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Starting this past Monday DARE graduations were held in all of South Plainfield's five elementary schools. Fifth graders are taught how to resist drugs and alcohol. Each student received a t-shirt at graduation and awards were presented for the best essays and posters. Next week's *Observer* will highlight all the graduations, with photos and names of all the classes as well as the poster and essay winners.

## Observer Included in "A Day in Life of South Plainfield"

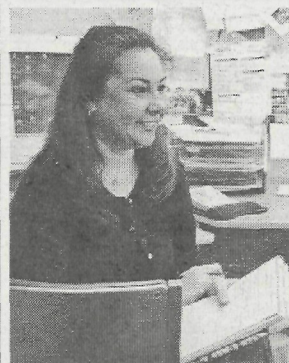
By Patricia Abbott

When the *Home News Tribune* called the *Observer* asking if they could spend a few hours with us as part of their 'Day in the Life of South Plainfield' coverage, we decided it would be fun to do a story about them doing a story. It was an unusual opportunity to observe reporters observing us.

Actually 'Every Day in the Life in South Plainfield' is the *Observer's* full-time job. Whether it be covering schools, sports, civic groups or politics, positive or negative news, births, marriages, deaths or any other event large or small, the *Observer* makes every effort to report it to their subscribers.

South Plainfield was chosen as the subject of a monthly feature in the *Home News Tribune* called "A Day In the Life of..." a special section that features a different town in New Jersey each month.

When the *Home News Tribune* decided upon South Plainfield for their Jan. 25 special issue, it



Home News Tribune Reporter Beth Rosenberg

seemed only natural that one of their stops would include the local newspaper. After all, how many local papers are there left that report exclusively on one town? Not many at all. *Home News Tribune* writer Beth Rosenberg and photographer Joe McLaughlin arrived at our office on a Wednesday morning, our most hectic day as it's the day we go to press.

It was a relatively calm morning, with none of the frantic moments that usually occur during the three hectic days of production, Monday through Wednesday. By Thursday, the week's paper is distributed to the local businesses for sale and at the post office for a Friday delivery.

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief Nancy Grenier and Art Director/Associate Editor Susan Kaneps were in a relaxed mood, which only occurs when the articles of the weekly paper are pretty well set and no big breaking story is unfolding.

Rosenberg asked questions about weekly production proce-

dures and noted that they featured the *Observer* because it was an important part of South Plainfield. McLaughlin shot photos of the staff as they worked at their computer terminals and conferred on finalizing story positions. Phones rang, faxes kept arriving, bringing information and stories for upcoming issues as well as last minute information needed to put the week's issue to bed.

Rosenberg, with her reporter's notebook, found herself in front of the *Observer's* camera just as the subjects of last week's front page story, twins Lynette and Melissa Morales, arrived for a brief photo session.

McLaughlin picked up his camera and shot photos of the *Observer* photographer Patricia Abbott as she photographed the twins. It was an unusual situation—the "shoe was on the other foot" for Patricia as she became the subject. It was a simple matter to put McLaughlin in the same situation; he was surprised to find that he was required to pose for a photo as well.

Ann Bendheim, newly appointed Special Sections Editor for the *Home News Tribune*, offered some insight into the monthly feature. She described the work that goes into producing "A Day In the Life..." Several staff members are sent out to cover the selected town. They have just one day to explore the many facets of the chosen community. Four photographers, 12 writers and two editors converged on South Plainfield for a tour of the town. As part of the team, a graphic artist takes snapshots of various locations, then watercolor pictures are cre-

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## Residents Obligated To Maintain Sidewalks

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to clear the sidewalks on their property after each snowstorm.

Many children walk to school or their bus stops, and for safety reasons, the walks must be cleared so that kids are not forced to walk in the streets.

Residents are obligated by law to remove all ice and snow from sidewalks in front of their premises within 12 hours of daylight after a snowfall. The owner of any building must also remove snow and ice from their driveways, parking lots and entrances to their buildings within 12 hours. Residents must also put down an ice melting substance within four hours, if ice forms on their property.

Failure to comply with the law may result in a summons and/or the clearing of your property by code enforcement officers or the police department at your expense. Fines can run up to \$1,000.

## School Referendum Cost Still Not Available

At Tuesday night's meeting, the Board of Education was forced to table the resolution which put a dollar amount on the upcoming bond resolution going before the voters on Tuesday, March 6.

The Board has been waiting for the actual amount that the state will kick in towards the building costs. The board may have to hold

a special meeting when official word comes down from the state to pass a resolution. The exact amount of the bond will be known before residents enter the voting booth.

The Board has hired Edward Keegan as High School Assistant Principal and Russell Mattoon as District Technology Coordinator.

## Jamieson Secures First Ever Tigers Bowling Crown

After qualifying from a field of approximately 400 bowlers, seniors Melissa Jamieson and Ray Tomei both competed in last Wednesday's Greater Middlesex Conference Individual Bowling Championship.

Jamieson won the girl's competition, becoming South Plainfield's first GMC Individual Bowling Champion. Ray Tomei won a Bronze Medal for this eighth place finish in the competition.

In the semifinals, Jamieson set a girls bowling team record as she fired a booming 267 game, a new school record, and averaged 213 in her six game semifinal. In her

267 game she strung out the first nine strikes.

In the finals, the Tigers' star was neck and neck with Woodbridge's Nicole Ferone for the title before winning big by rolling four consecutive strikes.

Tomei bowled 220-211-200 games in the semifinals and finished his six game set with a 209 average in a field of approximately 200 entrants.

The previous record high game of 258 was set by Kathryn Starr, who won the State Individual Championship in 1958. Melissa gave South Plainfield High School its first ever girls bowling title.



Melissa Jamieson and Ray Tomei get ready to compete in GMC Bowling Finals.



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Log on to  
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for the latest  
meeting agenda

### councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

**AGENDA MEETING** ..... **PUBLIC MEETING**  
Monday, February 5 ..... Thursday, February 8  
Tuesday, February 20 ..... Thursday, February 22  
Monday, March 5 ..... Thursday, March 8

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

### planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

February 13, February 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24

### zoningboardofadjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

January 30, February 6, February 20 (no meeting), March 6

### taxpayersadvisorygroup

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

### siteplacesub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26

### recyclingcommission

Meets Thursday, once a month

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

Jan. 25, 2001.

### recreationcommission

Meets once a month on the second Monday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, September 10,  
October 8, November 12, December 10

### environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

Feb. 21, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, 2002

### boardofeducationmeetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole, Feb. 13, 8 p.m., Regular Board Mtg., Feb. 19, 8 p.m.  
Committee of the Whole, Mar. 13, 8 p.m., Regular Board Mtg., Mar. 20, 8 p.m.  
Committee of the Whole, Apr. 3, 8 p.m., Regular Board Mtg., Apr. 10, 8 p.m.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email at our website at spobserver.com or faxed to 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Observer.

## In My Opinion

### To the Editor:

The Citizens Public Relations Committee will hold their next meeting on Monday, Jan. 29, at Grant School starting at 7:30 p.m. We encourage anyone who would like to help our committee to come to this meeting. Your help is needed.

The Public Relations is planning to hold a presentation at each school explaining what exactly is contained in the School Board Referendum, how much state funding the district will receive and to answer any questions from the voters.

The presentations will be held at the following schools: Kennedy on Jan 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Riley on Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m.; Middle School on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.; Franklin on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. and Roosevelt on Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Parents and residents are encouraged to attend at least one of these presentations.

Please come out and show your support for our students. Don't the children of South Plainfield deserve the best education? My children do!

TRACEY HARTMAN

### To the Editor:

My son was assaulted in the hallway of the Middle School here in South Plainfield. He is a 13-year-old caucasian, who was jumped by four non-caucasian 13-year-olds during class change.

Granted, they were handcuffed and brought to the Municipal Building. Their punishment for the crime committed in school, by the school?—A five day suspension, which basically means a mini-vacation for all four involved. I mean you don't really think they're going to be grounded, made to stay at home or given work to do, do you?

Also people should be aware that when kids are suspended,

even for assault, they are allowed to attend school-sponsored sporting events (cheerleaders beware!). You ask, how does this happen? Well, lets just say that a certain caring, nurturing, mother (NOT) smuggles these delinquents in the back door of the gym! Not only do they get to enjoy a rousing wrestling match, they get to brag about what they did during their assault to anyone who will listen, while they sit next to mommy dearest in the bleachers. Talk about being a product of your environment. These kids don't have a chance. Of course, is there a school representative monitoring these events? Silly question!

When school officials are confronted with this atrocity, they "suppose" they should instill another day of suspension to those who were on school grounds during suspension. Of course, this didn't happen, because all four were back in school after the initially imposed five days.

