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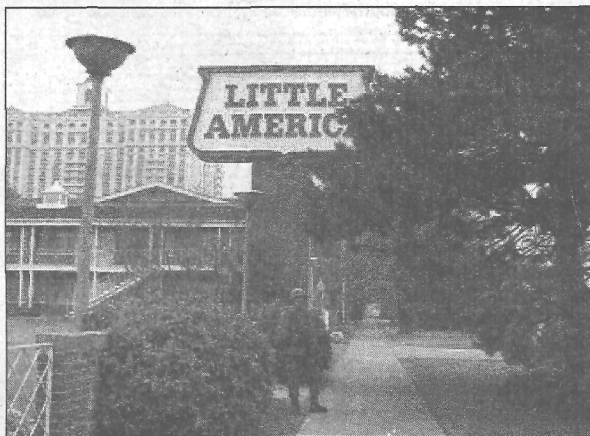
Beaver Saga Continues...

By Patricia Abbott

Rumors abound about South Plainfield's newest and most controversial residents, the Beaver Family. The most recent hearsay reports that the beavers are dead or missing from their home on the outskirts of town.

Accusations have been made by Bob Spiegel of the Dismal Swamp Wetlands Association, that Emer-

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Fully armed military security personnel outside of the Little America Hotel where Jeff Temple works in Salt Lake City. Downhill skier pictured on the side of a building in town (right).



Photos courtesy of Jeff Temple

Clerk's Office Open Saturday

The Borough Clerk's office will be open this Saturday, Feb. 23, from 8 a.m. to 12 for those who need compactor coupons/decals and cannot get there on weekdays. A 2002 decal is required to use the compactor. Residents must bring the registration of the vehicle they will be using at the compactor and their driver's license. If your vehicle is registered somewhere other than South Plainfield, only one sticker will be issued for use on a specific date.

For the convenience of residents, the clerk's office will also be open one evening a month from 5 to 6:30 p.m., except April, for the remainder of the year.

Evening hours are scheduled on the first Monday of the month. The dates are March 4, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 3, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

THISWEEKEND

FRIDAY

Lenten Fish Dinners at Sacred Heart Church

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul from Sacred Heart Church, is sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners this Friday. Dinner is served in Sacred Heart school cafeteria, from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu features fillet of fish (fried, broiled, or parmigiana) or pizza; fresh garden salad, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert. Take out orders are available.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Pay at the door. Stations of the Cross are in the Church at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Blood Drive at Wesley Methodist

The South Plainfield Girl Scouts will hold a blood drive at Wesley United Methodist Church located at 1500 Plainfield Ave. on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For information, call (908) 753-7918 or (732) 220-7037.

St. Stephen's Spaghetti Dinner

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. is holding an "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinner on Saturday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Beverage and dessert are included at \$5 per person. Children under 12 are free. No reservations are needed. For more information call (908) 757-4474.

SUNDAY

Plainfield Animal Hospital Open House

The Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2001 Park Ave., will hold an open house this Sunday at 1 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 pet.

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

For information and directions call (908) 755-2428 or log on to www.plainfieldanimalhosp.com.

Temple Reports from the Olympics

By Patricia Abbott

The final days of the 2002 Olympics brings another update from South Plainfield resident Jeff Temple, who is at the Olympics working as a law enforcement volunteer. Jeff described the days at the Olympics as exciting. There are approximately 620 officers representing 48 states here. At the halfway mark, most of the officers were rotated to different shifts, but Jeff remained at his original station. The rotation, Jeff explained, is a good way for the officers to meet volunteers from around the country.

A double shift, 17-hour workday on Valentine's Day kept Jeff busy. Extra security was needed to cover the medal ceremonies, the Cheryl Crowe Concert and the daily fireworks. Jeff

noted the crowds were well behaved, with many families in attendance. On Monday Jeff met Steve Young, retired NFL quarterback from the San Francisco 49ers. He had his picture taken with Young and got an autograph. He also saw Nellie Furtado in concert the same evening and the Creed concert the following night.

He will attend the woman's hockey game for the semi-finals, along with the finals of the skeleton competition.

Precious time off gave Jeff the opportunity to do sightseeing and visit Park City and Salt Lake City. Jeff said, "Salt Lake City is bustling at night and it is very easy to get around. They have an excellent bus and street train system which we ride free. I've also met a couple people from New Jersey while out here."

Along with the vast cultural diversity brought to Utah by the games, the state is also the birthplace of the Mormon religion. Jeff has had the opportunity to meet and work with several people who are Mormon. Jeff explained, "Mormons are occasionally the brunt of the joke, because

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New Traffic Patterns Implemented at Schools

Parents who drop or pick up their children at school should be aware of new rules going into effect on where cars will be allowed to stop and park.

The Borough has introduced four ordinances which will restrict parking,

stopping and standing on designated streets near four schools.

These new restrictions are going into effect because some parents, who drop off or pick up their children, are causing hazardous conditions and endangering the children who are boarding buses or walking home.

Schools and roads affected are: Grant School—a portion of Cromwell Place, Franklin School—a portion of Franklin Ave., Roosevelt School—a portion of Jackson Ave. and the Middle School—a portion of Lake St.

Both Riley and Kennedy schools each have circular driveways that allow buses to drive up to the front of the school. However, Franklin, Roosevelt, Grant and the Middle School do not use this traffic pattern.

Riley School Principal Bill Beegle recently wrote a letter to parents asking them not drop off children on the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the school, because it creates a hazardous condition for the children exiting vehicles and for the staff using the crosswalk from the parking lot. Beegle advised parents that the main entrance will be monitored to permit only buses and faculty vehicles to enter.

Parents who drop off their children at the any of four schools mentioned above should make a note of exactly what sections of the street are off limits to parking and standing.

According to the ordinances, anyone who violates the new provisions will be fined \$50.

SPHS Graduate Accepts Full Football Scholarship to the Citadel

by Jane Dornick

David Friedland, a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School has recently accepted a full athletic football scholarship to the NCAA college, The Citadel, located in Charleston, South Carolina.

David began his football career with the South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagles as a young boy, under the guidance of both Sal Severini, Sr. and Sal Severini, Jr. During his high school years he was inspired to set his sights high by SPHS Coach Philip McGuane and Principal Anthony Massaro. During his senior year, David was football team captain and earned first team All Conference honors, as well as All Middlesex County.

After graduation Friedland chose to attend Milford Academy, a two-year prep school in Connecticut, where he is currently in his last year. Last fall he was chosen the school's football team captain.

Shortly after Sept. 11, David was inspired by national pride and his friend and former football coach,



(Top l-r) Philip McGuane, Det. Gene Bataille, Principal Anthony Massaro, Michael Buggy. (Bottom l-r) David Friedland Sr. with son David and his mother Bonnie. David is the son of Bonnie and David Friedland, Sr., who reside in South Plainfield. His dad is a former college football player himself, and played against The Citadel's current football coach. He was also a teammate of their defensive coordinator.

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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, 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 (N.J.S.A. 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. 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

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:

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

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

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, March 12 and Apr. 2 at 7 p.m.

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

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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

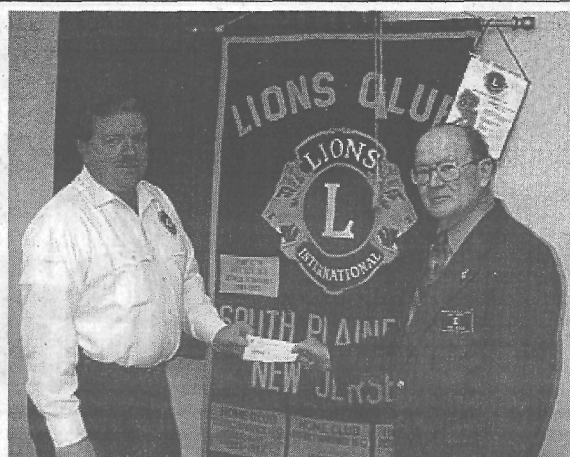
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24,

(Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18



South Plainfield Rescue Squad President Mike Zushma (left) accepts a donation of \$500 on behalf of the South Plainfield Lions from President Bob Desch.

IN MY OPINION

Retrospective of Missed Opportunities and Future Challenges

A new world has emerged over the last five months. Our nation is at war and continues to face a myriad of challenges in confronting what were once unthinkable threats to our homeland security. As a newly elected New Jersey State Senator I am keenly aware of the awesome responsibility I share in meeting the challenges that lie ahead.

