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## Don't Miss... Art Auction

### Education Foundation Annual Art Auction

February 22

The South Plainfield Education Foundation will hold their annual Art Auction on Friday, Feb. 22, in the high school cafeteria. This year's honorary chairperson is William Ashnault.

If there are any items of particular interest you would like to see presented at the art auction, please call Marge Reedy at (908) 561-3951 after 6 p.m.

### Black History Month Cultural Arts Program

February 23

Sunday, Feb. 23 the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will present, "Held Fast To Dreams," a celebration of African American Poetry featuring Joanna Featherstone. The event will take place at 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.



Joanna Featherstone, actress, storyteller, teacher and poet extraordinaire, brings the works of four African-American poets to life. Featherstone specializes in presenting the work of African American poets, from 1760 to modern times. She features dialect poetry that was expressive of early African American language.

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### Middle School Fundraising Game

February 25

Middle School students and staff will feature a fundraising basketball game at the Middle School gymnasium on Tuesday, Feb. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-game ceremonies include an honor guard of representatives from the South Plainfield police, fire and rescue squad, the New York police, fire and rescue, and the Port Authority police. A live DJ, student and faculty cheerleaders, half-time games, giveaways and refreshments are just a few of the events.

The fundraiser will raise money for a 9-11 memorial in the Middle School courtyard, designed by the students. The design for the memorial will be on display in the gymnasium.

Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door the evening of the event. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

### School Board Candidacy Deadline

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24. The election is Tuesday, Apr. 15.



Marie Smith is the mother of a Marine serving in the Special Service.

## Serviceman's Mom Sews for Love

With the threat of war looming over us, those servicemen from South Plainfield, either on active duty or reservists, are being deployed to the Middle East. Many have already been called to report for duty. Of course, in this day and age, not just men are serving in the ranks of the armed services, but women as well.

The *Observer* is attempting to compile a list of every South Plainfield resident or their relative (son, daughter, husband, wife, etc.), who are presently on active duty in the military. We would like to recognize them for their patriotic service and the sacrifice each one is making for our country. Maybe with the help of our readers we can start a letter writing campaign, or at the very least, send them their hometown paper.

Borough Hall employee Marie Smith is the proud mother of a Marine serving in the Special Services. She heard that during World War II, mothers of servicemen placed a flag in their front windows to show they had a son serving in the armed forces. Some in our town had as many as five sons serving at one time. Each flag contains a blue star for each son/daughter in the service. Marie decided to find out more, and went to the library to research it. She made her own flag, which she proudly displays in the front window of her home, and since has made two more for Borough employees.

When Marie heard that we might be compiling a list of South Plainfield servicemen and women, she called us

and generously offered to make a flag for any mother of a servicemen or women from South Plainfield. If you would like a flag, contact Marie daytime at (908) 226-7604 or evenings (908) 791-0735.

If you have a relative in the service, you can contact us several ways, through our webpage. [www.spob-server.com](http://www.spob-server.com), email [ggnan@aol.com](mailto:ggnan@aol.com), fax (908) 668-8819 or call us at (908) 668-0010. Include your name, the person serving, what branch he/she is in and how we can contact them, as well as a contact number to reach you if we need more information.

## Borough in 'White Alert' After Blizzard

The blizzard that hit the South Plainfield area temporarily shut down the borough. The snow, which began on Sunday afternoon and continued until Monday afternoon, challenged every resource in South Plainfield. Police, fire, rescue squad and public works all worked non-stop while the snow was falling and afterward.

Fortunately Monday was a holiday, which meant schools were closed and there was no mail delivery. Soon after the snow started, Governor Jim McGreevey issued a state of emergency. South Plainfield Emergency Management geared up to help monitor the snowstorm and emergency personnel from the fire department and rescue squad were alerted. As the snow continued to fall, stores and shopping centers in the area began to and most remained closed on Monday.

Department of Public Works employees started plowing the roads Sunday night at 9 p.m., and they worked through Tuesday, with little

rest. Because the snow continued to fall, they spent most of their time going over the main roads in order to keep them clear.

Whenever there was a call for the rescue squad, plows were dispatched first, so the rescue squad could respond. Some calls were for residents who needed dialysis and were unable to get out of their driveways.

Most of the main roads were clear Tuesday morning, but some of the side streets still needed plowing. Our office received two calls from residents who were unhappy with the lack of plowing, but when we checked on those streets, one was already plowed; the other was in the processing of being cleared. Schools were closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, because sidewalks still needed to be cleared.

The Borough Council Agenda meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, was cancelled and will be held at 6 p.m. immediately before the Council Meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.



Children on West Elmwood Drive take advantage of the "snow days."

## SPHS Tigers Win 1st Division Title In 12 Years

By Greg Machos

They did it! The South Plainfield Tigers did what only one other team in SPHS Boys Basketball history has ever done, and that was win the always tough GMC White Division. The Tigers clinched their first division title in 12 years by virtue of a 64-43 victory over Monroe on Valentine's Day night at the Anthony J. Cotoia Gymnasium in South Plainfield.

The last time South Plainfield won the GMC White division was back in the 1990-91 season when they had the likes of Eddie Bolton, Craig Kearney, Malik Sheppard, Brian Joyner, and Karim Stokes. They also had supporting cast members such as

Derek Jones, one of the top three point shooters all time in the GMC, Damon Smith, and Quinn Johnson. That team also went on to win its second consecutive Central Jersey Group II title when they defeated Bridgewater-West in the final.

Will this season be just as kind to the Tigers? Perhaps. The Tigers have already locked up the third seed in the Central Jersey Group III State Tournament and received a bye. But now, after winning the White Division, the Tigers were in good position to get a top seed when the GMC held its annual tournament seeding meeting in New Brunswick. And, after the dust settled on Saturday night, Feb. 15, the Tigers earned a fourth seed and a first round

matchup against Metuchen in the GMCT which was scheduled to get underway on Tuesday, weather permitting.

In the victory against Monroe, the Tigers were sparked by both Corey Gilmore and Marquis Jones. Gilmore really turned up his defense a notch in the third quarter as he spearheaded the Tigers to an 18-8 surge in the third and a 17-8 run in the fourth to help them pull away from a 29-27 halftime lead. For the game, Gilmore had eight points, 10 assists, six steals, and two rebounds. Meanwhile, Marquis Jones had his usual all around performance with 15 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists.

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## MEETINGCHANGE

The Mayor and Council Agenda Meeting for Feb. 18 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled at 7 p.m.

## Mark your calendars

Log on to  
[southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com)  
for the latest  
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

Thursday, February 20

Monday, March 3 Thursday, March 6

Monday, March 17 Thursday, March 20

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, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Feb. 25, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

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

Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

### board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

March 11, April 1.

Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m. March 18, April 8.

### taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-668-0538

### site places sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

### recreation commission

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

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

March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, September 2, October 7, November 11 (November 4 is Election Day) and December 2.

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

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## IN YOUR OPINION

### Letter to the Editor,

I have read them and read them and read them and bit my tongue, but enough is enough already. What I would like to say to the people who live around the West Nine Golf Course is, get a life already. We have more to worry about these days, like terrorism, than to complain about kids sledding.

I live by Spring Lake Park. Should I complain on every spring weekend when I have nowhere to park and my road is narrowed by people parking on both sides to use the park? Or every morning when people park here to enjoy the park when the park entrance is closed? How about every Labor Day when we can't park in front of our own house because people want to enjoy the parade/fireworks and our roads are closed? Our guests cannot even get to our house or leave it for hours at a time. In addition, on St. Patrick's Day, we can't park at or near our home due to overflow at Flanagan's. (This is not a complaint about Flanagan's).

We needed an ambulance at my home last year after the fireworks and rescue personnel had a difficult time getting here because of all the traffic. Did you hear me writing to complain and to ask for any of this to be stopped and ruin things for everyone in our town? Add up in the last 10 years how many days the children have had an opportunity to sled. I feel you are being petty. Are all of your children grown and you've forgotten what it's like for kids to have some fun? Or, maybe you need to relax a little and take a slide and have some fun yourself! Please tell me anywhere else in our town the kids can safely sled?

I am not one to write a letter like this, but since I am the one who sent in the picture of the children sledding and started this mess, I feel it's time I voice my opinion. I apologize to those who may take offense. I am offering this as another point of view and I am sure many people agree. I am usually the person writing thank you's for what this town offers, not a complaint letter.

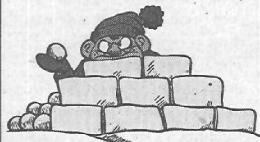
MARIE MARKEY

### Dear Editor:

In addition to bitter cold, 2003 is bringing lots of snow to South Plainfield. For the kids, this means—and has always meant—getting their sleds and heading down to the West Nine Golf Course. Unlike adults, kids can actually find a useful purpose for the many inches of snow.

Unfortunately, this is coming to an end. A few weeks ago the paper mentioned how Mayor Gallagher was trying to get the owner of the course to put a stop to the sledding. And just last week I heard that mounted police officers were ejecting children who tried to use their sleds on the freshly-fallen snow.

