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School Board Candidates Announced

Five candidates have announced they will be running for the three open school board seats.

Two incumbents, one former board member and a newcomer will be on the ballot.

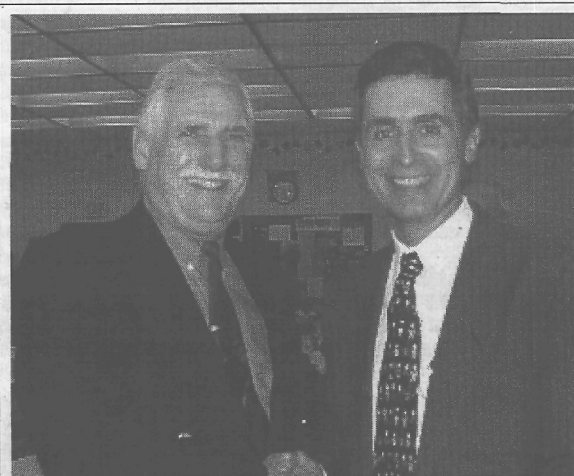
Seeking re-election this year is Board President Frank Mikorski, who has served for three terms, and Sue Peck, who is completing her first term on the School Board.

Also running is former board member Jeff Seider, who lost in a close election last year, Mike English, South Plainfield Recreation Director and former Mayor and Patrick Kelly who is running for the first time.

The school board election is set for Tuesday, April 15. Also on the ballot will be the 2003/2004 fiscal school budget, which by law must be approved by the voters.

School Board members serve for three-year terms. Although elected locally, school board members are considered state officials, not local.

School boards make policies that guide local curriculums and instruction and also oversee personnel policies, fiscal management and the upkeep of the building. They do not run the schools themselves; that day to day responsibility is carried out by the school superintendent.



Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas Butler welcomes South Plainfield's new school head, Dr. Robert Rosado to his new post.

BOD Welcomes New Superintendent

Last Wednesday evening South Plainfield officially welcomed Dr. Robert Rosado as the Superintendent of Schools.

The event took place in the high school cafeteria and was well attended.

Welcoming Dr. Rosado were outgoing Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas Butler, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mario Barbieri, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Edward Isbicki, Board President Frank

Mikorski, along with the rest of the school board, principals from the schools in the district, Mayor Dan Gallagher and members of Borough Council, Police Chief Bob Merkler, Jack Pedersen, president of the South Plainfield Business Association, along with many others.

Dr. Rosado, who has been superintendent of schools in Verona for the past 10 years, was on the job Monday morning in his office.

Dr. Rosado, his wife and two children reside in Livingston.

Former Councilwoman Sues Mayor, Council Over Borough Job

Suit sites sexual harassment, discrimination

Former South Plainfield Councilwoman Darlene Pinto has started legal action against the Borough of South Plainfield, naming the Democratic Party, the Borough Council and, individually, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Dennis Cerami and Democratic Party Chairman Patrick Diegnan. The 'Notice of Tort Claim' was delivered to Borough Hall on Monday.

Pinto claims she has been subjected to sexual harassment, sex, gender and marital status discrimination and political discrimination to name just a few items.

Pinto's suit claims that she was promised the job of Deputy Tax Collector/Principal Cashier after the retirement of Mary Ellen Grabarz. She says that with her banking and business background, she is more than qualified to hold the position.

Pinto said she had asked Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Gallagher and several councilmen whether she should apply for the job, and was under the impression they were all in agreement she was more than qualified, and encouraged

her to apply.

Pinto states that a meeting held at Dennis Cerami's house (which she claims violates the Sunshine Law) a vicious campaign was waged against her, attacking her character and discussing her marital as well as financial status. After the meeting she was told that "due to political reasons," she could not have the position.

When contacted about the pending suit on Tuesday, Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan said that he had not yet seen it. "The fact that her attorney is releasing it to the news media before the Borough is even served, takes the work the 'frivolous' to a new level." He added, "Pinto is suing us for being non-political, and in the end, it just demeans the person who will be appointed to the job."

Pinto did apply for the job when it was posted and was interviewed a few weeks ago, but has heard nothing as of yet.

She is seeking damages for lost wages, pain and humiliation, emotional distress, punitive damages and attorney fees.

Tiger Run Reaches Historic Proportions

SPHS Boys Basketball Team Win Streak Hits 14 Straight, Lose in Semis By Two

Chalk up another accomplishment for the 2002-2003 edition of the South Plainfield High School Varsity Boys Basketball team. For the first time since that mighty 1990-91 team twelve years ago, the Tigers advanced to the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament Semifinals, where they took on top seeded Cardinal McCarrick (formerly St. Mary's) of South Amboy on Tuesday night at East Brunswick High School. It appeared the Tigers would be victorious, controlling things for the three quarters. But with 4:48 remaining, McCarrick took its first lead and held on to finish 65, South Plainfield 63.

While it was a disappointing loss, it was a terrific game and the Tigers have much for which to be proud.

The Tigers reached this point by winning their fourteenth straight game as they defeated the basketball tradition-rich school of Perth Amboy, a team that SPHS has historically never beaten in either regular season or conference tournament play since the Greater Middlesex Conference inaugural season in 1985-86. Prior to that, the closest South Plainfield ever came to beating Amboy was in January, 1986 when the Tigers led by their all-time

leading scorer, Joey Thompson lost to the Red Division and Group IV perennial power, 48-47.

The streak of futility against Amboy also included losses in the first round of the GMCT in both 1993 and 1997 as the Tigers lost both contests 76-32 and 56-38 respectively. However, this is a much different year with much different teams as this Tiger team has a suffocating defense, and defense stops good offense, which is what Amboy has. Especially, when you consider they have one of the best backcourt tandems in the conference this year with Jermaine Clark and Denny Gomez. But, they wouldn't have their way with the Tigers on this day as they were held to a combined 16 points on the day.

Meanwhile, the Tigers were led again by Marquis Jones, who had another great all around game with 20 points, five rebounds, and three steals. Corey Gilmore was again the key though as he shutdown Clark, as the sophomore sensation guard from Amboy only had five points the entire game under the intense pressure from Gilmore, and sixth man Gary Houston, who added two points, two rebounds, and two assists. Gilmore

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The South Plainfield High School Boys Basketball team was on a 14-game winning streak until falling 65-63 to top seeded Cardinal McCarrick (formerly St. Mary's) of South Amboy on Tuesday night at East Brunswick High School. The Tigers set a record in this season.

Mark your calendars

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meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING **PUBLIC MEETING**

Monday, March 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

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 plan 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

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor

My name is Michael English and I am running for a position on the South Plainfield Board of Education. I think all of us realize that a good solid education opens the doors to opportunity for the rest of one's life. And I know that you would agree that every child deserves that foundation.

I am a lifelong resident, married with two grown sons, and am currently the Director of Recreation for South Plainfield. I have served as a Councilperson and Mayor from 1977 to 1986. I also have had the privilege of working in the high school as a social studies teacher, moderator of several student activities, and a soccer coach.

Every town has the responsibility to provide children with the tools they will need to be successful. Our town has the right ingredients: dedicated teaching staff; a professional administration; and parents who are willing to motivate their children. We have to come up with the right formula to make the ingredients produce intelligent graduates.

In each letter I would like to suggest ways that will enhance the formula. Today I want to discuss the SAT scores. Some of our students do very well and that is to be expected. But too many are scoring below the national and state average. Why? I suggest that we are not preparing all the test takers. The high school offers an elective SAT Prep Course early in the morning to those students who want to take it. Most of those who do are the ones who do well on the test. Well, why don't we make it mandatory for all juniors who plan on taking the SATs to take the course as one of their core curriculum requirements? Instead of 60 plus students in a voluntary AM class, why not several classes with 20 plus students for all those who plan on taking the test? I know that there will be those who say we should not be teaching to a test, but tell that to the student who gets rejected by the college of their choice because of SAT scores. Together, we can make a good system better. Thank you for your time and consideration.

MICHAEL ENGLISH

Dear Editor:

Lewis Howard Latimer was the only black member of Thomas Edison's engineering laboratory and is credited with inventing an electric lamp and a carbon-filament for light bulbs in 1881. Years later in 1914, Garrett Augustus Morgan, an African-American scientist, invented a gas mask that was used to protect soldiers in World War I. The problem, however, is that far too few people have ever heard of these men before. With February designated "Black History Month", though, many African-Americans' contributions will finally be recognized.

The importance of this nationwide

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event stems from the years in American history when African-Americans' achievements were not acknowledged. The growth of African-American history was often stunted by prejudice and failure to honor accomplishments made by the African-American community. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who established Negro History Week in 1926, said that sharing knowledge of African history would, "build self-esteem among African Americans and help eliminate prejudice among whites." Expanded in 1976 as a month long celebration, Black History Month is dedicated to celebrating the contributions and achievements of African-Americans.

