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Pictured in front of the specially designed New York City fire truck (left to right) are Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Ed Reagan, operations manager at Seagrave and Assemblyman Peter Barnes.

New York City Fire Truck Attracts Media Attention

Sept. 11 was a devastating event for the entire nation. The New York City Fire Department was especially hard hit. Along with losing hundreds of firefighters, they also lost hundreds of fire trucks. Seagrave, located on Durham Ave., has been working non-stop since Sept. 11 to help restore New York's depleted fire apparatus.

Seagrave provides maintenance on both new and older fire trucks. They will be prepping the new trucks before they are put on line and checking them out to ensure everything is working properly. They will also install the communications equipment.

Last week, a caravan of four New York City fire trucks were escorted to Seagrave's South Plainfield facility

from their Clintonville, Wisconsin plant and their arrival drew a lot of attention. The most popular of the fire trucks has a unique and different design painted on each side, in remembrance of the events of Sept. 11. The sides are emblazoned with the United States flag and a New York City fireman depicted in full color.

Ralph Edwards, a supervisor at Seagrave in Wisconsin, was one of four drivers who came east with the first of 54 replacement trucks. The trip took them 16 hours. Four of his employees thought up the idea of painting the flag and fireman mural on the fire truck. After their arrival they were taken to NYC for a tour of "Ground Zero."

This unique truck has become the center of attention at the Seagrave facility. Fox Five News, as well as many other news organizations, were on hand to cover the arrival of the truck. Since then, residents and elected officials have visited the site to admire the truck.

Last Friday, State Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan, along with Mayor Dan Gallagher, were given a tour of the facility and a close-up look at the truck. Over the weekend members of the South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad, as well as Piscataway Fire Department personnel, came to get a closer look at the now famous truck.

Ed Reagan, operation manager at Seagrave, said:

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Special Mass at Sacred Heart Church Kicks Off Catholic Schools Week

On Sunday morning Sacred Heart Church was filled to the brim with students, teachers, former graduates of Sacred Heart, family members and guests. The occasion was a special Mass offered to officially kick-off Catholic Schools Week in South Plainfield.

The Sacred Heart children's choir led the parishioners in song throughout the mass. Students participated by reading prayers and presenting the offertory gifts. The gifts they brought to the altar were all Catholic learning related material, including a bible, a globe, a book and crayons.

Mrs. Geene and Mrs. Joanne Semon received special mention because they were last year's recipients of the National Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate Award by the Department of Elementary School of the National Catholic Association.

Christopher Kuberiet attended Bishop Ahr High School and after graduation attended Albright College in Reading, Pa., and Rutgers University in Camden, where he received a B.S. in Political Science.

He has served as Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor since 1990. From 1996 to present, he has been



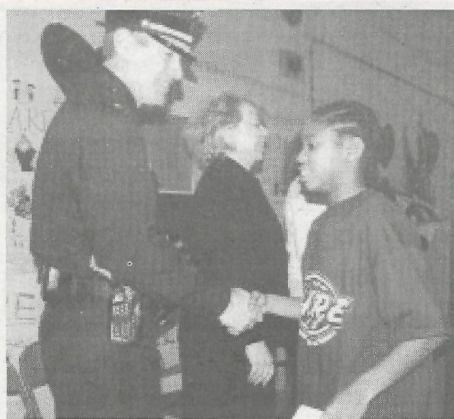
(L to R) Sacred Heart School teacher Michelle Geene, Principal Sister Cornelius, Assist. Pros. Christopher Kuberiet and Pastor Father John Paul Alvarado.

Distinguished Graduate Awards were presented to Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Kuberiet and Middlesex County Homicide Investigator John Maslak. Both are 1976 graduates of Sacred Heart School and were students of Mrs. Michelle Geene, who still teaches eighth grade here.

the Section Chief of the Juvenile Unit.

After graduation from Sacred Heart School, John Maslak attended St. Joseph High School, then Trenton State College where he finished his B.S. in Criminal Justice. He is currently the Middlesex County

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All this week, ceremonies were held for the fifth grade students graduating from the DARE program. We attended all five schools to cover the events. Next week's *Observer* will carry photos of each graduating class and the winners of the poster and essay contests.

Jeff Temple Follows His Dream to Salt Lake

By Patricia Abbott

As a child Jeffrey Temple dreamed of going to the Olympics as a runner. The 1985 SPHS grad never gave up the dream; he just tucked it away. Today, Jeff is about to see his dream become a reality. He will participate in the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, not as a runner, but as a law enforcement volunteer.

Jeff is a corporal with the Metuchen Police Department and currently serves as Traffic Safety Officer. While attending a police class in the spring of 2000, Jeff met Officer Matt Sharin from Ocean Township

PD. Sharin had volunteered at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. He explained that volunteers supplement the Federal, State & local officers, and in return for their services they are provided training, room and board. He urged Jeff to put in an application for the 2002 Winter Olympics saying it would be the "experience of a lifetime."

Jeff explained, "This is what started the whole process for me." Little did he know that his long anticipated trip to the Olympics was about to begin. "I filled out an application with the Utah Olympic Public

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Jeff Temple and Metuchen Police Chief James Keane both are residents of South Plainfield.

Complete coverage of DARE graduations with photos of every class, in every school, in next week's *Observer*.

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meeting agenda

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 adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

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.

site plan 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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To the Editor,

A BBHS Class Ring found about 25 years ago has been held onto by a wonderful person who contacted me recently because they saw my website and thought I could help.

The school has been contacted, but doesn't have record of the name inscribed inside the ring, Olivia R Matley (it is in script, hard to be sure of exact name). The ring is from the class of 1972. Can anyone help locate this person? If so contact me directly at Jagr1Pooh@netzero.net or go to the website www.bbhsalumni.org for more information. Thank you for all your help.

ROBERT T. REDDELL

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and local businesses who helped in making our Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser for Franklin School Stokes Trip a success. For their generous donation I thank: Trudy of Haisch's Bakery, Larry of Atlantic Beverage Co., Mike of Michael Anthony's, Helen of Freihoffers Bakery Outlet, Frank and Gina of Ferraro's Restaurant, Upen of Party Pros, Cindy Pukaon, Marnott Foods and Angelo's Ice.

Also a thank you to all the parents: Patty and Gary Curcio, Denise Brooks, Doreen Delaney, Cookie Savoca, Laurie Sempervive, Pam Hussey, Mrs. Zawacki, Mary Sacks, Patty Porzio, and last to my husband David Albinio for doing all the cooking. Once again his sauce was a hit.

Thank you everyone!

SINCERELY,
DARLEEN ALBINIO

Dear Editor:

In the wake of the tragedy of Sept. 11, residents of South Plainfield have been looking to help honor firemen and rescue workers. You need to look no further than Spring Lake Park, where our fire department and rescue squad are located.

These men and women are volunteers who hold other jobs, but sacrifice their personal time, family time, their holidays and hopefully not their lives in order to protect this town. When not providing service to the borough, they are maintaining the equipment or training. Still they find time to try to raise donations to support them.

I have personally seen this sacrifice through the eyes of my mother. She married into a family in which three generations, since 1930, have provided approximately 240 years of fire service to this town, while her two

brothers provided approximately 40 years. That not being enough, her son-in-law has provided another 26. There probably will be a fourth generation with two grandchildren and two grand nephews about to serve in a couple of years.

My mothers maiden name is Patricia Coyle. Her brothers, Edward and Robert served. She married into the Scalera family. The first generation of Scalera's began with Joe Sr. back in 1930. He served until 1938. Joe Sr. had six sons, all of whom served. The oldest was Paul serving from 1938 until his death in 1977. Then Anthony, otherwise known as Skeet, from 1940 to 1969. The twins, Joe Jr. (my dad), from 1947 until his death in 1974 and Dominic, who served from 1947 until his death in 1993. Also Vincent from 1949 until his death in 1983 and Louis from 1950 to 1967.