I have had one of life's great honors to serve the people in the 18th Legislative District as their state Assemblywoman for the last seven years. During my tenure, while I placed special emphasis on issues affecting New Jersey's seniors and children, my service as the ranking Democratic member of the Budget Committee afforded me the advantage of gaining a working knowledge of the fiscal practices which characterized our spending plans over several years.

By now we've all heard Governor McGreevey's unsettling pronouncements of huge deficits in the current year's budget. Unfortunately this came as no surprise to those of us who, last June during budget hearings, listened to dire predictions from the budgets experts of sagging tax revenues, due to an economic slowdown that began in earnest, last March.

During the recent economic boom, while revenue was flowing into states' coffers, the rest of our nation was using that cash to pay down their debt. Unfortunately, New Jersey went in the opposite direction—increasing our debt three-fold. Debt service payments are inflexible and must be paid even in poor economic times, potentially at the expense of valuable state programs.

But despite sagging revenues and record breaking debt the last Administration did not reduce spending to meet our revenues. They conjured revenues to justify their spending. Despite the former Treasurer's own report stating that capital gains revenues would drop by 30%, this was not reflected in the budget presented to the Legislature last June. It was shocking to witness the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey say by his deeds that a revenue source would drop by 30% and yet not include it in his figures.

In the end I could not support a budget I characterized at the time as "unbalanced, dishonest and a fraud." We are now facing the consequences

of unleashing a spending plan based upon revenue estimates which were nothing more than wishful thinking.

The incoming 210th Legislature now finds itself at a crossroads. Behind us is nearly a decade on missed opportunity to alter the way in which we respond to the tasks at hand. Before us is the challenge of taking bold steps toward making real progress for the people of New Jersey. Whether it's enacting fundamental property tax reform, creating universal access to quality health care by elevating it to a fundamental right or ensuring our communities are safe and our schools violence free. I will continue to work steadfast to confront these issues with resolve.

The state Senate, in particular, is facing an historic moment in time where we will play an integral role in charting our state's course. My colleagues and I are in the unique position of serving in a 20-20 evenly divided body. As such, we are confronted with the delicate task of working along side one another, forging consensus on the issues which frequently divide us. Our success will be measured by our collective willingness to engage in an honest dialogue and the ability to compromise, tempered by a dedication to the end result.

Submitted by Barbara Buono,
NJ State Senator

Summer School and Tiger Day Camp are Cancelled

Last years referendum approved by the voters included renovations and construction projects district wide. The next phase of the renovations is scheduled to begin during the summer months. All schools in the district will be receiving the latest technology and electrical upgrades.

This huge project includes extensive wiring throughout each school, including removing the ceilings to run wires. Also the schools will be filled with construction workers, who do not undergo background checks.

After consulting with the contractors, various committees and receiving legal advice, it was decided the summer programs would be suspended for this year. Concern for the children is the paramount concern, according to Assistant Superintendent Mario Barbieri, who explained the school closings in a letter sent home to each parent this week.

Cancelled programs include Tiger Day Camp and all Adult School Summer Sessions. According to Recreation Director Mike English, Rec Summer Programs, usually held in the schools, will be held at Pitt Street Park, Veterans Park and the PAL building.

The programs English had already scheduled for the high school will not be affected. Programs scheduled by James Lenox, Adult School Coordinator, will be offered at other facilities.

Programs affected are the Summer School Sunshine Pre-school Program and Summer Kindergarten Improvement Program.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Grace Tibaldi (left) celebrates her 95th birthday with her friend, Gloria Harupa, and other seniors at the PAL Building this past Tuesday.

Grace Tibaldi Celebrates 95th Birthday

Forty-year South Plainfield resident Grace Tibaldi turned 95 on Feb. 3, 2002. Her friend Gloria Harupa threw her a surprise party at the PAL Senior meeting this past Tuesday. Grace has two children, Marge Penzarella with whom she lives with and Thomas Tibaldi of Bridgewater. Her husband and son, Daniel, are deceased. Grace has eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Spohns Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Pictured left are Gus and Teresa Spohn on their wedding day, Jan. 20, 1952 and celebrating their 50th anniversary this past Jan. 20 (right).

Gus and Teresa (Gurio) Spohn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 20. The couple are 40-year residents of South Plainfield. The Spohns were married in Newark.

Gus worked for Ford Nu Car Carriers, retiring in 1994. Teresa worked for Mary Kay Cosmetics before retiring in 1995.

The couple has seven children, Michael, who resides in Easton, Pa., with wife Jan; and Mark, also of Easton Pa.; five daughters, Theresa Myers

of Keansburg, Angie Rafalko of Keansburg, Roberta Guzinski and husband Edward, Cheryl Kurilew, and Lynda Pullen and husband Brian, all of South Plainfield.

The Spohns have 20 grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

A reception was given in their honor by their children and grandchildren at The Pines Manor in Edison. The couple enjoyed a second honeymoon at Foxwoods in Connecticut.



Voorhees and Schmidt Wed

Sally Ann Voorhees and Ed Schmidt were married on Valentine's Day in the Sacred Heart Chapel. The next day they helped prepare dinner at Sacred Heart's Annual Fish Fry, where Father John Alvarado presented them with a wedding cake.

Campus Notes

• Jacquelyn Marie Herzog was named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester at Kean University. Miss Herzog, a sophomore, is majoring in Elementary Education and Science.

• Anna Carola Backman recently graduated from Middlesex County College with a Liberal Arts Degree in Business. Miss Backman graduated with highest honors on the Dean's List and is currently attending Kean University and majoring in Accounting. Miss Backman is from Sweden and currently resides in South Plainfield.

Vouchers for Booster Car Seats Available

The South Plainfield Police and Fire Department are participating in the Boost America Program, administered by the International Association Chiefs of Police (IACP). The program is sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. and Toys R Us.

The South Plainfield Police have received fifty (50) vouchers for a free "Evenflo Right Fit" booster car seat or \$22.99 off any other booster car seat.

This program is open to South Plainfield residents ONLY. The vouchers will be distributed on a first come first serve basis, with low-income families receiving preference, as they might not otherwise be able to acquire these items. The vouchers are only redeemable at participating Toys R Us Stores until April 30, 2002.

Last week was Child Passenger Safety Week and this program is a great opportunity to ensure the safety of young area children.

For additional information, contact Officer Vincent Campagna of the South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Unit at (908) 226-8793.



At several meetings of South Plainfield Boy Scout Troop 124, South Plainfield Rescue Squad Captain Ron Sward and other squad members demonstrated first aid requirements for Webelos Readyman Badge and Scout requirements for tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class First Aid Badge. Also attending were Webelos from Cub Scout Pack 324. Captain Sward is shown demonstrating splinting a broken leg. Observing are Scout Colin Slattery (wearing cap), troop members and Webelos. Webelos Tim Ratti is portraying accident victim.

Immunization Requirements for Sixth Grade

According to the NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services, recently revised immunization requirements for pupils in school say all students entering grade six in September need to provide proof of Hepatitis B vaccine. Students are required to receive three doses of a Hepatitis B vaccine

and provide appropriate documentation to the school nurse.

If your child will be entering the sixth grade next year and has not begun the series, consult with your physician about starting as soon as possible in order to have completed the requirements by September, 2002.

Borough News

Council

■ The council authorized the purchase of a 2002 Jeep Liberty Sport at a cost of \$18,221 for use by the Construction Code Official.

■ The police department will be purchasing a Live Scan System from Cross Match Technologies at a cost of \$41,059. The system will be used to contact the FBI directly for fingerprint information. Fingerprint results will be obtained much quicker. The funding for this product comes from police forfeiture funds.

■ A 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 Cargo Van will be purchased at a cost of \$14,415. The van replaces the DARE vehicle which was totaled in a motor vehicle accident in Nov. Middlesex County JIF has reimbursed the Borough \$8,037.50 to offset the cost of the van. The lights, siren and radio will be purchased from Hertrich Fleet Services at a cost of \$2,366.

■ James Petriello has been hired as a part time Recreation attendant.

■ The transmission of a 1986 Public Works garbage truck will be replaced at a cost of \$3,190.

■ The Department of Public Works will be purchasing a compactor at a cost of \$2,250. The compactor will be used when repairing sewer lines,

sink hoses and basins.

