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Police Officer Franchak Graduates DARE Training

Last Friday South Plainfield Police Officer Dave Franchak, along with 30 other recruits, graduated from a DARE Training Program taught at Raritan Valley College (RVC).

Franchak was both honored and surprised when six eighth grade

Middle School students showed up for his graduation. Also attending were his wife Elvira, his children, Zack and Ashley and Sgt. Chuck Seidenberg. South Plainfield was the only town which had students attending the ceremonies.

During the past year, Franchak has become a mentor and friend to the Middle School students; visiting their class regularly, taking time to answer questions and giving advice. The students wanted to show how much they appreciate the time Franchak has spent

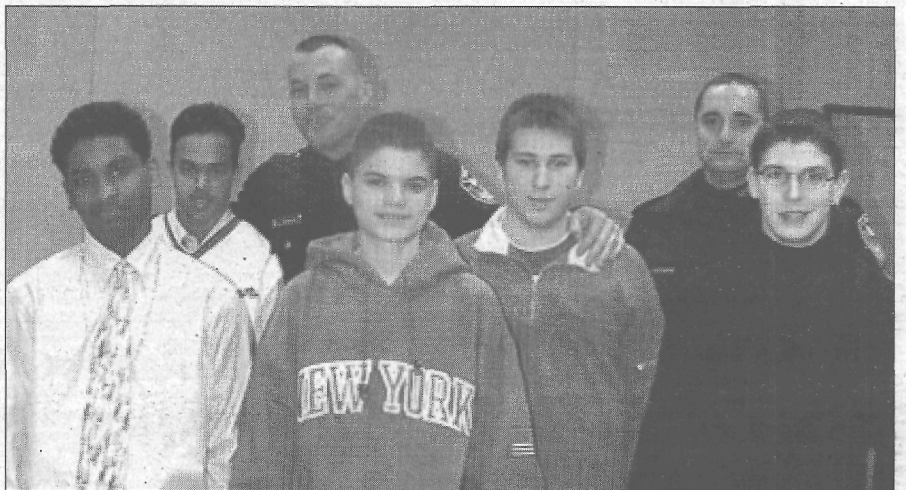
with them. They asked and were granted special permission to attend the graduation ceremonies at RVC. The students were accompanied by their teacher, Kim DeMatteo and aid, Debbie Bishop. "Officer Franchak has made a tremendous impression on my students during this past year," explained Kim DeMatteo.

This was the 45th DARE Training Course held at RVC. The two week course encompasses all day courses of classes which teach officers how to interact and relate with students. They learn what the DARE Program is about and how get that message across to kids, not an easy task in this day and age.

The relationship that is developed with the students is one of the keys to the success of the program. DARE officers become heroes to the kids they



Police Officer Dave Franchak is congratulated after receiving his diploma.



Back row is Amos Ramagado, Officer Franchak, Eric LaFontaine and Sgt. Charles Siedenbug; front row is Jay Dowlat, Danny Fernandez and Gary Smith, Jr.

teach. Their influence is something that stays with students for years. A DARE officers job is one of the most challenging jobs there is, teaching stu-

dents to make good decisions about smoking, drinking and taking drugs.

During the past 16 weeks our fifth graders have been attending DARE

classes. Next week all five schools will hold graduations and the hope is our DARE officers have gotten their message across, "Just Say 'No' to drugs."



South Plainfield Councilman Bob Cusick, who has worked at the Middlesex County Corrections Facility for 14 years, was promoted to sergeant at ceremonies held on Tuesday morning. Bob is joined by his wife, Monica and children, Robert Jr., Shane, Garret and Gabriella. County Clerk Elaine Flynn (right) swore him in. For story and additional photo, see page 3.

Councilman Works to Prevent Youth Smoking

By Patricia Abbott

As part of Middlesex County Health Department's ongoing war on substance abuse in the South Plainfield Schools, Councilman Dennis Cerami and health educator Danielle Toth spent the day in Susan Slinger's Middle School health classroom viewing her anti-smoking programs.

Seventh grade students viewed a graphic film entitled "Smoking—Truth or Dare." Actual smokers, rather than actors, told how smoking affected their lives. Anti-smoking spokesperson and supermodel Kristy Turlington explained how she had smoked for seven years and her father for twenty. Together they overcame their addictions. Her father waited too long to quit. He died of lung cancer six

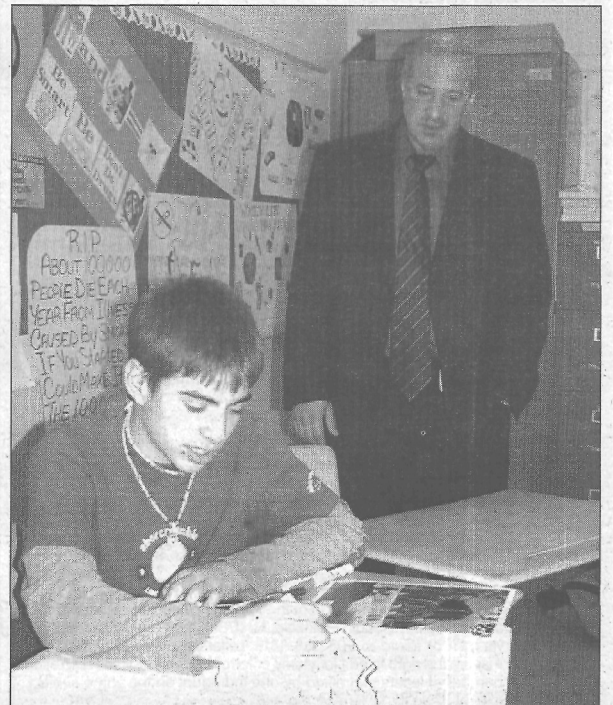
months later.

Former smokers campaigning against tobacco included a 1950's model for cigarette ads. With throat cancer having claimed her voice box, she used an electronic voice to describe the devastating results. Minor league baseball player Rick Bender explained how chewing tobacco led to mouth cancer, which required the removal of half his jaw and face, as well as his tongue.

Pam Laffin, an average smoker, warned youngsters that she began smoking at age 12, developed bronchitis at 22, emphysema at 24, and had a lung transplant at 28. Toth added that at age 30 Pam died after her body rejected the lung.

The program for the eighth grade presented the dark side of advertising in a film that featured former cigarette model Steve Guriltz, the rugged

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Borough Councilman Dennis Cerami attended a non-smoking education program in Susan Slinger's Middle School health class.

Borough Notes

Council Notes

- Mayor Gallagher proclaimed January as "School Board Recognition Month." After reading the proclamation, Gallagher presented a copy of it to School Board President Frank Mikorski.

- Just a reminder to residents who may want to attend a council meeting in the future: starting time of the meetings has been changed to 7 p.m.

- South Plainfield received a check from FEMA for \$4,804.36 for costs incurred in mutual aid during the Sept. 11 emergency.

- The council authorized the purchase of three Panasonic Tough Book computers for the new police patrol cars. The \$5,388 for the purchase will

come from forfeiture funds.

- The Borough will enter in an Interlocal Service Contract for two years with the Middlesex County Public Health Department for public health services.

- Garry Aumack has been hired as the Plumbing Subcode Official effective Jan. 30. Aumack will not work more than 19.5 hours a week.

- The Borough has entered into a five-year lease agreement for six copiers for Borough Hall.

- The Council authorized electrical repairs to Borough Hall for a fee not to exceed \$5,000.

- Barbara Tucker has been hired full-time and Eric Milstein hired part-time as Public Safety Telecommuni-

cators.

- An interlocal government agreement between the Borough and the Board of Education allows the DPW to perform the necessary work to alleviate a ponding problem in front of the high school.

- Michael Pisack has resigned as South Plainfield's Watershed Management Group representative.

Board of Adjustment

- Maria Barca of Ritter Ave. received approval to construct a detached garage with an "A" frame roof, with the condition that no business be conducted in the garage and they pave the driveway within one year after its completion.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, Feb. 4 Thursday, Feb. 7

Tuesday, Feb. 19 Thursday, Feb. 21

Monday, March 4 Thursday, March 7

Monday, March 18 Thursday, March 21

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.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 12, March 26, Apr. 8, Apr. 23, May 14, May 28, June 1, June 25

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

Jan. 30, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 5, March 19

taxpayers advisory group

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

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

Feb. 21, March 21

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

Feb. 15, March 5, Apr. 2, May 7, June 4, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

Feb. 13, March 13, Apr. 10, and May 8

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays, Feb. 12, March 12 and Apr. 2 at 7 p.m.

Regular Board Mtg., held on Tuesdays, Feb. 19, March 19 and Apr. 9 at 8 p.m.

Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee, Wednesday, Feb. 6, March 6 and March 27

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

trafficsafety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall
(NOTE: Jan. 23 meeting was rescheduled for Jan. 30.) Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, (Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18

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Kids Create Valentine Wishes For Veterans

The South Plainfield Library sponsored a "Valentines for Veterans" afternoon. Children and parents visited the children's room to make colorful Valentines to be sent to the veterans at Lyon's Hospital.

A table was set with all the necessary supplies for the children to demonstrate their creativity in making loving valentines from their hearts.

The craft session ran from 10-4 pm. Children's librarian Miss Linda said the room was packed at 11:30 a.m. while parents were in the main room for a scrapbook making course.

Over 50 colorful valentines with heartfelt messages were created and will be delivered to brighten a veteran's St. Valentine's Day.

Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday Animal Licenses Will Also be Available

The South Plainfield Health Department will be holding their annual Rabies Clinic this Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to noon at the Borough Garage on the corner of Spicer and Belmont avenues.

The rabies clinic is open to both cats and dogs. Residents are urged to bring

their pets for inoculation.

