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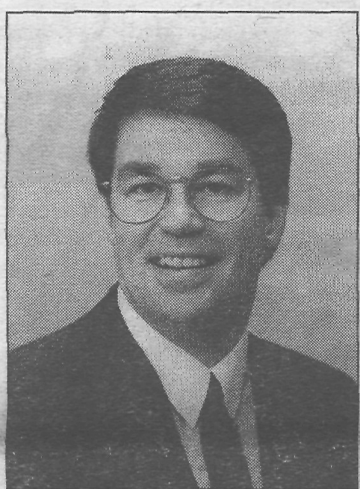
VINNIE IS GOING!

*Petronko To Seek Re-Election;
Buttiglieri Declines Bid for Third Term*

Councilman Vincent Buttiglieri announced at last week's Democratic Organization meeting that he will not seek reelection to a third term on the council.

"My six years as a councilman have been the most fulfilling of my life. I will miss it. Due to professional and family responsibilities, I cannot devote the time required to do the job right. However, I do not intend to remove myself from public service. I have already told Mayor Gallagher that I want to serve on a board or agency next year. I will always be available to continue working to keep South Plainfield the nicest town in New Jersey."

Mayor Dan Gallagher summed up the feelings of the Democratic Organization, "Vinnie Buttiglieri is irreplaceable. He has been a tremendous councilperson and he will definitely be missed. It was Vinnie who first came up with the idea of partnering with Middlesex County to repave our roads. As a result, over 80 roads have been repaved over the last six years on a "pay as you go" basis. Vinnie has organized Democracy Day and has been the liaison to the Taxpayers Advisory Group since its inception. He has served on the Administration and Finance committee, and to a large extent, because of his background in accounting, we have had a flat budget for six straight years. I



Raymond Petronko

must be honest, we tried hard to change his mind but obviously we will respect his decision not to seek reelection."

Councilperson Buttiglieri was first elected to the South Plainfield Borough Council in 1994 and has chaired the Public Works Committee during his tenure in addition to serving on virtually every committee within borough government.

Borough Councilman Raymond Petronko also announced that he will be seeking a second term on the Borough Council.

Petronko, who has served as chairperson of the Recreation Department, has overseen upgrades to several parks in town, including Putnam and Shadyside. He has also been working with



Vincent Buttiglieri

the seniors on their new senior center and with the Recreation Department on the expansion of the PAL Building. Ray has also served on the public celebrations committee, working on the Labor Day Parade Committee.

PAL Building Expansion Planners Seek New Approach

At the Feb. 8 Recreation Commission's monthly meeting the topic of discussion centered on what the next step for the PAL expansion should be. The commissioners heard from two companies, Joe DeAndrea, the PAL architect and AST Management and discussed the possibility of hiring a construction or project manager. The idea was to find a way to save money and get the project underway. They are also looking into the possibility of local businesses donating the building materials.

At last Thursday night's council meeting, the council passed a resolution to enter into an agreement with AST Development Corp. to conduct a bidding/negotiating phase with the original bidders. The cost for this service is \$6500. In effect AST will sit down with those who have already bid on the project and any addi-

tional interested contractors to negotiating the cost of the construction.

New Jersey law permits negotiations with bidders when bids have been twice rejected to determine if negotiations can lead to more acceptable prices. The first two bids came back approximately \$400,000 above the estimated cost and were subsequently rejected by the mayor and council.

Recreation Director Mike English said he is also getting a materials list and will be asking businesses to either donate materials or sell them at cost. English said the PAL building is utilized by 200,000 to 300,000 people who pass through the facility during the year. The number of people using the weight room has also increased as well those who use the PAL for sports, meetings and functions year-round.

School Board Extends School Year, Caps Class Sizes and Suspends Open Enrollment

Monday evening, the Board of Education held a special meeting to allow the public to speak on agenda items which were passed during the February meeting. That meeting was adjourned because of a disruption by some members of the teachers union and the public was never given a

chance to ask speak.

An extra large crowd of teachers and parents attended this meeting. Spectators spilled out into the hall; others sat on the floor, the window sills and many stood in the back of the room.

The board explained that schools which have reached their maximum student class size will be forced to bus any newly enrolled students to a school that can accommodate them. Open enrollment will also be suspended, but those now in the program will be grandfathered. This means that kindergarten children may not go to their neighborhood school if the class

capacity is reached. Some families may end up with children in different schools. Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis.

Board members emphasized how important the upcoming referendum is. If it passes the overcrowding can be addressed with the addition of more classrooms.

"My hope is the referendum will pass and we can start construction right away and get Grant School ready by the fall to give the district some relief," said Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri.

The enrollment cap for kindergarten is 20 students; grades

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NO, THESE MEN AREN'T SKIING....they're golfing in the snow. Coach Pavlak spent the day relaxing after his team won the State Wrestling Championships at the 12th Annual Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce Ice Tee Golf Tournament. Pictured are bowling coach Ralph Fech, coach Pavlak, attorney Bill Lane, retired Edison Tech Athletic Director Frank Chirichillo. Also attending were head football coach Phil McGuane, assistant basketball Coach Brian Bilal, Wardlaw Basketball Coach Rich Fonti and South Plainfield PBA member Gene Bataile.

Revised School Calendar

Revisions to the previously approved and revised calendar are as follows:

Activity	Previously Approved	Revised
Incllement Weather Closing		Sept. 25 & 26
Additional Memorial Day Recess		May 30
Four Hour Sessions for Students	June 15, 16, 19	June 21, 22, 23
Middle School Promotional Exercises	June 16	June 22
End of 4th Marking Period	June 19	June 23
Last Day for Students	June 19	June 23
High School Graduation	June 19	June 23
Teacher In-Service/Closeout	June 20	June 26
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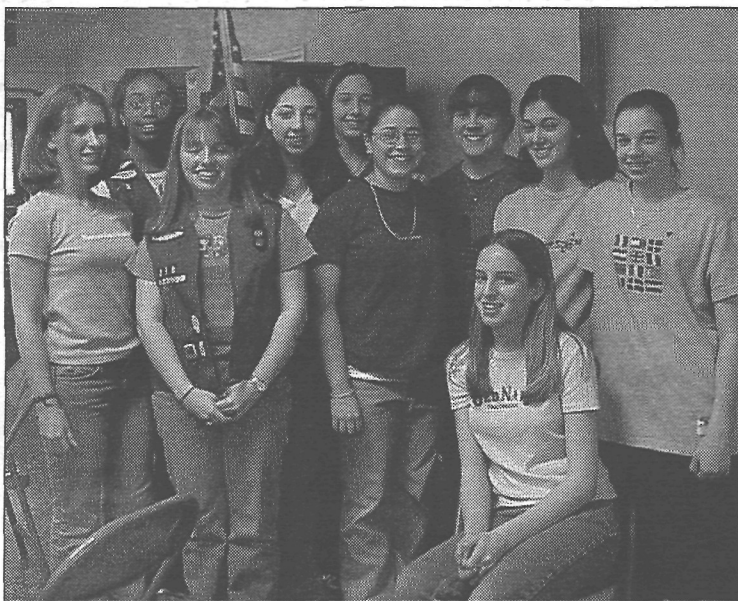
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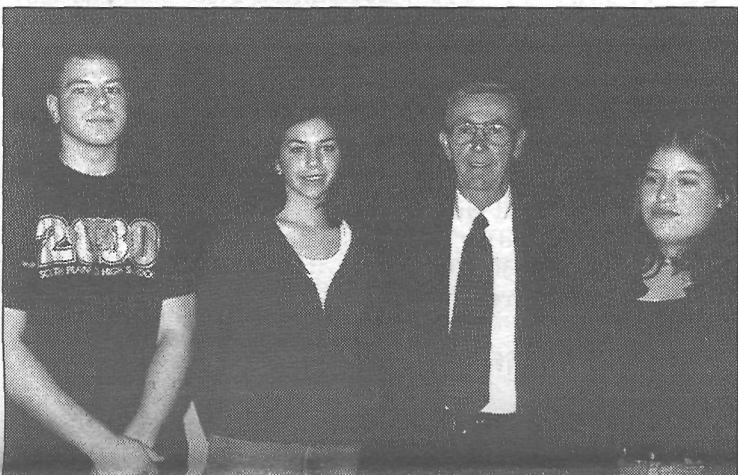