Ironically, should four caucasian boys had assaulted a non-caucasian boy, Al Sharpton and any number of news crews would be making South Plainfield their home away from home.

Hopefully, the court system will be less sympathetic to these juvenile delinquents and the appropriate punishment will be handed down not only to the delinquents, but also to their parents.

This letter is intended for all of those parents that weren't aware of what can possibly happen to your child while you're at work, assuming they're safe at school.

**NOT DONE YET!**

## Environmental Commission Meetings for 2001

The meeting dates for the South Plainfield Environmental Commission are as follows:

Wednesday, February 21  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 13  
July 11  
August 8  
September 12  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12  
January 9, 2002

These meetings take place in the Borough Hall Conference Room at 8:00 p.m. Any questions by the public, please call 908-226-7621.

## Project Graduation Asks for Parents Help

The South Plainfield High School PTA sponsors Project Graduation for each graduating class. To give this event to our seniors is costly, but through fundraising efforts of the PTA we use the necessary money by holding the Scoop Dinner, Christmas Wreath Sale and the Auction/Raffle. Project Graduation is held on graduation night when all the seniors have a lock-in at Ricochet Racquetball Club. There is continuous food and entertainment all night and graduating seniors celebrate in a drug/alcohol free environment on one of the most important days of their lives. All seniors leave with parting gifts and wonderful memories of the night they shared with their graduating class.

We ask that all parents wanting to become involved with Project Graduation attend the South Plainfield High School PTA meetings held the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the High School. Please come to our next meeting on Feb. 15 and see how you can help with Project Graduation.

The SPHS Project Graduation Committee is working very hard to raise money for this year's celebration. High school parents are busy donating some wonderful gifts/baskets for our Fourth Annual Raffle, which will be held this year on Saturday, March 10, at the High School.

If anyone wants to donate a gift that can be used for the Auction/Raffle, please call us. We have some wonderful and exciting gifts this year and more are coming in each day. The money that is raised from the Auction/Raffle is used solely on Project Graduation and for our STUDENTS!

Tickets to the Auction/Raffle are on sale now. Admission is \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door, but we plan on selling out prior to the event, so get your tickets now! Contact us at: Ellen Melanson at 756-3731-ELMEL17@junio.com or Pat Anderson at 756-6512-Andol932@aol.com.

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### Milestones

#### Happy 50th Birthday PO Allen LaMonda



Police Officer Allen LaMonda

Allen LaMonda celebrates his 50th birthday, Thursday, Jan. 25.

LaMonda is a member of the South Plainfield Police Department Community Policing Division and is one of the officers that teaches fifth graders DARE.

At Monday's DARE Graduation ceremonies, the Franklin School fifth grade students, who LaMonda just finished teaching a 17 week DARE course, surprised him by singing happy birthday. We join the students wishing him a happy birthday from the *Observer* staff.

#### Stahlin is Named to Dean's List

Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT has announced that Stephanie A. Stahlin has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester.

Stephanie is majoring in respiratory therapy and has spent the semester participating in clinical work at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven.

#### Severino, Oller Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Severino, of South Plainfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alyson, to Scott Oller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oller of South Plainfield.

Alyson graduated from Montclair State University with a BA in Elementary Education. She is a fifth grade teacher with the Branchburg Public School System and is currently attending graduate school at Kean University as a reading specialist.

Scott attended Upsala College and is employed with the County of Monmouth. Both Alyson and Scott graduated from South



Scott Oller and Alyson Severino Plainfield High School.

A July 2001 wedding is planned.

#### Motor Vehicle Accident Closes Hamilton Blvd.

Early last Friday morning, a serious one-car motor vehicle accident occurred on South Clinton Ave., between Tyler Place and Hamilton Blvd.

Vincent Knight of Dayton, NJ was the driver of the car. He was traveling southbound in a 1995 Acura Legend at a high rate of speed when he apparently lost control. His vehicle struck a snow

bank on the side of the roadway, causing his car to cross the road into the northbound lane and strike a utility pole, causing the pole to split in half. The force of this pole breaking also caused a service pole to a business to split. Power loss was confined to buildings in the immediate area of the crash site.

The South Plainfield Rescue

### Do You Still Need to Register to Vote?—Why Not on the Web!

Members of the Board of Education are asking parents of children in the school system to be sure they are registered to vote. A special bond referendum will be held on March 6, 2001.

To register on the web, you can download a voter registration form and instructions at [www.fed.gov/voteregis/rtr.htm](http://www.fed.gov/voteregis/rtr.htm) or [www.wvnj.org](http://www.wvnj.org).

You can also pick up a form at any New Jersey agency, such as the Division of Motor Vehicles located in the Middlesex Mall or the post office on Oak Tree Ave. Forms are also available at the clerk's office in Borough Hall and the *Observer* office on Hamilton Blvd.

Just fill out the form and mail it back in the self-addressed envelope. You don't even need a stamp. To participate in the referendum election, voters must be registered by Feb. 4.

#### Voters in Districts 6 and 11 Assigned New Polling Place

Beginning with the Special School Referendum to be held on Tuesday, March 6, the polling place for residents in Districts 6 and 11 will be at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad Building at 2520 Plainfield Ave.

For further information, call Mary Blue at (908) 226-7606.



Pictured above from left to right are Tish Isack, director of Spend-A-Day, Mary Close and her daughter Mary Beth Reardon.

### Spend-A-Day Starts New Year With Celebration

SAGE Spend-A-Day kicked off the New Year with the receipt of a grant from *Our House Foundation*, a non-profit organization that funds services and programs for adults and adolescents with developmental and learning disabilities. The grant given to SAGE will be used as a scholarship fund for people with developmental disabilities who wish to attend the Spend-A-Day adult day health center in Berkeley Heights.

Volunteer/staff member Mary Close was honored for 20 years of

service at a celebration on Jan. 3 at SAGE Spend-A-Day adult day health center in Berkeley Heights.

In tribute to her anniversary, Close's family made a donation to Spend-A-Day and noted, "During her two decades as a volunteer and as a staff member, Mom...has touched the lives of hundreds of special people who have come to the program during these years. Her love and care for each client have exemplified the dignity with which all of our elderly should be treated."

### SPJBC Accepting Nominations For Little Miss Baseball 2001

Once again, it is time to crown Little Miss Baseball 2001. Nominations will be accepted for Little Miss Baseball from Feb. 7 through Feb. 26. Girls must be between the ages of 8 and 11 years old and be South Plainfield residents.

To nominate someone, call 756-2090 and leave her name, phone number and age on the answering machine. Finalists will be phoned on Feb. 27. Little Miss Baseball 2001 will be chosen by the "penny-a-vote" system. Boxes (with finalists' pictures) will be placed in Ciccio's, Quick Chek and B&C Deli starting March 3 and will remain there until March 30. They will then be removed and counted for the announcement of the winner on Opening Day, April 7.

Girls nominated are asked to march with the Baseball Club parade on April 7. The parade ends at the Baseball Complex and during Opening Day Festivities we will announce Little Miss Baseball 2001. A requirement for the winner is that she must be present

to be crowned.

Get out and vote for our 2001 Little Miss Baseball. If you have any questions, please call Stacy Lake at 757-9531.

### Summer Drama Chooses Bye Bye Birdie

After much debate, the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) play selection committee has chosen the perennial favorite *Bye Bye Birdie* as their 30th anniversary season production.

*Bye Bye Birdie* was the first show presented by SDW when the youth theater group was created in 1972. The show was staged again for their 10th anniversary and was last presented seven years ago. It's an ideal show to celebrate their 30th season.

For more information on SDW, check out their website at [SPSDW.COM](http://SPSDW.COM).

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# Events Around Town

## Girl Scout Troop Sponsors Blood Drive

February 3

South Plainfield Girl Scout Troop 117 and New Jersey Blood Services are sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church at 1500 Plainfield Ave.

To donate blood, you must be 17 years old (with parental consent) to 75 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. The need for blood affects us all. Nine out of ten of us will need blood some time in our lives.

Your blood donation is critically needed during these winter months. Illness and bad weather add to the decrease in volunteer donors, creating a blood shortage for our area hospitals.

For more information, contact Nancy Regan at (908) 756-4530.

## VFW Plans Country Breakfast

February 4

A Country Breakfast is planned on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. at VFW Post 6763 at 155 Front St. The menu will be varied and a children's menu is available. The cost for adults is \$5, children to 12 years are \$2.50. The breakfast is sponsored by Pup Tent 41, Military Order of the Cootie. Proceeds from breakfast go toward Ward Bingo Parties at the Lyons Veterans Administration Medical Center.

For more information, phone (908) 668-9751 after 3:00 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on weekends.

