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VOTERS REJECT REFERENDUM

South Plainfield voters once again rejected a proposed \$22.6 million bond referendum, which would have built a new Roosevelt School, expanded the administration building, installed new boilers in the Middle School, upgraded electrical capacity in all schools and installed a new track at Jost Field.

The final vote count was 1750-1600, with 28 percent of the registered voters casting ballots. Approximately 3,350 registered

voters turned out, versus only about 2,000 in December. This was the second time voters rejected a bond referendum in the past few months. Last December voters turned down a similar bond referendum.

After their defeat in December, the Board of Education came right back asking to voters to approve another referendum with just a few changes. This time they proposed to keep the old Roosevelt School for ad-

ditional classrooms and build a new administration building. This new plan increased the costs of the bond by \$100,000.

The board also launched a major public relations campaign this time around. They held meetings and focus groups, put up signs and did mass mailings. All of these efforts still did not produce voter approval at the polls. Many residents had asked that the referendum be divided into two questions, but the board rejected

that idea.

South Plainfield is undergoing a dramatic rise in student enrollment due to increased housing construction. The board recently voted to put a cap on class sizes and to suspend open enrollment.

Plans are also in the works to renovate a portion of the administration building for additional classrooms.

Next month, on Tuesday, April 18, voters will again go to the polls

to elect three board of education members. They will also be asked to vote on the 2000/2001 budget which will have no tax increase.

Running for election are board member Frank Mikorski, former board members Carol Byrne and Loretta Cooper, along with Thomas Delany, Richard Gumina, Susan Peck and Robert Podlovits. Current board members Doris Haley and Pat DeSantis chose not to run for re-election.

Pavlak Named Coach of the Year

South Plainfield's wrestling head coach Bill Pavlak was named NJSIAA New Jersey Coaches Association 'Coach of the Year.' Pavlak, chosen as the top coach, ends the year with his Tiger wrestlers breaking every school record, claiming titles at the Morris Knolls Tournament, a GMC Red Division Title, a GMC County Title, a NJ Sectional Group II Title, the NJ State Group II Title and it's state leading 16th consecutive District 12 Title. Pavlak is well deserving of this prestigious award.



Bill Pavlak, NJSIAA Coach of the Year



Compaq recently donated a computer to South Plainfield Community Policing for use in the DARE building. (Seated) Police Officer Joe Papa, (standing left to right) Police Officer Allen Lamonda, Police Chief Steven Merkler, Councilman Dennis Cerami and Councilman Ray Petronko, and Allen Blue from Compaq Computers.

DARE Gets New Technology

By Patricia Abbott

Councilman Raymond Petronko recently spoke to Compaq Computer Corporation, Piscataway on behalf of the South Plainfield DARE Program. He asked for a donation of a personal computer for DARE to be used at the newly opened Community Policing Building. Compaq came through with the request. Compaq salesman Allen

Blue presented the computer to DARE at the Community Policing building on Wednesday, March 8. Present were Officers Allen Lamonda, Joe Papa, Chief Steve Merkler, Councilmen Ray Petronko and Dennis Cerami.

Councilman Petronko stated, "The DARE program is an important part of your youth instruction and support, and the mayor and council recognize the

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Sacred Heart Church Pastor Father Michael McGuire Dies

Father Michael McGuire, pastor at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, died last Friday after a long illness. A priest for 42 years, he served as pastor for Sacred Heart for the past 14 years. (See complete obituary on page 10).

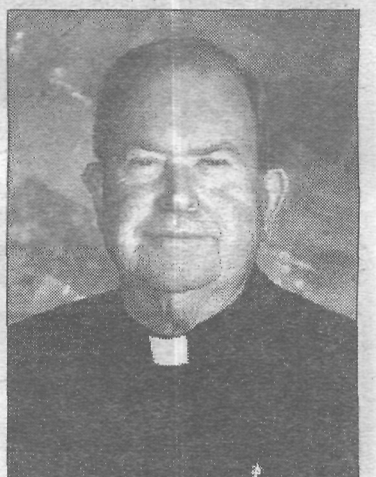
Father McGuire had been hospitalized for the past five months, beginning with a heart attack and then with complications from diabetes, which he suffered from for years.

On Sunday, Sacred Heart Church was filled with parishioners and friends when his body was brought into the church for viewing. An honor guard of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus escorted him and stayed throughout the visitation hours at the church. Family, priests, parishioners and friends filed past his casket on Sunday evening, Monday and Tuesday.

A special Mass of Christ the High Priest was celebrated Monday evening by Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, Bishop Emeritus. Before the mass, the Rosary Altar Society recited the rosary.

The homily was given by Father McGuire's good friend and former deacon at Sacred Heart, Father Charles O'Connor. He spoke of Father McGuire's love of teaching, especially his love of children, his quite manner and his deep religious devotion to his faith. He also talked about his hobby of performing magic tricks and noted how good he was at it. One of the floral arrangements displayed on the altar contained a black hat in his memory.

The funeral services, attended by more than 60 priests and dea-



Father Michael McGuire

cons, were conducted by the Most Rev. Bishop DePaul Breen, Bishop of the Metuchen Diocese and the homily was spoken by Rev. Liam A. Minogue.

Father McGuire was a very popular pastor and well loved by his parishioners. He especially loved children and spent a lot of time at Sacred Heart School with the children.

Councilman Jim Vokral and his family are among the many who are feeling the loss of a man who touched the hearts of all who knew him. Jim and Debbie Vokral have known Father Mike for 13 years. He officiated when they renewed their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary. Both were deeply saddened by his passing.

Jim said, "He was an excellent pastor, a very holy man and a quiet man. He was always smiling. He was a magician. It was a hobby and he was very good at it. He loved to play with

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Anderson Wins NJ State Title

By Bob Hunter

Matt Anderson, South Plainfield's 103-pound two-year varsity wrestler, has lived his dream of winning a NJ state title. Anderson claimed the 103 pound championship, South Plainfield's first since Kevin McCann won the title in 1991 and made his mark as New Jersey's best 103-pounder.

Anderson finished the season with a perfect 37-0 and now joins

Joe Lemmo, Steve Giordano along with McCann in the elite group of South Plainfield State Champions. Anderson defeated Ivan Wiggins of Sterling 6-2 in the finals.

South Plainfield wrestlers set another milestone by having four wrestlers place in a state tournament. Dave Fiore (152), who expert's said wasn't going to make it out of the regions, was

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Matt Anderson, State Wrestling Champion

In My Opinion

Letters

Dear High School Parents,

We are in need of gifts that we can use for our Third Annual Auction/Raffle which benefits Project Graduation. In the past, the majority of our gifts come from the high school senior parents. We also have many sophomore and junior parents that contribute. Any gift is appreciated. We will use your gift alone or couple it with one or more other gifts to create a basket.

Some suggestions include iron, toaster, electric frying pan, kitchen utensils, pillows, sheets, blender, silverware, glasses, towels, dishes, coffee pot, coffee grinder, pots/pans, baking items, microwave container, placemats, tablecloths, picture frame, camera, walkman, beach chair, folding chair, lamp, curling iron, hair dryer, base/basket/footballs,

calculator, desk set, books, CD case, videos, gift certificates, electric knife, electric can opener, tape recorder, electric pencil sharpener, tea kettle and toys.

Other larger items that you could give with another family are, VCR, TV, stereo, microwave, refrigerator, CD player, DVD player, camcorder, luggage, patio furniture, gas grill theater tickets and a portable phone.

Simply go out and purchase one or more of these items and send them into the high school main office with your name on it or it can certainly be anonymous. We want only new items. Please help us!! Donations are requested by May 25. Any questions, call Pat Anderson at 756-6512 or Ellen Melanson at 756-3731.

ACTION/RAFFLE COMMITTEE

Mark Your Calendars

BOROUGH MEETING DATES

Council Meetings

Monday, March 20 Thursday, March 23
Monday, April 10 Thursday, April 13
Monday, April 24 Thursday, April 27
Monday, May 8 Thursday, May 11

Planning Board

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, as follows:

March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23
June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22
September 12, September 26, October 10 (No Meeting) October 24
November 14, November 28, December 12, December 26

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

March 21, April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16, May 30
June 6, June 20, July 4 (No Meeting), July 18
August 1, August 15, August 29, September 5, September 19
October 3, October 17, October 31, November 8 (Thursday),
November 21, December 5, December 19

Site Place Sub-Committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

March 23, April 27, May 25
June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26
November (No Meeting) December (No Meeting)

Log on to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda.

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To the Editor,

A Prom Fashion Show, sponsored by the South Plainfield Junioresettes, was held in the South Plainfield High School auditorium on March 3. All proceeds will be used to benefit South Plainfield High School Project Graduation.

The Junioresettes did all the planning, solicited for door prizes and advertisements for the program, decorated the stage—the girls did it all. Their advisors, Kathy Winner, Kathleen Raiti and Mrs. Taber, say they did nothing. I say they did a lot. They gave support and encouragement to these girls, to make them believe in themselves, to make them leaders. As the girls wrote in the program, "thanks for all your help and support and giving us the chance to make a difference in others' lives."

On behalf of the South Plainfield High School Project Graduation Committee, I want to thank the South Plainfield Junioresettes, Alison Barrett, Sheryl Cwickalo, Dina Diaz, Kristo Gundersen, Erin Mackey, Julie Palmer, Heather Pedersen, Carrie Reilly, Samantha Stuats, Robin Stayvas, Alison Tietjen and Nichole Wrubleski. A truly wonderful effort.

**NANCY REGAN
SPHS PTA PRESIDENT**

To the Editor,

The Roosevelt School PTA held its First Annual Chinese Auction on Feb. 5 to a sold out crowd. We would like to thank the VFW on Front St. for their kindness in donating their hall to our school for this event.

There were over 200 prizes raffled off at this event. Some of the big prizes were a 27" color TV and an autographed football by the NY Jets team, a DVD player, 5-CD changer, VCR and a gas grill.

The Roosevelt School Fifth Grade Project would like to thank all the local businesses and the parents of Roosevelt School children for their donations and for making this event a very successful one for the children of our school.

