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School Board Introduces 2002-3 Budget

The Board of Education introduced the 2002/2003 year school budget on Tuesday evening.

The \$41.8 million budget shows a \$2.1 million increase over last year. The result will be a 9.2 cent increase in the tax rate, 6.6 cents of which is the result of the bond referendum approved by voters last year. The bond referendum totalled \$19.3 million, taxpayers paying \$12.6 million and the state \$6.6 million. A house assessed at \$150,000 will be paying approximately \$119 more in school taxes—\$70 for the bond referendum and \$39 from the school budget. A formal budget hearing will be held Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Grant School gym. Adoption of the budget will take place at that time.

Anderson, Doerr, Ringel Place at State Tournament



SPHS Wrestler Matt Anderson places 2nd in State Tournament.

See page 8 for story.

Parade Comm. Seeks Theme, Volunteers

The South Plainfield Labor Day Parade Committee is looking for help from the residents. They want the public's input on this year's parade theme and asking for volunteers who are willing to serve on the Labor Day Parade Committee.

The Parade Committee organizes the Labor Day Parade, including the marchers, all the activities held at Veteran's Park and the evening fireworks at Spring Lake Park. It takes hours of planning to make this day the success it has become in the past few years. All volunteers are welcome.

The committee usually meets once a month until August and then more frequently as the big day approaches.

To submit your idea for a theme for this year's parade or if you would like to volunteer in any way, contact Darlene Pinto at 980-561-1517 or you can contact her by email at dpcouncilwoman9@aol.com.



SPHS Project Graduation Annual Auction drew a sell-out crowd. The event netted over \$18,000 and distributed more than 330 prizes. See page 6 for story and additional photos.

School Board Hires Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ellen Johnson to Retire April 1 for Health Reasons

The Board of Education held a special meeting last Friday to introduce Edward Izbicki, the newly hired business administrator/board secretary (BA/BS) and to officially vote on his appointment.

Izbicki was one of 30 candidates to apply for the job. He is presently serving as business administrator in Garfield. He previously held the same position in Long Hill Township in Gillette and the Sussex County Education Services Commission.

Izbicki holds certificates as NJ Business Administrator, NJ School Administrator, NJ Principal/Supervisor. He has an Ed.S degree from Seton Hall University, an MA from

Montclair State University and a BS from Seton Hall University.

He is presently a professor at Montclair State University, teaching School Board Business Administration and is presently working on his doctorate at Seton Hall University.

Izbicki will be starting his new position on May 9 at a salary of \$110,000. He plans to spend some of his vacation and days off in South Plainfield before he officially begins his job here.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer publicly thanked Richard Calhoun for his assistance during Ellen Johnson's absence, who has been working at home until her

official retirement.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Ellen Johnson recently announced that she will be retiring on April 1 due to poor health. Johnson has been the Board's Business Administrator for 5½ years. Last year she underwent back surgery and will need further extensive treatment and additional time for recovery. She has applied, and was approved, for disability retirement by the TPAP.

Her letter of resignation was read by Board President Frank Mikorski on her behalf and the vote to accept it was unanimous. Mikorski said she will be sorely missed.



(Left to right) South Plainfield School Board member Ken LaFreniere, Edward Izbicki, Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer and School Board President Frank Mikorski.

DeRosa Abruptly Leaves Borough Admin. Post

Frank DeRosa, South Plainfield's Borough Administrator for almost two years, is no longer a Borough employee. His departure was both sudden and unexpected by those at Borough Hall.

He was in attendance at last Thursday's Council Meeting and his departure was not discussed at all during the meeting. According to Mayor Dan Gallagher, a private meeting was held with DeRosa after the regular council meeting resulting in a mutual agreement that he would leave his post immediately. Friday morning the employees at Borough Hall were notified that he had left his position and would not return.

According to Gallagher, DeRosa was hired with a handshake and had no contract with the Borough. No specific reason was given for his departure.

DeRosa was hired as Administrator/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in June of 2000 after serving in the same capacity in Edison since 1995.

Councilman Jim Vokral said that a search will begin for a new replacement in the near future. The council has already started to schedule meetings on next year's municipal budget and this will make the job a bit more difficult.

Borough Clerk Vinnie Butiglieri will be filling in with some of the administrator's duties until a new CFO can be hired. Members of the council will also be helping to fill the void of DeRosa's departure.

Attempts to contact Frank DeRosa for comments were unsuccessful.

State Enacts Water Use Restrictions

Statewide water use restrictions were put into place on March 11.

South Plainfield is in the Central Region and will have somewhat less stringent restrictions than other sections of the state.

The Central Regions allow for the watering lawns on the "odd-even" basis. Watering may occur on even numbered days on the side of the street with even numbered street addresses and odd numbered days on the side of the street with odd numbered street addresses.

Other restrictions include restaurants and eateries can not serve water unless requested. A ban has also been put in place for washing of cars, trucks, vans or boats. Restrictions on filling and topping swimming pools have also been instituted.

For a complete detailed explanation of the restrictions, log on to www.njdrought.org, or call the drought hotline at 1-800-4-TF-DRY.

IN MY OPINION

Dear Editor:

We are writing in response to both the letters to the Editor and the front page article by Patricia Abbott in regard to the Roosevelt School situation and the recent departure of Dr. Hangee. As parents of two children in that school, the picture painted in those articles did not represent our feelings or any of the parents and children we have spoken to.

Ms. Abbott's article could have been more objective. We did not see any children who were upset by his leaving. Inquisitive, yes, upset—no. Dr. Hangee was made out to be a victim,

a "Joe Clark" who was not appreciated.

While he may have had some good ideas and change can be a positive thing, it is the teachers who have been victimized by these articles. We are writing based upon our own observations and those of our children. We are not involved in any of the school politics, we are simply parents. We would like to thank the teachers of Roosevelt School who stood by their principals and were willing to take a risk by speaking out rather than just walking away from our children. It is the teachers that have instilled in our

children a love for learning and have created a nurturing atmosphere where they feel safe and secure. We do not know what the particulars are in regards to Dr. Hangee's leaving, but we put our trust in these teachers that their cause was just and we thank them all for putting the needs and interests of our children above their own.

**CONCERNED & THANKFUL,
JOE & CATHY SCARPITTO**

Stilo Helps Track Project

The track replacement project at the South Plainfield Jost Field is under way. The Board of Education voted on Mar. 8, to move forward with the project. The Business Administrator, Ellen Johnson and chairman of the Finance Committee, Ken LaFreniere, worked with Scott Downie and Mortimer of the State Department of Education Office of School Facilities to obtain approval to use existing balances from an earlier tank removal program to be used for financing the track.

Preliminary work on the track began several weeks ago. Stilo Excavating made substantial contributions toward the project. Bob Stilo donated the use of his trucks and staff in removing and disposing of the milled material from the old track. Stanley J. Werchinski, Director of Engineering for Stilo Excavating, coordinated the milling and truck activities with Jeff Seider, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee of the school board. Jeff and Stan were at the jobsite early in the morning to insure that the project was underway as planned.

It is only proper that the school district and the community recognize the generosity of Stilo Excavating. Bob, you are a credit to the community. Thank you for your help.

FRANK A. MIKORSKI

To The Editor:

After reading the two editorials last week, from "Name Withheld" and "A Concerned Parent," about the recent resignation of Dr. Hangee, we were very disturbed about the false statements and rumors that were included in these letters about the teachers of Roosevelt School. We do not want one person to think that these anonymous writers speak for us or for the majority of parents at Roosevelt School, because they do not, or that these statements or rumors are true, because they are not. Our children have attended Roosevelt School since 1996 and we have been more than pleased with each and every teacher there. Their level of professionalism, honesty, and dedication is second to none and they always "take the children's feelings and well-being into consideration" first and foremost. The teachers not only "do their jobs and teach the proper way," they go above and beyond this.

These teachers arrive at school early, stay late, assist with school activities, attend school functions, coordinate student activities, make themselves available anytime for parents and students, are members of and assist with the PTA, provide extra academic help for students...and the list goes on and on.

In fact, it is because the teachers do their jobs so well that the school has remained a "safe and secure environment for our children" and the "children's well-being is not suffering" from any of the recent playground or principal changes that have occurred. They never let any problem going on in the school, town, or elsewhere affect how well they do their job or how wonderful they treat the children. This is why our children love to go to school everyday and do not "think they did something wrong" because

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Education Committee in the New Jersey Assembly, I know that there has been some confusion about the date for this year's school elections. School elections will be held on Tuesday, April 16. The deadline for voter registration for the 2002 annual school election is Monday, March 18. Any qualified adult who has not registered to vote, must do so by March 18.

School elections give residents of school districts the opportunity to approve or reject proposed school budgets for the next year, and to vote for members of their local school boards. Please register to vote by March 18. If you have any questions, you can call my legislative office at 908-757-1677.

**SINCERELY,
PATRICK DIEGNAN, JR.
ASSEMBLYMAN 18TH DISTRICT**

**Register to Vote for
School Elections.
Deadline is Mar. 18.**

of any changes going on at their school. We as parents can't thank the teachers of Roosevelt School enough for doing one of the most important jobs in the world. And doing it so well.

**SINCERELY,
PATRICK AND DENISE KELLY**

To The Editor:

On February 8, Roosevelt School held its first Annual Spaghetti Dinner, which was a huge success. This would not have been possible without the help and contributions of many. We would like to thank the following: Roosevelt School fifth grade teachers, Ms. Decker, Miss McGrath, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Hajduk; Roosevelt School Staff; Miss Ferraro; Roosevelt School Student Council Coordinator; Roosevelt School student council members and parents; Roosevelt School PTA members; Roosevelt School fifth grade students and parents; Dr. Richard Hangee, Cheryl Mezallan; Mohn's Florist; Cornerstone Architectural Group; Plainfield Animal Hospital; Kisko's Tavern; Lordina Builders; Darlene Pinto of Commerce Bank; Dina Capparelli of Moretti Realty; Bound Brook Ford; Creative Kids Academy; Spotlight on Dance; Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan; Quality Glass, Inc.; The Medicine Shoppe; DRS, Inc.; The Observer; G&G Graphics; Pinto Brothers; AKA Black Belt Academy; Procare Physical Therapy; Imperial Deli; Sal's Spirit Shoppe; Thatcher and Lanza, Attorneys at Law; Twin City Pharmacy; J.T. Penyak Roofing; Joseph B. DeAndrea, Jr., Architect; Cindy Michaels Jewelers; B&C Deli; Flanagan's Restaurant; Presto Printing; McCrisky Home For Funerals; Halls Motor Freight; Roma Foods; Haisch's Bakery; Pathmark; 1-800-Flowers; V.A. Tramontano & Son; Marriott Corporation; Lapace Imports; and Maryellen and Tony Douras.