## Who Wants to Go Out in the Snow?



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It seems that homeowners on the South Plainfield side of Woodland Ave. were complaining about traffic, illegal parking, and littering. Now, I have sympathy for those who live in that area. I know all too well the type of problems they encounter—I encounter them year round. I live near Park Avenue. My neighbors and I often find beer bottles, wrappers from Burger King, and other debris on our properties. In fact, we often awake to find a drunken homeless man sleeping on our lawns. What's more, people coming out of the local bar on Park Ave. use the side of the building as a urinal. I wish the mayor would devote the same attention to the plight of our neighborhood. Our complaints are never resolved.

Regardless of where it takes place, the police should ticket cars and trucks that park illegally, and people who litter or otherwise misbehave should receive a hefty fine. But stopping sledding—or using one's influence to stop it—goes too far. Today's kids should be able to enjoy the same fun generations of kids have enjoyed at the West Nine. And while I feel for the people in that area, we should not overreact to the problems created by a few bad apples.

While it might be too late, I urge the owners of the course to reconsider their decision to stop the sledding. I also urge the mayor to use his power to enforce the law and not punish the majority—good kids who do nothing wrong. We were all kids once. Some of us just get old and forget.

SINCERELY,  
JAKE CATALDO

### To the Editor,

In an era of rampant commercialization, some people think that putting advertisements on police vehicles

is simply unacceptable. Consequently, Commercial Alert, a nationally recognized consumer advocate group in Portland, Oregon and 20 criminal justice experts from around the United States sent letters to CEOs of the 100 leading national advertisers, asking not to buy ads on police cars.

"It is imperative that we resist all that would cheapen or degrade the men and women who maintain order in our communities, or would make them objects of ridicule or contempt," the letter said. I support the position of these experts and have proposed legislation (A-3105) that would ban advertising on police vehicles.

A Charlotte, NC company called Government Acquisitions, LLC has propositioned local towns with "sponsored" police vehicles for \$1. In turn, the company would acquire advertisements from corporate and local companies, which would be placed on the cars.

Executive Director Mitchell C. Sklar of the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police said, "A recent editorial concerning advertisements on police vehicles quite correctly noted that turning police cars into rolling billboards absolutely cheapens the job that officers of the law perform."

I strongly urge all companies who received Commercial Alert's letter to seriously consider the ramifications their actions would have on the moral integrity of local police departments in New Jersey. Anyone who is interested in supporting their local police department should visit the Commercial Alert website at <http://www.commercialalert.org> and fill out the Commercial Free Police Pledge form and fax or mail the completed form to Commercial Alert.

With such dedicated help from Commercial Alert and the many other criminal justice experts, we can eradicate the degrading practice of commercializing our well-respected police organizations. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact my legislative office at 732-287-5609.

SINCERELY,  
ASSEMBLYMAN PETER J. BARNES, JR., - MIDDLESEX

### PLEASE CLEAR FIRE HYDRANTS

The Mayor has asked all residents to please help clear snow away from fire hydrants in their area. If anyone should see one blocked, please clear it so that emergency services are able to access it.

 <b>SOLD</b> South Plainfield Days on Market-2	 <b>SOLD</b> South Plainfield Days on Market-5
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## Borough News

### Council Notes

- A 5-7 yard dump truck will be purchased from Meadowland Ford for the Department of Public Works, at a cost not to exceed \$78,167.
- A contract has been authorized with Cherry Valley Tractor to provide a tree stump grinder for the Department of Public Works for \$26,350.
- A grant for \$868.20 has been received from the State of New Jersey, Alcohol Education, Rehab & Enforcement Fund to be used by the Municipal Court.
- A contract has been awarded to Warnock Fleet, for the purchase of a 2003 Chevrolet Blazer for the Code Enforcement Department, at a cost of no more than \$18,243.
- The purchase of a bush hog for the Department of Public Works has been authorized at a cost of \$15,499.
- A professional services contract has been awarded to Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, to serve as the Borough's Bond Counsel for the year 2003.
- The council authorized a contract with TNT Solutions to convert existing police data from SDL to Microsoft Access at a cost of not more than \$4,390. This is necessary due to the purchase of a new Computer Aided Dispatch system for the Police Department. Funds for this purchase were

acquired through a grant received from the Statewide Local Preparedness Equipment Grant (SLPEG) program.

- A QED Computer Package from Systems Solutions will be purchased for \$180,828. Funds will come from a grant.

- The Police Department will be purchasing three workstations for their communications center, also from funds from a grant.

- A Netclock will be purchased from KML to synchronize the time on various computers at the Police Department.

- The Borough will be purchasing GIS map slots and maps of the open space layers in South Plainfield at a cost not to exceed \$11,600 from Charles Rivers Technologies.

- The Borough will be selling a parcel of land at auction on March 6. The property, located at 304 Pulaski St. has been assessed at \$375,000.

- A professional services contract with Charles W. Cammack Associates, Inc. to represent the Borough as Broker of Record with regards to employee benefits for a three year period, beginning April 1.

- The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department have added two members Robert Matticola and William Conti.



Yardville National Bank just opened a branch in South Plainfield on Stelton Rd. Yardville held a grand opening celebration last Thursday and they had a tremendous turnout. Helping to cut the ribbon are Yardville's CEO Jay Destribats, Vice President Sales Susan M. Valentino, Vice President Michael Griffith, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahley, Senator Bob Smith, Councilmen Jim Vokral, Charles Butrico, Dennis Cerami, Bob Cusick, Ed Kubala and Ray Petronko. Also attending were Police Chief Bob Merkler, Fire Chief Larry Del Negro, Business Association President Jack Pedersen and Rescue Squad member Lt. Peter Magnani.

## Interim Superintendent Dr. Thomas Butler Presides Over His Final Board of Ed Meeting

There may have been no school on Tuesday, but the Board of Education Meeting went on as planned. One of the reasons that it was not cancelled was it would be the last Board of Ed meeting for Interim Superintendent Dr. Thomas Butler, who will be stepping down now that Dr. Robert Rosado is ready to take over as superintendent.

Butler, who was hired on a temporary basis until a new superintendent could be found after the resignation of Dr. John Krewer, was applauded and thanked by each member of the board for his dedication to the students of South Plainfield. Frank Mikorski said, "He is a true professional, always straightforward and a credit to his profession." Dr. Butler said that he will miss working in this district and wished his time here could have been longer.

Board member Dawn Jeffreys announced that the votes are in for naming the new school, which is under construction next to Roosevelt School. The overwhelming majority of votes said to name it Roosevelt, so that recommendation will be made to the board.

Bill Seesselberg and Lori Jackson have been appointed as musical directors for the high school play. There were rumors that there would be no play this year, but it seems this appointment will ensure the high school will have a play.

Three high school trips were approved by the BOE. The Golf Team will be going to Ocean City, Md. in April, the Competition Cheerleading Team will be competing in a competition in Myrtle Beach, NC in March and the High School Band/Chorus will be competing in Orlando, Fla.

in May.

Because of the underground oil tank found during construction at Roosevelt School, ANS Consultants, Inc. will install monitoring wells at the construction site at a cost of \$12,360. According to Board President Frank Mikorski, no contamination was found when the underground tank was discovered, but the state mandates monitoring wells must be installed. And while the state requires the monitoring, they do not cover the costs. Mikorski said that any mandate the state imposes on the district should be funded by the state. He said it is time that residents start to object to this practice by writing letters to their representatives in the state legislature asking that a bill be passed forcing the state to pay for any imposed mandates on our school district.



Dennis Korary brings Mozart back to life at Kennedy School.

## Kennedy Students Meet Mozart

In a program entitled "Meet the Musicians," Kennedy students had an opportunity to see and hear Mozart come to life.

In authentic garb and with keyboard at hand, actor and musician Dennis Kobray brought the audience back

several hundred years in time.

Students learned that Mozart was a child prodigy and they listened to excerpts of his symphonies, operas, piano concertos, chamber music and piano solos, some of which are still featured in concert today.

## Knights of Columbus Looking For Members

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is looking for new membership in the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization. Have fun, make friends and support your church

and your community.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call Zig Sutor at (908) 755-9708 or Joe Scrudato at (908) 754-0869.

## State Aid to Schools Up Slightly

State school aid to South Plainfield District will increase, but only by a slight amount. This year's school aid will be \$7,908,294 versus \$7,822,242 received last year, only a 1.1 percent increase. The criteria used by the state relies on a formula which measures, among other factors, a municipality's ability to pay.

This amount does not include school construction aid, which the district is receiving to help offset the cost of renovations in the schools, the upgrading of the electrical and the construction of a new school on the south side of town, which will replace Roosevelt School. Last year residents voted yes on a bond referendum to implement these improvements.

## Job Information Center at Library

Looking for a job? Don't know where to begin? Try the South Plainfield Public Library!