## George Washington To Visit SP Library

February 4

The Friends of the South Plainfield Library are inviting everyone to "A Visit With George Washington." William Sommerfield, from the American Historical Theatre, will portray George Washington on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Library. Admission is free and refresh-

ments will be served. (See related story on this page.)

This program is made possible through funding from the NJ Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## AARP Trip Planned

February 21, 22

AARP will sponsor an overnight trip to Atlantic City and the Three Little Bakers Theater on Feb. 21 and 22, 2001. Transportation, admission, show and lunch at Baker's, lodging in Atlantic City with continental breakfast, \$20 casino bonus, beef and seafood dinner are included. Hotel and restaurant gratuities included. Double occupancy is \$155, single is \$185.

For reservations, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

## Rec Announces Trip to Papermill Playhouse

May 9

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Papermill Playhouse to see *Funny Girl*.

The bus leaves the PAL at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Register at the PAL on Maple Ave.

## Trip to See The Lion King Planned

July 5

The Rec Department is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see *The Lion King* on July 5, 2001.

The cost is \$95 per person and includes your ticket and the bus. Purchase your ticket at the PAL. The bus leaves at 4 p.m.

The PAL is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Trip to Cape Cod, Sold Out; Waiting List Started

September 10-14

The PAL 5-day, 4-night trip to Cape Cod has been sold out. A waiting list is now forming and if more people sign up, there will be a second bus. The trip is Sept. 10-14, 2001.

The package includes four nights accommodations, four breakfasts, four dinners, including a lobster bake, fully escorted

tours of the Hyannis area, the historic Massachusetts towns of Sandwich, Boston, Quincy Market, Plymouth and Provincetown and the Hyannis Harbor Cruise. A visit to Foxwoods Casino enroute home, an evening of entertainment, a welcome reception, baggage handling, all taxes and standard gratuities and motorcoach transportation will all also be included in this trip.

Prices are \$325 per person double, triple and quad occupancy. Single supplement is \$78. For more information and reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714.

## Multi-Class Reunion Planned

An invitation is extended to all SPHS graduates from Sandi Spisso Connelly and Bobby Cobb, SPHS Class of 1969.

The 1969 alumni are planning a special "Golden 50th Birthday" Class Reunion for May of 2001, to be held as an all day outdoor event at Forest Lodge in Warren. Many people from a diverse range of graduating classes find the idea of a multi-class reunion appealing. It offers an excellent way to renew old friendships. Some classes lack reunion coordinators, sufficient number of alumni or both.

In view of this interest, we, of the Class of 1969, have opened the invitation for the event to all SPHS alumni. The 60's Boardwalk theme will celebrate all those who once walked the halls of South Plainfield High School.

Pass the word to all alumni you have contact with. If they have an interest, contact either Sandy Spisso Connelly or Bobby Cobb at the following email addresses: spdcn@aol.com or racobb@epix.neto

## —Out of Town—

### KISMET Events

January 27

"What Would You Do For Romance?" A full participation game show for singles will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. at the Bravo Center, 1100 South Ave.—upper level in Westfield. Cost is \$30 at the door and includes game show, refreshments and prizes.

For further information on any of these events, contact KISMET at (908) 232-8827 or visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com).

### Tourette Syndrome Meetings

March 8, May 10

The Tourette Syndrome Association of Middlesex/Union County Family Support Group meetings have been scheduled for the following dates, Thursday, March 8 and May 10. The meetings are held at JFK Medical Center in Edison, in the Neuroscience Institute Department, from 7 to 9 p.m. Please note that the meeting night is different. For more information, call 732-283-1439 after 6 p.m. or contact [www.tsanj.org](http://www.tsanj.org).

## George Washington Reincarnated: William Arthur Sommerfield

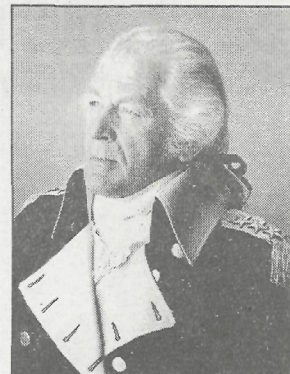
"A visit with George Washington," sponsored by The Friends of the Library, featuring William Sommerfield will take place on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Library. Sommerfield, from the American Historical Theatre, will portray George Washington. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

William Sommerfield has dedicated himself to an intense study of Washington, both the man and the myth, and is internationally recognized as the foremost interpreter of George Washington. He was selected by the Bicentennial Commission on the Constitution in 1989 for the eight day journey from Mount Vernon to New York in a re-creation of the inaugural ride, culminating in the swearing in of the first president. Sommerfield is the only man ever to interpret Washington at the General's home, Mount Vernon in Virginia, where he appears frequently.

In 1990, he went to London and was featured in a mock trial docu-drama for the BBC, with participation by a distinguished panel of judges and lawyers from both sides of the Atlantic, entitled *The Trial of George Washington*.

William Arthur Sommerfield holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education from the University of Wisconsin and is a former corporate executive vice president from the world of educational publishing. For the past fifteen years, he has worked as a professional writer, director and actor and is currently artistic director and chief writer for The American Historical Theatre in Philadelphia, a non-profit organization dedicated to the art of first-person historical interpretation.

Historical interpretation is the combining of historical scholarship with the performance tech-



William Sommerfield as George Washington.

niques of the theater. Sommerfield, along with his wife Pamela, provide training in this artform to actors, historians and other professionals, encouraging the extension of historical knowledge and theatrical abilities. Past workshops include the Boston Public Library, the American Bar Association and the National Park Service.

Under Mr. Sommerfield's leadership, The American Historical Theater has produced approximately sixty historical characters, plays and videos, and a widely varying historical programs in schools, colleges and Elderhostels. *George Washington, the Man Nobody Knew, A Rising and a Setting Sun* and *Galileo, Messenger from the Stars*, are plays written and performed by Sommerfield across the United States.

In the spring of 1999, Sommerfield was invited to the ancestral home of George Washington in England marking the 200th anniversary of Washington's death and to commemorate the occasion, Sommerfield has helped to launch a special traveling exhibit from Mount Vernon.

This program is made possible through funding from the NJ Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Joseph Belardo to Present a Vietnam Slide Presentation

On Saturday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m., the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will host the slide presentation 'Reflections of Vietnam' by Joseph Belardo.

Joseph Belardo, after graduating from South Plainfield High School, served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 as an Army sergeant. His unit Battery C, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, attached to the 3rd Marine Division was known as the "Dusters." Their weapon was the M-42 twin 40 mm self-propelled anti-aircraft gun. During the last 15 years, Belardo, a resident of South Plainfield and manager of Support Systems, a metal fabrication company there, has presented 'Reflections of Vietnam' to more than 20,000 New Jersey High School and college students. He has been married to Nancy Belardo for more than 32 years

and they have three children, Mary, Joseph and Patrick.

'Reflections of Vietnam' tells the story of a young New Jersey boy stationed on the De-Militarized Zone (DMZ) in Vietnam. It gives a true account and one-on-one exposure to the Vietnam War. Reflections of Vietnam lands in southern Vietnam in August of 1967 and continues north to the DMZ. It walks through Tet 68 and the famous battle of Khe Sanh, before returning to New Jersey in August of 1968. 'Reflections of Vietnam' covers the living conditions and every day life in a combat zone, the battles, the friends lost, the homecoming, and the long lasting effects of Agent Orange and PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.)

Lecture attendees are asked to RSVP one week prior to each event to (732) 335-0033. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. The Vietnam Era Educational Center is located adjacent to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway at exit 116 in Holmdel, NJ.

This series is supported by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.



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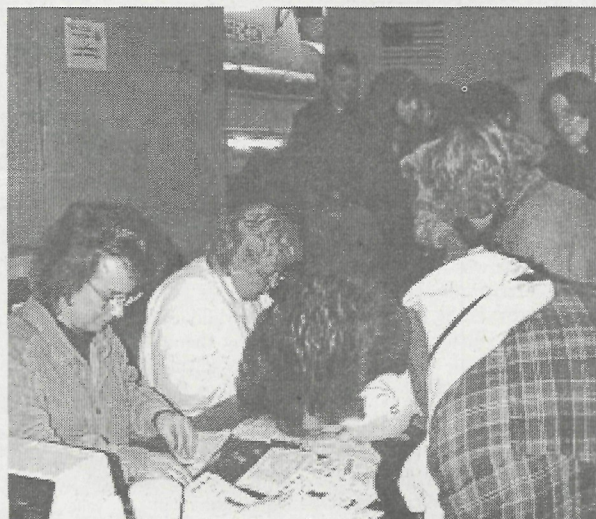
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Despite the impending inclement weather last Saturday, hundreds of dogs and cats were brought to the Borough Garage for their rabies shots. Residents were also able to purchase their 2001 dog/cat license. Residents can purchase their dog/cat license at Borough Hall at a cost of \$8 if spayed/neutered and \$11 if not. A \$1 per month late fee is incurred after Jan. 31. For further information, call 226-7631.