The historic accomplishments of men like Lewis Howard Latimer and Garrett Augustus Morgan deserve recognition and the observance of Black History Month allows us a concerted effort at overcoming years of prejudice. This month-long commemoration calls on the present generation of all Americans to foster a multi-cultural environment that recognizes the achievements of all races.

**SINCERELY,
ASSEMBLYMAN PETER J. BARNES,
EDISON AND
ASSEMBLYMAN PATRICK J.
DIEGMAN, SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

Dear Editor,

We wish you could have used our pictures in your coverage of the latest snow storm. This picture was taken on Oakmanor Parkway and was the second time the plow was stuck on our street, but not the last time. We be-



lieve this would not have happened had the street been plowed earlier.

The residents of Oakmanor Parkway don't understand why it took 36 hours before a plow arrived to plow our street. Oakmanor Pkwy. had about six to eight inches of snow left on the street, yet other streets were down to the blacktop! (The street was originally plowed about 3 a.m. on Monday morning, and NO plows came back until 3:30 p.m. TUESDAY afternoon). Numerous residents had to call out of work because they couldn't drive down the street. One resident had to call around to find someone with a four-wheel drive truck, large enough to come pick them up to go for a dialysis treatment. Can someone tell us why this street seems to continuously get overlooked? What would have happened had there been an emergency? Would the borough be responsible??

One thing we have noticed, is that those streets where either borough employees, local police, or local government officials live seem to always get cleaned up quite quickly. Numerous phone calls to both the Public Works Department and the mayor's office didn't seem to bring the plows here too quickly — what do we have to look forward to the next time it snows???

Maybe someone there can find out why this street seems to be 'left to fend for itself'!

**CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF
OAKMANOR PARKWAY**

We're Looking for Servicemen and Women

The Observer is attempting to compile a list of all South Plainfield resident, or their relatives (son, daughter, husband, wife, etc.), who are presently on active duty in the military. We would like to recognize them for their patriotic duty and the obvious sacrifice each is making in serving our country. With the help of our readers, we would like to start a letter writing campaign or send them their hometown paper.

Marie Smith, the proud mother of a U.S. Army serviceman, has offered to make a flag for any mother of a serviceman or woman from South Plain-

field. If you would like a flag, contact Marie at (908) 226-7705 (day) or at (908) 791-0735 (evening).

Last week we incorrectly stated that Marie's son was in the Marines; he is in the Army.

If you have a relative in the service, please contact us through our webpage, spobserver.com, email at ggnan@aol.com, by fax (908) 668-8819 or call (908) 668-0010. Include your name, the person serving, in what branch he/she is serving, if you have a way to contact them, and contact number to reach you for more information.

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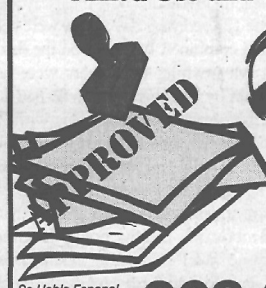
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Lions Club of South Plainfield Collecting Used Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

The Lions Club of South Plainfield is continuing to collect used eyeglasses of all types, sizes and in any condition, including sun glasses (prescription and non-prescription) lenseless frames, lenses, safety glasses, eyeglass cases and hearing aids.

At the present time, Lions collection boxes are located at the following South Plainfield locations: The *Observer* Newspaper Office on Hamilton Blvd., the library, the post office, the Municipal Bldg., the new Senior Citizen Center, CVS Pharmacy on Oak Tree Rd. (near the A&P), Twin City Pharmacy on Park Ave. Also at Wal-Mart Vision Center in Wal-Mart on Centennial Ave. in Piscataway and Dr. Raymond Snyder's office on Park Ave. in Plainfield. Within the next few weeks, additional boxes will be set up in banks in the area. Look for the "LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT" boxes.

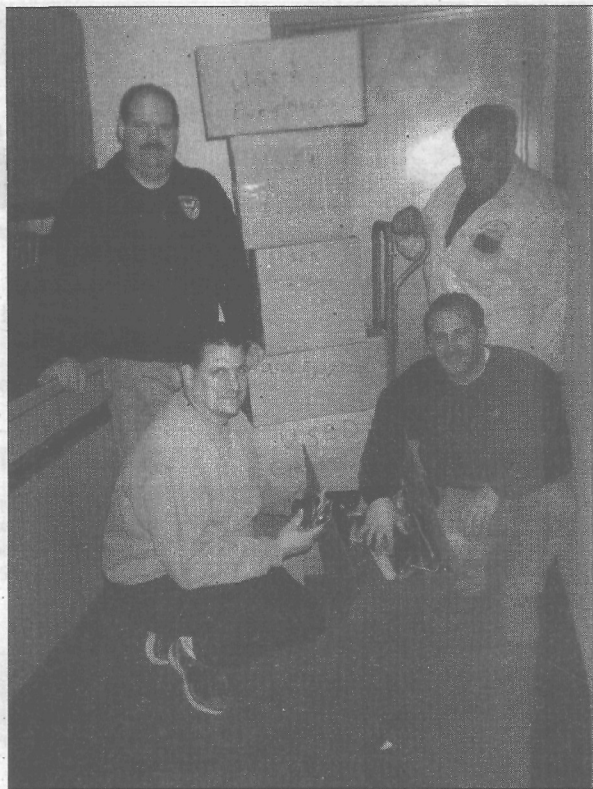
Lions Club President Bob Desch explained that used glasses are collected and sent to the New Jersey Lions Eye Glass Recycle Center. They are cleaned and with the use of a Lensometer, prescriptions are placed on them. They

are then sorted, bagged and stacked until they are distributed to the needy in third World Countries.

The South Plainfield Lions Club has already collected over 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses over the past several months. Lions members want to express their appreciation to the residents of South Plainfield and the surrounding areas who have donated glasses.

The Lions Club, which serves the blind and hearing impaired, have been overwhelmed with the support that the community has given them, not only in the collection of used eye glasses, but with every fundraising function and event they have held over the past 56 years of their existence in South Plainfield.

In the coming weeks, they will be installing five new members and they are still looking for new members who would like to join the club. If you are interested, see any Lion's Club member or write to: South Plainfield Lions Club, P.O. Box 721, South Plainfield NJ 07080. The Lions meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Holiday Inn on Stetson Rd. in South Plainfield.



South Plainfield Lions Club members serving on the used eyeglass and hearing aid committee are shown boxing used eyeglasses. Pictured are Ron DeSclafani, Brian Capparelli, Mike Grennier and Mario Abbruzzesse.

Blizzard Wiped Out Area Platelet Supply, Threatens Community Blood Supply

As a result of the blizzard, New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS) has critically few platelets available and therefore has declared a platelet emergency. Additionally, NJBS was not able to collect any blood on Monday because all the blood drives that were scheduled for Monday had to be cancelled. On Tuesday, a few of the drives that were scheduled actually happened and only 12% of the estimated pints needed were collected. A continued shortfall of whole blood donations is expected this week as area residents deal with the storm's aftermath, resulting in blood shortage predictions for the community.

NJBS is therefore urging all those eligible to donate platelets or whole blood. Eligible donors can call 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566) for a convenient location and time to donate.

Area hospitals and their patients rely on NJBS for their supply of whole blood and platelets everyday. Platelets, which have only a five-day shelf life, are small, colorless components in blood that help control bleeding. Platelets are needed for chronically-ill patients and especially for those battling all types of cancer.

"Blood centers are a lifeline to hospital patients and act as a pipeline that needs to steadily flow from generous donor to needy recipient. But that pipeline needs regular replenishment. The blizzard literally shut down our ability to keep that pipeline flowing,

and we simply must build are inventory of platelets and whole blood or patients may not get the life-saving care they require," explained John Giandelone, Executive Vice President, New Jersey Blood Services.

All those who are at least age 17, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health are urged to donate platelets or blood to help the community in this hour of crisis. To learn where donations can be made or to schedule a convenient appointment, call 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566).

The blood donation process takes less than an hour and includes a free mini medical exam (temperature, iron count, pulse rate and blood pressure).

Photo or signature ID is required and knowledge of Social Security Number.

New Jersey Blood Services urges any potential donor to confirm his/her eligibility with blood center personnel before self-deferring. Anyone with general questions should call 1-800-933-2566 or for specific medical inquiries they can call 1-800-688-0900.

New Jersey Blood Services conducts an estimated 250 drives a month and must collect approximately 120,000 pints of blood annually in order to serve the hospitals and patients in our community.

Committee Seeking Hall of Fame Nominees

The South Plainfield Hall of Fame Committee is again holding their search for candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established at South Plainfield High School to recognize outstanding graduates as leaders in their fields who could serve as role models for current and future students.