■ A payment of \$2,000 will be made to Hawkeye Development and Woodland Ave. Associates as a settlement of a case heard in Superior Court.

Board of Adjustment

■ Jeffrey Sutton of Kenyon Ave. was approved to build a wood deck.

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

■ Roth Brothers on Hamilton Blvd. was granted a temporary use variance to run an automotive repair business until June 18, 2002 with conditions.

■ Majestic Automotive on South Ave. was granted a second temporary use permit to allow the continued operation of a towing business until June 18, 2002, with conditions.

■ Robert and Santra Mammone of Orchard Drive, were granted permission to erect a second story addition.

■ Shaughnessy Crane Service on South Clinton Ave., was granted a use variance for the sale, storage and service of aerial equipment and vehicles for their business.

Correction

In last week's issue of the Observer, we incorrectly spelled the name of Board of Education Member Jeffrey Seider. We apologize for the error.

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Events

Bunchi's to Hold Artisan Demo Weekend

February 23-24

Bunchi's All About Arts and Crafts will be holding their first Artisan Demo Weekend on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 24 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. They will be showcasing various artists and crafters who will be displaying crafts such as painting techniques, centerpieces, floral arrangements, 3-D art, lamps and much more.

Registration for Bunchi's art and craft classes will also be served. Kids of all ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served and free raffle tickets for various crafts will be awarded.

For more information, contact Yorka Rawlins at (908)755-4049.

College Savings Plan Seminar

March 5

A.G. Edwards will be hosting a seminar for a 529 College Plan on March 5, at 7 p.m. in the South Plainfield Public Library.

To reserve a seat, call 1-800-233-5102.

Project Graduation Auction/Raffle

March 9

The SPHS PTA Auction/Raffle to Support Project Graduation for the Class of 2002 will be held at the High School on March 9. Doors open at 6 p.m.

This year the auction will even surpass last years event with more exciting gifts! A Dell Computer, Getaway to St. Thomas, digital camera, DVD and a gas grill to name just a few.

Tickets are on sale now. Call 756-6512 or 756-3731. Our goal is to sell out before the event so, call now for your tickets. Come out and sup-

port our graduating seniors.

Columbiettes Annual Easter Bunny Lunch

March 10

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will hold their annual lunch with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 10, at 12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd.

There will be prizes for all ages and children seven years and under will receive an Easter basket filled with goodies from the Easter Bunny. A buffet lunch will be served.

The cost is \$10 per person and reservations must be made in advance by calling Geri at (908) 753-2032. The exact ages of all children must be given at the time of registration. Deadline is March 1.

Pilgrim Covenant Coffee House

March 15

Pilgrim Covenant Church, located at 3121 Park Ave., will hold its first Coffee House on March 15, at 8 p.m.

Acts from all over the area will be performing. For ticket information call 908-756-4879, or if you wish to perform, please let us know.

Franklin School Auction/Raffle Night

March 16

The Franklin School PTA is sponsoring their Sixth Annual Auction/Raffle Night. The event will be held on Saturday, March 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School Gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for advanced sales and \$10 at the door.

For tickets call Dorothea at 755-7117 or Terry at 753-2864. There will be a complimentary ticket for a Grand Prize Drawing with every advanced sale. Food is welcomed and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

PAL Sponsoring Trip To See Oklahoma!

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.

Rainbow Academy Open House

April 6

The new Rainbow Academy Child Care Center located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison will hold an Open House on Saturday, Apr. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are now registering for Summer Camp and Fall 2002.

For directions and information visit their website at www.rainbow-academy.com.

Everyone who registers 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.

Vision 2001 Presents Annual Art Auction

April 19

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

Admission is \$10 per person. \$5 will be returned as a gift certificate to be redeemed at the Apr. 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.

Out of Town

Villagers Theater Announces Opening

February 22, 23; March 1, 2

The Villagers Theater of Somerset will run *Fuddy Meers* by David Lindsay-Abaire Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 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.

CHATS to Meet

February 25

Adoption Support. CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. The Reverend Florence Ridley, Supervisor of Chaplain Service at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, will speak on "Meeting the Needs of the



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Adopted Child" by sharing her story of parenting a son adopted when he was 6 1/2 years old. She'll also comment on observations of the role of adoption in the female prison population. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

Call Alyce at (732)227-0607 or <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> for information.

'55 ALIVE' Course Available

February 25-26

How would like a discount on your automobile insurance? Or, maybe you have some points on your driving record you'd like to eliminate.... The Chelsea at Warren is hosting "55 ALIVE," a program sponsored by AARP for drivers of all ages who would like to refine their skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques.

Following completion of this two-day program, participants will be eligible to receive a five percent auto discount and have two points removed from their driving record.

The course takes place on Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26 from

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a \$10 registration (payable to AARP) and Pre-registration is required.

Call 908-903-0911 to register or for more information.

Westfield History Societies Meeting


April 17

The Planning Committee for the Spring Assembly of the Westfield history societies has announced that the group's annual meeting will be held on April 17 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street. Introductory music will start about 7:45 p.m.

The assembly is the yearly gathering of the community's four history organizations: The Genealogical Society of the West Fields, The Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers, The Westfield Historical Society, and the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers are the host associations this year represented on the committee by Pat D'Angelo. Other committee members are Bob Miller and Don Mokrauer of the Historical Society, Richard Underhill of the Genealogical Society, and John Lawson and Ken Hoover of SAR.

The program will be announced as plans are complete. The feature presentations will be followed by refreshments and the public is invited.



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Local Music Teacher To Perform at Kennedy School Coffee House Fundraiser



Barbara (Habeeb) Harley.

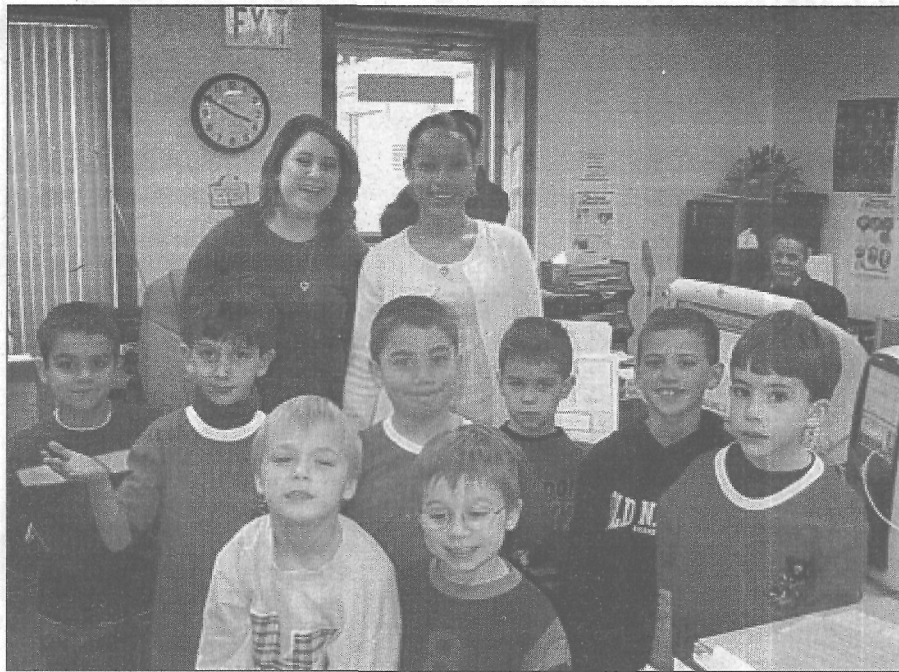
Parents! Come relax and enjoy an evening of music with Barbara Harley at the Kennedy Coffee House on Friday, March 15 at the J.F. Kennedy Elementary School.

Barbara Harley, known to her Kennedy School students as their music teacher, "Miss Habeeb," will perform an evening of all acoustics

music with her trio, "Flat, Broke, & Busted." The evening's music will feature a blend of original songs from Barbara's CD, *First Glance* (Rinse the Dish Records), recently recorded in Nashville, TN, along with many of your favorite country rock, country folk and soft rock songs from the 70's and 80's. Leave your kids with the babysitter and bring your friends. It will be an evening that you won't want to miss!