During their years of service, various officer positions were held. Paul held the ranks of lieutenant and captain. Anthony was vice president. Dominic was a lieutenant and deputy chief and received awards for heroism in 1962 and 1979. My dad was a lieutenant, captain and deputy chief and I was a spoiled child always insisting on riding with him or my uncles when they took the trucks on a test drive.

This is just the fire department. The military is another subject. All members on both sides of my mother's family served in WWII or Korea. Dominic was a POW at the Battle of the Bulge, Paul landed at Normandy during D-Day, Skeet was an Air Corp pilot and my dad was in the Navy.

The next generation began with cousin Vincent, a junior in 1971 and senior until 1983. Then various cousins served with either the juniors or seniors. They are Bruce, Dennis, James and myself. The only remaining member is Thomas, otherwise known as Bubba, who was in the juniors and became a senior in 1981 and is deputy chief today. My brother-in-law, John Mocharski and I served as juniors back in 1975, before he married my sister, Pam. John is still serving, reaching the rank of chief and deputy chief today.

The future appears to have firemen by the names of John Robert and Michael, sons of my sister Pam and John along with DJ (Dominic Joseph), named for the twins and Nicholas, sons of Bubba and Sharon. Dominic is the father of Tommy.

What is the life of a fireman's family like? It wasn't nice watching them have to leave during our birthday parties. It stunk when they came home with smelly clothes. It wasn't thrill-

ing not having them home Christmas Eve or New Years Eve because they volunteer to sleep at the firehouse. It was terrifying watching them go over to Plainfield during the riots to fight the fires. It was painful to watch our mothers hide their tears and reassure us that everything would be all right when they missed Thanksgiving dinner. It was horrifying to watch my uncle fall through the Shop Rite roof.

Despite all that, I always thought I was the luckiest kid in the world because my dad was a fireman. I got to ride in the truck with him, help him clean the trucks, walk the Dalmation Sparky, play with the hoses, help him at Christmas giving out presents to the poor and clean off the snow at the lake so people could skate. My proudest moment was when I joined the juniors and was able to serve with him before he passed away. My dad died at the age of 48, taken from us at such a young age. I feel sorry for my brothers and sister because I am the oldest and have more memories of the two of us at the firehouse which they don't. It's those memories that keep him alive and keep me drawn to South Plainfield.

But we were all lucky, not only did we have our uncles, we had all those guys at the firehouse who became our surrogate dads. Looking after us, keeping us in line and out of trouble with a foot in the backside when we smarted off.

It's just not my family, they are all heroes down there. I am sure other families can tell you similar stories. In a time where it's nothing but greed in an era of "what's in it for me" attitudes, these guys and ladies, along with their families make sacrifices that are demanding on anyone or any family. Getting up in the middle of the night is wear and tear on anyone's health. It's not just the fire department, the rescue squad is there for you night or day. Both don't limit the volunteerism to this town. When any town calls, they are there. Also several of our police officers were also volunteer firemen or rescue workers.

So in your prayers at night, say one for a volunteer that they will return home safely. When times are good and you want to feel good about doing something you can join or at least donate. That donation may go to buy equipment that may save a member of your family.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
JOSEPH F. SCALERA III

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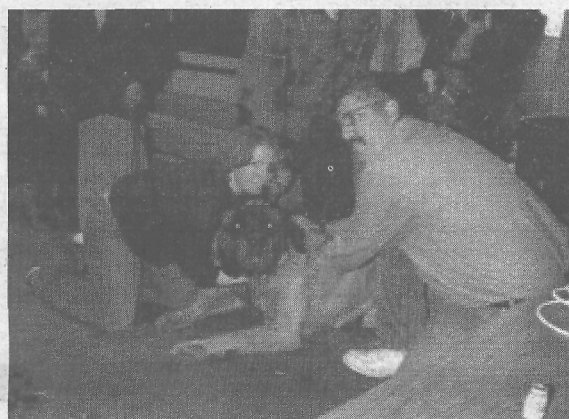
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400+ Take Advantage of Annual Rabies Clinic

Last Saturday morning more than 400 residents took advantage of the beautiful weather and arrived at the Borough Garage with their dogs and cats to get free rabies shots and pet licenses. From the time the doors opened at 9 a.m. until closing at noon, the line extended more than two blocks long. This was the best attendance for the January clinic in recent memory. Another free rabies clinic is scheduled for April.

Pet owners should note that licenses are due as of Jan. 31. Cost of dog/cat license is \$8 if spayed/neutered and \$11 if not. A late fee of \$1 per month will be assessed thereafter.



Project Graduation Needs Your Support

The South Plainfield High School PTA sponsors Project Graduation for each high school graduating class. Providing this event to our seniors is costly, but through the fundraising efforts of the PTA we are able to raise the necessary money by holding our spaghetti dinner 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 the graduating seniors celebrate in a drug- and alcohol-free environment on one of the most important days of their lives. All the seniors leave with some parting gifts and wonderful memories of a 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 on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the high school library. Please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and see how you can help with Project Graduation.

South Plainfield High School Graduation Committee is working very hard to raise money for this year's celebration. The High School parents are busy donating some wonderful gifts/baskets for our Fifth Annual Auction/Raffle on March 9. (See sidebar.)

If anyone can 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 each day. The money that is raised from the Auction/Raffle is used solely on Project Graduation and is for our STUDENTS!

2002 Recycling Program Flier Distributed

The South Plainfield Recycling Program brochure for 2002 has been mailed out. Residents should have received a lavender-colored brochure recently. It describes how to prepare recyclable material for collection, and lists pick-up schedules and other useful information.

One collection date in the pickup schedule was left out accidentally. There will be a recycling collection in the Thursday section on October 31.

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

Borough Clerk's Office to Have Evening Hours

The Borough Clerk's office announced they will be open one evening a month, except April, for the remainder of the year for residents who work days. The evenings hours begin on Monday, Feb. 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Other dates are March 4, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 3, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

They will also be open on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 8 a.m. to 12 for those who still need compact coupons/decals.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS!

Tell us know about your events, news, milestones. Call 908-668-0010 or fax 908-668-8819.

Auction/Raffle Date Set

South Plainfield High School is holding an Auction/Raffle to support Project Graduation on Saturday, March 9. This year we have a "SUPER" Raffle which is a Dell Computer with monitor. We are also having several other large raffle items - a 32" TV, digital camera, DVD player, scanner, gas grill and lots of theme baskets. Admission is \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets are on sale now! Call now for your tickets: Ellen 756-3731 or Pat 756-6512. The proceeds from the auction/raffle solely supports Project Graduation. Come out and support our graduating seniors.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Ken Morgan

Here's the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

Today, we're between groups on the Video Circuit. The February group of tapes and DVDs will be available early next week.

On Monday evening at 7:30, we'll host a meeting for Home Schooling parents and those parents interested in Home Schooling. No pre-registration is required.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is set for Tuesday at 1 p.m. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend. There's also the special program sponsored by the Friends, "Dr. Franklin, I Presume," this Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. There's no charge for the program and it's recommended for adults and children over eight.

Turning to our children's programs, we've got our normal schedule of Storytime programs next week. They're for children ages three and over; you don't need to sign up in advance. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. We also have this month's Kidcraft program; it's scheduled for Friday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. It's for children ages six and over; unlike the Storytimes, we ask that you register your children for this program. If you'd like more details about our children's programs, or the Home Schoolers' meeting, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

It seems I spoke (or, rather, wrote) too soon last week. The Valentines

our patrons made for the Veterans aren't on their way yet. First, they'll be on display here for a few days so everyone may see them.

The next class from our Job Information Center is called "Job Searching 101". It's scheduled for Wednesday evening at 7:30. (Please note the new time and day.) Space is limited for this program, so you must register in advance. We'll also be continuing our classes in basic computer usage this month. For more details about any of these classes, please call us and ask for Allan Kleiman.