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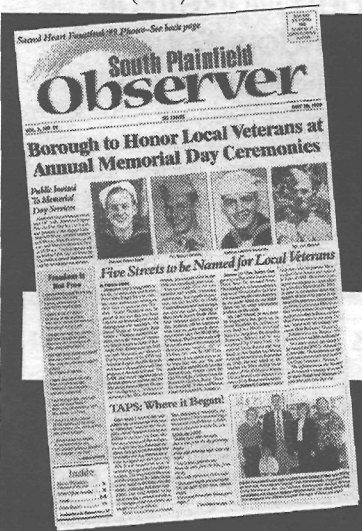
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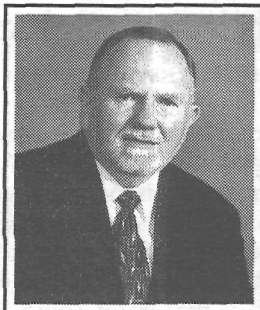
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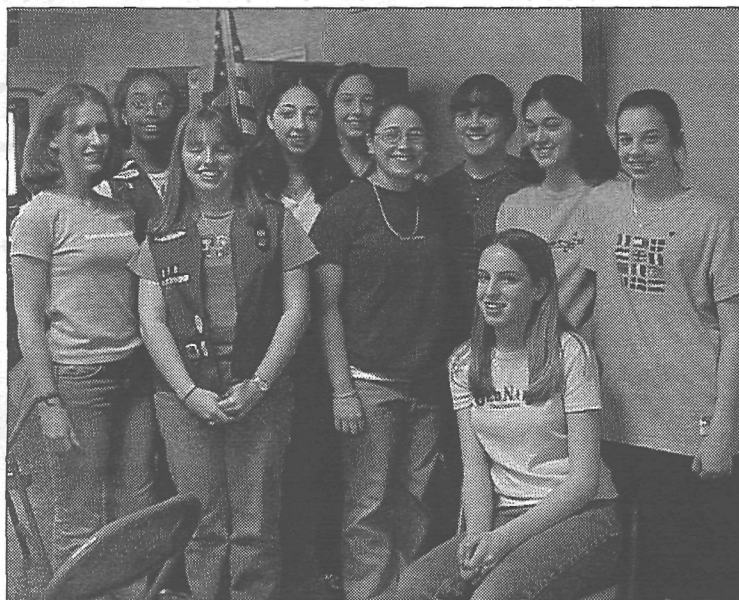
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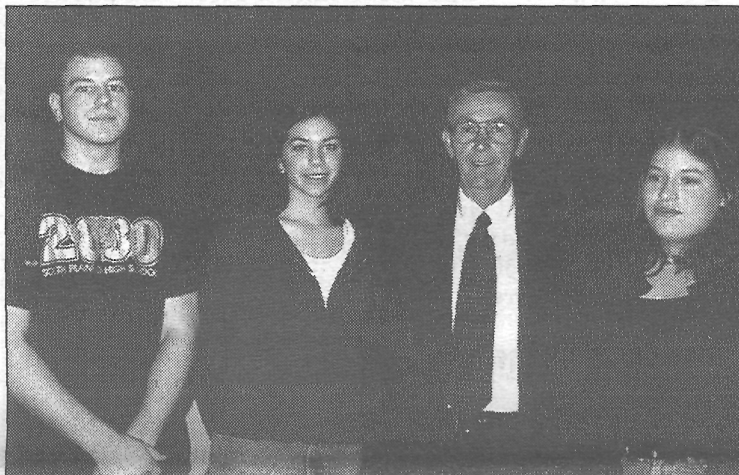
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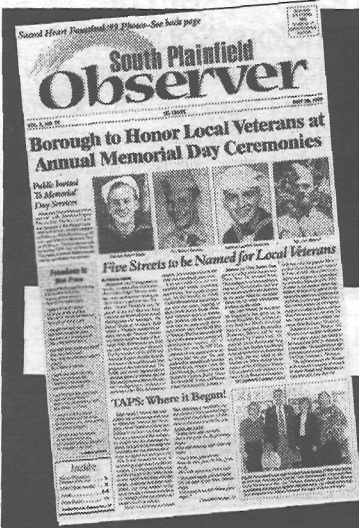
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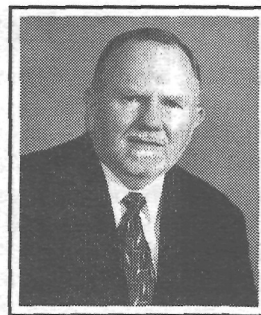
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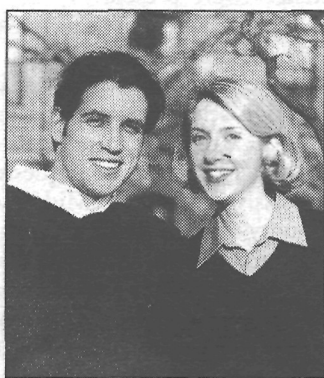
Yurek, Larke Announce Engagement

Dianne Marie Yurek has become engaged to James Matthew Larke.

The bride is the daughter of Richard Yurek of South Plainfield. She graduated from Richard Stockton College of NJ in Pomona, in 1995 with a BS in Mathematics and also graduated from Rutgers University, New Brunswick in 1997 with a MS in Statistics and is currently enrolled in Rutgers Graduate School of Management, New Brunswick, pursuing an MBA in Marketing. Dianne is employed by Rutgers University, Office of Institutional Research and Academic Planning in New Brunswick.

The groom is the son of Howard and Victoria Larke of Gobles, MI. He graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI in 1997 with a BS in Biochemistry. James plans to attend law school in the fall in pursuit of an Intellectual Properties JD. He is employed by National Starch and Chemical in Bridgewater.

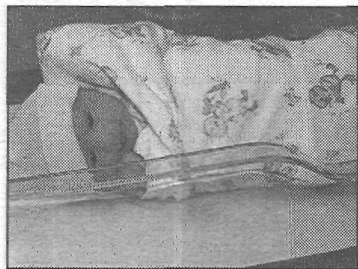
A June 2001 wedding is planned.



Dianne Marie Yurek and James Matthew Larke

Birth

Janowiczes Announce Birth of Daughter



Jessica Rose Janowicz

Steve and Laura Janowicz are proud to announce the birth of the newest addition to their family, **Jessica Rose**, who was born at 5:03 p.m. on Feb. 24. She measured 19½ inches long. She looks just like her mom (thank God) and is doing great as is Laura.

Jessica joins her siblings, Brittani, 9 and Steven, 6.

Birthday

Anthony Scovone Celebrates First Birthday

Anthony Michael Scovone "Chicklet" of South Plainfield will be celebrating his first birthday on March 3.

Best wishes come from Great Aunt Ali, Great Uncle Mark, Great Grandma Scavone & Cousin. Happy first birthday "Chicklet." We love you to pieces!



Academic Achievement

Thomas M. Herzog on Dean's List

Thomas M. Herzog of South Plainfield was named to the Dean's List for the Fall of 1999 semester at Kean University.

Herzog is a graduate of South Plainfield High School. He is majoring in Elementary Education.

Naberezny Selected to Present Paper

Brian Naberezny, second year masters student at the University of Maine Orono, was chosen to present a paper at the ACSM National Convention. Brian will present "A Digital Appalachian Trail Guide," developed to determine if an existing information source could be enhanced through the use of geographic data and GIS software. The trail guide combines the printed version of the Appalachian Trail Guide to Maine and a wide variety of geographic data to create an interactive GIS application capable of performing various spatial queries.

Brian is the son of South Plainfield Borough Engineer Richard Naberezny.

Anna Carola Backman on Dean's List

Anna Carola Backman was named to the Dean's List for the 1999 Fall semester at Middlesex County College, where she is a Liberal Arts major.

Miss Backman, currently residing in South Plainfield, is from Orrviken, Sweden.

AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

Adult School Senior Citizens Meeting

The members of the Adult School Seniors group will hold their monthly meeting on March 3 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Bldg. on Cromwell Place.

After the general meeting, Cathy and Joe Scarpitto P.T. will speak on osteoporosis.

For transportation and further information, call 754-1047.

101st Airborne Division Meeting

The 101st Airborne Division will hold a meeting on March 24 at the American Legion Post on Oak Tree Road.

For more info, contact Larry D. Anglin at 732-254-5132.

Historical Society Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Beauty and the Beast Tickets Available

South Plainfield Recreation Department invites you to Broadway to see *Beauty and the Beast* on Sunday, Apr. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Bus leaves PAL at 3:30 p.m. Only 49 are tickets available. Orchestra seats. Tickets are \$65 per person. Call the PAL for further information at 226-7713.

Country Breakfast At Polish Home

The Polish National Home located on New Market Ave. will be having a Country Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Eggs, bacon, sausage and other breakfast items will be served. Prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for kids 6-12, children under five are free.

A portion of the proceeds will go to SP Volunteer Fire Dept. and DARE. Please call (908) 668-9442 for further questions.

Columbiettes Sponsoring Country Western Dance and Lunch With Easter Bunny

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a Country Western dance and lunch with the Easter Bunny.

The Country Western Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, April 1 at Bobby and Mary's Restaurant on William Street in Piscataway. Doors will open at

7 p.m., with a buffet dinner served at 7:30. Dancing with Boot Scootin' Slim and Pam will run from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are \$20 and include the buffet dinner, soda and bottled water. For tickets and information, call Helen at (908) 757-8332.

On Sunday, April 9, the Easter Bunny will visit the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Following lunch the bunny will distribute Easter baskets filled with goodies to all children seven and under. There will also be gifts for all ages and door prizes for each age group.

Tickets are \$7 for children seven and under and \$6 for all others. For tickets and information, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222. Reservation deadline is Apr. 1.

Franklin PTA Auction/Raffle Night

Franklin School PTA is sponsoring their Fourth Annual Auction/Raffle Night on Saturday, March 18. The event will be held in the South Plainfield High School gym.

Advance tickets are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7. Doors open at 6:30. For tickets, call 908 753-7117 or 753-2864.

Tickets for 'Spring Fever Breakout' Wrestling Match

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club are selling tickets for the 'Spring Fever Breakout' pro-wrestling match to be held at South Plainfield High School Gym on Saturday, April 8.

Gold Ringside tickets are selling for \$18; Ringside are \$16 and Bleacher are \$13.

Tickets are also available at B&C Deli on Belmont Ave.

For more information, call (908) 754-3394.

Senior Trip to See The Student Prince

A senior trip is planned to the Papermill Playhouse to see *The Student Prince* on Thursday, May 25.

The bus leaves from the PAL building on Maple Ave. at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Purchase tickets at the PAL. Only 49 tickets are available.

Flea Market/Fair Vendors Sought

The South Plainfield Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council are seeking vendors for their Family Fair and Flea Market planned for Apr. 29 (rain date, May 6) at South Plainfield Middle School.