**ROOSEVELT FIFTH GRADE
PROJECT**

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Pictured are top row, Chris Uffer, Ian Levine and Randy Gemenden; middle row, Danny Lahey, Mike Cupo, Brent Hunt, Greg Publik, Purav Patel and Nick Figler; bottom row, Galen Johnson, Kevin Lahey, Danny Zalinsky and Chris Weakly.

Troop #207 Participates
In Klondike Derby

On Saturday Feb. 19 members of BSA Troop #207 from South Plainfield, chartered by the Knights of Columbus, participated in an event called the Klondike Derby at the Green Brook Swim Club.

Troops from the Blue Mountain Valley District surrounding areas participated in this event. In order to participate, the troops were required to make an Alaskan sled which was required to weigh a minimum of 100 pounds at the start (including items required by the committee), and upon finishing weighing no less than 75 pounds. The object was to gain points or "nuggets" and complete each station. These stations may have been first aid, emergency preparedness, compass readings, fire starting, knots and lashing, knife and tool sharpening and ice rescue. Each sled team consisted of a minimum of five scouts, one steering from behind and the rest pulling the sled.

The Wolves in the junior division of Troop 207 worked especially hard when, at the beginning of the derby, their sled tipped over as they were descending over a six-foot high mountain of snow. Fortunately,

they kept up their team spirit and worked together and completed the rest of the course.

The Dingos, in the senior division of Troop 207, worked hard also and their teamwork payed off. At each and every event it was apparent that they were prepared.

These scouts managed to achieve first place once again, the second year in a row they won in this event. Next year we know they will keep up the spirit and continue to work as hard.

Our thanks and appreciation to Mike Quigley of Green Brook, who set up this splendid event. Because of his hard work and dedication to Boy Scouts, he was able to make this event a most enlightening and positive experience for the scouts. It showed that this type of competition can be demanding, but as long as you have teamwork the conclusion is the same—they are all winners.

Good job to everyone. The Senior Sled team members were, Danny Lahey, Ian Levine, Randy Gemenden, Greg Publik, Chris Uffer, Galen Johnson, and Mike Cupo. Junior Sled Team was Kevin Lahey, Danny Zalinsky, Brent Hunt, Purav Patel, Nick Figler and Chris Weakley.

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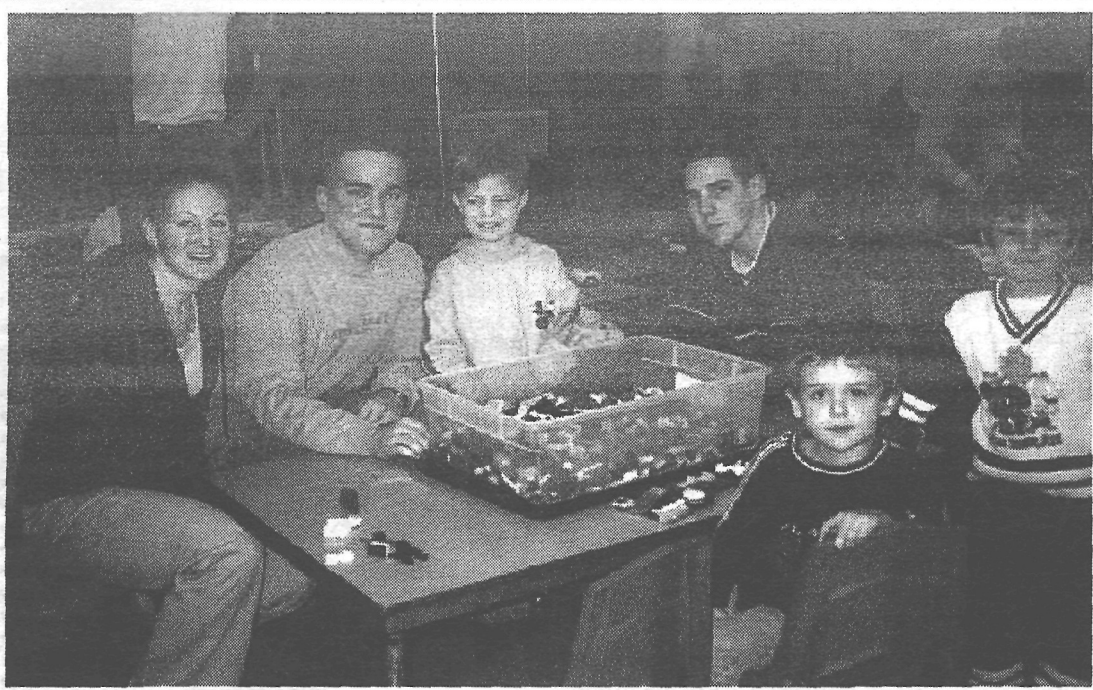
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Students from South Plainfield High School National Honor Society read to children at the Pilgrim Covenant Church Nursery School. The high school students, who came to the school as a service project for their National Honor Society Club, also did projects with them.

"Birdscaping Your Garden" Program To Be Presented at SP Library

Dr. Emile DeVito, renowned conservation biologist with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation of Far Hills, will present a free program, "Birdscaping Your Garden" on Tuesday, March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the South Plainfield Public Library.

Dr. DeVito will present a slide

program on how and what to plant to attract birds to your yard. He advocates the use of native trees, shrubs, and flowers to attract birds spring, summer, winter and fall. Dr. DeVito is an expert ornithologist. He has taken many trips out of the country to seek and photograph exotic birds. Locally, he helped

launch the birding program at Roosevelt School in 1993.

"Birdscaping Your Garden" is the first program this year offered by the Friends of the Woods at Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve. The Friends is a subcommittee of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission who act as caretakers for the 36-acre reserve and sponsor the free community Walks 'n' Talks programs.

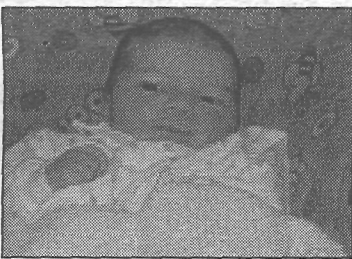
For further information, please call 908-226-7621. No pre-registration is required.

MILESTONES

Births

Harmses Welcome Birth of Daughter

Cara (Wild) Harms and Rich Harms, currently of Union, announce the birth of their daughter **Caitlyn Amanda** on February 23, 2000. She weighed 9 pounds, 2½ oz and measured 21 inches long. She was born at 10:24 p.m. at Muhlenberg Hospital.



Kovels Announce Birth of a Daughter

Dr. Jacob and Shari Jo Kovel (Revziri) of Lawrence, KS proudly announce the birth of their daughter **Hannah Michelle**, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. on Feb. 11.

Hannah happily joins her brothers, Joshua 7 and Daniel 9.

Shari is the daughter of Herb and Cynthia Frank of Schindler Dr. in South Plainfield.

Hannah was welcomed into

the world and named in a special religious ceremony at the JCC in Lawrence, Kansas on Feb. 20.

Attending this joyous event were Hannah's uncles, David and Evan Revzin, Aaron Frank; aunts, Amy and Renee Frank and Rachel Koval; grandparents, Herb and Cynthia Frank, Dr. Max and Bernice Kovel, Jerry and Carol Revzin and great grandmother, Miriam Frank.

Vision 2001 Sets Date for Annual Art Auction

The South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation will be holding their Annual Art Auction on Friday evening, April 14. The auction will take place at South Plainfield High School. Previews start at 6 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7 p.m.

This year's honorary chairman is Georgeann DiGrazia. Georgeann is the co-owner of Mohn's Flowers. She is known for her many contributions, always donating flowers and gifts to just about every event that is held in the schools in South Plainfield. Each year she presents a dozen roses to mothers of students who are chosen in her annual essay

contest. She generously donates flowers at so many events and never asks for recognition. She is also a member of the Recreation Commission.

Donation is \$5 per person. There will be door prizes and hors d'oeuvres, cake and coffee. Major credit cards are accepted. The auction features framed art in all media and price ranges including Alaniz, Tarkay, Neiman, Delacroix, Rockwell, Fazzino, Gorman, Patchell Olson, Boulanger, Wooster Scott, McKnight and others.

For tickets or information, call (908) 756-8038. Major credit cards will be accepted.

Recycling Announces New Drop-Off Schedule

Effective March 16, the new schedule at the South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be as follows, open all year on Tuesdays 2 noon to 7 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New scheduled hours at the Yard Waste Site at the end of Kenneth Avenue will be: Spring/Summer (March 16 to Sept. 30) on Tuesdays 12 noon-7 p.m. and on Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; open Fall/Winter (Oct. 1 to March 15) on Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Both drop-offs will be closed on Borough Holidays and on any Tuesday following a Monday holiday. They will be open instead on the Wednesday following the Monday holiday.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for some mid-March news from the South Plainfield Library:

Regular readers of this column, as well as regular patrons of the Library, should be aware of our normal schedule for children's Storytime programs. But, some of you aren't, so we'll review. The programs are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. They're for children ages three and up; no pre-registration is required. We've also got this month's Kidcraft program coming up. It's scheduled for Friday, March 24, at 4 p.m. It's for children ages six and up. Space is limited for this program, so you must sign up in advance. If you have any questions about our Children's programs, please contact Linda Hansen, our children's librarian.

We've got two programs set for Tuesday (or should that be Twosday?). The Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m.. As always, the present and future plans of the library will be discussed, and there will be a period for comments from the public. Meanwhile, we'll also be hosting the program on "Birdscaping Your Garden," sponsored by the Friends of the Woods. The speaker for the program will be Dr. Emile DeVito, a conservation biologist with the NJ Conservation Foundation. Members of the public are welcome to attend either of these events.

The library will host a Home-schoolers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 31, in our Children's Room. This informal gathering is for parents who home school their children, or those who are interested in doing so. No registration is required.

With the axial tilt and orbital path-mandated start of spring coming soon, many of you may be starting to consider a vacation destination. Of course, we'd like

to help you. But first, we'd like you to help us. We'll be going through our collection of travel videos, mainly to weed out those that are out of date and replace them with updated tapes. But are there any tapes you'd be interested in that aren't in our collection? If you'd like us to add a particular travel video, or just want to see more about a specific destination, please let us know. We'll take your suggestions into account when we start placing orders.