We would also like to thank all those who attended and supported this event. We hope to see you all again next year.

**ROOSEVELT SCHOOL FIFTH
GRADE PROJECT COMMITTEE**

Dear Editor:

I have been a resident of South Plainfield for the past 20 years and have three children who have attended and attend Roosevelt School. In the many times that I have been to Roosevelt School to attend one function or another under Mr. Barbieri's term, I did not think anything was missing, that everything was fine and that he and the teachers were giving my kids the best education and direction and motivation they needed to excel.

Well, how wrong I was. Then one day something magical happened at our school, there came this tall, confident and intelligent young man who has a spark in his eyes, who only wanted our children to be the best that they could be. I saw for the first time children sitting up straight and not

running around the lunch room and finally for the first time eating the lunch that was prepared for them instead of eating the snack and then discarding the sandwich. I saw kids who could not wait to get to their classroom to see what Dr. Hangee had written on their blackboard so that they could begin their day with a puzzle to solve.

I saw teachers who for the past 12 years have done absolutely nothing to strive to improve our schools test grade, now, this young man not only wanted to improve our children's education but motivate the teachers to do the same. After all it's our teachers who spend the majority of time with our kids.

We come to expect a high degree of judgment and integrity from our children's educators and Dr. Hangee is one of the most intelligent and educated and most important of all he has integrity. I think it is a shame what the Board of Education and Roosevelt School teachers and PTA members have done to him. To smear his name with unfounded and unproven allegations. I knew it was coming and I could see certain teachers and PTA member's coveting on how to oust him out of this school. This truly was a setup initiated by the teachers. "After all, who is he to come to our school and tell us how to teach our kids."

There is no excuse why the South Plainfield Elementary Schools have the lowest test grades in the state, Dr. Hangee would not accept that and he knew that our kids could do better and that teachers could do better to promote and achieve higher test grade scores. It is a sad day, when a man's hard earned reputation, integrity and character can be destroyed by such vengeful people, people who we in trust with the care of our children. As usual the Board of Education chose to handle this situation concerning the complaint process among themselves. There was no informal resolution, no direct approach other than to demand his resignation and definitely no third party intervention.

No committee was formed to investigate the complaints. Dr. Hangee was not given the opportunity to defend himself in front of an unbiased committee. There were no warnings issued or reassignment of his responsibility and no probation. He was forced into a corner to simply resign; he was proven guilty without the benefit of a hearing, which is his right.

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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 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

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 19

taxpayers advisory group

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

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

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

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

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South Plainfield Observer publisher Nancy Grennier (second from left) presents Kennedy School PTSO president Sue Barry (center) with a check for the Kennedy School Playground fund. Also pictured are Kennedy School PTSO Vice President Sue Roth, Treasurer Diane Polizzano, Corresponding Secretary Patty Remsing and Recording Secretary Debbie Czech.

Kennedy School to Get Playground Equipment by Spring Recess

Because of the hard work by the students, parents and contributions from local business's, Kennedy Elementary School will be purchasing some new playground equipment. The equipment will be installed over Spring break.

According to Principal Al Czech, the Playground Committee has raised nearly \$20,000. "We are hoping to have one phase of the new playground put in by the end of March," said Czech. He also noted that the com-

pany which they are purchasing the equipment from will allow parents to volunteer to help with the installation and to certify the work for insurance purposes.

Student's recently held a fund-raising Quiz-a-thon and plans are in the works for two "Scoop dinners" as well as a cut-a-thon this month.

When Jeffrey Praul, the student who was attacked and bitten by a dog recently, returned to school last week he presented Czech with a \$34 do-

nation to the Playground Fund. He received the money while recuperating and decided the best thing to do with it was to help build a new playground.

The PTSO is planning to purchase six walkie talkies so that constant communication can be kept at all times with personnel, whether they are inside or outside of the school. Along with putting up new signs forbidding dogs on school property, Czech also said he will be asking the Board of Ed to look into fencing along the open end by the baseball complex.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Kathy Almanzar USAA National Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Kathy Almanzar of South Plainfield, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Journalism.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Kathy Almanzar, who attends South Plainfield High School, was nominated for this national award by Bonnie Schnoover, an English/Journalism advisor at the school.

Kathy Almanzar is the daughter of Freddy and Juana Almanzar and the granddaughter of Manuel Antonio Rosario, Esmaela Rosario (deceased) of the Dominican Republic, Saturnino Almanzar (deceased) and Carmen Rosa Santana of New Brunswick.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria



Kathleen Almanzar

for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, etc.

Kathy is presently working at the South Plainfield Observer as a writer and production assistant. She hopes to attend Seton Hall University and study communications in the fall.

Jessica Infante, Adam Borchin Engagement Announced

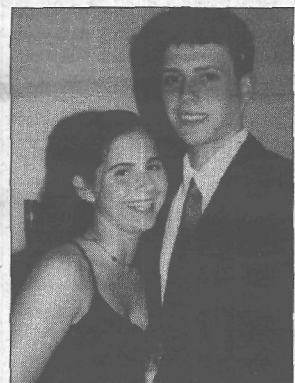
Diane and Salvatore Infante proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Marie Infante to Adam Jonathan Borchin.

Jessica (formerly of South Plainfield) now lives in Seaside Park. She is a 1991 graduate of Central Regional High School, attended Cook College-Rutgers University in 2000, where she received her B.S. in Environmental Policy and now is attending Indiana State University for a Masters in Sport Management.

Adam Jonathan Borchin is the son of Jane and Roger Borchin of Westfield.

Adam is a 1996 graduate of Westfield High School, and also attended Cook College-Rutgers University, receiving his B.S. in Natural Resource Management. He is attending Indiana State University for a Masters in Life Science.

Both Jessica and Adam are gradu-



Jessica Infante and Adam Borchin

ate assistants for the Intramural Program at Indiana State University Recreation.

A July 6, 2002 wedding is planned at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Westfield.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

The Library will be open regular hours (1:30-5 p.m.) on Sunday, St. Patrick's Day. Feel free to stop in and browse until the crowd at Flanagan's thins out.

Our roster of children's Storytime programs has been cancelled for next week. They'll return to the regular slots next week. Meanwhile, there's this month's Kidcraft program. It's scheduled for Friday, March 22, at 4 p.m. The program is for children ages six and older; we ask that you pre-register for the program. If you'd like more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7:30. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and find out more about the Library's present and future plans.

The next class from our Job Information Center is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 7:30. It's a class on "Job Searching on the Internet." There's no cost for this program, but space is limited, so pre-registration is required. If you'd like more information about our Job Information classes, or our classes on basic computer usage, please call us and ask for Allan or Marcia.

We've got a few advisories this week. First of all, here's a note about a sign you might see posted at various places in the Library. The sign reads, "OUT OF ORDER". Unfortunately, things occasionally break down and sometimes cannot be immediately repaired. When that happens, an OUT OF ORDER sign is put up. As far as you, the patrons, are concerned, that means, "Please don't touch". This applies especially to the computer ter-

minals. Please do not attempt to fix these items; we appreciate your willingness to help, but we already have people on the payroll that will take care of the situation. Rest assured, though, that we'll get things working again as soon as we can.

Next, a reminder about the phones. Strange as it may seem, there are people today who do not carry cell phones. When such people need to make a call, we prefer that, weather permitting, they make use of the pay phone out on the corner or, failing that, of the one in Borough Hall. If that isn't possible and the patron must make an emergency call, we're willing to let them use one of the phones at the Circulation Desk. Let's be clear on something, though; this is a courtesy that we extend. In return, we ask that patrons restrict such calls to the aforementioned emergency situations, make their calls as brief as possible, and not abuse the privilege. (After you borrow our phone once, try and have some change handy for the next time.) As always, we thank you in advance for your consideration.

Pool Swim Lessons Reduced

An ordinance introduced at last week's Council Meeting will reduce the swimming lesson fees for members of the community pool.

A flat rate of \$10 per person, per session will be in effect starting this summer for members. The previous fee was \$30 for the first child and \$25 for the second.

Nonmembers would still pay \$60 for the first child and \$55 for the second child per session.

The early bird membership rate is in effect until April 15. Members signing up early will get a discounted price.

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Around Town

AARP Chapter #4144 Meeting

March 15

AARP Chapter #4144 of South Plainfield will meet on Mar. 15, 12:30 at the PAL on Maple Ave.

We will be entertained by Charles Reed who plays the keyboard and sings. Reed's music includes tunes for St. Patrick's Day and a walk down Memory Lane. It will be fun and all are welcome.

Pilgrim Covenant Coffee House

March 15

Pilgrim Covenant Church, 3121 Park Ave., will hold a Coffee House on Mar. 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.

VFW Italian Dinner

March 15

VFW Ladies Auxiliary VFW 6763 will sponsor a dinner on Mar. 15 at VFW Post 6763 at 155 Front St. There will be a choice of an Italian dinner or cabbage and noodles.

Dinner will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Donation is \$6; children's menu available. For information, call (908) 668-9751.

Franklin School Auction/Raffle Night

March 16

The Franklin School PTA is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Auction/Raffle Night. The event will be held on Saturday, March 16 at the South Plainfield High School gym. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door.

For tickets call Dorothea at (908) 753-7117 or Terry at 753-2864.

There will be a complimentary ticket for a Grand Prize Drawing with every advance sale.

Food is welcomed and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

St. Patrick's Party & Corned Beef, Cabbage Dinner

March 16

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will hold a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

Take out dinner prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Advance orders are recommended. To order, call (908) 755-6203 and leave a message for John Weakley, or just stop in on Mar. 16.

The Knights of Columbus will also hold their annual St. Patrick's Day party at the hall from 8 p.m. to midnight. Price is \$20 and includes dinner and open bar. If interested, please call Jim Shea at (908) 755-6203.

St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance at American Legion

March 16

A St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance is planned for Saturday, March 16 from 6-10 p.m. at the American Legion Post 243, located on Oak Tree Ave.