Dog and cat licenses may also be purchased at the clinic. Cost of dog or cat license is \$8 if spayed/neutered and \$11 if not. A \$1 per month late fee is incurred after Jan. 31. Cats must be brought in a carrier.

For information, call 226-7631.

2002 Meeting Dates

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2002 Hearing Dates

January 15	July 2
January 29	July 16
February 5	July 30
February 19*	August 6
March 5	August 20
March 19	September 3*
April 2	September 17
April 16	October 1
April 30	October 15
May 7	October 29
May 21	November 5*
June 4	November 19
June 18	December 3
	December 17

Site Plan

Sub-Committee Meeting

January 24	July 25
February 28	August 22
March 28	September 26
April 25	October 24
May 23	November*
June 27	December*

*No Meeting

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School Board Candidacy Info Available at Local Dist. Office

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 25, as announced by Ellen B. Johnson, South Plainfield's Business Administrator. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, Apr. 16, 2002.

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

"I urge citizens who believe they can make a contribution to their communities' schools to consider board of education membership," said Patti J. Pawling, NJSBA president. "Serving on your local school board doesn't require a degree in education. The most important attribute a candidate can bring to office is a sincere interest in the community, its children and their education."

Planning Board Holds Reorganization Meeting

The Planning Board held their reorganization meeting on Jan. 8.

The board voted to accept the schedule of meetings for the 2002 year. Bob Ackerman was named chairman and Cornelia Calderone, vice chairman. Chris Nelson, Esq., was ap-

pointed Planning Board Attorney, John Past was named secretary and Janice Muccilli was named recording secretary.

THP was named as the Planner and the Observer and Home News/Tribune were named as the two official papers.

2002 Hearing Dates — PLANNING BOARD

January 22	April 23	August 13	November 12
February 12*	May 14	August 27	November 26
February 26	May 28	September 10	December 10
March 12	June 11	September 24	December 24*
March 26	June 24	October 8	
April 9	July 23	October 22	*No Meeting

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Cusick Promoted to Sergeant At Corrections Facility

South Plainfield Councilman Bob Cusick, who has worked at the Middlesex County Corrections Facility for 14 years, was promoted to sergeant at ceremonies held Tuesday morning.

Cusick took a civil service test to receive the promotion. He received the highest score among the 92 who took the test. Civil service employees are promoted by achieving top scores on the exams for the position for which they apply.

According to Warden Michael Abode, Cusick's promotion is a huge transition for him. He moves from supervising inmates to supervising fellow correction officers.

South Plainfield came out in force to support Cusick. Attending were his wife Monica and children Robert Jr.,

Shane, Garret and Gabriella, and many of his relatives. Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Ed Kubala, State Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Police Chief Bob Merkler and a half dozen South Plainfield police officers also attended the ceremonies.

Cusick was sworn in by Middlesex County Clerk Elaine Flynn, who administered the oath to the eight officers being promoted. Also attending the ceremonies was Middlesex County Freeholder Chris Rafano.

The Middlesex County Correctional Facility houses 8,000 inmates, but they will soon be accepting federal prisoners and expect the number to increase to 10,000. According to Warden Abode, the facility capacity is about 12,000.



Attending the promotion ceremonies were (left to right) Chief Bob Merkler, Lt. Michael Grennier, Sgt. Charles Seidenberg, Capt. Rober Pilukaitis, State Assemblyman and Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan, Councilman Ed Kubala, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Bob Cusick, Officers Raymond Jazikof and Angel Jazikof.

Councilman Works to Prevent Youth Smoking

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"Winston Man." Gurilitz described the tobacco company's goal of acquiring 3,000 new smokers every day to replace those who quit or died. The film stressed that ads often misled consumers by depicting glamorous people lounging in picture perfect settings, enjoying life with cigarettes in hand. Tobacco stained teeth and premature wrinkles are never shown. The threat of cancer is never mentioned and the ad often displays the life of a smoker as something to emulate.

Students were divided into groups. They were given a cigarette ad and poster paper and asked to recreate an ad to represent real life. Toth said, "The kids never think of how smoking pumps chemicals into every part of your body. Smoking one pack of cigarettes a day for a year will leave a quart of tar in your lungs." She pointed out that the average age a child begins smoking is 10 or 11.

"There is a 90% chance that a person who has not quit by age 20 will remain a smoker for life. Nicotine is an addictive chemical just like a drug. It runs your life and uses up your money," Toth added.

Councilman Cerami, also a health educator, does legislative work. For the past two years he has worked with municipal governments to improve quality of life by helping them make positive changes to local ordinances. Working to pass laws that forbid the sale of tobacco to minors, he also promotes the enforcement of smoke-free public environments.

One of his most successful projects was unveiled last summer when Alle Clark Sport Complex in South Amboy, which is used by little league teams, went completely smoke free.

Cerami notes that with South Amboy, Mayor Jack O'Leary and the council supporting the idea, other organizations quickly joined the efforts.



Middlesex County Health Educator Danielle Toth presents an anti-smoking program to students.

Community Against Tobacco (CAT) donated funding for signs that alert the public of the smoke free status. Rebel Kids (Reaching Everybody By Exposing Lies) conducted a litter clean up in the park before the grand re-opening. The complex is the first in Middlesex County to go completely smoke free.

Beginning in February, the Councilman Cerami will begin to canvas the county to promote the creation of smoke free parks and recreation sites for our children.

Knights of Columbus Announces Guest Speaker

State inspector Jan Allen will give a presentation on staged accidents at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd., on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The event is being sponsored by the South Plainfield Columbiettes and is open to the public.

Allen, with the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance in Trenton, will discuss "Insurance and

Consumer Awareness," and the practice of staging accidents generally targeting teenagers and seniors to defraud. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., with the presentation to begin at 8. Admission is free.

Call Emma at (732) 287-2346 if you are planning to attend, so ample arrangements can be made for seating and refreshments.

SPHS College Club Activities

The SPHS College Club has a number of upcoming dates that college bound seniors, their parents and underclassmen will want to note.

February 20 - A tour is tentatively set to visit the campus of William Patterson University. Students will receive information about the college admissions process and also learn

about the programs that WPU offers.

February 27 - The SPHS Guidance Dept. will sponsor a William Patterson University On Site Admissions Day. Seniors applying to WPU will have the opportunity to be interviewed by an admissions counselor at the high school and receive notification of acceptance the same day.

Mayor Dan Gallagher Apologizes

The mayor publicly apologized to former Councilwoman Linda Dashuta at last week's council meeting. Dashuta attended the reorganization meeting and when Gallagher announced those dignitaries attending, he omitted her name.

Special Coupons Help Kennedy Playground

Two more business have joined in the fundraising efforts to raise money to replace the Kennedy Playground, which was taken down because of safety concerns.

Dominos Pizza has pledged to donate \$1 if you use their coupon, located on page 6 when ordering a pizza.

Custom Creations also has a coupon on page 5. They will donate 20%

of all purchases until March 30.

The *Observer* has promised to donate \$5 for every new subscription received during the month of January. There is only one week left for this special offer, so get your subscriptions in by Thursday.

Clip both coupons out and use them to help raise money for the Kennedy playground.

Sacred Heart Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is being held this year from Jan. 27 through Feb. 1. The following activities will be held throughout the week at Sacred Heart School.

- **Sunday, Jan. 27:** Catholic Schools Week Local Celebration; 11:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Monday, Jan. 28:** Breakfast for Teachers and Staff. Display of posters, essays, thank you notes for parents.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 29:** breakfast in classrooms for family and friends. Open House (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) DARE Graduation (12 noon).
- **Wednesday, Jan. 30:** Tag Day (Food for the Poor); Basketball Game at 7 p.m. (with SHS Cheerleaders) Faculty vs. Students.
- **Thursday, Jan. 31:** Open House (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.); Arithmetics (sponsored by HSA).
- **Friday, Feb. 1:** First Friday Mass (sponsored by 4A and 4B); Candy Bar Bingo after lunch.

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Events

Christian Unity Week

January 25

The South Plainfield Clergy Group invites you to join in the final prayer service in this year's Week of Christian Unity. All are welcome to this service on Friday, Jan. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Prayer Service at Pilgrim Covenant Church, 1321 Park Ave.; 756-2474.

Elks To Host Spaghetti Dinner

January 26

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The menu is all you can eat and includes salad, pasta, meatballs, sausage, Italian bread, soda, coffee and tea.

Donations are \$8 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for children under 12 years old.

SDW Selling Tickets To Titanic

January 26

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop still has tickets available for the musical "Titanic" to be performed at the State Theatre in New Brunswick on Saturday, Jan. 26, 3 p.m.

Throughout the year, the SPSW plans for its annual production, and promotes the performing arts. This Tony-award winning musical is great family entertainment. If you would like tickets or more information, call (908) 561-5255.

Adult School Trip Info Meeting

January 30

The adult school will be holding a trip information night on Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the High School Information Center at 7 p.m.

Bring your friends for a good time. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Please call in advance to tell whether you plan to attend, either one or both of the meetings. Call the office at 908-754-4620, ext. 217, 213 or 214.

Rainbow Academy Open House

February 2

The new Rainbow Academy Child Care Center at 2177 Oak Tree Rd.,

located on the Edison border, is having an Open House on Saturday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone who registers will receive a free photo sitting with proofs taken by Reminiscent Photography. In addition, you will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service. For a demo of their video services, visit their website at www.parent-watch.com.

For directions and information visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com.

"Dr. Franklin, I Presume" Coming to the Library

February 3

The Friends of the South Plainfield Library will present a special program, "Dr. Franklin, I Presume", on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Free Public Library.

The program will feature Dean Bennet as Benjamin Franklin. Mr. Bennet is an actor with a long association with the American Historical Theater and has appeared on both radio and television. As Dr. Franklin, he will talk about Franklin's youth, inventions and family. The program is free of charge and open for adults and children over eight. No pre-registration is required.

