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Ecumenical Good Friday Services

The South Plainfield Clergy Group invites everyone to worship together on Good Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, located on South Plainfield Ave. This will be a service of Tenebrae, or darkness, and will be marked by the reading of scriptures and the extinguishing of candles.

At this particular time in our nation's history, we encourage everyone to join in this reflective service.

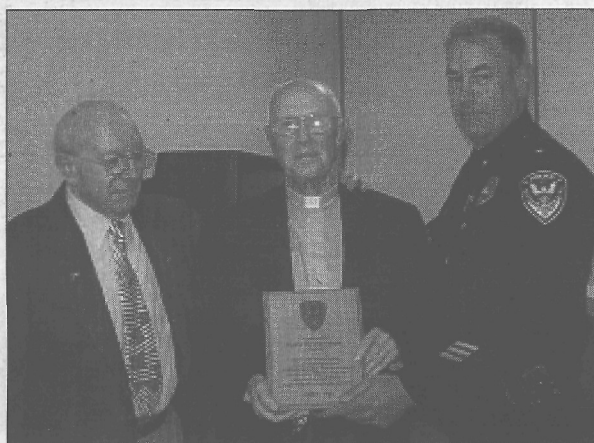
Easter Sunrise Services in Spring Lake Park

The South Plainfield Clergy Group invites the public to joyfully celebrate Easter this year at their traditional Easter Sunrise Service! Join them at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 20 at the gazebo in Spring Lake Park.

The service will feature prayer, the singing of traditional Easter hymns and a message of hope, delivered by Rev. Henry Leono of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Everyone is invited to attend by the friends and members of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Pilgrim Covenant Church, First Baptist Church, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Rescue House of Prayer, Wesley Methodist Church and the many of faith-led people in our community.

In case of rain, meet at Wesley Methodist, 500 Plainfield Ave. at 6:45 a.m.



Rev. Charles Mingle was honored with a plaque for his many years of volunteer service and officially appointed Police Chaplain. Pictured with Rev. Mingle are Tulio Capparelli and Police Chief Bob Merkler.

Rev. Charles Mingle Officially Appointed Police Chaplain

After serving as the unofficial police chaplain for more than 28 years, the Borough of South Plainfield made it official and appointed Rev. Mingle as police chaplain.

Rev. Mingle is well-known for his dedication to the residents of South Plainfield. Every time there is any kind of emergency in town, whether it's an accident, natural disaster or a fire, Mingle is one of the first to arrive on the scene and the last to leave. He is there to give comfort, support and also his famous hug to anyone in need.

Occasionally he accompanies the police when they have to notify a loved one that there has been a death from

an accident. Rev. Mingle does all of this on a voluntary basis and receives no salary.

Mayor Dan Gallagher and members of the council all agreed that it was actually embarrassing that it took this long to officially appoint him. They all thanked him for his 28 years of dedicated service to South Plainfield.

With nearly two dozen police officers watching, Rev. Mingle was officially sworn by Councilman Dennis Cerami with his wife Jean at his side. Tulio Capparelli and Police Chief Bob Merkler then presented Rev. Mingle with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the police department.

English, Peck, Kelly Win School Board Seats

Budget Passes By Narrow Margin

Incumbent Board Member Sue Peck and first-time candidates Mike English and Patrick Kelly were the winning candidates at Tuesday's school board elections, while Board President Frank Mikorski and former member Jeff Seider lost.

Top vote getter was South Plainfield Recreation Director Michael English, with 1,085 votes. Patrick Kelly received 985, Sue Peck received 900, Mikorski got 633 and Jeff Seider 606.

The 2003/2004 school board budget passed by only 43 votes; 773 voting yes and 730 voting no. The total cost of the 2003/2004 school board budget was \$42,771,979. The school tax portion of property taxes will in-

crease by \$104.78 per average home assessed at \$117,200.

The totals do not include approximately 100 provisional votes yet to be counted.

As has been the case during the past years, voter turnout was extremely light. Only 1,583 voters out of 12,427 registered voters (12.73%) took time to vote on a school budget which represents almost 60 percent of South Plainfield's property tax assessment.

The winning candidates will be sworn in at the Board's Annual Reorganization meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 8 p.m.

School Board members serve three-year terms.

Emergency Management Plans Family Preparedness Seminar

Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Zushma has announced that the South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management will be conducting a Family Planning Seminar at the Senior Citizen building on May 1, starting at 7 p.m.

Many residents have been calling and asking for more information on how to be prepared in case of an emergency. The seminar will last about an

hour and a half and it will provide residents with information about Emergency Management and family preparedness planning.

Attendees will receive a CD-ROM with valuable information compiled from various state and federal websites.

To register go to www.southplainfieldnj.com/oem or call (908) 753-3775.