The cost is \$10 per person and includes corned beef and cabbage and beer and wine.

For information or reservations, call (908) 668-9414.

Adult Trip Night Scheduled

March 20

The South Plainfield Adult School will hold a Trip Night in the South Plainfield High School Information Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

They will be showing slides of Scandinavia, Alaska, Parks and Canyons and the Rose Parade, as well as information on many of the trips they offer. There will be door prizes and refreshments served.

Bring as many people as you like, but call the Adult School to make reservations at (908) 754-4620, ext. 213, 214 or 217.

Easter Egg Hunt at the PAL

March 23

South Plainfield Recreation invites all children ages one to 10 to their annual East Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23.

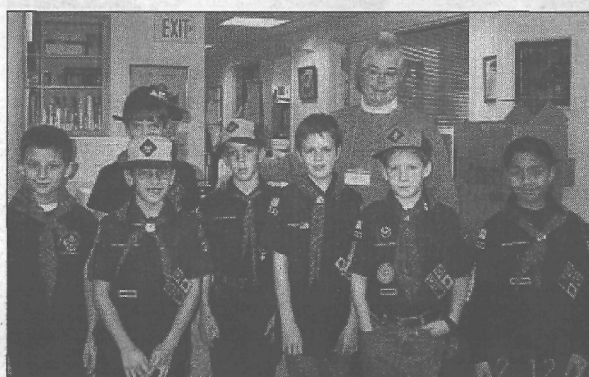
The Easter bunny arrives at 12:45 p.m. and the hunt begins at 1 behind the PAL building on Maple Ave. Please have children bring their own baskets to collect the eggs.

For more information call the PAL (908) 226-7713.

Prayer Vigil for Peace at Wesley Methodist

March 23

Let us all come together as a community of faith to pray for peace on Saturday, Mar. 23, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. We invite everyone to join us on this special day of prayer—an opportunity to pray for our country, our leaders and our servicemen and women. Doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please join us.



Cub Scouts from Pack 324, Den 5 visited the South Plainfield Library recently to satisfy one of the requirements for earning the Communicator activity badge. Mrs. Fenn provided an informative and fun-filled session to the scouts and helped them understand the various forms of Communications techniques the Library has to offer. Pictured in the back row from left to right are scout Johnny Bullock and Mrs. Fenn. In the front from left to right are scouts Mathew Santos, Ray Coletta, Logan Green, Steven Grzenda, Kevin Simms and Jimmy Bijlani.

Alice in Wonderland, A Magic Show

March 23

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and The South Plainfield Recreation Department will be presenting "Alice in Wonderland," a magic show by Westcraft, Inc. along with snacks with the bunny.

The show takes place at the South Plainfield Middle School on Saturday, Mar. 23. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., show time begins at 10 a.m.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$5 and \$7 at the door. Pictures will be taken with the bunny! Limited seating is available.

For ticket information call, Carrie George at (908) 755-8429 or Connie Palmer at (908) 755-3850.

Lions to Host Annual Gourmet Breakfast

March 24

The South Plainfield Lions Club will hold the Annual Gourmet Breakfast at SPHS cafeteria on Sunday, Mar. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon.

This breakfast is known for its many gourmet items, which include french toast, pancakes and made-to-order omelettes, all dished up by members of the South Plainfield Lions Club. The Lions will also create a cholesterol free omelette for the health conscious person.

The South Plainfield Lions Club is known for helping the visually and hearing impaired.

The cost of the breakfast is only \$5 and it's a great way to start the day on Palm Sunday. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For information call (908) 755-2289. See you there!

PAL Sponsoring Trip To See Oklahoma!

March 28

The PAL of South Plainfield is sponsoring a trip to see *Oklahoma!* on Broadway on Saturday, Mar. 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 on Maple Ave. weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dance/Gymnastics To Benefit Autism

April 6

Jo-Ann's Dance Studio and Feigley's School of Gymnastics, 4475

So. Clinton Ave., will hold a program celebrating the art of dance and gymnastics for the benefit of autism awareness on Saturday, Apr. 6, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Some of the area's top dancers and gymnasts will perform to raise funds for the COSAC, the NJ Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community, Inc. The only admission charge will be a donation and tickets are available in advance or at the door.

For information call Jo-Ann's Dance Studio at (908) 561-5094.

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.

John E. Riley Plans Pasta Dinner

April 12

John E. Riley School, located at 100 Morris Ave., will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Friday, April 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens only.

Dinner includes pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage, dessert and coffee/tea. The cost is \$6 per person, \$5 for senior citizens and children under ten. Proceeds will benefit the 2001-2002 Stokes Trip.

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, cake and door prizes.

For tickets, call (908) 561-3951.

— Out of Town —

Female Version of The Odd Couple

March 15, 16 & 22, 23

The Odd Couple, Neil Simon's classic comedy about dissimilar roommates, opens March 15 for a two weekend run at The Edward A. Chandler Theatre at People Care Center, 120 Finnerne Ave., Bridgewater.

Simon's eclectic characters, slob Oscar Madison and his neurotic best friend Felix Unger become Olive and Florence. The cast includes card-playing pals Sylvie, Vera and Mickey the cop. The original plots Pigeon sisters become the Costazuela brothers, Jesus and Manolo. Fans of the New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom will spot familiar faces onstage including the faire's Queen Margaret, bawdy wench Ruby and others.

Director Noreen Dunn has been involved in theater throughout the state for many years. Dunn is the producer of the New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom and artistic director of the Franklin Theater Ensemble. Directing credits include *Godspell*, *Anything Goes* and *My Fair Lady*. She has directed for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop, Raritan Valley Community College, and numerous other places.

The show runs Fridays and Saturdays Mar. 15-16 and 22-23, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Mar. 24 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children. For more information call 732-356-1497 ext. 8.

Susquehanna Univ. Choir To Perform

March 23

The internationally known Susquehanna University Choir of Selinsgrove, Pa., will perform at the Church of Our Lady of the Mount, 167 Mount Bethel Rd. in Warren, on Saturday, Mar. 16, 8 p.m. The concert is being co-sponsored by Our Lady of the Mount and Advent Lutheran Church of Warren and will feature a newly commissioned choral work written for the Choir by Wayne Dietterick, Minister of Music at Advent Lutheran Church and an alumnus of the Choir.

For info, contact Wayne Dietterick at Advent Lutheran, 908-647-2555 or Barbara Sanderman at Our Lady of the Mount, (908) 647-0451.

CHATS To Meet

March 25

Adoption Support, CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, March 25 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Open Sharing of Adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

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

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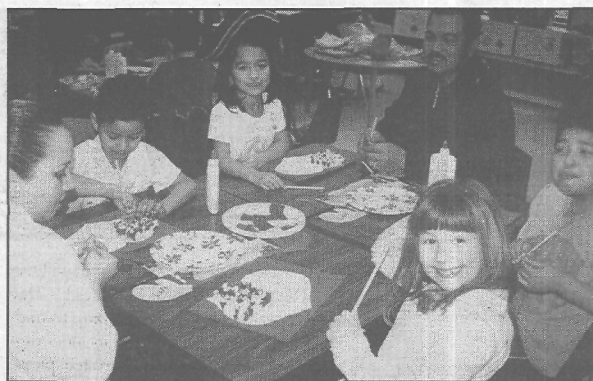
Grant, Riley Schools Witness Raptors Up Close

An extraordinary and outstanding array of eagles, hawks, falcons and owls won the rapt attention and hearts of enthralled students at both Riley and Grant School's recently.

Master Falconer and Wildlife Rehabilitator Jonathan Wood of New York's Catskill Mountains arrived with a traveling collection of feathered predators that is unrivaled in scope and size anywhere in the world. Many of his birds have permanent handicaps, preventing them from being reintroduced back to the wild. Some faced euthanasia at crowded wildlife centers across the country and have now been tamed and trained to educate the public as charming ambassadors of their species and the environments they inhabit.

As characters in a new novel, "Frightful's Mountain" by famed author Jean Craighead George, Jon Wood and his wife Susan come alive in the pages of an exciting story which parallels their real life exploits and their fabulous birds of prey.

For further information about The Raptor Project call (607) 326-4179.



Valentines for Veterans

For years, Riley School's first graders have been making special Valentines for special Veterans. This year, over 80 Valentines for Veterans were lovingly handcrafted by the first graders and their parents in Mrs. Campagna, Mrs. Bohl, Mrs. DeHart and Mrs. Pietrewicz's classes. WWII Veteran Ernest Smalko from VFW Storr-Richie Post 506 picked up the spe-

cially packed, heart-shaped American flags adorned with tiny, tissue paper red, white and blue rosettes and distributed them to veterans at Lyons Hospital. The children learned that the veterans who served our country to keep us free, needed some cheering up. The children's reminders of thanks were from their hearts and filled with love.

Timber Creek Landscaping Re-Adopts Clinton Ave. Ext.

Brian Mazellan, president of Timber Creek Landscaping, has renewed his adoption agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association (CBA) for the Clinton Ave. Extension, from the railroad tracks to Sampton Ave.

This stretch of road used to accumulate piles of illegally-dumped trash as well as litter. Timber Creek has been maintaining the spot for the last nine years, greatly improving its appearance.

In addition to picking up trash, they trim, weed and mow the turf at the roadside. Mazellan was a charter member of the Clean Business Association's Adopt-A-Spot program, and helped get the program started. He and his brother, Don, have been

involved with other Borough improvement projects as well. The Adopt-A-Spot signs posted on the Clinton Ave. Extension advertise a business that has pride in its home town and concern for the environment.

The CBA has been seeking more adopters. There are many spots in town that would benefit from regular maintenance. CBA President Joe Diegnan believes that if enough people commit to keeping small segments of the roads clean, these efforts will add up to a better quality of life in South Plainfield.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

Parents Seek Alternatives to Tiger Day Camp

Because of the plans to install new wiring throughout each school, the Board announced last month that Tiger Day Camp and Summer School will not be held this summer. The renovations include removing the ceilings during the summer months.

The board made the decision after consulting with the contractors, various committees and receiving legal advice.

Cancelled programs include Tiger Day Camp and all Adult School Summer Sessions. According to Rec-

reation Director Mike English, Recreation Summer Programs, usually held in the schools, will be held at Pitt Street Park, Veterans Park, Corton Street Park and Shady Side Park. Safety Town will be taking place at the PAL building.