Seeing as how today is St. Patrick's Day (I guess the shamrock decorations were a bit of a giveaway, eh?), let's look at some appropriate offerings from our video collection. Our juvenile video section includes the charming Disney fantasy, "Darby O'Gill and the Little People," starring a pre-007 Sean Connery. Over the general section, we've got the quintessential Irish movie, "The Quiet Man," featuring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, lovely views of the Irish countryside and one of the best fight scenes ever filmed. If you prefer Irish music and dance, we've got "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance," both starring Michael Flatley. And the aforementioned travel video area includes tapes on the Emerald Isle. Videos can be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

That'll just about do it for this week. Thanks for reading. Feel free to turn on the parade now.

2000 Parade Committee Seeking Volunteers

Anyone interested in joining the 2000 Labor Day Parade committee should call Debbie Krawiec at 908-757-9432 or plan to attend the parade committee meeting on March 21 in borough hall at 6:30 p.m.

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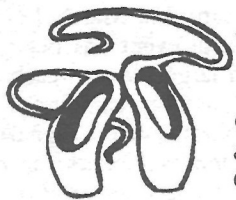
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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

Cub Pack 324 Holding Car Wash

Cub Scout Pack 324, which meets at Kennedy School, will be holding a car wash on Saturday, March 25.

The car wash will be held in the parking lot at Kennedy School on Norwood Ave. Hours for the car wash are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Fee per car is just \$5.

Please come out and support the scouts in this major fundraising event.

Enjoy Corned Beef & Cabbage At VFW

Top O' The Evenin' to you!

The VFW located on Front St. is serving a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Friday, March 17.

Don your green and come enjoy with us from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinners are \$6, seniors cost is \$5 and to order take-out is \$7. We're looking forward to seeing you. Fish dinners are also available for those who wish.

Lenten Fish Dinners At Sacred Heart

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of the Sacred Heart Church will again be sponsoring Lenten Fish Dinners on March 17, 24, 31, April 7 and 14.

Dinners will be served in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria located on South Plainfield Ave. from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The menu will feature filet of fish (fried, broiled or parmigana) or pizza; fresh garden salad, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert. Take out orders are available.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Pay at the door. For information, call the Parish Center at 908-756-0633. Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church at 7 p.m.

Riley School to Hold Scoop Dinner

Riley School will be holding their Annual Scoop Dinner on Wednesday, March 22. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens and 5 p.m. for the general public. The cost is \$1 per plate and 25 cents per scoop.

For more information, call Debbie Seider at 908-668-0040.

Senior Trip to See The Student Prince

Senior are planing on going 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.

Easter Bunny is Coming to the PAL!

South Plainfield Recreation Department is happy to announce the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m.

All South Plainfield children ages new born to nine years old should meet behind the PAL building. Harvey the Bunny will be present.

101st Airborne Division Meeting

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

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

Mind, Body, Spirit Holistic Expo

Come celebrate the Spring Equinox on Sunday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Holistic practitioners, vendors and psychics will all be there.

The expo takes place at the Days Inn on Rt. 22 in Bridgewater. Admission is \$10 at the door. Pre-register for \$8 at www.egscorp.com.

For information and directions call 908-526-0950.

Polish Home Going To Claridge Casino

The Polish Home is sponsoring a trip to Claridge Casino, Atlantic City on Sunday, March 26.

Tickets are \$17 with an \$18 coin return. The bus leaves the Polish Home parking lot on New Market Ave. at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served on the bus.

For reservations call, Ann at (908) 561-6551 or Chet at 756-0651. All proceeds got to the scholarship fund.

Beauty and the Beast Tickets On Sale

South Plainfield Recreation is inviting 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.

Franklin PTA Auction/Raffle Night

Franklin School PTA is sponsoFranklin School will hold their Forth Annual Auction Raffle Night on Saturday, March 18. The successful event has been bringing in larger crowds each with each passing year. Prizes include a color television, digital and video cameras, bicycles, dinner theater and get-a-ways. Local restaurants have donated gift

certificates and theaters have donated movie tickets. Each class has provided theme baskets made up from donations from parents. Some of the themes include; cosmetics, Italian, garden, sports, summer baskets, and more.

PTA president Linda Duquette said, "Local businesses have been extremely generous by making monitary and merchandise donations. We are very fortunate at Franklin School to have so many parents volunteer their time. They are instrumental in making this event a success. During the past three years, the Auction/Raffle has proven to be one of the most successful events for the PTA. Through its success, we have been able to continue to provide funds for cultural arts programs, class trips, and purchase playground equipment."

The event will be held in the South Plainfield High School gym. Doors open at 6:30 and the drawings begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Country Breakfast At Polish Home

The Polish National Home located on New Market Ave. will be serving 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.

Tourette Syndrome Support Meeting

The Tourette Syndrome Association Family Support Group of Middlesex County will meet on May 9.

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

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.

Flea Market/Fair Vendors Sought

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 the Middle School.

Registration fee is \$15 for a 15x5 foot area. Each additional space is \$10. You must supply your own table. Set up is from 7:30 to 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.

Rec Sponsors Atlantic City Trip

On Sunday, Apr. 30, join the Recreation Department on a trip to Atlantic City. Bus leaves PAL at 11 a.m.

Cost of trip, \$13 per person, includes \$16 worth of free coins.

AARP Chapter #4144 Trip Planned

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.

Boy Scout Troop 207 Plans Chili Fest

Boy Scout Troop 207 is having their First Annual "Chili Fest" on March 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Kennedy School.

This fundraiser will allow Troop 207 to launch many successful and interesting high adventures and to purchase excellent equipment for the troop. More importantly, it provides the Scouts with the opportunity (by selling tickets and earning money for their individual accounts) to enjoy all Troop 207

Say Goodbye And Thank You To Jim Eckert

A farewell party to say thank you and goodbye to Jim Eckert, retiring borough clerk, is planned for Thursday, April 20 at Flanagan's from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a buffet dinner and soda.

Reserve your place by March 31. Pay at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave.

activities at a very low cost.

We have received a positive response from businesses in the South Plainfield area who have contributed ingredients for the chili, paper products, prizes for the Scouts (high ticket sales), or funds to purchase items. In return, we advertise on the tickets the name of each business that has made a contribution. The Scouts will be selling 1,000 tickets.

Troop 207 is going to make this their Annual Fundraiser and each year will increase the amount of tickets sold. Direct questions to Mike Reedy, Assistant Scout Master, at 908-561-3951

Recreation Dept. Sponsors Yankee Trip

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox on Tuesday, June 13, 2000. Bus leaves the PAL lot at 4 p.m..

Ticket price is \$37 per person. PAL phone number is 226-7713.

Old Time Contra-Dance Planned

On Saturday, April 1, the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission proudly presents Old-Time Contra Dancing. From 7:30-10:30 p.m., enjoy a lively evening of dance and fun at the PAL Building, located on Maple Avenue.

Traditional, American and English Square and Line Dances will be taught. Come alone or with a partner and beginners are definitely welcome. Since dances are lively, please dress comfortably.

The Caller is Sue Dupree, who will teach each dance with backup of Live Music.

Admission is free and refreshments will be sold during the evening.

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Borough Notes

Council Notes

- The proposed billboard ordinance scheduled for a vote last week, has been delayed until the March 23 meeting because the Planning Board has not yet had time to look it over.
- Moore's Stone & Garden was low bidder at \$5,814 to plant trees near Oak Park Commons Shopping Center. Funds for the plantings were made possible by a re-forestry grant from Middlesex County.
- The borough entered into an agreement with Middlesex County to repair/pave 18 roads in the town. The cost will not exceed \$269,089. This is a shared service between the borough and the county, funding for which has been provided in the fiscal year budget.
- Four part-time fire inspectors have been employed in the Fire Prevention Bureau at an hourly rate of \$15. This pool of available inspectors will provide a maximum of 40 hours per week of inspections.
- The mayor and clerk will execute an agreement between the borough and the Middlesex Improvement Authority to provide Yard Waste Recycling and Marketing Services.

Father Michael McGuire Dies

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the kids, he also performed at nursing homes." Jim's grandchildren loved Father Mike's magic tricks. Jim noted, "A lot of people are very upset that he is gone."

Debbie Vokral paused before replying. "...There are no words to describe this man because he was very unique, very Christ-like. He just made the church a family, a complete family and everyone is just devastated." She described how he would give money out of his pocket to those in need even when he was told there were no funds for them.

Debbie continued, "He was the kindest, gentlest man. He had more compassion in him than anyone I have ever met in my life."

He touched everyone and was like a Mother Teresa in our church. He never said a bad word about anyone and was greatly loved."

Many will remember Father for his many stories and jokes. Whether it was a wedding, baptism, confirmation or any special event at the church, Father Mike would always start the event off with one of his famous stories. He spoke gently and always listened to whatever anyone had to say.

Father McGuire was laid to rest in Holy Redeemer Cemetery. Memorial donations in his memory can be made to the Sacred Heart Church Centurion Scholarship Fund, 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

DARE Gets New Technology

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need to give their support to this program. The South Plainfield Mayor and Council have always worked with local business in asking for help in the community. This is why our town is very successful. This computer will be used by youth in building computer literacy, enhancing the cen-

ter so that students will be more inclined to use the center. Along with the DARE officers and the mayor and council, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Compaq Computer Corporation for their gracious support."

The DARE program is staffed by Chief Merkle, and Officers Papa and Lamonda.

By Cyrus N. Moon

Weekly Horoscope 3/17-3/23

PISCES 2/19-3/20 This week you will be very sensitive to other people's moods. You pick up impressions readily, and if you are not careful you could get into the same mood as the people around you, whether good or bad. And guess what sort of people I think you should hang with-happy!

ARIES 3/21-4/19 Caution is advised! Avoid arousing antagonism in others or allowing others to excite you (walk away fast). Emotions can get out of control. Anger becomes rage. This is a good time to be alone. On the up side, if your efforts gain success or favor, the payoff can be an enormous paycheck.