Annual Twilight Stroll Benefits Cancer Victims

By Patricia Abbott

It was a cold day for a walk in the park. The brisk breeze coming off Spring Lake added to the wintry chill, yet more than 100 people gathered to walk the mile and a half circuit and

Softball Opening Day Rescheduled

Unfortunately, due to last week's Spring snowstorm, followed by rain, Ponytail Softball's Opening Day ceremonies and all scheduled games that day were cancelled. However, the softball games did begin this week.

Opening Day ceremonies have been rescheduled for Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. at the Pitt Street Park Complex.

The first game on Saturday will begin at 9 a.m., the second game will be at 12 and the third game starts at 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

help make a difference in the life of a sick child.

The event was Century 21 Moretti Realty's Twilight Stroll for Life. The registration desk in the gazebo was kept busy with a steady flow of walkers. After paying the registration fee and turning in pledge money, each participant received a commemorative t-shirt and goodie bag. At the end of the evening over \$5,500 had been raised for Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc.

Among the walkers was Middle School student Jon Zakim. The seventh grader has participated in many walk-a-thons. He said, "I do walks like these wherever I can find them. I got started when my uncle Lenny Zakim died of bone marrow cancer in 1999. Ever since then I have wanted to do something to help with cancer. I have done two walks in Boston, and a few in the New Jersey area. I have done them for various reasons, such as cancer and diabetes." Also walking were a group of students from the Middle School, accompanied by Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage and Health teacher Susan Slinger. The students



Open Up Your Heart Foundation members who participated in the Twilight Stroll for Life. For additional photos, see page 7.

raised approximately \$500.

The organization was founded in 1999 by a group of Moretti associates seeking to give back to the community. Open Your Heart benefits the Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders located at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. The foundation's goal is to enhance and support the quality of life for both the children and their families through various nonmedical services including ongoing research. Several fundraisers are

held each year. The first year netted the foundation \$5,000, in 2001 they doubled that figure raising \$10,000 and in 2002 they presented the Institute with \$50,000. This year's fundraising is off to a good start.

On October 3 the foundation will honor Dr. Barton A. Kamen M.D., PH. D. at a gala "Man of the Year" dinner to recognize his personal devotion, outstanding leadership, volunteer spirit and achievements in pediatric cancer research and treatment development. Kamen, a professor of pe-

diatrics and pharmacology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, is Director of Pediatric Hematology Oncology and Associate Director of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Heading up the Open Your Heart Foundation is president Guy Moretti, vice president Mary Ann Lisewski, treasurer Dina Capparelli and secretary Debby Lyres.

For more information on the foundation, call Toni Moretti at (908) 755-5051, ext. 305 or email MorettiT@morettiirealty.com.

Mark your calendars

Log on to
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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, April 17
Monday April 21 Thursday, April 24

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
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
May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, November 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m..

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.
Jan. 21, Feb. 18, 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
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,

Today I made at least six phone calls to various stores trying to find a NJ State flag. I was surprised and a bit angered that not one store had the flag.

New Jersey is one of the original 13 states and has as much history as New York, Virginia or Mass. But our residents do not seem to appreciate it.

Where is their pride in our state? There have been many jokes about our state, mostly by people who have not spent much time here. One time when I was visiting in California, a person was bragging about the casinos in Las Vegas. I said we have everything Las Vegas has, plus 127 miles of the most beautiful oceanfront you could want. The man did not know anything about our beaches, only that we had gambling in Atlantic City.

How about showing some pride in New Jersey? Fly our state flag, along with our national flag.

WILLIAM TUTHILL

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of South Plainfield who voted for me in the school board elections. I will try to follow through with the changes I believe are necessary to help improve the educational environment for our children. I would also like to thank Thomas Delaney and Frank Mikorski for their service on the Board of Education.

RESPECTFULLY, MIKE ENGLISH

Dear Editor,

As many people may know, carbon monoxide is an odorless gas that is lethal when inhaled. Regardless of this common knowledge, most homes still lack the simple appliance that can detect carbon monoxide before it causes a tragedy. That is why a bill that would require carbon monoxide detectors in every home is imperative. The law already requires the installation of smoke detectors because of the public interest in containing fires. Preventing deaths from carbon monoxide inhalation certainly appears to be in similar public interest. As a senator, I am always cognizant of the need to strike a balance between protecting my constituents' lives and infringing upon their rights to live their own lives. That is why our state requires automobile passengers to wear seat belts and motorcycle drivers to wear helmets but does not require all those at risk for heart disease to begin mandatory jogging programs. I believe that Senate Bill 2069, requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors, falls into the category of protecting lives without unreasonable government intrusion.