Summer Drama Workshop will not be affected; this year's production of "Footloose" will go on as planned. Recreation programs English has already scheduled for the high school will not be affected.

Not affected are Summer School Sunshine Pre-school and Summer Kindergarten Improvement Program.

Several area daycare centers have added extra classes to accommodate the Tiger kids. Rainbow Academy has added several summer camp programs. For more on their openings, see the insert in this week's *Observer*.

Creative Kids Academy opened an extra camp for kids from first to fourth grade and there are still openings.

Pilgrim Covenant is accepting students up to fifth grade. The Club at Ricochet has a few openings left in their summer camp. YMCA Day Camp has openings for the summer.

Middle School Honor Roll

Grade 7 - High Honor Roll

Nicole Benak, Tina Blijani, Ying Chen, Zakiya Clarke, Kelly Downes, Lynn Granski, Sara Holbrook, Asia Hollis, Brittany Hollis, Daniel Hubner, Barney Johnson, Jacquelyn Miller, Chintan Mody, A. Phi Nguyen, Thomas Pryor, Kate Reichert, Karla Reyes, Christopher Stallone, Lauren Stoeckel, Brittanee Wong and Peter Yeung.

Grade 7 - Honor Roll

Kimberly Arki, William Ashnault III, Nicholas Baldassarre, Daniel Becker, Paige Berkowitz, Dorian Bishop, Julianne Bosse, Ryan Bovee, Megan Boyle, Brandee Brown, Kiran Budhan, Christopher Burke, Gina Butrico, Dana Cacciatore, John Carigma, Stacie Carrasca, Jeffery Cianfrocca, Samantha Cihanowicz, Adam Cruz, Joseph Cupo, Rebecca Dacchille, Desirae Davis, Dianne Kaye Dimayuga, Harrison Donahue, Nicholas Dorey, Jack Duong, Kathleen Eder, Ryan Egan, Matthew Fabino, Alexandra Fodor, Melissa Franzson, Ryan Fredericks, Nicole Freitas and Angela Furka.

Kimberly Galinsky, Jennifer Garzon, Ashleigh Gaspari, Jerold Geczy, Michael George, Nicholas Giannakis, Matthew Gigantino, Crystal Gorman, Matthew Gross, Katie Hardy, Amanda Harzula, Angelica Hebreo, Christopher Herbster, Cassandra Hoffman, Brianne Howarth, Bryan Hunt, Trucly Huynh, Gauri Joshi, Wael Kanj, Rebecca Keller and Matthew Krupit.

Christine Lanza, Sebastian Lasota, Phuong Le, Hannah Levine, Ashley Little, Jennifer Little, Maria Lopez, Taylor Mandel, Samuel Martin, Joy Maszczak, Nicole Matthew, Kyle Matthews, Daria McCall, Daniel McCreesh, Nicole Miglis, Jennifer Mocerino, Anthony Moretti, Susan Mott, Sampson Nguyen, Kathryn Noonan, Lelosa Ogbevoen, Jennifer Okuski, Nicholas Pasquale, Aarti Patel, Sonali Patel, Jenna Pein, Elizabeth Pisack, Kelly Piwowar, Victoria Plasse, Christopher Pollin, Jessica Pryor, Leslie Quichua and Jessica Ranger.

Trevor Rastelli, Selene Rayho, James Rivas, Jessica Ross, Tiffany Roth, Kyla

Rouse, Kimberly Russell, Daniel Sambat, Abdussami Sheikh, Michael Stallone, John Sullivan IV, Sirish Tadeepalli, Geovana Toca, Steven Tran, Toan Tran, Michael Troia, Jessica Vasquez, Alexandra Viscosi, Sean Walsh, Morgan Walters, Brian Wiekowski and Luigi Zeccardo.

Grade 8 - High Honor Roll

Samantha Deffler, Joseph Denitzio, Zachary Gray, Ramit Kalia, Heather Palitto, Courtney Sacco, Kevin Siedenbug, Lee Tetreault and Amanda Veinott.

Grade 8 - Honor Roll

Hamed Ahmed, Nicole Aiello, Gaelle Amazan, Alyssa Marie Babinetz, Frank Bechtle, Ashley Bodner, Kevin Boyles, Ashley Britton, Alexander Brown, Eileen Cameron, Jenny Cheng, Dana Chepulis, Jennifer Chiang, Heather Chillemi, Mallory Cooper, Joel Cortese, Jeffrey Cupo, Nicole Cursi, Matthew D'Alessandro, Kazuki Daimo, William Daly, Amanda Deba, Keith Dezmin, Sandya Dowlal and Sandia Dundi.

Daniel Erhardt, Courtney Eustice, Breanne Fore, Gabrielle Franco, Brittany Frazer, Dunia Galarza, Kristine Gawroriski, Jane Gomez, Aisha Monique Gray, Kristen Gualano, Scott Hartje, Julianne Hudak, Jonathan Jarema, Carlie Kazimir, Kathryn Koury, Cassandra Krajcik, Nicholas Kratz Jr., Nikit Kumar, Kyle Lendach, Kristi Lombardi and Kristina Mascolo.

Bryan Milicia, Alicia Montanaro, Alexander Nau, Ryan O'Shea, Kelly Orlandini, Bhavesh Patel, Harshel Patel, Jeffrey Pham, Kaitlyn Pollock, Alishah Rahemtulla, Michael Ray, Eric Reiner, Andrew Roibal, Angelique Rualo, Nicole Sacci, Denise Scavone, Brian Schulte, Gina Severini, Devanee Sewdat, Jenni Shaw, Anthony Sheedy, Ravin Shivraj, Ryan Smith, Laurie Sobel, Joseph Stasio and Melissa Szeliga.

Natalia Tamzoke, Heather Thompson, Stephanie Troia, Daryl John Valerio, Jesse Ventura, Bryan Wagner, Christopher Weakley, Krystal Williams, Megan Wilson, Keith Winsmann, Gregory Yefko, Nadine Yon, Carla Zappi and Matthew Zebrowski.

Spring Hours at Yard Waste

The Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. will begin spring hours on Mar. 16. The site will be open Tuesdays from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site is open to Borough residents only, for brush and leaves (grass clippings will be accepted starting mid-April).

Residents may obtain yard waste decals from the Municipal Clerk's office, 9 to 5, Monday through Friday. The clerk's office also will be open

until 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. Call (908) 226-7605 for information.

The schedule at the Recycling Center is: Tuesdays noon to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Recycling Center will accept used paint on Saturday, Mar. 16.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline, (908) 226-7620. Visit our website: www.southplainfieldnj.com

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Holy Week Schedule

March 23-24 Palm Sunday Weekend—Palms distributed at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Mar. 23 and at the 8 and 11 a.m. Masses on Mar. 24.
Wed., Mar. 27 Mass at 7 p.m. Confession before & after Mass
Thurs., Mar. 28 7 p.m. Mass, church open until 10 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 29 3 p.m. Traditional Good Friday Services
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat., Mar. 30 Blessing of the Food: 10 & 11 a.m.
1 & 2 p.m. in church hall
Sat., Mar. 30 7 p.m. —Easter Vigil Services
Sun., Mar. 31 8 a.m. Easter Day Sunrise Mass
11 a.m. Easter Day High Mass

Fri., March 15 Mary's Way of the Cross & Benediction
Come and hear Mary tell her story and express her feelings.

Fri., March 22 Journey of Decision, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Come and hear the live testimonies of those who took part at the original stations of the Cross: Pilate, Barabbas, Herod, Mary (Mother of Jesus), Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, Caiaphas, Woman in the Crowd, Roman Centurion, Unrepentant Criminal, Good Thief, Mary Magdalene, Salome and Nicodemus.



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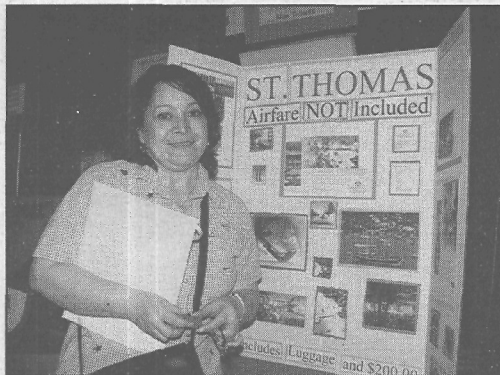
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SPHS Seniors Big Winners at Sell-Out Auction

Last Saturday, the South Plainfield PTA sponsored the Fifth Annual Auction/Raffle, which supports Project Graduation for the senior class. This event was a culmination of months of work by a small, but dedicated, committee.

There were over 330 gifts won by those who came out to support this event. The Mega Prize Winners were Jean Bizup (pictured top right), won the Dell Computer; Nelia Diaz (pictured top left), won the three nights/four days in St. Thomas and Elaine Albertocki (top center), won the 50/50. These gifts were solicited from SPHS parents, local businesses, teachers and staff of the South Plainfield High School clubs and organizations, as well as some corporate businesses. The proceeds will support Project Graduation for the Class

of 2002.

This event could not have been pulled off without the help of Janet Miller, Donna Tierney, Karen Stahura, Gina Zarra, Sharon Padula, Debbie Bishop, Rosemary Muglia, Marge Reedy, and others, who actively went out and solicited donations and gifts from businesses and families. A special Thank You to Deb Elliott! They made this a success! Also, the high school students who came to work on March 9! This year we had a record number of parents who volunteered to work the day and night of the Auction/Raffle. Without their help we would not have been able to have this event. We are grateful for the support we had this year!

Besides the dedication of the people listed above and the students, there were the small business's in

South Plainfield that we are so appreciative of their support. They have come through for so many organizations in our town and Project Graduation was no different. These businesses give so much to our students in town and we must all give them thanks. Please choose to shop in our community and not forget our South Plainfield businesses. They need our support and deserve our loyalty. A special thank you to Butrico's Auto Body who has consistently donated a Grand Prize for our event. Also, Unity Bank and Home Depot who this year contributed to our Grand Prizes. There are many businesses in town that have donated and to name all would not be possible, but the following businesses need special recognitions as they consistently have been gener-

ous to our event for the past five years: Flanagan's Restaurant, AKA Inc., Bennigan's, Bruno's, Ciccio's, Cindy Michaels, Dante's Tuxedo, Domino's, Here's the Scoop, Haisch's, Imperial Deli, Innovative Folding Carton, KC's Korner, Medicine Shoppe, Mohn's, Moores Stone & Garden Center, Nischwitz, Noville, Inc., Park Travel, Pep Boys, Peter Pan Pharmacy, Plainfield Animal Hospital, Sal's Spirit Shoppe, Salerno's, Sears Hardware, Sportsworld, Spring Lake Florist, Spring Lake Texaco, Subway, Twin City Pharmacy, Vail Hardware, Von Graff's, Wal-mart, White Star Restaurant, 1-800-Flowers.