To be eligible, all Hall of Fame candidates must have graduated South Plainfield High School at least 15 years prior to nomination and they must have achieved a prominent position in their careers or made a significant contributor to the world/community.

Those candidates selected will be honored at a luncheon and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the High School's annual Academic Awards Program on June 3. The nominees will also have their photographs and biographies displayed on the "Hall of Fame" at the High School.

Community members interested in obtaining a Hall of Fame nomination form should call Anthony Massaro at (908) 754-4620. The application deadline is April 4.

Volunteers Sought For Clean-up Week

Are you tired of snow and cold? Start thinking about spring by putting Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week on your calendar! The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a Borough-wide cleanup in mid-April.

The main clean-up event will be on Saturday morning, April 12. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Borough Hall parking lot at 2480 Plainfield Ave. to collect equipment and clean-up assignments.

We will target roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots. All volunteers will be invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a Pizza Pickup Picnic, complete with environmentally friendly door prizes.

Residents are welcome to organize a crew, or to come on their own.

Call Alice Tempel, Clean Communities Coordinator, at (908) 226-7621 for more information.



Rescue Squad Captain Ron Sward accepts a check from South Plainfield Lions Club President Bob Desch.

Rescue Squad Gets \$500 Donation from Lions Club

The Lions Club of South Plainfield presented a \$500 check to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad at a recent club meeting held at the Holiday Inn in South Plainfield.

Lions Club President Bob Desch presented the check to Rescue Squad Captain Ron Sward, who attended

the meeting to present a brief lecture on the workings of the Rescue Squad and their need to raise a considerable amount of money each year to keep the squad active.

Sward also gave a demonstration, with the assistance of Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma, on how to save someone from choking on food with the use of the Heimlich Maneuver.

Lion members were very interested in his lecture and asked many questions on the workings of the Rescue Squad.

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Events

Republican Meeting Rescheduled

February 27

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization, postponed due to the snowstorm, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the American Legion hall on Oak Tree Rd. All committee members are urged to attend this important meeting. Any resident who would like to become involved with the organization, or have concerns about the borough that should be addressed, are also invited to attend.

Country Breakfast At VFW

March 2

A Country breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 2 at VFW Post 6763, located at 155 Front St., from 8 to 11 a.m. A varied menu will be served. Donation is \$5, children 12 and under \$2.50.

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

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 your 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.

OLC Chicken Dinner

March 8

Our Lady of Czestochowa will hold their annual chicken dinner on Saturday, March 8, 4-8 p.m.

The dinner includes a ¼ chicken, baked potato, stuffing, applesauce, dinner roll, dessert, coffee, tea and milk.

Cost is \$7 for adults, children 5-12 are \$3.50. Children under 5 are free.

For pick up orders, call (908) 753-4077 after 3 p.m.

SEND YOUR EVENTSTO:

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9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
EVENTS Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30 Yoga 10:30-11:30am	Tax Prep Assistance, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m. to noon. March 12-Senior Center Meeting Guest Speaker Alyson Cook, NJ Dep of Consumer Affairs		Shopping at Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am AARP Tax Preparation	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				

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

Senior Center Membership Meeting

March 13

The Senior Center membership meeting is March 13. All members are invited. Monthly meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Speaker for this meeting will be Allison Cook of the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. The topic will be "Fraud against Seniors"—what you should know and how to avoid being taken.

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Party

March 15

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is having their annual St. Patrick's Day party. The event will be held on Saturday, March 15, at the Knights hall, located at 334 Hamilton Blvd. from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes a corned beef and cabbage dinner. It also includes an open bar (beer, wine and soda) and a DJ will play classic Irish music.

If interested, contact Jim Shea at 908-756-0478 for tickets. Seats are limited.

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.

Senior Center to Visit Lancaster, Pa.

May 29 & 30

The So. Plainfield Senior Center will offer an overnight trip to Lancaster, Pa. on May 29 and 30. The bus trip includes transportation, one night's hotel accommodations at the Hawthorn Inn, tickets to a performance of "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village and Rockvale Square outlets, dinner on Thursday, breakfast on Friday, hotel tax and service. The cost is \$159 per person based on double occupancy. For reservations, stop by the Senior Center at 90 Maple Avenue. A deposit of \$59 per person is required.

— Out of Town —

Alliance Presents "Spinning into Butter"

Through March 1

Alliance Repertory Theatre Company is pleased to announce its production, "Spinning into Butter." The remaining dates are Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 at The Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St. in Bound Brook.

Performances are 8 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 Apr. 12, in

Senior Center EVENTS

New Brunswick, Morristown and Waldwick. The program is sponsored by VSA Arts of NJ, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing accessible arts opportunities to children and adults with disabilities.

Saturday sessions provide young people with experiences in music and art, while developing communication, social and cognitive skills. Young people ages three to 17 are invited to participate.

Contact Karen Singer at VSA Arts of NJ at (732) 745-3885, 745-3913 (TTY) or info@vsanjan.org.

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. 28.1."

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.

SingleFaces Dances Planned

March 1

SingleFaces Dances—Elegant Locations for Sophisticated Singles will hold dances on the following dates and places:

Saturday, March 1 at 9 p.m. Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South, Exit 131A GSP in Iselin, \$12.

Sunday, March 2, the Shadowbrook on Rt. 35 in Shrewsbury. 7-11 p.m. in the Oak Room, buffet dinner dance, \$15.

Friday, March 7, 9 p.m. at the Old Orchard Manor, 54 Monmouth Rd. in Eatontown, \$12.

World Day of Prayer

March 7

World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, Plainfield Unit, will hold a service on Friday,

March 7, 1:30 p.m., at the United Church of Christ, 220 West Seventh and Madison Ave. in Plainfield.

Women in the country of Lebanon, north of Israel, wrote this service of Music and reflection. "Holy Spirit, Fill Us," is the theme. Everyone in the community is welcome.

AIDS Benefit/ Auction

March 8

The AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey (ABCNJ) will hold its annual Gala Auction on March 8 at the Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. Last year because of the gifts and efforts of volunteers and volunteer board, ABCNJ raised over \$100,000. The committee's goal this year is to eclipse last year's phenomenal success.

Tickets are \$100 (which include a surprise door prize, dinner, cocktails, and the entertainment of John Bramick as the MC for the auction) and can be purchased by calling (908) 928-1600 or (908) 822-8553. If you cannot attend and want to contribute, donations can be sent to: ABCNJ, P.O. Box 847, Westfield, NJ 07091-0847.

21st Watchung Hills Coin Club Show

March 9

The 21st Annual Watchung Hills Coin Club Show will be held on Sunday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, located at 375 Union Ave. in Bridgewater.

Approximately 35 dealers from the tri-state area will be buying, selling and trading U.S. and foreign coins and paper money. Admission is free.

For more information contact Peter Doelger (732) 469-0446.

Mendham Rotary Antique Show

March 22-23

Mendham Rotary Club's 22nd Annual Spring Antique Show will be held March 22-23. More than 45 antique dealers from New Jersey and New York gather to offer collectors a selection of furniture, prints, glass, quilts, porcelain, tools, linens, brass, and books. Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The \$6 donation supports humanitarian and scholarship projects. The event takes place at the West Morris Mendham High School, Rt 510/124, Mendham. For more information call (973) 543-2552.

Union Catholic "Birthday Bash" Tricky Tray Auction

March 28

"Birthday Bash", to honor Union Catholic's 40th Anniversary year, is the theme of the annual "tricky tray" auction sponsored by the Parents Guild of Union Catholic High School.

The auction is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. March 28 in the Union Catholic cafeteria, located at 1600 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.

Baskets that will be available at the various theme tables include seasonal, food, recreational, craft, sports, local restaurant gift certificates, etc.

An \$8 admission fee includes one sheet of bid tickets, light refreshments, coffee and tea. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks to enjoy during the auction. There is ample parking and the cafeteria is handicapped accessible. No children under 18 years old will be admitted. For more information call (908) 889-1600.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Shannon Bishop Named to Dean's List

Shannon Bishop of South Plainfield was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2002 semester at Rowan University.

Shannon is enrolled in a 5-year Master's Program with a double major in Elementary Education and Special Education.

Sacred Heart School Honors Distinguished Alumni

In conjunction with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our parish school, this Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, we will recognize two distinguished alumni.

Richard W. McCriskin, Class of 1965 and William C. McCriskin, Class of 1968. On July 1, 1976 Richard McCriskin, president and founder, opened the doors of McCriskin Home for Funerals at 2425 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield. He was joined by his brother William McCriskin, as co-owner several years later. They are

licensed morticians who are actively involved in our local Business and Church communities. They see their work as a vocation, and an opportunity to minister to the people who employ their services.