## Quartet Taking Reservations for Valentine's Day Fundraiser

The United Way Quartet is still accepting reservations to serenade your sweetheart on Valentine's Day.

The quartet will go to your business or home, dressed appropriately in a red vest and tie, sing two songs, and present your sweetheart with a rose, candy and a photo of the event for only a \$50 donation. This is a great way to tell your sweetheart you care and to help the United Way of South Plainfield raise money for their many projects.

Last year this group, consisting of Rick Stefany, Joe Chanley, Clayton Echan and Bill Samson teamed up to raise over \$800 for the United Way of South Plainfield. The group rehearsed together for weeks before their big event. This year they have already begun practicing and hope to exceed last year's donations.

To make arrangements to have the quartet serenade your sweetheart or if you need more information, call Marge at (908) 753-2200.

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## VFW 'Voice of Democracy' Winners

Members of VFW Post #6763 presented their annual 'Voice of Democracy' Awards last Friday evening. Each year the VFW asks students to write an essay explaining what democracy means to them.

The award presentation was conducted by Post Commander Rudy Poczak and Auxiliary President Joan Jepson. Attending the ceremonies were parents and teachers from the schools represented.

The essays were written by seventh and eighth grade students from South Plainfield Middle School and Sacred Heart School. South Plainfield High School students not only had to write an essay they had to make an audio tape of their entries.

Post Chairman Rudy Poczak and his wife, Marlene, read each essay submitted. They enjoy this very difficult challenge of choosing a finalist and stress that everyone who enters the contest was a winner.

Winners from the High School were Dan Wiczkowski-first place, Katie Lawrence-second place and Dhera Shah-third place. Middle school winners were Keenan Gaynor-first place, Cassie D'Urso-second place and Melissa A. Sticco-third place. Sacred Heart School winners were Kevin Hohner-first place, Courtney Ervin-second place and Christiana A. Martin-third place. Many of this year's winners have won awards in this same contest in previous years.

Each first place winner read their essay at the ceremonies and everyone could tell they all took their assignments seriously. Each one had a different angle on "What Democracy Means to Them."

This year the prize money was increased over last year. First prize winners received \$250, second place got \$200 and third place was awarded \$175. The VFW runs fundraisers all year long to fund this contest. They want students to always remember what the VFW stands for and that VFW members are one of the reasons that American has stayed a free democracy.

The first place winners were also entered in the district competition.

## Arrest Made in Lube Express Robbery

Last Thursday, police arrested Eugene Tate, 26, of Plainfield and charged him with robbery. Tate is accused of robbing the Lube Express, located on Stelton Rd., on Aug. 27, 2000.

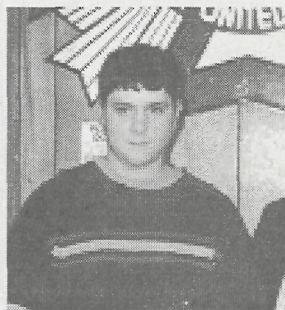
The original report indicated that a black male wearing a bandana across his face entered the establishment, announced a robbery, produced a handgun, tied up the two employees and proceeded to steal approximately \$700 in cash. There were no injuries as a result of this robbery.

Tate was identified as a suspect following a lengthy investigation. He was charged with Robbery, Possession of a Weapon, and Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purposes and Criminal Restraint.

He is currently housed at the Somerset County Jail on an unrelated charged. Bail was set at \$10,000 with no 10% option by Judge Daniel Murphy, JMC.



First Place winner Kevin Hohner of Sacred Heart with Auxiliary President Joan Jepson and VFW Commander Rudy Poczak.



Middle School first place winner, Keenan Gaynor.



High school first place winner, Dan Wiczkowski, a sophomore.



Left to right are Katie Lawrence, high school second place; Dhera Shah, high third place and Melissa A. Sticco, third place middle school.



Pictured left, Joan Jepson and Rudy Poczak with Sacred Heart second place winner, Courtney Ervin and at right Christiana A. Martin, Sacred Heart third place winner.

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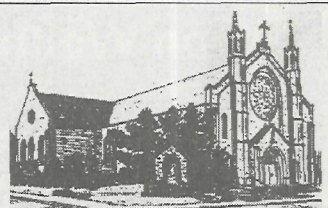
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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11 a.m.- 12 noon, 4:15-4:45 p.m.  
and after 5 p.m. Vigil Mass





## Dinosaur Tales Pays a Visit to YMCA Kids Place

Kindergarten and pre-school children at YMCA Kids Place located on Park Ave. were treated to a special program, *Dinosaur Tales*, presented by Maxine Ginsberg.

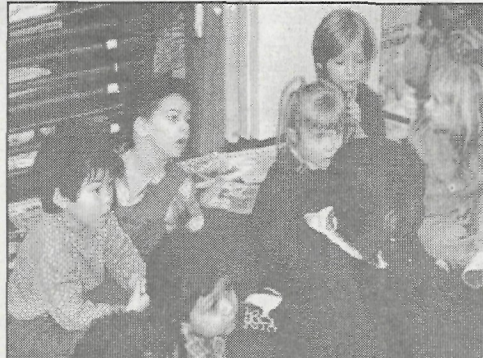
Ginsberg, who has spent 25 years in education, brings hundreds of props for to her program. She proudly states that has also participated in a real life dinosaur dig in Montana.

Ginsberg spread dinosaur books and pictures all over the classroom, turning it into a 'dino-room' for her presentation. Dinosaur figures and fossils were also on display.

Ginsberg starts her dinosaur program giving each child silly putty and then encouraged them to make the dough into a fossil. The kids got right to work, making a variety of fossils.

Ginsberg then read a book using her many props to emphasize different parts of the story.

Children were encouraged to ask questions about dinosaurs and she attempted to answer each one with her own 'dino-dialogue.'



From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for one more January column from the South Plainfield Library:

We'll start today with a reminder about the Homeschoolers meeting this morning at 10:30. It's an informal meeting of parents who home school their children, or those interested in doing so. The meeting will be held in our Children's Room.

On to upcoming Children's programs. At this writing, there's still space available for this afternoon's Kidcraft program. However, that space is limited, so please call (908) 754-7885 to reserve a spot. The program is for children age 6 and over; it starts at 4:00. Next week, we'll be staying with our usual schedule of Storytimes. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. They're for children age 3 and older; no pre-registration is required. If you'd like more information, check with Linda Hansen, our well-traveled Children's Librarian.

Tomorrow is the last day you can borrow Circuit videos from the present group. The group for February will be available late next week.

Here's an advance word on an upcoming program. The Friends of the Library will present "A Visit with George Washington" on Sunday, February 4, at 2 p.m. William Sommerfield, an actor with the American Historical Theatre, will portray Washington. Admission is free; no pre-registration is required. The program is made possible through funding from the NJ Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In addition, the Friends are

collecting Romance books (both hardcover and paperback) for a sale coming up next month. Please place your donation in the marked container near the main desk, and please make sure the books are in good condition.

We've recently updated the "Upcoming Books" flyers at the main desk. Books on the way in the coming months include *The Jury* by Steve Martini, "P" is for *Peril* by Sue Grafton, *Shock* by Robin Cook, *Warrior Class* by Dale Brown and *Lone Eagle* by Danielle Steel. Meanwhile, books added recently to the collection include *Shopgirl* by Steve Martin, *The Mark* by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, *Roses are Red* by James Patterson, *I'd Hate Myself in the Morning* by Ring Lardner, Jr., and *Lost & Found* by Jayne Ann Krentz. You're free to place a reserve on both circulating and upcoming books, but be advised that, in many cases, there may be people in line ahead of you for them.

Finally, one advisory: Through our MURAL participation, those with borrowers cards from other library are free to take out our items without restriction. Unfortunately, there are some services they are unable to use, including renewal via the Elvis system and our Internet terminals. This is not, repeat not, due to discrimination against non-South Plainfield residents. It's because those services require the input of a valid South Plainfield barcode number. However, if you're from a MURAL-participating library, you can obtain a South Plainfield card (including barcode) free of charge, allowing you to use said resources. Ask at the main desk for more information.

That's all for now. See you in February.

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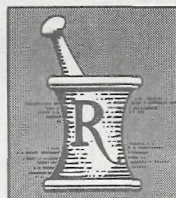


## Observer Part of "A Day in the Life of South Plainfield"

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they visited the Rescue Squad, the future site of the Senior Center Building, Middlesex Mall, Oak Park Commons, Harris Steel, M & V Tobacco Outlet, Peter Pan Pharmacy, Paulo's, Flavor Dynamics and Rescue House of Prayer. They also spent time at Sherban's Diner, explored Spring

Lake Park, visited the Future Stars pre-school and took in a Middle School wrestling practice.