Here's a note that may give you some relief. Several people have noted that, on notices we mail out for long-overdue items, the words "collection agency" and "court" are included. These notices are printed according to a standard form, including warnings about collection agencies and court action, no matter what sort of item is outstanding. Therefore, whether you owe us 75 cents or \$75, you'll get the same wording. But understand this: It is not the library's policy to take such drastic action against everyone; only those who owe large sums of money or large numbers of items are affected. So, if you only owe us a few cents, you can breathe easier. Just be sure to settle up as soon as you're able to. On the other hand, if you owe us a lot, you'd better settle up right quick before you get yourself in even more trouble. We don't kid around about this kind of thing.

That's about all for this week. As always, we appreciate your comments, feel free to contact us. See you next week.

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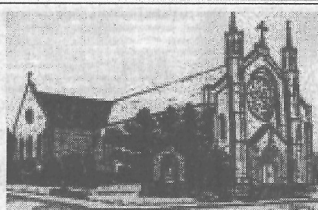
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-11 a.m., 4-4:45 p.m.

and after 5 p.m. Vigil Mass



COMFORT & CHEER

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.

Events

Around Town

Adult School Seniors To Meet

February 1

On Friday, Feb. 1, the former Adult School Seniors will meet at 10 a.m. at the PAL Building.

Refreshments will be served. Call (908) 754-1047 for transportation.

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.parentwatch.com.

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

VFW Country Breakfast

February 3

A Country Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3 at the VFW Post #6763, located at 155 Front St. from 8 to 11 a.m. A children menu is available. The breakfast is sponsored by Pup Tent #41 Military Order of the Cootie. Proceeds go toward parties at Lyons VAMC.

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

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"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 Benner as Benjamin Franklin. Mr. Benner 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.

Suburban Woman's Club Meeting

February 7

The February meeting of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club will be held Thursday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. in the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Rd. The program will be feature speaker Anne Cummings, who will give a slide presentation on "Hudson River School of Landscape Artists."

New members are always welcome. For information on membership, call 561-1908.

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 Dinner on Friday, Feb. 8 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.

Wesley Methodist to Present an Evening of Music

The Wesley United Methodist Church, located on Plainfield Ave., will be presenting an evening of fellowship and music on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Featured will be the Praise Band Reconstruction.

Everyone is invited to come in from the cold and warm up their soul with songs of praise to God! Enjoy the fellowship and some refreshment.

For further information call 908-757-2838.

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.

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.

Pancake Breakfast at American Legion

February 17

The South Plainfield American Legion on Oak Tree Rd. will hold a

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. until noon. \$5 adults, \$3 for 12 and under, under 6 are free.

Open House at Plainfield Animal For Pet Dental Health Month

February 24

The Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2001 Park Ave., will hold an open house on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1:00 p.m. in celebration of Pet Dental Health Month. Tours of the hospital will be open to the public and their pets.

National Pet Dental Health Month is held to promote public awareness of the importance of dental care for pets in order to prevent dental problems, gum disease and the general health of your pets.

The festivities will include a tour of the hospital's dental facility, a free dental check, contests, door prizes, refreshments and much more.

Please join us for fun and an informative afternoon. For more information and directions call us at (908) 755-2428 or visit our website at www.plainfieldanimalhosp.com. If you plan to attend, please call to register by February 17, 2002.

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 Presents Annual 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.

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.

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September 8-12

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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.

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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 classmates whereabouts, please contact Rosanne Demico-Illardo at (732) 878-9877. Please log onto www.classmates.com for more reunion information.

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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.

The show runs Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 2 and Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Villagers Theater, 475 DeMott Lane in 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.

For tickets, call (732) 873-2710 or visit www.villagerstheater.com.

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

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 runs April 5 through 20.

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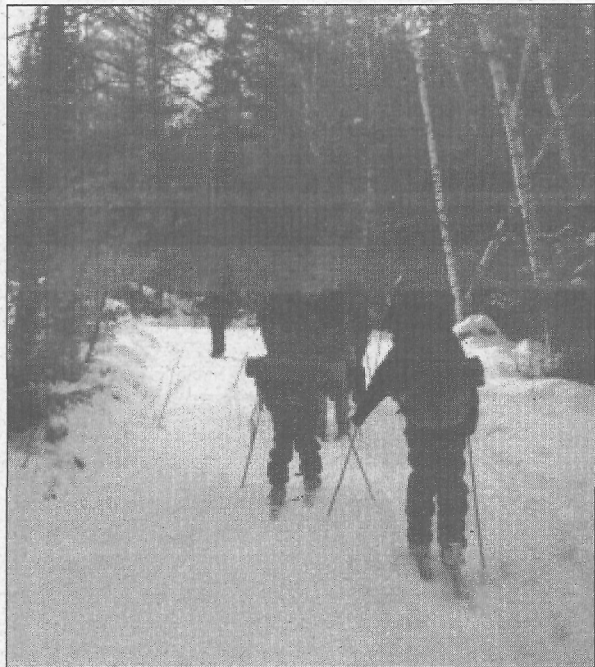
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Troop 324 Braves the Weather

Members of Boy Scout Troop 324 in South Plainfield were braving the cold during the recent snowfall.

After first learning about cold weather survival, the scouts traveled to New Hampshire. With full backpacks carrying all they would need to survive the weekend, they cross country skied into the back country of the

New Hampshire Mountains.

The boys built igloos to sleep outdoors in single digit temperatures. Along on the trip were leaders Larry Roibal, and Randy Hilyard, and scouts Charlie George, Michael George, Joe Helgesen, Todd Rivers, Andrew Roibal, Jeff Seesselberg, Ryan Suleski, and Matt Zebrowski.

Bob Tumola Retires

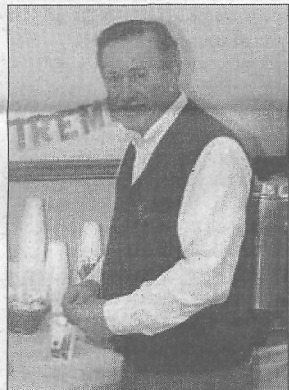
Borough employees held a retirement party for Plumbing Inspector Bob Tumola last Friday. The party was held in Borough Hall and attended by many of Tumola's fellow employees. The homecooked food was provided by employees Janice Muccilli and Jean Sherwood.

Tumola worked in South Plainfield since 1968. When he started here 32 years ago, his job was considered part of the Board of Health. In 1977, the department was changed to the Department of Community Affairs and is now the Building Department.

Tumola's job includes inspecting all work that has to do with plumbing, from new installations to re-decorating - including air conditioning.

A plumber for over 50 years, Tumola owns a plumbing business in North Plainfield, where he resides with his wife Nancy. He has six grown children. He is an Army Veteran, and served as an engineer.

When asked about his future plans,



Bob Tumola celebrates his retirement at a recent party in his honor.

Tumola said he still has his plumbing business to keep him busy and in a few years he will be relocate to Florida, where he already owns a home. He is also an avid golfer, loves to hunt and fish and has a private pilot's license.

Jeff Temple to Realize Dream

Continued from page 1

Safety Command (UOPSC) by e-mail, then followed it up with a letter and resume. I did all of this without telling anyone, except for my wife, figuring that I probably wouldn't be selected," said Jeff.

The months dragged on in a tedious waiting game. A year passed with little word on Jeff's application. Then in the spring of 2001, he received word from the UOPSC that his application would be moved along in the process, providing he could commit to the full three weeks of the Olympics. His response was an immediate, "Yes!" However, he needed the approval of Metuchen Police Chief James Keane and the Borough of Metuchen. The response from Chief Keane was one of complete support. Keane, a resident of South Plainfield, stated, "I am very proud of Jeff Temple and honored to have him represent our nation and the Borough of Metuchen as part of the security detail at the 2002 Olympics. Jeff is a very responsible police officer and will be an asset to the security detail in Salt Lake City. He is deserving of this opportunity and is looking forward to this once in a lifetime training experience." Keane proposed the idea to the town council. Not only did they approve and support Jeff's trip, but they are allowing him to attend all three weeks on department time.

In July of 2001 Jeff was informed that he was one of 500 officers nationwide selected to assist at the games. Matt Sharin was also selected. The volunteer officers recently received details of their assignments and housing. Jeff knows several officers from New Jersey who were also selected and has been in contact with them.