Rich and Bill give their time, talent and treasure as stewards of God's good gifts. They will receive the National Catholic Educational Association Distinguished Graduate Award. Join us in the school cafeteria for the reception after Mass and meet them.



(Left to right) Sacred Heart School Principal Sister Cornelia Ramirez, Richard McCriskin, William McCriskin and Sacred Heart Pastor, Rev. John Paul Alvarado.

Union Catholic High School Announces Honor Roll

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains announced the names of South Plainfield students placed on the First and Second Honor Roll for the Second Marking Quarter of the 2002-2003 school year.

To qualify for First Honors distinction a student must have a grade point average of 3.6. Second Honor Roll requires a grade point average of 3.0.

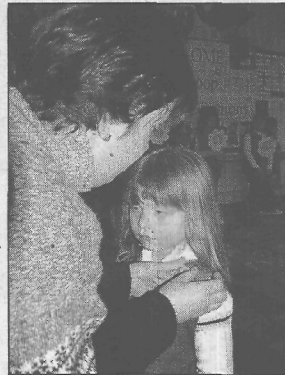
First Honors

Grade 10-Laura Marybeth Tran;
Grade 9-Louis Carus.

Second Honors

Grade 11-Heather Hanley and Kristina Lopez; Grade 9-Kristin Barko and Genna Pinto.

South PlainfieldScouting



Daisy Troop 774 Moves Up to Girl Scouting

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Riley School's Daisy Troop 774 recently held their Investiture Ceremony making the ten young ladies official Girl Scouts. The simple ceremony began with a grand entrance, each girl carrying a large cardboard daisy. The smiling youths wearing their blue uniform smocks introduced themselves to the audience of parents and friends. Daisy's age 5-6 are the youngest of the Girl Scout family.

After the girls received their pins from leaders Stephanie Mann and Karen Calderone, the girls each added a different colored petal with a Girl Scout law written on it to a large board forming a daisy. The back of each petal held the child's own personal and often amusing rendering of the law. The laws are; be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, responsible for what I say and do, respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl. At the ceremony's end, each girl was given fresh daisies. Afterwards, the new scouts admired their pins and enjoyed refreshments.

The girls had a head start on becoming Daisies. They have been working since September and their smock uniforms already held the center of a daisy or "Promise Center" a patch awarded after they learn the Girl Scout Promise and two petals. The girls earned the spring green petal, being considerate and caring when they made Christmas ornaments for the Senior Center tree. The dark green petal, using resources wisely was earned by making the daisies used at the ceremony out of recycled cereal boxes and paint sticks.

South Plainfield currently has 60 Girl Scout troops. There are five age

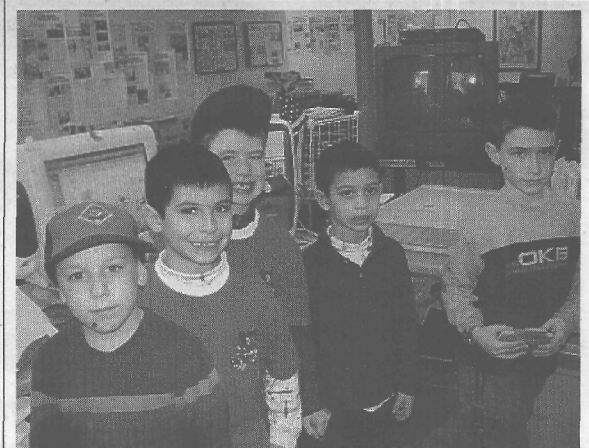


Daisy Troop 774 girls celebrate their advancement to Girl Scouting at a ceremony in their honor.

levels in Girl Scouting: Daisy Girl Scouts, ages 5-6; Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 6-8; Junior Girl Scouts, ages 8-11; Cadette Girl Scouts, ages 11-14; and Senior Girl Scouts, ages 14-17. South Plainfield scouts are part of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council

which serves 21 communities in 24 towns. A combined membership of girls and adults that ranges from 10,500 to 11,500.

For information on joining Girl Scouting or becoming a leader, call Joanne Orlowski at 753-2527.



Tiger Cubs, Den 5, Pack 224 from Riley School visited the Observer to learn how a newspaper is made. Pictured are Jonathan Heilman, Daniel Vargas, Sean Flanagan, Matthew Vargas and Kevin Flanagan.

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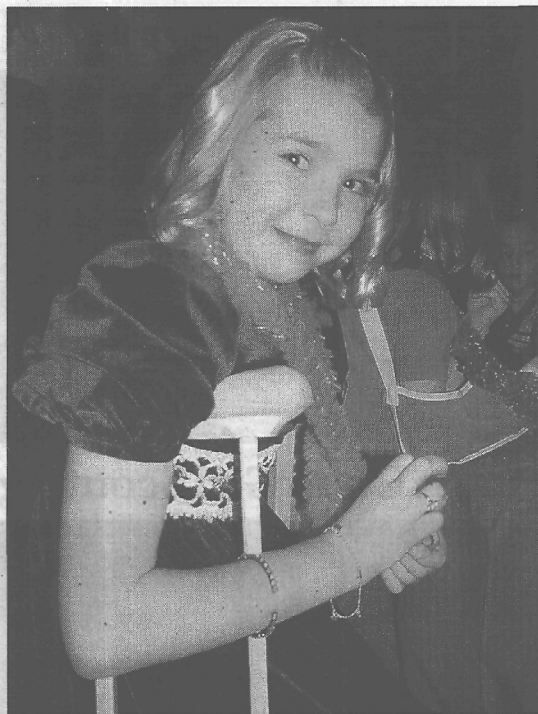
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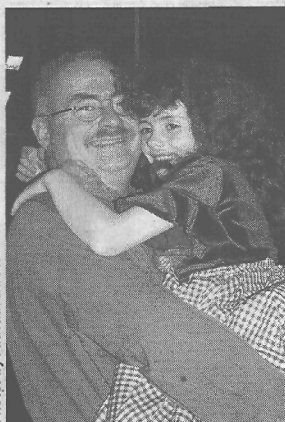
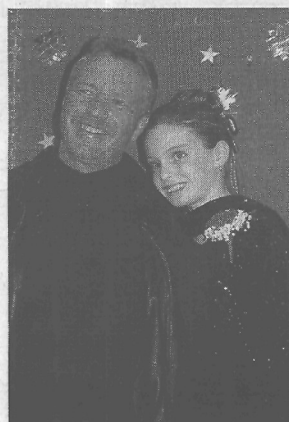
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Sugar and Spice & Everything Nice...

Riley School recently held their Annual Father/Daughter Dance. The theme was "winter". Over 100 dads and young ladies attended the event.



Photos by Patricia Abbott

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Job Information Center at Library

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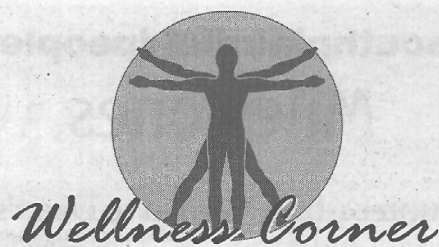
The South Plainfield Free Public Library, located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (adjacent to the Municipal Building) has planned the following programs for February and March as part of the library's Job Information Center:

- Saturday, 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.

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.



Osteoarthritis

Recently, as I was watching television (and indulging in the time-honored male pastime of dodging commercials via my handy clicker), I happened across a pharmaceutical commercial that dealt with osteoarthritis. Now, if I didn't know better, I would think the only way to treat this disorder was the medication the commercial was pushing—which is, of course, probably what this company *wanted* me to infer: That is, after all, how they make their money.

Fortunately, I *do* know better.

Now don't get me wrong. Obviously medication is extremely helpful in numerous cases.

Unfortunately, we live in a pill-happy society. From taking painkillers to mask pain and discomfort without finding and addressing the underlying cause to taking antibiotics for viral conditions, the overuse and misuse of medicine is one of the most prevalent and difficult to control problems facing the health-care community today.

But, as usual, I digress. That's an article for another time.

After watching the commercial about the benefits of this particular drug as related to osteoarthritis, I thought it might also be helpful to discuss some of the other ways of dealing with this condition—ways that, when properly utilized, can be as or even more effective in the long-term.

What is Osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis, more commonly called arthritis, is a condition wherein the cartilage and outer surface of a bone begin to wear down, and wear out, sooner than they should. Instead of having nice smooth contours at the end of the bone, rough and uneven edges begin to form. Traumatic events such as car accidents, football injuries (think about how often a crushing hit looks like a train wreck; retired players regularly contract arthritis, and even those late in their careers but still active, like Emmitt Smith, must be on the lookout for the telltale signs I list below) or even slips and falls can set in motion the arthritic process. Even such seemingly innocuous activities as constant repetitive motions, such as seen in factory assembly line workers,

can be the cause. Sometimes it's just the poor luck of bad genetics that leads to arthritis.