This program is made possible through grants from the NJ Council for the Humanities, a State Partner of the National Endowment for the humanities.

For more information or directions, please call (908) 754-7885.

Recreation Winter Dinner Show

February 7

The South Plainfield Recreation Department will be sponsoring a trip to a Winter Dinner Show at the Hunterdon Playhouse on Feb. 7. The bus leaves from the PAL Building at 10 a.m. The fee is \$45 per person and includes dinner and the show.

Tickets can be purchased at the PAL, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner at Roosevelt School

February 8

The Roosevelt School PTA is sponsoring their first annual Spaghetti Din-

ner on Friday, Feb. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Guests will be served at their table by students and volunteers. The cost for adults is \$6, seniors \$5 and children \$4.

PAL Sponsoring Three Ski Trips

February 10, February 24, March 3

The South Plainfield Recreation Dept. is sponsoring three ski trips on Feb. 10 and March 3 to Montage and Feb. 24 to Camelback.

Prices for Montage will be bus and lift \$50, bus, lift and ski rental \$65 or bus, lift and snowboard \$85. The prices for Camelback will be announced shortly.

If you are interested please contact the PAL at (908) 226-7714.

Polish Home Bus Trip To Atlantic City

February 10

The Polish National Home, located at 312 New Market Ave., will be sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City and Taj Mahal on Sunday, Feb. 10. The bus leaves from the Polish home at 11 a.m. and will return at 9 p.m. Cost is \$17 with a return in coins of \$13. For reservations, call Ann at (908) 561-6551 or Millie at (908) 757-3928.

Blood Pressure Screening

February 12

The Middlesex County Health Department will be at the PAL building on Feb. 12 to conduct a blood pressure program.

They be at the PAL from 10 to 12 noon taking residents blood pressure.

PAL Sponsoring Trip to See Oklahoma!

(New Date!) March 28

The PAL of South Plainfield is sponsoring a trip to see *Oklahoma!* on Broadway on Saturday, March 28. Bus leaves the PAL at 4 p.m. There will be plenty of time for dinner before the play. Orchestra ticket price is \$90 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL, located Maple Ave., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are only 45 tickets available so get yours soon.

Vision 2001 Ed. Foundation Art Auction

April 19

This year's annual Vision 2001 Education Foundation Art Auction will be held on Friday, April 19 at South Plainfield High School on Lake St.

Admission is \$10 per person. \$5 will be returned as a gift certificate to be redeemed at the April 19 art auction only.

Preview time is 6:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, coffee and cake and door prizes.

For tickets and information call (908) 561-3951.

AARP Plans Bus Trip To New Orleans

April 20-28

AARP Chapter 4144 is planning a bus trip to New Orleans from April 20-28 (9 days/8 nights). The trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, hotels, tours in New Orleans, riverboat jazz cruise, dinner party, Bellingrath Gardens and cruise in Alabama, Stone Mountain Park in Georgia and much more. Price is \$655 for double occupancy and \$855 for single occupancy.

For reservations and information, call Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764.

Rec Offering Trip To Virginia Beach

September 8-12

South Plainfield Recreation, along with White Star Tours, is offering a trip to Virginia Beach, VA, featuring a ghost tour of Williamsburg. The trip will take place from Sept. 8-12.

Features include four nights accommodations at one of Virginia Beach's finest motels; a tour of the Norfolk Naval Base, Arthur Memorial in Norfolk, Waterside Complex, four breakfasts, four dinners, including Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise and evening entertainment.

The cost is only \$350 per person. Only one bus is available for this trip, no extra buses will be added, so make your reservations early.

For information or reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714.

SPHS Class of 1982 Plans Reunion

November 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1982 announced that plans underway for their 20 year reunion. The date has been set for Saturday, Nov. 9. If you have a new address or know of other classmate's whereabouts, please contact Rosanne Demico-Ilardo at (732) 878-9877. Please log onto www.classmates.com for more reunion information.

— Out of Town —

CHATS Adoption Support Meeting

January 28

Adoption Support. CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28, at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield.

"Found and Lost" will be the topic of Linda Bokor who grew up in a family where the "A" word wasn't mentioned much and after giving birth to her son, she searched for her birth family "because there were so many unanswered questions in my life."

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

Symposium at Brass Lantern

February 2

On Saturday, Feb. 2, Nancy Rosin, a long time collector of Victorian Valentines, will be conducting a symposium at the Brass Lantern in Metuchen, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., along with a Valentine Tea. Most recently Nancy has released a new video entitled "the Valentine and Expressions of Love" which is getting rave reviews. Don't miss this very special event at The Brass Lantern.

Villagers Theater Show Opening

January 11- February 2

Villagers Theater of Somerset has announced the opening of "The Importance of Being Ernest," by Oscar Wilde. The show will be directed by Jerry Marino.

Filled with wit and wisdom, it tells the tale of Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff. Both young men have taken to bending the truth in order to add a dash of excitement to their lives. Jack has invented an imaginary brother, Ernest, whom he uses as an excuse to escape from his dull home in the country and frolic in town. Algernon uses a similar technique, only in reverse: his imaginary friend,

The show runs Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 2 and Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Villagers Theater, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$14, with student and senior prices of \$12 on Fridays and Sundays only.

Villagers Theater Announces Auditions

February 11 and 14

The Villagers Theater of Somerset has announced the auditions for *Closer*, by Patrick Marber. The play will be

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directed by Michael Driscoll. Dates of the audition are Monday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The director is looking for two females, in their 20's to 30's and two males in their 30's. There will be readings from the script. British accents are required. The show will run April 5 through April 20. *Closer*, with a scalpel-sharp script, takes us under the skin of a stripper, dermatologist, a photographer and an obituarist. (For Mature Audiences Only). For information, call the number listed below.

"One Life to Love" at Jersey Central Theatre Co. February 14

Jersey Central Theatre Company will present *One Life To Love*, an exclusive Valentine's Day benefit performance of A.R. Gurney's classic romantic play, "Love Letters," at 8 p.m. at the Historic Dunellen Theater.

The play will feature two of the stars of ABC-TV's "One Life To Live," James and Kassie DePaiva.

This performance of *Love Letters* will benefit the League for the Hard of Hearing, a charity dear to James and Kassie's heart. For nearly a century, this organization has been helping infants, children and adults improve their quality of life and overcome challenges presented by hearing loss. The theatre is currently searching for a sign interpreter wishing to donate their services for the event.

Love Letters is a truly unique and imaginative theatre piece, which is comprised of letters exchanged over a lifetime between two people who grew up together, went their separate ways, but continued to share their confidences. Jersey Central Theatre Company's Founding Artistic Director, Ken Schwarz, arranged the event and will direct the production.

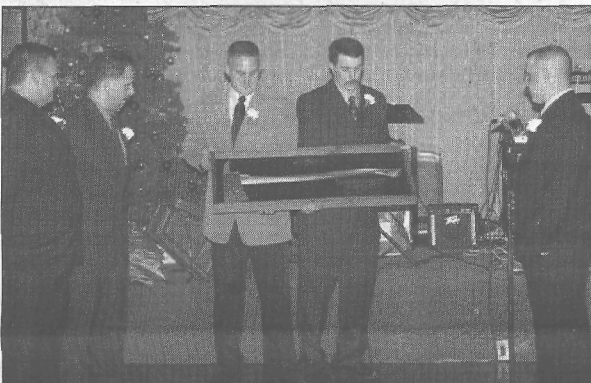
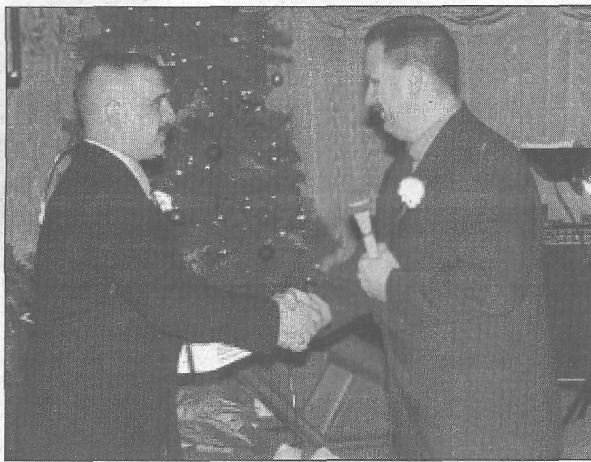
Jersey Central Theatre Company is currently in residence at the Historic Dunellen Theater at 458 North Ave. (Rt. 28), at the corner of Madison Ave. in downtown Dunellen. Tickets are \$25; there will be no discounts, refunds or exchanges.

To make reservations, or for info, call (732) 968-9010, or online at www.jerseycentraltheatre.com.

Villagers Theater Announces Opening February 15, 16, 17, 22, 23; March 1, 2

The Villagers Theater of Somerset has announced the opening of *Fuddy Meers*, by David Lindsay-Abaire. The show will be directed by Stuart Herschkowitz. It will run Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23; March 1 and 2; and Sunday Feb. 17. Showtimes are evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10.

For tickets, call the box office, (732) 873-2710 or visit www.villagerstheatre.com.



Fire Department Installs New Officers for 2002

The South Plainfield Fire Department recently held their Annual Installation Dinner. The 2002 officers were officially introduced and sworn in and firefighters were recognized for years of service and accomplishments.

The evening began with the swearing in of the new 2002 Fire Chief, Lawrence DelNegro, and his officers.

A special tribute was given to outgoing Chief Joe Abbruzzese, who served as fire chief for the past five years. Under his watch over 52,000 calls were answered by the fire department. He was presented with a helmet and a fireman's ax.

The 2002 Line Officers for the South Plainfield Fire Department are: Chief Larry DelNegro, Deputy Chiefs Thomas Scalera and John Mocharski, Captains Joe Abbruzzese and John Reed, Lieutenants Mike Gallagher and John Ferguson.