The Olympic Games run from Feb. 8 through 24. Jeff will stay near Salt Lake City for the duration and will have a security detail assignment in the downtown area. When off-duty he will be able to attend events and ski at some of the area resorts. He leaves early next week for several days of training before the games begin.

Voluntary law enforcement officers receive warm outer garments, uniforms and badges, which they can keep as mementos.

On a serious note, the tragic events of Sept. 11 drastically changed Jeff's expectations of what this opportunity would present. "The events of Sept. 11 weigh on my mind, but not to the point that they will interfere with my responsibilities, beginning with my plane flight next week. I think my family is more worried about this than I am. I just keep reassuring them that everything will be okay—it's all I can do. I feel that the events of Sept. 11 have strengthened my commitment to proudly serve my country at this worldwide event," he said.

Jeff's family are lifelong residents of South Plainfield. His father Ernie Temple runs a karate school in Dunellen at the Dunellen Knights of Columbus. Ernie said, "I am extremely proud of all Jeff's accomplishments and his selection for this opportunity."

Fueling his Olympic dreams years ago, Jeff ran cross country and track in high school and college. He graduated from Rowan University with a degree in Psychology. He is currently training to run a marathon this spring. He has been with the Metuchen Police Department for 10 years and has held position of field training officer, DARE officer and plain clothes officer. He instructs part time at the Somerset Police Academy in areas of Traffic Safety.

Jeff and wife Maggie have two sons, Ryan, 6 and Brett, 4. His children are very excited that their dad is going to the Olympics. Ryan hopes to see his dad on TV, while Brett has exaggerated as four-year-olds sometimes do. Jeff explained, "Last week my wife went to pick up Brett from preschool and the teachers said 'We didn't know your husband was going to the Olympics as a skater!'" Maggie explained Jeff's trip to Utah, but Jeff is still trying to convince Brett that he won't be skating at the Olympics.

southplainfield people Milestones

Mary Julia Jaskulski Turns 100



Mary Julia Jaskulski

Happy Birthday to Mary Julia Jaskulski who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Feb. 2.

Mary has lived in South Plainfield since 1930. She has seven children and is the grandmother of Councilman Charlie Butrico.

Mary's centennial celebration will be shared with family and friends this weekend and will be covered in next week's *Observer*.

Chicarellis Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Arthur and Christine (Megosh) Chicarelli of New Brunswick Ave. recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a private dinner party with the immediate family.

Christine moved to New Jersey in 1957 from Mt. Carmel, Pa. Arthur is a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

They were married on Jan. 13, 1962 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Piscataway.

Art and Christine have four children, Lisa and Al Mazurak of South Plainfield, Lori and Steven Tomej of Piscataway, Linda and Tom Pellicane of Hillsborough and Art Jr. of South Plainfield and seven grandchildren.

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By Dr. Patrick M. Aiello D.C.

Slipped Discs, Pulled Muscles and Back Pain...

Ok. You've experienced a lower back problem. Maybe even injured or herniated a spinal disc. Now what do you do? First off, don't panic. With proper management and treatment along with proper follow up, there's no reason why you can't get back to where you were before the injury occurred. If you're smart, you might be even stronger after the injury.

Here are some approaches to dealing with back pain that might aid you in your decision making if you were to experience back pain.

The Wait and See Approach.

This is the one a lot of people, and men, I'm speaking to you, choose to undergo when initially dealing with back pain. I'm of the belief that we all know our bodies than anyone else. Regardless of the doctor you consult, treatment you seek, we all have an inherent knowledge of when our back is hurt and what it best responds to. So, to wait a couple of days before seeking help is not necessarily a bad thing. But be smart. Follow the PRICE regimen when initially treating injuries. Protection. Rest. Ice. Compression. Elevation. For lower backs that also means avoiding the activity that brought it on or might aggravate it. You know which ones I'm talking about. Use some common sense.

The Medical Approach

This one can range from bed rest, to medications such as painkillers, muscle relaxers or anti-inflammatory medications. If serious enough to consult an orthopedic doctor or neurologist, then other treatments such as physical therapy can come into play. In most cases, surgery should be the last option when dealing with spinal problems. In fact, in The New England Journal of Medicine reported in 2001 that surgery is overused for treatment of back pain! So seriously consider other options before that approach.

The Chiropractic Approach

Ok, so I'm a little biased here. But you know what? It works. It also



Dr. Patrick Aiello, DC

makes sense. When dealing with spinal problems, whether it's due to overloading/working the back or just having too much trauma inflicted on the back, it's important to make sure the spine is working as it should be. If you remember back

in part two of this series, we spoke about the *Vertebral Subluxation Complex*. That is a process in which the spine has lost its normal alignment and is not functioning/moving, as it should. That's exactly what chiropractors are educated and trained to treat. To illustrate this point, a 1991 study by the RAND Corporation concluded that "Spinal manipulation is the most commonly used conservative treatment for back pain supported by the most research evidence in terms of early results and long term effectiveness."

The Best Approach

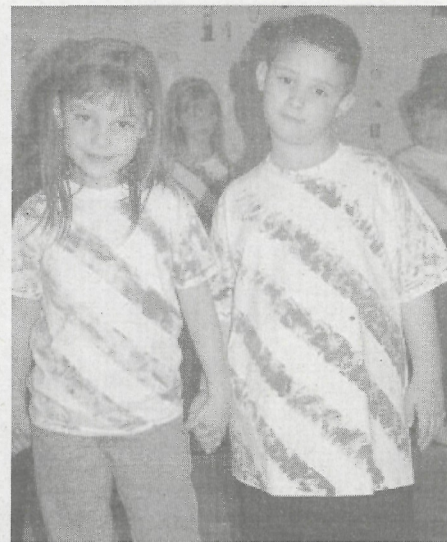
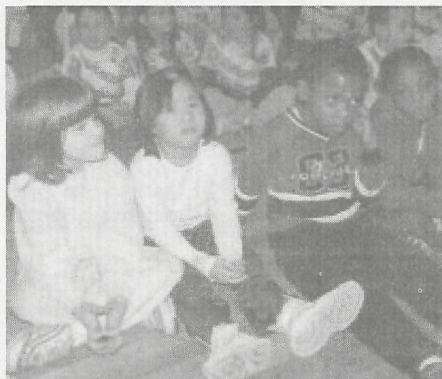
The best approach to lower back problems is to never get hurt in the first place. To accomplish that requires work. Work such as exercising, stretching, proper nutrition among the more common successful tasks you can do to help keep your back in tip-top shape.

If unfortunately, you do experience an injury or lower back problem. Remember these three keys to successful back care. Address the problem as soon as possible and reduce the stresses placed on the lower back.

If the problem persists, seek care which helps aid your body in healing and restoring spinal function.

When the problem begins to subside, work to strengthen the lower back, legs and abdominal region. Strengthening these areas will only work to decrease the chances of lower back problems from happening again.

These last three articles dealing with lower back problems provide a glimpse of how to deal with these injuries. As with most health problems, prevention and avoidance of problems is the most effective treatment. If however, you continue to experience back problems. Professional advice should be sought.



Franklin Students Take the "K & J" Challenge

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

The Kindness & Justice Challenge is a national program that invites America's youth to honor the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Franklin School participated in an abridged version of the K & J Challenge. Instead of the a two-week program following Martin Luther King Day, they chose to hold their challenge the week prior to the holiday. Reading teacher Esther Marcus, coordinator of the event, noted the school wanted to culminate the challenge the week before so the students would understand the holiday and not view it as just a day off. Franklin also tied in the events of September 11.

The program teaches King's values: responsibility, tolerance, respect, non-violence, courage and encourages students to act on them. The students spent the week discovering what made Martin Luther King Jr. a great man. Each day of the week focused on a different tenet that King lived by.