Majorities in the State Senate and Assembly have gone on record agreeing with this lifesaving legislation. I urge Governor McGreevey to sign this bill and eliminate one more type of preventable death. I recommend everyone to install a carbon monoxide detector in your home regardless of the law.

BARBARA BUONO



Joe Penyak (left) of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 presents a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the American Legion Baseball League to South Plainfield Predators' coaches Anthony Bakazan (center) and Denis Kazimir (right).

Gardening with Native Plants Slide Program

Learn to attract a wider variety of wildlife such as gold finches, golden crowned kinglets, monarch and spice-bush butterflies and busy bumblebees to your yard by gardening with native species. Naturalist and plant expert Hazel England conducts this informative indoor slide program for amateur gardeners on Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at the intersection of Lakeview and Maple avenues. A question and answer period will follow the slide presentation. England will provide handouts about the plants and where to find the growers.

Gardening with native plants will

help improve your yard, especially in times of drought, as many native species are drought-tolerant. Not only do they provide food for wildlife, but entire life cycles depend on specific plant species.

The Backyard Habitat Program is free and requires no preregistration. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Woods at Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve, and is one of two indoor programs for 2003. Log on to the website at: <http://community.nj.com/cc/friendsofthewoods> for more information. E-mail SPNatureTrails@cs.com for a current program schedule.



Connie DiDario, yoga instructor at the senior center, teaches classes on Monday mornings at the senior center. She has been teaching yoga for 30 years. The seniors say her class is wonderful.

Beginner Birdwatching Program Offered

Dr. Emile DeVito, conservation biologist with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in Far Hills, will present a free beginners birdwatching program on Saturday, April 26.

Join the Friends of the Woods on a search for spring migrants at the 36-acre Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Sylvania Pl. (off So. Clinton Ave.). We'll search for scarlet tanagers, rufous-sided towhees

and black-throated blue warblers using field markings and listening for bird calls.

The program is ideal for the whole family. See why birdwatching is America's #1 leisure activity. Bring binoculars for a better view. Program starts 9 a.m.

Log on to: <http://community.nj.com/cc/friendsofthewoods> for more information about Highland Woods.

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Columbiettes Pack "Care-Packs" for Troops



Columbiettes pack boxes for military units in the Iraqi war zone.

—Photo by Bill Tuthill

Last Sunday evening seven Columbiettes packed 14 boxes for Army units in the war zone. These boxes were a bit bigger than a shoe-box because of the variety of items to be sent.

It is hoped that this shipment will be the first of many. Anyone who is interested in helping should call Arlene Anthony at (908) 753-7852 about donating items or funds to cover the cost of shipping. Postage for this shipment is being paid for by the Columbiettes. Items may also be left at the Parish Center of Sacred Heart Church, at 200 Randolph Ave.

Members who helped were Arlene Anthony, Bernedette Bvaso, Helen Tennenbaum, Linda Susan Gitto, Marie Lewis and Dorothy Rotola.

Darlene Pinto Sues Borough and Democratic Party for Discrimination

Former Councilwoman Darlene Pinto has formally filed her suit with the Borough of South Plainfield, the mayor and council and the local Democratic party and its chairman. Pinto is alleging that they refused to hire her as a deputy tax collector because she is a divorced mother of three young children. According to the lawsuit filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey in New Brunswick, Mayor Daniel Gallagher and the Borough Council decided not to hire her because her ex-

husband already gave her enough money to live on and she would probably not come to work whenever her children were sick.

Pinto seeks compensatory and punitive damages. Her attorneys, Wong Fleming, P.C. of Princeton say that the discrimination was substantial, based on her sex, marital status and familial status. In addition to seeking an order compelling the Borough to hire her, she is also seeking removal of Daniel Gallagher as mayor and Dennis Cerami

as council member. The suit alleges that Mayor Gallagher and Councilman Cerami convened a secret meeting at Cerami's home in violation of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act to discuss her job candidacy. Pinto says that at the meeting, Cerami convinced other council members that she would not come to work as often as other employees because of her role as caretaker of her three children. Meanwhile, she claims that at the same meeting, Mayor Gallagher produced information regarding her confidential divorce settlement, which he and Cerami used to convince the entire Council that she did not need to work for money.

She also claims that the Mayor and Council lied to her saying that she would not get the position "due to political reasons." According to the lawsuit, the position of deputy tax collector is a non-policy-making, non-advisory position and is not subject to political considerations. For this reason, Pinto contends that the Borough and other defendants violated clear mandates of New Jersey public policy. She also contends that Councilman Cerami's motivation for opposing her job candidacy arose out of his desire to put his own wife in the position, which she contends violates public policies prohibiting nepotism. Her lawsuit also contends that the Borough's violation of the Open Public Meetings Act was likewise a violation of a clear mandate of public policy.