Symptoms of osteoarthritis can range from extreme stiffness after rest or sleep, creaking or cracking noises in the joint(s), discomfort and/or an inability to move/maneuver the joint as freely as once you

did. Any of these can place undo or added stress and pressure on the muscles and supporting structures surrounding the arthritic joint. Most commonly, diagnosing the problem is a result of assessing the above symptoms... or through an x-ray to confirm the earlier stages if these are not yet extreme.

What Options Are Available???

Well, as mentioned above, pharmaceutical interaction and medications are used in the treatment of osteoarthritis, and are often appropriate and effective. There are other methods, though, which should be considered and employed before resorting to those.

1. Diet

Fried foods and red meat limit the body's ability to deal with inflammation and swelling. Conversely, fresh fruits and vegetables, along with antioxidants, work to help the body better deal with the inflammatory process. Extra weight can place added stress on already weakened joints.

2. Regular Exercise Regimen

Helping to maintain, or regain, your mobility and strength is key to the management of arthritis. Depending upon its progress, appropriate activities may include stretching, yoga, light aerobics and even brisk walking. Water or aquatic exercise have been shown to be extremely helpful in more severe cases.

[As you might have expected, once again, eating right and getting/staying fit is critical to treating this disorder naturally.]

3. Chiropractic Care

Chiropractic is usually helpful in restoring spinal alignment and balance while allowing the bones to move with greater ease and mobility. Consult with your chiropractor to see which of the many treatments is optimal for you.



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From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Just before we finish up February, here's more news from South Plainfield Library:

We're between groups on the Video Circuit today. The next group should be available early next week.

We've got our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs next week. Those programs are for children age 3 and over; no pre-registration is required. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. They're held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. If you'd like more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

Here's are a couple of reminders: When you return an item you've borrowed, please make sure you return all of that item. To be more specific, some things in our collection have multiple parts, like books on audiocassette, for example. It can be very easy, when you have a 10-tape set, to forget to return one of those tapes. In order to avoid an unnecessary trip back to the Library, please make sure that you've returned the complete set of whatever you borrowed. Check the case to make sure everything (or even anything) is inside, make sure that any included items are with the main item, etc. As always, we appreciate your help with this.

Second, it's always a good idea to hang onto the receipt you receive when you borrow from us. A number of people still think that we place a "date due" card in the back of each book or item; that hasn't been the case for several years. Your receipt is the only listing you'll get of the due dates for each item you borrow. In addition, if you want to renew something, the receipt lists not only the regular Library phone number, but also the number for our "Elvis" computer system. If you're using the "Elvis" computer, you'll need the bar code numbers of each item; your receipt helpfully lists those numbers. (Be advised, though, that the "Patron ID" number on the slip is *not* your personal bar code number; that's found on your library card.) The receipt also lists the checkout date and time, and even the library's operating hours. As previously noted, it's always a good idea to hang onto them. But, don't go overboard; unless you want to remem-

ber what you've already read, you don't have to keep them for years on end. They're not tax returns, after all.

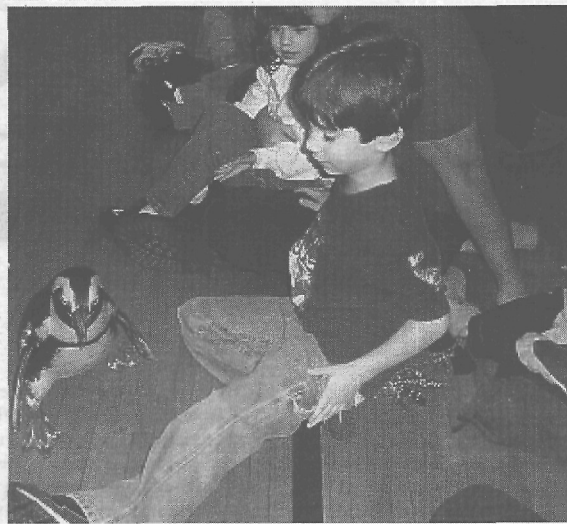
Finally, the following is not directed to the vast majority of our readers, who are honest and law-abiding citizens. Rather, this is directed to the criminal (yes, we said *criminal*) who's recently been stealing the inside pages of our copy of the *Observer* and leaving the rest on our newspaper rack. We aren't at all amused by your theft of our periodical. We urge you to stop doing this immediately. Otherwise, we will keep a very sharp eye open and we will eventually catch you. When that happens, you will be dealt with in whatever manner we see fit. And if that means calling the police, having you arrested and having you hauled before a judge, so be it. You have been warned.

With that stern note, we'll close today's column. Thanks for your attention, and Happy St. David's Day tomorrow.

Future Stars Learn a Real Live Lesson

Each year Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant sends a penguin from one of their exhibits to help Future Stars students learn about the letter "p."

Eight year-old Onyx, an African Penguin, stopped in for a visit and waddled around as the children squealed and laughed. Everything from how they are born to their eating and sleeping habits was discussed in great detail. The letter "p" is one that everyone attending will remember for some time to come.



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Applications For 2003 Tylenol Scholarships Now Available

Students in health-related fields now have another source for tuition assistance. The 2003 Tylenol Scholarship will be awarding grants totaling \$250,000, including 10 grants of \$10,000 each, to 160 outstanding students pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in a variety of health-related fields.

McNeil awards the Tylenol Scholarship in conjunction with local retailers, who help support the promotion of this program at the community level. Winners are selected on the basis of leadership in community and school activities, grade point average and intended focus on healthcare-related areas of study. Recipients will be notified by Scholarship America by July 15.

Applications must be postmarked by Apr. 30. Information and applications are on display in the following participating retailers: Albertson's, CVS, Eckerd, K-Mart, Kroger, Rite Aid, Target, Wal-Mart and Walgreen's stores and on the Tylenol website at www.tylenol.com.



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Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

High School Tigers Fall to North Hunterdon in Finals

The Tigers disposed of Hamilton West to reach the finals of the Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championships. The Tigers, who have been hampered by injuries all year, were once again shorthanded, but they came to wrestle and they gave North Hunterdon all they could handle in the early going, and led 22-15 through nine bouts.

The match started at 145, with Guy Severini dropping down from his normal 152 spot to take on Allen Cozze. Severini, avenging a loss to Cozze in last year's final, came through with a 4-3 decision. Coach McCann then forfeited the next two weight classes, with Glenn Gross bumping up to 171 to face Dan Gargas, but that backfired when Gross dropped a 6-2 decision. With Joe DeBiase out, the Tigers had Steve Johnston battle Rob Pellechio

at 189. It was a technical battle which was won by Johnston in double OT. Rob Maistickle (215) came out and wrestled a smart tough match against Dan Shafer and came away with a big 3-2 decision. Ryan Elliot (heavyweight) seems to be back to normal after posting a major decision victory 11-2. Jimmy Conroy (103) kept things going when he pinned Dennis Boyle at 3:17. Viet Vo (112) came through with another big win when he knocked off Darren Vandoren 6-0 to give the Tigers a 22-15 lead. But that's where it ended. North won the next five bouts, coming away with the victory 41-22. The Tigers finished 11-4 on the season and should have possibly won a couple of those close matches. Regardless, this team battled back all year long, faced the challenge and had a great season. Congratulations.

District Tournament This Weekend

The Tigers now head into the District Tournament as defending champions starting Friday night with preliminaries and quarter final round action. The semi-finals and finals and consolations are on Saturday. Good luck to Coach McCann and all the Tiger wrestlers.

Remember Carl Riccio in Your Prayers

Carl Riccio, a 189 pound wrestler from Watchung, was seriously injured this past weekend at a match against Newton, when he came down on his head and neck and seemed to be seriously hurt. He was rushed to Newton Hospital, then flown to Morristown Memorial, where surgery was performed. It was reported that he could not feel anything in his arms and legs. On behalf of the South Plainfield wrestling community we want to extend our prayers to the Riccio family for a speedy recovery.

South Plainfield Recreation Tournament Results

The South Plainfield Tournament went off as planned, without any interference from Mother Nature. The Tournament kicked off on Saturday with the Pee Wees, Bantam and Midgets and continued Sunday with the Juniors and Intermediates. South Plainfield wrestlers fared well considering the competition on hand.

On Saturday Tiger wrestler claimed 33 overall medals including eight individual champions and seven second place finishes and 11 third place winners along with three fourths and four sixth place winners.

Claiming titles for the Tigers in the Pee Wee division was Ray Jazikoff (48). Jazikoff pinned Dylan Carpe of Howell at 1:20 for the only Pee Wee championship.