On Monday, Jan. 14, Franklin students began their challenge with choice - moral courage, service and perseverance. The students discussed King's march on Washington and his

subsequent imprisonment and how it was his choice, his means of standing up for his beliefs. They also talked about the choices made by police, fire and emergency workers on Sept. 11 - their courage in entering a building to rescue others despite the danger.

Tuesday's lesson was peace/non-violence. Students learned of King's passive resistance - his belief in nonviolent protests. Wednesday's value was honesty, respect and fair play. Thursday brought discussions of inclusion and tolerance. The children explored ethnic diversity and King's The American Dream, "In the Land of the Free". Friday, the last day of the challenge, was a day of reflection and recognition. Students looked at the strength of our country, patriotism, veterans, heroes old and new, such as King and the 9/11 rescue workers.

The students discussed each day's theme in detail. They were encouraged to perform acts of kindness and justice. The national K & J challenge asks schools to build a construction paper brick wall, each brick denotes an act performed by a student. Franklin's version was to put their deeds on paper valentines. Parents filled hearts with acts of kindness performed at home.

Teachers filled many hearts with noteworthy acts. The end result is one giant heart made up of hundreds of positive words and positive acts of the student body.

The week concluded with an assembly. After reciting the Student's K & J Challenge Pledge, each grade represented one of King's values through a skit, song or art poem. Splashes of red, white and blue filled the room, whistles and giggles were heard as the youths awaited their turns to perform.

The nationwide program began Jan. 21 and runs until Feb. 2. Students in each participating school do as many acts of kindness and justice as they can during the two-week period. Schools can then enter each act into the Internet site that has been established as the basis for the competition: www.dosomething.org. There are prizes for the students, classes and schools that have the most entries.

Martin Luther King III, the eldest son of Dr. King and chairman of the 'Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge' said, "If students can commit to one day of kindness and justice, then they can commit to a week of kindness and justice - a week becomes a year, a year becomes a lifetime."

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Ron Sward shows Kyle Sanguiliano how to stop a victim from choking.



Pictured are Matthew Little, Captain Ron Sward, Kyle Sanguiliano, Ryan Flanagan and Mathew Frazon. All enjoyed a great night of learning.

Local Cub Scout Pack 224 Earn Readyman Badge

Ron Sward, Captain of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad helped Cub Scout Pack 224, Den 6, "The Eagle Patrol" earn their Readyman Activity Badge. Matthew Little, Kyle Sanguiliano, Ryan Flanagan and Matthew Franzson learned from Captain Sward how to stop serious bleeding, what to do if someone stopped breathing and first aid for broken bones.



Ryan Flanagan is bandaged after a demonstration on bicycle accidents.

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P is for Penguin

Malgas the Penguin visited the students at Future Stars Preschool recently.

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Penguins' eyelids actually move left to right and not up and down, and their eyelids are clear. When they swim in the water they close their eyes and look through their eyelids. The children learned how Penguins keep their eggs on their feet and pass it back and forth, and so much more.

Malgas visited our school from Jenkinson's Aquarium as part of their outreach program. Malgas was introduced to the children during P week, to coincide with class lessons. A special thanks to our Preschool parents and parents Group who make these events possible.



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Sports

BASKETBALL

By Greg Machos

South Plainfield Varsity Boys Basketball Report

It's time to give the South Plainfield Varsity Boys Basketball Team their due. For the past five years or so, they have struggled to get to the level they're at now, while competing against teams in the Greater Middlesex Conference White Division.

It's true that a couple years ago a solid Tiger team with Dominique Pender, and teammates such as Justin Benford, Carlos Estonantoc, Clint Robinson, Vernon Sheppard, Joe Nicolay, Josh English and Paul Gross defeated the eventual Blue Division Champion Carteret (by the way, the Ramblers haven't lost a GMC Blue Division Game since) on opening day of the 1999-2000 season. Then they made it to the CJ Group II Tournament for the first time since 1997 and defeated defending Group II State Champion Holmdel, before losing to Montgomery in the quarterfinals. However, much of that regular season success wasn't against the much bigger schools of the White Division.

This year's edition of the Tigers has been able to do that with big wins over J.E. Kennedy of Iselin a couple weeks ago, and a thrilling five point victory over one of the top schools in the GMC White Division Sayreville on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Anthony J. Coroia Gymnasium in South Plainfield.

While South Plainfield has been traditionally known as a wrestling power, this year, the Varsity Boys Bas-

ketball team has quietly held its own. First, they won the Bound Brook Holiday Tournament for the first time since 1992 when they defeated Somerville, a school that has recently dominated the Bound Brook Holiday Tournament, and also been a major nemesis to the Tigers since 1992.

Even though they lost opening day to Bishop Ahr by 15 points in what many would say now was a surprise, South Plainfield has not only won three big games against Somerville, J.E. Kennedy and Sayreville, but they have also come close to knocking off other traditional White Division powers in New Brunswick and Colonia.

First, on Dec. 21 the Tigers lost by six to Colonia, who has lost to solid teams from Union and Essex County such as Hillside, Elizabeth and Bloomfield Tech by a combined total of 12 points. Then on Jan. 4 they played tough against a New Brunswick team that many experts tabbed as one of the elite teams in the conference, and only lost by a score of four, 58-54.

This all happened despite the fact that they're playing without Rodney Jones, who left the team several days before the season started and they aren't getting the same production they had from Ulysses Russell, who averaged 16 points per game last year. However, Russell did play his best

game of the year in the victory over Sayreville with 13 points, six assists, and six rebounds.

They are getting production though from other surprising areas. One of those areas has been from senior Aaron Parks, who really improved during the summer to become more of a scorer (11 ppg) and a rebounder. His rebounding is reminiscent of the days when Darryl Scott patrolled the

glass in the early to mid '40s. And finally, we have Marquis Jones, who has been one of the top freshmen in the GMC with a ten point per game average.

As a result, the Tigers have put together an overall record of 8-5, and a 6-5 record in the White Division, which leaves them a half game out of fourth place and a game and a half back of third as of this report. With a couple more big wins, South

Plainfield could be a solid seed when the coaches and athletic directors get together in a few weeks at East Brunswick High School to determine the GMC Tournament pairings. In addition, the Tigers are also in a very good position for the state tournament since teams need to be at .500 before the cutoff. Things are finally looking up for Tiger Basketball.

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

Now that the Holidays are over, the baseball season seems like its just around the corner.....AND IT REALLY IS! Only two short months until we begin practicing and opening day won't be far behind.

League structures will be set very soon and coaches will be selected by mid-February. Our annual Rutgers certification class is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:45 p.m. at the clubhouse. This certification is required for all managers and coaches who have not previously attended.

Small Fry tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 2 at the PAL building. Post cards will be mailed out advising the players of their time slot. For those new comers who aren't familiar with tryouts, its merely an opportunity for our coaches to evaluate, in a small way, the abilities of each player. This is done in order to distribute the different talent levels evenly among the teams in each league.

Draft nights will follow during the week of March 4 through 10. All players will be notified afterwards as to what team they will be playing on.

Junior umpire training classes will begin in February. Our umpire committee will be contacting all junior umpires who worked last season, as well as those new umpires who signed up at registration, with details.

We will be holding a FINAL LATE registration on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. After this date, fees will increase to \$100 per player with NO GUARANTEE that the player will be placed on a roster.

Before you know it, the 2002 season will be underway. Let's make sure that it's as enjoyable and successful as previous seasons.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- 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 SPSHS 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.

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Sports

Congratulations to South Plainfield High School Wrestler Matt Anderson (14-0), who was named top seed in the 130 weight class at the Greater Middlesex Conference Wrestling Tournament this weekend.

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

High School Tiger Wrestlers Come Up Big

The SPHS Wrestling Team needing two of three victories to qualify for the Sectional State Tournament, stepped up and won all three, securing them of a playoff spot in the Group III Central Jersey Division. The Tigers who had three consecutive losses found themselves at a turning point and came up big winning the matches they needed to secure a playoff position. The Tigers faced South River first and came out with the fire they are known for and gave South River a wrestling whooping 53-9. Then came Piscataway a one-time Middlesex County powerhouse entered the Tigers den with hope, but that was all they had as the Tigers came out again and wrestled the way they are capable of and handed Piscataway a one sided 51-13 loss.