A message to all parents of High School students. Your help and support is needed to keep the tradition of Project Graduation alive in South

Plainfield. We are living in times when alcohol & drugs are becoming an everyday part of life to a lot of teenagers. The purpose of Project Graduation is to show our students that they can have a great time partying with their friends in a drug & alcohol free environment. Project Graduation costs a lot of money and fundraising is becoming very difficult. The party for the graduating seniors involves continuous food & entertainment and The South Plainfield High School PTA pays the entire expense with exception of some donations of food. The Auction/Raffle is our major fundraiser. We thank you for coming and supporting this year's Auction/Raffle and for making it a huge success.

Pat Anderson & Ellen Melanson
Auction Chairpersons

Animals Take Tour of Plainfield Animal Hospital With Their Owners

By Patricia Abbott

While you are driving your child to the orthodontist, stop and think about your pets teeth. Braces for a dog? Not as silly as it sounds! Most people regard their pets as a member of the family. Their health and happiness is as important as that of any other family member. Plainfield Animal Hospital on Park Ave. knows health pets are happy pets and good health includes their teeth.

To celebrate *Pet Dental Month*, the

hospital recently held an open house, giving pets and their owners an opportunity to tour the facility. Over 30 pets, along with their owners attended the festivities which included a free dental check, contests, door prizes and refreshments.

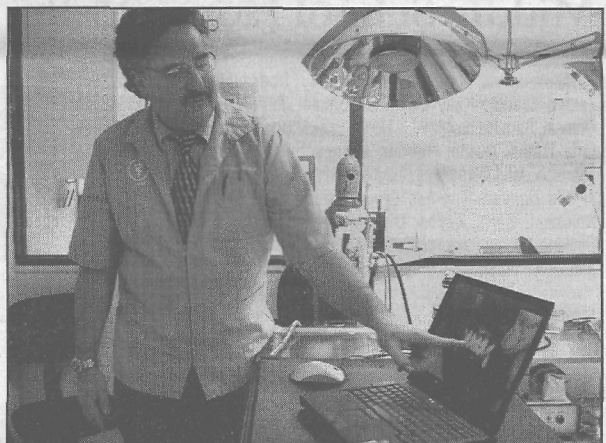
According to Veterinarian Dr. Scott Linick, owner of the Plainfield Animal Hospital, the dental cases that arrive at the hospital are generally dogs and cats. Dogs are the most common pets needing braces. There are several malocclusions (abnormality in the

coming together of the teeth) that can cause a painful bite and must be corrected. Other species are less tolerant of orthodontic appliances in their mouth. He noted dental disease is also in common rabbits and rodents. Linick has worked on ferrets, chinchillas, hedgehogs, and a baboon. He was recently informed that a mandrill at the Staten Island Zoo may need a filling or a root canal.

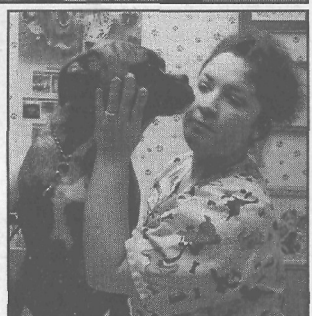
Dr. Linick said, "The purpose of the event is to promote awareness of pet's needs for dental care. Periodontal disease is the most common infection seen in veterinary practice today." He described the day's activities, "We had four staff veterinarians doing dental examinations and making recommendations for care. My head technician explained and demonstrated how we do dental procedures, and I showed the attendees some of my advanced dental cases including orthodontics and endodontics."

National Pet Dental Month also stresses the need to prevent dental problems, gum disease and to promote the general health of pets.

The 50th anniversary bash is coming up at the Plainfield Animal Hospital in May. The 50th anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, May 5 from 1-4 p.m. Details are still in the works, but Dr. Linick assured us there would be food, fun and pet related activities for the whole family.



Pictured above is Dr. Scott Linick, owner of the Plainfield Animal Hospital.



Pictured right is Jennifer Bezzek, head technician getting a kiss from Cassie.

Photos by Chris Abbott

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

If you missed the regular cookie sale, it is not too late to still get Girl Scout Cookies. Cookie Booth Sales will be held by South Plainfield Girl Scouts at the following locations:

On Saturday, March 23 at David's Stationary on Sampton Ave. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Bagel Pantry on Plainfield Ave. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; First Union on Plainfield Ave. from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Drug Fair on South Plainfield Ave. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, March 30 at Bagel Pantry on Plainfield Ave. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.


On Saturday, April 6 at Quik Check on Sampton Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Drug Fair on South Plainfield Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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News From Recreation....

Ponytail Softball

The Ponytail Softball League selections took place this week. A Coaches Clinic will be held at the PAL on Saturday, March 16 and a Rutgers Safety Clinic will be held at the Middle School on March 19.

Opening Day Ceremonies will be held on Saturday, April 13.

Skate Park

So far, 478 people have responded to the questionnaire sent to the schools asking students if we really need a skate park.

When asked if we need a park, 86 percent responded yes, 93 percent said they already had experience, 92 said they would follow the rules and 52 said they would be willing to pay an

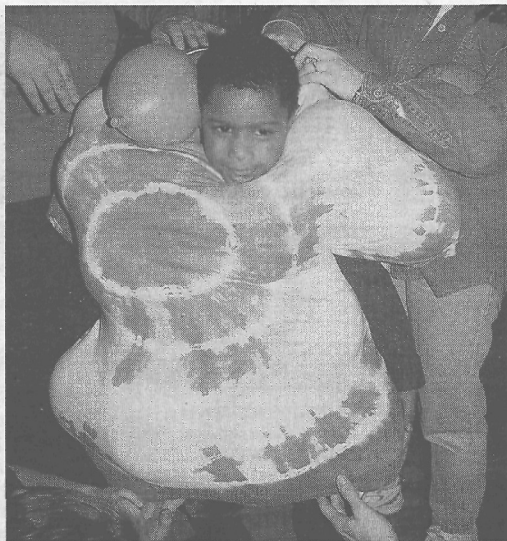
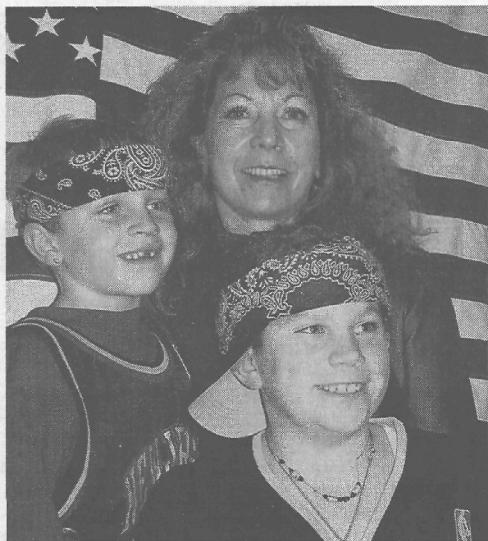
annual fee. The survey was taken to get an idea of the need for a skate park in South Plainfield.

Teener Ball, T-Ball

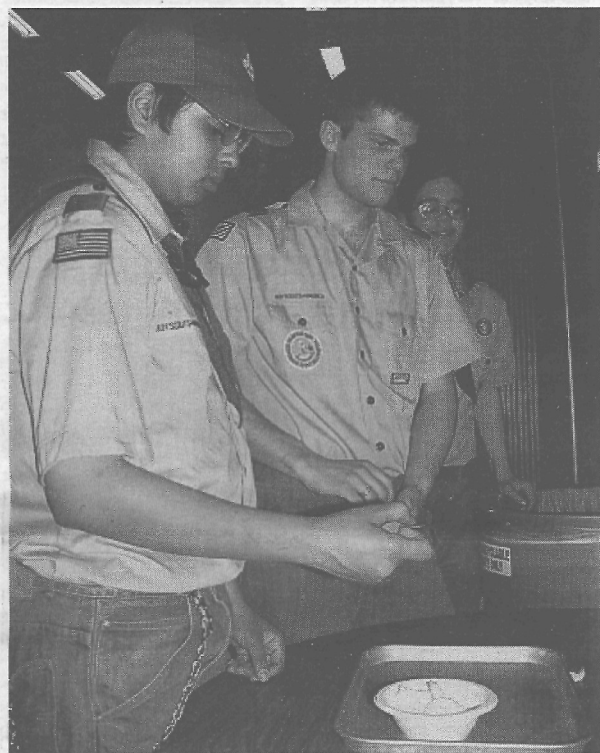
Teener Ball and T-Ball registration is now underway. Registration ends on April 5.

Summer Recreation Program

The Recreation Department has been notified that all of the schools in the system will be closed for the entire summer for needed electrical upgrades. Therefore the Summer Park Program will be held in the following parks, Veterans Park, Cotton Street Park, Pitt Street Park and Shadyside Park. Special equipment will be brought into the park for the program.



Moms Spend the Evening with Their "Sweethearts"—Riley School's gym was recently filled with the kind of joyful noise only excited little boys can create. The event was the annual Mother/Son Dance. The boys and their moms enjoyed a wide variety of music and games provided by a DJ. The guests enjoyed bologna sandwiches, veggies and dip, hot and cold beverages as well as a variety of cookies and other goodies. The little dancing that did take place included slow dances as well as the electric slide.



Chili Fest Spices Up Scout Activities

By Patricia Abbott

On Sunday, March 10 South Plainfield Boy Scout Troop 207's "Chili Fest" 2002 served up 80 gallons of chili to 200 people making the third annual event an unequivocal success. The steady flow of diners ranging from teenagers and families with young children to senior citizens, kept the scouts and volunteer parents busy throughout the afternoon and evening. Chili Fest Chairperson Angela Uffer noted they also enjoyed brisk take out sales as well.

The twenty-two scouts set up tables and served hungry guests, then cleared the tables and started again. When the last patron left, they cleaned and restored the Kennedy School gym to order. Twenty parents were on hand to assist. Angela Uffer said, "These parents help every year. I am so pleased with all the cooperation."