The South Plainfield feature, the first "A Day in the Life..." for Editor Ann Bendheim, will appear in the January 25 issue of the *Home News Tribune*. Bendheim was assisted by the former editor of special sections, Craig Turpin.



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Future Stars Preschool 3-Year-Old-Class, learned about hibernation day this week. Students wore their pajama's to school and brought their favorite animal, in celebration of this lesson. All of the children really enjoyed this special day, as well as showing off their pj's.

## Auditions Announced for NJ Renaissance Kingdom

The Grand Audition for the 13th Annual New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom will be held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26-27, at the Hampton Inn on Davidson Ave. in Somerset, New Jersey. Friday auditions run from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday auditions are from 12 noon to 5 p.m. All those wishing to audition should be prepared to return on Sunday, Jan. 28 between 12 noon and 5 p.m. for callbacks.

Special singing and dancing auditions will be held on both Saturday and Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. All those who wish to audition for the Madrigals, Revelers, or other singing and dancing roles must audition on one of these two days. Callbacks will not be required for these roles.

Needed at the Grand Audition are versatile male and female actors, ages 16 and up to play a host of roles. The roles include comical actors for the Fairy Tale Troupe and the Bard's Company, combat fighters to play various roles in the Enchanted Forest, men-at-arms and squires for the Opening Ceremonies and Grand Finale, actors for Scenes from

Shakespeare, improvisational actors to play wenches, peasants, jugglers, and courtiers to interact with guests, singers for the Madrigal group and Revelers group, dancers, and more.

Auditioners will be asked to read cold from provided scripts. Madrigal and Reveler singers will be taught a brief song at the audition, while dancers will be taught a brief routine. Fighting candidates will be tested for movement and agility. Shakespearean auditioners should prepare a brief piece of approximately 8-10 lines.

Those who are not interested in performing, but are looking for a fun activity to be a part of can volunteer for positions such as running games, refreshment stands, parking attendants, etc. Persons interested need not come to auditions (but are welcome to do so), and can sign up by calling Noreen Dunn at (732) 356-1497 ext. 3.

The New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom, sponsored by Dunn-Ley Productions, LLC, is an educational and cultural event located on Davidson Ave. in Somerset. This year the event runs Saturdays and Sundays from May 25 to July 1, including Memorial Day, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Rehearsals will begin approximately mid-February.

This is a unique chance to entertain enormous crowds several times each day. All actors and participants at the Kingdom are unpaid volunteers. For more information and directions, please call (732) 356-1497 ext. 3. You can reach the Hampton Inn directly by calling (732) 563-1600.

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## Sacred Heart School to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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Catholic School Week schedule is:

**Sunday, January 28**—9:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Students are expected to wear their uniform during the Mass.

**Monday, January 29**—DARE Graduation at 1 p.m. in the gym.

**Tuesday, January 30**—Open House from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Registration of New Students

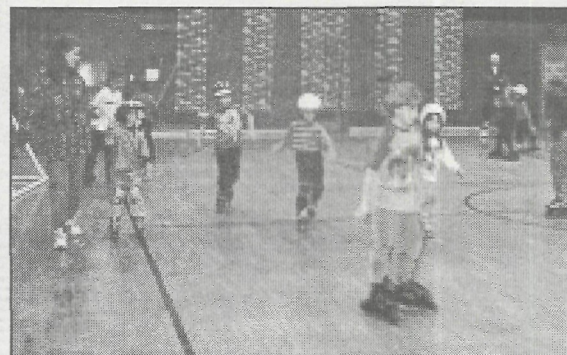
**Wednesday, January 31**—Pizza Lunch for Students from 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

"Enhancing Parenting Skills" with J. Spera at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 1**—Open House from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Registration of New Students.

Harlem Wizards Game

**Friday, February 2**—First Friday Mass at 9 a.m. Teachers' Renewal of Commitment.



A ROLLER SKATING fundraiser was held at Monday night at Kennedy School to benefit the Fifth Grade Stokes Trip. The younger grades skated early, followed by the older kids. Everyone had a great time for a good cause.



## Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Registrations

Pop Warner has announced that registration will take place for both football and cheerleaders at the Eagles Fieldhouse on Kenneth Ave., (across from the recycling area). Rooster sizes are limited, so make sure you register early. There will be no waiting list.

Registration is open to all South Plainfield children ages 5 to 14 (by Aug. 1).

Coaches are welcome. A

registration fee is due at sign up. Register on Friday, March 2 from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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# Sports

## WRESTLING

### Tiger Wrestling News

## Tigers Bounce Back at Old Bridge

By Bob Hunter

The South Plainfield High School wrestling team, underdogs for the first time since 1996 after a heart breaking loss to South Brunswick, regrouped to knock-off the #9 Knights in the GMC Red division match up 32-28.

The Tigers embarrassed by the loss were out to prove that they were the better team. South Plainfield and Old Bridge split the bouts 7-7, but the Tigers took advantage by scoring more bonus points.

Old Bridge jumped out to an early lead, when Justin Smigelsky scored a major decision over Danny DeAndrea at 103. But the Tigers then took control with a

major by Rich Gebauer 112. Matt Anderson 119, returning state champ, was surprised when he got taken down and put to his back for a four-point move by Mike Carro. Anderson then regrouped before going on to win 8-4.

Rickey Ringel 125 lost a close 3-0 decision to Vinny Iodaci. The Tigers then won four straight matches with Roberto Ramos 130, scoring a major decision over Rob Cook 10-1. Matt Gati 135, then scored the first fall for the Tigers over Tony Rispoli at 4:21.

Scott Doerr 140, followed suit with a fall over Alejandro Battle at 5:05. Glenn Gross capped the

win with a big 13-7 win over Wilhelm Kienhofer for a 26-7 lead. Old Bridge then made a charge, winning the next three bouts.

Kevin Quinlan pinned Mike Buteas at 152 and Mike Wojcik defeated Steve Johnston 10-3 at 160. Joe DeBiase 171, fought off his back in the first period to prevent the Knights from getting back into the match, dropping an 8-3 decision to Sal Iodaci. With the score 26-19 and the Knights in striking distance going into the 189 match, but John Foscolo sealed the victory with a big pin over Derek Fortin at 1:52.

The Tigers forfeited 215 and Ryan Elliott heavyweight lost by decision 6-3 to round out the

## Tigers Defeat Del Valley 36-36

*This column was supposed to run in last week's Observer, but due to our error it did not make it into the paper.*

The High School wrestling team defeated Delaware Valley 36-26 in the clash of two-state ranked teams. The Tigers jumped out to a 30-0 lead before holding off a late charge from the Terriers.

Danny DeAndrea 103, got the Tigers going with a 7-5 decision. Rich Gebauer 112, was down early and had a strong third period, scoring a fall over Rick Kurtz. That pin got the crowd and the team fired up and Rickey Ringel 119, followed with a fall over Clay Butler. Matt Anderson followed at 125 and scored a tech fall over Mike Spadow 16-0.

Roberto Ramos 130, the won by a major decision 11-0 over Bill Mowder. Matt Gati 135, kept the momentum going with a 14-9 decision over Lance Thatcher. Scott Doerr 140, then took a 3-2 decision over Jim Rominski. Glenn Gross 145, did a great job, by not giving up bonus points, dropped a 7-1 decision. Jason

Stokes 152, did a good job losing 12-4.

The Tigers in a great move forfeited 160. Joe DeBiase 171, also did his job by not giving up bonus points when he dropped a 6-

### South Brunswick Stuns the Tigers 30-28

South Plainfield's 22 match winning streak came to an end when South Brunswick knocked off the number seven Tigers in their own gym. The Tigers did not get the bonus points down low enough were they needed them. Danny DeAndrea 103, dropped a tough 5-0 decision. Rich Gebauer 112, the spark plug of this team followed with a pin over Garrett Nasdeo in 0:34. Rickey Ringel 119, then won an 8-6 decision and Matt Anderson followed at 125, with a fall, but that was the one they would see.

Roberto Ramos 130, then won an 8-3 decision. Matt Gati 135, lost by decision 13-9 and Scott Doerr 140, scored a major decision over Ryan Griffin. Glenn

1 decision. The Tigers then forfeited 189 and John Foscolo came on to wrestle at 215 and pinned Josh Wurst at 2:32 giving the Tigers the win. Ryan Elliott wrestled heavyweight and lost by decision.

Gross lost a close 6-5 decision to Kyle Nasdeo, who was looking for a fall at 145. Steve Johnston 152, who's been out with the flu, made his return by scoring an 8-4 decision over Mike Valentino. The Tigers then lost the next two matches by fall.

