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Holiday Greetings!



The *South Plainfield Observer* staff wishes the best to you and yours this holiday season & in the coming year.



IN YOUR OPINION

One Family Speaks For Many

To the Editor,

I would like to thank South Plainfield, and all the people who helped make our Christmas special this year. I also want to thank them for helping add to our family holiday traditions. Our Christmas seems complete when riding past Al Mitchell's house every time we go out of our house. His annual Santa night is a delight for both young and old. Every year we endure the cold to enjoy his train display and to have that special visit with Santa. The atmosphere is so festive and the air is filled with the holiday spirit.

Then there is the Annual Fire Department Santa Project. So many people are rushing to do their last minute shopping this past week, but not the Fire Department. It must be a big undertaking to be out there every night the week just before Christmas. People probably take this for granted. We have participated in Project Santa since it started, and the



boys look forward to it every year. Even I catch my breath each year as we see the lights from the fire truck coming down the street and hear the music playing.

We look forward to the upcoming caroling in the park and also Santa at

the PAL. This letter is to let all these people know that their efforts are appreciated and they have become a part of many residents' family traditions. But I guess you know that when you see the faces on the children.

THE MARKEY FAMILY



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Dear Editor,

The South Plainfield Public Library would like to thank all the contributors to the Middlesex County Books to Keep program. The response to the program, and in particular the letter so graciously written by Sarah Hageman, has resulted in donations of over 600 individual books and two hundred dollars which will supplement the book donations. This year has been a record year for donations.

Besides the Books to Keep program the Library has accepted donations of winter coats from Boy Scout Troop 124 and toys as part of Joseph Helgesen's Boy Scout Eagle Project. All three efforts have been outstandingly successful.

Thank you to all who have been so generous with their money and goods. You have made many children very happy this Christmas.

SINCERELY,
SUNDRA FENN, DIRECTOR
SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Have You Checked Out Our Web Page Lately?

Log on to spsobserver.com and checkout our newly redesigned webpage, courtesy of Wayne Plughoft, who will be updating it regularly. Let us know what you think of the new look.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Family and Medical Leave Act

In 1993, President Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, which permitted workers to take up to three months of unpaid leave in order to care for an ill child, an elderly parent or a newborn child. However, 1993 was not the first time that both houses of Congress had passed this bipartisan, family-friendly legislation. Similar bills had been passed several times by Congress, only to be vetoed by former President Bush.

In June 2000, President Clinton issued a rule that allowed states to decide for themselves whether or not to use unemployment insurance money to support those on family leave who are struggling without a paycheck. The bill that President Clinton signed was very helpful to families, but all it really did was allow workers to take some unpaid personal time to care for a sick or newborn child without losing their jobs. While mindful of placing too large a burden upon the businesses that employ Americans, supporters of this type of legislation wanted to find a way to help those for whom financial troubles made unpaid family leave impractical. It occurred to them that states could be allowed to decide on an individual basis about their citizens' need for the extra assistance. After all, some states might be in favor of funding this initiative, while others may decide against it.

Unfortunately, the current Bush Administration has now halted the decision making process in several states with its own rule. With support of business groups who have been displeased since 1993 with any form of family leave, President Bush made the decision for all of the states, in favor of no pay for those on family leave, even if the businesses themselves are not responsible for paying those workers on hiatus. The administration has a plausible reason for its decision, flawed as it may be, but why would businesses have a problem with the states paying their workers while they care for their families?

The answer is not difficult, especially considering that these groups exerted all of their influence to convince former President Bush to veto the bill and just enough of a minority in Congress to uphold the veto. After opposing it in vain in 1993, their only solace was that

the leave was unpaid and that they could count on the onset of financial troubles to get mom or dad out of the hospital or nursing home and into the office. When family advocates finally convinced President Clinton to give states the opportunity to grant unemployment payments to workers on family leave, special interests united in opposition to the government paying workers to care for their families. The fear was that more people would take leaves and that more would stay on leave for as long as they were allowed. Lobbying the President to reverse the rule was more convenient for them than allowing states to consider the option and thereafter lobbying each individual state.

President Bush has voiced his support for families and for states' rights. That's why it is disappointing that he signed off on this decision. I cannot think of a better way to strengthen families than to allow them to be together at times of family crisis or transition. Regardless of sentiment, if no state had activated the rule yet, then it would appear to be unnecessary to take away the opportunity for a state to re-evaluate the situation and change its mind. Speaking as a State senator, I would like the chance to consider such an option on behalf of my constituents. I would imagine that there are many legislators across the country who would have preferred the chance to engage the families they represent on this issue and then to make a fair decision in the public interest. State officials often have more opportunities to learn from their constituents through correspondence, school functions, or other civic gatherings than do bureaucrats far removed in Washington. The Assistant Secretary of Labor cannot interact with the parents of a child with Leukemia and listen to their emotional anguish about having to choose between work and spending quality time with their ill child. For the sake of families like these across the country, I hope that President Bush will realize that the common-sense decision is to allow those on a more local level to meet with all concerned parties and then to make a truly informed decision. American families at least deserve to be heard on this issue.

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Edward F. Izbicki, Sr., South Plainfield's Business Administrator, recently announced that the deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, 2003. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2003.

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

"School board membership is a meaningful way to make a contribution to your community and its schools," said Glenn B. Ewan, NJSBA president. "I urge all qualified citizens to consider board of education membership. The most important attribute a candidate can bring to office is a sincere interest in the community, its children and their education."



Police Chief Robert Merkler (far left) accepts a check from South Plainfield Elks Exalted Ruler Richard Burns and Past Exalted Ruler John Kormendy for the purchase of an imaging system for the DARE Program. Also pictured are DARE Officers Al LaMonda and Officer Dave Franchak, and Leading Knight Nick Chupko and Loyal Knight Pete Smith.

Clearing Ice And Snow Prevents Accidents To Family, Friends and Your Letter Carrier

With two winter snowstorms already here, the postal service is reminding everyone to take precautions and remove ice and snow from walkways. This advice is not just for friends and family, but for the letter carriers who are delivering larger volumes of mail during this holiday season.

"Snow and ice hazards cause numerous accidents and injuries to many people, especially letter carriers," said David I. Solomon, U.S. Postal Service vice president of the New York metro area. "Preventing a slip or bad fall can be as easy as putting down salt or sand on slippery surfaces."

Letter carriers cannot make door or curb deliveries when the approach

to the mailbox is hazardous because of snow or ice. Carriers are not allowed to attempt door delivery when there is a heavy buildup of snow and ice on sidewalks, steps or porches. They are not allowed to dismount for curbside boxes blocked by snow and ice buildup. Snow must be cleared to the curbline at least six feet on both sides of the mailbox so the carrier may approach and leave without backing up.