The South Plainfield Free Public Library, located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (adjacent to the Municipal Building) has planned the following programs for February and March as part of the library's Job Information Center.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
**• Job Searching on the Internet**  
 Saturday, Mar. 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
**• Resumes and Cover Letters**

Saturday, Mar. 15, 10:30 a.m.-noon

**• Interviewing 101**

All programs are free, space is limited and reservations are required. For more information please call the library's reference desk at (908) 754-7885 or visit the library web site at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

The library's Job Information Center provides free classes for job seekers, computer programs, books/materials on interviewing and resumes and fee services such as fax and notary public.

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# Events Around Town

## SPHS PTA/Project Graduation Meeting

February 20

The next meeting of the South Plainfield High School PTA will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the SPHS Information Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to finalize plans for the Project Graduation Auction/Raffle to be held on Saturday, March 8 and to discuss activities for the night of Project Graduation, June 19. Parents of seniors are asked to attend this meeting.

## Spaghetti/Meatball Dinner at VFW

February 21

A spaghetti and meatball dinner will be held on Friday, Feb. 21 at VFW Post #6763, located on 155 Front St. between 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donation is \$7 for adults, Children 12 and under are \$3.50.

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

## Class of 1977 "25th" Reunion to be Held!

February 22

The South Plainfield High School Class of 77 is holding their 25th reunion at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. from 7 to 11 p.m.

\$75 per person includes hors-d'oeuvres, upgraded open bar, buffet dinner and DJ entertainment.

Call Maureen Veinott (Readie) for info and to RSVP at (908) 754-3455. Hope to see you there!!

## Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

February 22

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to 10 years. There is limited space available for the infant, nursery and pre-kindergarten programs.

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](http://www.parentwatch.com).

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and information, visit their website at [www.rainbowacademy.com](http://www.rainbowacademy.com).

## Senior Center Membership Meeting

February 26

The Senior Center membership meeting originally scheduled for Feb. 13 has been postponed to Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. This is the first general meeting for members of the South Plainfield Senior Center. All members are invited. Monthly meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

February's meeting will be a general organizational meeting at which time standing committees will be established. Future meetings will feature guest speakers.

The March 13 speaker will be Allison Cook of the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. The topic will be

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>EVENTS</b> Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30 Yoga 10:30-11:30am	Tax Prep Assistance, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m. to noon.  February 21 Blood Pressure Screening 10 AM to 12 Noon		Shopping at Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Line Dancing 11am-Noon AARP Tax Preparation AARP Meeting Noon	Listening to Children 9:30am-12:30pm Blood Pressure Screening 10am-Noon Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch
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"Fraud against Seniors"-what you should know and how to avoid being taken.

## Spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephen's Church

March 2

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner is being held on Sunday, March 2, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. The cost of \$5 per person, children under 12 free, includes beverage and dessert. No reservations are needed.

## Senior Center Atlantic City Trip

March 5

The South Plainfield Senior Center is starting up their monthly bus trip to Atlantic City again on the first Wednesday of the month beginning Wednesday, March 5. The bus departs the Senior Center at 9 a.m. for the Taj Mahal. The cost is \$15 per person.

Stop by the Senior Center at 90 Maple Ave. to make seat reservation. For more information, please call Joann at the Senior Center at 908-754-1047.

## Farewell Party for Jim and Betty Eckert

March 8

Long-time residents Jim and Betty Eckert will be the guests of honor at a going-away cocktail party hosted by the South Plainfield Republicans at Flanagan's Restaurant on Saturday, March 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$60 a couple. To purchase tickets, contact Bob Jones at 908-222-9435.

## Project Graduation Auction/Raffle

March 8

SPHS PTA's Project Graduation Auction/Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 8. Doors open at 6 p.m. The auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Prizes include a Dell computer, digital camera, flat-screen TV, gift baskets, and more. The purpose of the auction is to fund SPHS' Project Graduation, an all-night, substance-free party for the SPHS Class of 2003 held on their graduation night.

For tickets, please contact Janet at (908) 757-3148. For information concerning the raffle, including donations, please contact Ellen at (908) 756-3731 or Pat at (908) 756-6512.

## Recreation Plans Trip To Atlantic City

March 23

The South Plainfield Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to Atlantic City on Sunday, March 23.

The bus will leave the PAL at 10:45 a.m. and return around 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, with \$16 back.

Only 45 tickets will be available. Purchase your ticket at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave.

## Recreation Plans Trip to "Aida"

April 27

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Broadway on Sunday, April 27 to see "Aida."

The bus leaves the PAL at 11 a.m. The musical starts at 3 p.m. You will have time to shop in NYC. Tickets are \$75 per person.

Only 45 tickets will be sold. Purchase your tickets at the PAL, located on Maple Ave.

## — Out of Town —

## Alliance Presents "Spinning into Butter"

Through March 1

Alliance Repertory Theatre Company is pleased to announce its production, Rebecca Gilman's highly acclaimed "Spinning into Butter." The show runs through March 1 at The Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St. in Bound Brook.

Dates are Feb. 20-23, 28 and Mar. 1. Evening performances are 8 p.m., Sunday matinees are 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Senior citizen, student and group discounts are available. Call (732) 469-7700 for reservations.

## Art/Music Programs for Children With Autism

Through April 12

Classes for the Parent/Child Workshops in Music/Movement and Art for Children with Autism or Autistic Behaviors have resumed. Workshops will be held Saturdays through April 12, in New Brunswick, Morristown and Waldwick. The program is sponsored

## SEND YOUR EVENTS TO:

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## Senior Center EVENTS

Mother: A Woman's Love for the Child She Gave Up for Adoption.

Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Check our web site at <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

## Depression & Bipolar Support Meeting

February 26

The Depression And Bipolar Support Alliance monthly lecture meeting on Feb. 26 will feature Golda Templeton, M.D., a noted psychiatrist with a practice in Livingston. The topic for her talk is "What About Having Children? How are Mood Disorders Managed During Pregnancy, the Postpartum Period and Breast Feeding?"

The organization's educational meetings (open to the public) are at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown. A nominal donation is requested from non-members. Free literature is available to all attendees and there is a lending library of educational audiotapes for members.

In addition to the lecture series, peer group support sessions led by experienced facilitators are held on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month and on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. Call for locations.

Visit <http://community.nj.com/cc/1stnmidmss> to learn more about the chapter. For more local info, call (973) 994-1143 or the NJ Self-Help Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

## Edison Symphony Orchestra Concert

March 1

The Edison Arts Society proudly announces our third season Edison Symphony Orchestra Finale being presented on Saturday, March 1, at the Middlesex County College Theater at 8 p.m. The 64-piece professional orchestra will entertain and delight with pieces by composers Beethoven, Khachaturian, Von Suppe and DeFalla along with featured violin soloist Aya Muraki presenting Ravel's "Tzigane for Violin and Orchestra" and St. Saens' "Introduction et Rondo Capriccioso for Violin and Orchestra in A Minor, Op. 28." Reserved seats for adults are \$25 each. Students are \$20. Group rates are available. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Call the Edison Arts Society office at (908) 753-2787.

## Adoption Support

February 24

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. "Creating Relationships After Reunion" by Carol Schaefer, author of book and TV adaptation, The Other

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## southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Pre-Teen State finalists (L to R) Taryn Billich, Sarah Schulte and Jamie Okosko

### Seventh Graders Participate in Pre-Teen Scholarship/Recognition Program

Taryn Billich, daughter of Paul and Michele Billich; Jamie Okosko, daughter of Joanne and Lester Okosko; and Sarah Schulte, daughter of Bob and Chris Schulte all recently participated as State Finalists in the Pre-Teen New Jersey Scholarship and Recognition Program held at the Hilton in Parsippany.

The girls who are enrolled in the seventh grade at the Middle School were selected as recipients of various awards for their academic and community achievements.

Taryn received awards based on merit, arts and ad sales; Jamie received honors for merit and leadership; Sarah excelled in the merit category as well as finishing as the second runner-up in the speech competition. Over \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards were presented to the 98 young ladies who attended.

Pre-Teen America is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies seven to 12 years of age. Participants are awarded and recognized for their out-

standing personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities and sports accomplishments. Seven individual categories (Academic Achievement, Volunteer Services, School Honors and Activities, Development of Personal Skills and Abilities, General Knowledgeability, Communicative Ability and On Stage Acknowledgement of Accomplishments) assure a total and thorough evaluation format.

The Pre-Teen America program, headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was founded in 1990 and is designed to recognize the nation's outstanding pre-teens, as well as to provide an avenue to promote high moral standards of excellence, fellowship, family values and social development.

The current National Charity affiliate of the program is the Shriners Children's Hospitals headquartered in Tampa, Florida. Pre-Teen America has donated over \$150,000 since 1990 to the Shriners Children's Hospitals and other prior national charity affiliates.

### Alison Butrico Named to Dean's List

Alison Butrico, daughter of Bill and Sue Butrico of Pershing Place, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2002 semester.

Alison is a sophomore at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida where she is majoring in Motion Pictures and Political Science.

Alison's first film has been selected to be featured at the Canes Film Festival, an on-campus showcase of student films.