Daniel C. Fleming and Linda Wong will represent Pinto. Wong Fleming, P.C. is based in Princeton, with offices in Philadelphia and New York City.

Red Cross Seeking Blood Donors

American Red Cross/Iri-County Chapter and NJBS are partners collecting blood to supply the necessity of hospitals in our region.

Around four million people are in need of blood every year in our country. The majority of those people would die if the blood would not be available. The blood is needed for emergencies and as a way of life for thousands of people. People who suffer from cancer, leukemia, heart disease, sickle cell anemia and other major diseases need blood on a regular basis to survive.

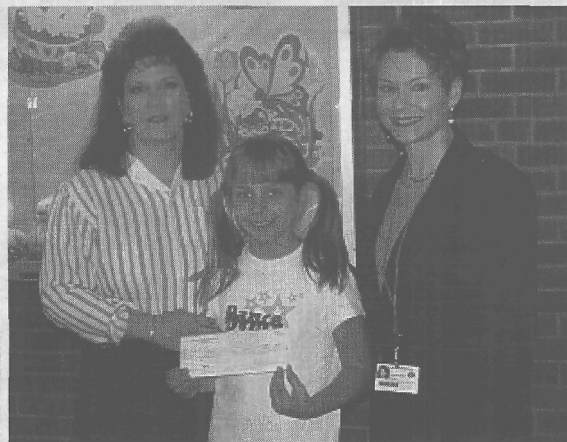
We continue to seek out volunteers

to give blood and save lives.

To donate blood a person must be between 17 and 75 years old. Must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. All processes take around 45 minutes, but the actual blood donation just takes six to eight minutes. You may donate every 55 days and you can resume all normal activities after donating.

Area blood drives for the month of April are April 25—YMCA in Scotch Plains, 1340 Martine Ave., 3-8:30 p.m.; April 26—St. John The Baptist, 2387 Morris Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Area Businesses Support Roosevelt Playground Fund through Donations



Ashley Linick (center), on behalf of her family business, Plainfield Animal Hospital, presents a check for \$200 to PTA member Grace Ragno. Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2201 Park Ave., offers comprehensive care for all of your pet needs. Dr. Scott Linick and his staff affectionately care for dogs, cats, birds, reptiles and small mammals. Plainfield Animal Hospital also specializes in laser surgery, dental services and all medical services. If they can be of service to your pet, give them a call (908) 755-2428.



Pictured are Frank and Paul Licato, who, on behalf of their parents Dr. Frank Licato and Mina Licato, along with teachers' representative Joy Czaplinski, have donated \$1,000 to the Roosevelt PTA's Playground fundraiser. Dr. Licato's office is located at 2316 Plainfield Ave., specializing in dentistry for the family. For more information call (908) 756-6644. Frank, a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, and Mina have two children, Frank in fifth grade and Paul in kindergarten. Both children attend Roosevelt School.

Brush Stop Donates to Playground

The Roosevelt PTA has received a \$100 donation from the Brush Stop Hair Salon, located at 132 South Plainfield Ave. The Brush Stop has been a part of our com-


munity for 25 years! Owned by Ann Dixon and Albert Quarantiello, the Brush Stop is a full service salon. Treat yourself and give them a call (908) 753-6969.

Drug Fair Seeks to Recognize Military

In support of our troops, and in wishing them a safe return home Drug Fair of South Plainfield would like to recognize the members of our community who are serving in the military overseas by posting their pictures

in their store at 140 South Plainfield Ave. If you have a picture of a military member currently serving overseas, and would like them to post it, please feel free to bring it in to one of their managers or supervisors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy 1st Birthday Sarah Elisabeth!

Love, Mommy, Daddy,
Uncle Keith, Great-Grammy,
Grammy, Nana, Great Auntie
Frannie & Harley

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Craft and Flea Market Vendors Wanted

◆ VFW Post 6763 is looking for vendors for their Craft and Flea Market to be held on Saturday, May 10 at 155 Front St. A table and space are \$20; space only is \$15. The flea market is open to the public. For questions, please call (908) 753-9035.

◆ Vendors wanted for a Craft Fair & Garage Sale. It will take place on May 3 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Rain date is May 10. The fair is being held at the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298, located at 1254 New Market Rd. For information or reservations, contact Anna at (908) 754-3682.

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Events

Easter Egg Hunt At the PAL

April 19

South Plainfield Recreation invites all children ages to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19.

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

For info, call (908) 226-7713.

Rainbow Academy Open House

April 19

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

Suburban Woman's Club Yard Sale

April 26

The Suburban Woman's club will hold a yard sale on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Rd.

There will be something for everyone, including a bake sale. Rain date is Sunday, April 27.

Proceeds to benefit local charities.