Officers are President Edward Silhanek, Vice President Adam Tannenbaum, Treasurer Joe Sierzeza and Secretary Ray Petronko.

Committee Review Board members are Kevin Bulla, Eric Milstein;

Trustees are John Calvey, Paul Bosse and Wayne Winsmann; Relief Trustees are John Mocharski, Gary Shelhimer and Dave Zushma.

Exempts Association are President Paul Meillio, Vice President John Mocharski, Treasurer Floyd Bosse, Secretary Bob Harding; trustees are Floyd Bosse, Paul Bosse, Lou DeFilippo, Ken Bulla and Bob Harding.

The members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department recognized the following members and organizations for their dedication and contributions to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Five year plaques were awarded to Joe Altomare and John Celentano. Tom Scalera and Wayne Winsmann were recognized for 20 years of service. Special awards were also given to Joe Celentano and John Mocharski for 25 years of service, Paul Bosse for 30 years and Robert Harding and Charles Siedenburger for 35 years.

John Calvey and John Pelligrino received trophies as MVP for the Horse-shoe Tournament.

Police Chief Robert Merkle was recognized and presented with a clock. Edison Heating & Cooling was given a plaque.

Councilman Dennis Cerami, who is Fire Commissioner, was given a fire department helmet. Colonia and New Market Rescue Squads were given en-cased flags by Mayor Dan Gallagher. Also awarded plaques were Tom Scalera, Mike Gallagher, Sky Hi Erectors and Pezz Electrical Contractors.

The President's Award went to John Calvey. The Chief's Award went to Ken Bulla. Councilman Ray Petronko received probationary bars.

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If you know of someone who is ill or recuperating and in need of some cheer, or someone who is celebrating a birthday or promotion, etc., send in your good or get well wishes and we will extend your greeting each week in this column.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for some end-of-January news from the South Plainfield Library:

Sunday is that last day you borrow from this month's group of Circuit videos. This month's titles include *The Swan Princess*, *Cast Away*, *The Insider*, *Trial and Error* and, on DVD, *Star Wars: Episode I-The Phantom Menace*. You may borrow videocassettes and DVDs, four at a time, for two days. Meanwhile, the new group from the Audiobook Circuit is now available; titles include *Living the 7 Habits* by Steven R. Covey, *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier, *Everything to Gain* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Sticks and Stones* by Diane Mott Davidson and, on CD, *The Indwelling* by LaHaye and Jenkins. Audiobooks may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

We'll be following our usual schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. For those who may still be unfamiliar with them, the programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. They're for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. If you'd like more information, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

By the way, Miss Linda's "Valentines for Veterans" program went very well. Our thanks to those who ignored the snowy weather forecasts and participated. Te valentines are on their way.

At this writing, there's still space

available for our next Job Information Center class, "Interviewing 101." It's scheduled for Thursday morning at 10:30. Space is limited for this class, so you must pre-register. For more information, please call and ask for Allan Kleiman.

Here's some advance word about a special program: On Sunday, Feb. 3, the Friends of the Library will present, "Dr. Franklin, I Presume." The program will feature Dean Bennet of the American Historical Theater portraying Ben Franklin. As Dr. Franklin, he'll talk about Franklin's youth, inventions and family. The program starts at 2 p.m. and is open to adults and children over eight. No pre-registration is required.

We have a fairly wide assortment of resources available at the Library, but some of the most popular items are our Internet terminals. It's not unusual (forgive the brief Tom Jones reference) to come in and see all of the terminals occupied. If that should happen and you'd like to make use of a terminal, please let us know. Patrons may use those terminals for periods of 30 minutes; if someone else is waiting, we'll make sure that no one's time is renewed until you get your turn. In addition, you should keep an eye on the computer area; if you see someone vacating a terminal, feel free to take that spot yourself. Just make sure to let us know that you've gotten your chance to navigate the Information Superhighway.

That's about all for this week. See you next Friday.

Oops!

The following students were excluded from the South Plainfield High School Honor Roll:
Kim Kulick, Grade 12 and Peter DeAndrea, Grade 9.

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High School Students Report on Mid-terms to the Board of Ed

Every month four students, each representing one class at the high school, present a short report to the members of the Board of Education. This month's report covers what the students will be expecting at their mid-term exams. The students' presentation to the board were impressive, and we would like to share them with our readers. Each student representative was selected by Dr. May and told what the topic to discuss. The students wrote and read their reports. They did a great job and deserve recognition for their efforts.



South Plainfield High School students from left to right are Chris Baron, junior, 3.8 GPA; Cassie D'urso, freshman, 4.2 GPA; Arielle Fumosa, sophomore, 3.4 GPA and Billie Jean Sarullo, senior, 3.4 GPA

Cassie D'urso Freshman 4.2 GPA



Thank you Dr. May... I'd just like to start out by saying good evening to everybody and Happy New Year! It's great to be here for a second time. I am going to give you an overview of what the freshman midterms will be like.

They start next Friday, Jan. 25 and take place on the following Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

I can say that I'm surprised that I'm not nervous yet - maybe because I haven't started studying and I can't say I'm looking forward to them. It seems most freshman are used to the testing routine, especially because of our experience from the previous CAT testing and the GEPA, which is the test we all took last year in eighth grade.

I will go through my schedule and tell you what I am expecting on the midterms.

In Biology Honors, we've been learning about the process of photosynthesis and just recently got into genetics, which is very interesting. We actually constructed a baby out of styrofoam, toothpicks and colored push pins in our lab the other week to show how the genes are picked randomly in a baby. While that may be a rather difficult midterm, I know we'll thoroughly review all in my classes.

In World History, we've been studying all about Ancient Rome, their re-

public or government, way of life, and the rulers of that time period; which was very informative. The midterm will cover all the sections we've learned—like beginning of man and ancient artifacts.

In Geometry Honors we've been doing many proofs and learning all about how to prove congruence in triangles, rectangles and various other shapes, as well as parallelograms and using distance formulas. I know that will be a challenging one.

In Spanish I we've learned how to form questions and basic sentences and we've learned how to say many objects in Spanish, such as papel - paper, and buenos dias - a greeting meaning "good morning". It's a fun class!

The last one is English Honors. We've read four major novels *Oedipus*, *Antigone*, *A Separate Peace* and *Rebecca*, which will be a great portion of the midterm as well as grammar and reading comprehension.

That's basically it - of course there is a lot to study and it's the freshman's first experience with mid-terms, but I know we'll all do well.

Thank you for your time and I'm looking forward to coming back in February.

Arielle Fumosa Sophomore 3.4 GPA



I'm Arielle Fumosa, a sophomore at S.P.H.S and also a member of the Student Council.

The latest news on what is going

on in our school are the midterms which are coming up. In most of my classes, we just started reviewing for them. They start on Friday, Jan. 25.

I'm going to name all the classes I have throughout the day and tell you how far we've gotten so far in each subject and what will be on their mid-terms.

First, we'll start with my Spanish II class. We finished four chapters and are about half way done with our fifth. Lessons 9-12 will be on the midterm and my class starts reviewing for our Spanish II midterm tomorrow. We have a quiz and test per chapter on the grammar and vocal words.

Next is English (122). So far we've read a series of novels and short stories. The *Crucible* by Arthur Miller, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Shakespeare, *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton and we just finished *Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.

After each novel we write a graded essay, then are assigned a project which also gets graded. We also finished about eight lessons of vocabulary in our workbooks and work on grammar sheets occasionally. From what I learned so far, the midterm will consist mostly on grammar and vocabulary words.

Next is U.S. History I. We've gone through about four chapters; starting with the 1600's and just ended with the 1800's. We are just going into the pre-civil war era. We usually have a quiz per lesson and then a chapter test on the whole section along with all of the vocabulary words. We start reviewing for the U.S. History midterm early in the week.

Next is Geometry. We've gone through four chapters and are midway through our fifth. However, the midterm only consists of Chapters 1-4, which will be mostly confusing long paragraph proofs, a lot of formulas and annoying equations. I think we'll be reviewing next week for that midterm.

My last subject is Biology. We're on our 10th chapter. In Biology we copy a lot of notes and definitions, but once a week we have a lab, which is helpful in helping us better understand what we're learning. We haven't begun reviewing yet, so I'm not sure exactly how many chapters will be on the midterm.

Chris Baron Junior 3.8 GPA



Good evening, citizens and members of the board. I would first like to thank you for having me here tonight.

As Dr. May has told you, my name is Christopher Baron and I'm here tonight representing the junior class, as the current vice-president of said class. First of all, I thought that it would be good to touch base on current happenings within the junior class.

Our Junior Prom is scheduled for May 10. It will be held at the Pine Manor, and the dress will be formal. Our finances are stable, however, with the start of the new year, we're all very eager to begin some fundraisers, which will be revealed within the next few weeks.

Dr. May approached me concerning tonight's meeting and asked me if I could give everybody a brief synopsis of the material for this month's upcoming midterms, in order to give everybody an idea of the accumulative knowledge of the everyday high school junior within the first two marking periods.

In Chorus, under the guidance of Mr. Murray, we have been branching out into the musical world, studying and singing the works of great classical composers such as Rossini, while giving everybody a taste of holiday fun through things such as our long list of festive traveling choir selections. In doing this, we've also been covering the basic elements of music, such as dynamics and note duration. The mid-terms will consist of questions which will test our knowledge of the music we studied and sang and the fundamentals of music.

In Concert Band, under the guidance of Mr. Tweed, not only did we spend a large amount of time focusing on the key aspects of marching

band, but we also spent time working on holiday-oriented music to provide entertainment to the people who came out to see our holiday concert. Also focusing on the fundamentals of music, next door, we've gone a little more in-depth, as we're also learning how to use a variety of musical instruments. We learn the ins and outs of our specific instruments in order to better ourselves as musicians. The midterm will be rather similar to the chorus midterm, in that it will test our knowledge of the music that we played, and the fundamentals of music.