Alison serves as the copy editor of the school's yearbook, the IBIS, and she is also a sorority member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

## From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

With any luck, you've managed to dig yourself out from the blizzard by now. But, even if you haven't, things are looking up. You have your issue of the *Observer* and now you're reading the latest news from the South Plainfield Library:

Don't forget about our special program on African-American stamps this Sunday. Wanda Garbett will speak on the subject and display stamps from both the U.S. Postal Service and foreign sources. The program starts at 2 p.m.; no pre-registration is required.

Once again, we're following our usual Storytime schedule next week. Those programs are for children ages three and older; no pre-registration is required. The programs are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. If you'd like to find out more about our children's programs, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

Tuesday is the last day of availability for this month's group of Circuit videos. Titles this month include *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, *Unbreakable*, *Analyze This*, *Hillary and Jackie*, *Beethoven's 4<sup>th</sup>*, and, on DVD, the remake of *Rollerball*. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

Today, we'll have another drawing and more winners in our "Bundle of Love" contest. There's still time for you to enter and possibly win a bundle of 12 paperback romance novels. Just write your name and phone number on a slip of paper and leave it in our contest jar. For more information, please give us a call.

The Library continues to offer courses in both job searching and basic computer usage. Space is limited for these classes, so pre-registration is required. For more information about class content and schedules, please call us and ask for Allan.

It is an unfortunate fact here at the Library that, sometimes, you have to wait for things. This is particularly true of the more popular books that are

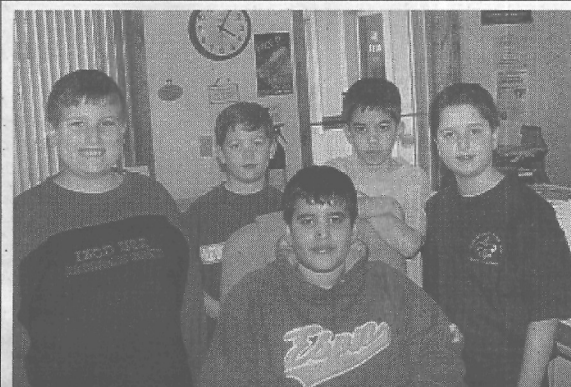
released. It seems that, by the time you hear that the book is out, there's already a waiting list for it, usually a list that's really, *really* long. One way to cut down on the waiting time is to regularly check our Upcoming Books board. It lists books that we will be adding to the collection in the near future, as well as the scheduled release dates for each book. Then, all you have to do is fill out a reserve slip for your choice and we'll keep it on file for when the book is received. The flyers on the board are updated regularly. Or, if you hear about a particular upcoming book that isn't posted on the board, feel free to fill out a slip for it, as well. We can't guarantee that we'll purchase it, but it will be considered. As with much of the rest of normal life, reserves are filled on a "first come, first serve" basis.

That's about all for now. We hope you didn't strain yourself too much shoveling snow. See you next Friday.

### Interested in Rome, Performing Arts & Volunteer Work?

For the summer of 2003, the Rome Festival Orchestra, Ltd., an American charity (fully recognized by the IRS), needs volunteers to help with the Rome Festival in Rome, Italy. The Rome Festival presents symphony concerts with chorus, chamber music concerts, and fully staged operas and classical ballets. Volunteers are needed from all performing arts area, including concert choral singers, back stage helpers, set designers, artists, plus many more. For general information visit our web page <http://www.geocities.com/romefestival>.

To inquire about specific positions email [romefestival@yahoo.com](mailto:romefestival@yahoo.com) (specify area of interest and career status or age) or telephone 1-800-811-3841 during morning hours specifying volunteer. Volunteers serve in Rome for two or more weeks. Their out-of-pocket expenses usually qualify as charitable contributions.



Cub Scouts from Pack 324, Den 1 at Kennedy School visited the *Observer* last week to earn the Communication Badge. Pictured are Eddie Sullivan, Daniel Hansen, Barry Brown, Bill Brown and Joseph Ifrach.

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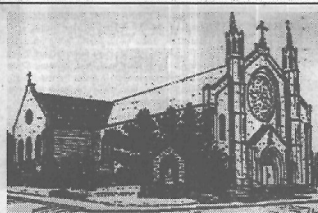
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

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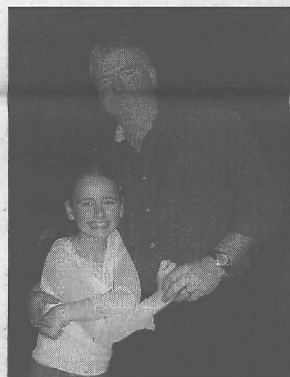
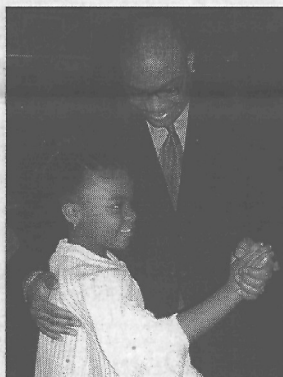
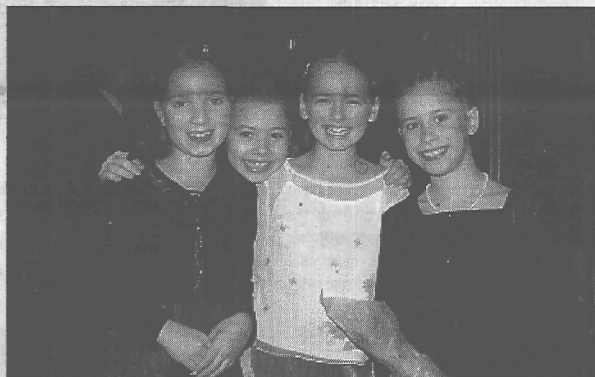
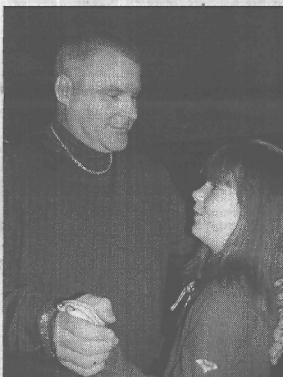
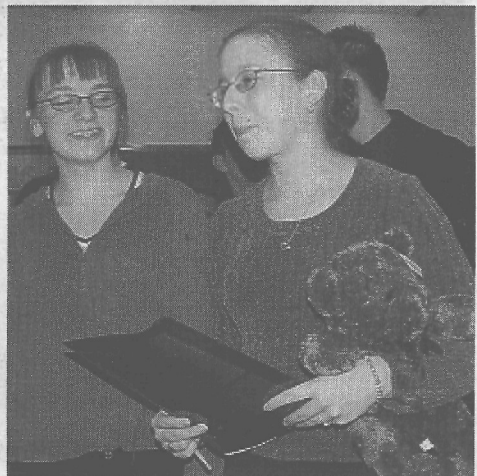
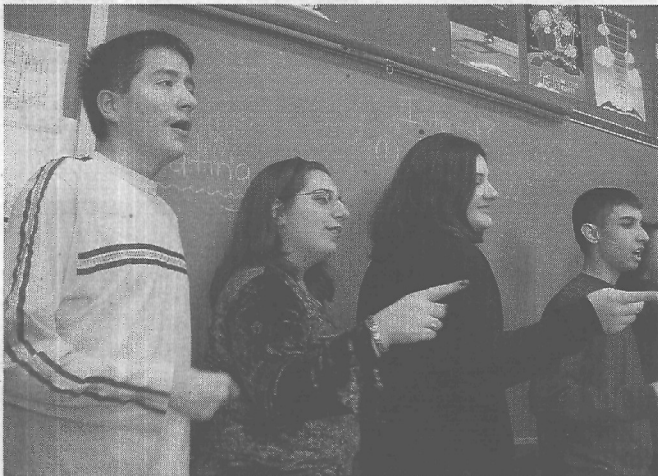
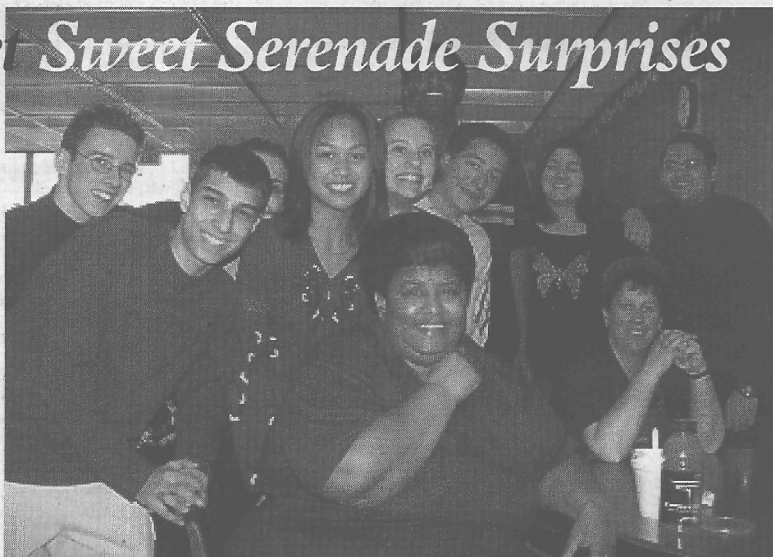
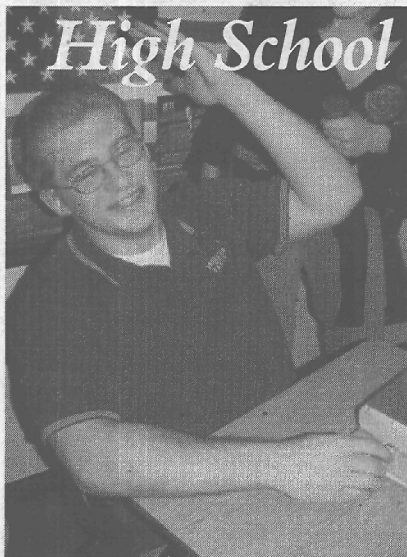