The Tigers then forfeited at 171 and then bumped freshman Joe DeBiase up to 189, who lost a close last second decision to Pete Gibb. John Foscolo wrestling 215 needed a pin to secure the win for the Tigers. Foscolo was controlling the match and had several near fall situations, but failed to get the pin, before he was slammed and held on for a 14-9 decision. The Tigers had to forfeit in heavyweight giving South Brunswick the win.

### Recreation...

## Tigers Crush Kenilworth

The recreation wrestling team had a big week starting with a huge win over top rated Kenilworth. Kenilworth was 5-0 going into the showdown with the 5-0 Tigers. The Tigers got the early spark from Tyler Hunt 50 pounds, when he defeated Joe Cercste 8-6 in OT. Cercste pinned Hunt at the Roselle Park Tournament the weekend before. Hunt was trailing 6-2, in the final period but scored a reversal and back points to tie the score at six apiece. Hunt got the takedown in OT for the win. Ryan Sacco (57), kept things going with a 6-0, decision over Allen Phillips. Robert Gentile (60), then took a 4-0 decision over Kenilworth ace John Calderone. Nick Heilmann (63), then won a 4-0 decision over Dan Ries.

The Tigers got the first bonus points of the match when Patrick Hunter (67), scored a tech fall 16-0 over Mike Minnitti. John Wylam (70), kept things rolling scoring a 4-2 decision over Kenny Knapp. Tim Gaughan (73), took early control and score a 8-2 decision over Joe Lospenoso. Billy Ashnault (77), got the Tigers the first fall of the evening at 2:37 over Tom Mannix. Bryan Hunt (80), got a late takedown to beat Steve Margolin 4-2. Nick Dorey (85), followed with a tech fall over Charles Laudati 15-0. Sam Martin (90), then won a 7-2 decision over Anthony Evans 7-2. Mark Wagner (95), wasted little time scoring a fall in 0:48. Danny Pompilio (110), won by forfeit to round out the scoring.

Also wrestling for the Tigers were Dylan Dorey, Brad Martin and Rocco Petriello.

## Beat Del Val and Fleming

The South Plainfield recreation wrestling team had a busy weekend, wrestling four matches and winning them all. The Tigers faced off with league rival's Del Val and Flemington.

The Tigers faced Del Val first and lost the first two bouts. Trailing 12-0 the Tigers then went on a roll, getting pins from Ryan Sacco (57), and a 6-4 win from Corey Hay (60). Nick Heilmann (63), then scored a major decision 10-0 followed by a 10 second fall by Patrick Hunter (67). John Wylam (70), won an 8-1 decision. Tim Gaughan (73), followed with an 11-0 major decision. Billy Ashnault won by forfeit. Bryan Hunt (80), won a 9-4 decision and Nick Dorey won by injury default, after leading in the match 6-0.

Sam Martin (90), followed with a pin at 0:27. Mark Wagner (95), followed with a fall at 0:13. Brad Martin (102), won a 10-7 decision and Rocco Petriello closed the match with a fall with the Tiger winning 62 to 18. Also wrestling were Tyler Hunt (50), Jeffrey Conroy (53), and Danny Pompilio (110).

In the second match of the day the Tigers squared off against Flemington. Once again the Tigers fell behind 12-0 before Ryan Sacco (57), scored a major decision 13-0. Robert Gentile (60), won a 7-1 decision. Nick Heilmann (63), gave the Tigers the lead 13-12 with a fall at :45. Patrick Hunter (67), won by major decision 12-1. John Wylam (70), pinned at 2:35. Tim Gaughan (77), scored a major decision 11-2. Billy Ashnault (77), then pinned at 1:10 and Bryan Hunt (80), then won a decision 7-2. Nick Dorey (85) came out quick and coasted to 6-0 decision.

Sam Martin (90), won by tech fall 17-0. Mark Wagner (95) won a decision 11-6. Brad Martin followed at 102 and won an 8-2 decision. Danny Pompilio (110), then closed the door with a fall at 0:53. Rocco Petriello scored a major decision in an exhibition match 15-2. Also wrestling were Tyler Hunt and Jeff Conroy.

On Saturday the Tigers faced Roselle Park and Bridgewater and were victorious winning both matches. The Tigers defeated Roselle Park 67-12 and Bridgewater 49-26. The team remains unbeaten at 8-0 heading to this weeks showdown with Middlesex.

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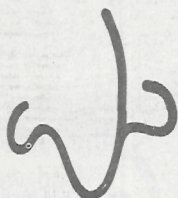
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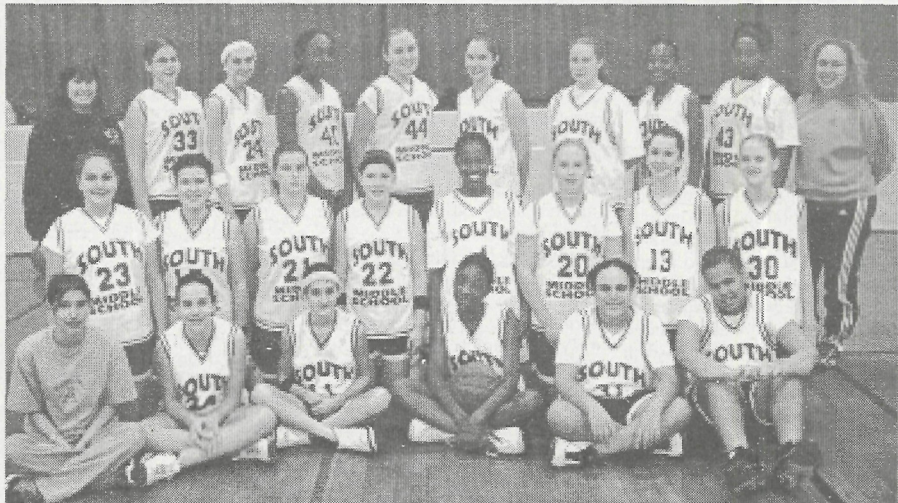
# Sports

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Results from January 20 games.

A LEAGUE	RECORD	TEAM'S HIGH SCORER
Jazz .....	6-1	Chris Bakazan
76ers .....	5-2	Michael Richard/Nick Cesare
Cavaliers .....	5-2	Jason Cosma
Spurs .....	3-4	Chris Czaplinski
Bulls .....	3-4	Ankit Patel
Nuggets .....	2-5	Andrew Miller
Rockets .....	1-6	Sarah Green
Knicks .....	3-4	Andrew Cupido
B LEAGUE	RECORD	TEAM'S HIGH SCORER
Jazz .....	5-2	AJ Romano
Magic .....	6-1	Mike Stallone
Pistons .....	7-0	Kyle Lendach
Nets .....	7-0	Kevin Siedenburgh/Chris Weakley
Hornets .....	6-1	Vincent Genova
Cavaliers .....	6-1	Justin Basilone
Lakers .....	2-5	Matthew Fabino/Matt Jeglinski
Heat .....	3-4	Zachary Gray
Bulls .....	2-5	Brian Wieckowski
Raptors .....	1-6	Samantha Horvath
Supersonics .....	2-5	Anthony Petriello
Timberwolves .....	0-7	Tommy Smith
Knicks .....	2-5	Nicole Cortese/Joey Turrise
Celtics .....	1-6	Joe DeFalco
C LEAGUE	RECORD	TEAM'S HIGH SCORER
Magic .....	5-2	Jordan Petriello
Knicks .....	6-1	Jalil Williams
Pistons .....	6-1	Blair Houston
Heat .....	4-3	Danny Espin/Dominic Papa
Timberwolves .....	5-2	Ken Breslau
Lakers .....	5-2	Vinnie Padula
Bulls .....	3-4	Grey Coppi
Celtics .....	3-4	David Alston
Nets .....	5-2	Tramane Miller
Jazz .....	2-4	John Polizzano
Raptors .....	3-4	Kyle Quail
Cavaliers .....	0-6	Andrew Gray
76ers .....	1-6	Bobby Harrington
Hornets .....	0-7	Nick Giakas
D LEAGUE	RECORD	TEAM'S HIGH SCORER
Nuggets .....	6-1	Ryan Harrington
Jazz .....	7-0	Gaganjot Dhaliwal
Bulls .....	5-2	Kyle Kaczka
Timberwolves .....	5-2	Mark Benak
Hornets .....	4-3	Michael Prior
Nets .....	2-5	Danny Smith
Magic .....	2-5	Steven Grzenda
Pistons .....	4-3	Kishan Patel
Spurs .....	3-4	Thomas Katowich/Mathew Miceli/Lauren Conrad
Heat .....	2-5	Harrison Lee
Lakers .....	2-5	Darrec Fonti
Cavaliers .....	0-7	Stephen Lanza



**MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**—(Left to right) standing: Coach Barnett, Nicole Martinez, Jessica Miller, Shaunique Cisson, Amanda Veinott, Laruen Hause, Melissa Hansen, Kurtia Thomas, Amiryah Chandler and Coach Zurka; kneeling: Catlin English, Nicole Cortese, Danielle Ardnt, Rachel Cupido, Shakera Beverly, Carlie Kazimir, Katie Kelliher and Kathleen Morgan; sitting Lindsay Loicaino, Lacey Santone, Erika Blaszk, Krystal Williams, Coral Willis, Silke Malone.