Six parents took on the task of chili making: Scoutmaster Randy Germenden, Angela Uffer, Beth Nugent, Debbie Germenden, Dawn Toth and Jim Uffer. Food and supplies were donated by many local merchants.

Each scout sold tickets to the event and a portion of each sale was placed in the scouts "Activity Account." The account allows the boys to participate in various troop activities with minimal out of pocket expenses. Some scouts will be able to fund most of their summer camp experience from their account. The other portion of the ticket sale will be used to purchase troop equipment and supplies, as well as to defray the cost of some of the

more expensive outings and trips.

Twenty residents from Keystone Community Residence enjoyed a chili dinner as guests of the Scouts. After the event, scouts Ian Levine, Randy Germenden, and Chris Uffer traveled to Keystone to visit with residents and deliver left over chili and rolls. They also donated some of the leftover chili to the residents of the Keystone Community.



Sons of The American Legion Seeking Members

Are you looking for a way to actively show your patriotic spirit and honor those who served in battle?

Be a true patriot and continue an American tradition by joining the Sons of The American Legion. Monthly meetings are held at the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Mar. 20.

The Sons of The American Legion

is looking for patriotic Americans to become active members. They participate in a variety of community activities including volunteer work at Veteran Hospitals, social activities, fund-raising for charities and scholarships and other community projects.

For just a few hours each month and only \$7 annual membership dues, you can become a proud member of The Sons of The American Legion. Membership will require a valid proof

of honorable discharge (form DD214) or active membership in The American Legion by the eligible veteran.

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Last week was Child Passenger Safety Week and this program is a

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For additional information, contact Officer Vincent Campagna of the South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Unit at (908) 226-7693.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

By Greg Machos

Tigers' Season Ends With Tough Loss To Colonia

It was looking like the night of Feb. 26 would be a good one for the Tigers. They had an enthusiastic crowd, a dedicated and passionate alumnus from their 1999-2000 squad in Dominique Pender and Colonia's best player, Justin Chiera in street clothes. However, despite several moments in the game where the Tigers looked as if they were finally going to get the monkey called the Colonia Patriots off their back, Colonia's Derek DuBois, Royce Morgan and Nick Smith all came up with big plays to keep the Tigers out of reach.

What resulted was a 62-50 victory for Colonia over the host Tigers in the first round of the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III Tournament at the Anthony J. Cotoia Gymnasium. Colonia's victory ended what was a strong season by a Tiger squad that was dominated mostly by sophomores and juniors. South Plainfield finished with a record of 13-11 overall on the season. In the game, Ulysses Russell led all scorers with 21 points in what would be his last game in a South Plainfield uniform.

The Patriots were led by Morgan, who had 18 points and 15 rebounds for a double double, and perhaps his best game of the year, and DuBois who had 14 points, all of which came in the second half. Nick Smith chipped in with 13 points in one of his better games over the past month or so after having a strong start to a campaign that put him in contention as Freshman of the Year according to GMC Hoops. Junior center Matt Weisenthal grabbed nine rebounds for the Patriots.

For the Tigers one thing was rather evident from the third quarter on, it was the urgency of the situation. You could sense it in the coaches, particularly Head Coach, Jeff Lubreski, who gave it everything he had from the usual game strategy, motivating the players to let it all out on the floor since there was no tomorrow. You could also sense it with the players, who seemed to turn things up a notch in the third quarter defensively.

You could even sense it with the fans, particularly Dominique Pender, who was pacing up and down behind the Tiger bench as if he were in Coach Lubreski's shoes. One thing is for sure, Coach Lubreski can take a

mid-season vacation and let Pender coach. The Tigers still wouldn't miss a beat. There were signs, which is rare at Tiger basketball games, lots of noise, players urging the crowd to get even more involved. Everyone in the gym knew that this was it. For some it would be no tomorrow while for others, there would be no next year.

And it showed up in the game, as the Tigers came within three points on several occasions in the second half. In the third quarter Ulysses Russell converted a couple conventional three point plays to cut the Colonia lead twice to three at 41-38 and 44-41 respectively.

However, after the Tigers closed to within 41-38 and had the ball, a controversial traveling call was made on South Plainfield's Phil Veinott by one of the officials. The official, who was on the other side of the court really had no angle on the play. This particular call was typical of the Tiger's evening, where the home team would get close and then have a bad break, a defensive or rebounding lapse, or a poor call by an official.

Nevertheless, South Plainfield showed a lot of fight and hung in there even after it seemed that Colonia had the game in hand in the fourth quarter. The Tigers climbed to within four at 54-50 with around a minute or so left in the game, but the Patriots got another big shot from DuBois, who was too quick down the stretch. Then Colonia closed out the Tigers

with solid rebounding from Weisenthal and Morgan along with fine free throw shooting.

In spite of this tough loss, South Plainfield had an encouraging season as they improved by several games over the 10-10 record accomplished last season, and won several games against top teams in the area including Somerville, J.E. Kennedy (twice), Sayreville, and Hunterdon Central. The Tigers received solid efforts from a number of unlikely sources this year. Players like freshman Marquis Jones surprised many with a double digit scoring average while senior forward Aaron Parks made tremendous strides from last season with a 11 point per game average.

Couple that with the strong finish by the senior guard tandem of Ulysses Russell and David Francis and key contributions from Phil Veinott, Ian Robinson, Corey Gilmore, Gary Houston, and Travis Hollis, who stepped in to give some solid minutes in the GMC Tournament Preliminary Round victory over Middlesex. So there is a lot of good things to look forward to for next year with a solid nucleus returning. In addition, familiar foe New Brunswick will be moving to the GMC Blue Division, which should make things even better for the Tigers in terms of their tough schedule. If this team can hold together, there could be a lot more bright days ahead for SPHS Boys Basketball.

About Greg Machos

Greg Machos has lived in South Plainfield since 1971. He graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1988 and is currently working in Data Center Operations for Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater. Greg attends school on the weekend at Rutgers University. He has an Associates Degree in Computer Science from Middlesex County College and is currently studying Computer Science, as well as working on a Technical Writing Certificate. He is also evaluating whether he should minor in Meteorology. Greg has many projects on the side and one of them is creating websites.

Much of the research that he puts

into the articles for the *Observer* is based from a website that he does called GMC Hoops (<http://www.gmchoops.com>), which is a basketball web site all about Varsity Boys Basketball in the GMC Conference. Greg is also the webmaster for Mike Lanza's SHOTMAN Basketball Camps, which he has been doing for about six years.

He also has a website focused on hurricanes, which is another one of his hobbies. The website, Hurricaneville is located at <http://www.hurricaneville.com>. Information from the site helped create a book on Hurricanes which was donated to the South Plainfield library, available in both English and Spanish. He also has another website on weather currently being redesigned.

Finally, he has created a web site (<http://www.stunttdble.com>) for Mark Riccardi, a stuntman and stunt coordinator originally from South Plainfield, who has worked on films such as *Face-Off*, *Broken Arrow*, *Swordfish* and television shows such as *Star Trek Voyager* and the *Next Generation*.

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

Tigers Ready for Kids State Wrestling Tournament

South Plainfield Recreation and Middle School qualified 23 wrestlers to compete in the 2002 New Jersey Kids Scholastic Wrestling Tournament which begins Saturday at Lakewood High School. The three top wrestlers in each weight class in each division advance to the State Tournament.

Qualifying at Union in the Bantam division was Anthony Ashnault 45, first; Tyler Hunt 55, third and Kyle Pompilio 75, third. In the Midget division, Nick Heilmann 70, placed first; Corey Hay 70, second and Mike Wagner 85, third. In the Junior division Robert Gentile 65, placed third.

Qualifying at Toms River in the Junior division was Billy Ashnault 80, placing first; Nick Dorey 90, second;

Mike Jakubik 95, first. In the Intermediate division was Jimmy Conroy 85, placing first; Bryon Hunt 85, second; Sam Martin 105, second and Kevin Crilly 170, second.

At the North Hunterdon qualifying in the Bantam division, Mahlik Cisson 45, placed second and Randy Jakubik 65, first. In the Midget division was Nick Vallone 95 placing first. In the Junior division Patrick Hunter 75 placed second; Mark Wagner 105, third; Otheo Muse 133, second. In the Intermediate division Anthony Niemczyk 105, placed third.

Qualifying in Lodi in the Midget division was Ryan Sacco 65, placing third. In the Junior division Rocco Petriello Hwt. placed third.

Anderson, Doerr, Ringel Place at State Tournament

South Plainfield High School sent three of its top wrestlers to Atlantic City to compete in the NJSIAA State Wrestling Tournament and came home with all three placing.



Matt Anderson

Matt Anderson 130, placed second; Scott Doerr 145, fifth and Rickey Ringel 112, seventh-eighth. It is a tribute to the wrestling program as well as the individual dedication it took for these wrestlers to accomplish what they did this past weekend. The countless hours devoted to a tough and grueling sport was rewarding as well as disappointing. The ultimate goal of every high school wrestler is to win a state title, but many do not accomplish that goal. Matt Anderson, who tried to become South Plainfield's first two-time state champion, fell short again this year. Anderson, who has broken almost every record in South Plainfield wrestling history, entered this year's tournament as the number one seed.

In the prequarterfinals, Anderson defeated Sterling's John Sauer 5-0 to advance to the quarterfinals. Anderson then faced Steve Swentzel of Sparta and found himself down 4-3 with 12 seconds left. That's when Anderson went on the offensive and got the takedown and used his favorite move—the leg cradle to secure two more near fall points to win 7-4.

In the semifinals Anderson won by major decision, 10-2, over Jarred Mercado of Pitman.

Anderson reached the finals for the third year in a row and knew it would not be easy beating the all-time New Jersey win leader Bob Stinson of

Camden Catholic. Stinson, a four-year place winner, came into the match with a 37-0 record. Stinson scored all his points in the first period—all off take-downs. Anderson, who went into the match with a 31-0 record, could not get going doing the things he normally does best. Stinson used his strength and upper body moves to secure a 6-3 victory and a state title.