The registration fee is \$15 for a 15x5 foot area. Each additional space is \$10. You must supply your own table. Set up is 7:30-9 a.m. and clean up is 4-5 p.m. Sorry no food vendors.

For further information, call Cindy Bosse at (908) 756-9257.

VFW Country Breakfast

VFW Post 6763 on Front Street will hold a Country Breakfast on March 5 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donation is \$4. The event is sponsored by Pup Tent 41, Military Order of the Cootie.

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

Juniorettes Sponsoring Prom Fashion Show

The South Plainfield Juniorettes invite you to enjoy an entertaining evening while supporting Project Graduation. The Juniorettes, a community service organization, will sponsor a prom fashion show, *Now and Forever* on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School.

All proceeds will benefit Project Graduation. Formal wear fashions from Bezee's and Ducco's Formal Wear will be featured at in the show. The opening act is Newworld. Music will be provided by DJ Breeze & DJ Cream. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$7 for adults and may be purchased at the door.

AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting

AARP Chapter 4144 is planning a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on March 30 to see the play *Blythe Spirit*. Ticket includes lunch, show and transportation. For more information call Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 968-3764.

Tourette Syndrome Support Meeting

The Tourette Syndrome Association Family Support Group of Middlesex County will meet on the following dates: March 14 and May 9.

For more information, contact Debbie at 732-283-1439 or www.tsanj.org.

Seniors - Come Dance With the Pros

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Golden Gloves Tournament Coming to South Plainfield

The South Plainfield Policemen's Benevolent Association and the Plainfields' Chapter of Unico have announced an upcoming Extravaganza, "The New Jersey State Golden Gloves Tournament".

They will be hosting the "Quarter Final Bouts" of the New Jersey Golden Gloves Championship. It will be held at the South Plainfield Middle School on Friday, March 31 at 8 p.m. This event promises to be a spectacular festive evening to be held in South Plainfield to a sellout crowd of over 1,200 spectators. The "Quarter Finals" represents the Best Amateur Boxers throughout the state that participate in the New Jersey State Golden Gloves Tournament and we will have a full card of boxing, as well as special guests attending the event that evening at ringside.

The PBA and UNICO are asking for support with this fundraiser, which will benefit the South Plainfield PBA local charities and the Plainfields' Unico Chapter charities.

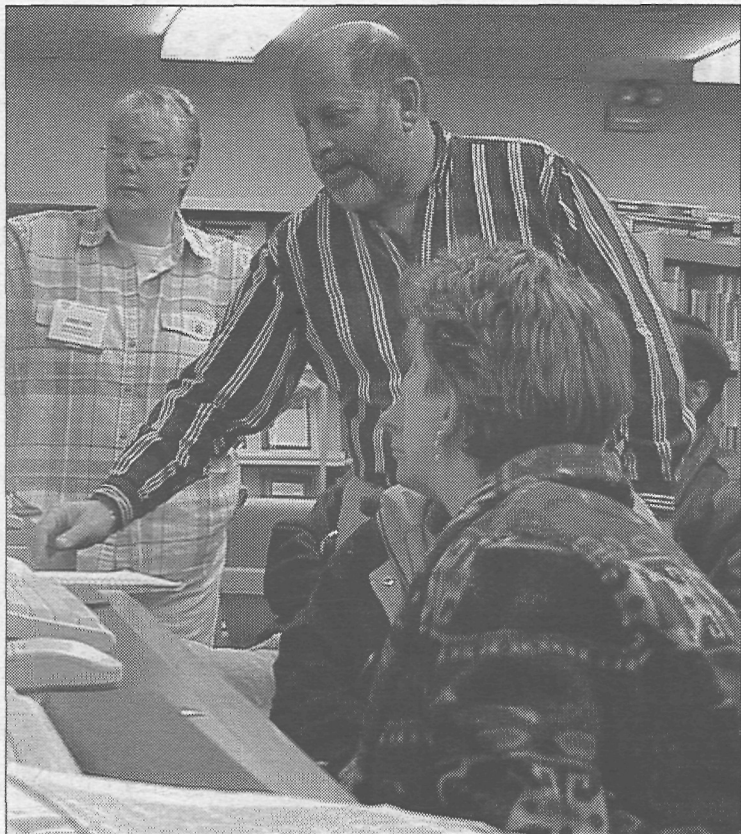
A special advertising package which includes 'Gold Tickets' are available. Gold Tickets include dinner and open bar with celebrity guests at Piancone's Restaurant prior to the fights and seating in the Gold Section. Reserved seating is also available at \$20 and general admission is \$8. Limited tickets will be on sale at the gym the night of the fights.

For questions and ticket sales, contact either Detective Paul Wylam at 226-7662 or Frank Licato at 757-5500.

Rescue Squad Calls in Jan.

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad logged 134 calls in January, including 95 medical assistance requests, 17 motor vehicle accidents, six fire calls, one hazardous materials call, three mutual-aid requests, six transportations, one community service request and five maintenance runs.

The squad's volunteers spent 319 member hours answering the January calls.

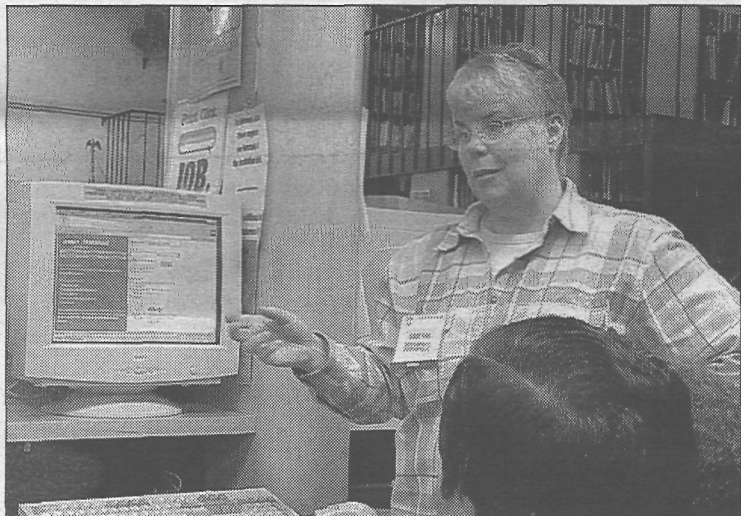


Beginners Learn How to Get 'Connected' on the Internet

By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield resident Herb Frank has been studying the internet as a hobby and working with computers for nearly 20 years. As a community service, Herb Frank wanted to share his knowledge. Computers have been the tool of choice, a modern

would not be afraid to use this not-so-new medium of communication and to show them that it was a good resource tool. His offer produced a diversified group of about 14 people eager to learn. Herb Frank covered basics such as how to get connected to the internet and how to choose an internet service. The class covered



method of communication for many years. Yet, there are still a great number of people who are computer or web 'phobic.' They are unskilled and/or afraid of the vast offerings of the World Wide Web simply because it is an "unknown" to them.

Frank approached Library Director Sunni Fenn and offered to teach a class on basic internet skills. His goal was to provide enough information so that people

the different browsers and search engines available. The students learned how to use email, discussed internet chatting and safety as well as parental supervision for youngsters using the web.

Thirteen attended the course, far outnumbering the computer terminals at the library.

Herb Frank is a 24-year resident of South Plainfield. He hopes to offer another internet course at the library sometime in March.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

Here it is, Friday again. Before you take off for the weekend, let's look at some news from South Plainfield Library:

Our usual schedule of children's Storytimes is set for 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. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. They're for children age 3 and over; no pre-registration is necessary. If you'd like more information, the person to ask is Linda Hansen, the Children's Librarian.

The Friends of the Library will hold their March meeting at the library on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Everyone, both members and non-members, are welcome to attend.

This month's group of tapes from the Video Circuit is now in place. Titles for March include "Blast from the Past," "Billboard Dad," "187," "Annie Hall" and "Wild Things." They'll be available until March 27.

On the subject of A/V items, the Circuit now offers something new: DVDs. The DVD titles this month are "Gone with the Wind," "Arlington Road" and "Shakespeare in Love." DVDs offer high quality picture and sound, as well as special features like scene access. Patrons may borrow them for two days at no cost, but the overdue fine is the video-standard of \$2 per day per title. Meanwhile, we're building our own collection of DVDs; they'll be available ASAP.

The weather-delayed Basic Internet Instructional class held at the library on Feb. 22 went well. We'd like to thank instructor Herb Frank. At present, we're considering holding another such class in the future; we'll let you know how that develops.

Here's an advance word about an upcoming program. The Friends of the Woods will be sponsoring a program on "Birdscaping Your Garden" on Tuesday, March 21. We'll have some more details ASAP.

While we're talking about the Internet, here's a clarification. The library doesn't monitor which particular websites patrons make use of on our terminals. Furthermore, the only time we'll backtrack on particular users and sites is in cases where our equipment has been damaged and we're determining a culprit. Finally, such information is kept strictly confidential and is not released to anyone. This is why we require parents to give formal permission for the children to use the Internet, and encourage said parents to keep track of what sites their kids visit on our computers. Both our policies and our other staff responsibilities make close monitoring of the terminals impractical. We hope this clears up any questions you might have. If you wish to inquire further, feel free.

That's all the library news for this week; thanks for reading. Okay, go ahead and take off.

Policemen's Benevolent Association South Plainfield Local No. 100 & The Plainfield's Chapter of Unico National



TO OUR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS:

On behalf of the South Plainfield Policemen's Benevolent Association and the Plainfields' Chapter of Unico, we would like to announce an upcoming EXTRAVAGANZA, "The New Jersey State Golden Gloves Tournament."