So. Plainfield's History Through its Antique Clothing

April 27

The South Plainfield Historical Society is presenting a special program called "A Walk Through Old Sometown: South Plainfield's history through its antique clothing" at the Public Library on Sunday, April 27, 2 to 3 p.m.

Area residents will model antique clothing collected by preservationist Alice DiNizio, who narrates the program. Fashions date from the early 1860s to the 1940s. Ensembles include dresses of the socially prominent, leisure clothes, traveling suits, and the silk mourning attire of a Civil War widow.

The fashion program is free to the public. No preregistration is required.

Jane Doherty to Conduct Ghost Tour

April 27

Ghost hunter Jane Doherty will conduct a free ghost tour at Liquid Assets at 118 New Market Ave. on April 27 at 2 p.m. during non-business hours. Raindate is May 4. There will be a tour of both the inside and outside the building with a question and answer period afterward. The tour should last approximately one hour. Open to the public. Any questions, call the *Observer* (908) 668-0010.

SPHS Guidance Presents College Admission Game

April 28

Have you ever wondered what happens to the application you submit for admission to selective colleges? Who

What's happening in APRIL

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
(908) 754-1047

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Reservations are now open for our Spring Dinner Dance Saturday, May 3 • 5 to 9 p.m.				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30 Yoga 10:30-11:30am AARP Meeting Noon	Bingo 10:30-2 PM Lunch Available	Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Movie 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm	Shopping at Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am Line Dancing 10-11:30	Center Closed for Good Friday
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				

reads it? How it is read? What are the deciding factors?

The SPHS Guidance and Counseling Dept. will present an interactive and provocative presentation of the selective college admission process call "The Admission Game." The event features Peter Van Buskirk, executive officer to the provost and former dean of admission at Franklin & Marshall College on Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The Admission Game will provide you with all the answers.

Golden Glove Finals To be Held

May 9

The 2003 Golden Glove finals will be held at South Plainfield High School on Friday, May 9 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

General admission is \$8. Golden Ringside tickets are available at \$75. Tickets include dinner at Flanagan's Restaurant, 5 p.m. and an entry into a drawing for a 51" Panasonic TV.

For tickets or reservations call (908) 226-7663 or (908) 753-1341.

Sonshine Bible School

August 11-15

Sonshine Bible School will take place Aug. 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave. for children ages four through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Bible stories, games, crafts, singing, refreshments and it's FREE!! To register, call Bobbie at (908) 754-8069 or e-mail bosseeight@aol.com

Trip to Niagara Falls, Canada

September 8-12

South Plainfield Recreation is planning a five-day, four-night trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, with a side trip to Toronto. The trip will take place from Sept. 8-12.

The package includes White Star Escort for the entire trip, motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging in Niagara Falls, four full course breakfasts and dinners and all taxes and standard gratuities. Activities include an all day tour of Niagara, including Niagara-on-the-Lake, an all day tour of Toronto, centering on a harbor cruise and Casa Loma, IMAX Theatre, Famous Maid of the Mist Boat Ride and a tour of the falls and more.

For reservations or information,

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For reservations or information, contact Mike English at the PAL or call him at (908) 226-7714.

Class of 1989 Plans 15 year Reunion

November 27

The South Plainfield High School class of 1989 is planning their 15th reunion to be held in Edison at the Sheraton in Raritan Center on Nov. 27, 2004. Price is \$80.

Contact SPHSclassof89@yahoo.com with address information.

— Out of Town —

A Day to Remember - A Passion Play

April 18 and 19

A Day to Remember-A Passion Play will be presented at Alliance Bible Church in Warren, Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. There will be a matinee on Saturday, April 19 at 3 p.m. The concluding act will be presented on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Admission is free.

This 90-minute musical adaptation of the Easter story, incorporating both contemporary Christian music and dance, is a retelling of the events leading up to and including the Triumphal Entry, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren. Take exit 33 off I-78 and proceed toward Martinsville. Travel three miles; turn left onto Mount Horeb Rd. The church is one mile on the right.

For directions, contact the church office at (732) 469-1425.

Assembly Of Westfield Genealogical Society

April 23

The Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies will feature Robert Peterson, historian and jour-

nalist, in an illustrated lecture entitled "Patriots, Pirates and Pineys." The assembly will meet at the First Baptist Church on Elm St. in Westfield on Wednesday, April 23 at 8 p.m. Introductory music begins at 7:45 p.m.

The program this year will highlight the men and women who lived and died in the Pine Barrens.

The presentation is free, open to the public and will be followed by refreshments. A short musicale of folk tunes and ballads of the Colonial period will precede the program. Parking is prohibited at the rear of the video store adjacent to the church, but is available in the town lot accessible from either Elm St. or Mountain Ave.