The Kennedy Coffee House, sponsored by the J.F. Kennedy PTSO, is a fundraiser to purchase new playground equipment for the school. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and refreshments will be sold. Barbara's CD, *First Glance*, will also be available for purchase at the event. Tickets are available in advance through Kennedy School and will also be sold at the door. Adults only please.

For more info, contact Elaine Viola (908) 753-2753.



Tiger Scouts Visit the Observer Office

Tiger Cubs from Pack #324 of Kennedy School paid a visit to the Observer office to learn how a newspaper is published. The cubs are working towards their communications achievement. Pictured with Observer's employees, Jena DeLos Santos and Kathy Almanzar are (top left) Anthony Quadrel, Brian McCarthy, Louie Gerardi, Tommy Riccardi, Kenny Amirr and Brandon Pauls. (Bottom left) Kevin Belanger with brother Matthew.

Get a Head Start on Spring Rutgers Presents: If Plants Could Talk

Are you a gardener that's come down with a case of the Winter Blah's? Well, get ready...The 2002 season of "If Plants Could Talk" will continue its mission; promoting environmental stewardship by introducing viewers to area gardeners, farmers, and University horticultural experts. Along the way viewers get the chance to learn more about new plant varieties, integrated pest management and other helpful "How-To" hints while visiting some of the most beautiful outdoor sites in the Tri-State Area. IPCT will move to a 5:30 p.m. evening time slot for Sunday, March 23 and then return to its Saturday 12:30 p.m. slot for April 6. You can

tune in to the program on the first Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m., from April on.

Also, for 2002 "If Plants Could Talk" has updated the look of its website, yet will still bring information on gardening, landscaping, and agriculture right to your fingertips online. At www.ifplantscouldtalk.rutgers.edu, gardeners can access quick downloadable fact-sheets, virtual garden tours, and informative How-To slide-shows, plus a list of deer tolerant plant selections, locations of your nearest farm markets, "Pick-Your-Own" vendors and much more! The best part of the features on the site is that it is all for free.

Cultural Arts Commission Observes Black History Month With Program

In connection with the observance of Black History Month, the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will stage the program, "The African American Experience in Word and Song" at the Fellowship Hall of Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave., starting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The program will be presented by the group "Talent in Triuplicate" which is associated with the Newark School of the Arts and will chronicle many of the musical contributions of the African American from the days of "field holler" to the present time.

Artists performing on the program include: Grace Hackett and Winston Hughes, vocalists; Inez McClendon, accompanist/narrator; Ernest Brodus, percussion and Tom Price, African Drums. Many of the artists are highly trained musicians who have devoted most of their adult life to the pursuit of music and the arts.

Grace Hackett holds the degrees of B.A. and M. Mus from the Manhattan School of Music. She made her professional debut at Carnegie Recital Hall and has toured Holland, Switzerland and Germany performing in the opera *Carmen Jones*. She is currently a member of the faculty of the Newark School of the Arts.

Winston Hughes is a graduate (M.A.) of Trenton State College. He recently retired from the Edison Public Schools as Supervisor of Music and Art and is a member of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

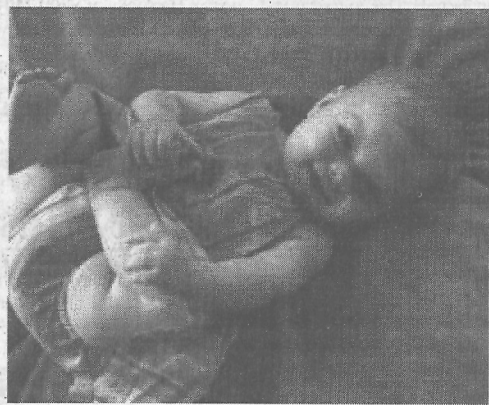
Board of Directors and Chairperson of its Multi-Cultural Awareness Committee.

Inez McClendon holds the degree M.A. in Music from Montclair State College and is currently a music instructor at West Side High School in Newark. She is also, among other assignments, a music and drama instructor at the Newark School of the Arts.

Sunday's program will be an original work which follows the general chronology of the musical contributions of black Americans, starting with the chants of Africans in Africa. The music is interwoven with a story line, thus giving the audience a historical as well as an aural perception. The

program visits several of the important epochs in black music including work songs, spirituals (from the earliest originating from slavery to those composed by noted black composers), blues, ragtime and jazz. The group also features the works of several black composers, among them Duke Ellington, who is considered among the top of American composers of the 20th century.

Through singing, acting, drumming and reciting "Talent in Triuplicate" brings to life the "African American Experience in Word and Song." The general public is cordially invited to attend this revealing program, admission is free due to funding by the Borough of South Plainfield.



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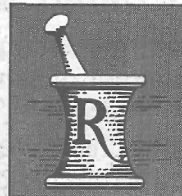
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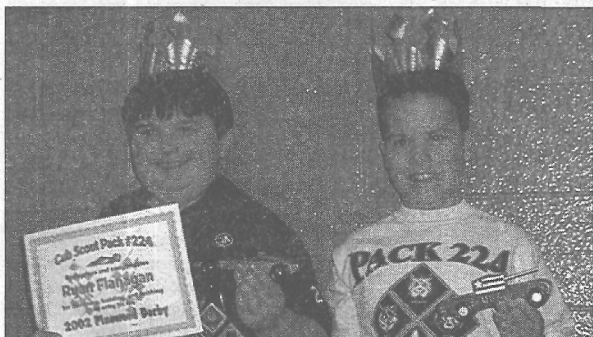
Chili Peppers, Surfers and More Compete in Pinewood Derby



Tiger Cubs Winners: Adam Sangliuano, Zack Smithline and Joseph Parillo



Bears Winners: Brian Tjong, Willie Hartmann and Joshua Biggs



Webelos I Winners: Ryan Flanagan, Matt Little and Kyle Sangliuano

Cub Scout Pack 224 held its Pinewood Derby on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Riley School.

A total of 46 cars were entered in the race. They were designed and built by the scouts, with the help of their parents. A group of cars were also built by the scouts brothers, sisters and parents. They competed in the Family Division.

The car designs ranged from traditional racing, to other unique creations, such as surfers, a chili pepper, character cars, an ambulance, military vehicles and a variety of others.

All of the cars that competed in the race were judged in categories for most original design, best paint job, funniest, best looking and best family entry.

Willie Hartmann won the honor of 'Best Overall' in the final race which was run among the winners of each rank.

The winners were:

Tiger Cubs: first place to Adam Sangliuano, second place to Zack Smithline and third place to Joseph Parillo.

Wolf: first place to Kevin Flanagan,



second place to Albert Vill and third place to Erick Rodriguez.

Bear: first place to (tie) Brian Tjong and Willie Hartmann, second place to Joshua Biggs.

Webelos I: first place to Ryan Flanagan, second place to Matt Little and third place to Kyle Sangliuano.

Webelos II: first place to Max Butler, second place to Nick Whitney, and

third place to Mark Sprenger.

Family category winner was Kelly Whitney.

Design Category winners were: Funniest (tie), Luke Sprenger, Matt Franzson and Tim Ratti; Best Paint Job, Brian Tjong; Most Original Design, Willie Hartmann; Best Looking, Joey Nicastro and Best Family Entry, The Kelly Family.

New Book for Seniors on How to Get Free Prescriptions

With the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, domestic legislation has been delayed especially measures to assist the elderly obtain their prescription medicines. Pharmacy discount programs do not go far enough to help seniors with low incomes.

Steve Reynolds, President of Harsonhill, a prescription information publishing company, states well estab-

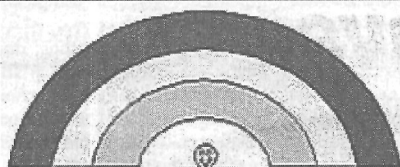
lished free assistance programs are in place by over 80 US drug manufacturers. These programs cover more than 1,500 commonly prescribed medicines. These pharmaceutical manufacturers do not advertise their assistance programs. As a result, most doctors and health care professionals are not aware that they exist. These assistance programs can make the difference between buying food or the patient's lifesaving medicine.

Reynolds states his company publishes a book that contains all the information required to apply to these assistance programs. The information in the book enables a patient and the doctor to quickly identify the proper program, review the eligibility requirements and make application to the drug manufacturer. This up-to-date information, proper documentation and formal application forms are essential

to the acceptance process.