Customers should be aware that there is always the possibility of lawsuits by any individual, including letter carriers, who injure themselves on uncleared paths.

"Ice is particularly dangerous on steps and any walking surface, especially painted wood or concrete, such as stoops and porches," Solomon

added. In open areas, watch for drifts and pileups from snowplows. When there's a warm spell, and the melting snow runs or pools, a quick freeze can make a cleared sidewalk slicker than ever."

Board Wants Your Suggestions In Naming the New School!

The Board of Education is asking for suggestions for names for the new school, which is currently under construction at the Roosevelt School site on Hamilton Blvd. Residents are asked to submit their suggestion in writing no later than

December 30.

Submit your suggestion for the new school's name to Dr. Thomas Butler, Interim Superintendent, South Plainfield Board of Education, 305 Cromwell Place, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.



Marge Reedy, president of Vision 2001, accepts a check for \$2,000 from South Plainfield Business Association President Jack Pedersen at the association's annual holiday luncheon. The monies will be used for a scholarship named in honor of Emil Leporino, who was very active in both Vision 2001 and the Business Association, and who died this past October.

Summer Camp Jobs

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, located in the northwest corner of New Jersey, has positions open for the summer of 2003. Available positions include: Waterfront Coordinator, Outdoor Education Coordinator, Counselor, Lifeguard, Craft Staff, Kitchen Staff, and more! Must be 18 years and be available to live and work at camp from June 27 through Aug. 17. Salaries for this seven-week period range from \$1,600 to \$2,400 for the season depending on position and experience. The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

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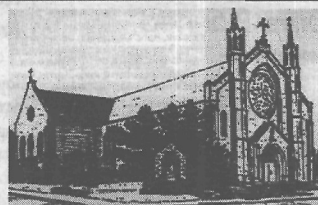
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

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

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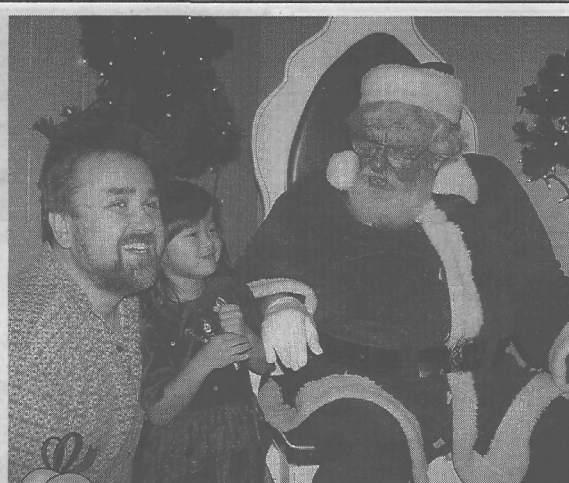
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Senior Center EVENTS

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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				



Santa Visits the PAL

Santa (Councilman Ed Kubala) and his elves (Darlene and Tom) saw a steady flow of youngsters during the Recreation Department's annual "pictures with Santa." In addition to the opportunity to speak to the Santa, the children received an early present and watched holiday movies. The annual event was moved to the new Senior Citizen Center due to a conflict with a basketball game.



Family New Year's Eve Party

December 31

Bring the whole family to Cafe Everest Diner for a Pre- New Year's Eve Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 5-8 p.m.

Enjoy a warm up countdown at 7 p.m., sparkling cider champagne, balloon animals, streamers, party hats, and much more.

Price for adults is \$13.95, children \$7.95, which includes complete dinner.

Roosevelt Blood Drive Planned

January 4

Roosevelt School will be holding their Second Annual Blood Drive for the NJ Blood Bank on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gym.

After the Holiday Season, blood is desperately in need. We hope we can count on your support.

Anyone interested in giving blood should contact Terese Montuori at (908) 769-5270.

Images of America: South Plainfield Author to Speak

January 5

Dr. Richard Veit, author of *Digging New Jersey's Past* and *Images of America: South Plainfield*, will speak at the South Plainfield Free Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m.

Dr. Veit is an assistant professor in the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University, and is the director of the university's Center for New Jersey History. This program is presented free of charge by the Library; no pre-registration is required.

South Plainfield Free Public Library is located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex. For more information or directions, please call (908) 754-7885.

Annual Borough Reorganization Mtg.

January 5

The Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held in Borough Hall on Sunday, January 5, 2003 at 1 p.m. Taking the oath of office will be Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilmen Jim Vokral and Ed Kubala. Appointments will be announced for various boards and commissions.

The public is invited to attend.

AARP CHAPTER 4144 Meeting

January 20

AARP Chapter 4144 of South Plainfield will meet on Jan. 20, in the Senior Citizen Center, located at 90 Maple Ave. South Plainfield at 12:30. Nancy Connor, a designer of custom floral designs and decor decorating of Interior Accents and Gifts will be the guest speaker. It will not only be interesting but fun also. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

— Out of Town —

Starting Self-Help Groups Free Workshop

January 25, 2003

The New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse is conducting a free workshop for persons interested in starting a self-help group. It will cover such topics as locating members, publicity, finding a meeting location, structuring the group, and how to conduct your first meeting.

The workshop will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Saint Clare's Health System Behavioral Health, located on Powerville Rd. in Boonton.

If you are interested in registering for this workshop, would like information on other workshops, or are interested in finding an existing self-help group in your area, please contact the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at 1-800-367-6274, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Celebrate the New Year— Host an Exchange Student

World Heritage, a public benefit organization, is seeking local host families for high school boys and girls from Spain, France, Germany, Thailand, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico or Brazil through World Heritage International Student Exchange Program. Students are already awaiting word on their host family for the 2003-2004 academic school year. A few students from Germany need homes for the fall semester 2003. Host families provide room, board and guidance for a teenager living thousands of miles from home. Students are well screened and are selected based on academic performance, English proficiency, teacher recommendations and personal interviews. Couples, single parents, and families with and without children in the home are all encouraged to apply.

The exchange students arrive from

their home country shortly before school begins fall 2003. Each World Heritage student is fully insured, brings his/her own personal spending money and expects to bear his/her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles. At the same time, the student will be teaching their newly adopted host family about their own culture and language.