TAURUS 4/2-5/20 Fortunate social opportunities are at hand. If they do not automatically come your way, go out and create!!! Participation in social events may turn out to be beneficial. Join a theater group. How about taking a cooking class? You may find a surprise if the class goes on a trip.

GEMINI 5/21-6/20 It is possible you may say goodbye to a loved one or think about separating from a relationship. But it is not a good idea to actually do so now because of feelings of negativity on your part. If you feel the need to talk, seek out an authority figure you truly respect.

CANCER 6/21-7/22 This is a good time to assert yourself in a positive manner and stand your ground if necessary. You should feel a little more courage and confidence than usual. If you have to have a talk with someone you can speak very directly and forcefully without being offensive.

LEO 7/23-8/22 Discordant moods can create difficulties in relationships at this time, especially if you are having any kind of internal emotional struggle. Problems with the opposite sex can surface. On another level a relationship that starts this week will be interesting and something to consider.

VIRGO 8/23-9-22 Hmm, do not let obsessiveness overwhelm you this week. If you

have any jealous tendencies it may be better to keep them to yourself. And after all you're pretty good at not revealing what you don't want to reveal. Do not over-estimate knowledge and information with power!

LIBRA 9/23-10/22 Well this is a wonderful time of having photographs taken, ST. PATTY'S DAY. They are apt to be flattering pictures taken of you along with your friends or at social events. Write a poem for a loved one or surprise them with a little gift that can have eternal sentimental value.

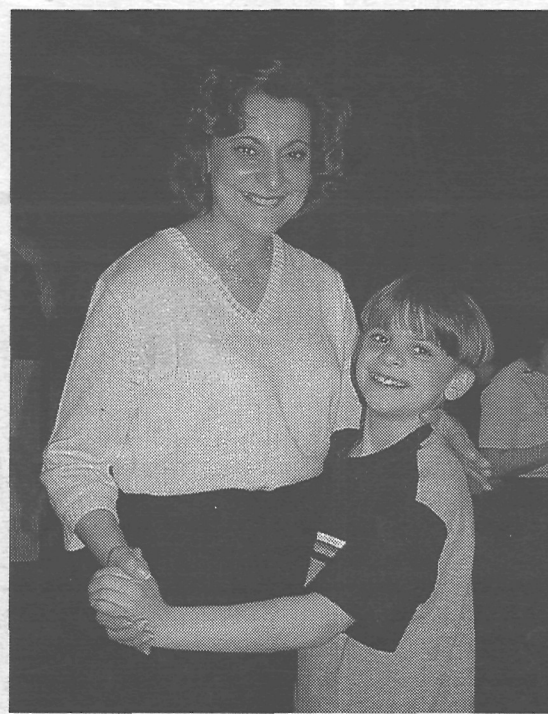
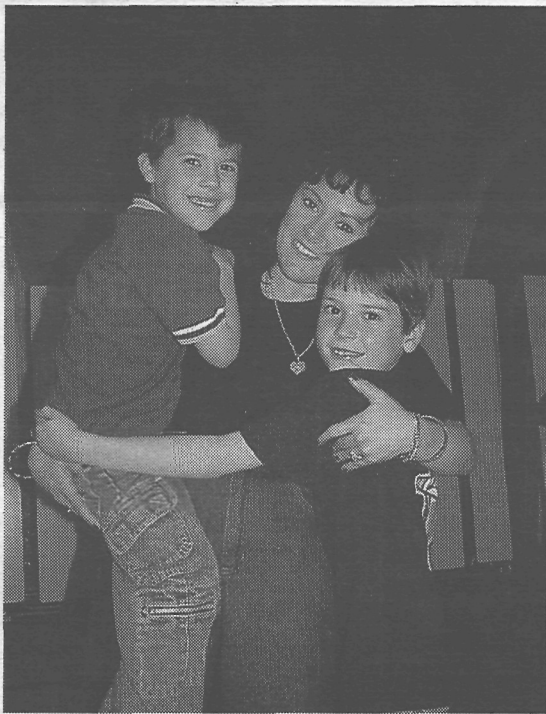
SCORPIO 10/23-11/21 Watch for information and ideas related to self-control and willpower. What did you give up for lent? Opportunities can happen, but they won't happen automatically. You need to go out and actively seek the info or use methods that will help you attain your goals.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21 This week try very hard to plan everything carefully and not overlook details. Remain flexible in your point of view and do not assume that you have all the answers. Also there is a danger that in communicating with others you may adopt an arrogant or self-righteous tone.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 Be wary of falling victim to fears about your relationship, thinking that they are worse than they are. If you do not fulfill the demands of your loved one it's not the end of the world. But you may need some time alone reevaluating what you are getting out of the relationship.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/19 This week could bring a pleasant surprise, but why wait around for it? Go out and take the initiative and look for a change of scenery. Even if you are at work you can spend part of the day trying something new. You may even meet someone new and exciting.

QUOTE: We cannot see the wind yet it is there; happiness is in our hearts you know it's there.



Riley School Boys Dance with Moms

Story and Photos by Patricia Abbott

Riley School recently held their annual Mother/Son dance. This year's theme was rock and roll. The dance, sponsored by the PTO, was chaired by Rita Doell and Karen Gross. Refreshments were provided by the PTO. The boys had a blast dancing to rock tunes with and without mom. The mothers had no qualms about dancing without their dates as they did the electric slide and more. The boys participated in contests such as the limbo and a dance contest. Polaroid photos were taken of moms and sons in the lobby. You can't have a party with boys without plenty of food. The PTO provided a wide variety of goodies to choose from. The dancers munched on cheese and crackers, pizza rolls, cheese sticks,

punch, cupcakes and more. At the end of the evening the boys were still in a partying mood as tired but happy moms hustled

them out the door towards home. An equally successful father/daughter dance was held a few weeks ago.



Senior Center, Housing Closer to Reality

Two projects, a senior housing complex and the senior center, are coming closer to becoming a reality because of the actions that took place last week.

The property for the new 10,000 sq. ft. senior center, to be located on the corner of Maple and Lake Ave., (the former site of the Shell Station) was purchased by the borough for \$365,000. Financing will come from the annual Community Development Block Grant Fund. The borough is asking to

float a five year advance on future grant allocations. The actual building will be donated to the borough by Jack Morris, builder of the proposed townhouses and condominiums on the Coppola Farm property.

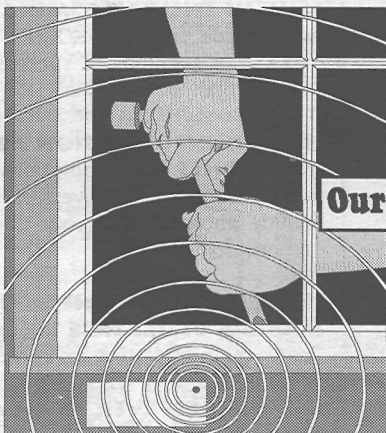
The other project is the 100-unit senior housing complex planned on Morris Ave. Plans for this complex have been ongoing for more than 10 years.

The project developer, Lutheran Social Ministries, a non-profit corporation, gained financial

support last week when the Middlesex County Improvement Authority approved \$6 million in bonds. The borough has donated the seven acres of land for the project as well as \$1.9 million. The rest of the estimated \$11 million will be raised through grants and loans.

The bonds will be paid off through rents from the apartments. The senior complex also helps South Plainfield fulfill its obligation to provide affordable housing.

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The South Plainfield High School Guidance Department is proud to announce the students named to the Honor Roll for the second marking period.

GRADE 9

Christopher M. Addvensky, Joseph Adornat, Alain Amazan, Katherine L. Baldessari, Heather A. Barrett, Jason A. Basile, Christina Bojarski, Tiffany A. Boyle, Eric S. Brandes, Milton Bravo Jr., Lauren M. Brobeck, Jesse E. Brown Jr., Jenny Y. Cai, Jody L. Chepulis, Michael Chrysanthopoulos, Michael R. Conrad, Meredith R. Cooper, Gary C. Curcio Jr., James V. Curcio Jr., Jay Cushner, Kristina M. Cwiekalo

Kristina M. De Lillo, Nadia Deba, Christina Dematos, Jared A. Dembia, Brian E. Destefano, Martin J. Diamant, Christopher J. Diana, Denise M. Dimeglio, Kimberly R. Dziomba, Nicole M. Esposito, Christina M. Ettore, Kelly M. Eustice, Abbalonia A. Falato, Kristen R. Fredericks, Christina L. Furka, Amanda L. George, Jamie Glowacki, Dale Goberdhan, Shelly Graziano, Nicholas F. Green, Kristen N. Gumina

Thomas C. Haus, James A. Hearne, Amanda K. Hermann, Nadisha Hosein, Alexander Huynh, Kim Huong Huynh, Apprameya KM. Iyengar, Tiffany K. Johnson, Steven A. Johnston, Lauren C. Kaczka, Amit K. Kalia

Michael J. Kasmer, Vickram Kissoon, Michelle L. Kravetsky, Neva Lamar Lawson, Keli-Andrea Lee, Brandon P. Lindgren, Nathalie Londono, Michael J. Martinez

Dominick C. Mascolo, Sejal D. Mehta, Daniel J. Melick, Alexis N. Montanaro, Jamie E. Morris, Harry J. Mowrey Jr., Richard M. Muglia, Sherin Navasca, Tai Thanh Nguyen, Kristen Nietzer, Jaclyn J. Noonan

Daniel M. Occhipinti, Kristina R. Ognowski, Chinendum U. Okparaek, Ellery N. Pagala, Laura H. Painton, Avinash Patel, Chirag B. Patel, Herry H. Patel, Kamlesh D. Patel, Rupel C. Patel, Gabriela N. Pineda, Steven Porcelli, Antoneth S. Porter, Kyle R. Prendergast, Cynthia A. Prybella