Reynolds related a recent New York Times article about his company included information that Pfizer provided free drugs for 600,000 people last year. "The key is the doctor he said, 'His or her participation in the application process is essential because the drug companies put a lot of weight on the doctor's recommendations.'" "Yes, there are a few forms to fill out, but what's a few minutes of paperwork when you are getting free medicine," he continued.

Complete contact information of all the drug manufacturers, a list of over 1,700 drugs, qualification and application information is available for \$20. To receive a copy of this up-to-date book contact Steve Reynolds, President of Harsonhill at (888) 240-9240 or visit their website at www.prescriptions4free.com.



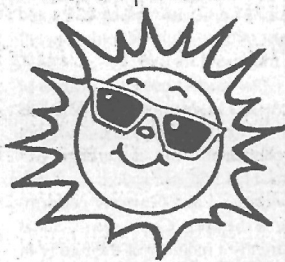
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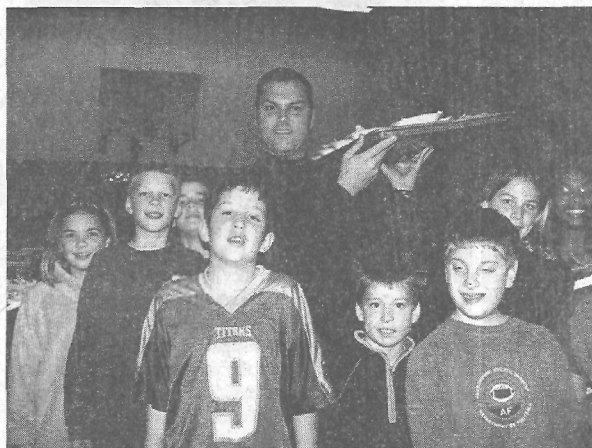
By Patricia Abbott

The Roosevelt School gym was recently transformed into an Italian restaurant for their first annual 'Roosevelt's Bistro' evening. The tables sported red and white checked tablecloths, the color theme was carried over into the dinnerware with bright red cups. Each table bore a centerpiece of red and white flowers.

The event was definitely a family affair and everyone got into the act. Parents Denise Kelly, Michelle Kunie and Denise Maistickle organized the dinner. Secretary Cheryl Mazellon helped solicit donations. A handful of moms combined their talents making the sauce. At the school they stood over seemingly endless pots of boiling pasta while fathers Joseph Maistickle, Patrick Kelly and Mike Black manned the serving line dishing up steaming plates of pasta, meatballs and sauce. A steady flow of

hungry diners kept everyone busy. Principal Dr. Richard Hangege talked to guests, kept tabs on the kitchen as well as chatting with students. Student Council members roamed the room with dessert and salad carts delivering right to the tables. There were breadsticks and hot and cold drinks. Ice cream cups rounded out the meal.

The spaghetti dinner was a fundraiser for the fifth grade Stokes trip as well as a number of promotion activities such as their dance and yearbook party. Many area businesses supported the fundraiser with donations. The event had all the right ingredients that added up to a highly successful evening.



Roosevelt School Takes Lunch Out of the Cafeteria and into The Cosmos

Roosevelt School held a special dining event filled with intergalactic food and fun, as students took lunch out of the cafeteria and into the cosmos with "To Lunch and Beyond."

Every student was invited to shift the fun into hyperspeed in an out-of-this-world event which is part of the special dining series ongoing for the school year by Sodexo, the district's food service operator. The event was themed with all the fun, wonder and excitement of outer space, from cute aliens to educational solar system facts. There was a cool menu of "alien" delicacies, along with awesome décor items and entertainment. Special games and contests were held for all students who took part in this intergalactic event, making this the hottest party this side of the Milky Way!



Winners of the coloring contest are: Christopher Giakas, grade 1, Asma Shafquat, grade 2, Connie Caldrony, grade 3, Kellen Naranjo, grade 4, and Chris Fierro, grade 5. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Nowak, cafeteria workers, were the judges for the contest.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Once again, here's the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

Monday is the last day of availability for this month's group of Circuit videos and DVDs. This month's titles include *Dogma*, *The Bone Collector*, *Beethoven's 4th*, *Cast Away* and, on DVD, *Men of Honor*. If you'd like to borrow them, you'd better hurry. Meanwhile, we're between groups on the CD Circuit. The next group will be available by mid-March.

We're back to our usual Storytime schedule next week. The programs are for children ages three and older; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. If you'd like more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

The next class from our Job Information Center is "Interviewing 101." The class is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 7:30. There's still space available for the program, but you must pre-register to reserve a spot. Please call to sign up.

Earlier this year, we set up a new recycling bin here at the Library. We're now accepting used LaserJet and Inkjet cartridges from computer printers. In return for submitting these items for recycling, the Library is eligible to receive free computer and recreation equipment (leaving us more funds to purchase books and A/V items). So, if you'd like to help, just put the used cartridges in a bag or box and leave them in the bin next to the Children's Room. The program is provided by the Funding Factory, an educational fundraising group.

Since we started selling stamps here at the Library, we've gotten a lot of positive reaction from our patrons. Not only is the service quicker at the Circulation Desk than at the Post Office, but also we're open longer. Recently, however, we've had a slight problem regarding our supply of stamps, resulting in our running out for a few days at a time. Happily, we can report that those problems have been reviewed and dealt with, so stamps are once again available. (And, no, we don't charge a handling fee. It's the same price as you'll get from the Post Office.)

And here's a book-rated note. We understand that sometimes people take out a whole lot of items (usually books) and, as a result, people sometimes forget exactly what they borrowed. All they remember is that it was a lot of books, so they grab a lot

of books and bring them in. The problem is that, on occasion, people will inadvertently grab some of their own books along with ours and leave them all in the bookdrop. Be aware that, unless those books have your name on them, it's unlikely we'll be able to get them back to you. So, please be careful about what you return. Or, if you intend to actually donate those books, let us know so we don't go nuts trying to play detective.

That'll do it for this week. We'll have more next Friday. See you then.

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Beaver Saga Continues...

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Agency Coordinator Mike Zushma was involved in the demise of the nocturnal animals. Spiegel alleges that he received an anonymous phone call from a nervous woman who claimed Zushma has been overheard saying he had taken care of the town's "beaver problem." Spiegel also reported a beaver dam was destroyed and he found four deer slit open and at least one was thrown in the water. He claimed the dead animal would create toxins, killing the beavers. Spiegel took his complaint to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), who sent representatives from their Law Enforcement department to investigate.

According to Al Ivanev from the DFW, the investigators reported no signs of trespassing. They noted the dam had been demolished and they did find four deer carcasses. They believe a deer may have been butchered and the remains left in the woods, or the deer had been dumped for other reasons. Ivanev stated a deer carcass in the water would not have deterred the beavers from remaining in the area. He explained that drought conditions may have driven the beavers elsewhere or that South Plainfield may have arranged for a trapper. He



noted they had no further information and could not do anything else.

Investigators spoke to both Mayor Dan Gallagher and Mike Zushma and found the complaint was not substantiated. Gallagher stated he found Spiegel's allegations absurd and said the town had not hired trappers. Zushma said that he was surprised to hear his name mentioned at all. He said he has had nothing to do with the beavers since they were spotted in South Plainfield.

Both Gallagher and Zushma want to strike down the notion that the town, or any individual working for the town, caused any harm to the animals. The poles put in place by the Public Works Department so far have been successful in preventing the beavers from blocking the pipes. When we last checked, we found that the animals have not been killed and they have not moved out of town. Several South Plainfield Police officers have seen the animals a number of times during the past two weeks, making Spiegel's accusations unfounded.

Local Teens Make Some Noise for Starving Children

Pilgrim Covenant Church teens will help the world's hungry by going without food for 30 hours this weekend in the 11th annual World Vision 30 Hour Famine—an event designed to get youth involved in raising awareness and money to fight hunger overseas and in the United States. Over 600,000 teens across the nation will participate in the Famine.

Pilgrim Covenant Youth are in-

involved in the Famine for the second year in a row, by going without food, consuming only liquids, participating in service projects and raising money through sponsorships.

If you have any questions, OR if you would like to contribute some money to World Vision via the 30 Hour Famine, contact Pastor Cathy Stanley-Erickson at Pilgrim Covenant Church (908) 756-2474.