We are fortunate to be hosting the "Quarter Final Bouts" of the New Jersey Golden Gloves Championship. It will be held at the South Plainfield Middle School on Plainfield Ave. on Friday, March 31, 2000 at 8 PM. This event promises to be a Spectacular Festive evening to be held in South Plainfield to a sellout crowd of over 1200 spectators. The "Quarter Finals" represents the Best Amateur Boxers throughout the state that participate in the New Jersey State Golden Gloves Tournament and we will have a full card of boxing, as well as special guests attending the event, that evening at ringside.

We ask for your SUPPORT with this fund-raiser, that will benefit the South Plainfield PBA local charities and the Plainfields' Unico Chapter charities.

Your anticipated support will be greatly appreciated. Below is a listing for advertisements in our souvenir program, which will be made available on the night of "The Quarter Finals"

Full ads with camera ready art work must be submitted back to us by March 10, 2000. Ringside Gold Tickets \$75, reserved Seating \$20 & General Admission \$8 are also available. Limited tickets will be on sale at the South Plainfield Middle School gym the night of the fights.

We are happy to support the "New Jersey State Golden Gloves Tournament". Please include me/us in your souvenir program. I/We request the following ad:

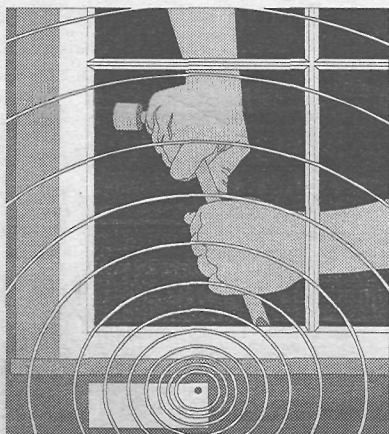
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Please return this form with your request, appropriate check made payable to South Plainfield Boxing Association, and copy and/or camera ready art work for your ad by March 10, 2000, to Frank P. Licato Agency, 2325 Plainfield Ave., P.O. Box A. South Plainfield, N.J. 07080-0509.

For any further questions & ticket sales contact either Detective Paul Wylam (908-226-7662) or Frank Licato (908-757-5500).

Thanking you in advance for your help in supporting this event "For The Kids" and looking forward to seeing you at The N.J. State Golden Gloves Quarter Finals.

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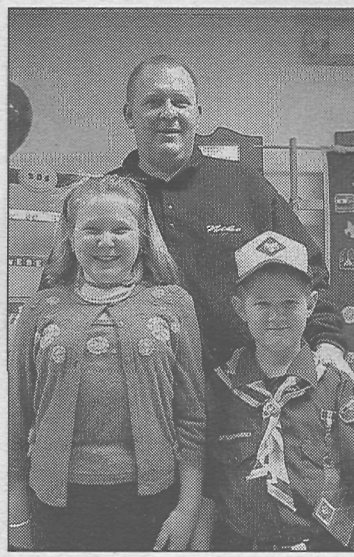
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Cub Pack 205 Holds Blue and Gold Dinner



By Patricia Abbott

Roosevelt School Cub Scout Pack 205 recently held their annual Blue and Gold dinner at the Rescue Squad Hall. The room that appears so large when empty was packed with scouts and their families on this special night. Over 125 were in attendance to see the scouts receive their awards and advance to another level of scouting. Long tables with blue and yellow place mats and balloons filled the room. The front of the room was the center of attention. A table had been set up with awards and items that hinted of what was to come later in the evening.

A brief opening ceremony included a skit telling the story of the cub scout colors. An Indian chief sat with his men. He sent them to the mountains to retrieve special items. His warriors, complete with warpaint and head gear, brought from the mountains things that would create the colors of the Cub Scouts, blue and gold.

Dinner was a major event in



itself. Each table was called in turn to visit the buffet. An entire separate table was available with 'kids' food, catering to the simple tastes of young scouts. The caterers, received a great deal of compliments from both parents and the hard to please youths.

After dinner was served, the ceremonies began. Achievement awards went to each of the dens

in turn. The young Tiger Cubs first, next the Wolf den, then Bears, Webelos, and finally the Arrow of Light for the three youngsters moving up to Boy Scouts. Each ceremony was unique and well photographed and brought smiles to the parents and grandparents in attendance. The Tiger Cub leaders mentioned each boy and pointed out his spe-

cial qualities.

Committee members and volunteers received certificates of appreciation and at the evenings end special awards were made to the devoted den leaders as they were awarded plaques bearing witness to their dedication to the young boys.

The success of the event was due to the hard work of everyone involved. Pack 205 committee consists of Robert Pasternak-Committee Chairman, Dave Stogoski-Den 7 Leader, Janet Malmone-Webelos 2 Leader, Robert Vincent-Webelos 1 Leader, Ron Sward-Tiger Cub Leader, Art Eckhart-Tiger Cub Leader, Lori Jankoski-Den 3 Leader, Al Miranda-Cubmaster, Ken Jankoski-Cubmaster and Jim Sansone-recording secretary.

Beware of Good Samaritans

By Joe Papa, SPPD

Sometimes it's nice to believe that a person really wants to help you when you're in distress, but that may not always be the case.

Numerous police departments have been reporting a new scam taking place in New Jersey.

You are at a bank and make a large withdrawal. When you leave the bank and drive away, one of your tires goes flat and you must pull over. A nice, well-dressed couple stops to offer to help you. How nice!

When all is said and done, you find your tire changed and your purse is gone and your money along with it.

This incident probably cost you a lot more than a call for roadside assistance from a towing service. Here are some tips on avoiding trouble.

- Be aware of your surroundings and who is around the area. Watch for strangers standing around and not conducting any transactions.

- When returning to your car, be aware of the condition of your car and any people sitting in their cars around you. If a car near yours is occupied, wait before going to your vehicle.

- When a problem does happen with your car, try to pull to a well-lit and busy area before stopping to check. People don't like to do anything wrong in front of other people. If you get out of your car take your purse or wallet with you and keep it in your possession at all times.

- Try to have a cellphone in the car. When a person stops to help just ask them to call the local police department. The police can help you get assistance and will check back with you for your safety.

I know you like to think everyone is as nice as your are, but unfortunately that's not the way it is.

The vehicle involved in this scam has been described as a black Jeep Cherokee with two makes and one female. Take a little time to insure your own safety.

Borough Notes

Council Notes

■ The council held a public meeting and voted that this year's Community Development Grant (CDBG) money in the amount of \$61,000 will be used for the construction of the Senior Center.

■ A purchase order in the amount of \$4,000 was issued for the treatment of certain sanitary sewer lines with flows that have been impeded by the intrusion of tree roots into the collection and transmission system.

■ The police department will receive three laptop computers at a cost of \$2,399 each for use in the new police cars.

Planning Board

■ The board will be holding a special meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. for the Lutheran Social Ministries application for preliminary and final subdivision re-approval for the construction of a senior citizen housing facility on Morris Ave. Their previously approvals from Feb., 1999 and March, 1999 have since expired.

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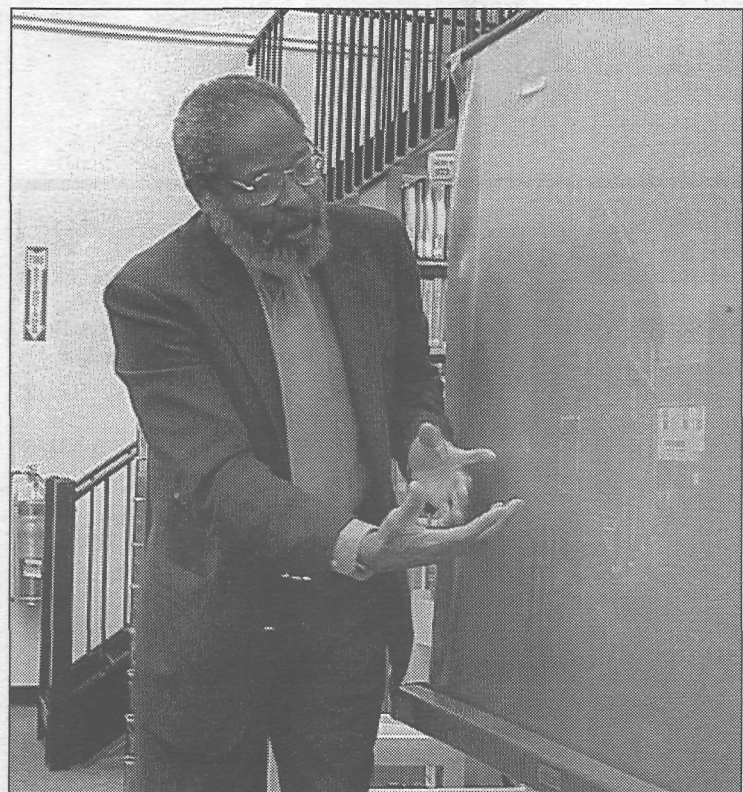
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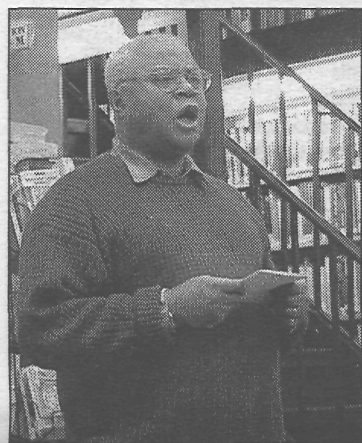
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Black History Month Celebrated at Library



By Patricia Abbott

On Sunday, Feb. 27, the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission sponsored The History of the Underground Railroad in

Tax Preparation Assistance for Senior Citizens

Tax Consultants for the Elderly will begin this year's program on Feb. 15 and continue until Apr. 15. The tax preparers are in the process of reviewing and updating their information for the tax year 1999.