In U.S. History II, with Mr. Barca, we've covered a variety of different topics. Most recently we've moved through the Roaring Twenties and the depression, highlighting such presidents as Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt. We are currently heading into the events surrounding World War II and we also studied the events surrounding World War I earlier in the year. Mr. Barca makes history make sense and come alive for students, as does the rest of our wonderful history department at the high school. Our midterm will probably revolve mostly around the first half of the 20th century.

In English III, with Mrs. Pastula, we've had a well-rounded year so far. We've brushed up on a lot of grammar, done approximately six writing tasks and tackled some deep stories. These skills have provided for a well-balanced experience, not only teaching us the curriculum, but also doing well to prepare us for future endeavors and testing such as the SAT's. Right now, we're tackling our first major work in MacBeth. My guess is that the midterm, like the course, will be very well-rounded.

Moving on to Pre-Calculus Honors, with Mrs. Kielblock, we've done a heavy review of Algebra II, in order to broaden our foundation for calculus. The midterm will most likely consist of much of the review, but we've also begun to investigate things such as the unit circle and basic trig identities. The thorough, yet time-efficient algebra review, consisted of more concepts such as solvers equations' graphic in a variety of ways, and using the quadratic formula to solve equations.

In Acting and Theatre, an English elective taught by Mrs. Naso, we have been exploring the creative depths inside ourselves. Whether it be staging an improvisational scene in front of the class, or studying the lost art forms of the renaissance age of theater, we get a real feel for how the dramatic world works in this class. The midterm will most likely consist of ques-

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tions involving the technical work put into a performance, such as lights, costumes, sound, etc. The midterm will also most likely have a new and innovative performance section in which we must perform something.

In Physics honors, taught by Mr. Wendel, we've been tackling some interesting concepts involving motion. Motion and energy are astounding to me in the sense that they're the basis for all which happens in life. Without energy, nothing would occur. We've learned new ways to measure things such as velocity, acceleration, simple harmonic motion, and the list goes on. This midterm should be very well rounded, and include the concepts listed above, among several others.

Once again, I thank you for having me. I feel this is an enriching experience not only for the board and the people, but for myself, being able to speak publicly. Thank you.

Billie Jean Sarullo, Senior 3.4 GPA

I am Billie Jean Sarullo, Senior Class President.

As Dr. May has said, I would like to talk about what my midterms will consist of and other Senior Midterms.

I take English IV with Miss Schoonover. This is a senior English class. Our mid-term will consist of vocabulary, roughly 100 words, grammar, short stories and questions on what we have read. Certain stories such as *Hamlet*, the Epic of Gilgamesh, Persian and Arabic Literature, Chinese Literature, and other forms of Cultural Reading.

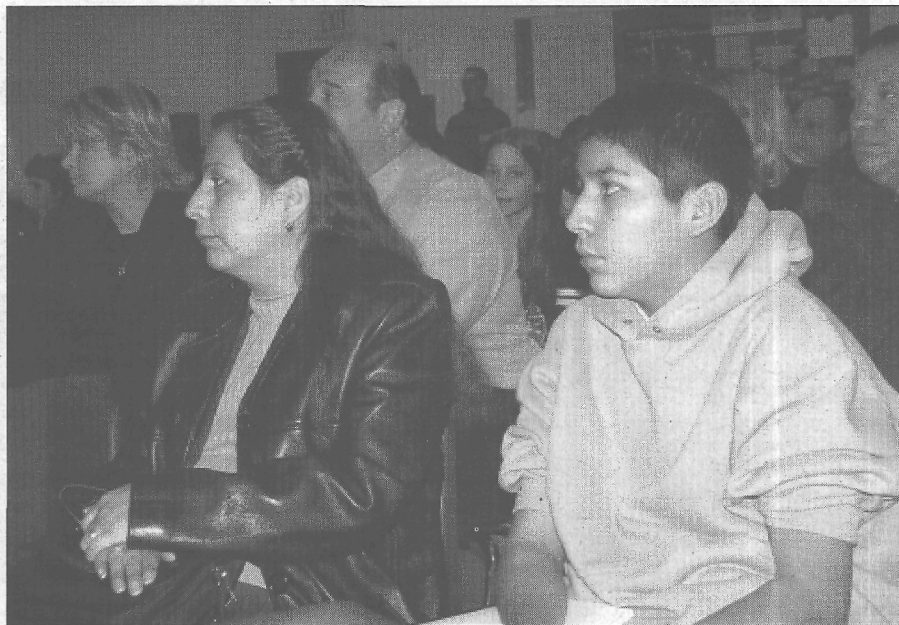
I take Government Class, which is open to juniors and seniors. Our mid-

term will consist of the different forms of government, zoning and current events. We have had guest speakers come in and talk to us and the things that we learned from the speakers will be on the test.

One of my other classes is Office System. In this class, I work on the Yearbook and I am on the Yearbook Staff. We will also have a mid-term in the class and it will consist of using our imaginations. For everyone that thinks this might be an easy class, it can be hard for a lot of students that might not be as creative as others. We will have to make different layouts and spreads that catch a reader's eye. In magazines we have very difficult layouts, but are very trendy and cool. We will have to create those kinds of images on the computer. In return, this will help us make the yearbook more creative.

Another class I'll be having a mid-term in is Concert Band and Jazz Band. These midterms will consist of about 200 questions. We will be tested on dynamics, articulations, chromatic scales, scales, rhythms, key signatures, key tempos, etc. We will also have to know names of famous composers and famous symphonic tunes they might have composed. Along with our test, my band director usually tests us on our instrument and we will have to play a tune that we have been working on and he will grade us in our skill of playing, how well we read music, how well we have improved.

Some other senior classes I would like to talk about are AP Courses, such as AP Biology and AP Physics. These courses still have to take midterms and finals along with taking the AP Exams. The AP Biology exam is in April and May. You don't have to take the AP exams if you don't want to, but it is good to take a try. The test is scaled from 1-5, and if you get above a three, you can receive college credits.



Eighth grade students and their parents get acquainted with SPHS at the recent orientation for incoming students.

Eighth Graders Attend High School Orientation

By Patricia Abbott

Approximately 150-200 parents of eighth grade Middle School students attended an orientation at South Plainfield High School last week. The meeting was held to acquaint the parents with the school, the administrative staff and the school policies. Speakers included Principal Tony Massaro, Assistant Principals Helen Gottlieb, Dr. Ken May, Ed Keegan and student council advisor Bob Diehl. Topics ran the gamut from the learning environment and course of

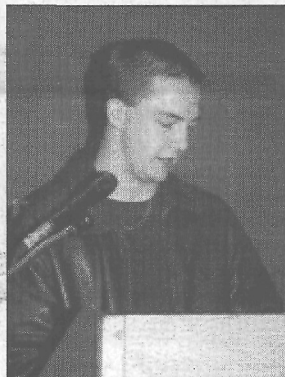
study to attendance, the Gold Card Program and extra curricular activities.

Guest speakers were 2001 graduates Kristyn Ciarlariello and Tommy Doyon. Kristyn spoke of her experiences in the high school. The friends she made, both students and staff and how she had grown as a person during her four years at South Plainfield High School. She stressed the importance of maintaining a GPA (Grade Point Average) from the start. Kristyn said, "When I graduated, I can honestly say that I took advantage of ev-

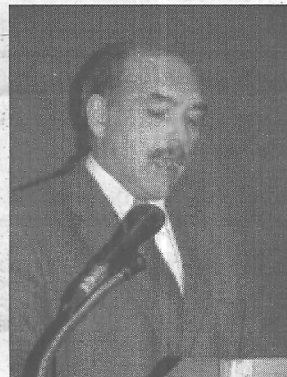
everything this school had to offer. Not only did I learn a lot about myself, but I also learned how important school really is. If you take one thing away with you from anything I said tonight, remember this: South Plainfield High School is not just a place to learn, but a place filled with opportunities that brings a strong sense of pride and respect for not only the school system, but the entire community. Here at South Plainfield High School we were all a family and I can't think of a better family to be a part of."



2001 SPHS graduate Kristin Ciarlariello.



2001 SPHS graduate and Class President Tommy Doyon



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Monday, Feb 4: 7:30 p.m. General Meeting.

Tuesday, Feb 12: 7:30 p.m. Coaches Clinic, topic TBD.

Monday, Feb 25: 6:45 p.m. Rutgers Certification course, (Certification Required for all Managers and Assistant Coaches).

Week of Feb. 26 to March 1: League Manager meetings.

Saturday March 2: tryouts at PAL, (Small Fry only).

Week of March 4: Draft nights/player notification.

Monday March 4: 7:30 General Meeting.

Tuesday, March 12: 7:30 p.m. Coaches Clinic, at SPHS practice, site to be determined.

Saturday, March 16: 9:30 a.m. "C" League Orientation, Field 1.

Monday, April 1: 7:30 General Meeting.

Saturday, April 13: OPENING DAY!

Our Website spjbc.com is up and running. Check our website to stay updated on club activities, (coaches clinics, meetings, umpire training classes, tryouts, etc.) Also once the season is gear, schedules, rosters and standings. You can participate in trivia contests and see our complex from an aerial view.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETING—The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the SPJBS Complex on Kenneth Ave.

Registration for 2002 Ponytail Softball Underway

Registration for the 2002 Ponytail Softball season is open to all South Plainfield resident girls, ages 8-13. The league is sponsored by the South Plainfield Recreation Department. All games are played at Pitt Street Park.

Fees are \$35 per person before March 8; \$40 after March 8. Placement on a team is not guaranteed after March 8. No special team placement will be permitted. No refunds will be given.