Families may select the student of their choice from the applications, photo collages and biographical essays. Once paired, students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

Celebrate the New Year by choosing to host an exchange student. For more information, call Kerstin Seeber at 1-800-888-9040 or visit our website at www.world-heritage.org

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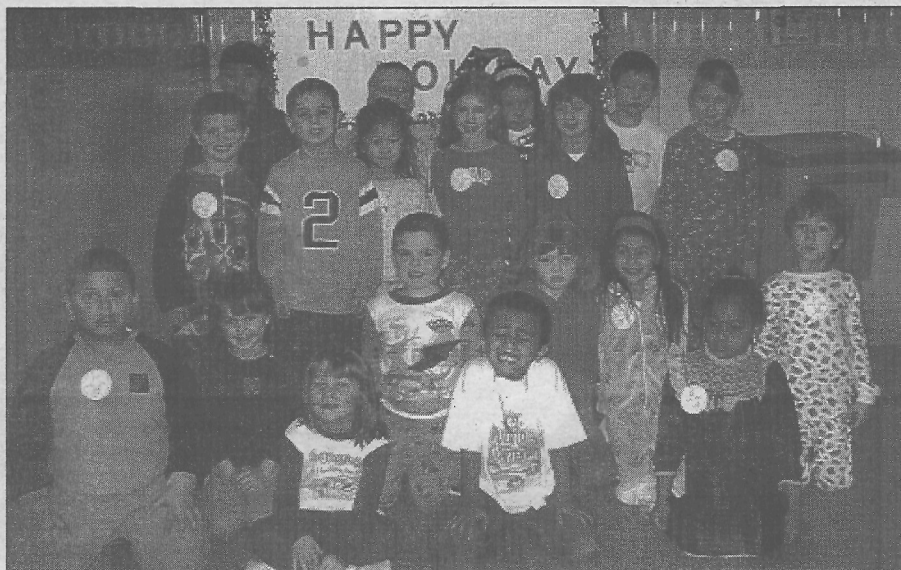
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Riley School Students Against Leukemia

On Dec. 13, Riley School students participated in Pajama Day, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's largest fundraising event. This national event is conducted in over 58 chapters throughout the U.S. Thousands of schools and businesses participated.

The Riley School Student Council

wanted to help find a cure for the number one killer of children between the ages of two and 15. They were surprised to learn that every nine minutes another child or adult dies from leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma. The Student Council organized and sponsored this event.

Faculty and students wore pajamas to school. Each participant was asked to bring in \$1 and they received a sticker that symbolized their help in the fight against these diseases. The event raised over \$500.

Congratulations to all the students and to the Student Council.

PTC Therapeutics Hosts Roundtable

South Plainfield-based PTC Therapeutics, Inc. hosted the New Jersey Technology Council's Technology Tour and Legislative Roundtable held last Friday morning. Attendees heard from Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan (18th District), Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula (17th District) and Assemblywoman Arline Friscia (19th District), as well as South Plainfield Mayor Dan Gallagher.

The attendees, including members

of NJTC, enjoyed an opportunity to discuss their business concerns with elected officials in an informal setting. Most questions revolved around the State's efforts to attract more technology companies to New Jersey.

Representatives from PTC Therapeutics noted that New Jersey has the facilities and the people needed for companies like theirs and should do more to market itself as a technology hub. The State representatives dis-

cussed current initiatives as well as the budgetary challenges they have faced. They were very receptive to the group's suggestions for the future.

Attendees were given a guided tour of PTC Therapeutics' facilities. PTC Therapeutics discovers and develops small molecule drugs by applying its integrated RNA biology and chemistry platforms. PTC Therapeutics' pipeline includes programs in infectious diseases, oncology, inflammation and genetic disorders. The company was established in 1998 based on research conducted at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey and at the University of Massachusetts Medical School by the Company's scientific founders, Dr. Stuart Peltz and Dr. Allan Jacobson, and have raised over \$56 million in investment dollars to date. They currently have 70 employees and occupy a 30,000 square foot facility at 100 Corporate Ct. in South Plainfield.

The New Jersey Technology Council provides business support, networking opportunities, information, advocacy and recognition of technology companies and their leaders. Founded in 1996, NJTC's more than 1,200 member companies work together to support their own enterprises while advancing New Jersey's status as a leading technology center in the United States. Local NJTC members in attendance included, South Plainfield resident Bill Thomas, a partner with the Princeton law firm Hale and Dorr LLP, a Charter Sponsor of the NJTC and South Plainfield Business Association President Jack Pedersen.



The South Plainfield Elks #2298 are pictured loading up trucks with food for delivery to 25 families this past Thanksgiving dinner. Pictured are Rich Burns, Frank Naccio, Lou Paralta, Dale Dubie, Brian Cobar, Scott Adams, Al Mateyka and Goerge Fedicaro. John Kormandy is not pictured.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Union Catholic Announces Honor Roll For First Marking Period

Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, recently announced the South Plainfield students who were placed on the First and Second Honor Roll for the first marking quarter of the 2002-2003 school year.

To qualify for First Honors distinction a student must have a grade point average of 3.6.

Second Honor Roll requires a grade point average of 3.0.

First Honors, grade 10—Marybeth Tran; grade 9—Louis Caruso.

Second Honors, grade 12—Kathleen Cioffi; grade 10—Kristy Glavasich; grade 9—Kristin Barko, Julia Dougherty and Genna Pinto.

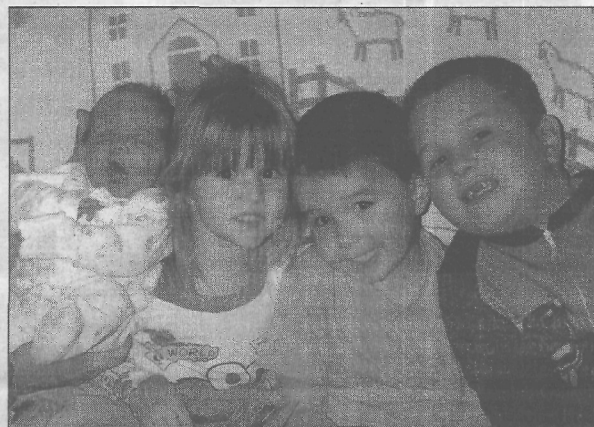
The Rochotte Family Welcomes Newest Addition

Joshua, Justin and Jaime Rochotte are proud to announce the birth of their new baby brother, Jacob Dylan. Jacob was born on Monday, Dec. 16, at 7:52 p.m. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 6 oz. and is 19 inches tall.

The proud parents are Michael and

Joan Rochotte.

Jacob's paternal grandparents are Edward and Patricia Rochotte of South Plainfield, and his maternal grandparents are John Anesh of South Plainfield and Anna Anesh of Huguenot, NY.