All seniors interested in having their tax forms prepared for mailing by Apr. 15 should come to the PAL building located on Maple Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

This first come, first served service will also be available to those who do their own tax returns but would like to have them checked over or have questions.

For further information, contact Sue Mischa at 754-1047.

NJ. The event held at the library, was in celebration of Black History Month. The underground railroad was a system through which people secretly helped escaped slaves hide as they traveled to freedom in the north. Appearing were Bill Weston and Giles Wright.

Bill Weston started the afternoon by singing Negro spirituals that reflected the black man's reaction to the horror of being enslaved. The first two songs "Lord, How Come Here?" and "I Believe I'll Go Back Home" were a soliloquy, a talk to God.

Giles Wright followed the vocals with a slide show as he spoke about the underground railroad that ran through NJ. A question and answer session followed. The afternoon closed with Weston singing two more spirituals, one was about a plan of escape, "Oh Wasn't Dat a Wide Ribber" and the last song was to enlist God's help with "Ride On King Jesus." Approximately 25 people were in attendance. The Cultural Arts Commission served refreshments after the program.

Bill Weston of Plainfield is a lyrical tenor who studied voice with the late Eston Krieger of New York City. He was formerly first soloist for the St. Marks Episcopal church in Plainfield. He has made many concert appearances in NJ and NY. He has a degree in Fine Arts from Pratt Institute.

Giles Wright is the director of the NJ Historical Commission's African American History Program and an authority on black New Jersey history.

Walks 'N Talks Program 2000 Schedule

The Walks 'N Talks Program is sponsored by the South Plainfield Environmental Commission and Friends of the Woods Tuesday, March 21, 7-9 p.m. Birdscaping Your Garden South Plainfield Public Library

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.-noon Spring Trail Maintenance Highland Avenue Woods (Bring a rake or shovel!)

Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. May Day in the Woods (A search for wildflowers and migrating birds.) Highland Avenue Woods

Saturday, June 17, 7 p.m. Summer Solstice (Storyteller and guided walk.) Highland Avenue Woods

Monday, September 4, 1 p.m. Labor Day Celebration Veteran's Park Nature Trail (Visit the FOW pavilion, too.)

September 1-30 Nature Art Exhibit South Plainfield Public Library

Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. Fall Trail Maintenance (More hard work ...) Highland Avenue Woods

Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m. Fall Festival Highland Avenue Woods For information. Call 908-226-7621.

Locations: Walks and talks meet at the Highland Avenue Woods Reserve (Sylvania Place entrance), South Plainfield Public Library (Plainfield Avenue, municipal complex), and the Veterans Park Nature Trail (foot of Elm Street).

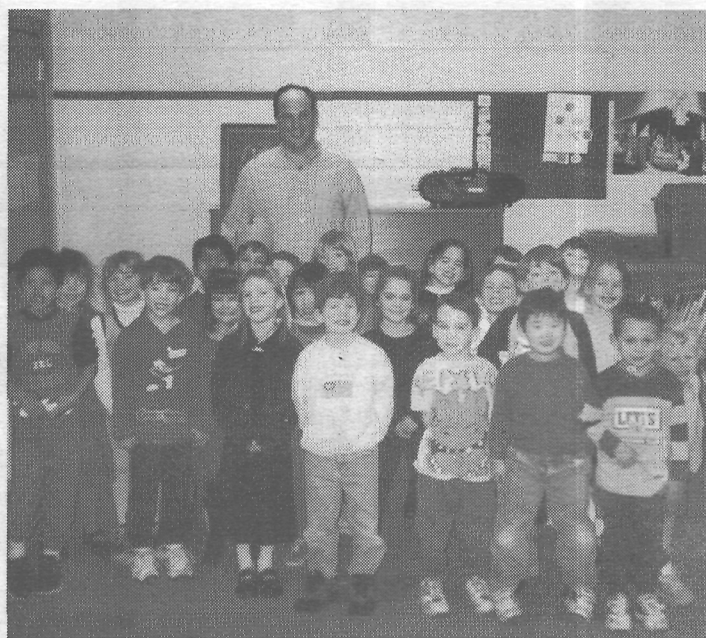
Trails Trails are flat and easy but can be wet. About one mile of trails loop through the woods, good for quiet walks and nature watching. Bicycles are welcome, but motorbikes and ATVs are prohibited.

Equipment: Sturdy shoes, insect repellent and sunscreen. Binoculars for bird identification. Cross country skis or snowshoes for winter fun.

Weather: Events are held rain, snow, or shine. If the weather is severe (blizzard, hurricane, etc.), events are automatically canceled.

Registration and Fees: Registration is not required. Events are free.

Nature Guide: Self-Guiding Nature Trail Guides are available for the Veterans Park Nature Trail and for the Highland Avenue Woods. Up to 10 copies are free. Additional copies are \$0.50 each.



Pictured above are students from the Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center along with Dr. Douglas Klein. Dr. Klein visited the school in celebration of Dental Health Month. He discussed healthy eating habits with the children and the importance of brushing their teeth regularly. Dr. Klein gave each student a new toothbrush along with pictures for them to color.

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum

"So you wanna be a geek too, huh?" Well, not exactly, but that's pretty close to what I said when a good friend of mine asked about going back to school for computer training. Keep in mind that my friend and I aren't kids anymore, nor are we still in our twenty's or even thirty's! To be sure, it's a tougher road to travel when you're navigating a mid-life career change and you need to have a clear and set course. You just won't ever be a twenty-something internet millionaire when you're forty-something (or older) to begin with and with the rate that bills and mortgages pile up, you also won't have a lot of time to wander about in search of the New World. But that sure doesn't imply that you can't or won't find success in the computer field at any age. I certainly won't try to define success for anyone besides myself, but I will state on the record that a world of opportunity still exists for anyone at any age if they apply themselves properly.

When my friend mentioned that he was going to school to "learn computers," I understood that what he meant was just that he knew he needed to know how to more fully use these time and work saving electronic tools that seem to be at the heart of most every significant achievement these days. (even though trading email or instant(?) messages with him takes long enough to involve birthdays). Surely, the ability to type and use a keyboard is necessary for computer input, though that too is changing, but knowing how to use a computer is only the first step. Knowing what to do with it is the real needed skill.

The key here is to realize that all this hi-tech stuff simply boils down to being just "tools" for use. Therefore, my better ques-

tion to him should've been "what are you wanting to do with computers that someone might be willing pay you to do it?" Of course the cat and mouse scenario could go on, but the take home lesson for non-computer users who want to learn about them is to determine first what you wish to use these tools for. For my friend, I'm hoping he will (learn how to type first and then) seek his income utilizing his new computer skills in a needed application.

Now here's where you can help. Let's see if we can suggest, maybe even find a future job for this friend of mine and by doing this maybe we can find a lesson for others both younger and older who would seek a new career in the "computer field." Please take a moment of your time and send me an email listing three jobs that you know of that require computer skills and being filled right now. Without mentioning any names, you could even describe your job or one you know of. Let's consider a potential job applicant who is in technical school or somewhere "learning computers." 1) what would you advise him to study? Would it be programming, hardware skills, network administration, network cabling and infrastructure or what? 2) Where would you advise him to apply for employment with his new knowledge and skills? 3) What would you suggest he keep an eye on with respect to emerging technologies.

Share your expertise and insight, and I'll report on your recommendations. Let's see what all of us think of today's job market recommendations.

Stay in touch. My email is the same (Bruggo@home.com). Briggs Longbothum, ed.

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Cavaliers	11	1
Grizzlies	10	2
Spurs	8	4
Bucks	7	5
Supersonics	6	6
Rockets	3	9
Warriors	3	9
Nuggets	0	12

A LEAGUE SCORES-FEB. 26

Cavaliers 49
Warriors 22
High scorers—Cavaliers: Sean Kean-14, Jon Buggy-12, Andy Cupido-10, Chris Horn-8; Warriors: Alex Ferraris-12, Jessa Jones-5, Brian Acrin-3.

Bucks 42
Spurs 40
High scorers—Bucks: Matt Finn-11, Ankit Patel-10, Gary Houston-7, Alan Dummett-6, Mike Salerno-4; Spurs: Nick Green-15, Mike Wiczorek-12, Steve Janiszak-7, Chris Czaplinski-4.

Rockets 27
Supersonics 37
High scorers—Rockets: Tommy Haus-10, Danny Sierzega-8, Terry Paschall-5; Supersonics: Mike Espin-10, Steven Sobel-10, Danny Melick-5, John Okuski-3.

Grizzlies Cancelled
Nuggets Cancelled

B LEAGUE STANDINGS

Jazz	11	1
Heat	10	2
Magic	8	4
Raptors	8	4
Bulls	7	5
Nets	6	6
Timberwolves	5	7
Lakers	5	7
Cavaliers	5	7
Knicks	4	8
Hornets	2	10
Pistons	1	11

B LEAGUE SCORES-FEB. 19

Pistons 16
Lakers 53
High scorers—Pistons: Carlie Kazimir-4, Steven Tangorra-4, Matthew Fabino-4; Lakers: Allan Mazurak-17, Chris Bojarski-12, Mike Hanley-10, Kathleen Morgan-8, Walter Menna-4.

Magic 26
Bulls 30
High scorers—Magic: Chris McKnight-20, Ryan Taylor-4; Bulls: Vincent Velez-14, Danielle Arndt-12, Vincent Donato-4.