Scott Doerr 145 traveled a different road heading into the state tournament as the number four seed. Scott was a seventh-eighth place winner last year. In the prequarterfinals, Doerr defeated Justin Koeller of Phillipsburg 3-1. In the quarterfinals he lost to number one seed Joe Galante of Ocean City 5-3. In the second round of wrestlebacks, Doerr defeated Trevor Suter of Paulsboro by major decision 19-6. In the wrestleback semifinals Doerr faced Mike Weber of Kittatiny and lost 12-6. In the medal round Doerr defeated Middlesex County rival Wilhem Keinhof of Old Bridge 8-7 for a fifth place finish.

Rickey Ringel 112 had the toughest road of all with no state tournament experience. In the prequarterfinals, Ringel dropped a 10-5 decision to Albert Dattalo of Randolph. In the first round of wrestlebacks, Ringel bounced back with a fall over Justin Obrusnia of Old Bridge at 1:48 to keep his medal hopes alive. In the second round of wrestlebacks, Ringel defeated J.W. Bykowski Pequannock 6-5. In the wrestleback quarterfinals, Ringel lost a heartbreaking 9-7 OT decision to Nick Bridge of Absegami. Ringel won his final match for a seventh-eighth finish.

Congratulations to Matt, Scott and Rickey for a great season and great careers at South Plainfield High School.

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Sports

SOCCER

By Tom Hardy

Opening Day For South Plainfield Soccer Club

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will open its spring season this weekend Mar. 17, with eight home games and six away games. Riley School field and the high school will host six home full-sided games starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday and thanks to the South Plainfield Recreation Dept. the PAL will host two small-sided games. The first of two small-sided home games scheduled this weekend at the PAL will be when our U-9 boys team SP Sonics coached by Bruce Hunt faces Watchung Hills United. Immediately following that game and facing Berkeley Heights Beavers will be our U-10 boys team SP Fire coached by Paul Baldassarre.

Facing off against Hunterdon United Rebels at the High School and slated first on the schedule for full-sided at 11:30 a.m. will be our U-19 girls team SP Sting coached by Rich Geisheimer. Filling the afternoon slots starting at 1:30 p.m. will be John Rayho and our U-19 boys team SP Hurricanes vs. Edison United Arsenal while the SP Alliance U-16 boys will take on Suburban Arsenal at 3:30 p.m. with Armand Ferranti and Pete Kelly at the helm.

Over at Riley field and starting at 11:30 a.m. our U-16 boys team South Plainfield Tornadoes coached by Len Olim will battle Edison United Thunder and at 1:30 p.m., Pio Pennisi and our U-12 boys SP Typhoons will meet South Brunswick

Typhoons. The late afternoon game at Riley field at 3:30 p.m. and making his debut as head coach and filling in for Jen Baldassarre is Steve Senz and our U-12 girls SP Comets as they face off against Metuchen Fire.

Our six away games should prove to be very exciting as well. The first being a small-sided game and played on Saturday March 16 will be Wally Bolivar and our U-8 boys the SP Hotspurs vs. Piscataway Extreme. Then back on Sunday and full-sided Carlos Gonzalez and the SP Blast U-11 boys head out on the road to face off against the Millburn Cyclones while our U-14 boys SP Lightning, coached by Pete Kelly, challenge Metuchen Mutiny in Metuchen. Out in West Orange Pete Bolivar and the U-13 boys SP United will clash against the West Orange Tornadoes. Last but not least our two remaining away games slated for Sunday will be the U-13 girls team SP Blaze coached by Tom Hardy facing a familiar foe Clark Knockouts and Ernesto Rodriguez and the U-10 girls SP Power vs. Branchburg Eagles.

We expect this season to be an exciting one and encourage all to come out and support our teams. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all that helped make last season a success and look forward to an even better season this year. Go South Plainfield! Visit our web site at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com.

JCC of Middlesex County, Blue Dolphins, Capture State Championship.

The JCC of Middlesex County, Blue Dolphin Swim Team, capped an undefeated season by placing first in the NJSL State Championships. The NJSL State Championships were held on Feb. 24 at the YM-YWHA of North Jersey. NJSL is comprised of twelve teams from all around the State of New Jersey, with participants from South Plainfield, Edison, Colonia and Iselin. The Blue Dolphins have 120 swimmers.

Five Blue Dolphin swimmers recorded gold medals in all four events in which they swam. These individuals were Edison residents Tom Cassidy, 18, (200IM, 100BK, 100FLY and FR relay) and Jennifer Boyle, 10, (50BK, 100IM, MED relay and FR relay), and South Plainfield residents Shannon Dabrio, 18, (100BR, 100FR, MED and FR relays), Nina Byard, 15, (200IM, 100FR, MED and FR relays) and Danielle Atcachunas, 10, (50FR, 50FLY, MED and FR relays).

The Blue Dolphin's head coach is Laurie Post. Laurie is also head coach of South Plainfield's Tiger Shark Swim Team in the summer. Laurie, assistant coaches Robin Cone and Janette Eckensberger, as well as co-captains Shannon Dabrio and Karim Motani were thrilled with the Blue Dolphins successes. Reigning undefeated throughout the season and winning the championship was a tremendous, and first-time, accomplishment.

In addition to the quad gold medal

winners, South Plainfield had a number of other swimmers who medaled. These swimmers include: Calvin John Smiley, 15, winning gold in the 100FR and FR relay and silver in the 100BK. Mary Odlowski, 17, won silver in the 100FLY and bronze in the 100FR and gold in both the MED and FR relays. Dylan McDermott, 8, won three gold medals, 25BR and both relays, and a silver in the 100IM. Liam McDermott, 7, won bronze in the 25BK. The South Plainfield Boyle family had three family members register a total of five medals. They were Patrick, 6, bronze 25BK, Michael, 10, bronze 50FLY and silver in both relays and Megan, 12, registered a bronze in the free relay. Emily Pickarski, 9, captured a bronze in the 50FR and two gold medals in both of her relays. Gracie Pickarski, 7, won bronze in the 25BR. Amanda Ray, 10, registered gold medals in both

the medley and free relay. Maggie Valentino, 8, registered bronze in both the 25BK and 25FLY.

Calvin John Smiley Captures State Title in GMC Swim Meet

St. Joseph High School's swim team won for the 24th consecutive year at the GMC Boys Championship last month.

South Plainfield resident, Calvin John Smiley, a sophomore and his teammates captured the state title in the NJSIAA/PSEG Parochial A Championship. It was the 19th state record for the St. Joseph High School.

The swim team defeated Gloucester Catholic, Bergen Catholic, and finally Christian Brothers Academy with a 95-75 win to gain the state title.

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Track Replacement Starts in April

Last Friday, at a special Board of Education meeting, the contract to replace the track field at Jost Field was awarded to Halecon, Inc for \$341,690.

Board President Frank Mikorski said he was glad the bid was awarded to a company who has experience on installing tracks and has a good record of finishing the job on time.

Several coaches and members of the track team were on hand to hear the long awaited news. The track has been unusable for the past few years for both meets and for practice be-

cause it was deemed unsafe.

Work should begin in April, as the weather gets warmer.

Last month Bob Stilo, owner of Stilo Excavating and his employees removed the old track and carted it away, saving the Board money by doing the job pro bono.

Mikorski added that if anyone would like make a contribution towards the cost of the track may do so through Vision 2001. For more information on Vision 2001, call Emil Leporino at 908-756-8038.

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

SPJBC Opening Day Fast Approaching—With barely a month to go before opening day we still have a lot to do. Last week's first major work detail was a huge success with a very positive turnout. There is much more work still to be done before opening day. Again we will be starting this Saturday at 7:30 a.m. If you can donate some time to us please stop down anytime between 7:30 and 11:30. All help is appreciated. Umpire training concluded last week with excellent results in the final exam!

This Saturday at 9:30 a.m. is the C League orientation to be held on field one at the complex. All C League coaches and parents should attend.

Congratulations Matt and Victoria Boley!

Matt Boley, high school freshman, and Victoria Boley, a sophomore, have been named by the GMC coaches to their 2002 Bowling All Conference Team. Congratulations!

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INMYOPINION

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Furthermore, the parents of Roosevelt and the children were left not knowing the reason behind his sudden resignation. We were never involved or properly notified. This was a lynching, with false allegations. The Board of Education should be ashamed as well as all those involved with this shameful act.

**SINCERELY,
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To the Editor,

I just want to show my support for the teachers of Roosevelt School! I am so disgusted at the ridiculous unsigned letter accusing them of making up lies about Dr. Hange! Let me state now that I support the teachers and I support the decision of removing Dr.

Hange from Roosevelt School!

I agree on one point, and that is I wish the parents were included on this, but what's done is done and I am positive there must have been a good reason for it. Personally, I am upset that it took this long to have him removed.

By your article, it seems to me that the majority of the parents, children and teachers were not being asked their opinions, like the parents who wanted to pull their children out of the school this year. I was almost one of them. I had the forms all filled out but I was torn because I could not imagine my daughter not being in Miss Frank's class, or not having Mrs. Madden in second grade. I respect and admire all the teachers that I have had the pleasure of dealing with over the last six years!

I hope the readers of your paper

find a letter—full of awful and unfair accusations and not even signed—hard to believe! Yeah, I am sure that the teachers all sat around one day and all decided to make up lies about the principal! Please, give me a break! I think they are more professional than that! And I guess all the parents who have made complaints all made up the complaints too! A lot of people knew that there was going to be problems caused by some known troublemakers, so here we go!

But like I said, I stand behind our teachers and the Board of Education's decision, and want to thank Mr. Barbieri, who has doubled his work load because he cares enough about our children and Roosevelt School to come back while the search is on for a permanent principal. It is people like Mr. Barbieri and the teachers that

should be praised, not bashed!

Now maybe the children of Roosevelt School can get back to the way things should be, have the things given back that were taken away—like the Roosevelt School song for example—and the children who went to school who where so unhappy can now go to school and be happy! Those letters will have you believe that ALL the children just loved him! That is just not true at all! I love how they speak for all the children! There were so many ridiculous things mentioned in those two letters. Regarding the comment in the article about this Joe Clark, I never knew that our sweet and well behaved children of Roosevelt School needed a Joe Clark—how insulting!! These are elementary school children, not teenage gang thugs! This is all so ridiculous, and I think enough

is enough.

And as far as the comment about "getting Dr. Hange back"—well if that happens there will not be much of a problem with an overcrowded school anymore! I think we should just focus our attention on helping find a new principal that will be good for the school and not try and turn in into some kind of military school. I am surprised the children were not forced to stand at attention and salute when Hange walked into a room! I feel he would be better off dealing with much older children with behavior problems, children who need that kind of tough structure. He would be great in one of the alternative high schools, I don't feel his way of doing things was right for our children at all. I am not afraid to sign my name!

