96/S - K & K Land Enterprises, L.P. - Applicant's request for a use variance and height variance to construct a tower is hereby DENIED.

Case No. 50-98/C/S - Quick Chek Food Stores, Inc. - Block 488; Lots 8 & a portion of 9; M-3 Zone; 317 Durham Ave. - Applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan, with variances and waivers, is hereby GRANTED.

Janice Muccilli
Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment
\$18.50

1T 1/21/2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

January 12, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on November 4, 1999.

Case No. 51-98/V - Don Gural - Block 65; Lots 3.02 & 4.01; OBC-1 Zone; 2215 Park Ave. - This application was dismissed without prejudice.

Case No. 43-99 - Frank & Lucy Capozzi - 325 Skene Drive, Block 130; Lot 3; R-75 Zone; - Applicant's request for a rear yard variance to allow the existing rear porch was hereby GRANTED.

Janice Muccilli
Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment
\$11.00

1T 1/21/2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Victor E. Huljakk III requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the addition of a second story with a 2' cantilever, proposed addition lacks the required 30' front setback, 27.95' proposed said property being located on Block 230, Lot 13 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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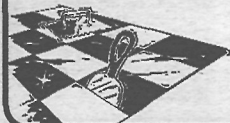
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• The Middle School reported the theft of an AT&T telephone from the guidance office. A Sodexo/Marriott employee was cleaning classrooms and observed two white males in the office. She did not see them leave with the phone or notice anything missing.

• A resident of So. Madison Ave. called 911 after seeing smoke and flames coming from the rear of the Middle School. Fire officials found a tractor belonging to the Board of Education on fire. After the flames were extinguished Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese inspected the tractor and determined that the blaze had begun in the cab area. The cause was determined to be arson.

• A Cybowski Ct. resident called 911 after a vehicle he had left running in his driveway became engulfed in flames. The fire department arrived to put out the blaze after an attempt with fire extinguisher failed. The blaze was caused by a fuel leak in the carburetor. The vehicle suffered major damage. The resident's house was not damaged.

• Taco Bell employee Gale E. Owens, of Piscataway, reported an assault. The victim stated she had work done on her car by a woman who was in the restaurant. The victim asked the suspect about the work done. The suspect became defensive and angry and started yelling and threatening to throw the victim out the window. Shortly after both women were in the parking lot and the suspect began yelling and pushing the victim.

• A Sampton Ave. resident reported being harassed by a Wells Drive resident. The victim reported that as she walked her dog past Wells Drive residence, the suspect began to shout ob-

scenities at the victim. The suspect threatened to kill the victim's dog if the dog harmed his cat. The victim phoned the police when she arrived home. She said she feared for her safety and that of her dog. The victim stated she will pursue the matter by filing a complaint.

• An Oak Tree Rd. resident reported the padlock missing from his company box truck. The truck had been parked at his home and the theft was not noticed until the truck was taken to a location for work several days later.

• Pathmark security observed a suspect placing five baby garments under his coat. Police were notified and the suspect was arrested. The garments were valued at \$22.67.

• A&P, Stelton Rd. reported that a suspect had left the store with approximately 15 bottles of aspirin. The suspect was seen heading towards Stelton Rd. A search of the area was negative. A videotape from the security cameras was provided to police by the store. The A&P assistant manager said the suspect had stolen from the store before and they had been unable to catch him.

• A Mellon St. resident reported the theft of an ICC bulkhead from his backyard.

• A W. 7th St. resident reported that a cell phone and charger were stolen from his car while it was parked in his rear driveway. Entry was gained by cutting the roof of the convertible and reaching inside to unlock the doors. CDs and other items were left undisturbed.

• A Dey St. resident reported the theft of a lawnmower from her backyard shed. Entry was gained by removing the screws from the hinges on the door. A snow blower and leaf blower/bagger were left untouched. The lawnmower was pushed across the yard to the corner of Dey and Meister. Tire tracks from the mower ended at the roadway.

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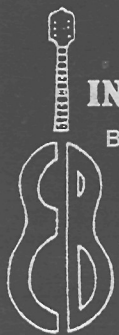
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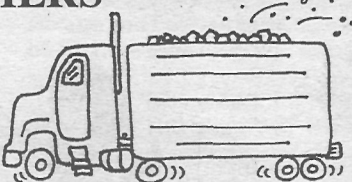
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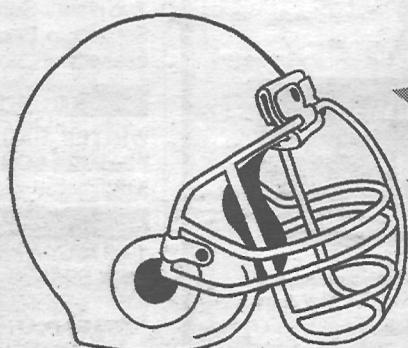
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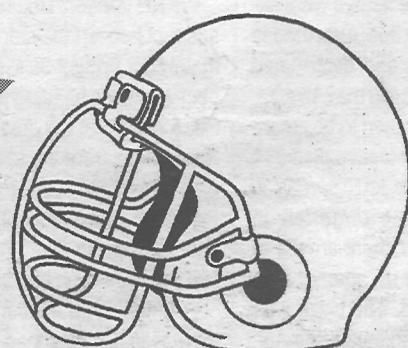
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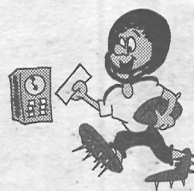
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