Birth certificates are required at registration for anyone who has not participated in a recreation-sponsored youth league during the past year.

Register at the PAL building, 1250 Maple Ave. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Checks can be made payable to "SPREC."

For more information, please call (908) 226-7714.

Rec Offering Discounted Ski Tickets

The South Plainfield Rec Department is offering ski tickets for the 2002 season at discounted prices. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL, 1250 Maple Ave., Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and also on every first and third Monday, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Camelback Weekend/Holiday-\$43; Camelback Midweek All Day-\$30; Camelback Night-\$22; Shawnee Weekend/Holiday-\$36; Shawnee Midweek All Day/Night-\$28;

Shawnee Skiers Choice Package-\$57; JFBB Weekend/Holiday All Day-\$40; JFBB Midweek All Day-\$32; JFBB Night-\$23; JFBB Discovery Package-\$47; JFBB All Area Ski/Snowboard-\$57.

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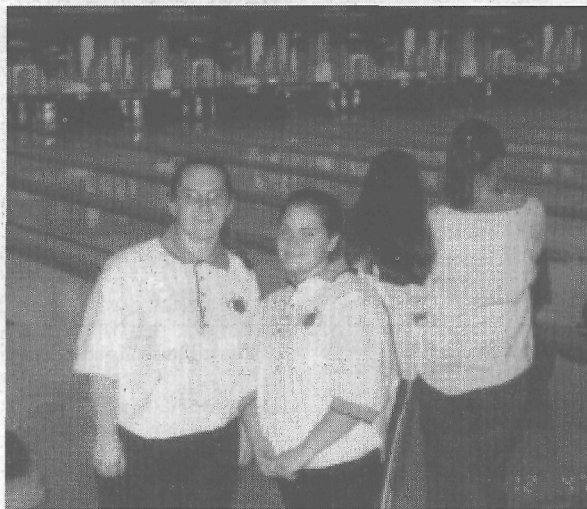
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BOWLING

By Ralph Fech



Sophomore Vicky Boley fired games of 204 and 202 and earned a 10th place Bronze Medal in the GMC Individual Bowling Championship held Monday at Carolier Lanes. Teammate Freshman Kim Gaub placed 20th in a field of approximately 175 girls. Congratulations Vicky and Kim.

Girls Team Posts Shutout Victories over JFS and Monroe

SPHS 805-758-722-2285
JFK 703-673-618-199

The girls bowling team romped over JF Kennedy as they posted a 40 shutout, on an usually low scoring day.

The Tigers were paced by both Vicky Boley's 179 game and Kim Gaub's 175.

SPHS 749-733-724-2206

Monroe 642-720-625-1989

The girls bowling team ran up another shutout win over a varsity improved Monroe squad. Vicky Boley stroked games of 202 and 215 and a 586 set. Chipping in were Kim Gaub and Danielle Larisch each with matching 178's and Meredith Cooper pitched in with a 170 game.

The girls improved their record to 10-6.

Boy's Bowling Team Upset Bid Falls Short to JFK and Monroe Despite Matt Boley's 651 and 649

SPHS 973-836-863-2622
JFK 929-822-908-2719

The Boys Bowling Team threw a scare into potential division champion Monroe, as Matt Boley's big 267 game enabled the Tigers to tie the match with the third game remaining.

The Falcons regrouped and escaped with a 3-1 victory. Matt also fired games of 201 and 181 for a booming 649 set. Also contributing to the Tiger offense were George Kleinknecht

186, Jon Jeglinski 182 and Shawn Ferguson with a pair of 178's.

SPHS 834-895-815-2544
Monroe 931-881-909-2721

Despite Matt Boley's 651 set on games of 234-215 and 202, the Boys Bowling team dropped a close match to powerhouse JF Kennedy. Chipping in were teammates Anthony Ingerto 180, Jon Jeglinski 180 and Nick Grego 183.

Boy's Winter Track Report

by Tim Morgan, Jr.

The SPHS Boy's Winter Track Team continues to experience a banner year. So far, they have established an undefeated dual meet record of 3-0 and are paving their way to take home the White Division Championship.

On Jan. 11, they showed their competitiveness at the Ridgewood Games at FDU. Jeff Williams won the 600 in 1:29 and anchored a victorious 4*400 team. The Relay Team also consisted of Sean and Chris Grevious and Will Hamilton and ran 3:39. Chris Grevious took fifth in the 55 Dash as well. The 4*800 team of Tim Morgan, Kyle Kazmir, John Wiekowski and Rob Hoffman took fourth place.

On Jan. 15, the Tigers blew away rival Sayerville by a convincing score of 57-19. In the 55 Dash, Sean and Chris Grevious and T.K. Ahmed swept the event and Phil Thomas, Alan Dummett, and Chinny Okparakee and Ian Levine (tied for third) did the same for the 55 HH.

In the 1600, Tim Morgan took first and Galen Johnson third. In the 400, Jeff Williams took first as well with John Rayho, also at third.

In the 3200, Tim Morgan (clinching a double victory), Galen Johnson and Calvin swept that event as well. In a fourth sweep, Kyle Kazmir, Ian Levine and John Wiekowski took all three places in the 800.

Then, the South Plainfield 4*400 team won their race. Lastly, in the high jump, Chris Grevious tied for first while Sean Grevious took third.

Next, on Jan. 17, in a tri-meet, the Tigers hammered Blue division foes Monroe by 43-20 and New Brunswick by 63-9. Against Monroe, first place victories for the Tigers included a tie of Sean and Chris Grevious in the 55 Dash, Tim Morgan in the 1600 and 3200, Jeff William in the 400 and South Plainfield in the 4*400 team (Sean Grevious, Chris Grevious, John Rayho and Jeff Williams.)

Additional victories against New Brunswick, besides the ones listed against Monroe, which are the same, were Phil Thomas in the 55 HH and Rob Hoffman in the 800.

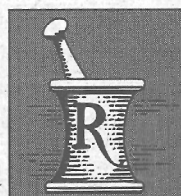
At the State Groups on Sunday, Tim Morgan advanced to the Meet of Champions by taking fourth place in the 3200 with a time of 9:55, achieving the third best time in school history. He was also ninth in the 1600. Jeff Williams finished seventh in the 800 with a time of 2:01.

The Tigers have come a long way in the winter season in the past few years, rising from a diminutive, relatively unknown and forceless team to a serious contender on many levels.

During the next few weeks they will face off against White Division rivals Perth Amboy, North Brunswick and Bishop Ahr, attempting to throttle themselves forward to the GMC Individuals and attend the 168th Street Indoor Classic at the Armory in New York City.

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Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

Tigers Lose to State's Top Teams High School Wrestlers Fall to Kittatinny

The high school wrestling team, looking to be impressive against top ranked Kittatinny, was shocked when they only won the heavyweight match.

Ryan Elliot bumped up to heavy-

weight from his normal 215 pound spot, to defeat Brad Bischoff in OT and avoid a shutout.

Coach Bill Pavlak was not happy with his wrestling team's performance saying, "We lost three matches by one

point and Ringel had to default due to a shoulder injury. Matt Anderson was physically unable to wrestle, which hurt us. There is no excuse to lose 58-3." The Tigers look to rebound in their next match.

Tigers Fall to #7 Ranked Delaware Valley

With a schedule like the Tiger's have, it is plain to see that they have been wrestling the top teams in the state.

Conceivably the Tigers are in a position to make this year's state sectional tournament, but they have to get back on a winning track.

After a disappointing loss to Del Val 37-21, the Tigers still have a tough road ahead of them. They need wins over South River and Piscataway and have to have a strong showing against High Point to qualify for the sectionals.

In the Del Val match they wrestled better than they did against Old Bridge, but it wasn't enough. Matches they expected to win they didn't.

They opened the match giving up six points, when Ryan Elliot 215 got pinned. Elliot seemed to be in control of a single leg takedown with Jer-

emy Wurst going to his back, when the 6'6" Wurst flipped Elliot over onto his back for the fall. The Tigers then gave up the next two matches by fall.

The Tigers secured wins at 112, 119, 135, 140, 145 and 171. There were no bonus points scored by fall for the Tigers.

Final score was Delaware Valley 37, South Plainfield 21

Results were as follows: At -215 J. Wurst(DV) pinned Elliot 1:17, HWT - J. Wurst(DV) pinned Davis 1:03

At 103-Costello(DV) pinned Vo 3:59; 112-Ringle(SP) md. Kelly 11-2; at 119-D. D'Andrea(SP) md. Opydyke 11-3; at 125-Markus(DV)d. P. D'Andrea 5-3; at 130-R. Kurtz (DV) md. Demarest 18-6; at 135-Anderson(SP) md. Thatcher 8-0; at 140-Severini(SP) d. Calderon 4-2;

at 145-Doerr(SP) d. Rosinski 2-1; at 152-Hutchins(DV) d. Gross 8-2; at 160-Kerr(DV) d. Beutes 5-3; at 171-Johnston(SP) d. FKurtz 8-1 and 189-Shumacher(DV)-forf.

Additional Results On Roselle Park Tournament

Additional information on last week's Roselle Tournament which Middle School and Recreation wrestlers competed is as follows:

Ryan Billich came up short in his final for second place. Zach Mitchell Hwt., finished in third, while Alex Lundy finished fourth. Kyle Hughes Midget, finished in fourth place. Nick Vallone won his consolation final for third place. Katyah Cisson Bantam, took fourth place.

Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Registration

Registration will take place this weekend for Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading at the Eagles Fieldhouse on Kenneth Ave. (across from the recycling area). Roster sizes are limited and players will be chosen on a first come, first rostered basis.

Pop Warner football and cheerleading is open to all South Plainfield children ages 5-14 (by Aug. 1).