Then on Saturday the Tigers traveled to High Point to face the number one North Section One leaders in a crucial sectional opponent showdown. Well again the Tigers came ready to wrestle and handed the possible sectional final opponent High Point a 44-21 loss. With the GMC tournament around the corner the Tigers can now concentrate on de-

fending their county championship without the distraction of qualifying for the sectionals.

So. Plfd. 53 South River 9

Kevin Cole, 189, SR pinned Rob Maistick 2:35; Ryan Elliot, 215, SP pinned Danny Fodor 3:00; Hwt Tom Scanlon SR defeated Amir Davis 3-1; 103 double forfeit; Ricky Ringel, 112, SP pinned Andrew O'Hara 4:3; Danny DeAndrea, 119, won by forfeit; Peter DeAndrea, 125, SP md. Alvin Medina 15-4. Matt Anderson, 130, md. Rodney Thomas 17-8; Evie Demarest, 135, SP defeated Tom Lesever 7-2. Guy Severini, 140, SP pinned Luri Pinto 4:47; Scott Doerr, 145, SP pinned Mike Lipman 3:15; Glenn Gross, 152, d. Greg Mongelli 8-6; Mike Buteas, 160, pinned Dan Billowitz 3:55; Steve Johnston, 171, d. Pedro Mirasole 4-2;

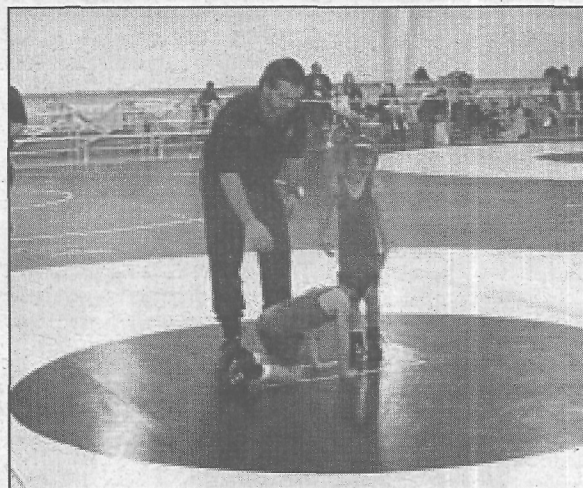
So. Plfd. 51, Piscataway 13

Kwesi Mitchell, 189, (P) m.d. Rob Mistickle, 22-10; at 215, Ryan Elliott (SP) p. Brian Butler, 2:25; HWT: Amir Davis (SP) d. Corey Metrokotsas, 4-3. At 103: Viet Vo (SP) pinned Sean Hanna, 2:16; at 112: Ricky

Ringel (SP) p. Tom Hemmerly, 2:29; at 119: Danny DeAndrea (SP) t.f. Mike Wylykanowitz, 15-0 (3:18); at 125: Pete DeAndrea (SP) d. John Cercatore, 5-1; at 130: Kyle Poulsen (P) p. Evi Demarest, 1:07; at 135: Matt Anderson (SP) p. Tim Lauria, 3:46; at 140: Guy Severini (SP) d. Kevon Joseph, 4-3; and at 145: Scott Doerr (SP) p. Bob Hurin, 3:26; at 152: Glenn Gross (SP) m.d. Matt Voliva, 10-1; at 160: Derek Tranchina (P) d. Mike Buteas, 3-0; at 171: Steve Johnston (SP) d. Fabian Thompson, 5-0; Records: South Plainfield 6-4, Piscataway 7-9.

So. Plfd. 44, High Point 21

At 103: Ryan Forbede (HP) p. Viet Vo, 2:52; at 112: Ricky Ringel (SP) t.f. Shane Swarts, 19-0, 4:23; at 119: Danny DeAndrea (SP) d. Kevin Veltri, 1-0; at 125: Kyle Hunsicker (HP) p. Pete deAndrea, 3:37; at 130: Evie Demarest (SP) Dan McCarthy, 6-1; at 135: Matt Anderson (SP) t.f. Shaun Greco, 16-1, 5:00. At 140: Guy Severini (SP) t.f. Ryan Pelt, 16-0, 3:59; at 145: Scott Doerr (SP) t.f. Matt Phelin, 16-0, 4:00; at 152: Glenn Gross (SP) p. James Sech, 1:49; at 160: Mike Buteas (SP) p. Rob Vester, 1:56; at 171: Tom Perry (HP) d. Steve Johnston, 6-3; at 189: Joe Frichione (HP) p. Rob Maistick, 1:03; at 215: Ryan Elliott (SP) d. Milan Rudanovic, 6-2 and at 275: Amir Davis (SP) d. Erich Fetterman, 6-5.



Strong Showing for Novice Wrestlers

Twenty seven South Plainfield novice wrestlers competed in the annual Middlesex Novice Wrestling Tournament and came home with twenty overall medals. The little Tigers had three champions in Mike Atcachunas, Chris Sloan and Zack Mitchell. All three wrestlers won three matches.

Second place medals went to Ray Jazikoff, Kevin Rems and Kyle Brady. Third place medals went to Robert Benwell, Bob Kolvites, Corey Stassenko, Scott Whalen, Mike Molinaro, Steven Petriello and Alex Lundy.

Fourth place medals went to John

DiDolce, Troy Heilmann, Dylan Dorey, Alex Liszewski, Ryan Hughes, Shawn Gorman and Joe Gonzalas.

Also winning matches but not placing were Jonathan Grennier, Matt Hurst, Inan Sikel, Randell Hurst, Austin Jenkins, Katyah Cisson and Ritchie Szeligna.

This tournament is designed for wrestlers with only one or two years experience. The future looks bright with this group of young wrestlers

JV Successful in Scrimmage

The recreation JV wrestlers had a good showing in a scrimmage against Clark Recreation winning 13 out of 25 matches wrestled. Five of those matches our wrestlers moved up in weight to get extra matches.

Winning for the Tiger's were Scott Whalen, Kyle Brady, Rich Szeligna, Dylan Dorey, Kyle Hughes, Ryan Hughes, Alex Lundy, Zack Mitchell, Jonathan Conroy, Troy Heilmann, Joe Gonzalas, Mike Dondola and Kevin Smith.

Also doing a great job were Nick Pauls, Mike Molinaro, Frank DeBiase, Shawn Gorman, Stephen Petriello.

Rec Wrestlers Win Again

The Recreation wrestling team continued their winning ways with a 61-15 victory over league rivals Del Val and a 41-28 win over Flemington.

The Tigers got off to a fast start in the Del Val match when Anthony Ashnault 50, won by decision 13-6 over Mat Rehl. Tyler Hunt 53, then scored a tech fall over Dillon Limmons 15-0. Ryan Sacco 63, got the Tigers back on track with a tech fall 16-0 over Mark Drabach. Nick Heilmann 67, then pinned Mike Esposito in :31. Cory Hay 70, won by forfeit. Patrick Hunter 77, scored seven straight points before getting the fall at 1:16.

Jake Smithline 80, and Mike Wagner 85, both won by forfeit. Nick Vallone 90, then scored a fall over Jeff Godwin at 1:14. Mark Wagner 102, then pinned Mark Olpanik at 2:00. Danny Pompilio 110, closed the scoring with a fall over Harry Avila at :25. Rocco Petriello in an exhibition heavyweight match pinned Conner Steifker at 2:47. Also wrestling were Jeff Conroy 57, Randy Jakubik 60, John Wylam 73 and Brad Martin 95.

In the Flemington, match the Tigers found themselves down 17-0 after four matches but got on track with Ryan Sacco 60, scoring a major decision 13-0 over Dave Noly. Nick Heilmann 67, cut the lead with a fall over Jake Mafucci at :27. Cory Hay 70, kept the Tigers rolling with a major decision over Evan Brewer 12-0. John Wylam 73, gave the Tigers the lead with a fall over Alex Schaffer at 0:46. Patrick Hunter 77, took a 13-0 lead before pinning Cory Lewis at 2:35. That lead was short lived when the Tigers dropped the next three matches and the lead changed hands again.