Nets 35
Knicks 39
High scorers—Nets: Mike Downes-16,

Nick Jefferys-12, Matt Doell-4; Knicks: Anthony Romano-14, Erika Blaszk-11, Keith Deznmin-5, Phu Huynh-5.

Heat 49
Cavaliers 34

High scorers—Heat: Nick Cesare-22, Coral Willis-13, Andrew Miller-6, Jonathan Liebl-6; Cavaliers: Robert Strani-16, Joe Denitzio-10, Nick Grego-4.

Jazz 36
Timberwolves 23

High scorers—Jazz: Daniel Piwowar-20, Chris Bakazan-10, Kevin Graham-6; Timberwolves: Adam Bianchi-13, Brian Murtagh-8.

Hornets 30
Raptors 38

High scorers—Hornets: Justin Basilone-16, Kevin Siedenburgh-8, Jonathon Lazar-6; Raptors: Kyle Lendach-14, Mik Williams-10, Joey Jaghab-8.

B LEAGUE SCORES-FEB. 26

Nets 18
Jazz 35

High scorers—Nets: Mike Downes-7, Nick Jefferys-4, Melissa Hansen-4; Jazz: Chris Bakazan-18, Daniel Piwowar-11.

Knicks 24
Raptors 27

High scorers—Knicks: Erika Blaszk-6, Keith Deznmin-5, Phu Huynh-5, Anthony Romano-4; Raptors: Kyle Lendach-9, Preet Dhalwal-8, Mike Williams-7.

Heat 28
Magic 24

High scorers—Heat: Nick Cesare-15, Andy Miller-4, Coral Willis-4, Peter Peregain-3; Magic: Doug Dietzold-9, Ryan Taylor-6, Mike Richard-5.

Bulls 22
Lakers 28

High scorers—Bulls: Vincent Velez-4, Michael Benak-4; Lakers: Allen Mazurak-9, Mike Hanley-7, Jeffery Pollin-7, Chris Bojarski-5.

Pistons Cancelled
Hornets Cancelled

Cavaliers 23
Timberwolves 18

High scorers—Cavaliers: Robert Strani-11, Dane Myasato-6, Nick Grego-3, Erik Vesper-3; Timberwolves: Adam Bianchi-9, Andrew Roibal-3.

C LEAGUE SCORES-FEB. 19

Supersonics 32
Nuggets 14

High scorers—Supersonics: Brian Fabino-14, Megan Boyle-6, Jonathan Marcoux-4, Louie Bottone-4; Nuggets: John Chirst-4, Matthew Ramos-4, Rebecca Decchill-4.

Warriors 52
Kings 30

High scorers—Warriors: Chris Stallone-22, Mike Stallone-16, Chris Deoliveria-10; Kings: Blair Houston-1, Vinnie Padula-6, Jeff Pagdonsolan-6, John Mills-4, Darren



Kaczowski-4.

Wizards 46
Grizzlies 16

High scorers—Wizards: Garrett Lake-15, Chris Pollin-13, Danny Hubner-10, Brian Wiczowski-6; Grizzlies: Danny Espin-5, David Alston-4, Peter Adoma-3.

Trailblazers 7
Cavaliers 22

High scorers—Trailblazers: Bobby Harington-3; Cavaliers: Bennie Gibson-10, Amber Hartman-4, Gary Stark-4.

Sun 18
Hawks 38

High scorers—Sun: Jose Chameco-10, Matt Seider; Hawks: Nick Desimone-8, Nick Baldassarre-8, Ashley Sacks-6, Chinton Mody.

Rockets 50
Mavricks 9

High scorers—Rockets: Ben Milcarek-14, Tommy Smith-10, Joey Turrise-6, Nick Giannak-6; Mavricks: Scott Hunterton-7.

Bucks 21
Spurs 22

High scorers—Bucks: Kyle Darr-12, Greg Watts-3; Spurs: Troy Russell-14, Trevor Rastelli-4.

C LEAGUE SCORES-FEB. 26

Spurs 16
Warriors 34

High scorers—Spurs: Troy Russell-6, Andy Keraga-4; Warriors: Mike Stallone-8, Chirs Stallone-6, Brandon Ullom-6, Chris Deoliveria-6, Robert Hoffman-4.

Wizards 39
Nuggets 17

High scorers—Wizards: Garrett Lake-13, Chris Pollin-10, Danny Hubner-6, Dale McCook-6; Nuggets: Jordon Leporino-6, John Christ-4, Matthew Ramos-3.

Cavaliers 19
Rockets 14

High scorers—Cavaliers: Ryan Curtis-11, Bennie Gibson-6, Rockets: Joey Turrise-6, Ben Milcarek-4, Charles Loiacoco-4.

Supersonics 29
Bucks 23

High scorers—Supersonics: Brad Martin-10, Keith Heckel-5, Thomas Pryor-4, Dorothy Cameron-4; Bucks: Anthony Cassano-10, Timothy Durmak-10.

Sun 12
Grizzlies 36

High scorers—Sun: Michael George-5, Matt Seider-3; Grizzlies: David Alston-12,

Danny Espin-10, Timothy Williams-8.

Kings 16
Trailblazers 34

High scorers—Kings: Vinnie Padula-10, Jeff Pagdonsolan-6; Trailblazers: Grey Coppi-10, Brendan O'Shea-8, Frankie Alfano-6, Chris Uribe-4.

Hawks 32
Mavricks 22

High scorers—Hawks: Danny McCreesh-10, Steve Richard-6, Ashley Sacks-6, Nick Baldasare-4, Chinton Mody-4; Mavricks: Scott Hunterton-14, Vincent Sanchez-6.

D LEAGUE SCORES-FEB. 19

Timberwolves 9
Cavaliers 32

High scorers—Timberwolves: Ian Collins-6, Matthew Miceli-3; Cavaliers: Justin Deoliveir-8, Taylor Curtis-6, Chris Ascencio-6, Ken Breslau-6.

Raptors 22
Heat 11

High scorers—Raptors: Jil Williams-14, Bobby Sacks-4; Heat: Matt Cesare-4, Dylan Papa-4, Katherine Baldasare-3.

Magic 40
Celtics 10

High scorers—Magic: Riley Hubner-21, Tramane Mille-19; Celtics: Lenny Casiero-4, Alan Kasmer-3, Stephen Wagner-3.

Knicks 25
Hornets 12

High scorers—Knicks: Mike Deznmin-9, Anthony Salerno-8, Gaganjot Dhaliwal-4, Vincent Stark-4; Hornets: Mike Muglia-4, Steve Wiczorek-4.

Nets 25
Jazz 13

High scorers—Nets: Dontae Johnson-14, Kelvin Randolph-6, Ricky Sierzega-5; Jazz: Patrick Nolty-6, Chris Fulton-3.

Pistons 9
Bulls 18

High scorers—Pistons: Zachery Haupt-4, Melissa Lioacono-4; Bulls: Greg Herbster-10.

76ers 17
Lakers 24

High Scorers—76ers: Dominic Papa-8, Allen Garcia-4, Kyle Quail-3; Jordan Petriello-12, Shawn Mack-4; Kyle Freuler-4.

D LEAGUE SCORES-FEB. 26

Nets 17
76ers 30

High scorers—Nets: Dontae Johnson-

7, Kelvin Randolph-6; 76ers: Kyle Quail-13, Dominic Papa-9, Allen Garcia-4.

Heat 22
Pistons 14

High scorers—Heat: Mark Benak-8, Dylan Papa-6, Michael Boyle-4; Pistons: Milissa Lioacono-6.

Lakers 18
Raptors 24

High scorers—Lakers: Jordan Petriello-4, Shawn Mack-3, Kyle Freuler-3; Raptors: Jil Williams-14, Bobby Sacks-4, Mark Sprenger-4.

Celtics 24
Hornets 36

High scorers—Celtics: Chris Hartje-12, Stephen Wagner-10; Hornets: Steve Wiczorek-18, Kaitlin Mublia-8, Alfonse Muglia-6.

Magic 19
Cavaliers 30

High scorers—Magic: Riley Hubner-9, Tramane Miller-8; Cavaliers: Ken Breslaw-10, Taylor Curtis-7, Justin Deoliveir-5, Nick Jeglinski-4.

Bulls 14
Knicks 27

High scorers—Bulls: Greg Herbster-5, Justim Ditmars-5; Knicks: Mike Deznmin-18, Gaganjot Phaliwa-4, Anthony Salerno-3.

Timberwolves 27
Jazz 22

High Scorers—Timberwolves: Matthew Miceli-16, Steve Coppi-6, Ian Collins-3; Jazz: Ricky Walton-9, Chris Fulton-5.

Last Call for Ponytail Softball Pitch Sign-Up!

Registrations for the upcoming Ponytail Softball season are being taken at the PAL Building until March 6. South Plainfield resident girls, ages 8-13 (as of October 1, 1999), are eligible to register. Opening day is April 8, 2000.

Pitching Clinics—The Parents Association and the Recreation Department are sponsoring free pitching clinics in March. Any girl registered for the upcoming Ponytail Softball season is eligible to register.

Two clinics will be offered, one for beginners (those girls with little or no experience) and an advanced clinic for those with some pitching experience. Each clinic consists of three sessions to be conducted on March 13, 20 and 27 at the PAL Building. The beginner's clinic will run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the advanced clinic will run from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Each clinic will be limited to a maximum of 20 girls. The Recreation Department is taking registrations at the PAL Building on a first come first served basis.

Parents Association—The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School Library.