John M. Rayho, Diego Rodriguez, Eva L. Rodriguez, Elayne M. Russell, Meghan P. Schweers, Danielle M. Skoba, Joseph W. Smalley, Jeffrey R. Smith, Steven Sobel, David E. Spayder II, Allison L. Stoffer, Vernal Sundalangi, Stephanie L. Swierc

Stephanie J. Tackach, Justin Toth, Janine M. Turrise, Denise M. Vita, Ryan A. Vroom, Craig W. Warren, Matthew R. Wells, Michael P. Wiczorek, Eryn O. Williams, Nicole A. Woo, Frank J. Wrublewski III, Victoria Zappi

GRADE 10

Malika Aaron, Mohammed Alli, Kathy E. Almanzar, Puja Amin, Brielle K. Anderson, Matthew J. Anderson, Marc Arancio, Cassie M. Bosse, Jennifer Butrico, Christopher Catalfamo, Pamela L. Cianfrocca,

Christopher Cornish, Jaclyn Cox, Shannon Dabrio, Jenevieve Delosantos, Brian D. Devito, Joseph J. Dezmin Jr., Luis W. Dimacjie, Scott C. Doerr, Tamara Dombrowski, Gina M. Durso, Meghan M. Elsmann

Mena Fahmy, Jonathan Fredericks, Rodney Gateau, Justin T. Gaynor, Ryan L. Gianneschi, Jennifer Gold, Alan D. Graziano, Christopher Grevious, Norma Guevara, Colombino A. Headley, Cheryl A. Hoh, Jessica P. Honeywell, Violet Huynh, Jessica A. Irber, Elliot J. Kaplan, Janelle L. Kenny

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Rebecca Lee Thalheimer, Philip Thomas, Thomas Troia, Stephanie Veerasammy, Dwayne D.W. Walker, Jacqueline S. Wong

GRADE 11

Nicole Adorna, Lindsey M. Aiello, Kristin Anderson, Jason Bataille, Kimberly N. Benson, Shannon Bishop, Jonathan J. Bloodgood, John R. Bosse, Kyan Bowman

Rosemarie Brizak, Johanna Camino, Michael Cardona, Justina M. Carubia, Kristyn Ciarlariello, David Cupo, Kayo N. Daimo, Thomas J. Daly, Jacquelyn Deangelis, Michelle Dietzold, Mark W. Dimacjie, Michael Edgecomb, Joshua P. English, Rachel Feller, John Foscolo

Robert J. Freeman, Emma Fulton, Shail N. Gala, Angelique Gannaris, Richard Gebauer, Alissa N. Gittens, Janet Golon, Shannon Hecht, Paul Hermann, Thanh Kim Huynh, Melissa N. Jamieson, Amanda Kress, Maria Antonelli Leonardis, Nicole C. Luthman

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Gregory Ogonowski, Sarah Oppelt, Jennifer Pagala, Julie Palmer, Harumi (Roxana) Parreno, Jessica Pasco, Millie Patel, Heather Pedersen, David Penyak, Jessica Persa, Milady Pichardo, Stephanie Prybella, Christina Raimondi, Jennifer Reynolds, Lauren A. Richardson, Pamela A. Russo

Evan J. Sims, Jessie Spayder, Christopher Thalheimer, Alison Tietjen, Kristin A. Turner, Brian Wil-

son, Justin Woo, Eman Younes, Qui Ping Zhang

GRADE 12

Melinda Agostino, David Alles, Johanna Alzate, Melissa Anderson, Jessica Ardis, Glen Barlics, Alison Barrett, Jennifer Basile, Amanda A. Bechtle, Justin R. Benford, Jennifer Booth, James Borgese Jr., Roseanne Bottone, Raymond Brandes, Krissy Brooks, Kimberly Bulla, Christine Buteas

Cindy Carlson, Shannon Cassidy, Latricia Cofer, Laura Colicchio, Sheryl Cwiekalo, Daniel Czaplinski, Nicole Ann Debiase, Margaret Derosa, Dina Diaz, Kelly Doerr, Brian Donnelly

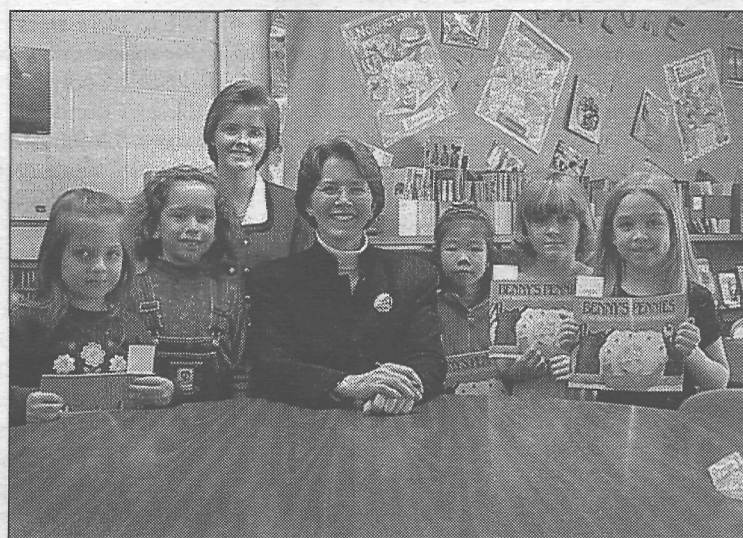
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Lauren Maione, Julie Makowski, Sandra M. Marin, Nicole Massiah, Lisa Mocerino, Jane Nguyen, Roohee Patel, Tejal Patel, Dominique Pender Jr., Rebecca Perez, Lauren A. Perry, Shancee D. Person, Latoya Posey, Brian Raiti, Jennifer Rayho, Tracy Regan, Ashley Rettberg, Ryan Reviglio, Jessica Rodrigues, Heather Roth

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Children's Author Pat Brisson with Roosevelt School students.

Author Tells More Than Stories at Roosevelt School

By Patricia Abbott

When children pick up a book, they seldom think about the author or the process it takes to create that book. To them the author is simply a name and perhaps a face on a book cover. Roosevelt School students recently received a visit from children's author Pat Brisson. The visit introduced them to far more than just the author. During several assemblies throughout the day, Ms. Brisson addressed the various grade levels. She made books come alive for students. The young readers learned how an author writes a book, from the early stages of notes and drafts to the final work on a computer. They discussed the illustrations as well. Ms. Brisson pointed out that the illustrator does not work side by side with the author but receives the written material at a later date. The illustrator then creates pictures that help tell the story. An interesting note Brisson made was that the cover picture has to have room for the title of the book and is something that the artist has to consider when creating this picture.

After a lunch break Ms. Brisson sat in the library for a book signing session. Group after group of smiling youths entered to have their books autographed. Each child smiled as their book was addressed to them, the smiles were returned by the author. The last group to be visited by the author was Miss Frank's Kindergar-

ten class. The children saw a slide show that featured the author's family as well as the various steps in creating a book. The children learned that an author is just a regular person who writes stories as a job.

Ms. Brisson used her book, *Benny's Pennies*, as an example and the students heard the story directly from the author while viewing the corresponding illustrations. The story is a rhyming tale that younger students delight in. The class talked about other words that rhyme. It was a long day for the author but she truly seemed to enjoy it. She expressed a sincere interest in each question or comment the children had.

Pat Brisson is the author of ten books, including *The Summer My Father Was Ten* which, along with illustrator Andrea Shine, received The Christopher Award. The awards honor creators, writers, directors, and producers of film, television specials and books that affirm the highest values of the human spirit.

Other works by Brisson include *Your Best Friend Kate*, *Kate Heads West*, *Kate on the Coast*, *Sky Memories*, *Hot Fudge Hero*, *Little Sister*, *Magic Carpet* and *Wanda's Roses*. Pat Brisson was born in Rahway and lived in Woodbridge. She attended Rutgers and taught in New Jersey schools. She presently resides in Phillipsburg with her husband and four sons. Brisson regularly tours schools giving children a glimpse into the world of books and writing.

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GRADE 7

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GRADE 8

Elaine Alexander, David Allara, Almasa Amini, Jonathan Buggy, Lori Cushner, Ryan Decker, Brittany DeNitzio, Matina Gainaris, Wendy Kollarik, Earl-Joseph Marcelo, Anuj Patel, Amanda Rastelli, Michael Sa-lermo, Daniel Sierzega, Alexander Tier-ney, Adam Toth, Katherine Whalen

HONOR ROLL

GRADE 6

Nicole Aiello, Brandon Alpert, Courtney Alston, Jason Alves, Gaele Amazan, Alyssa Babinetz, Darice Bishop, Ashley Bodner, Kristen Boyle, Andrew Brown, Terrence Brown, Cynthia Chang, Jenny Cheiig, Dana Chepulis, Jennifer Chiang, Brian Cole, Joel Cortese, Jeffrey Cupo, Kristen Dabrio, Therese Dadezzio, Kazuki Daimo, William Daly, Ama-nda Deba, Nicholas DeCillis, Sandya Dowlat, Patrick Driscoll, Cassandra Elkasim, Daniel Erhardt, Courtney Eustice

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GRADE 7

Kyle Alligier, Shakellah Amini, David Andes, Rose Benak, Dawn Besser, Shakera Beverley, Adam Bianchi, Christopher Bojarski, Kyle Bostick, Alyssa Bubnick

Vijay Budhan, Gerry Butrico, Pasquale Cantarella, Nicki Carney, Fabian Casteblanco, Timothy Cheng, Jainine Clemente, Seiichi Daimo, Lauren Darr, Fausto Deno, Christina DiFrancesco, Jonathan Donahue, Vincent Donato, Michael Downes, Michael Duquette, Jeffrey Enq, Caitlin English, Shawn Ferguson,

Melanie Foscolo, John George, Allia Ghanim, Grant Gianneschi, Carolina Gomez, Nicholas Grego, Kendall Green, Sara Grillo, Jeffrey Grubesich, Erin Gyurisin, Melissa Hansen

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Rosanna Mootoo, Krystal Morales, Jacqueline Muglia, Brian Murtagh, Cynthia Nguyen, William Padula, Abby Papa, Deep Patel, Purav Patel, Daniel Piwowar, Lisa Primavera, Dwight Quichua, Alexandria Ramos, Patrick Reedy, Alexa Reha, Allyce Rettberg, Shannen Rivers, Todd Riv-ers, Mayra Robles, Julia Russell

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Tara Israel, Katherine Kaczka, Kyle Kazimir, Brittany Lee, Pauline Lee, Courtney Leporino, Kristina Lopez, Jordan Lynch, Charlynn Magat, Alisha Makoski, Jennifer Martinez, David Miqlis, Tristan More, John Ozuski, Laura Papp, Harsh Patel, Jenny Peleaz, Jaclene Prongay, Gre-gory Publik, Michelle Puskas, Ashley Ritchey

Jessica Rodger, Josef Rodriguez, Shari-Liane Sangster, Matthew Santone, Andre Scott, Guy Severini, Susan Smela, Renee Stopherd, Jermaine Thomas, Stephanie Turrisse, Shawn Welch



Kennedy School Students Celebrate Mardi Gras

Kennedy School third grade students have been hard at work studying the New Orleans area of Louisiana. After three weeks of learning about the history, people, culture, music, and food of the area the students celebrated New Orleans style with a Mardi Gras parade. They created floats, dressed in costumes, made Mardi Gras masks and wore beaded necklaces.