Trash, Treasure And Bake Sale

April 26

Oak Tree Presbyterian Church will hold its annual "Trash, Treasure and Bake Sale" on Saturday, April 26 from 9 am to 1 p.m. at 445 Plainfield Rd. in Edison. Items for sale include household goods, small appliances, toys, games, books, jewelry, sports items, infant and children's goods, holiday decor and many types of homemade baked goods. All proceeds go to the church. No early birds!

29th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival

April 26

Douglass College presents the 29th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year it will be spotlighting Mexican-American Traditions. The festival will take place at the Eagleton Institute Grounds at Douglass Campus at Rutgers University, George St. and Ryders Lane in New Brunswick. The event will take place rain or shine. Preferred parking will be available for \$5. For more information call campus services at (732) 932-INFO, or visit <http://njfolkfest.rutgers.edu> or call (732) 932-5775.

Book Release Signing

April 26

Joylynn M. Jossel will read from and sign copies of her new sensual thriller, *The Root of All Evil*, at 1 p.m. at Our Story Book Store, 1318 South Ave.

in Plainfield. Visit www.JoylynnJossel.com for a sneak peek inside this novel.

Reunion at Union Catholic High

May 2-4

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains is planning the 40th anniversary of the opening of the school on May 2, 3 and 4. All alumni of the school who have not previously been notified should contact Anne Wischusen by phone at (908) 889-1600 X 316 or email to awischusen@unioncatholic.org or oralumni@unioncatholic.org.

Festivities include a Friday night Open House at the school (no children), a Saturday Family Fun Day at the school, a Saturday Night Gala at the Pines Manor in Edison and Sunday, Family Mass and Brunch at the school. Visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org for details.

SingleFaces Dances Announced

May 2-4

Friday, May 2 at Radisson Inn Paramus, 9 p.m. 601 From Rd., Paramus.

Saturday, May 3 at Holiday Inn, 9 p.m. Observatory Ballroom, 50 Kenney Pl. in Saddlebrook.

Sunday, May 4 at Woodbridge Hilton, 8-12 p.m., 120 Wood Ave. South.

Scholarship Benefit Theatre Party

May 4

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will host a theatre performance to benefit their annual scholarship fund on May 4 at 3 p.m. at the Circle Playhouse in Piscataway.

The play being presented is "An American Daughter" by the award winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein, whose plays "The Heidi Chronicles" and "The Sisters Rosensweig" were performed in New York in recent years.

Ticket cost is \$15. All proceeds will benefit the annual scholarship fund, which awards a scholarship to a graduating SPHS senior. Complimentary refreshments will be served during intermission and door prizes will be awarded. There will also be a chance to enter a drawing for an original painting donated by a local artist.

Circle Playhouse is located at 416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway, just a few blocks from the corner of West Seventh St. and Washington Ave.

For directions, call the playhouse. For ticket information, call (908) 757-6163 or (908) 757-3680.

All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial

May 4

The Trenton Kennel Club, Inc. is holding its 74th Annual All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial! The show will take place on May 4 from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp., NJ, rain or shine! Admission is \$3 for adults and children under 12 are free. Parking is free. Spectators should use the Hughes Dr. entrance. Over 3,000 dogs will be at the show, and the judging schedule will be available prior to the show at www.infodog.com

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Thaddeus Malecki Celebrates 93rd Birthday

South Plainfield resident Thaddeus Malecki celebrated his 93rd birthday with family and friends on April 8 at the Senior Center.

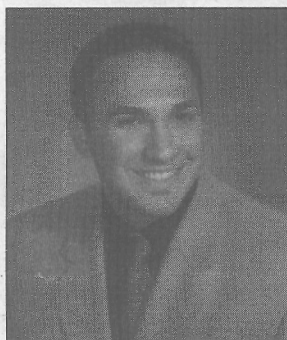
Seated left to right are Helen

Bulla, Malecki's sister Helen Oschanski, Thaddeus Malecki and his brother Felix Malecki. Standing left to right are Malecki's wife Ann and son Dennis.

Atcachunas Accepted To Law School

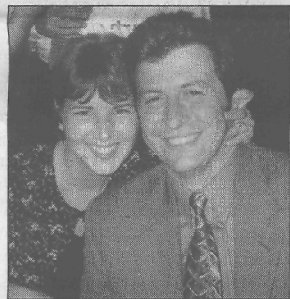
Congratulations to Christopher John Atcachunas, who will be graduating from the University of Tampa in May and has been accepted to Barry University School of Law for the fall semester.

Christopher, the son of Karen Linick of South Plainfield and John Atcachunas, also of South Plainfield, is a 1999 graduate of South Plainfield High School and currently resides in Florida.