# High School Students Get Sweet Serenade Surprises

By Patricia Abbott

Working in tandem with Cupid, groups of high school chorus members roamed the halls on Valentine's Day seeking out those on their list. Once located, the lucky student or teacher was serenaded by the vocalists. In the weeks before Valentine's Day, orders were taken for the school serenades. The fee per song was a mere \$3. Over thirty students spent the better part of two class periods dashing from room to room to deliver the lyrical valentines. Reactions of recipients varied from embarrassed smiles to laughter and applause. The monies raised will go to the Chorus Fund.

Photos by Patricia Abbott

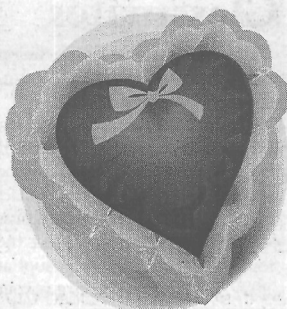


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## Kennedy School Girls Celebrate Valentine's Day with Their Sweethearts



By Patricia Abbott

The annual Kennedy School Father-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance scheduled for Feb. 7 was postponed until the following evening due to snow. Despite the still slick roads, the gym was filled with dashing dads and their pint-sized dates. The evening included flowers, photos, food and of course, dancing. While most of the dads sat out the faster numbers, the young ladies in their best party dresses were a non-stop whirlwind of activity. Over 130 attended the dance, which was sponsored by the third grade class. Funds raised will go towards the school's annual Grandparent's/Loved Ones Breakfast and Concert.



Photos by Patricia Abbott



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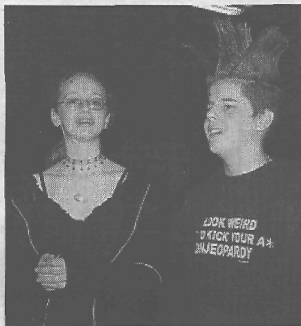
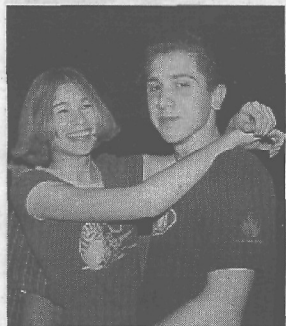
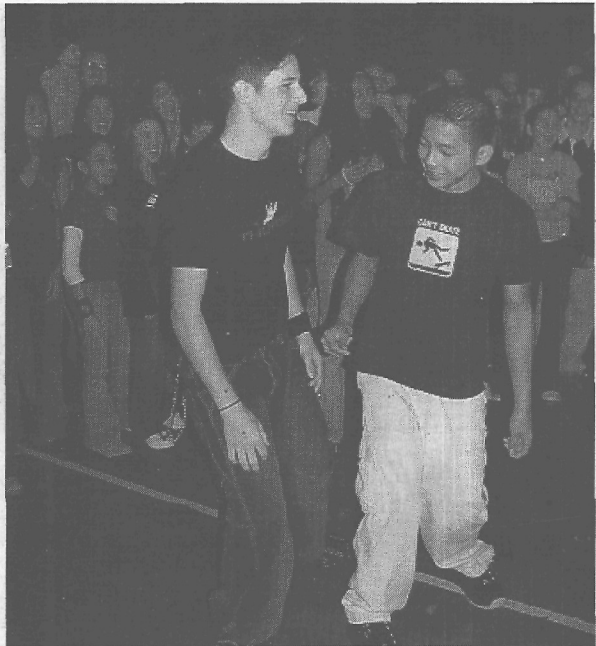
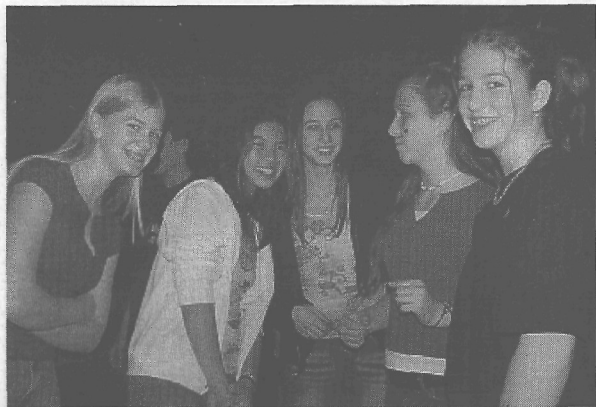
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## Over 300 Attend Middle School Holiday Dance

Photos by Patricia Abbott

Middle School Valentine's Day Dance was attended by over 300 students. The event was DJ'd by teacher Mr. Lyamanski.



## College Tuition Assistance

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: handicapped student scholarships, members of a church scholarships, scholarships for "C" students, veteran children's scholarships, scholarships for minorities and much, much more.

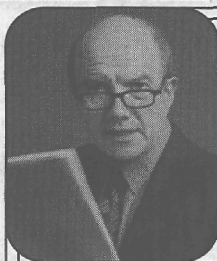
Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources.

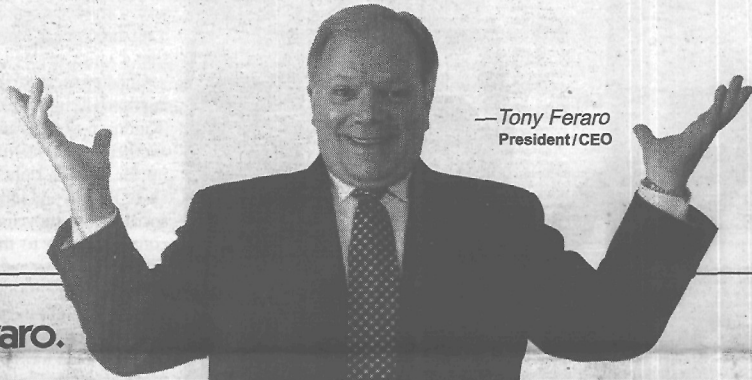
The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholarships sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL



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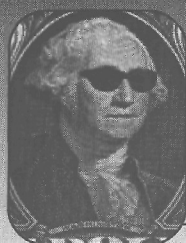
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## Riley School Craft Fair Vendors Needed

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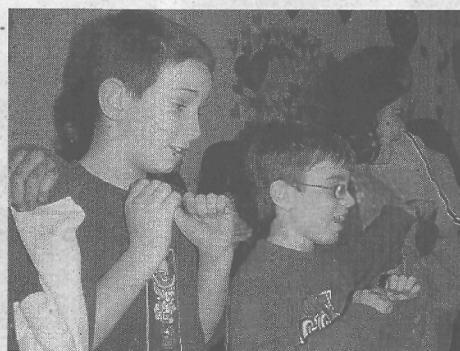
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## Kindness and Justice Challenge at Franklin

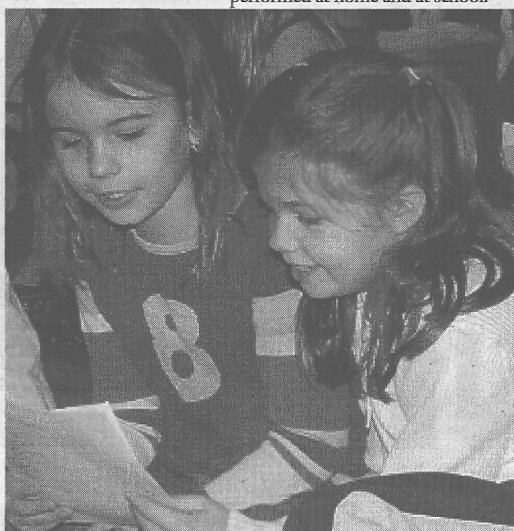
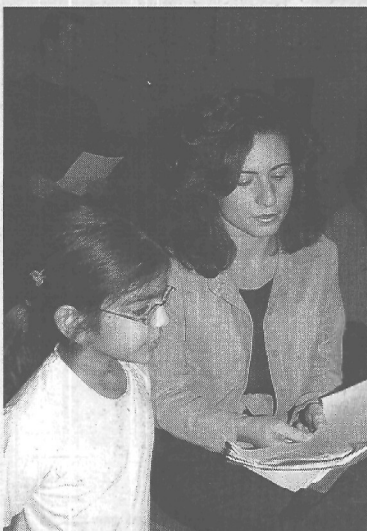


Pictured left Franklin School Principal Nancy Erickson holds a microphone while students explain what they learned during the week of the "Kindness & Justice" challenge.