Registration takes place Friday,

Jan. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A second registration is scheduled for Friday, March 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

There is a registration fee due at sign up. 2001 bond money will also be returned to those not re-registering.

New coaches are always welcome.

Free-Throw Contest Sponsored By Knights of Columbus

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a youth free throw contest.

All boys and girls ages 10 through 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2002 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Competition will start on Saturday Jan. 26 at the Riley School gymnasium.

Boys and Girls ages 12,13 and 14 will start at 10 a.m. Boys and Girls ages 10 and 11 will start at 11 a.m.

All contestants are required to furnish proof of age (birth certificate) and written parental consent. For additional information please contact Al Musmanno at 908-753-5970 or just show up at Riley school on the Saturday, Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. to register early.

Sign-ups Underway for Adult Softball Leagues

Adult softball leagues are now forming and games start on April 9.

The men's league plays at 6 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. with a cost of \$220 plus umpire fees.

The women's league play at 6 p.m. on Tues. with a fee of \$155 plus umpire fees.

If you are interested please contact Pete at the Pal at (908) 226-7714. Deadline for registration is March 15.

Junior Tigers Defeat Bridgewater 49-15

The Junior Tigers continue to roll with another big win over league rival Bridgewater. In the opening bout of the evening Anthony (Firecracker) Ashnault 50, won a close 6-5 decision over Joe Vega. Tyler Hunt 53, then

followed with a 8-1 decision over K.J. O'Sullivan.

Jeffrey Conroy 57, won by major decision over Tom Barletta 8-0. Randy Jakubik 60, won by forfeit. Ryan Sacco 63, followed with a 5-0 decision over Nick Brandofino. Nick Heilmann 67, needed only 16 seconds to pin Tyler Barbee. Corey Hay 70, won by major decision 10-0 over Russell Barbee.

Patrick Hunter 77, defeated Rick Willis 5-2. Brad Martin 95 scored a tech fall in the second period 15-0 over Matt D'Ovidio. Mark Wagner 102, won by forfeit. Danny Pompilio 110, won by forfeit.

Also wrestling were Kyle Hughes 73, John Wylam 80, Mike Wagner 85

and Nick Vallone 90.

The Rec team is now 6-0 on the season and will wrestle Del Val next

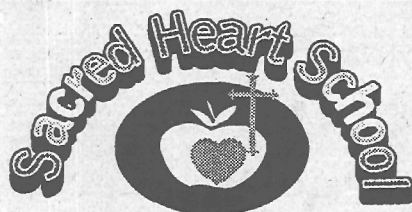
Jan 26 at the PAL.

For all up to date wrestling news visit our web site spwc.com

NFL Flag Football Program Signups

NFL Flag, a nationwide football program sponsored by the National Football League, seeks boys and girls ages 6-14 for league and tournament games of 5-on-5 non-contact flag football in New Jersey.

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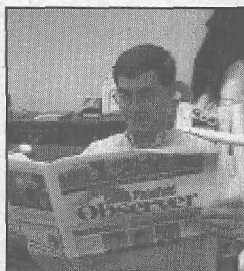
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Obituaries

Jean C. Szczepkowski, 92

Jean C. Szczepkowski of South Plainfield, died on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Monroe Village Care Center in Monroe Twp.

She was born in Buffalo, NY and was a former resident of Bronx and Whitting before moving to South Plainfield 15 years ago.

Her husband, Joe Szczepkowski died in 1987.

She is survived by her son, Michael and his wife Doris Sepkowski of South Plainfield and two grandchildren.

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

John Sabia, 87

John Sabia of Piscataway died on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

He was born and raised in New York City before moving to Piscataway 15 years ago.

John was a shipping clerk for Quality Photo Engraving Company in New York for 20 years, before retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Lithographers & Photoengravers International Union Local 401 in New York.

He is survived by his niece, Frances and her husband, Ron Conaway, with whom he had lived; four nephews, Paul Sabia and his wife Lorrie, Anthony Sabia and his wife Lynda, Peter Sabia and his wife Martina and John Sabia, as well as many great nieces and nephews.

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

Regina Borzuk Machiesky, 85

Regina Borzuk Machiesky of Milford, formerly of South Plainfield, died on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Valley View Health Care Center in Frenchtown.

She was born in Olyphant, Pa. and was a former 35 year resident of South Plainfield, before moving to Milford four years ago.

Regina and her late husband, Paul were the former owners of the Main

Quality Shop, a clothing store in Peekville, Pa. They owned the shop for 25 years, before relocating to South Plainfield.

She was a communicant of Our Lady Czesstochowa Church in South Plainfield and a member and past president of the parish Rosary Society. She served as the church Sacristan for a number of years and was a dedicated worker for the Feast of St. Anthony. She was very active in all parish activities.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Polish National Home.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Paul B. Machiesky, who died in 1973.

She is survived by her son, Paul. D. Machiesky and his wife, Joann of Milford; two daughters, Gloria Burch of Naples, Fla. and Carol Bobrowski and her husband Jerry of Endicatt, NY; a sister, Hope Perry of Long Island and eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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

Clifford Z. Truempy Sr., 89

Clifford Z. Truempy, Sr. died on Tuesday, Jan. 15, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A longtime resident of Plainfield, he was born in Brooklyn, NY and lived in South Plainfield for the past 25 years.

Mr. Truempy was a real estate manager for Consolidated Edison in New York City, where he began his 45 year career that started with Brooklyn Edison in 1930. He retired in January 1976.

His sister, Edna Holmes and his brother, John Truempy, have predeceased him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Grace Pierce Truempy; a son, Clifford Z. Truempy, Jr. and his wife Vesta of Bridgewater; and a daughter, Joan McCreesh and her husband Thomas of South Plainfield. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1580

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

Ordinance #1580 entitled: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF SCHEVCHENKO AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 25, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1580
AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF SCHEVCHENKO AVENUE, WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Whereas, A.J.V. Auto Air & Service, Inc., received preliminary and final site plan and use variance approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment on September 18, 2001, and

Whereas, as part of the conditions of the approval by the Borough Planning Board, A.J.V. Auto Air & Service, Inc., needs to obtain approval by the Borough for vacation of a portion of Schevchenko Avenue, and

Whereas, the Zoning Board of Adjustment believes that the A.J.V. Auto Air & Service, Inc., project would be enhanced by the vacation of a portion of Schevchenko Avenue, and

Whereas, this vacation is specifically conditioned upon receipt of \$7,321.01 by the Borough of South Plainfield from A.J.V. Auto Air & Service, Inc., and

Whereas, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby vacates said portion of Schevchenko Avenue, as shown on the Tax Map on file with the Borough of South Plainfield and which is described below:

BEGINNING at a point on the north easterly side line of Rohatyn street, said point being distant 136.65 feet southeasterly from the intersection of said side line with the southerly side line of Hamilton Boulevard as widened to 36' from center line, said point also being the intersection of the northeasterly side line of Rohatyn Street and the northwesterly side line of Schevchenko Avenue,

Thence (1) along the northwesterly side line of Schevchenko Avenue, North 45 degrees 45 minutes 21 seconds East 131.15 feet to a point on the southerly side line of Hamilton Boulevard (36' from center line), said point being the intersection of the southerly side line of Hamilton Boulevard and the northwesterly side line of Schevchenko Avenue;

Thence (2) along said side line of Hamilton Boulevard, curving to the right, radius 864.00 feet an arc length of 58.21 feet (Chord South 75 degrees 01 minutes 20 seconds East 58.20 feet) to a point being the intersection of the southerly side line of Hamilton Boulevard and the southeasterly side line of Schevchenko Avenue;

Thence (3) along the southeasterly side line of Schevchenko Avenue, South 45 degrees 45 minutes 21 seconds West 160.93 feet to a point, said point being the intersection of the northeasterly side line of Rohatyn Street and the southeasterly side line of Schevchenko Avenue;

Thence (4) along the northeasterly side line of Rohatyn Street, North 44 degrees 14 minutes 39 seconds West 50.00 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

Said description being in accordance with a Site Plan for Lot 5, Block 473.01 and Lot 6, Block 473.02, Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, NJ, by Parker Engineering & Surveying, P.C., Somerville, last revised November 29, 2001 and containing 7,321.01 S.F.

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Approved January 17, 2002
Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

\$115.00 January 25, 2002

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1581

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

Ordinance #1581 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$218,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE UPGRADE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT CJIS SOFTWARE, THE UPGRADE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT, ENGINEERING COSTS FOR ROAD PROJECTS AND THE COST OF REPAIRING THE BOROUGH HALL PARKING LOT AND BOROUGHS CURB RESTORATION PROJECT be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 25, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1581
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$218,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE POLICE CJIS SOFTWARE, THE UPGRADE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT, ENGINEERING COSTS FOR ROAD PROJECTS AND THE COST OF REPAIRING BOROUGH PARKING LOT AND CURB REPLACEMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Police upgrade CJIS Software
Fire Department and Emergency Management
Equipment Upgrades Engineering
Costs for Various Road Projects
Repaving of Borough Hall Parking Lot
Curb Replacement along Borough Roadways

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvement for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$218,000.00.

B. That the cost of said projects shall be financed from appropriations in the SFY 2002 Capital Improvement Fund, of which said funds are available for said purposes.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvement is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00

Section 5. This law shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Approved January 17, 2002
Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

\$105.00 January 25, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE
RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
TO: AMERILAND, INC.
FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT
KENNETH AVENUE

LOT #: 2, 3, 4, 6.01 AND 7 BLOCK #368
A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Tonsar, Inc. for public improvements at Kenneth Avenue, known as Lot #: 2,3,4,6.01 and 7, in Block #: 368 listed on the official maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearings will be held on 7 P.M. Tuesday, February 19, 2002, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Applicant's Name: Ameriland, Inc.
By: John Sullivan, Jr., Attorney for Applicant
1273 Bound Brook Road, Suite 12A
Middlesex, New Jersey 08846

\$38.00 January 25, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE
RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
TO: TONSAR, INC.
FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT
608 AND 612 KENNETH AVENUE
LOT #5 AND 6 BLOCK #368

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Tonsar, Inc. for public improvements at 608 and 612 Kenneth Avenue, known as Lot #: 5 and 6, in Block #: 368 listed on the official maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearings will be held on 7 P.M. Tuesday, February 19, 2002, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Applicant's Name: Tonsar, Inc.