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SPORTS

Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

- **Tryouts** Tryouts are Saturday, March 4 at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. All registered players will receive notification by mail indicating their try-out time. Players... remember to wear sneakers and bring your glove. Anyone who has not registered should contact the club as soon as possible. Tryouts begin at 8 a.m.
 - **League Drafts** Teams will be drafted for each league on various nights during the week of March 6. Managers should be contacting their players shortly after the draft.
 - **Back To Baseball Night** The annual Back To Baseball Night will be held on Monday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. All parents are invited to attend to meet the Executive Board, Managers, coaches and members of the Woman's Auxiliary. Back To Baseball Night provides new parents with an overview of how the club is organized and how it operates.
 - **SPJBC Scholarship** The club is taking applications for its annual college scholarship. Applications are available at the High School Guidance Department or contact the club. Each year the club offers up to two \$1000 scholarships. Applicants must be residents of South Plainfield graduating this June and have participated at the SPJBC for a minimum of five years. The filing date for applications is April 1, 2000.
 - **Registration** There are currently 462 players registered to play in the 2000 season. Anyone interested in playing should contact the club ASAP, as there are only a few openings remaining.
 - **Somerset Patriots** This year, the club is offering tickets to see the Somerset Patriots. The club has reserved 300 tickets for the game scheduled on Friday night, May 26. The tickets are \$8 each and are being sold on a first come-first serve basis. Contact John Rayho at 754-8904 for more information.
 - **Sign Sponsors** The Sign Sponsor program is again being offered to local businesses. This program provides businesses with advertising space at the complex. Businesses interested in becoming or continuing as a sponsor or should contact the club as soon as possible. Businesses that renew their sponsorship by Feb. 29 will be entitled to a discount.
 - **Woman's Auxiliary** Members of the Woman's Auxiliary will be on hand during the tryouts to take orders for clothing and other SPJBC logoed items.
- The Woman's Auxiliary is sponsoring the annual Little Miss Baseball contest. Contact Cindy Eichler at 769-4047 for more information.

The women are once again holding their Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale. This is a major fundraising event held by the women each year. Proceeds from the candy sale are put right back into the club in form of equipment for the players and improvements to the complex. All registered players should have received a brochure.

Contact the SPJBC clubhouse phone: (908) 754-2090 ... email: spjbc@aol.com ... Web Site: members.aol.com/spjbc/spjbc.html

• Events at a Glance

Tryouts - Saturday, March 4 at the PAL
 Monthly Meeting - Monday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse
 SFA Draft - Monday, March 6
 SFB Draft - Wednesday, March 8
 SFC Draft Thursday, March 9
 Pony Draft - Sunday, March 12
 Back to Baseball Night - Monday, March 13 at 7:30 at the clubhouse
 Scholarship Application Deadline - Apr. 1
 Opening Day - Saturday, Apr. 15

New Hours at the PAL Weight Room

By popular request, starting this Saturday, the WEIGHT ROOM at the PAL building will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Tigers Win League Championship Recreation Wrestlers Finish Undefeated 15-0

By Bob Hunter

The success of the high school wrestling team has rubbed off on our recreation wrestlers, as they posted a perfect 15-0 season. The rec team, which can be seen at every high school match, was determined to follow in their winning ways by capturing the Central Jersey Midget Wrestling League Championship with victories over Roselle Park and Delaware Valley. The Danbury, Conn. Huskies also came to town to face the undefeated Tigers.

In the first match of the quad, the Tigers faced Roselle Park.

Ryan Sacco (50) and Robert Gentile (53) both won by forfeit.

Patrick Hunter (57) took early control before scoring a major decision over Brian Zangart 11-2. Hunter now stands 32-1 on the season. Nick Heilmann (60) won by forfeit.

Jimmy Conroy (67) continued his winning ways by pinning TJ McDermutt in 51 seconds. Billy Ashnault (70) took early control before pinning Craig Montgomery at 1:15. Bryan Hunt (73) found himself down 9-6 in the third period when he scored late back points to pull off a 9-8 win over Jerry Carlo. Nick Dorey (77) built a 13-0 lead before pinning Kevin Vanloan at 2:35.

Danny Bayak (80) followed with a 5-1 decision over Ed Wright. Mark Wagner (85) went right to work scoring a major decision 11-2 over John Bonecca.

Sam Martin (90) scored a tech-fall over Bill Gabriel 15-0. Brad Martin (95) won by a 4-0 decision over Joe Signarllas. Danny Pompilio (102) won by major de-

cision 13-4 over Brian DeWitt. Brian Daley (110) won by forfeit.

Tigers Beat Del Val

The Del Val Terriers came to town to determine the league championship but the Tigers would not be denied, posting a 56-21 victory to claim the title.

Ryan Sacco got the Tigers going with a 10-0 major decision over Trevor Stefkun.

Robert Gentile went right to work, scoring 16 unanswered points for a tech-fall 16-0. Patrick Hunter jumped out to a 5-0 lead before pinning Jason Hackler at 0:59. Nick Heilmann followed with a fall over Ben Horner in just 18 seconds. Jimmy Conroy pinned Kyle Reut in 23 seconds.

Billy Ashnault won by fall over Jeff Godwin at 2:39 to give the Tigers a thirty point lead. Bryan Hunt won by tech-fall over Kyle Inblin 19-2. Nick Corey won by decision 9-2 over Rob Foor. Danny Bayak increased the Tiger lead with a fall over Jason Wene in 43 seconds.

Mark Wagner then pinned Dan Barlow at 1:30. Sam Martin won a 3-0 decision over Mike Buenther to round out the scoring.

Also wrestling for the Tigers were Elizabeth Martin (63), Brad Martin (95), Danny Pompilio (102) and Billy Daley (110).

Crush Danbury Team

The Danbury, Conn. Huskies came to South Plainfield looking for a little competition, but were not expecting the level of competition the Tigers provided.

The Tigers crushed their visitors 78-6 in what was supposed to be a tough match. Winning matches for the Tigers were Ryan

Sacco, Robert Gentile, Patrick Hunter, Nick Heilmann, Elizabeth Martin (won by fall), Jimmy Conroy, Billy Ashnault, Bryan Hunt, Nick Dorey, Danny Bayak, Mark Wagner, Sam Martin, Brad Martin and Danny Pompilio. The Tigers scored 10 falls to hand Danbury their third loss of the day. Next up for the Rec Wrestlers will be the Central Jersey League Tournament be held on Sunday at the high school.

Tigers Win 16th Straight District Title Tigers Send 13 to Finals Crown 11 Champs

South Plainfield High School wrestling team continued their winning ways this past weekend at the District 12 Wrestling Tournament held at South Plainfield High School.

South Plainfield won the team competition with 290.5 points and out scored second place Watchung by 137.5 points. South Plainfield had 13 of 14 weights classes heading into the Region 3 Tournament which began this week. The Tigers set another milestone by crowning 11 individual champions. Another school record. (More details in next week's *Observer*)

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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 #1532 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 363, LOT 3.12 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO GUY MORETTI AND ELIZABETH MORETTI THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 3, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1532

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 363, LOT 3.12 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO GUY MORETTI AND ELIZABETH MORETTI FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 363, Lot 3.12, said property being situated on Delmore Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, Guy and Elizabeth Moretti are the owners of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 363, Lot 3.12 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, THAT the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owners on March 23, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

1. That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (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 ninety (90) days of the date of sale.
2. Easements, both of record and not of record.
3. Restrictions of record.
4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
5. In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.
6. In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period,

then in that event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.

7. At the time of second reading of this Ordinance, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of advertising, legal fees and associated costs incurred by the Borough. The purchaser shall be credited the cost of any appraisal previously paid by the purchaser as required by the Land Management Committee.
8. The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event said approvals are not received within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall forward the balance of the purchase price in conformance with paragraph five (5) above.
9. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.
10. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition to the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.
11. The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser.
12. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.
13. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Complex" located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

Approved February 24, 2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST
James Eckert, Municipal Clerk

\$142.50 1T March 3, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1533 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 346, PART OF LOT 5 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO LEONARD AND DEBRA CURSI THE AMOUNT OF \$52,500.00** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 3, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1533

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 346, PART OF LOT 5 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO LEONARD AND DEBRA CURSI FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$52,500.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 346, Part of Lot 5, said property being situated on Kosciusko Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, Leonard and Debra Cursi are the owners of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 346, Part of Lot 5 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, THAT the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owners on March 23, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

1. That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question

shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (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 ninety (90) days of the date of sale.

2. Easements, both of record and not of record.
3. Restrictions of record.
4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
5. In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.
6. In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in that event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.
7. At the time of second reading of this Ordinance, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of advertising, legal fees and associated costs incurred by the Borough. The purchaser shall be credited the cost of any appraisal previously paid by the purchaser as required by the Land Management Committee.
8. The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event said approvals are not received within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall forward the balance of the purchase price in conformance with paragraph five (5) above.
9. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.
10. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition to the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.
11. The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser.
12. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.
13. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Blvd. Industrial Complex" located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

Approved February 24, 2000

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST
James Eckert, Municipal Clerk

\$147.00 1T March 3, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1534 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 78, LOT 14 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO JWV, INC. THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000.00** be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 3, 2000 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1534

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 78, LOT 14 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO JWV, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 78, Lot 14, said property being situated on Audubon Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, JWV, Inc. are the owners of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 78, Lot 14 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, THAT the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owners on March 23,

2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

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James Eckert, Municipal Clerk

\$142.50 1T March 3, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Ordinance #1502A entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1502 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COMMERCIAL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ZONE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD"** was presented and adopted after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, February 24, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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Ordinance #1530 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 370, LOT 1 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO CLEM APPROVATO AND DOROTHY APPROVATO FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$64,000.00** was presented and adopted after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, February 24, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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Obituaries

Joseph J. Raucci

Joseph J. Raucci of South Plainfield died on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Mr. Raucci is survived by his wife, Estelle (McGarry) Raucci; his son, Michael and Diane Raucci and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Raymond W. Locke, Sr., 83

Raymond W. Locke, Sr. of South Plainfield died on Monday, Feb. 21, at the VA Medical Center at Lyons.