The entire school came out to see the parade, as well as a number of parents. The celebration continued inside as each class held a party. Face painting, a piñata, memory tile, spin art and sand art were among the activities. Third grade teachers are Sherry Dvorak, Theresa Luck and Kevin McCann.

Photos by Patricia Abbott



Summer Drama Workshop Announces 2000 Production

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop board and play selection committee have chosen *42nd Street* as their 2000 SDW production. The show is a backstage musical set in the early 1930s.

The show features well-known songs such as *Shuffle Off to Buf-falo*, *We're in the Money* and

Lullabye of Broadway. *Forty Sec-ond Street* is a major theatrical performing piece with a lot of exciting song and dance num-bers.

Auditions will be held in June. Watch the *Observer* for exact dates and times. The 29th An-nual SDW production will be held the first weekend in August.

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SPORTS

21 Local Wrestlers Qualify For State Tournament Tigers are Looking for State Titles

By Bob Hunter

The South Plainfield Recreation and Middle School wrestling teams are sending 21 wrestlers into this week's New Jersey Kids State Wrestling Tournament.

Wrestlers advance by winning qualifying tournaments held throughout the state. The top three place winners advance.

In the Bantam Division qualifying were Ryan Sacco (55), third place North Hunterdon; Nick Heilmann (55), first place North Burlington; John Wylam (65), third place Toms River;

Elizabeth Martin (65), third place North Hunterdon and Mike Wagner (75), second place Randolph.

In the Midget Division, qualifying were Robert Gentile (55), third place North Burlington; Patrick Hunter (60), first place North Burlington; Nick Dorey (75), second place North Burlington.; Billy Ashnault (70), first place North Burlington; Brad Martin third place Toms River; Rocco Petriello (Hwt), first place Toms River and Mark Wagner (85), Randolph first place.

In the Junior Division, quali-

fying were Jimmy Conroy (65), first place North Burlington; Peter DeAndrea (100), first place North Burlington; Kevin Crilley (118), first place Toms River and Rob Mastick (125), second place North Burlington.

In the Intermediate Division, qualifying were Dan DeAndrea (96), first place North Burlington; Kyle Bostick (112), third place North Burlington; Guy Severini (135), first place North Burlington; Joe DeBiase (150), first place North Burlington and Ryan Elliott (Hwt) first place Randolph Good Luck to all wrestlers.

Community Pool Discounts Available Until April 15

Residents can still take advantage of the early bird discount at the South Plainfield Community Pool. These discounts are in effect until April 15, then the price goes up. A brochure explaining the pool's fees, discounts, hours of operation, guest fees and information about lessons and recreation programs offered this summer was mailed to residents in their tax bill. If you did not receive one or need more information, call the Recreation office at 226-7713.

The community pool will be opening on part-time basis starting on June 3. Summer hours will be starting on June 25.

This year members will receive 10 free passes with their membership. Guest pass books which contain 10 daily passes may be purchased by members at \$50 per book. There is a limit of one book per month.

Membership Fees for 2000

	On or before April 15	After 4/15
Family	\$250 plus 10 Free Passes	\$280
Family w/full time child care	\$305 plus 10 Free Passes	\$335
Husband & Wife	\$195 plus 10 Free Passes	\$225
Individuals	\$140 plus 10 Free Passes	\$170
Individual w/family	\$ 70	\$100
Single Parent Family	\$220 plus 10 Free Passes	\$250
Senior Citizen	\$ 50 plus 10 Free Passes	\$ 60
Family, Nonresident	\$470 plus 10 Free Passes	\$470
Individual, Nonresident	\$250 plus 10 Free Passes	\$250

Fees are not refundable

Daily Admission Passes

General daily admissions are permitted into the pool. Everyone must provide proper identification. 2000 fees are as follows:

	Mon-Fri	Weekdays/Holidays
All Ages - Nonresident	\$ 8	\$10
All Ages - Resident	\$10	\$12
Groups - 20 or more*	\$ 5	\$ 5

* Picnic Area Only. Must be preregistered.

Recreation Sponsoring Adult Softball Leagues

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring several Adult Softball Leagues.

A 5 p.m. League will be playing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The first six teams will make up leagues. The fee is \$210.

A Women's League will play on Tuesday evenings. The first six teams will make up the league. The fee is \$200.

A Sunday League is also forming and the first eight teams will play. Fee is \$250.

A 6:30 p.m League will play Monday through Thursday. The fee is \$270.

To register, call the PAL at (908) 226-7714 or register in person at the PAL building on Maple Ave.

Football Eagles Have Limited Openings

A few openings still remain on the South Plainfield Football Eagles squads for children ages 5-14.

Interested residents should contact the football commissioner, Craig Berkowitz at (908) 753-6361 or email berk10@juno.com for more information.

The Pop Warner football program runs from August-November. All cheerleading squads are full.

Anderson Wins NJ State Title

Continued from page 1
the surprise of the tournament. Fiore, who wrestled his way back in the winners bracket, landed the number one seed, Labe Black of Absegami and give him a match before dropping a 11-6 decision. Fiore went on to finish sixth.

Also placing were Dan Kunst (189). He finished 7-8th and John Foscolo (215), also finished 7th-8th. Congratulations to all!

Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

Back To Baseball Night

The annual "Back To Baseball Night" was held on Monday, March 13. It was 'standing room only' as Commissioner Tony Cassano greeted the large crowd of parents and players. The commissioner stressed the importance of parental involvement in the club, reviewed the projects that are in progress and outlined expansion plans to meet the anticipated growth in registration next year. The executive board and Woman's Auxiliary provided the group with an insight to the club's organization and operation. Team managers and coaches that were on hand were also introduced.

Spring Clean Up

Everyone is invited!!! A work detail is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 starting at 8 a.m. Anyone who can spare some time is asked to help out. This is the first of several work details needed to get the complex ready for the 2000 playing season.

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 \$1,000 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

Anyone still 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. 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.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary is sponsoring the annual Little Miss Baseball contest. The voting boxes are out at local businesses so please remember to cast your vote. The 2000 Little Miss Baseball will be announced on Opening Day. Contact Cindy Eichler at 769-4047 for more information.

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

Events at a Glance

Work Detail - Saturday, March 18 at 8 a.m. at the complex
Scholarship Application Deadline - April 1
Opening Day - Saturday, April 15

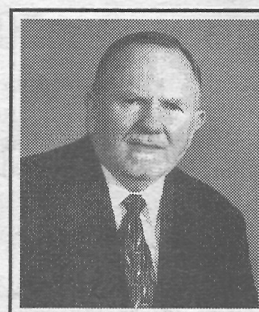
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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF LAND

At a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on February 24, 2000, I was directed to advertise the fact that the Mayor and Council will meet in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 8:00 PM to expose and sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, according to terms of sale on file with the Borough Clerk, the property described below.

Take further notice that the Mayor and Council have, by resolution and pursuant to law, fixed the minimum price at which said property will be sold together with all other detail pertinent, said minimum price being as shown below, plus \$1,000.00 for costs of preparing deeds, all necessary appraisals, advertising this sale and title search costs.

Take further notice that at set sale or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right in its discretion to reject any or all bids and to sell said property to such bidder as it may select, due regard being given to terms and manner of payment in case one or more minimum bids shall be received.

Take further notice that in each instance where necessary, I have been authorized to notify all contiguous property owners as required by NJSA 40A:12-13.2.

Take further notice that at 7:30 PM on the date of sale, those persons interested in bidding shall deposit with the Clerk, a certified check for ten (10%) percent of the minimum bid for the parcel or parcels sought to be bid on.

Upon acceptance of the minimum bid or bid above minimum, by the Council and the payment thereof by the purchaser according to the manner of purchase in accordance with terms of sale on file, the Borough will deliver a Bargain and Sale Deed for said premises.

/s/James Eckert, Municipal Clerk

Details of proposed land sale to be advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 10, 2000 and Friday, March 17, 2000, the sale of property known as:

- Sale #1 - Minimum Bid - \$645,000.00
Block 398, P/O Lot 2.01
Block 399, P/O Lot 6
Tremont Avenue, St. John's Place and Smith Street
- Sale #2 - Minimum Bid - \$110,000.00
Block 362, P/O Lot 6.01
Kenneth Avenue
- Sale #3 - Minimum Bid - \$60,000.00
Block 345, P/O Lot 16
Kosciusko Avenue
- Sale #4 - Minimum Bid - \$60,000.00
Block 345, P/O Lot 16
Kosciusko Avenue

all as more particularly described in metes and bounds descriptions on file with the Office of the Borough Clerk, said property being owned by the Borough of South Plainfield and not needed for public purpose or use, sale to be held on in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS OF SALE
PUBLIC AUCTION

1. 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 to title within ninety (90) of 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 purchasers' deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.
7. At the time of acceptance of the successful bid, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of appraisal, legal fees, advertising and associated costs incurred by the Borough.
8. The purchaser shall make prompt application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on-site and off-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 and 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. 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.
12. At set sale, or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right, in its discretion to reject any or all bids.
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 Dublier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Boulevard 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.