Jacob Dylan, Joshua, Justin and Jaime Rochotte

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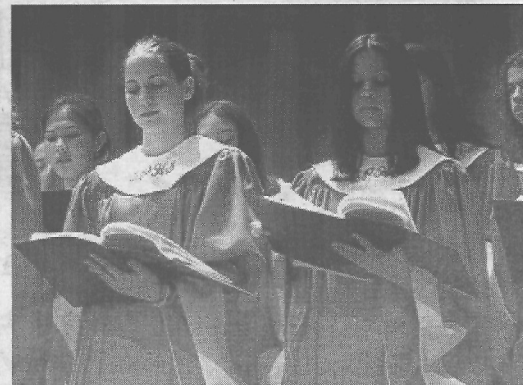
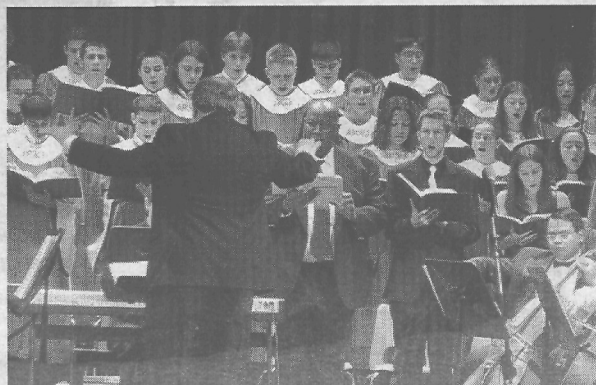
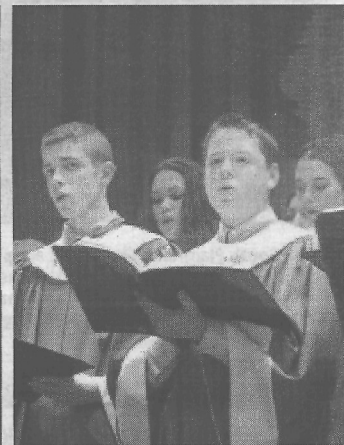
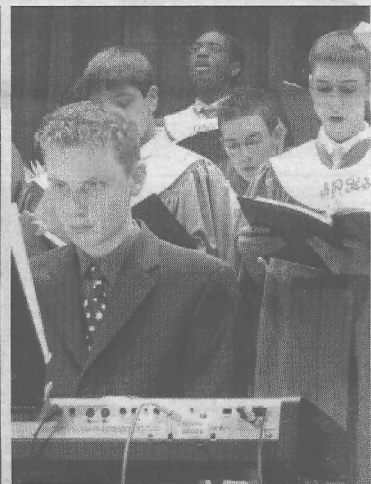
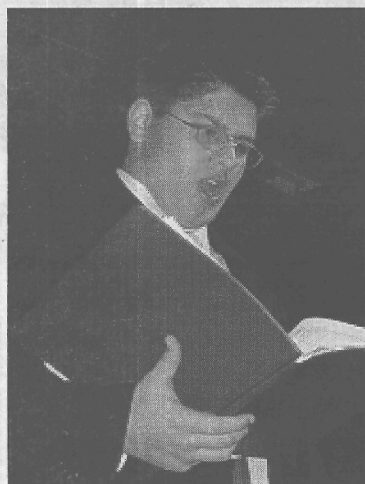
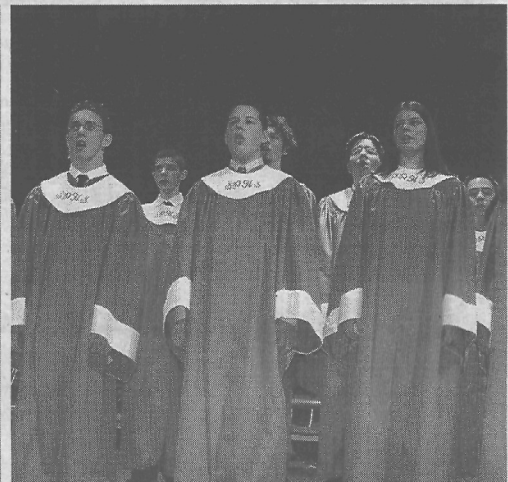
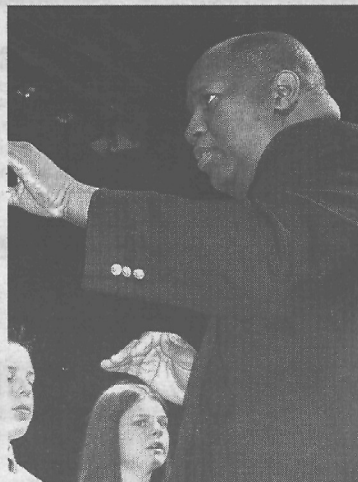
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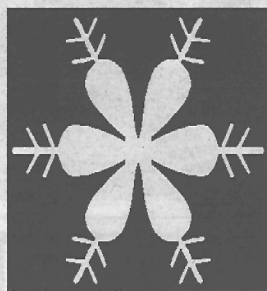
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Holiday Concerts

In two separate events, the SPHS Band, Emeralds and Traveling Choir filled the holiday season with music, while SPHS Chorus, in its own production, performed selections from Handel's *Messiah*.



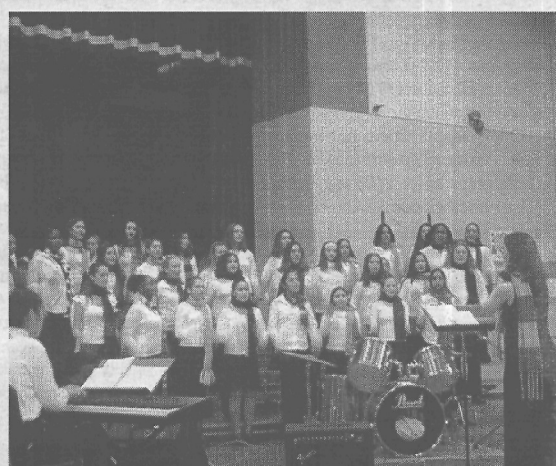
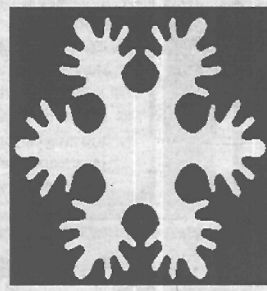