He was born in Sanford, Fla. and was a former resident of North Carolina before moving to South Plainfield 45 years ago.

Mr. Locke was a career Master Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps for 20 years before his retirement. He received the Purple Heart in the landing against the Japanese on Guadal Canal during WW II. He also served during the Korean War. He was also stationed in Cuba.

He was a former member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Leonard Locke; two sons, Raymond Locke, Jr. of Bridgewater and Dennis Locke of Ramona, CA; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 299 Cherry Hill Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054.



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POLICE REPORT

• Police responded to a report of a fire in the area of Arlington and Wooden Ave. The fire was located in a wooded area behind Zwoleki Ct. A trailer belonging to EZ Way Trailer Rental was ablaze. Small explosions were heard, possibly paint cans in the fire. Fifteen minutes later a second trailer was seen burning approximately 30 feet from the first fire. The trailer also belonged to EZ Way Trailer Rental. SPVFD was on the scene and contained both fires. Both trailers had been reportedly occupied by homeless men.

• Drug fair reported a male set off the alarm when exiting the store. He was seen leaving in an older model station wagon which was parked in the lot. Store employees had not seen him concealing any merchandise, however a container of deodorant was found in the parking lot. There is an ongoing problem involving the same suspect and vehicle.

• A Grant Ave. resident reported that she had received a harassing phone call while at work at Home Depot. She believes the suspect is a fellow employee at Home Depot or someone the suspect put up to it. She believes the call is a result of a dispute between the suspect and the victims father. The victims father had done some construction /repair work at her residence and refused to pay for the repairs.

• Police responded to a Helen St. residence on a report of ille-

gal dumping of a chemical. The fire chief and HAZMAT were on the scene and the Office of Emergency Management and the fire dept were dispatched. There were seven unmarked 55 gallon drums which had been dumped in a small creek and the unknown substance leaked into the waterway. Hazmat remained at the scene for cleanup and the owner of the property was notified. There are no suspects and other than a flammable solid, the chemical is still unknown.

• Marjorie Delbert of North Bergen reported the theft of her cell phone from her desk in the receiving office at Burlington Coat Factory on Hadley Rd. She stated that she left the office for a moment and when she returned the phone was gone.

• A resident of Plainfield reported the theft of cell phones from his vehicle while parked at Clinton Corners Bravo Market on Clinton Ave. Police drove the victim to Joyce Gardens where they found the three men who had been seen near the vehicle.

The individuals denied any involvement in the theft but had no identification on them. The officer checked the stairwell in the immediate area and located two cell phones. The victim proved ownership by dialing into the phones and the phones were returned to him.

• A resident of Piscataway reported the theft of tools from his pickup truck which had been parked overnight at 29 Davis St. The back window was pried off and the toolbox on the cap of the truck had been pried open. A number of items were removed from the truck.

• A Bound Brook resident reported finding a hypodermic needle in the rear lot of 1711 Park Ave. While trying to retrieve it, the complainant stuck himself in the finger. His mother cleaned the wound and transported him to be treated. Police secured the needle.

• William Castellanos of Sewaren was arrested for shoplifting a \$299 right angle drill from Home Depot.

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In My Opinion

Letters

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it seems. So why did Mr. Ferri and the board change it? Please let us know!!

I must also retract a comment I made about the possibility of no All-District music festival and mid winter concert. My thanks to all of the music department staff in the district for allowing the All-District and the mid-winter concert to go on. I am certainly looking forward to the All-District, so we can see how much our children have improved in their music and art talents. Thanks again music teachers.

To the parents of young musicians who will be at the All-District, please remain throughout the entire night. Last year when the high school band and chorus performed near the end, there was only about a third of the crowd left. Yes it is a long night, but it sets a bad example for your kids and shows no respect for the high school kids. To watch the high school band and chorus is a great influence for the young kids. Don't deny your young musicians of this!! Maybe they will have the high school perform first!

NORM LOENSER

To the Editor,

After reading your article about "Michael's Kitchen" in your last publication, my husband and I, along with another couple decided to try it for dinner last Saturday. We were all quite impressed, not only by the diversified menu, but by the quality of the food we were served — done to perfection. Michael himself came out to inquire about our satisfaction — a very nice, personal touch.

The price for the meals was also

quite reasonable. It is nice to have an alternative to either diners or pricey restaurants to choose from for a Saturday dinner out in South Plainfield.

NANCY PAULS

Dear Editor,

Acknowledgment of good deeds is what we at the South Plainfield Middle School try to effect at every opportunity. Due to the insufficient number of ribbons available, additional and personalized ribbons (an upgrade from last year) had to be ordered and were not available that evening. Unfortunately, the students who participated in the 2000 Battle of the Classes competition received only a verbal acknowledgment at the completion of the event.

It is expected that the students will have received them at the time of this printing. We thank Mrs. Ferrer for posing the question publicly, providing us with the opportunity to clarify what may have been asked by many.

All suggestions that will enhance the positives of our children will be considered. Mrs. Savage may be contacted at (908) 754-4620, extension 386. You may also contact Mr. Doggett at extension 311 and Mr. Beegle at extension 310.

**PHYLLIS SAVAGE,
SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLE
SCHOOL ASST. PRINCIPAL**

To the Editor,

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church held its first Family Game Night on Saturday, Feb. 26 for one hundred parishioners and friends. Family games, songs, films, door

prizes and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Father John Skwara, pastor, said it was one of the most successful events for gathering the family of the parish together.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all who contributed to make the evening a success. Particular thanks go out to several local merchants:

Van Graf's Florists, Shoprite Supermarkets, Sam Goody Stores, the DeMico family, Nancy of *The Observer*, Buzz of Million Dollar Video, Gina of Freihofer's, Robert Seliga of R & M Rosary, Pamela Mocharski of Avon and Ronnie Lowich of Partylite.

My gratitude goes out to all of the members of the committee: Sandy Stewart, Arlene Gentile, Joan Venezia, Stacy Venezia, Michael Rider, Deborah Foran, Mary Agrista, Millie Michaux, Ann Campanelli, Robert and Maria Seliga, Maryjane and Joseph Pluscauski and Father John Skwara. Special thanks to the boys from the CCD classes who helped. Sincere regrets if I left out anyone.

LINDA MACKENZIE

School Board Extends School Year
And Caps Class Sizes

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1-2, 22 students and grades 3-5, 25 students. The board may revise the cap again if the classes all reach their limit. The board said it is trying to avoid split sessions at all costs, but it may come to that.

The extension of the school year was also a topic of debate. Louise Mruz, teachers union president, told the board that they were under the impression

By Cyrus N. Moon

Weekly Horoscope 3/3-3-9

PISCES 2/19-3/20 Details and reality get short shrift on you this week. The potential for being victimized by illusions of one sort or another is increased. Avoid those who tell you to concentrate on the "big picture." There is no need to be a perfectionist. It will only paralyze you into not having fun.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Physical circumstances may give you a chance to introduce a change or new concept. This may include changing a diet or perhaps the way you exercise. Or you may even approach and take advantage of new or nontraditional method that you think of.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 An unorthodox or less-than-traditional partnership or alliance may be on the agenda, proposed either by you or to you. Romantic or social contacts may inspire you to adopt unique methods to achieve common goals. So let go of the norm and make some new friends.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 Letters, phone calls, e-mail, and other communications are apt to contain an opportunity to higher education, long-distance travel, people of another culture or race, and cultural events. Pay attention to some news about relatives, in particular your father or your in-laws.

CANCER 6/21-7/22 This is a time when you may find yourself involved in a significant challenge of balance. In some manner you may be working against yourself, or one area of your life is in conflict with another. You know what needs to be balanced. Now is the time to pursue

this!

LEO 7/23-8/22 Expect the unexpected—be alert for it, Create it! If you can, but do plan something to break from normal routine. Try a change of scenery. Visit some place new. Open your mind to learn new things. Being inquisitive makes you stimulate your mind with new ideas at work.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 If you're feeling irritable and nervous, try to find a moment to slow down and perhaps meditate for a bit. Now, you are inclined to say just what you think, in no uncertain terms and minus the tact that could otherwise allow you to get away with it! TAKE a breath before you speak.

LIBRA 9/23-10/22 You have a wonderful chance to succeed if you seek to establish solid, long-lasting relationship when a trine occurs, Venus and Saturn (T\$W). A romance that starts here will be based on friendship. What more can you ask for? Seek a promotion, you will have backers.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 This transit (Saturn challenging Pluto) will last about two months. This transit symbolizes slow, transformative change, hard work and the breaking down and rebuilding of structures. Now the up side to this is you have the stamina and power to take on the responsibility to initiate necessary changes.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 Watch it! You will likely to have an expansive or perhaps unnecessarily exaggerated part to play in some of the situations you encounter. Do not give any one more credit than they deserve. But all aside you have a chance to improve monetarily.

CAPRICORN 12/23-1/19 You will be able to put up with considerable adversity and strain at this time. If you have a problem, seek out an older person whose wisdom you respect, who can offer emotional support and suggest practical and immediate answers. The past will have strong ties now.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 Bright ideas come in a flash! You're mentally quick, more clever than usual. Try a new approach. What is unorthodox could be the key to discovery. But take care about being too quick, or you could trip over your own feet. Surf the net some ideas will come to you.

QUOTE: The world turns, so goes life. My life with you so goes the world.

March 2000 & Meetings & Events

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