\$318.00 2T 3/10-3/17/2000

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

Ordinance #1535 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 379, PART OF LOT 6 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO CESAR MORIERA FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$68,500.00**, be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 17, 2000 and that a Public Hearing be held Thursday, April 13, 2000 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1535
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 379, PART OF LOT 6 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO CESAR MORIERA FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$68,500.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 379, Part of Lot 6, said property being situated on Spicer Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body has deemed that Block 379 and part of Lot 6 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, this sale is a part of the consideration of the settlement of litigation affecting the Borough of South Plainfield.

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 Cesar Moriera on April 13, 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) days of the date of sale, 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. 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.

8. 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.

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

Approved March 9, 2000 Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher
ATTEST: James V. Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$120.00 1T March 17, 2000

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

Ordinance #1536 amending the "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1993, be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday March 17, 2000 and that a Public Hearing be held Thursday April 13, 2000 at 8:00 PM. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080.

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD 1993"

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the "Development Review Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield 1993" is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article X, Section 1000(e)(2) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
"2. Interpretation of Zoning Regulations or Map or Decision upon Other Special Question. \$100.00"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Ordinance be forwarded to the Middlesex County Planning Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Approved: March 9, 2000 Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor
ATTEST: James V. Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$37.50 1T March 17, 2000

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

ORDINANCE #1537 AMENDING ORDINANCE #1311 OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday March 17, 2000 and that a Public Hearing be held Thursday April 13, 2000 at 8:00 PM. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080.

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1311 OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield that Ordinance No. 1311 for the establishment of escrow accounts for professional services for review of subdivision, site plan and variance applications before the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield, Section 8. Schedule of Required Fees for Escrow Deposits, shall be supplemented as follows:

1. A new subsection J. shall be added to read as follows:

"J. Appeals and Interpretations. Applicants filing an appeal made by an Administrative Officer in the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, or a request for an interpretation of the zoning map or ordinance, or for a decision upon other special questions upon which the Zoning Board is authorized to pass, shall pay a \$500.00 escrow fee."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Ordinance be forwarded to the Middlesex County Planning Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall take affect upon publication.

Approved: March 9, 2000 Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor
ATTEST: James V. Eckert/Municipal Clerk
\$45.00 1T March 17, 2000

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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 March 7, 2000.
The Appointment of THP, Inc. to the position of Planner to the Zoning Board for the year 2000, was hereby GRANTED.
Janice Muccilli
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment
\$10.50 1T March 17, 2000

HOW TO
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US....

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NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
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South Plainfield, New Jersey

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") as Receiver for First Atlantic Federal Savings & Loan Association and as Receiver for First Atlantic Savings & Loan Association of South Plainfield, New Jersey ("the Receiver") intends to terminate its receiverships for said institutions. The Resolution Trust Corporation ("RTC") was appointed receiver of First Atlantic Savings & Loan Association of South Plainfield, New Jersey on June 22, 1990, and was appointed receiver of First Atlantic Federal Savings & Loan Association of South Plainfield, New Jersey on September 13, 1991. Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1821a (a)(5), the FDIC succeeded RTC as Receiver. The liquidation of the receiverships assets has been completed. To the extent permitted by available funds and in accordance with law, the Receiver has completed the final dividend payment to proven creditors.

Based upon the foregoing, the Receiver, has determined that the continued existence of the receiverships will serve no useful purpose. Consequently, notice is given the receiverships shall be terminated, to be effective no sooner than thirty days after the date of this Notice. If any person wishes to comment concerning the termination of the receivership, such comment must be made in writing and sent within thirty days of the date of this Notice to:

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Attention: James M. Judd, Terminations Specialist
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No comments concerning the termination of this receivership will be considered which are not sent within this time frame.

March 8, 2000

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Obituaries

Reverend Michael A. McGuire, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church

Reverend Michael A. McGuire died on Friday, March 10, at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in the Bronx to the late James and Rose A. (May) McGuire, Father McGuire was raised in the Inwood Park section of New York City. He attended Catholic elementary school and entered the Augustinian Minor Seminary on Staten Island, NY for four years. He spent one year at the Augustinian Novitiate in New Hamburg, NY. Attending Villanova University after graduation, he was sent to Rome, Italy for Theological studies at the International College of St. Monica.

Father was ordained after his third year of studies on July 6, 1958, at the seminary chapel of the Sacred Heart near the Vatican by Cardinal Traglia. His first mass was celebrated at the altar of St. Michael in St. Peter's Basilica. He returned to the USA in 1959 and was assigned to Msgr. Bonner H.S. in Drexel Hills, Pa. Father taught religion and Latin for one year, and then was appointed Head Disciplinarian (Bonner, at that time, had an enrollment of over 3,200 students).

In 1967, Father was designated for the position of Master of Novices in New Hamburg, NY, holding that post for five years.

Assigned to the Immaculate Conception Church in Hossick Falls, NY, he was also appointed Principal of St. Mary's Academy of Hossick Falls. Besides acting as principal, Father taught all four years of religion, served as guidance counselor, athletic director, coached girls high school basketball, boys Catholic youth organization basketball and the boys high school baseball team and in 1977, Father was assigned to Our Lady of Pompei and St. Mary's in East Vineland, NJ, and became temporary administrator at Mary Mother of God in Hillsborough

in 1982.

Having made application for incardination into the Diocese of Metuchen, he was assigned by Bishop McCarrick to St. Peter's in New Brunswick, where he taught senior religion, served as chaplain and athletic moderator and assisted in the parish.

In April of 1986, Father was appointed temporary administrator of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. In 1987 he was appointed Pastor, where he has been for the past 14 years.

He is predeceased by his sister, Patricia A. Dohrenwend.

Surviving are his sisters, Mary A. Clyne of Cambridge, New York and Rose A. Rognan of Danville, California. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Sacred Heart Church Centurion Scholarship Fund, in Memory of Rev. Michael A. McGuire, 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Mass card and acknowledgment will be accepted at the parish center.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Angelido Cevallos

Angelido Cevallos, 2 days old, died Saturday, March 4, in St. Peters Medical Center, New Brunswick.

Surviving are his parents, Marina Cevallos and Marco Toca of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Alice Vivian (Roland) Miller, 80

Alice Vivian (Roland) Miller of South Plainfield died on Friday,

March 10 at her home.

She was born in Jessup, Pa. and lived in South Plainfield for the past 45 years.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph J. Miller, who died in 1969.

She is survived by one son, Donald J. Miller of Edison; eight daughters and two sons-in-law Joan and Peter Gaffney of Atlanta, Ga., Theodocia and Herbert Schrader of San Antonio, Texas; Joan Quinn of Endicott, NY; Carolyn and Vivian Miller, both of New Holland Pa.; Deborah Miller of Bridgewater; Kathleen Miller of Edison; four sisters, Carmeada Matthews of Plainfield, Alice Gardner of Florida, Claire Farrell of Walhalla, SC and Theodocia Sweeney of Olyphant, Pa. and 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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

Anne A. Gates, 78

Anne A. Gates died on Wednesday, March 8, in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born in Plainfield, she has been residing in South Plainfield for the past 51 years.

Mrs. Gates had been employed by the I.E.E.E. Corp of Piscataway as a cook in the company's cafeteria for 10 years, retiring in 1985.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Memorial Post #6763 and Sacred Heart Church, both in South Plainfield.

Her husband, Leo P. Gates, Sr., died in 1997. Her sisters, Dorothy Smith, Carolyn and Marge Ashton and her brother Sonny Ashton, have all predeceased her.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Nancy A. Harrell of Colorado Springs, Colo. and a son and daughter-in-law, Leo P. Jr. and Susan Gates of Rosemont, NJ. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Laura, Michael, Joseph, Keith and Christopher.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Eileen M. (Mallen) Reedy, 45

Eileen M. (Mallen) Reedy of South Plainfield died on Saturday, March 11 at her home.

She was born in East Orange and was a former resident of Woodbridge before moving to South Plainfield 12 years ago.

Mrs. Reedy was a restaurant manager for the former 2000 Park Avenue in South Plainfield for six years.

Mrs. Reedy was a member of the South Plainfield Republican

Organization and was a District 10 Committee Woman. She was a parade marshall for the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade.

She is survived by her beloved husband, William T. Reedy; a sister, Kathleen Schields of Colonia; two brothers, Robert Mallen of Hampton and Donald Mallen of Edison; and an uncle, Donald Hagger of Rahway.

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

Clara V. (Sulewski) Rygiel, 75

Clara V. (Sulewski) Rygiel of Plainfield died on Friday, March 10, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Pennsylvania and lived in South Plainfield for 40 years before moving to Plainfield eight years ago.

Mrs. Rygiel was a member of Our Lady Czestochowa Church and a former member of the Rosary Society and a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Rygiel was a clerk in the parts department for Pittney-Bowes in South Plainfield for 15 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Eugenius Rygiel, who died in 1984.

She is survived by three sons, Eugenius Rygiel, Jr. of Florida; Richard and his wife, Laurie Rygiel of Ashville, NC; Thomas and his wife JoAnn Rygiel of Frederica, Delaware; two grandchildren, Aaron and Christina Rygiel; three brothers, Joseph Sulewski of Edison, Michael Sulewski of North Plainfield and Edward Sulewski of Massachusetts and a sister, Helen Fielder of Haggertown, Md.

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

Jandira Amorim

Jandira Amorim died on Saturday, March 11, in the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy.

Her husband Alfredo and son Jose have predeceased her.

Surviving are a son, Arthur Amorim of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Joseph J. Winters, 50

Joseph J. Winters died on Friday, March 3, in the Gateway Care Center, Eatontown.

Born in Newark, he resided in the Orange area. Mr. Winters had resided in Sussex County for many years before moving to Eatontown.

He was employed as a computer systems programmer for Whittaker Corp. of Ft. Monmouth.

He had received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Holy Cross College and his Masters Degree in Business Admin. from Seton Hall University.