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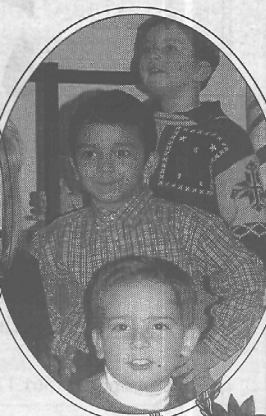
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The Winter Concert

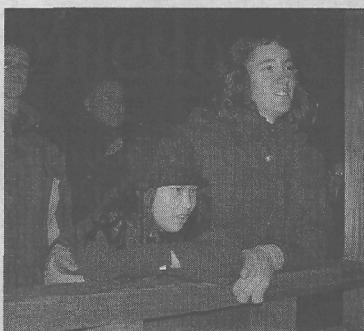
The South Plainfield Middle School held a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the school gymnasium. The concert included performances by the Middle School Orchestra, conducted by Carleen C. Tedeschi; Concert Choir, conducted by Rebecca Lerner and accompanied by Chin-Wen Deng; Gems, conducted by Rebecca Lerner and accompanied by Chin-Wen Deng; and the Middle School Concert Band, conducted by Andrew Weiss.



Creative Kids Academy Performs their Annual Holiday Concert



Girl Scout Troop 388 Helps Out at Annual Caroling in the Park



Approximately two hundred and fifty luminaries lit a path from the sidewalk to the gazebo inviting all who passed by to participate in the annual Caroling in the Park. Filling the night air with seasonal songs were South Plainfield High School Traveling Choir, directed by Tracy Murray. Working towards their Bronze Award Junior Girl Scout Troop 388 volunteered to set up the luminaries, candles set in bags of sand. The troop led by Denise Werner also served hot chocolate and refreshments at the rescue squad after the caroling.

The following scouts from Troop 288 set up and served the refreshments, and set up the luminaries accumulating community service hours towards earning their Bronze award: Kimberly Weme, Sheena Higgen, Jacqueline Conte, Kaitlyn Zielinski, Christine Nau, Paige Herriott, Natalie Rittinger, Kimberly Percario and Morgan Bethea.



From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Did someone put all of our clocks on fast-forward or something? Suddenly, here we are near the end of the year 2002, with the start of 2003 less than a week away. Just take a moment to stop and prepare yourself for the calendar change, then take a look at some end-of-year news from the South Plainfield Library.

The Library will be closed this Sunday. We'll close at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, New Year's Eve, and be closed on Wednesday for New Year's Day, enabling us to rest after New Year's Eve.

Today is the last day of availability for our present group of Circuit videos. Titles this month include *The Rookie*, *High Fidelity*, *The Red Violin*, *Chill Factor*, *Dark City* and, on DVD, *Pollock*. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed for two days.

Our children's Storytime programs have been cancelled next week, as Miss Linda prepares for 2003. Storytimes will resume their normal schedule starting on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

We have another special program coming soon. Dr. Richard F. Veit, author of the popular *Images of America-South Plainfield*, will speak at the Library on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. No pre-registration is required. If you'd like more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885.

Here is a request from our Notary

Public: When you come in to have something notarized, please make sure that you have valid proof of identity with you. This is more stringent than the proof of address you need for a Library card. It must be a form of ID issued by a government agency, be it local, state or federal. Ideally, it should be a photo ID, but it must have your present address and be in good standing. Remember, part of the notarization process involves your swearing under oath that your ID is genuine, and swearing to that fact falsely is a felony. And, our Notary has better things to do than testify in court at someone's trial on perjury charges. If you're not sure if your ID passes muster, don't hesitate to ask.

We'd like to thank everyone who has donated items to the Library throughout the year, particularly paperbacks for the Paperback Exchange and new and recent fiction works. Several of these items were added to the collection, while others were added to the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Thank you for your generosity, and please remember that we'll still accept donations of new or used items in good condition next year.

Well, that just about wraps it up for this week and, indeed, this year. As always, thanks very much for your attention, and we at the Library wish you all a happy and safe New Year. See you next Friday.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Tigers Looking to be Contenders for White Division Honors in the 2002-03 Season

Despite coming off a 13-11 campaign a year ago and having a solid nucleus of players that made significant contributions to that team returning this season, South Plainfield Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, Jeff Lubreski remains cautious. "We're a young and inexperienced team," says Lubreski, who is now in his 17th year at the helm in SPHS. However, despite the fact that the Tigers lost some key seniors in Ulysses Russell, Dave Francis and Aaron Parks from a year ago, players such as Marquis Jones, who averaged nearly 10 points per game last year as a freshman, should give the Tigers some help.

In addition, the Tigers have a fine point guard and defender returning in junior, Corey Gilmore, who averaged a little bit over three assists per game while having an assist to turnover ratio of nearly 1.5. He is joined in the backcourt by the likes of Gary Houston, who has a fine stroke from long range, and has the ability to score key baskets such as the time against Hunterdon Central, when he scored the game winning shot with seconds remaining. Sophomore Darren Smith could also see some time in the backcourt as well. Smith is coming off

a fine spring in AAU ball as well as some good work that he did in the fall to help the Tigers win the Woodbridge based HawksBasketball Fall-Ball Classic Championship.

Then, you have the three big men. They are led by GMC Hoops Player Of The Week for the fall season, junior, Ian Robinson, who also won MVP honors at the HawksBasketball Fall-Ball Classic. Robinson is joined by seniors Phil Veinott and Travis Hollis. Veinott also had a very successful fall along with a good spring with the Newark Celtics AAU team. Travis Hollis, who played football this past fall for the Tigers Varsity Football Team, brings some size and strength underneath. In addition to those three, is the scrappy senior reserve forward, Mike Allocco, the son of Assistant Coach Allocco, who had his best game of the fall with seven points against South Brunswick in the final of the Fall-Ball Classic.

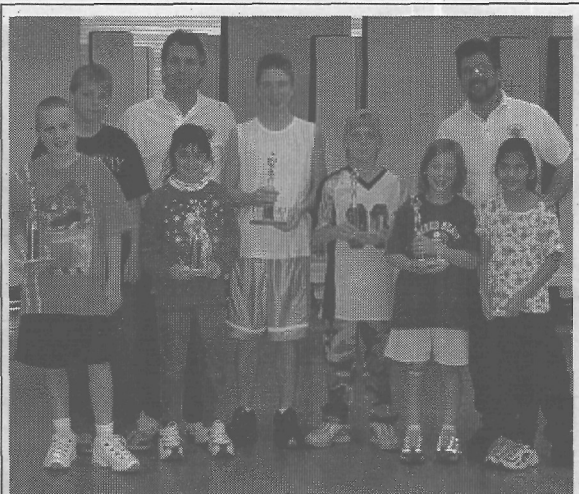
Finally, there are the other reserves: Ryan Decker, Jonathan Buggy and Mike Richards. These three provide additional outside shooting, hustle, and defense to an already deep lineup. Despite struggling a bit in several recent scrimmages, the Tigers look to

be one of the contending teams in the GMC White Division this year with New Brunswick moving down to the Blue Division this year while other teams such as Colonia, Sayreville, and J.E. Kennedy took hits due to graduation.