In the Bantam division Anthony Ashnault (49), won his second consecutive South Plainfield title when he teched Mike Helmstetter of Cranford 19-2. Scott Whalen (56) also had a great tournament pinning in all of his matches. He pinned Brendan Leary of Roselle Park at 2:22 in the finals. Corey Stasenko (59), won a 4-2 decision over Charlie Reed of North Hunterdon. Troy Heilmann (62) got some revenge when he won a 5-0 decision over Julian Musa of Plainfield. Musa beat Heilmann at the recent Kenilworth tournament by tech fall. Shawn Gorman (86) was in a battle with Joe Balboni of Kenilworth when Gorman scored a reversal and won 2-0. In the Midget division Ryan Sacco (67) wasted little time when he pinned Mike Flesher of Cranford in just 15 seconds. Mike Wagner 95 won his title by decision over Gabrael Connor of Roselle Park 8-5.

Second place went to Ryan Walsh (PW45), Brian Schillaci (PW SHWT), Stephen Petriello (B69), Randy Jakubik (M73), Corey Hay (M81), John Wylam (M85) and Billy Whitefleet (M SHWT).

Third place winners were Matt Vargas (PW45), Jonathan Grenier (PW48), Matt Hurst (PW54), Kyle Brady (B53), Taylor Born (B62), Alex Lundy (B HWT), Tyler Hunt (M58), Jeff Conroy (M64), Rich Szeliga

(M73), Kyle Hughes (M77) and Ryan Billich (M85).

Fourth Place winners were Inan Sikel (PW HWT), Chris Sloan (M58) and Zach Mitchell (M95). Sixth Place went to Greg Sutton (PW HWT), Bobby Kolvites (B49), Joe Jakubik (B53) and Anthony Adams (B59).

On Sunday the Tigers were equally successful with five individual champions, five second place winners, two thirds, two fourths, four fifths and three sixth place winners. The Tigers got rolling in the Junior division with Nick Heilmann (69) who got the first takedown which was enough to defeat Brenden Kennelly of Red Hawk 2-0. Patrick Hunter (80) won his fifth consecutive South Plainfield Tournament title when he scored a major decision 12-0 over Kevin Brown of Blairstown. In the Intermediate division, Robert Gentile (75) defeated Francisco Rodriguez of Perth Amboy 8-2. Billy Ashnault (89) won his second consecutive title by defeating Dan Kelly of Del Val in double overtime 5-4. Nick Dorey (108) had a good tournament winning his first two matches by fall and a winning 8-2 decision over John Mastrobuono of Mendham.

Finishing in second place were Joe Gonzales (J69), Danny Pompilio (J100), Rocco Petriello (J HWT), Bryon Hunt (J96) and Mike Jakubik (J114).

Third place winners include Nick Pauls (J69) and Mark Wagner (J120). Fourth place winners were Jonathan Conroy (J113) and Brad Martin (J120). Fifth Place went to Nick Vetusch (J80), Nick Vallone (J100), AnVo (J85) and Travis Noll (J145). Sixth place winners are Joe Vetusch (J87), Jake Smithline (J95) and Jacob Roscha (J85).

Recreation Win Streak Comes to End

The Recreation wrestling team has not lost in over four years, but they were beaten by a very balanced Kenilworth team. South Plainfield gave Kenilworth a match in the early going, but could not win the one point matches which made the difference.

Anthony Ashnault (50) got the Tigers going with a 6-2 decision over Anthony Rice. The Tigers lost the next two matches until Tyler Hunt (60) won a 5-0 decision over Nick Lospinoso. The Tigers lost the next three bouts and trailed 20-6 when

Nick Heilmann (73) scored a fall over Jesse Bell at 0:34 to cut the lead to eight. Corey Hay (77) followed with a 7-4 decision over John Calderone. After that, Tigers did not win another match. Final score Kenilworth 44-South Plainfield 15.

Wrestlers Rebound, Beat Bridgewater & Hillsborough

The Junior Tigers got back on the winning track with two big wins over Bridgewater 58-15 and Hillsborough 39-30 to close out the season.

In the Bridgewater match, Anthony Ashnault (50) won by fall. Scott Whalen (57) won by fall. Tyler Hunt (60) won by decision 6-2. Jeff Conroy (63) won by decision 4-1. Ryan Sacco (67) won by tech fall 15-0. Randy Jakubik (70), won by decision 2-0. Nick Heil-

mann (73) won by major decision 12-0. Kyle Hughes (80) won by decision 3-0. John Wylam (85) won by fall. Mike Wagner (90) won by fall. Justin Smith (95) won by major decision 12-0. Nick Vallone (102) won by decision 2-0. Jonathan Conroy (110) won by fall.

In the Hillsborough match the Tigers had a little trouble putting them away and went on to win 39-30. An-

thony Ashnault (50) won a 4-0 decision. Tyler Hunt (60) won a 9-4 decision. Ryan Sacco (67) won by decision 9-4. Nick Heilmann (73) won by fall. John Wylam (85) won a 2-0 in overtime. Mike Wagner (90) won by fall. Justin Smith (95) won by fall. Nick Vallone (102) won by fall.

On Sunday the Tigers will defend their Central Jersey Tournament title at the high school. Come check it out.



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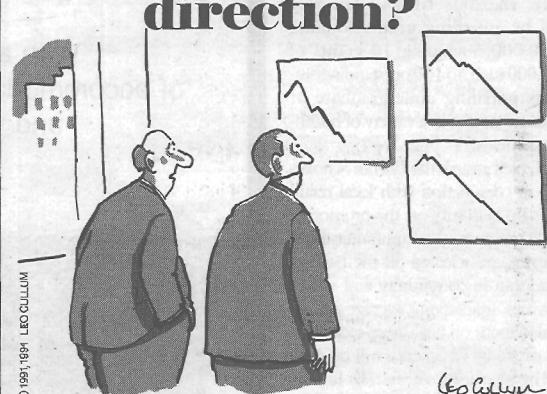
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Sports

SWIMMING

Blue Dolphins Win Secures Undefeated Season

The JCC Blue Dolphins secured their second consecutive unbeaten season with a 309-245 victory over arch rival Raritan Valley. The victory improved JCC Blue Dolphin's record to 6-0. The meet, which featured two unbeaten teams, contained both an electric, standing room only crowd. The team will attempt to cap their unbeaten season with a conference championship at the State Tournament. South Plainfield athletes on the Blue Dolphins posted the following results:

Blue Dolphins vs Raritan Valley
The 6 & Under Girls—Kate McLaughlin placed first in both the free-style and backstroke.

The 6 & Under Boys—Sean Cullen placed first in the backstroke and third in the free-style. Aidan McDermott placed first in the free-style and second in the backstroke.

Girls 7-8-year-old—Kate O'Brien placed first in the breaststroke. Maggie Valentino placed second in the IM and second in the free-style. Kelly McLaughlin placed third in the butterfly. In the 7-8 Boys events David Brzo-

zowski placed first in the backstroke and second in the breaststroke.

Girls 9-10—Emily Pickarski placed first in both the IM and the free-style. Chelsea Cullen placed first in the butterfly and third in the free-style.

Girls 11-12—Amanda Ray placed third in the free-style and third in the Backstroke. Joanna Luzny placed third in the breaststroke.

Boys 11-12—Michael placed second in the IM and third in the butterfly.

Girls 13-14—Kristen Dabrio placed second in the IM and first in the breaststroke. Megan Boyle placed second in the free-style.

Boys 13-14—Philip Luzny placed first in the IM and first in the butterfly. Emmett Marsili placed first in the free-style and first in the backstroke.

Girls 15-18 girls—Nina Byard placed first in both the free-style backstroke. Becky Brzozowski placed first in the IM and first in the breaststroke. Allison Banas placed second in the IM and third in the breaststroke.

Boys 15-18—Calvin John Smiley placed first in the IM and in free-style.

St. Joseph Swim Team Wins GMC

St. Joseph High School's (Metuchen) Varsity Swim Team won the Greater Middlesex Conference on Feb. 8 for the 25th consecutive year. Their point total was 541 with East Brunswick High School placing second with a point total of 281. St. Joseph's Varsity Swim Team is ranked number one in the state.

South Plainfield Resident Calvin John Smiley helped his team at the GMC's by placing second in the 50 yard Freestyle and third in the 100 yard freestyle. Smiley, along with his teammates Mike MacDonald, Brian Gartner and Bobby Savulich took a first Place in the 200 yard freestyle relay. Smiley

with George Savulich, Mike McDonauld, and John Saums took first place in the 400 yard Freestyle Relay.

St. Joseph's Varsity swim team just won the first round of Parochial A State Competition defeating Union Catholic High School 138 to 32. At that meet, Smiley took a second in the 50 yard freestyle and was on the first place 200 yard medley relay team and the first place 200 yard freestyle relay team. St. Joseph's will be competing against Bergen Catholic on Feb. 26 against Bergen Catholic in Round two of the State Tournament.

—Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Ponytail Meeting Change, 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.

Basketball

Tigers Win Streak Squashed

(Continued from page 1)

himself reached double figures with 11 points while getting three rebounds, and dishing two assists. Ian Robinson played a fine game with seven points, 13 rebounds, and two blocks.

Another aspect of the Tiger win was their "dribble penetration" based offense, which despite only hitting on 14 of 47 field goals according to the Star Ledger, got baskets when they needed them down the stretch along with a solid performance at the line sinking 29 of an amazing 42 attempts at the charity stripe. Dennys Gomez had 11 points and five rebounds for Amboy while Brett Brown led the fifth seeded Panthers with 20 points and nine rebounds. Perth Amboy's center, Tyrone Burch chipped in for the losers with six points and 10 rebounds along with two blocks.

Getting to the GMCT Quarterfinals

To get to the quarterfinals, the Tigers had to get through 29th seeded Metuchen and then 13th seeded North Brunswick, which defeated Woodbridge in the preliminary round, 51-29. Against the Bulldogs, the Tigers rolled to a 66-28 victory as they were never threatened by the Bulldogs, which are only 3-19 on the season. However, against North Brunswick, South Plainfield had a more formidable challenge as it had to hold off a late charge by the Raiders as senior guard Shaheid Williams scored 22 points in the fourth quarter while the Tigers struggled somewhat at the line going 15 of 26.

Marquis Jones led the way with 18 points for the game, and 4 rebounds, and 3 assists in the second half while teammate Gary Houston scored 20 points including four free throws down the stretch to help the Tigers hang on. Darren Smith came up with 10 points

on the game as well as three rebounds in the second half, and Ian Robinson scored six and grabbed six rebounds including a big offensive rebound and putback to give the Tigers a 57-51 lead. But, it came down to Mike Allocco, who earlier in the year against Westfield hit key free throws to win the Rahway Holiday Tournament. Allocco hit two free throws with about 5 seconds left to put the game away as the Tigers won, 68-64.

With the three wins in the GMCT, the Tigers increased their consecutive game winning streak to 14 straight, which may be the longest in school history. As of the time of this report, I began looking into this, and found that the current Tiger streak is the longest in at least 30 years as the closest win streaks to compare to this was the nine game win streak by the 1990-91 Tigers to start the year. At the time, South Plainfield was ranked 15th in the *Star-Ledger* Top 20 before losing to Piscataway at PHS, 65-56.

That same 1990-91 Tiger team also had another winning streak of seven or eight games before losing to East Brunswick that year. The 1989-90 team started the year with seven consecutive wins before losing three straight to Colonia, St. Joe's and St. Pius. Other than that, there were only a few other teams since the 1983-84 season to have more than 14 wins (in 1996-97, 1999-00, and this year's squad).

Prior to 1983-84, SPHS had 10 consecutive losing seasons. In the 1968-69 season, SPHS was 11-3-2 and finished the year with eight straight. If anyone has any information that can help confirm whether this is the longest win streak ever, please e-mail me at gmachos@gmchoops.com.

Greg Machos follows the South Plainfield Boys Basketball team as well as other GMC Boys Basketball teams.

2003 Ed Niemczyk Youth Basketball League

League A

Spurs	42	Jazz	35
Rockets	33	Bulls	30
76ers	55	Cavaliers	42
Nuggets	36	Knicks	27
Pistons	31	Lakers	31

Standings

	W	L
76ers	13	0
Cavaliers	10	3
Spurs	10	3
Nuggets	9	4
Lakers	6	6
Knicks	5	7
Pistons	5	7
Rockets	3	10
Jazz	2	11
Bulls	1	12

League B

Timberwolves	34	Nuggets	31
Hornets	33	Cavaliers	32
Pistons	46	Spurs	42
Rockets	34	Lakers	24
76ers	40	Knicks	32
Bulls	33	Jazz	17

FINAL STANDINGS

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

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Obituaries

Daniel A. Gianfrancesco, 75

Daniel A. Gianfrancesco died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at his home.

Born in Bound Brook, he has resided in South Plainfield since 1955.

Dan was employed as a warehouseman for the former GAF Corp. of So. Bound Brook for 40 years. He also worked at the Plainfield Country Club for five years, where he maintained the club's tennis courts. He retired in 1992.

Dan was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and was active in many church activities, including the Feast of St. Anthony committee, church usher and a member of the Holy Name Society, of which he was a member of the bowling team.

He served in the United States Navy during WWII, and was discharged as Seaman 2nd class.

His wife, Dorothy Gianfrancesco, died in 1998.

Surviving are his sons and daughters-in-law, Henry M. and Lynn A. Gianfrancesco of South Plainfield and Robert P. and Maryann Gianfrancesco of Duncellen; two sisters, Rosemary Cusmano of Warren and Virginia Kicia of Glen Gardner and a brother, Vincent of Bound Brook.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 9:15 a.m. McCriskin Home for Funerals followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. Interment will follow in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

George Millovich, 81

George Millovich died on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in South Plainfield, George has been a life long resident.

George was a World War II Army Veteran serving as a private first class

Ellis Williams, Paul Israel To be Remembered At Services

A memorial Service will be held for Ellis D. Williams on Sunday, March 9, starting at 4 p.m. at the Covenant Methodist Church, 631 E. front St. in Plainfield. Everyone is invited to attend.

A 40-day memorial service will be held for Paul Israel at St. Stephen's Church, 609 Lane Ave. on Monday March 9 at 10 a.m.

with the 378th Infantry Regiment of the 95th Division stationed in Shelby, Mississippi under General Patton. He was a messenger in France and Germany who earned the combat Infantry badge and was later awarded the EAME Medal with three bronze stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal and the American Service Medal.

He was a life member of the South Plainfield Veterans Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 of and is a past post commander.

He had been employed by Union Carbide in Bound Brook for many years.

George is predeceased by his parents, John and Anna and two sisters, Elizabeth and Pauline.

Surviving are five sisters, Mary Lukacsina, Helen Leach, Margaret DeRose, Bertha "Happy" Hylkema, all of South Plainfield and Ann Morgan of Piscataway and a brother, John of South Plainfield.

In addition, he is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and a great great grand niece.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Kathleen (Stafford) Trenchak, 65

Kathleen (Stafford) Trenchak of South Plainfield died on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Haven Hospice Center at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born in New York City and was a former resident of Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 30 years ago.

Kathleen was a reading specialist at John E. Riley Elementary School in South Plainfield for thirty years before retiring in 2001. Prior to that she worked in the New York City School District for 12 years.

She was a graduate of Mount Saint Vincent College in New York and received her masters degree in American History from Seton-Hall University. Kathleen did her graduate work at Kean University and received a certification with a specialization in reading.

Kathleen was a member of the National Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association, the Middlesex County Education Association and the South Plainfield Education Association.

She was an active communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in Perth Amboy.

She was predeceased by a twin brother, George Stafford, and a sister, Josephine Rudd.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Philip T. Trenchak; son Philip Trenchak of Henderson, Nev.; a daughter, Patricia Ann and her husband Joseph Feeney of Philadelphia, Pa.; a sister, Harriet Wall of Atlanta, and a grandson, Joseph Michael Feeney.

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

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1615

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

Ordinance No. 1615 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE #1278, ENTITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1992", REGARDING "BILL-BOARDS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, February 20, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1616

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

Ordinance No. 1616 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITIONS FOR THE YEARS 2003 THROUGH 2005 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, February 20, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1617

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

Ordinance No. 1617 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 365 LOT 10.04 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO GEORGE VEINOTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, February 20, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

February 21, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board at its meeting held on February 13.

A. Case #97-02-Roland Parker; Block 249; Lot 33; 187 Oak Tree Avenue; The applicant's request for the construction of an oversized garage as a second principal structure with dimensions of 30 feet in depth by 24 feet in width with a maximum height of 15 feet 6 inches and with a 6 foot easterly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

B. Case #98-02-David Guarino; Block 552.02; Lot 4; 1405 Durham Avenue; The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance was hereby GRANTED on a modified basis with no portion of the addition or canopy awning being any closer than 24 feet to the front yard property line.