By Patricia Abbott

The Kindness and Justice Challenge that follows Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is winding down all around the country. Franklin School recently concluded their annual week-long challenge with a student assembly. Each grade gave a brief presentation to show what they learned during the course of the challenge. In between, the entire student body sang songs including *Abraham, Martin and John*, *Let There Be Peace on Earth, We Are The World*, *That's What Friends Are For* and others. Many sat or stood arm in arm with their friends, sharing their song sheets or just sharing their friendship.

Children spent part of each day during the challenge week learning about 'Kindness'—doing something nice for another person and 'Justice'—standing up for what is right. They learned about Dr. Martin Luther King and the social justice movement, which encourages youth to think about and find ways to show what 'rights' they have that they should protect and stand up for. On the wall of the gym is a collage of red and pink hearts listing acts of kindness the children had performed at home and at school.



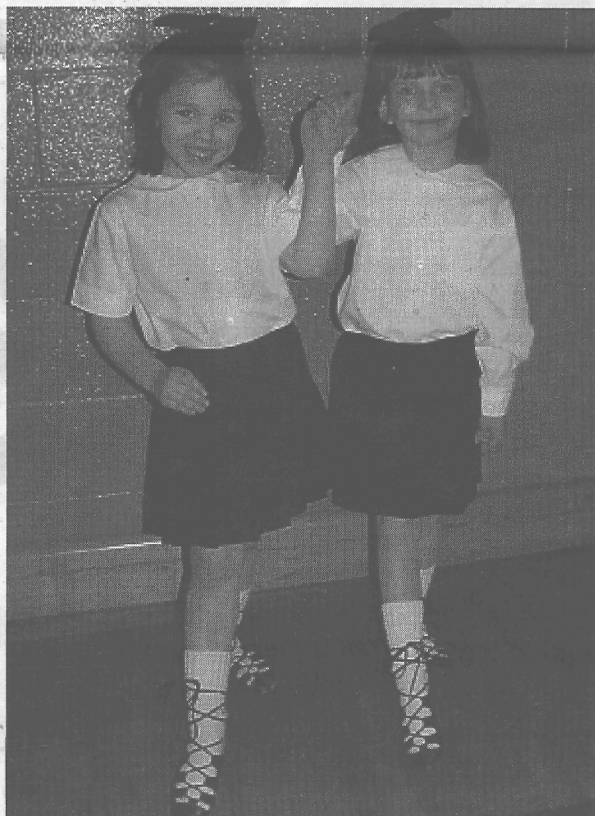
## Roosevelt Multicultural Evening Covers the World

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Roosevelt School's eighth annual Multicultural evening was a fast spin around the world, with each grade taking on a continent. There were displays throughout the gym detailing what the youth had learned about 'their' continent.

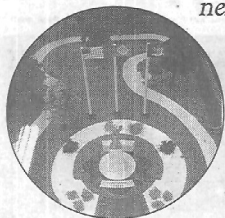
Highlighting the evening were Spanish and Irish dances. After the

performances the children pulled mom and dad to the many craft stations available in the classrooms. They had a chance to make Mexican "eyes of God," Guatemalan "worry dolls," Japanese origami, and Chinese fish kites and more. A snack table offered a wide array of baked goodies to stave off hunger while experiencing international crafts. The evening was chaired by art teacher Mrs. G. Poscy.



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# Sports

## BOWLING By Ralph Fech

### Vicki Boley, Now 3rd in NJ!

Vicki Boley, SPHS junior, is now the third best bowler in New Jersey.

She rolled a 1,289 six game total at the NJSIAA Finals at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes. Vicki fired games of 218-238-153-609 set in the morning session to gain ninth position in the Sweet Sixteen round. She then caught fire with games of 225-237-218 for a booming 680 set. Her six game total then secured the second seed for the stepladder finals, the format used to crown the state's individual champion.

Though Vicki bowed to fifth seeded Krista Cutler of Newton, the eventual champion, it was a hard fought 228-195 battle.

An outstanding performance by a well deserved individual!

### Ponytail Meeting Date Change and Registration Info

The Feb. 25 meeting of the South Plainfield Parents Association has been cancelled. The meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School Library.

Ponytail registration is currently underway, and will end on March 3. Registration is open to all South Plainfield resident girls, ages 8-13 as of Oct. 1, 2002.

All games are played at Pitt Street Park. The fee is \$35 per participant (non-refundable).

A birth certificate is required to register. New participants in recreation programs must show proof of residency.

Register at the PAL building on Maple Ave.

### Looking for Players..

The Garden State Yankees will be playing in the Garden State Baseball Select League. The team is looking for players ages 18 to 24 to play in the select wood bat league. For more information, email [yankeescout@hotmail.com](mailto:yankeescout@hotmail.com) and call (732) 879-0248., or visit [www.gardenstatebaseball.com](http://www.gardenstatebaseball.com).

## Basketball



The Middle School Girl's Basketball Team recently won the Father Sico Sacred Heart tournament. The team competed against St. Helena, Edison, St. Francis, Metuchen and St. Francis Cabrini, Piscataway, winning each game to earn them the tournament championship. Middle School player Megan Boyle won the MVP player of the tournament trophy.

-Photo by Patricia Abbott

### Attention All Women's Softball Managers:

Once again this year the South Plainfield Recreation Department will be offering a Women's Softball League.

If you are no longer the manager of your team, please pass this information along to the new manager and also let us know.

Registration for the league will begin immediately until we have reached the maximum number of six teams. Registration ends Friday, March 28.

The following is a brief description

of the league;

The Women's League-League is open to the first six teams to register. Teams play on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. with rainouts made up on the first available Friday. League play commences on April 22 and concludes in June. No residency rule applies. Each team is responsible for paying half of the umpire's fees before the game begins. This amounts to \$16 per game.

Fee is \$155 per team before March 15; \$200 after March 15.

Rosters must be submitted to the Recreation Department by the league

meeting. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of first game. This will be strictly enforced. The Recreation Department's fax number is (908) 754-8158. Roster changes may be made up to game time using the fax.

Game times are subjected to change depending on the number of teams per league.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Recreation Department at (908) 226-7714. Remember that no spots will be held, registration will be open to all teams, so please sign up early to avoid not having a spot for your team this season.

### 2003 Ed Niemczyk Youth Basketball League

League A			
76ers	54	Rockets	23
Pistons	48	Knicks	22
Nuggets	38	Jazz	25
Spurs	46	Bulls	21
Cavaliers	54	Lakers	39

Standings	W	L
76ers	12	0
Cavaliers	10	2
Spurs	9	3
Nuggets	8	4
Lakers	6	6
Knicks	5	7
Pistons	5	7
Rockets	2	10
Jazz	2	10
Bulls	1	11

League B			
Bulls		Lakers	
Spurs		Hornets	
Rockets		Timberwolves	
Pistons	38	76ers	26
Cavaliers	35	Nuggets	32
Knicks	44	Jazz	24

Standings	W	L
Hornets	10	0
Cavaliers	9	2
Bulls	8	2
Knicks	7	4
Timberwolves	6	4
Nuggets	6	5
Lakers	5	5
76ers	5	6
Spurs	3	7
Pistons	3	8
Rockets	2	8
Jazz	0	11

### 2003 T-Ball/Teener Ball Registration

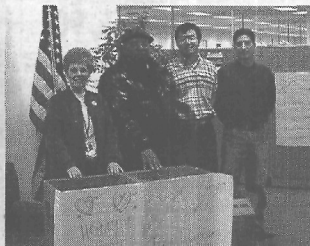
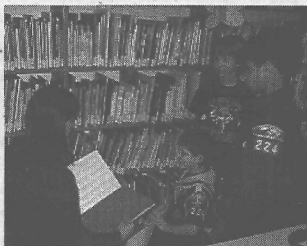
Registration is open to all South Plainfield resident boys and girls in grades K-2.

T-ball is for children who were five as of Oct. 1, 2002. Teener ball is for children six and seven as of Oct. 1, 2002. The fee is \$25 per participant (no refunds).

Teener ball: Girls play softball and boys play baseball.

Registration ends on April 7. Register at the PAL, located on Maple Ave. Birth certificates are required for new registrants. All others must show proof of residency.

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**South Plainfield Welcomes New Bank**  
Fire Chief Larry DeNegro and Rescue Squad Lt. Peter Magnani attended the grand opening of Yardley National Bank, "Your Neighborhood Bank" last week. Also pictured is Susan Valentino, vice president of sales and development. The grand opening ribbon was bedecked with \$150 in cash, which was donated to the both the fire department and rescue squad.

## Obituaries

### Andrew J. Budris, 79

Andrew J. Budris died on Sunday, Feb. 16, in his home.