Christopher Atcachunas

Bechtle Celebrate 25th Anniversary



Happy twenty-fifth anniversary to Cathy and Kenny Bechtle, who were married on April 15, 1978.

Twenty-five years have passed, 25 more years to come. Nothing can be more special than celebrating your wedding day every year. The Bechtle's daughters, Amanda and Lindsey, say their parents have a very special bond that makes their love last, and are very happy to celebrate their 25th anniversary with them! Pictured at left are Cathy and Kenny Bechtle.

Christian De Rose Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

The South Plainfield Middle School PTA is once again offering the Christian De Rose Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 1993 in memory of Christian De Rose, a Middle School Student who died in a car accident in 1992.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded at the High School Awards Ceremony in June. It

is available to any senior graduating from South Plainfield High School who was also a graduate of the South Plainfield Middle School and is planning to pursue a degree in either a two or four year college program.

Scholarship forms are available at the high school Guidance Office. Submission deadline is April 30. For more info, call (908) 754-4620 ext. 307.

Local Easter Service Schedule

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Holy Week Schedule 2003

- **Good Friday**- April 18, 9 a.m.- Morning Prayer
3 p.m.- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death
7:30 p.m.- Ecumenical Service of Tenebrae
- **Holy Saturday**- April 18, 9 a.m.- Morning Prayer
12 Noon- Blessing of Easter Food
8:30 p.m.- The Solemn Easter Vigil
- **Easter Sunday**- April 20
6:30 a.m.- Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Spring Lake Park
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- April 17- Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.
- April 18- Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Sacred Heart Church at 7:30 p.m.
- April 20- Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Spring Lake Park at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- **Easter Sunday**- 10:30 a.m. Mass

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA R.C. CHURCH

- **Holy Thursday**, April 17, 9 a.m.- Morning Prayer
7 p.m.- Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m.
- **Good Friday**, April 18,
3 p.m.- Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
Veneration of the Cross and Communion Services
7 p.m.- Stations of the Cross, Visit the Tomb of Jesus
- **Holy Saturday**, April 19
11 a.m., 12 Noon, 1 p.m.- Blessing of Easter food in Parish Hall.
8 p.m.- The Easter Vigil Mass
- **Easter Sunday**, April 20
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.- Mass of the Resurrection

RESCUE HOUSE OF PRAYER

- **Friday**, April 18
7:30 p.m.- South Plainfield Ecumenical Clergy Combined Good Friday Service-Sacred Heart RC Church
- **Sunday**, April 20
6:30 a.m.- South Plainfield Ecumenical Clergy Combined Easter Sunrise Service at Spring Lake Park
- 11 a.m.- Easter Morning Worship Services at YWCA, 232 East Front St., Plainfield, NJ.
- 5 p.m.- Sunday School Easter Program

South PlainfieldScouting

Girl Scouts' Sewing Lesson At Fabricland Provides Stitches, Smiles And Fun!

South Plainfield's Cadette Girl Scout Troop #431 of the Washington Rock Council went to Fabricland in North Plainfield last Thursday evening with a mission—to learn to sew. And sew they did... under the guidance of Amanda Uhrlass, manager of the store's sewing machine department and her colleague, Jane O'Brien.

Each 11-year old girl was taught how to thread a machine and bobbin, sew straight and circular stitches and finish off a seam. The best part of the night, according to every Girl Scout there, was sewing the denim tote bags they proudly took home.

"The kids really got excited about sewing their totes," said Uhrlass. "Within two hours, they learned the sewing process, were able to stitch the denim together, and shared a great sense of accomplishment when they finished their fashion accessory."

"Our girls are working toward earning a Fashion Design badge," cited troop leader Linda Kelly, "and this project at Fabricland was one of the 'skill builders' necessary to pursue that goal. The girls will also coordinate service projects that involve fashion and



Members of South Plainfield's Cadette Girl Scout Troop #431 show off their finished tote bags after their two-hour sewing class at Fabricland. From left: Kaitlin Egan, Rebecca Bosse, Alyssa Roibal, Amanda Uhrlass and Jane O'Brien of Fabricland, Katie Sullivan, Amanda Alemzohu and Stephanie Kelly.

design, as well as participate in career exploration to prepare them for possible future work in the fashion and fabrics industry."

Fabricland, located at 855 Route 22 in North Plainfield, provides free sewing lessons and store tours for

Brownie and Girl Scout troops interested in pursuing their sewing and fashion design badges.

For more information about this community service, call the public relations department at Fabricland Interiors, (908) 755-4700 ext. 107.