The Tigers will still have to contend with North Brunswick, which has a fine group of players returning this year including Shaheed Williams, who is probably among the top players in the conference.

The Tigers open the season at home against Carteret, and then compete in the Rahway Holiday Tournament.

Submitted by Greg Machos



The South Plainfield Elks recently held their Annual "Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest" at Riley School. Pictured are the winners in their age division, Dalton Martin, Shayne Martin, Tanya Jashi, Marissa Smith, Danielle Tramutola, Keith Horvath, Jeff Licato, along with Coaches Pete Smith and Dale Dube. Also assisting in the competition were Ray Horvath, Celeste Ginder, John Kormendy and Al Sorbino. Tramutola, Horvath and Licato have advanced and will be compete in the district finals. The members of the Elks would like to thank John E. Riley school for allowing them to hold the competition in their gym.

BOWLING

Boys Upset Bid Foiled Against Franklin, St. Joseph's and Edison

SPHS 932-933-864—2689
Franklin 937-870-1010—2819

The Boys Bowling Team, who dropped their first game to Franklin Township by a mere seven pins, rebounded to win the second game by 63 pins, but the Tigers suffered a third game melt-down and the hot shooting Warriors chalked up the victory. High scorers for the Tigers were Matt Boley's 222-238, Jon Jeglinski's 183, Shawn Ferguson's 185, Mike Espin's

176 and George Kleinknecht's 233 and 187.

SPHS 928-818-870—2616
St. Joseph's 1045-1026-996—3067

Despite sophomore Shawn Ferguson's 522 set with games of 215, 197 and 210, the boys team dropped all three games to defending champion St. Joseph's. Matt Boley chipped in with a game of 191.

SPHS 964-828-923—2715
Edison 935-1010-1019—2964

The boys shocked powerhouse Edison in the first game, dropped the second game, but the Eagles held off a Tiger rally to escape with a 3-1 win. High scoring honors went to sophomore Shawn Ferguson's 242-192 and 601 set. Chipping in were teammates George Kleinknecht's 201-229 and 588 set, Jon Jeglinski's 207 and Nick Grego's 190 game and 527 set.

By Kevin Lykes

juniorbaseballclubnotes

PLEASE NOTE!—Registrations are being accepted for the 2003 season. Winter rates are now in effect; \$95 for a single player; \$125 for two players; \$145 for three or more players. The formal registration dates are set for Thursday and Friday, Jan. 16-17 from 6-9 p.m. at the clubhouse. Also Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Birth certificates are required for all players new to the league. Registrations are also being accepted by mail. To register by mail go to our website

at www.spjbc.com, print out a copy of our registration form, (you will need one per player), fill it out, sign it, and return with check and copy of birth certificate to S.P.J.B.C., PO Box 166, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

NOTE—some problems have been experienced in trying to access the registration form. It is important to include the "www" portion of the address when you log on. After Jan. 31, late registration fees will go into effect and all multiple player discounts will expire.

Girls Rip Franklin and North Brunswick, Edged Out by Edison

SPHS 780-756-796—2332
Edison 748-815-881—2444

The girls team, playing with one player short in the lineup, overpowered a tough Edison squad in the opener, but the Eagles fought off the scrappy Tigers in the next two games to prevent the upset bid. The Tigers were led by Vicki Boley with games of 185-191-190 and teammates Kim Gaub, Alexis Montanaro, Beverly

Jamieson, all rolling solid three sets.

SPHS 712-818-791—2331
Franklin 742-666-722—2130

The Girls Bowling Team started slow, but caught fire after the first game and coasted to a 3-1 victory over Franklin Township. Vicki Boley's games of 203 and 196 along with her 560 set and teammate Kim Gaub's trio of 170 plus games for a 554 to-

tal, led the Tiger scoring.

SPHS 789-779-740—2308
N. Brunswick 630-715-713—2058

The girls team won their fifth match against two losses and a tie as they swept all three games from North Brunswick. Vicki Boley's 194 and 535 high set and Kim Gaub's 197 high game and 513 set led the Tigers. Alexis Montanaro added a 181 game.

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Roosevelt Students Celebrate the Holidays in Song

Roosevelt School Band was conducted by Tobie Baldwin. The Chorus was conducted by Sharon Perez and Bruce Mikolon conducted the String Orchestra.



Obituaries

John Yatzyn, 81

John Yatzyn of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Edison and was a former resident of Iselin, before moving to South Plainfield 53 years ago.

John was a tool and die engineer for Purolator in Linden for 30 years before retiring in 1982.

John served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army as a sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division and saw action in five major campaigns, including Central Europe, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Rhineland and Sicily. He received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in the Sicily campaign.

John was a member of the VFW Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield and the B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2298, also in South Plainfield.

His favorite pastime was hunting and fishing, and he loved playing golf.

He was predeceased by a brother, Joseph, who died in 1962 and his sister, Violet Franz, who died in 1997.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Janet Campus Yatzyn; two brothers, Charles of Orlando Fla. and Frank of Iselin; three sisters, Michaelena Woolley of Manasquan, Helen Stoll of Teaneck and Rose Drollas of Nutley; a nephew, Joseph Vatozyn and several other nieces and nephews.

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

Anne Cappiello Yannazzo

Anne Cappiello Yannazzo of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Haven Hospice Center at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born and raised in Newark

and has resided in South Plainfield for the last 43 years.

She was an assistant librarian at South Plainfield Public Library for many years.

Anne was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the former Sacred Heart Seniors.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Gesualdo (Artie) Yannazzo, who died in 1981.

She is survived by a son, Jeffrey and his wife Paula Yannazzo of East Brunswick; a daughter, Judy and her husband George Paley of South Plainfield; a brother, Dr. William Cappiello of Sun City Fla.; Gerald Cappiello of Newark; a sister, Teresa Bevilacqua of Springfield; six grandsons and five great grandchildren.