Born in Eynon, Pa., Andy lived in Bound Brook before moving to South Plainfield 45 years ago.

He was employed as a quality control inspector for Ford Motor Company of Edison for 40 years before retiring in 1988.

Andy served in the United States Army during WW II. He was a member of the Polish National Home and Sacred Heart Church, both of South Plainfield. Andy was an avid freshwater fisherman and was dedicated to his family, whom he dearly loved.

Surviving are his wife, Johanna V. Budris; his daughters and sons-in-law, Doreen and Dave Kovacs of Whitehouse Station, Lori and Tim Schweitzer of Howell; a son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Nancy Budris of Lake Mary, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Partika and Irene Newcott, both of South Plainfield and Magdallen Kupinski of Peckville, Pa.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 9:15 a.m. in McCriskin Home for Funerals, 2495 Plainfield Ave. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

### Joseph W. Orostek, 90

Joseph W. Orostek of South Plainfield died on Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Haven Hospice Center at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

He was born in Fairchance, Pa. and was a former resident of Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield 30 years ago.

Joseph retired from Dennison Manufacturing Company in Union as a business machine service representative, retiring in 1990 after 30 years of

service. He then worked for Affinity Credit Union in Summit as a courier, as well as the Scotch Plains Board of Education for four years.

Joseph was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary I. Orostek; two daughters, Barbara A. Podpora and Maureen Hibble, both of South Plainfield; a brother, John Orostek; a sister, Betty Zaby; his beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth, Carol Anne, Laura, Wally and Barbara Lynn and his six great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. at James W. Conroy Funeral Home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Haven Hospice, c/o JFK MC Foundation, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

## policereport

- On Feb. 11 Cherie Monique Smith, 21, of Kendall Park was arrested for a seatbelt violation and a contempt of court order out of Fairfield at a motor vehicle stop.
- Flavor Innovation on St. Nicholas Ave. reported that an angry employee had damaged approximately \$100,000 worth of goods and equipment. The employee was subsequently fired.
- On Feb. 12 Eckerd reported that a black female had been coming in and stealing disposable razors. When confronted she pushed an employee and ran out of the store.
- On Feb. 13 Raoul Federico Tous, 67, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving at a motor vehicle stop.
- Johnny on the Spot of Old Bridge reported the theft of a portable toilet from a work site at 300 Corporate Ct.
- On Feb. 14 a Ford Ave. resident reported that she had left her pocketbook on the counter at Quick Check and when she returned it was gone.
- On Feb. 15 Madeline Aeto Poalii, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for and outstanding warrant and shoplifting \$46 worth of merchandise at Macys.
- On Feb. 17 a Garden Dr. resident reported that his rear drivers side tire had been punctured. A neighbor also reported similar damage.

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE NUMBER 1508

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE RECREATION CENTER OF THE BOROUGH, A LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSE, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$260,000 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$247,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$260,000, said sum being inclusive a down payment in the amount of \$13,000 now available for said improvement or purpose required by the Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. §40A:2-1 et seq.) (the "Local Bond Law") by virtue of an appropriation from the Recreation Trust Account of the Borough.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$260,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$247,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$247,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement and expansion of the Recreation Center of the Borough known as the "PAL Building" located at Block 204, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough with an address of 1250 Maple Avenue, such expansion and improvements to include, but are not limited to, the construction of an addition to the existing building to add a gymnasium, weight room, locker/shower facilities and administrative offices and renovation to existing administrative offices within the existing building, such work to include plumbing, water, electrical, HVAC, wiring, construction of walls, partitions and ceilings, and lighting and all work, equipment and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Borough Clerk now available for public inspection and hereby approved.

(a) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$247,000.

(b) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$260,000, the excess thereof over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the amount of down payment available for such improvement or purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**SECTION 4.** In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose.

**SECTION 5.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. All notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8(a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the principal and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 6.** The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance, and to the extent of any inconsistency hereby, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services will be on file in the Office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

**SECTION 7.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specifically assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvement or purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$247,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$60,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. §40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

**SECTION 8.** The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

**SECTION 9.** The Borough reasonably expects to

reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long term basis or otherwise set aside by the Borough or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d) of the Code, (ii) to create, within one year, following the reimbursement of any expenditures of bond proceeds "replacement proceeds", within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the bonds or any other bond issue, or (iii) to reimburse the Borough for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough (other than borrowing by the Borough from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group") within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$247,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This provision will take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

**SECTION 10.** The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**ADOPTED ON FIRST READING**  
DATED: April 8, 1999  
JAMES V. ECKERT, JAMES VOKRAL,  
Clerk Council President  
**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**  
DATED April 22, 1999  
JAMES V. ECKERT, JAMES VOKRAL,  
Clerk Council President  
**APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS**  
14 DAY OF JUNE, 1999.  
DANIEL J. GALLAGHER, Mayor

### BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on April 22, 1999 and approved by the Mayor on June 14, 1999. The twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this Statement.

VINCENT BUTTIGLIERI  
Municipal Clerk of the  
Borough of South Plainfield  
\$303.00 February 21, 2003

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

**CHANGES ARE MADE IN DETERMINATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY (BASE (1% ANNUAL CHANCE) FLOOD ELEVATIONS (BFEs) AND ZONE DESIGNATIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)**

On August 1, 1980, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) identified Special Flood Hazard Areas in the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

The Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administration has determined that modification of the elevations and zone designations of the flood having a one-percent chance of occurrence in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in South Plainfield is appropriate. The modified BFEs and zone designations amend the FEMA FIRM for the community.

This modification to the effective FIRM reflects more up to date hydraulic analysis and new topographic data. As a result, there are changes to the flood hazard information shown on the FIRM for the Borough of South Plainfield. The revised BFEs for Bound Brook are as follows:

Location	Base Flood Elevations (NGVD)*	
	Effective	Revised
At upstream side of Hamilton Boulevard	*68	*69
Approximate 340 feet downstream of Belmont Avenue	*71	*70

\*Elevation in feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum

The changes are made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (PL. 93-234), and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, amended, (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1988, PL. 90-448) 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administrator, must develop criteria for floodplain management. In order for the community to participate in the NFIP, the community will be using the new BFEs and zone designations to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs and zone designations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents.

Upon the second publication of notice of these changes in this paper, any person has 90 days in which he can request through the Chief Executive Officer of the community that the Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administrator reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period elapses, the Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administrator's determination to modify the BFEs and zone designations may itself be changed.

Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these changes should immediately notify:

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Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield  
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Third grade Brownie Troop 136 from Franklin School practice the flag ceremony that opened a Leader's Meeting in mid-February.  
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## NJ Mensa Holding Annual Testing

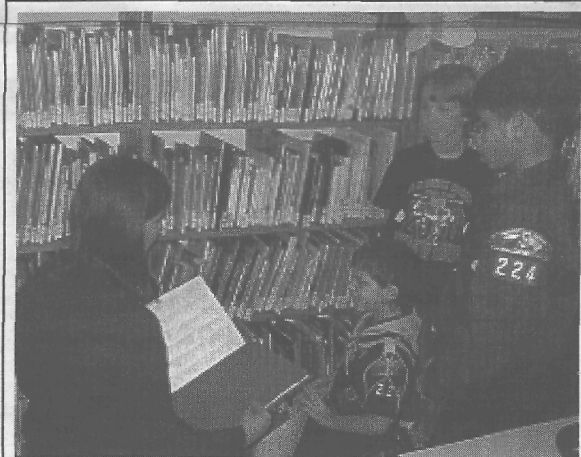
Once every year, Central New Jersey Mensa holds a walk-in qualification test for which reservations are not required. This year it is being held on Saturday, March 15, at The Four Points Barcelo Sheraton Hotel in conjunction with the Chapter's 29th annual SNOWBALL celebration. We encourage anyone who might be interested in membership in Mensa to stop by and take the test. We assure you, it's both challenging and enjoyable. For example:

The test begins at 10 a.m., so be there by 9:30 a.m. to register. You'll be done by NOON. There is a nominal \$30.00 test processing fee that must be paid at the time of the examination. (If you'd like to take the test, but English is not your first language, we have a 'culture-fair' test that

you may arrange to take at a different time.)

If after completing the test on Saturday morning you'd like to participate in the rest of Saturday's activities—for instance, our Keynote speaker and midnight chocolate fondue party—then a donation of \$5.00 will allow you to do just that. So if you'd like to challenge yourself and have fun at the same time, come to our Registration Table in the lobby of The Four Points Barcelo Sheraton Hotel in Piscataway, New Jersey by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 and sign up for the membership test.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call our Test Coordinator, Martha A. McKeon at (732) 494-5826. We hope to see you at "SNOWBALL"!!



Wolf Cub Scouts of Den 9, Riley School, Pack 224 recently visited the South Plainfield Library as one of their requirements for Arrow Points. The boys were amazed to see there is allot more involved in the running of the Library then just putting books on the shelf. Miss. Linda Hansen was wonderful about explaining in details every aspect of the library. The cubs would like to send a special thank you to Miss Linda for making this visit possible.