Brad Martin 95, then won an OT decision 7-2 over Billy Bancroft. With the Tigers back in the lead Mark Wagner 102, put the icing on the cake with a fall Brian Bastion at 1:23. Danny Pompilio 110, closed the scoring with a big pin over Mark Sirockriaw at :46 to secure the team victory. Also wrestling were Anthony Ashnault 50, Tyler Hunt 53, Jeffrey Conroy 57, Randy Jakubik 60, Jake Smithline 80, Mike Wagner 85 and Nick Vallone 90.

Middle School Now 20-2

The South Plainfield Middle School wrestling team continued their winning ways this past week with two big wins over Roselle Park and league rival North Warren.

Against Roselle Park, the Tigers wasted little time when Robert Gentile 70, opened with a fall at 2:35. Patrick Hunter 75, followed with a 4-2 decision victory. Billy Ashnault 80, then got a big pin at 1:42. Jimmy Conroy 85, continued the attack with another fall at 1:29. Nick Dorey 90, won by major decision 14-4. Mike Jakubik 95, lost a close 3-2 decision, but Mark Wagner 100 got things rolling again with a fall 1:22. Sam Martin 107, got the fall off the takedown at :34.

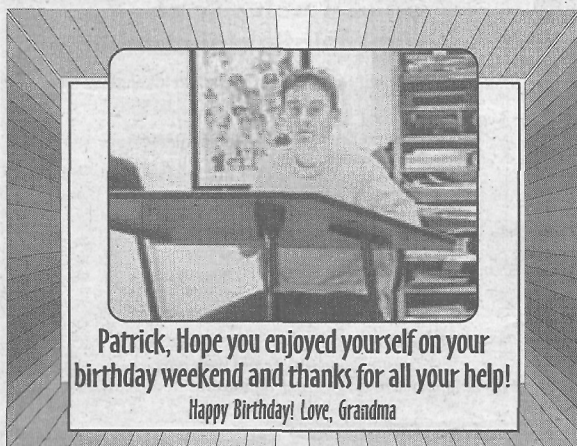
Anthony Neimczyk 112, dropped a 6-2 decision. Mark Warness 117, went to work winning 8-0 before getting the pin at 3:51. Tony Nguyen 124, wasted little time scoring the fall at 2:58. Opie Muse 132, then scored a fall at 2:00. Justin Huffsmith 150, won by fall in just :17. Kevin Crilley 175, won by fall at 1:27 to close out the scoring.

In the North Warren match, the Tigers went on the attack scoring falls in the first four matches they wrestled. Patrick Hunter 75, got the Tigers rolling with a fall over Kyle McMahon at 4:00. Billy Ashnault 80, then pinned Bryan Schumat at 2:15.


Jimmy Conroy 85, then pinned Garrett Megher at 2:30. Nick Dorey 90, then pinned Peter Joest at 1:12. Mike Jakubik 95, won by forfeit. Mark Wagner then scored a major decision 12-2 over Kevin Bedell. Sam Martin 107, only needed 14 seconds to pin Steve Brardword. Gerg Yefko 112, then pinned Samantha Fee at

4:36. Mark Warness 120, won by forfeit. Tony Nguyen 124, then followed with a 50 second fall over Robert Wolfi. Opie Muse 132, scored twelve straight points before getting the pin at 4:00 over Mike Anderson. Anthony Fierro 140, lost in double overtime 7-6. Kevin Crilley closed the scoring with a pin at :40 over Matt Gesters.

Final score South Plainfield 76 North Warren 3.



Patrick, Hope you enjoyed yourself on your birthday weekend and thanks for all your help!
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Obituaries

Mary (Tempesta) Colfax, 86

Mary (Tempesta) Colfax died on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Colfax has resided in Plainfield, North Plainfield and South Plainfield for 50 years before moving in with her daughter in early 2000. Mrs. Colfax later entered Greenbrook Manor Care Center in Greenbrook.

She had been employed by the former Niagara Rubber Co. of South Plainfield during the 1960's as a factory worker.

She is a former communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband, Clifford E. Colfax, who died in 1999. She is also predeceased by her sister, Agnes DaPian and her brothers, Charles and James.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Don Wnek of Middlesex, a sister, Sue Taraboka of Iselin and a granddaughter, Amy Wnek.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Carmela Mildred DeNardo

Carmela Mildred DeNardo died on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

The daughter of the late Joseph and Pauline (Miraglia) DeNardo, Miss DeNardo was born in Newark and had lived in Irvington and North Plainfield before moving to Tom's River. She later entered the Arbors Care Center in Toms River.

She is predeceased by her brother, Vincent and her sisters, Etta Lisacchi and Mary Marmorato.

Surviving are her sister-in-law, Carmela E DeNardo; nieces and nephews, Paul Lisacchi, Louise Marmorato, Rose Guido, Mary Fafinski, Joseph DeNardo, Paula Abuzzese, Dominick Marmorato, Dolores Nunziata and Diane Montalbano, as well as numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Michael P. Gondola

Michael P. Gondola of South Plainfield died on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in South Plainfield for over 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Mr. Gondola was an avid bowler and had been a member of the ABC 700 Club.

He was a loving husband and father.

He is survived by his wife, Antoinette; a daughter, Laurie and a sister, Helen Gandocs of Edison. Those close to him will always remember his warm, outgoing personality and his love for people and family.

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

Russell F. Dilley, 67

Russell F. Dilley died on Sunday, Jan. 27 at home.

Born in Whitehouse Station, NJ, Mr. Dilley had resided in Jersey City before settling in South Plainfield 37 years ago.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving as a sergeant from 1956 to 1959 as a motor transport mechanic.

Mr. Dilley was employed as a platform worker for APA Trucking in North Bergen.

His is a member of the Teamsters Local 617, the South Plainfield B.P.O.E. Elks lodge #2298, the Edison Moose, the South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, the South Plainfield Italian American Club and the Marine Corps League.

He is predeceased by his brother, John F. Dilley.

Surviving are his wife, Frances (Vogel) Dilley; three sons, Russell of South Plainfield, Robert and his wife Mary of Piscataway and John and his wife Arlene of Howell and his sister, Mary Cesani of Trenton. Also surviving are his five grandchildren, Katelyn, Dana, Sara, Joseph and Rebecca.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Project Graduation Committee Serves Up Spaghetti And Sports

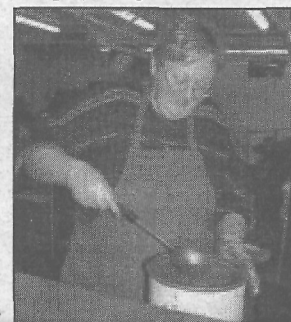
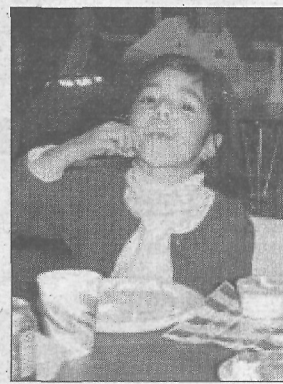
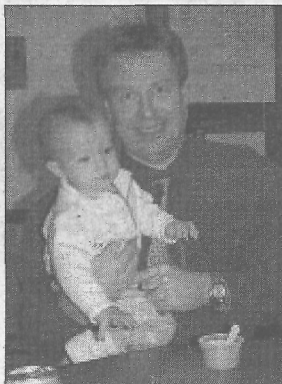
Story/photo by Patricia Abbott

The annual Project Graduation Spaghetti Dinner served up more than just a meal this year. Those attending the dinner were offered a free ticket to the high school wrestling match. Doors opened at 4:30 for senior citizens and ran until 6:30 p.m.