C. Case #59-01/S-Roth Brothers, Inc.; Block 401; Lot 3.01; 2225 Hamilton Blvd.; The applicant's request for a use variance to operate a public garage on the property was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

D. Case #88-02-Gern Builders; Block 407; Lot 12; Montrose Avenue; The applicant's request for a lot area and lot width variances to construct a two-story bi-level single family home, measuring 30 feet in depth by 45 feet in width (first floor footprint), with a two foot cantilever was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment
\$43.00 February 28, 2003



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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 1968, 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:

The Honorable Daniel Gallagher
Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield
Municipal Building
2480 Plainfield Avenue
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

\$211.00 February 21 and 28, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE NO. 1618

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

Ordinance No. 1618 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, KNOWN AS BLOCK 311 LOT 38 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY FROM MARY BAYACHEK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000 WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BOROUGH'S OPEN SPACE INVENTORY was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Thursday, February 20, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Approved February 20, 2003

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$27.00 February 28, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Neil and Laura Cavaliere requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a two-story addition, proposed addition lacks the required 8' side setback, 5' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 239, Lot 3 at 3220 Beverly Road on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 27, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 February 28, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Kenneth and Laura Shaw requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a second floor addition. Proposed construction is contrary to the ordinance for the following: (1) HDD zone and (2) addition lacks the 10' required side yard setback. Said property being located on Block 287, Lot 10 at 169 Front Street, on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 13, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and present any objections to granting the relief requested.

\$35.00 1T February 28, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Michael Mackenzie requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a deck. Proposed deck lacks the 30' required setback from Lake Street, 18' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located on Block 128, Lot 1 at 2031 South Central Ave., on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 13, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 1T February 28, 2003

policereport

• On Feb. 14 Randall M. Gallicchio, 22, of Roselle was arrested for burglary at 130 Lexington Ave. He was a guest in the house and stole a CD player.

• On Feb. 18 Sears Hardware reported that a white male, 32-34 years old, 6 feet tall with brown hair had left the store with a carriage full of merchandise. The manager confronted the man who took a bag full of items, got in his car and left.

On Feb. 19 Latoya Harry, 22, of Plainfield was arrested at a motor vehicle stop for three outstanding contempt of court orders and a shoplifting offense.

• Louis A. King, 22, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting at CVS and three outstanding warrants.

• An employee of Swift trucking on Kennedy Rd. reported that someone had smashed out the drivers side vent window of his vehicle and stole a

Cobra 29 C-B radio.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of her purse at Regal Cinema.

• The manager of The Highlands housing complex reported that the rear gate had been broken twice.

• On Feb. 20 Shamiya Tenisha Jasper, 20, of Plainfield was arrested for theft by deception at the A&D. She had tried to use a stolen check.

• An employee of K-Mart reported that some type of paint remover had been poured over most of her vehicle causing the paint to peel.

• On Feb. 21 an Ellis Pl. resident reported that a snowball had been thrown at his house breaking a front porch window.

• On Feb. 23 Clark A. Rapatski, 36, of South Plainfield was arrested for disorderly persons after a fight broke out at the Polish Home on New Market Ave.

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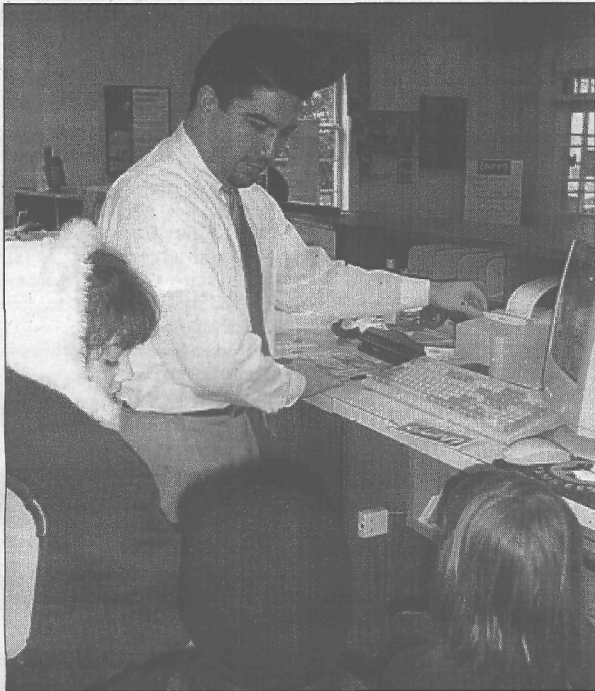
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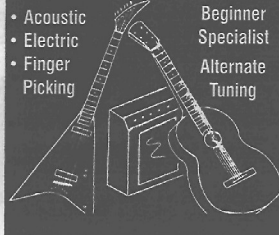
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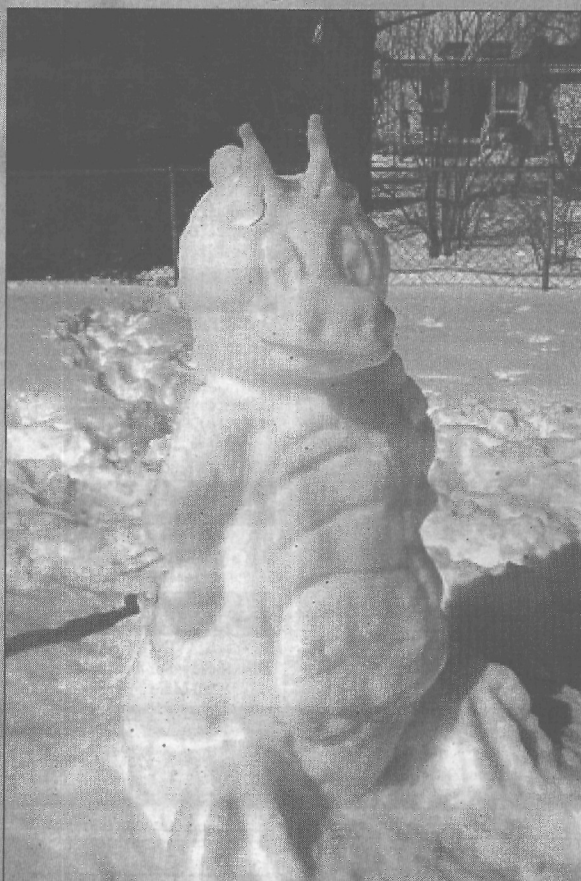
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A picturesque Spring Lake after the heavy rains on Sunday (top left), a snow man and snow dragon are evidence that there is joy and beauty in winter. On the other side, Public Works reported that last week's snowstorm resulted in four trucks breaking down, as well as 38 various repairs. Four outside vendors were hired to aid in plowing South Plainfield's 135 miles of roads, and two backhoes were obtained from Jesco.

Sacred Heart School Principal's List

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

- 5A: Aaron Pinkard
 5B: Nicole Mc Donough and Alfonse Muglia.
 6A: Allyson Paterek
 6B: Daphne Aguineldo, Brianna Bicho, Ashley Forbes, Ryan Hohner and Kathryn Paterek.
 8A: Kristen Ciandella, Samantha Crane, Amanda Tavarone, Erica Palma and Anthony Pelle.
 8B: Adam Barletta, Rana Moses and Daniel Schiavo.

HONOR ROLL

- 5A: Edward Amirault, Alexandra Fee, Jilleanne Gulotta, Michael McHugh, Nicholas Montuori, Jessica Napolitano and Adrienne Novak.
 5B: Kathryn Christie, Kaitlin Muglia, Richard Orregon, Sean Piersanti, Ryan Ricarte, Alexandria Santos, Zachary Sikanowicz and Crystal Williams.
 6A: David Ervin, Alexandra Grant, Jacqueline Dougherty and Walter Rodriguez.
 6B: Aedan Bayona, Ian Collins, Kiara Cooper, Sara Crane, Nijah Dupiche, Michael Muglia and Kaitlyn Salvatore.
 7A: Kadeem Gilbert, Danielle Johnson, Rita Landry, Jordan Madsen, Jennifer Napolitano and Camille Romano.
 7B: Jonathon Abel, Elix Colon, Olivia Gerlitz, Megan McHugh, Erick Paley and Allison Whitefleet.
 8A: Dennis Cerami, Stephen Dvorak and Tiffany Smith.
 8B: Marie Cunicella, Alicia Presley and Kiersten Whitaker.

Grant Central Sixth School Announces Second Marking Period Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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Honor Roll

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Gould, Ashleigh Gray, Joseph Grenier, Richard Guarraci and Jennifer Gustafson.

Jessica Handwerker, Richard Harzula, Caitlin Herriott, Terry Ho, Robert Hoffman, Chelsea Hunt, Christopher Izzi, Nicholas Jankoski, Alan Kasmer, Christopher Kedmenec, Garrett Kelly, Stephen Kelly, Michelle Kobilis, Catherine Krawiec, Jaclyn Kukuch, Alexa Kunch, Joseph Lacerda, Phong Lai, Stephanie Lanza, Jacqueline Laverne, Nicholas Levensky, Sheryl Lipuma, Anthony Louise, Kenneth Luckey, Colleen Mackenzie, Michael Maiorino, Daniel Mais-

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