## SPHS Tigers Bowling Team Results

**Tigers Manhandle Monroe**—In their best offensive showing of the season, the boys bowling team put on a blistering display that was too much for a Monroe squad to handle. With 200 games too numerous to mention, the Tigers were led by Eric Gaub with a strong 604, Paul Larisch with a brilliant 638; Ray Tomei, a sparkling 646; and Jeff Smith with a booming 669 set.

**Lady Tigers Record 12th Shutout**—The girls bowling team remained undefeated as they notched their 14th victory—another shutout over an overmatched Monroe team. Melissa Jamieson's

204-222-601 high set, set the pace with help from Vicky Boley 178, Kristen Herzong 177 and Sabina Montanero 174. Meredith Cooper 165 and Alexis Montanero 152 chipped in for the Lady Tigers who lead the White Division.

**Boys Bowling Team Upset By JFK**—The Boys Bowling Team controlled the Mustangs of JFK in the first game but got caught in the stampede as the Mustangs rallied to win the next two games and pinned a 3-1 loss on the green and white. The Tigers were led by Ray Tomei's 200 game and 546 set. Chipping in were Paul

Larisch 203, Brett Snyder 196, and Rishi Ramgobin 190. The Tigers dropped to 11-4.

**Lady Tigers Roll Over JFK; Win Streak Now At 15**—The Girls Bowling Team remained unbeaten, snagging their 15th victory and 13th shutout as they subdued a pesky JFK squad by over 300 pins. Leading the charge were Sabina Montanero 208 high game and 528 set and Melissa Jamieson 197 and 550 high set. Chipping in with solid support were Kristen Herzog 480, Vicky Boley 478 and Meredith Cooper 468.



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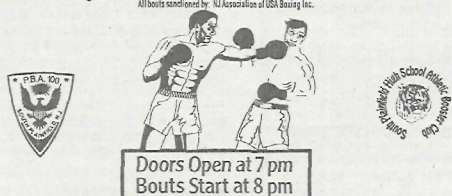
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## Obituaries

### Ronald L. Hutchinson, 64

Ronald L. Hutchinson died on Tuesday, Jan. 23 in his home.

Born in Williamsport, Pa., he has resided in South Plainfield since 1964.

Mr. Hutchinson had been employed as a supervisor of facilities operations for AT&T in Piscataway for 32 years before retiring in 1994.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Lewisburg, Pa. American Legion and the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 of South Plainfield. He was also a member of the South Plainfield BPO Elks Lodge #2298. Mr. Hutchinson was also a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in South Plainfield.

His son, Brian Hutchinson, has predeceased him.

Surviving are his wife, Maudrie A. Hutchinson; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Matthew and Patricia Hutchinson of Bangor, Pa. and Ronald Mark and Donna Hutch-

inson of Daytona Beach, Fla. and his brother, Floyd H. Hutchinson of Tierra Verde, Fla. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Cheryl, Dylan and Daniel Hutchinson.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the McCriskin Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave. Internment will follow in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arnetown on Monday at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends who wish to attend the internment, are asked to be at the funeral home on Monday at 8:45 a.m. Visiting hours are Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818, or the Plainfield Area Humane Society, 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, NJ.

### Joseph Kopacsi Jr., 86

Joseph Kopacsi Jr., of Milltown died Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.

He was born in New Brunswick and lived most of his life there before moving to Milltown seven years ago.

He retired in 1966 from the Johns Manville Co. of North Brunswick after 35 years of service with the company where he was a machinist. He also worked for the Goetz Gasket Co. of North Brunswick.

He was a communicant of St. Ladislaus RC Church of New Brunswick. Mr. Kopacsi was also a member of the Johns Manville 25 year club.

He was one of the founders of the Hungarian American Athletic Club of New Brunswick and was past president and member for 70 years. He also played and was the coach of the soccer team of the HAAC. Mr. Kopacsi loved playing the violin and writing Hungarian music for the HAAC Glee Club. He was very involved finding homes and work for his fellow Hungarians.

He is predeceased by his wife, the late Helen Horvath Kopacsi, who died in 1993; his sister, Isolda Kis Kadi, who died in 2000.

He is survived by his companion of seven years, Rose Kulcsak; two sons and daughter in laws, Thomas C. and Alice of San Antonio, TX and Joseph and Marjorie of South Plainfield, NJ. Also surviving are four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on

Friday at 9 a.m. at the Gowen Funeral Home, 233 Somerset St., New Brunswick. A funeral mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. at St. Ladislaus RC Church, New Brunswick.

Donations in his name may be made to St. Ladislaus RC Church, 215 Somerset St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

### Albert T. Hamilton, Jr., 76

Albert T. Hamilton of Egg Harbor, died on Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Atlantic City Medical Center in Pomona.

He was born in Plainfield and was a former long time resident of South Plainfield before moving to Egg Harbor 10 years ago.

Mr. Hamilton was a grinder for the former Hyatt Bearing Co. in Clark for 30 years before retiring in 1985. He then worked for the Ryder Bus Company in Cologne as a driver for 10 years.

He was a Corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Mr. Hamilton was a 40-year member of the Central Jersey Beagle Club and a member of the South Jersey Beagle Club. He was an AKC breeder for many years.

He was predeceased by his father, Albert T. Hamilton Sr., who died in 1970 and his brother, Wilbert Hamilton, who died in 1947.

He is survived by his mother, Katie Powell Smith and his stepfather, Charles Smith of Egg Harbor; a daughter, Cynthia and her husband Willie Betts of East Orange; his granddaughters Bridget and Tiffany Betts and his long time companion, Nancy Wage of Egg Harbor and many other relatives and friends.

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

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1005B entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 26, 2001 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

### ORDINANCE #1005B

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that Ordinance No. 782 entitled "Development Review Ordinance, Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey" adopted December 27, 1977, be amended as follows:

### ARTICLE X 1000. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEES

#### Q. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment to be scheduled at the discretion of said boards ..... \$2,000.00

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required by law. Approved January 18, 2001

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk  
\$39.00 1T January 26, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

#### NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that Harry Popik has applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield for an extension of the Board's prior approval of Bulk and Use Variances granted in Application No. 32-97, permitting the construction of a three-family dwelling on the property located at Block 267, Lot 27, and known as 139 Hamilton Boulevard. Said appeal was memorialized in a Resolution of the Board dated May 5, 1998.

A hearing on said application will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ, at which time any interested person may be heard concerning said application.

A copy of the Resolution and the plans are on file in the office of the Building Inspector for public inspection Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

JAMES M. CAHILL, ESQ.  
Attorney for Applicant, Harry Popik

\$35.00 1T January 26, 2001

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1556 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,866.53 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE RESURFACING OF BELMONT AVENUE, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 26, 2001 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

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Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey (not less than 2/3 of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that:

#### SECTION 1. The purpose hereby authorized is:

Resurfacing of Belmont Avenue

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$13,866.53 to finance the total cost of the total cost of the purpose described in Section 1 thereof.

SECTION 3. That the cost of accomplishing said purpose shall be paid as follows:

\$13,866.53 from the General Capital Improvement Fund

SECTION 4. That no bonds or notes are to be issued or indebtedness incurred in connection with said purposes.

SECTION 5. The Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing in full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services as on file with the Municipal Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication.

Approved January 18, 2001

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk  
\$72.00

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

1T January 26, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1525A entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2001 FEES FOR USE OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL UTILITY be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 26, 2001 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

### ORDINANCE #1525A

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2001 FEES FOR USE OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL UTILITY

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that: Annual fees for use by Borough residents of the municipal pool complex shall be amended as follows:

Group	On or before 4/15	After 4/15
Family	\$250 plus 10 free passes	\$280
Family/FT child care	\$305 plus 10 free passes	\$335
Husband and Wife	\$195 plus 10 free passes	\$225
Individual	\$140 plus 10 free passes	\$170
Individual/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	\$240 plus 10 free passes	\$240

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INDIVIDUAL - Resident of South Plainfield age 12 and over. Applicants under 18 must have parental consent.

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INDIVIDUAL WITH FAMILY - Available for nonresident children, ages nine (9) and younger under the full time care or custody of a South Plainfield resident family. Family claiming custody/care must be pool members and provide proof of care/custody.