The meal included all the trimmings: meatballs, rolls, salad, beverage and ice cream for dessert. Familiar faces served up pasta to a steady flow of hungry people. In addition to the Marriott kitchen staff volunteering their time were SPSHS Assistant Principal Helen Gottlieb, office secretary Paula Dick and Athletic Booster Club member Marge Reedy, along with many others. Also helping set up and serve were members from Project Graduation and several teachers.

The food was donated by Roma Foods in Piscataway, Caffè Piancone, Haisch's Bakery and Marriott Food Services. The flowers were donated by Mohn's Florist in South Plainfield.

This annual fundraiser is just one of several that support the Project Graduation party for high school seniors.



Legal Notices

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Robert Vincent requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of a 14' x 30' lot floor addition, proposed addition lacks the required 20' rear setback, 15' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 152 Lot 115 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on March 5, 2002 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 1T February 1, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield; County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at 10:00 AM prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

The Construction of Barrier Free Bathrooms

Specification and other bid information may be obtained at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building at the above address during regular business hours 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (NJAC 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works NUSA 10.2, EOE, ADA.

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BOWLING

By Ralph Fech

Boys Team Falls to Colonia, But Upsets Cardinal McCarrick

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Colonia 907-882-873-2662

The boys bowling team fell to state ranked Colonia on a day of unusually low scoring in the upper house. The best the Tigers could do was Shawn Ferguson's Games of 173 and 177 for a 507 set.

SPHS 818-868-894-2580
McCarrick 744-883-855-2482

The boys team, who had an early

season tie with Cardinal McCarrick, upset the Eagles to register their fifth victory in a match that went down to the wire, with the Tigers coming on strong in the final two frames.

Matt Boley fired games of 185, 180 and 213, with backup help from Shawn Ferguson's 210 and 179, Nick Grego's 199 and Anthony Ingerto's 189. Upset puts Tiger record in White Division at 5-9-2.



SPHS freshman Shawn Ferguson

Girls Shock State Ranked Colonia, Roll Over Cardinal McCarrick

SPHS 815-841-755-2411
Colonia 805-839-763-2407

The girls shocked top ranked Colonia winning the first two games by 10 and two pins. They iced the match and squeezed out a four pin victory in total pin count. It was the second straight year that the tigers deprived the Patriots of the division crown. Vicky Boley's 190-184 and 542 set, coupled with Meredith Cooper's 191 high game, led the upset win. Solid efforts from

Kim Grab, Danielle Larisch, Alexis Montanaro and Eva Rodriguez.

SPHS 785-748-750-2283
McCarrick 638-705-796-2184

The girls won two of three games and withstood a fierce rally by a determined Cardinal McCarrick team and posted a 3-1 victory for their 12th win of the season. Paving the way was Vicky Boley with 197-184-178. The two big wins put the girls record at 12-6.



SPHS junior Meredith Cooper

police report

Workers Smell Gas at Storage Building On Oak Tree Ave.

At 7:48 a.m. on Tuesday, the police and fire departments responded to a possible natural gas leak at Eagle Plywood on Oak Tree Ave.

According to Sgt. Charles Sicdenburg, workers on a roofing job at an adjacent building smelled the gas which appeared to be emanating from the unoccupied building.

PSE&G arrived a short time later and were able to seal up the leak.

Other Police News

On Jan. 22 Kathleen Dillon, pharmacist at A&P, reported that a woman had forged three different prescriptions for pericocet. The doctor's office was called and did say that a prescription pad had been stolen in Dec.

On Jan. 23 R B Rex on Roosevelt Ave. reported the theft of a 53 ft. trailer. The trailer was found in Newark in another trailer yard. The owner of that yard is claiming it is his.

On Jan. 24 a New Brunswick man was arrested, at A&P for shoplifting five Gillette deodorant sticks worth \$12.45.

A Piscataway man was arrested at Pathmark for shoplifting seven DVD's valued at \$96.39.

A 19-year-old student at South Plainfield High School was arrested for disorderly conduct, simple assault and criminal mischief. He was involved in a fight when two teachers tried to detain him and were assaulted. The student also damaged a folding door in the nurse's office.

On Friday a Libourel Rd. resident

reported that her front license plate had either been lost or stolen.

An Astoria, NY resident reported the theft of four rims and tires from his girlfriend's Honda while it was parked at Pacon Manufacturing on Hadley Rd.

On Saturday a Liverpool, Ohio resident reported that his leased truck was missing from the parking lot at Days Inn.

Kendrick Brown of Piscataway was arrested for burglary involving a motor vehicle on Morton Ave. Police spotted the suspect in the vehicle before he could take anything.

On Monday Northeast Developers Inc. on Shevchenko Ave. reported that someone had removed the aluminum diamond plate battery cover from the exterior of a 1993 Peter Built tractor.

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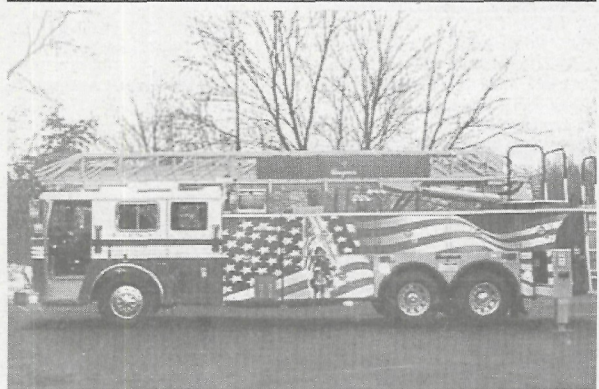
Pilgrim Covenant Holding Open Enrollment

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, located at 3121 Park Ave., is now holding open enrollment for the Summer, 2002 and the school year of 2002-2003. Summer Programs include academic subjects and gym activities for children in pre-school kindergarten and elementary classes through sixth grade. Fall classes include preschool and full-time kindergarten.

The Learning Center is also beginning a six week program for students in grades three through six

beginning Tuesday, Feb. 19. The program will emphasize ways to help students strengthen their skills in the areas tested by standardized tests. Students will increase their familiarity and comfort level with the types of questions on standardized tests and increase their sum in handling the kinds of questions they will meet. For info, call 908-756-4879.

An Open House will be held on Feb. 2 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



New York City Fire Truck

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Seagrave, said he is more than happy to show guests around the facility and he is proud that so many people want to see the truck.

Four new fire trucks in all were delivered to Seagrave last week. Reagan explained that due to the limited capacity of the facility, several trucks will be kept offsite until they are ready to be worked on. The

trucks should be there for three or four weeks.

When Barnes and Diegnan were looking around the lot, they spotted a 1997 high rise ladder truck. It was there to get a regular maintenance check.

If you drive by Seagrave, take a look at these brand new trucks which will be the newest in service for the New York City Fire Department.



Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart

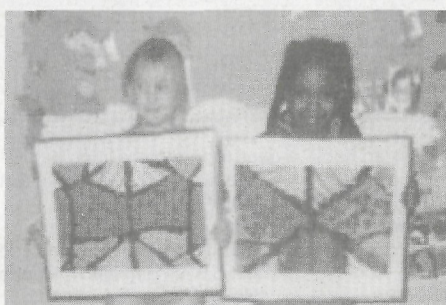
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Homicide investigator.

Kuberiet and Maslak were chosen to receive the Distinguished Graduate Award because they exemplified

the highest qualities of catholic education and have rendered distinguished service to the United States of America.

Catholic Schools Week will be cel-

ebrated all week with events taking place everyday at Sacred Heart School. We will have additional coverage and photos in next week's Observer.



Riley School Students Display Their Art

John E. Riley School Art teacher Barbara Harris has instituted a new program to showcase students' art work called "Art for the Main Office." In this changing art display Mrs. Harris selects the work of four students in the same grade who have completed the same art lesson. The first four honorees, all second graders, are Jordan Katawich,

Jessica Moreno, Katherine O'Brien and Jade Thompkins. They created non-objective paintings using primary colors, color mixing theory and the concept of bi-lateral symmetry. This lesson stressed the "Elements of Art" and the "Principles of Design," part of the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts.

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