Sports

BASKETBALL

By Greg Machos

South Plainfield Varsity Boys Basketball Report

It was a mixed week for the South Plainfield Tigers as they didn't get the seed that they should have gotten for the 2002 Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament and then went on to split their two games in the GMCT with a 72-41 victory over 21st seeded Middlesex in the preliminary round and a 76-51 defeat to defending champion and fifth seeded, Colonia in the first round.

South Plainfield's week started with the GMCT seeding on Sunday, Feb. 11 at East Brunswick High School. Heading into the seeding, it seemed that the Tigers would get the ninth or tenth seed. GMC Hoops (<http://www.gmchoops.com>) projected the Tigers to be seeded ninth behind Cardinal McCarrick, which automatically was seeded in the top eight as a reward for winning the Gold Division according to the GMCT seeding rules.

Meanwhile, John Haley, the beat writer for High School Boys Basketball for the *Home News-Tribune* had the Tigers seeded as high as seventh despite the Tigers fourth place finish in the White Division. There was good reason to seed the Tigers in the top eight, nine, or ten, and that was not only because of their fourth place finish in the tough and very competitive GMC White, but also by virtue of their victories over Somerville, J.F. Kennedy, Sayreville, and most importantly J.P. Stevens on their home court.

The recent victory over J.P. Stevens is important because the St. Joseph's Falcons, a team that finished 9-11 overall going into the tournament, including an 8-8 divisional record was among the three teams seeded higher than the Tigers. Another team that was seeded higher was Old Bridge, which finished third in the GMC Red with a 9-7 mark along with an 11-9 overall record going into the GMCT.

Apparently, some didn't think that the White Division was as strong as the Red Division this year despite the fact that New Brunswick, Colonia, Sayreville, J.F. Kennedy, and South Plainfield have all recently been in the various top ten polls. In addition, not much was made of the fact that South Plainfield defeated J.P. Stevens, which had defeated St. Joseph's twice this year while recently defeating Old Bridge in overtime.

In all fairness, St. Joseph's did finish tied for fourth along with East Brunswick and Perth Amboy, and defeated Perth Amboy three times while Amboy was the only team to defeat top seeded South Brunswick, which is currently 19-1 on the season. In addition, the Falcons won six of their last nine going into the tournament seeding after starting the season 4-8. Meanwhile, Old Bridge has had quite a remarkable season with a current record of 13-9 after they went only 7-14 overall last season.

Anyway, time to move on to this week's games. The next night, Monday, Feb. 11, the twelfth seeded Tigers played host to the Middlesex Blue Jays in the preliminary round of the GMCT. South Plainfield got off to a sluggish start as they trailed 14-13 at the end of a quarter. However, the Tigers quickly turned things around with a 26-9 second quarter that gave them a 39-23 lead at half-time, which they would never relinquish.

Both Ulysses Russell and David Francis led the way for the Tigers with 15 points apiece while Ian Robinson had 13 points along with seven rebounds. In addition, the Tigers played very well defensively with aggressive pressure from Russell and Francis on Howie Horowitz, who ended up with nine points while Gary Houston and Corey Gilmore applied similar pressure on the Blue Jays point guard Lewis Bland although Bland led Middlesex with 10 points on the night.

The Tigers then moved on to a first round matchup with defending champion Colonia High School, which demolished 28th seeded Metuchen in the preliminary round by a score of 96-3. Behind 25 points from Justin Chiera, who leads the GMC in scoring with almost 25 points per game, and 17 from point guard Derek DuBois. At Colonia, the Tigers hung tough early as they were tied with the Patriots at 19-19 at the end of one period.

However, the home team jumped all over the Tigers with a 22-6 surge in the second quarter as Chiera scored eight of his 28 points in the period. Meanwhile, Royce Morgan, who recently committed to Lehigh on a football scholarship, dropped in 20 points while grabbing 11 rebounds. Freshman Nick Smith also chipped in with 13 points. Meanwhile, for the Tigers, Marquis Jones and Ulysses Russell led the way with 13 points each while David Francis and Corey Gilmore chipped in with six each.

The 1-1 mark in this year's tournament puts the Tigers 7-18 mark in the GMCT going back to the days of when this tournament was called the Middlesex County Tournament. However, prior to Jeff Lubreski coming to South Plainfield in 1986, the

Tigers were 0-4 so while Lubreski has a career mark of 7-14 in the tourney, he is the only Boys Basketball Coach at South Plainfield to have won games in the GMCT. Looking ahead for the Tigers, they matchup against Hunterdon Central at home on Friday, Feb. 15 and have two games next week before playing the Colonia Patriots again in the first round of the Central Jersey Group III Tournament. However, this time, it will be on South Plainfield's home court where the Tigers only lost to the Patriots by six on Dec. 21.

The winner of this game goes on to play Neptune, which is ranked fifth in the Star-Ledger Top 20 statewide, and defeated St. Anthony's recently by two.

Register for 2002 Ponytail Softball

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."

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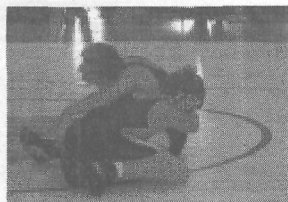
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Sports



WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

Tigers Win Big at South Plainfield Tournament

South Plainfield Wrestlers had a big weekend at the 28th Annual South Plainfield Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This year Tiger wrestlers won 61 overall medals in five divisions. The Tigers crowned fourteen champions and had nine second place winners, ten third place finishers, 13 finished fourth, ten finished in fifth place and five finished in sixth place.

In the Pee Wee division, the Tigers had a one, two, three finish in the 42-pound weight class with Anthony Ashnault winning the championship. Bobby Kolvites finished second and Malik Cisson finished third. In the 45-pound weight class, Joe Jakubik claimed the second title of the day, while teammate John DiDolce finished second. Cody Cifrodelli finished in fourth place. In the 48-pound weight class, Kyle Brady took fifth place, while John Sottiriou finished in sixth place. Inan Sikel finished

in fifth place in the 57-pound class.

In the Bantam division, Scott Whalen finished fifth and Andrew Sanchez sixth in the 49-pound weight class. In the 53-pound weight class, Jeffrey Conroy finished in second place, Tyler Hunt finished in third and Troy Heilmann placed sixth. In the 56-pound weight class, Dan DiMaria finished in fifth place. Randy Jakubik, 62-pounds, won the third Tiger title of the day, while Stephen Petriello placed fourth, Mike Molinaro fifth and Alex Liszewski sixth. Ryan Billich, 73-pounds finished in fifth place. In the 86-pound weight class, Alex Lundy and Zach Mitchell finished in fourth and fifth place. In the heavyweight div, Eric Niemeyer finished in fourth place.

In the midjet division, Katyah Cisson finished in fourth place in the 55-pound weight class. In the 61-

pound weight class, Frank DeBiase finished fourth and Kevin Smith finished sixth. In the 64-pound class, Ryan Sacco finished third. Nick Heilmann 67, finished in third. Corey Hay 70, also finished in third. Kyle Hughes 73, finished fourth, while Joe Gonzales finished fifth. Mike Wagner 85, finished fourth. Nick Vallone 90, who had a tough year, but a great day, claimed the fourth Tiger title. Jonathan Conroy 105, finished in third place.

On the second day of competition in the Junior division, Robert Gentile won the 65-pound title and Nick Pauls finished in second place. In the 73-pound weight class, Patrick Hunter won the second title of the day by fall, while teammate Nick Vetuschi finished in fourth place. And Vo 77, finished in third place. Billy Ashnault 80, finished in second place. Justin Smith 83, finished in fourth place. Nick Dorey 90, won the next Tiger title by major decision 13-0. Mike Jakubik 95, came up short in the semifinals, but won his consolation final for third place, while Brad Martin finished in fifth, Mark Wagner 100, won the next Tiger title by fall. Danny Pompilio won his consolation final for third place. Opie Muse 135, became the next Tiger champion winning by fall in the finals. Rocco Petriello heavyweight finished in fourth place.

In the Intermediate division, Bryan Hunt 85, won his title when he pinned Dan Sousa of Danbury Conn. Jimmy Conroy 89, won his title by fall in 0:35. Matt D'Alessandro 96, finished

in second place as well as Anthony Niemczyk 102. Sam Martin 108, claimed the next Tiger title when he won by tech-fall 15-0. Tony Nguyen 120, finished in second place. The 132 pound class was an all Tiger final, with Anthony Fierro winning by fall over teammate Justin Huffsmith. Shawn McCarthy 160, finished in fourth place. In the Heavyweight division, Kevin Criley won the last Tiger title winning by fall. In the freshman Intermediate division, Fred Cummings 119, finished in fifth place, while Craig Kulick 130, finished in fourth place.