## Pet Adoption This Weekend

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a dog and cat adoption event on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10:30 until 3 p.m. at the PETSMART store in the Watchung Square Mall on Route 22. Cats and kittens will also be available both Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21 and 22, from noon until 4 p.m. at the PETSMART store in Bridgewater's Promenade Mall, intersection of Route 28 and Route 287.

Among the many pets for adoption will be Clem, five month-old Labrador Retriever-mix. This cute dog has a tan brindle coat and super-size ears. He enjoys playing with other dogs, likes most cats and is very



friendly with people. Clem loves attention and will be your constant companion. Please find it in your heart to give him a new home. To adopt or for other information, call (908) 688-1073 and leave a message.

Press 1 for dog adoption or 8 for cat adoption. Other pets for adoption can be seen on the Internet at [www.Pfa.petfinder.org](http://www.Pfa.petfinder.org).

Stop the cycle of homeless pets now! Alter your pets and any outside cats that you may be feeding. For low cost spay/neuter information, call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$35 to \$55 and include rabies and distemper vaccinations.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

At a meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on February 6, 2003, I was directed to advertise the fact that the Mayor and Council will meet in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on Thursday, March 6, 2003 at 7:00pm to expose and sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, according to terms of sale on file with the Borough Clerk, the property described below.

Take further notice that the Mayor and Council have, by resolution and pursuant to law, fixed the minimum price at which set property will be sold together with all other details pertinent, said minimum price being as shown below, plus \$1,000.00 for costs of preparing deeds, all necessary appraisals, advertising this sale and title search costs.

Take further notice that at set sale or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right in its discretion to reject any or all bids and to sell said property to such bidder as it may select, due regard being given to terms and manner of payment in case one or more minimum bids shall be received.

Take further notice that in each instance where necessary, I have been authorized to notify all contiguous property owners as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2.

Upon acceptance of the minimum bid or bid above minimum, by the Council and the payment thereof by the purchaser according to the manner of purchase in accordance with terms of sale on file, the Borough will deliver a Bargain and Sale Deed for said premises.

/s/ Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

Details of proposed land sale to be advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 14, 2003 and Friday, February 21, 2003, the sale of property known as:

Lot # 1 - Minimum Bid \$375,000  
Block 284, Lot 28

Any other information pertaining to this parcel can be obtained by reviewing the tax maps located in the Assessing Department of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The said property being owned by the Borough of South Plainfield and not needed for public purposes or use, sale to be held on Thursday, March 6, 2003 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale Deed, without conveyance and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in the event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.
- 2) Easements, both of record and not of record.
- 3) Restrictions of record.
- 4) Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
- 5) In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.
- 6) In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in that event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.
- 7) At the time of acceptance of the successful bid,

10 percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of appraisal, legal fees, advertising and associated costs incurred by the Borough.

8) Within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on-site and off-site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event said approvals are not received within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall forward the balance of the purchase price in conformance with paragraph five (5) above.

9) It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

10) Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition to the Middlesex County Planning Board if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

11) Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

12) At set sale, or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right, in its discretion to reject any or all bids.

13) Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Complex" located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

14) Within sixty (60) days of the date of sale, Purchaser shall do what is necessary to determine if the subject property is affected by wetlands. In the event that no such determination is made within said sixty (60) day period, the Purchaser shall proceed to closing as set forth herein.

15) This sale is subject to completion of any remedial actions recommended by the NJDEP by the successful bidder/purchaser as set forth in appendix A attached hereto. The purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Borough of South Plainfield harmless for action in reference to the site investigation/remedial investigation findings.

### MEMORANDUM RE: NON-FERROUS METALS 304 PULASKI STREET SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY PMK GROUP #0589163

Please be advised that PMK Group (PMK) has completed the site investigation (SI) and remedial investigation (RI) work under the supervision of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) case manager, Mr. Christopher Dwyer at the Non-Ferrous Metals company (herein referred as the Site), On October 5, 2001, PMK submitted the Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) to the NJDEP for their review and comments. At the present date, an official response letter from the NJDEP approving the RIR has not been received by our office.

To date, the following reports were submitted to the NJDEP: a Preliminary Assessment, dated January 21, 2000, a Site Investigation Workplan, dated February 25, 2000, a Site Investigation Report, dated February 22, 2000, a Remedial Investigation Workplan (RIW), dated September 19, 2000, and a Remedial Investigation Report (RIR), dated October 5, 2001. The most recent NJDEP response and approval letter is dated October 24, 2000 and was issued approving the RIW.

Attached, please find a summary of findings for the Site Investigation performed at the Site. Please note that at the present time the NJDEP has not issued a formal response to the RIR submitted. The prospective purchaser of the property would be responsible for the implementation of the additional

remedial investigations and remedial actions recommended in the RIR as well as any additional investigations, actions or requests made by the NJDEP.

In general, the following is the summary of Preliminary and Site Investigation/Remedial Investigation findings.

### Preliminary Assessment:

The Preliminary Assessment (PA) was performed to investigate the potential environmental impacts from previous site activities at the Site. The PA identified the following sixteen Areas of Concern:

1. AOC#1-Aboveground Storage Tanks and Associated Piping
2. AOC#2-Belowground Storage Tanks and Associated Piping
3. AOC#3-Silos
4. AOC#4-Loading and Unloading Areas
5. AOC#5-Storage Pads Including Drum and/or Waste Storage
6. AOC#6-Former Lagoon
7. AOC#7-Dumpsters
8. AOC#8-Chemical Storage Cabinet or Closets
9. AOC#9-Waste Piles (as defined by N.J.A.C. 7:26E)
10. AOC#10-Electric Transformers and Capacitors
11. AOC#11-Hazardous Material Storage and Handling Area
12. AOC#12-Discolored or Spill Area
13. AOC#13-Bollor Rooms
14. AOC#14-Smelting Furnaces
15. AOC#15-Laboratory
16. AOC#16-Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)

### Site Investigation and Remedial Investigation

Based on the findings of the PA, the Site Investigation and Remedial Investigation were performed to investigate the above listed concerns, with the exception of AOC#16. In general, priority pollutant metals (antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium and zinc) and volatile organic compounds (trichloroethylene, benzene, tetrachloroethene, and total xylene) were identified above the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) groundwater cleanup criteria. Furthermore, priority pollutant metals (copper, thallium, silver, cadmium, nickel, lead, selenium, antimony and zinc), poly aromatic hydrocarbons, and total petroleum hydrocarbons were detected above the NJDEP Soil Cleanup Criteria (SCC). Based on these results, any future purchaser of this property will be required to perform additional sampling and ultimately will need to develop and implement a Remedial Action Workplan in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:26E. Table A (attached) presents a summary of the findings based on AOCs, as well as the recommended action for the AOC.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact our office at (908) 497-8900

Respectfully submitted,  
PMK Group  
Devang R. Patel, Project Manager  
\$523.60 2T February 14 & 21, 2003

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Fourth M.P.P.L. Realty Company for public improvements at 440 Kenneth Avenue, Lot 6.04, Block 382 and 448 Kenneth Avenue, Lot 6.05, Block 382 in South Plainfield.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Fourth M.P.P.L. Realty Company for public improvements at 440 Kenneth Avenue, Lot 6.04, Block 382 and 448 Kenneth Avenue, Lot 6.05, Block 382, listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held March 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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\$35.00 February, 21, 2003



# SPHS Tigers Win 1st Division Title In 12 Years

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The Tigers weren't without any other support though as senior Phil Veinott used some of the emotion that went along with senior night to his advantage as he collected 12 points, eight rebounds, and two steals. Gary Houston continues to have a hot hand off the bench as he also scored 12

points and grabbed three rebounds. Darren Smith scored six points and got three rebounds, Mike Allocco had four points, two rebounds, and an assist, and even Ryan Decker and Mike Richard got into the act as Decker scored a basket and had an assist on the basket by Richard late in the game to cap the win.

Earlier in the week, the Tigers took on another White Division foe in Woodbridge at home and chalked up their tenth victory in a row with a 58-43 victory. Ian Robinson had 17 points including nine in the third quarter as broke away from a 21-20 halftime edge with a 19-11 spurt for a 40-31 advantage. Marquis Jones

also helped as he pumped in 15 points while the Tigers shot 18 of 23 at the foul line for the game. Gary Houston also chipped in again with another solid performance as he scored eight points while Mike Allocco added six.

Looking ahead, the Tigers were set to square off against the Metuchen Bulldogs in the preliminary round of the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament on Tuesday night, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m., but that was postponed until the following night, Feb. 18.—that is if

the weather cooperates. As of the time of this report, a major snowstorm was moving up the east coast and is expected to bring 12 to 24 inches of snow by Monday night, which could cause school closings throughout the area.

Anyway, Metuchen, the 29th seed in the GMCT is 2-19 on the year, and led by Chris Carr, who recently scored his 1,000th point. The Tigers should get past this round and move on to the next round where they'll face the winner of the North Brunswick.

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