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

policereport

• On Dec. 22 an attendant at Good Time Gulf on Oak Tree Rd. reported being robbed at knife point of \$80. The man walked into the office wearing a dark colored wool hat over his face with eye holes cut out. He also wore eye or sunglasses over the mask. He was wearing black pants, white sneakers, a tan down vest with a dark coat or shirt underneath and black ski gloves. The assailant is described as a white male between five foot, five inches and five foot seven inches tall and wielded a six-inch knife.

• On Dec. 15 an employee of Hollywood Tans on Oak Tree Rd. reported receiving sexually harassing phone calls.

• On Dec. 16 Robin L. Pace, 36, of Fanwood was arrested at a motor vehicle stop for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breathalyzer test and reckless driving.

• On Dec. 17 Elizabeth K. Warteng, 24, of New Brunswick was arrested at Macy's for robbery and simple assault. She attempted to leave the store with \$472.38 worth of merchandise and then assaulting a security guard when confronted.

• Verizon reported that a telephone box in front of 1717 Park Ave. was open and wires were cut.

• An employee of All Care on West St. reported the theft of his camera bag with a Kodak DX 4330 camera, a 256 MB card and a dock station which was left on his desk.

• The owner of J & B Tile Co. on So. Clinton reported the theft of a credit card which was used to make unauthorized purchases.

• Spheron on Corporate Blvd. reported the theft of a white 1999 Ford E150 company van.

• On Dec. 18 Nyjeca S. Brooks, 23, of Piscataway was arrested at a motor vehicle stop for a non-payment of child

support warrant in the amount of \$6,195.

• A Matis St. resident reported damage to her Christmas flags.

• On Dec. 19 a Cybowski Ct. resident reported receiving harassing phone calls on her home phone and cell phone.

• A Minford Ave. resident reported the theft of numerous guns and a coin collection from his attic.

• A Sea Bright resident reported her pocketbook missing while shopping at Burlington Coat Factory.

• On Dec. 22 Kenneth Andrew Bobrowski, 46, of Highland Park was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting a pair of gloves and rubbers valued at \$90.

• Desmond Leon Pratt, 35, of Plainfield was arrested at A & P for shoplifting 43 bottles of children's Motrin and a contempt of court order.



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The cost of the book is \$19.99 and is available at the *Observer* on Hamilton Blvd., Twin City Pharmacy on Park Ave., Custom Creations on South Plainfield Ave. and Nischwitz on Front St. All proceeds from the sale at the *Observer* will go to local organizations.



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Nancy and Timothy Parelo requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a detached garage 28' deep x 38' wide and 15'6" high, which constitutes a second principal structure, and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 155, Lot 16 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 Thursday, January 9, 2003 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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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Albert and Karen Naty requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 10' x 20' addition; proposed addition lacks the required 20' rear setback, 96" being proposed, and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 221, Lot 16 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 Thursday, January 9, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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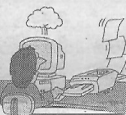
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Borough News

Council Notes

• Robert Post was hired to fill in for Plumbing Subcode Official Garry Aumack, who was on vacation Dec. 2, 4 and 6. Post worked between 4-6 hours per day and was paid an hourly rate of \$25 per hour, the same as Aumack.

• Remington, Vernick & Vena has been contracted to perform a drainage study for the New Market Ave. vicinity, at a cost not to exceed \$52,500.

• The Borough received grants of \$48,750 from the Middlesex County Downtown & Business District Improvement Fund; \$9,656.41 from the State of New Jersey Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund and \$1,050 for reimbursement received from the County of Middlesex Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.

• A total of \$7,708.39 in donations were received from various groups to be used for the DARE program.

• License applicants for self-service laundromats and junkyards for the year of 2003 were accepted after applicants met all borough requirements and all required fees were paid.

• The superintendent of the Department of the Public Works has been authorized to purchase salt to use in the removal of snow and ice from Borough roadways from International Salt Company (State Contract #48978) at a cost of \$36.76 per ton, with the aggregate amount purchased not to exceed \$15,000.

• The renewal of licenses for coin operated amusement devices for the year 2003 have been authorized after the applicants have met all Borough requirements and paid the required fees.

• Police Officer Philip Campagna announced his retirement effective Jan. 31, 2004. Campagna will be using his accumulated unused time starting Dec. 10, 2002.

• Michael Pellegrino has been hired as a full time Fire Inspector with the Bureau of Fire Prevention beginning Jan. 2, 2003.

• The renewals for Year 2003 Motor Vehicle Sale/Exchange licenses have been authorized for Absolute Fire Protection Co. Inc., A.J.V. Auto Air & Service, Inc., Conti Enterprises, Inc., and H.K. Truck Services, Inc. All applicants have met Borough requirements and paid the required fees.

• A service contract with FRA Technologies has been authorized for the period of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2003 at a cost of \$675. This service agreement is used by the Health Department's Animal Control Program and Mercantile Program.

• An Animal Bite/Complaint Program, which will be utilized by the Borough Health Department, will be purchased from FRA Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$350.

• The Council voted to accept the Drug-Free Zone Maps prepared by the Borough Engineer, CME Associates.

• A standby generator will be purchased from S.P.B. Industries at a cost not to exceed \$17,225. This generator will be used by the Office of Emergency Management.

• Stephen Perhack was hired as a part-time Communications Operator effective Dec. 23, 2002.

SPHS Winter Sports Schedule

VARSITY & VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Fri., Dec. 27	Rahway Tournament	8:00
Fri., Dec. 27	Boonton @Oratory Prep (JV)	2:30
Sat., Dec. 28	@Oratory Prep (JV)	2:30 or 4:15
Sun., Dec. 29	Rahway Tournament	5 or 8
Mon., Dec. 30	Rahway Tournament	6:30 or 8
Sat., Jan. 4	Colonia	Away 11:30/1:00
Tues., Jan. 7	Sayreville	Home 5:15/7:00
Thurs., Jan. 9	North Brunswick	Away 5:15/7:00
Sat., Jan. 11	Bishop Ahr	Away 11:30/1:00
Tues., Jan. 14	J. F. Kennedy	Home 5:15/7:00
Curs., Jan. 16	Woodbridge	Home 5:30/7:00
Wed., Jan. 22	Monroe Township	Away 5:30/7:00
Fri., Jan. 24	Carteret	Away 5:15/7:00
Wed., Jan. 29	Colonia	Home 5:15/7:00
Fri., Jan. 31	Sayreville	Away 5:15/7:00
Wed., Feb. 5	North Brunswick	Home 5:15/7:00
Fri., Feb. 7	J. F. Kennedy	Away 5:30/7:00
Tues., Feb. 11	Woodbridge	Away 5:30/7:00
Fri., Feb. 14	Monroe Township	Home 5:15/7:00
Wed., Feb. 19	Hunterdon Central	Away 5:30/7:00
	GMC Tournament State Tournament	

FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL 2002-2003

Fri., Dec. 27	Boonton @Oratory Prep	11am
Sat., Dec. 28	@Oratory Prep	11 or 12:45
Sat., Jan. 4	Colonia	Away 10am
Tues., Jan. 7	Sayreville	Home 3:45
Thurs., Jan. 9	North Brunswick	Away 3:45
Sat., Jan. 11	Bishop Ahr	Away 10am
Tues., Jan. 14	J. F. Kennedy	Home 3:45
Thurs., Jan. 16	Woodbridge	Home 3:45
Sat., Jan. 18	Dunellen	Away 12:30
Wed., Jan. 22	Monroe Township	Away 3:45
Fri., Jan. 24	Carteret	Away 3:45
Wed., Jan. 29	Colonia	Home 3:45
Fri., Jan. 31	Sayreville	Away 3:45
Wed., Feb. 5	North Brunswick	Home 3:45
Fri., Feb. 7	J. F. Kennedy	Away 3:45
Sat., Feb. 8	Dunellen	Away 9:30am
Tues., Feb. 11	Woodbridge	Away 3:45
Fri., Feb. 14	Monroe Township	Home 3:45
Wed., Feb. 19	Hunterdon Central	Away 3:45

JUNIOR VARSITY & VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fri., Dec. 27	Perth Amboy Invitational	Away
Sun., Dec. 29	Perth Amboy Invitational	Away
Sat., Jan. 4	Colonia	Home 11:30/1:00
Tues., Jan. 7	Sayreville	Away 5:15/7:00
Thurs., Jan. 9	North Brunswick	Home 5:15/7:00
Thurs., Jan. 16	Perth Amboy	Away 5:30/7:00
Sat., Jan. 22	Monroe Township	Home 5:15/7:00
Fri., Jan. 24	Carteret	Home 5:15/7:00
Wed., Jan. 29	Colonia	Away 5:15/7:00
Fri., Jan. 31	Sayreville	Home 5:15/7:00
Sat., Feb. 1	Bishop Ahr	Home 11:30/1:00
Wed., Feb. 5	North Brunswick	Away 5:30/7:00
Sat., Feb. 8	Delaware Valley	Away 11:30/1:00
Tues., Feb. 11	Perth Amboy	Home 5:15/7:00
Thurs., Feb. 13	Monroe Township	Away 5:30/7:00
	GMC Tournament State Tournament	

FRESHMEN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sat., Jan. 4	Colonia	Home 10:00am
Tues., Jan. 7	Sayreville	Away 3:45
Thurs., Jan. 9	North Brunswick	Home 3:45
Thurs., Jan. 16	Perth Amboy	Away 3:45
Wed., Jan. 22	Monroe Township	Home 3:45
Fri., Jan. 24	Carteret	Home 3:45
Wed., Jan. 29	Colonia	Away 3:45
Fri., Jan. 31	Sayreville	Home 3:45
Sat., Feb. 1	Bishop Ahr	Home 10am
Wed., Feb. 5	North Brunswick	Away 3:45
Sat., Feb. 8	Delaware Valley	Away 10am
Tues., Feb. 11	Perth Amboy	Home 3:45
Thurs., Feb. 13	Monroe Township	Away 3:45



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BOYS & GIRLS WINTER TRACK 2002-03

Wed., Jan. 8	North Brunswick	Away 3:45
Wed., Jan. 15	Perth Amboy	Home 3:45
Sat., Jan. 18	State Relays @Princeton	9:00 am
Wed., Jan. 22	Monroe Township	Away 3:45
Wed., Jan. 29	Carteret	Home 3:45
Sun., Feb. 2	State Groups @Princeton	8:30am
Wed., Feb. 5	Sayreville Home	3:45
Sun., Feb. 16	Championships @ Princeton	11am
	East Brunswick Relays	
	GMC Relays	
	GMC Meet	

JUNIOR VARSITY & VARSITY WRESTLING

Sat., Dec. 28	Hunterdon Central Tournament	
Fri., Jan. 3	Edison	Home 6:00/7:30
Wed., Jan. 8	J. P. Stevens	Away 5:30/7:00
Fri., Jan. 10	Piscataway	Home 6:00/7:30
Sat., Jan. 11	Delaware Valley	Away 7:00
Fri., Jan. 17	Old Bridge	Away 5:30/7:00
Sat., Jan. 18	Kittatinny	Away 12:30/2:00
Tues., Jan. 21	East Brunswick	Away 5:30/7:00
Thurs., Jan. 23	Perth Amboy	Away 5:30/7:00
Tues., Jan. 28	South Brunswick	Home 6:00/7:30
Sat., Feb. 1	High Point	Home 3:00
Fri., Feb. 7	GMC Tournament @Piscataway	6:00
Sat., Feb. 8	GMC Tournament @Piscataway	10:00am
Thurs., Feb. 13	Brick Memorial	Home 6:00/7:30
Tues., Feb. 18	Team Sectionals	
Thurs., Feb. 20	Team Sectionals	
Sat., Feb. 22	Group Finals	
Fri., Feb. 28	Districts	Home 6:00
Sat., March 1	Districts	Home 11:00am
March 4, 7, 8	Regions	Away
March 14, 15, 16	State Championships	Away

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Thurs., Jan. 2	Edison	
Fri., Jan. 3	New Brunswick	
Tues., Jan. 7	St. Joseph's/North Brunswick	
Wed., Jan. 8	GMC Individual Qualifying	
Thurs., Jan. 9	Colonia	
Sat., Jan. 11	Joe Romer Memorial	
Tues., Jan. 14	Piscataway	
Wed., Jan. 15	GMC Individual Finals	
Thurs., Jan. 16	East Brunswick	
Sat., Jan. 18	Central Jersey Classic	
Wed., Jan. 22	Old Bridge	
Thurs., Jan. 23	South Brunswick	
Fri., Jan. 24	New Brunswick	
Sat., Jan. 25	Cougar Invitational	
Tues., Jan. 28	J. P. Stevens	
Wed., Jan. 29	Woodbridge	
Sat., Feb. 1	Girls Sectionals	
Tues., Feb. 4	GMC 1st Round	
Wed., Feb. 5	Franklin Township	
Thurs., Feb. 6	GMC 2nd Round	
Sat., Feb. 8	Boys Sectionals	
Mon., Feb. 10	GMC Semi-Finals	
Wed., Feb. 12	GMC Finals	
Fri., Feb. 14	State Finals	

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