Here's some South Plainfield wrestling trivia. This year South Plainfield

had two sets of three brothers placing in the same tournament. Joe Jakubik first, Randy Jakubik first and Mike Jakubik second. The next group of brothers were Jeffrey Conroy second, Jonathan Conroy third and Jimmy Conroy first. In the most exciting match of the weekend, Tyler Hunt bantam 53, was in the battle of his life with Mackey Price, a national place winner from Hillsborough. With Hunt taking the early lead, the action heated up with the lead going back and forth. With the scored tied 12 all at the end of regulation, Hunt gave up the takedown in OT. He came back strong winning his consolation final by tech fall 17-0.

Tigers Fall to North Hunterdon

Well they gave it their best shot but came up short in the Central Jersey Group III Sectional finals 34-24. The Tigers had an uphill battle from the very beginning when they lost the coin toss. The Tigers needed to win some key bouts to repeat as champions but failed to do that losing four close bouts by two points or less. The lead went back and forth with the Tigers holding a 9-6 lead. The Tigers then lost the next five bouts, which put them in serious trouble. Tiger coach Bill Pavlak said, "Two things had to happen for us to win—win the toss and win the close ones and neither happened." So the Tigers will look to next year and now get ready for the District 12 Tournament coming up this weekend at the high

school.

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Cozze 140, (NH) decision over Severini 5-3; Doerr 145, (SP) decision over Cosgrove 1-1, OT rideout; Frondorf 152, (NH) decision over Gross 6-1; Buteas 160, (SP) pinned Mazura 5:37; Johnson 171, (NH) pinned F Demarest :38; Gargas 189, (NH) decision over Johnston 2-0; Pellechio 215, decision over Elliot 9-6.

HWT Jones pinned Davis 2:38; Boyle 103, (HN) decision over Vo 9-3; Ringel 112, (SP) pinned Markkatis :55; Eisenhart 119, (HN) decision over D. DeAndrea 5-4; 125 P. DeAndrea (SP) decision over Balboa 1-0; Catullo 130, decision over E. Demarest 14-1. Anderson 135, (SP) pinned Rakay 2:35.

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

Last Memorial Day Weekend, for the first time, the SPJBC sponsored a softball marathon benefitting the Children's Fund at J.E.K. Hospital. It was cleverly called Coaches Care (Coaches Offering Assistance for Children's Health.) We were able to raise over \$5,000 despite dismal weather conditions. Since our initial contribution last May, the fund has grown to over \$100,000, thanks to the support of other groups and companies from around the area who have jumped on the bandwagon.

This year I'm proud to announce the Second Annual Coaches Care Softball Marathon will be held on Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All proceeds from the snack stand and t-shirts, as well as the donations made by each participating team and all the other activities that day will go directly to the Children's Fund at J.E.K. We have already begun to line up teams and sponsors who are willing to participate. Much of the food and drink products to be sold that day have already been donated by various vendors. The day's events will include the SPJBC coaches going up against teams from J.E.K. Hospital, as well as other organizations from around town. Also, a Chinese Auction will be conducted with prizes and autographed memorabilia being awarded to the lucky winners. Other potential activities are presently being considered. Any individual or company who would like to become involved by donating time, funds, services or prizes for the Chinese Auction should direct their interest to Tom McCreesh at (908) 755-8468.

As an added attraction, in this year of great tragedy and heroism, the final game of the day will pit the South Plainfield Police vs. the South Plainfield Firemen. Both groups have formidable teams and this should make for an interesting finale. I would like to thank Tom McCreesh for his dedication to this cause and all of the people and companies who have helped.

Many people have asked why do this on Memorial Day Weekend when many people are away? Quite honestly, it's the only break we have in our season that affords us open fields for an entire Saturday. Plus it gives us a couple of days for some of our aging coaches to recuperate before returning to work. So despite the holiday weekend, I'm asking for all of your support towards this worthy endeavor, even if it only means stopping by for a while and buying a few hot dogs and cheering on our coaches for a short time.

Post cards will be going out to all Small Fry players advising them as to what time they should be at the P.A.L. for tryouts on Saturday, March 2. The Ladies Auxiliary will be on hand taking clothing orders and we will be extending our drive for donations for the NY Police & Fire Widows and Orphans fund through continued sales of patriotic flag and ribbon pins.

Rutgers certification will take place on Monday, February 25 at 6:45 p.m. at the Clubhouse. All managers and coaches who do not have such certification must obtain this. So make this date if you need Rutgers certification.

Women's Auxiliary—The March meeting of the Women's Auxiliary has been cancelled. Mark your calendars! The Women's Auxiliary will be holding a Casino Royale and Chinese Auction on Saturday, May 11 at the VFW Hall. Cost is \$45 per person and includes an open bar, buffet and music by DJ Kevin. Each guest will receive \$500 in play money. For information on tickets, contact Stacey Lake at (908) 757-9521 or (732) 646-1676. Tickets will be available on opening day and are limited to the first 100 people.

BOWLING

By Ralph Fech

Boley Takes 6th in All-Groups Individual

Sophomore Vicki Boley's 196 avg. for nine games, placed her sixth in the NJSIAA State All-Groups Individual Championship.

Vicki fired the following sets: 203-201-200-604 to qualify for finals; 192-162-213-567 to qualify for

Sweet (16); 214-200-180-594 for sixth place.

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Although this year's school elections may end up being held later than usual, candidates who want to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education should still file their nominating petitions by 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2002. However a bill is making its way through the State Legislature to postpone the school board elections to a later date because of a delay in introducing the state budget and announcing state aid figures to the school districts.

The proposed bill does not set a new date, but give the Education Commission authority to adjust the voting date.

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.

Legal Notices

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Joseph Celentano requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the 20' x 10, 10' existing carport to be enclosed, proposed enclosure lacks the required 8' side setback, 4.13' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 203 Lot 15 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 Tuesday, March 19, 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 22, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
TO: ANTONIO MONTUORI
FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT
116 Somerset St.
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080
Lot #2, Block #430

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 Mr. Antonio Montuori for public improvements at 116 Somerset St., South Plainfield, New Jersey known as Lot#2, in Block #430 listed on the official maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM Monday, March 4, 2002 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2840 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Antonio Montuori
116 Somerset Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

\$35.00 1T February 22, 2002

LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield by D.M. Investments of South Plainfield, LLC to transfer to D.M. Investments of South Plainfield, LLC the Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1222-33-018-004 heretofore issued to Matro Inc., trading as Celebrity Liquors, which license had been located at 700 Oak Tree Road, Store 8, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

The person who will hold an interest in this license is Jack Morris, 1260 Stetson Road, Piscataway, New Jersey and Robert Dileo, 1315 Stetson Road, Piscataway, New Jersey.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to:

Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk, Borough of South Plainfield, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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NOTICE TO PERSONS DESIRING CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you are a qualified and registered voter of the State who expects to be absent outside the State on April 16, 2002 or a qualified and registered voter who will be within the State on April 16, 2002, but because of permanent and total disability, or because of illness or temporary physical disability, or because of the observance of a religious holiday pursuant to the tenets of your religion, or because of resident attendance at a school, college, or university, or because of the nature and hours of employment, will be unable to cast your ballot at the polling place in your district on said date, and you desire to vote in the School Election to be held on April 16, 2002, kindly complete the application form below and send to the undersigned, or write or apply in person to the undersigned at once requesting that a civilian absentee ballot be forwarded to you. Such request must state your home address, and the address to which it should be sent, and must be signed with your signature, and state the reason why you will not be able to vote at your usual polling place. No civilian absentee ballot will be furnished or forwarded to any applicant unless request therefore is received not less than 7 days prior to the election, and contains the foregoing information.

VOTERS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED SHALL, AFTER THEIR INITIAL REQUEST AND WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION ON THEIR PART, BE FORWARDED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY CLERK FOR ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VOTERS ALSO HAVE THE OPTION OF INDICATING ON THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR EACH ELECTION THAT TAKES PLACE DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VOTERS WHO EXERCISE THIS OPTION WILL BE FURNISHED WITH ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR EACH ELECTION THAT TAKES PLACE DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR, WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION ON THEIR PART. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED BY APPLYING TO THE UNDERSIGNED EITHER IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE, OR THE APPLICATION FORM PROVIDED BELOW MAY BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED TO THE UNDERSIGNED.