FAMILY WITH FULL TIME CHILD CARE - Available to families who employ a full time child care provider (child sitter, nanny, etc.). Provider must show proof of employment with canceled check. Provider must be 18+.

HUSBAND AND WIFE - Couple must be legally married and reside in the same house in South Plainfield.

SINGLE PARENT FAMILY - Designed for the single parent and his/her children. Same rules apply as for family membership. Proof of single parenthood is required. (A copy of 1998 Federal Income Tax Return with original address label is required)

SENIOR CITIZEN - South Plainfield resident 62 years of age and older.

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Approved January 18, 2001

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk  
\$99.00

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

1T January 26, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Whereas, there exists a need for design services for the renovations to Putnam Street Park, Phase I-Topographical Survey, Geotechnical Engineering, Engineering Design and Phase II-Comfort Station, and

Whereas, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contract for Professional Services without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised.

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

1. The cost of Phase I not to exceed \$20,000 and Phase II-\$20,000-\$45,000.

2. The Mayor and Deputy Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Richard A. Alaimo Associates.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered are professional services of a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law.

4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Observer as required by law within ten days of its passage.

5. The Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in account C-04-55-002-901, Development Land-Outdoor Recreation.

Frank DeRosa, BA/CFO

Approved January 18, 2001

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk  
\$42.00 1T January 26, 2001

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1557 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 67, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 2, REGULATIONS AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 26, 2001 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

### ORDINANCE #1557

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 67, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 2, REGULATIONS AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that:

The Codification of General Ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, specifically, Chapter 67, Alcoholic Beverages, Article 67-2 is hereby amended as follows:

#### ARTICLE 67-2 LICENSE FEES

License fees shall be as follows:

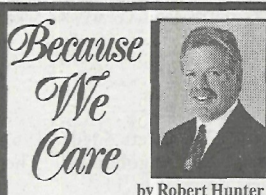
Plenary Retail Consumption License \$1,284.00  
Plenary Retail Distribution License 880.00  
Club License 144.00

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication, according to law.

Approved January 18, 2001

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk  
\$42.00 1T January 26, 2001

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor



by Robert Hunter

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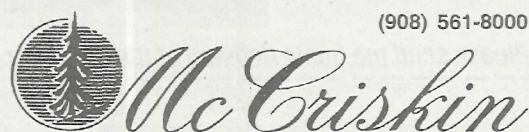
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## policereport

• Mustafa Shah of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting at Kmart. He had returned unpaid merchandise for a cash refund. When he was questioned by Kmart manager, Alberto Ortiz about the refund, Shah ran from the store. He was chased by Ortiz and store security personnel John Ravioli, into the parking lot where Shah pulled a knife on Ortiz. Shah dropped the knife when shopping carts were pushed into him. Police arrived and located the suspect. Someone informed police that the suspect had a knife. The suspect was arrested and the knife was located nearby. A woman who had entered the store with him was located in the store and questioned. Ortiz is suspected of a similar incident at the North Plainfield Kmart. That store may have the incident on tape.

• A Hancock St. resident reported her purse stolen from a friend's car while they dined at the Grand Buffet. The purse had been in the unlocked vehicle. A passport and \$100 were in the purse.

• A Trenton resident reported his wife's car had been broken into while parked at Flex Pac, Durham Ave. The passenger door lock had been punched out and merchandise was stolen from the vehicle, the glove box had been pried open as well.

• Airborne Express reported thefts from the conveyor belt in their warehouse. Airborne's Loss Prevention Specialist re-

ported that about 25 employees are usually in the area and that thefts are an ongoing problem. They have been watching employees carefully and tracking packages and have narrowed the suspects down to four employees. Items stolen were a hard drive, an assembly part, 4 Playstation games and an IBM laptop. Total value, \$4700.

• A Plainfield Ave. resident reported a theft of a vehicle from the driveway. The vehicle's keys and a purse had accidentally been left in the Nissan Pathfinder. A cell phone was removed from another unlocked vehicle in the driveway.

• Ellen Emery of U.S. Freight Systems Inc., South Clinton Ave. reported that a yellow 26 ft. box truck had been stolen from the driveway of their business. The truck contained twelve 40 inch, eight 43 inch and ten 33 inch Toshiba television sets, value, \$20,000. The truck had been moved from one area of the driveway to allow another truck out. Three employees noted that the truck was in the driveway and running. A driver was assigned to the truck and when he went outside, he discovered the truck missing. Newark police notified SPDP that the truck had been located in Newark.

• A Rush St. resident reported hearing the sound of breaking glass. When she entered her living room she saw a large hole in the window and

a brick on the floor. A similar incident occurred in October.

• A Clinton Ave. resident reported someone had entered her unlocked vehicle parked at her residence. A cell phone was removed and the dashboard had been damaged.

• A Kissam Court resident reported someone had damaged the dead bolt of the lock to his apartment.

• A Maple Ave. resident reported that he had been bitten by a rottweiler he believed was his dog. The dog was at large and the victim located the dog on Pitt street. When he attempted to retrieve the dog, it bit him on the right hand. The victim said the dog appeared to be foaming at the mouth. Police located a dog that fit the description on Hancock St. They noted that the dog appeared healthy and remained on the property until the owner let dog into the residence. The dog located by police is licensed and has all necessary shots. The victim received treatment at Mulenberg Medical Center. He told police that his dog had been located at the pound and the animal that bit him was not his dog. The victim can ID the dog if he saw it again.

• An E. Creasent Pkwy. Resident and her son told police that items had been stolen from

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

January 18

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on January 9, 2001.

A. Case #636/SV—Plainfield Associates—Block 254; Lot 1; OBC-3 Zone; 820 Oak Tree Ave.—Applicant's request for classification of a minor lot subdivision and preliminary and final site plan approval, was hereby GRANTED with waivers and conditions.

Janice J. Muccilli  
Recording Secretary, Planning Board

\$17.00 1T January 26, 2001

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

Ordinance #1555 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 26, 2001 and that a public hearing be held Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

### ORDINANCE #1555

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, the Police Department of Borough of South Plainfield derives its authority, and Whereas, the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, Chapter 48, specifically sections 48-4 and 48-24 of said chapter, provides for the adoption by the Governing Body, rules and regulations for the efficient operation of the Borough's Police Department, and

Whereas, the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey has required certain amendments to the current standard rules and regulations of the Police Department.

SECTION 1. The rules and regulations annexed to this ordinance and comprising 83 pages be and hereby is adopted by reference, copies of said rules and regulations being file in the Municipal Clerk's Office and available for public inspection.

SECTION 2. All remaining provisions of Chapter 48 of the Code of the Borough not otherwise amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication, all in accordance with law.

Approved January 18, 2001  
Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

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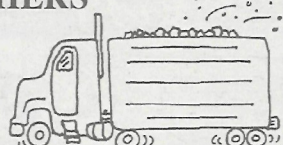
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the home. A neighbor on Linden Ave. removed a rusty 32 caliber, five shot revolver from the victim's basement while looking for flower clippers. The victim witnessed the suspect carry the gun out of her basement on a coat hanger. When the victim asked the suspect what she was doing, the suspect stated she was bringing it to her husband so he could polish it. The victim told police of several previous incidents. In Oct. of 2000, the victim had a garage sale and said the suspect had walked off with a wooden model of a tri-plane. When she asked the suspect what she was doing,

the suspect replied she was going to clean it up and give it to a neighbor child. In Aug. of 1999, the victim allowed the suspect to charge an underwater camera on the victim's charge account, because the suspect's cards were maxed out—as of this date the debt had not been paid. The suspect also has a copy of the victim's house key and has not returned it. The victim and her son reported that the suspect had been asking questions about the victim about financial matters; income and worth and where she keeps her jewelry. The victim's son feels that the suspect is trying to scam his mother by trying to gain credit

card information. The victim asked for the return of items taken by the suspect and the suspect stated that her brother-in-law had the gun. Police responded to the suspect's home and recovered a number of items, including a stained glass chandelier, the victim's house key and the tri-plane model. The gun was in still in possession of the suspect's brother-in-law. All items were returned. The suspect claims all items were gifts given to her over past months and said she will pay for the camera as well. However, she claims the camera was a gift for taking the victim to the islands several years before.



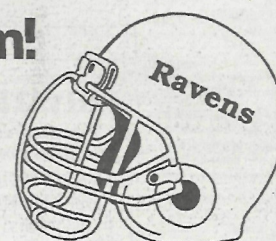
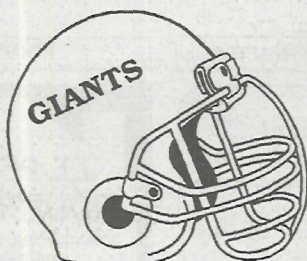
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