DEBI ESPOSITO

Obituaries

Shirley P. (Pollin) Yarussi, 62

Shirley P. (Pollin) Yarussi of Plainfield died Saturday, Mar. 9, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Yarussi had lived in the Central New Jersey area her entire life.

She had been employed with American Solenoid Co. of Somerset since 1986 as an assembler.

Mrs. Yarussi was an active member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield where she volunteered for numerous functions, including feeding the homeless. She also had a great love for bingo.

Surviving are her husband of 14

years, James Yarussi; three daughters, Sandy Rudolph of Highland Park, Ellen Borden of Brownsville, Indiana and Joan Frisco of Liberty, Indiana; two sons, Fred Pollin of Hazleton, Pa. and Russell Pollin of Piscataway; a sister, Eleanor Kingston of East Brunswick and 18 grandchildren. She had also been expecting her first great grandchild.

Services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Andrew Brizak, 86

Andrew Brizak of South Plainfield died Thursday, Mar. 7, at home.

Born in Rahway, he resided in Avenel before moving to South Plainfield 20 years ago.

Mr. Brizak was employed as a production line worker for the former Continental Plastics in Avenel, retiring 20 years ago.

He was an avid gardener.

Surviving are two sisters, Margaret Compton of East Brunswick and Irene Harrison of Rahway and a brother, John Brizak of East Brunswick.

Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

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An appeal has been filed by Antonio Grasso requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to request a waiver from Ordinance #1220 with regard to off site improvements and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 347, Lot 8.03 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, April 2, 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 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
March 6, 2002

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board at its meeting held on March 5, 2002

A. Schoor Depalma was appointed to the position of outside engineer to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2002.

B. Taylor Design Group, Inc. was appointed to the position of outside Planner to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 2002.

C. Case #47-99/S—Sprint Spectrum—Block 254; Lot 5; 450 Oak Tree Ave.—Application was withdrawn, without prejudice.

D. Case #67-01/S—Nextel of New York, Inc.—Block 528.01, Lot 46.01; 4000 Hadley Rd.—Applicant's request for an amended site plan to install 12 additional antennas and additional equipment cabinets was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

E. Case #2-96/S/A/A—US Plastics, formerly Shlome Sales Co.—Block 387; Lot 2; 651 Metuchen Rd.—Applicant's request for a second amended site plan which includes phasing was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

F. Case #2-02—Russell Frank—Block 50; Lot 9; 407 Marsh Ave.—Applicant's request for two rear yard setback variances was hereby GRANTED.

G. Case #1-02—Elaine Belz—Block 249; Lot 6.04; 413 Vail Court—Applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance to construct an 11' x 23' wood deck, was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

H. Case #79-01/S/V—Shaughnessy Crane Service—Block 472; Lot 23; intersection of So. Clinton Ave. & Gardner Ave.—Applicant's request for final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

I. Case #76-01/S—OmniPoint Communications, Inc.—Block 258; Lot 1; 333 Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for use and height variances and amended site plan approval, with waivers and conditions, to attach six additional antennas and additional cabinets, was hereby GRANTED.

J. Case #49-01/S—JSM@South Clinton, LLC—Block 448; Lot 4.06; property located on South Clinton Ave.—Applicant's request for a use variance for outdoor storage, together with preliminary and final site plan approval, was hereby GRANTED, with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Muccilli,
Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$59.00 1T March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1440N(a)

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

Ordinance #1440N(a) entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440N ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2001 THRU 2005 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1440P

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

Ordinance #1440P entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1440E ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2001 THRU 2005 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
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\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1583

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

Ordinance #1583 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1584

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

Ordinance #1584 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 124 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "LIMOUSINES" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1585

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

Ordinance #1585 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING ON A PORTION OF CROMWELL PLACE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1586

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

Ordinance #1586 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING ON A PORTION OF FRANKLIN AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1587

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

Ordinance #1587 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING ON A PORTION OF JACKSON AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1588

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

Ordinance #1588 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING ON A PORTION OF PLAINFIELD AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1589

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

Ordinance #1589 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT IN THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, March 7, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1591

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

Ordinance #1591 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SESSION FEES FOR SWIMMING LESSONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL COMPLEX be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 15, 2002 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2002 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$18.00 March 15, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1591

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD THAT:

Fees for swimming lessons for members of the municipal pool complex shall be amended as follows:

	2002
Member - per child	\$10.00 per session

Fees for swimming lessons for nonmembers of the municipal pool complex shall not be amended and will remain as follows:

	2002
Nonmember - 1st child	\$80.00 per session
Nonmember - 2nd child	45.00 per session

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

Approved March 7, 2002
Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/RMC Municipal Clerk
\$46.00 1T March 15, 2002

Custom Creations and Gifts Fundraisers

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total purchase to either playground fund of your choice. Or they will donate \$5 for any birthday or craft party or six week ceramic class that is booked by Apr. 30. For more information, call (908) 755-5060.

policereport

Police Apprehend Stolen Vehicle, Confiscate Drugs

While on patrol Friday at Oxford Ave. and Sprague Ave., Police Officer Michael Hoppe observed a 1996 Jeep parked on the grass next to fence. The vehicle had no license plates or temporary tag. The officer observed a male in the middle of the back seat and a female in the front seat.

As the officer approached he witnessed them both struggling to pull up their pants. The male, identified as James Bell of Plainfield, claimed they

had been driven there by a friend who lived across the street. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of North Plainfield and what was believed to be crack cocaine was located on the floor of the vehicle.

Bell was arrested for receiving stolen property and possession of a controlled substance. The woman, identified as Toshiba Hannah of Plainfield, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• Bayard Sales Corp. on New Brunswick Ave. reported the theft of cash totalling \$3,157.72 and checks totalling \$3,011.99 from their trailer. Holes were found in the surrounding fence and a loading bar foot was used to pry open the safe.

• A Bridgewater man reported that while at the Gulf station on Stelton Rd. his credit card had been stolen. Numerous charges had been made on the card prior to his reporting it stolen an hour later.

• A Wells Dr. resident reported that upon returning home, the side door window of his residence had been smashed with a piece of concrete and the inside door was ajar. No items had been reported missing.

• Arthur Trembly of Boro Salvage in South Plainfield was arrested for stealing a dump-body trailer owned by Harriman Corp. of Brooklyn, NY. Trembly took the trailer in lieu of \$18,000 that he was owed by Harriman Corp.

• A Piscataway woman reported that while on a pay phone outside of Pathmark her purse had been stolen out of her shopping cart when she turned her back.

• An Edgar Ave. resident reported

that while sitting in his living room he heard glass breaking. In the basement he noticed that two window screens were missing and one had the glass broken out.

• Pathmark reported that a black male had attempted to shoplift seven cartons of cigarettes.

• Russel Wachterhauser of Piscataway was arrested at the A&P for shoplifting \$240.24 worth of over-the-counter drugs.

Legal Notices

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Paul Panzarella requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit relief from improving Smith Street to Borough standard; (relief of Ordinance #1220) and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 346, Lot 8 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, April 2, 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.

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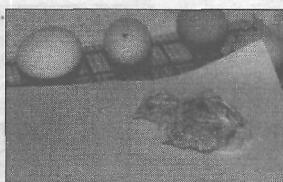
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Egg-citing Time at Future Stars

February was an egg-citing time at Future Stars Preschool. On Feb. 20 Quiver Farms, along with Farmer Ruth, Lucy the Hen and Dezi the Rooster, visited Future Stars with their egg/chick program.

The children clucked with delight as they imitated Dezi doing his cock-a-doodle-doo. Farmer Ruth explained about life on a farm and told the children a little about how chicks grow in eggs. Immediately following the presentation, incubators were set



up in each classroom. Each incubator had 12 numbered eggs placed inside. Over the next few days, the children watched as the eggs moved on their own and little holes began to appear in the eggs. The teachers were instructed to turn the eggs three times each day and to monitor the temperature and water level in the incubators.

The next Monday morning the first chick arrived. And then they arrived and arrived and arrived. In all

we had 38 chicks hatch. Once hatched, the chicks stayed in the incubators while they dried off and rested. Then they were placed in a brooding box. The chicks quickly fluffed out and were soon chirping away. The children loved the sound of the chicks. Once strong enough the children got to hold the chicks, feed them and play with them on the ground.

This program is excellent, exclaims the teachers. It teaches the students about loving, caring, nurturing and responsibility. Actually patience too—sometimes it felt like forever for the little chick to hatch.

On Friday, Farmer Ruth returned. For the children this was a sad day as they wished the 38 little chicks farewell as they were returned to the farm.

The teachers would like to thank the parents for making this program possible through their fundraising efforts, as well as the Parents Group Officers for organizing this event.

Submitted by Marie Markey

Grant Central Sixth Announces Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Dana Alexa, Ashley Alvarado, Scott Barton, Kristin Billich, Brittney Bishara, Louis Bottone, Jr., Nicole Brooks, Brianna Calderone, Grey Coppi, Jonathan Cursi, Christopher DeOliveira and Elizabeth Diamant.

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Honor Roll

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Andrew Gray, Steven Guevara, Soham Gupte, Hakim Hardy, Danielle Heilmann, Rosa Hernandez, Kelsey Hoffman, Scott Hunteerton, Subanie Jaikaran, Christian Johansen, Natia Katsantonis, Timothy Keane, Stephanie Kelly and Taylor Kurlew.

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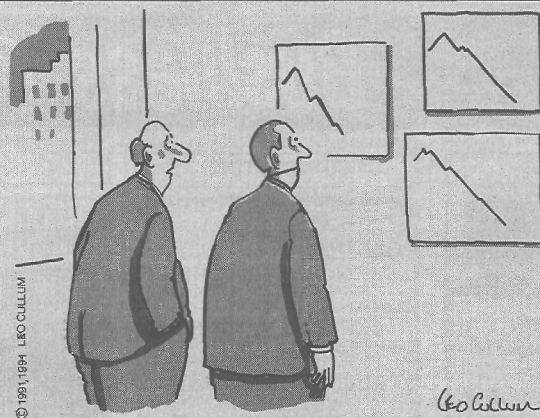
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