By: John Sullivan, Jr., Attorney for Applicant
1273 Bound Brook Road, Suite 12A
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\$38.00 January 25, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
January 18, 2002

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board at its meeting held on January 15, 2002.

A. Case #74-01—Jeffrey Sutton—Block 41; Lot 13; 1600 Kenyon Avenue—Applicant's request for a front setback of 22.7' from Clifford St. for a wood deck, was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #77-01—Maria Barca—Block 184; Lot 9; 502 Ritter Avenue—Applicant's request for a use variance to construct a detached garage was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #69-01—Roth Brothers, Inc.—Block 401; Lot 3.01; 2225 Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for a temporary use permit to terminate 6/1/02 to operate a public garage, is hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

D. Case #26-00/T—Karl Jackson d/b/a Majestic Auto—Block 522; Lot 1; 132 South Avenue—Applicant's request for an extension of their temporary use permit to operate a towing business, was hereby GRANTED, to end 6/1/02.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Mucilli
Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment.

\$34.00 January 25, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1582
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1582 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$300,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY THE RESURFACING OF THE FOLLOWING BOROUGH ROADWAYS: BANTA ROAD, BERGEN STREET, BEVERLY ROAD, CROWN LANE, DELORES AVENUE, FAULK PLACE, OAKLAND AVENUE, PARK STREET, PUHA STREET, RANGER STREET, REGENCY PLACE, SCHEVCHENKO AVENUE, STOCKOFF PLACE AND TOOP PLACE AS WELL AS PORTIONS OF OXFORD AVENUE, UNIVERSAL AVENUE AND WHISPERING HILLS ROAD be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 25, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$300,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the resurfacing of Banta Road, Bergen Street, Beverly Road, Crown Lane, Delores Avenue, Faulks Place, Oakland Avenue, Park Street, Puh Street, Ranger Street, Regency Place, Schevchenko Avenue, Stockoff Place, Toop Place as well as portions of Oxford Avenue, Universal Avenue, and Whispering Hills Road.

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvement for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$300,000.00.

B. That the cost of said projects shall be financed from appropriations in the SFY 2002 Capital Improvement Fund, of which said funds are available for said purposes.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvement is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00

Section 5. This law shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Approved January 17, 2002
Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

\$95.00 January 25, 2002

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Franklin Fundrasier Spaghetti Dinner

Photos/story by Patricia Abbott

Mouthwatering aromas wafted into the lobby of Franklin School. Following their noses, students and their parents filled the gym, where full course spaghetti dinner awaited them. The event, a fundraiser for the fifth grade Stokes trip, offered spaghetti, tomato sauce, meatballs, rolls, salad, garlic bread, beverages and desserts. The committee was chaired by Darleen Albinio, with fifth grade parents and students assisting.

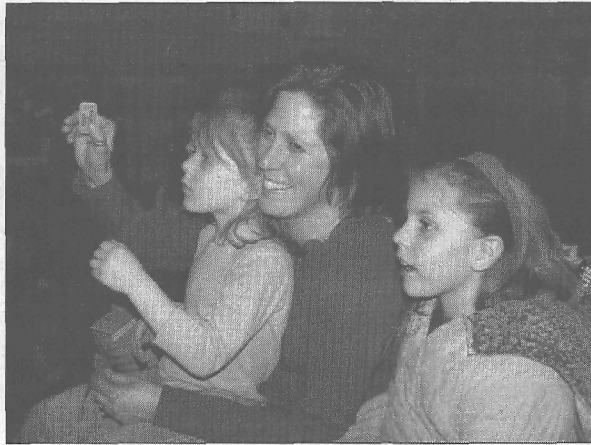
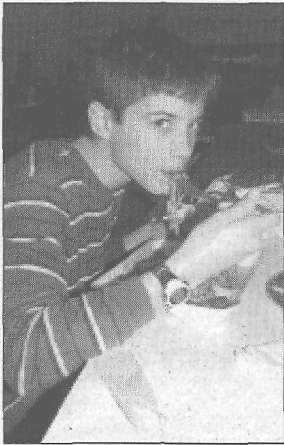
Many area businesses donated goods to help make the fundraiser a success. One hundred and twenty five hungry people attended the dinner. Fourteen gift baskets were auctioned. The baskets were made and donated by parent Pam Hussey. Mrs. Abra



Hodge won the 50/50 and generously donated the money back to the Stokes fund.

It was the first time in two years

the school held a Spaghetti dinner. Snowy winter weather a few years back postponed the event several times.



policereport

• On Jan. 17 Home Depot reported receiving two bad checks totaling \$4,052.66. The same individual has also passed bad checks at the Home Depot in East Hanover and possibly other locations. The matter is currently being investigated by the FBI.

• On Friday a neighborly dispute was reported on Oakmoor Ave.

• On Monday a Walnut St. resident reported that his 2002 GMC wagon was missing from the front of his home. The vehicle was later recovered in a secluded warehouse section in Keasby. The driver's side window was broken and the dash side panels and passenger side seat were missing.

• A stolen 1992 Cadillac Eldorado was found buried under

snow piles in the parking lot in front of Macy's. The vehicle had some ignition switch damage.

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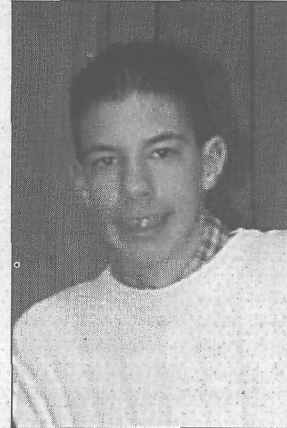
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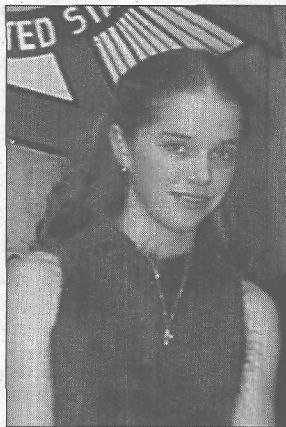
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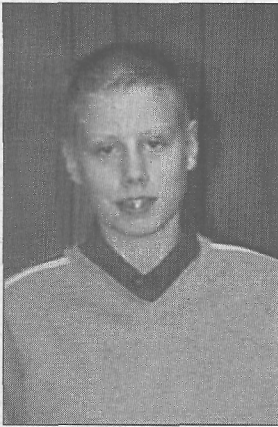
Robert DiDario, Sacred Heart School



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Eileen Cameron
Middle School



Joseph Chmielewski
Sacred Heart School



Jacob Levine, Middle School, and VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Dorothy DeWolf

VFW Presents 'Voice of Democracy' Prizes

Members of the VFW Post #6763 proudly presented their annual "Voice of Democracy" prizes to winning students during last Fridays ceremonies.

Post Commander Rudy Poczak and Auxiliary President Dorothy DeWolf made the presentations while more than 70 parents, teachers and friends looked on with pride.

High school students truly had the

biggest challenge in the contest. They not only had to write an essay, on what democracy meant to them, but they also had to record their essay. Many students found making the recording was harder and much more than challenging than writing the essay. This year, 22 high school students entered this phase of the contest.

Middle School and Sacred Heart

students also submitted written essays. This year the Middle School students submitted an impressive 200 essays for the judges.

Commander Rudy Poczak and his wife, Marlene, read each and every entry. They really enjoy their job and always find it very difficult picking a winner.

First place winners from each

school were awarded \$250; second place \$200 and third place \$175. The first place winners were also asked to read their essays for the audience.

High school winners were: first place Jaclyn Cox, second place Lindsay Ardis and Gina D'urso third place. Gina's parents accepted her prize for her because she was ill.

Sacred Heart School winners were:

first place Julia Dougherty, second place Robert DiDario and third place Joseph Chmielewski.

The VFW holds fundraisers all year long to support their scholarship and contest awards. They want students to know what the VFW stands for and that VFW members are one of the reasons that America enjoys freedom and is a democracy.

Summer Drama Workshop Looking to Fill Staff Positions

Summer Drama Workshop is currently seeking staff for their upcoming production of *Footloose*. Positions still open are: stage manager, vocal director, assistant director and tech coordinator. All are paid positions.

Rehearsals being in late June and run through July. The show runs four

days in early August, three evenings, one Sunday matinee. Cast ages are 12 through 19.

If you are interested and have experience with full scale musicals and kids theater, send an email to Angelonly@aol.com or call 908 756-8011 and leave a message.

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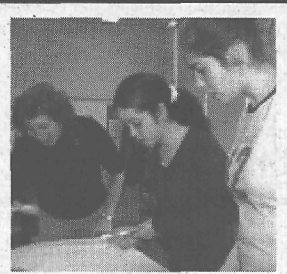
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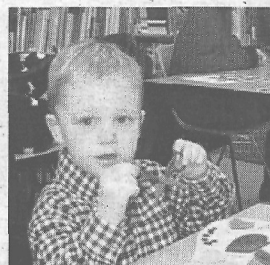
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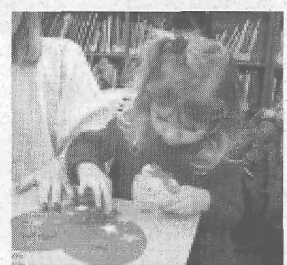
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