Surviving are his daughter, Kyleanne Ackerman Winters of Toms River. Also surviving are many aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were by the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Lelia (Wiggins) Schuman

Lelia (Wiggins) Schuman entered into rest on the early morning of Sunday, March 12, at Rose Mountain Care Center in New Brunswick.

Lelia was the beloved mother of Lotus (Tim) Schuman of South Plainfield and Gerald Schuman of Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, NJ she was the oldest daughter of the late Thomas and Lucinda Wiggins. She resided in Linden, Cranford and Piscataway.

She was employed as a clerk by AT&T in Piscataway for 15 years before she retired in 1985. She was previously employed by RCA in Rahway.

Her husband, Louis T. Schuman, died on June 5, 1969. She is also predeceased by seven brothers and one sister.

Surviving are her two sons, Louis (Tim) and his wife Lillias Wright-Schuman of South Plainfield and Gerald E. Schuman of Plainfield; a brother, Jesse Wiggins of Spotsylvania, Va.; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, as well as numerous sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Frank C. Kargol, Sr. 80

Frank C. Kargol, Sr. of South Plainfield died on Sunday, March 12, at the VA Medical Center in East Orange.

He was born in Hillwood, Pa. and was a former resident of Plainfield, before moving to South Plainfield 45 years ago.

Mr. Kargol was a plumber for 30 years for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 24 in Summit before retiring in 1985.

Mr. Kargol served in the U.S. Army during WW II as a sergeant. He was wounded in the Rhineland Campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of the VFW Memorial 6763 in South Plainfield and the VFW Storr Ritchie Post 506 in North Plainfield.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

He was predeceased by his grandson, William Karpowicz, III, who died in 1997 and four brothers John, Victor, Stanley and his twin brother Joseph Kargol.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Dellaperupte Kargol; a son, Frank Kargol Jr. of South Plainfield and a daughter, Barbara Karpowicz of South Plainfield.

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



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• First Class Shipping, Hamilton Blvd. called police requesting an officer be dispatched to the scene to check the building. The officer, victim and two coworkers arrived at the scene. The victim stated that he was going to move out and had two computers on the floor by the front door and now they were missing. A check of the building found no foul play to any doors or windows. An alarm had sounded at the site and officers responding found the building locked. The victim stated that he has had and is having problems with the landlord and that he has never changed the locks since moving in. The victim will look for the serial numbers of stolen goods. The person suspected was in the building at the time the victim was packing and also has a key to the building.

• A Wadsworth Ave. resident responded to police headquarters to report that her ex-boyfriend, a Highland Park resident, had called her twenty times over a two-day period yelling and harassing her. The victim is afraid he may become violent and requested a temporary restraining order. The order was faxed to Highland Park police.

• A Pine St. resident reported the theft of his front license plate from his vehicle. The car was parked in front of his home at the time of the theft.

• Dwayne A. Fazel of Elizabeth was arrested for shoplifting \$796 in merchandise from Home Depot.

• A Perry St. resident reported a theft had occurred the night before. The victim noticed his backyard gate open and the rear door to the garage open but did not notice anything missing. The following day his wife and daughter found items missing from a car which had been parked in the garage.

• Joyce Leslie Store, Stelton Rd.,

reported a shoplifter had left the store with merchandise. The suspect left the store after placing two shirts and several butterfly hair clips in a NY & Company bag and headed towards Piscataway. The store manager was able to give police a make and model on the car as well as a plate number.

• Home Depot Loss Prevention called police after recognizing a man, Demetri Nikiforov of Plainfield, who had been arrested for shoplifting in the store last October. The suspect was told not to return to the store. He was arrested for defiant trespassing. He provided police with a birth certificate and Union County ID that proved to be forged. The ID was in the name of Gerard Smielski. The arrestee is actually Stanley J. Dawidowicz.

• A Holly Ave. resident reported the theft of a black and chrome moped from her backyard. The helmet was found on the north side of the residence.

• Eckard Drug Store, Park Ave., reported a shoplifter being restrained. After setting off an alarm, a manager asked the suspect to step back into the store. The suspect produced a watch valued at \$4.97. When the suspect was asked for ID he ran to the back of the store discarding another item valued at \$17.99. The manager had to physically restrain the suspect until police arrived. The suspect provided police with fictitious names, dates of birth and social security numbers.

• A Chatham St. resident reported receiving harassing phone calls at all hours of the day. The caller does not speak when the phone is answered. The calls began about one month ago and occur 4/5 times a day. The victim's caller ID records the number as unknown. The victim noted to police that he had filed a report about a similar incident a year ago.

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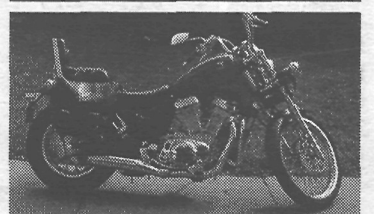
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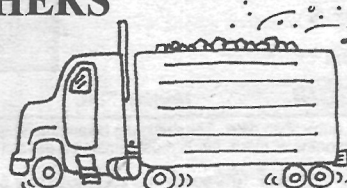
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Last week the Board of Education held a special meeting to present tenure to three employees and commendations to several teachers and students.

Tenure was awarded to Doris K. Kirchner, an employee in the transportation department; Susan C. Slinger, a health teacher at the Middle School and High School Guidance counselor Neil C. Torino.

A commendation was presented to South Plainfield High School for receiving a Certification of Commendation from the State of New Jersey Department of Education 1999-2000 Blue Ribbon Middle and Secondary Schools Program for the high school's participation in the Blue Ribbon Schools Program state level competition and in recognition of an outstanding commitment to quality education for our students.

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Essay Contest winners were recognized. Middle School student Cassandra D'Urso, grade 7, took first place (\$200); Timothy Barkalow, grade 8 (\$175); was awarded second place and Adam Bianchi, grade 7 (\$150), placed third. The essay topic was "How Should We Honor America's Veterans?" The winners were also honored at a dinner held at the VFW.

Commendation also went to three high school students for their award-winning entries in the Voice of Democracy contest on the topic "America's Role for the Next Century." High school students wrote essays and recorded them on cassette tape. First place was awarded to Brandon Lindgren (grade 9), second place to Katharine Lawrence (grade 9) and third place to Ryan Harty (grade 11).

High school student Alison Tietjen was honored with selection to the Governor's School of the Sciences for the 1999-00 school year.

High school student Justin Woo was honored with selection to the Governor's School of the Arts - Creative Writing for the 1999-00 school year.

The following were selected as National Merit Scholarship Commended Students: David Alles, Raymond Brandes, Cindy Carlson, Michael Dematos, Brian Donnelly, Beth Gold, Krista Gundersen, Robin Stayvas and Bradford Tierney.

High school students that were selected as Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars for the 1999/00 academic year were: David Alles, Krista Gundersen, Johanna Alzate Lynda Hepburn, Raymond Brandes, Stefani MacDougall, Cindy Carlson, Rebecca Perez, Sheryl Cwiekalo, Robin Stayvas, Michael Dematos, Bradford Tierney and Brian Donnelly. The purpose of this program is to recognize the academic achievement of New Jersey's secondary school students and to provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship award to be used toward up to four years of undergraduate study at a New Jersey college or univer-



SPHS Assistant Principal Helen Gottlieb



Alison Tietjen accepts an award from Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri.

sity. These students had 1260 or higher scores on their SATs.

Athletic Awards

The GMC-Blue Division - "Coach of the Year" Award was presented to Michael Capizola. The boys cross country team won the Division Championship for the first time in school history.

Field Hockey—Commendations were given to Chrissy Buteas, who was selected by the *Star Ledger* as Middlesex County "Player of the Year." She was also selected to the First Team All Greater Middlesex Conference and by the *Associated Press* to the Second Team as All State Goalie and to Natalie Kipila, who

was selected by the *Star Ledger* to the First Team All Middlesex County.

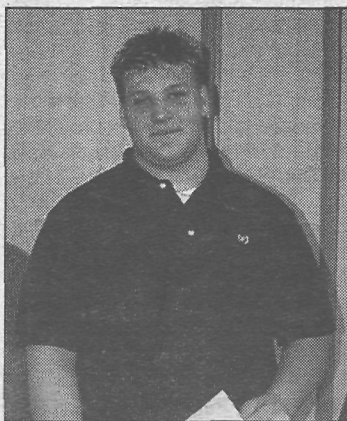
Football—David Friedland for being selected to the First Team All Greater Middlesex Conference.

Gymnastics—Coach Lori Dress was commended for the gymnastic team winning the Division Championship for the first time in school history and the GMC "Coach of the Year" Award. Kim Dziomba was commended for being selected to the First Team All Greater Middlesex Conference.

The team was recognized for setting a new school record for most points scored, 102.3, at a meet on

Oct. 5, 1999 vs. East Brunswick. The team included Justina Carubia, Kim Dziomba, Kelly Harty, Melissa Jamieson, Theresa Vitelli, Jackie Wong, Veronica Zappi, Victoria Zappi, Manager Mary Orlowski, Head Coach Lori Dress, Assistant Coach Michael Nausedas.

Girls Soccer—Coach Marjorie Kopasci was commended for being chosen as the Blue Division and the Greater Middlesex Conference "Coach of the Year." Kim Wilcox was selected to the First Team All Greater Middlesex Conference and Alison Barret was selected to the First Team All Greater Middlesex Conference.



SPHS student David Friedland



SPHS Gymnastics Coach of the Year Lori Dress



SPHS Gymnastics Team set a new school record for most points scored.



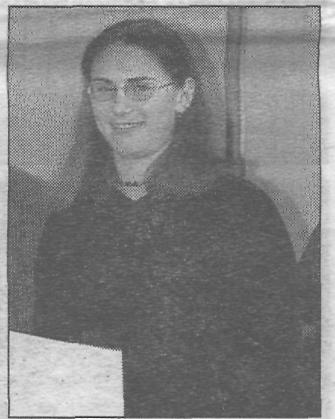
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SPHS Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year Marjorie Kopasci (left) and Tara Olvany



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