DATE: February 22, 2002

ELAINE M. FLYNN
MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SITE PLAN AMENDMENT APPROVAL BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ZONING BOARD

In compliance with the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, the land use ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield, and the rules and regulations of the Borough's Zoning Board, NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Board will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING as follows:

1. Applicant: Esles Express Lines
2. Property: 460 Hollywood Avenue
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080
Block 388, Lot 5
3. Zone: M-3 Industrial Zone
4. Date of Hearing: March 5, 2002
5. Time of Hearing: 8:00 PM.
6. Place of Hearing: South Plainfield Borough Hall
Council Chambers
2480 Plainfield Avenue
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080
7. Application: Site Plan Amendment - Waiver requested
8. Use Variance: Use seven bed bunkroom for drivers to sleep or rest on second floor of building for balance of term of lease.

Ordinance

Sec. 710.1 Not Permitted: Bunkroom for drivers to sleep.
Proposed: Seven bed bunkroom for drivers to sleep.

An Application dated February 4, 2002 was filed by the Applicant.

Waivers or exceptions may be sought for certain site plan details which are set forth on the Application and such over site plan details or relief as may be appropriate.

A copy of the application and documents are on file in the Administration Offices of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, and may be inspected during normal business hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.) by all interested parties at least 10 days prior to the hearing. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in contact with the Planning Board office during normal business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.)

LEIB, KRAUS, GRISPIN & ROTH
Attorneys for Applicants
By: Robert H. Kraus

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FECHA: Febrero 22, 2002

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Temple Reports from the Olympics

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most people know only the myths and misunderstand their religion. Most are happy to explain their way of life and have a sense of humor about it. It has been an interesting experience learning about them."

Jeff said there was a scramble to purchase the berets worn by the USA Olympic athletes during opening ceremonies. New shipments of the souvenirs disappeared fast. He is still trying to locate some to bring home. Jeff has received a number of collectibles such as Olympic pins, coins and tie-tacks from the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command.

The law enforcement volunteers

receive daily updates on intelligence. Bomb threats and suspicious packages are almost a daily occurrence at the Olympics. Fortunately, all have proven to be false alarms. While the intense security is essential, it is also exhausting. "The security process wears down the patience of some people, because it is a 24-hour, seven day a week thing. The hundreds of volunteers who assist with driving, event services and more must go through the security checks the same as any guest of the hotel. Some of these people come and go through the hotel dozens of times during the day," said Jeff.

On a final note, Jeff described the

last days of the games. "Last I heard, there are still over 1,000 seats available for the closing ceremonies. They are selling at the bargain price of \$885 each. If they are not sold, hopefully the tickets will be distributed to volunteers so the TV shows a full house. This is what happened at opening ceremonies."

Jeff is enjoying his Olympic experience, but added, "I talk to my family everyday and my sons are always asking when I am coming home and what am I bringing them. This was also the first Valentine's Day that I didn't see my wife. Luckily, I took care of the flowers and stuff before I left!"

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policereport

• On Feb. 11 the owner of P & R Fastners on Hollywood Ct. reported that their garage bay door had been dented and pried open. Nothing was missing.

• Patrick Vogt, Payroll Administrator for LA Dreyfus Co. in Edison reported that six fake payroll checks totalling \$8,941.61 were cashed at Fleet Bank on Oak Tree Ave.

• On Feb. 12 two employees of Hall's on Oak Tree Rd. were involved in a dispute in which one man was punched in the face and head three times. The employee was terminated.

• A Sherman Ave. resident reported the theft of her 1990 Acura Integra which was locked and parked in her driveway.

• On Feb. 14 a Union man was assaulted by a co-worker at Interstate Caterers on Parker Ave. They had an argument regarding the use of a machine which escalated into a physical fight.

• Julie Skula, asst. manager at Commerce Bank reported that on Dec. 26 someone passed two bad checks totalling \$1,500. Also, on Dec. 23 someone opened an account for \$3,000 and cashed a check against it. The original check was returned for insufficient funds.

• A North Plainfield resident was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$215 worth of jewelry and perfume.

• A Middlesex resident was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$234.50

worth of perfume.

• On Friday a Conn. resident reported the theft of his 1996 Ford pick-up from the parking lot at the Holiday Inn.

• Mr. Pavlak, the wrestling coach at SPHS reported the theft of items from lockers in the boys varsity locker room. This has been going on for some time.

• A Banta Rd. resident reported that while traveling down Joan St. at night, an oncoming car turned off its lights and threw a Taco Bell bag at her vehicle, damaging the front grill.

• Eckerd Drugs on Park Ave. reported that someone had attempted to shoplift \$253.44 worth of merchandise. The suspect was stopped

outside the store where the merchandise was retrieved, however the suspect was able to flee down the road.

• On Saturday, a Piscataway resident reported the theft of his vehicle which was left outside, unlocked warming up on Mildred St.

• On Sunday, two Carmine Ave. residents reported that their mail had been removed from their mailboxes and thrown about the roadway.

• A Montclair resident reported that he had dropped his truck off for repairs and Swift Transportation on Kennedy Rd. When he returned his personal belongings were missing.

• A NC man reported the theft of his laptop from his locked vehicle, which was parked at the Holiday Inn.

• On Monday Stephen Smith of Stephano Fence Systems on Metuchen Rd., reported the theft of power tools that were left in his unlocked trucks overnight.

• A Plainfield man was arrested at K-Mart for shoplifting two cameras, two pair of binoculars and phone and watch totalling \$286.96.

• A Plainfield man was arrested at K-Mart for shoplifting a hat, watch and two cameras totalling \$154.96.

• The general manager of Taco Bell on Stelton Rd. reported the theft of a small amount of money from the cash register.

• On Tuesday Mai Tran of My-Lynn Nails on South Plainfield Ave., reported that a customer had passed two bad checks.



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Obituaries

Anna D. (DaLeo) Royce, 68

Anna D. (DaLeo) Royce of South Plainfield died on Thursday, Feb. 14 at JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Royce was the dedicated wife of 49 years to Roger Royce, mother and best friend to Maryann Royce, loving nanny to Kellyann and her sister-in-law. Her mother and father-in-law, Mary and Rowell Royce and Josie.

Born in Hackensack, she resided in Passaic and Iselin before moving to South Plainfield 23 years ago.

Mrs. Royce was a homemaker. She was also a member of Sacred Heart RC Church and a great grandmother. She enjoyed taking care of her family and loved spending time with them and was always there for them. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Surviving are her husband Roger Royce; a daughter, Maryann Royce

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of Bound Brook; three sisters, Jennie Bigi of West Paterson, Mary Contrano and Loretta Gatto of Lodi; a brother, John DaLeo of Garfield; a granddaughter, Kellyann Giberson and her husband Fred of Easton, Pa. and three great grandchildren, Breanna, Jordan and Savannah.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Margie L. "Peggy" Cockburn, 76

Margie L. Peggy Cockburn died on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at home.

She was born in Virginia and had resided in South Plainfield for the past 55 years.

Mrs. Cockburn was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield where she served as a deaconess for the church.

She is predeceased by her husband John and her son Charles. Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law John III and Millie Cockburn of Piscataway. Also surviving are two grandchildren, John IV and Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m. in McCriskin Home For Funerals. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery.

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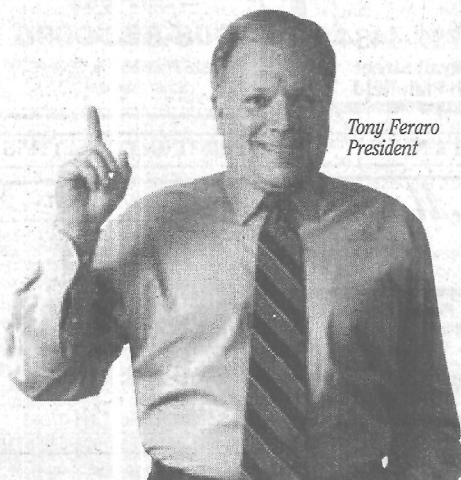
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