Girl Scouts Expand Operation Cookie Drop

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, in an effort to support our troops overseas, have received donations of over 100 cases of Girl Scout cookies for "Operation Cookie Drop." The effort has been so well received that they are expanding their efforts and reaching out for more donations. Operation Cookie Drop will enable servicemen and women to receive Girl Scout cookies while deployed protecting our country. Girl Scout cookies will remind our troops that we are thinking of them and praying for their safe return.

Each case of cookies is a \$36 donation that is entirely tax deductible. Any company or individual who wishes to participate may send checks made payable to Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council at 201 Grove St. East, Westfield, NJ 07090. Donations will be accepted through the end of April.

Donations have already reached over 100 cases to date and our goal is to send 500 cases of Girl Scout cookies to the men and women in our armed services. Call Mary Conrad (908) 820-8671 or Stacey Surguy at (908) 232-3236 ext. 1205 for info.



Cub Scout Pack 207 from Franklin School begin the task of making centerpieces for their annual Blue and Gold Dinner. Members are Steven Oehler, Joey Spinella, Brandon Shaw, Nicholas Huber, Andrew Atkinson, Arthur Brown and C.J. Wallace (not pictured).

John E. Riley School PTSO Scholarships

John E. Riley School PTSO is taking applications for its two annual \$500 college scholarships. Applications are available at the south Plainfield High School Guidance Office. Applicants must be residents of

South Plainfield who were promoted from John E. Riley School and a graduating senior of SPHS with a junior and senior GPA of 2.5 or above. The filing deadline for these scholarships is May 2, 2003.



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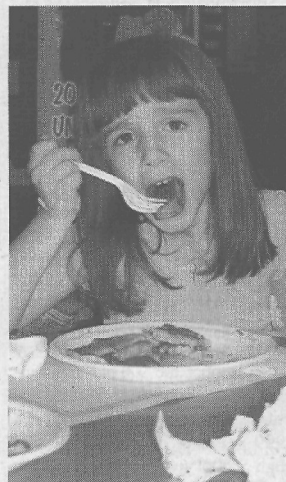
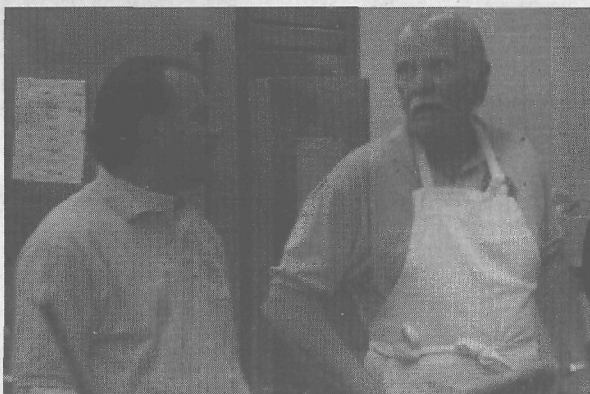
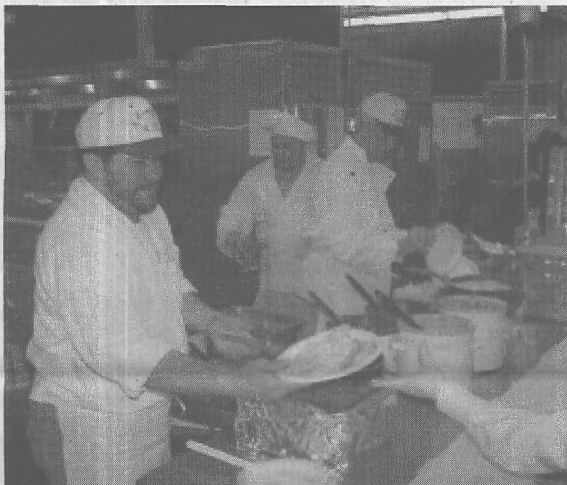
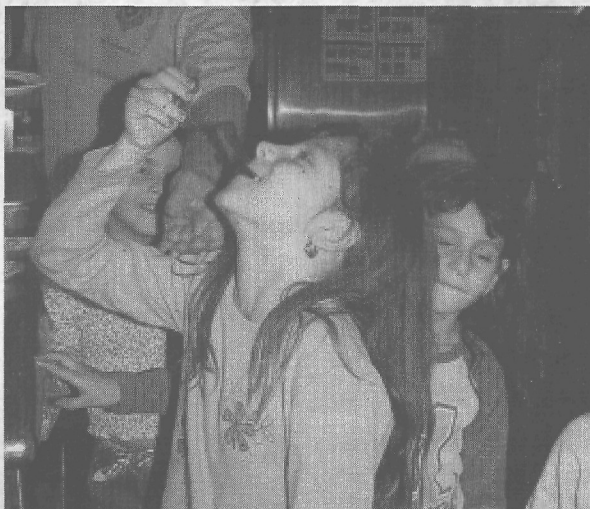
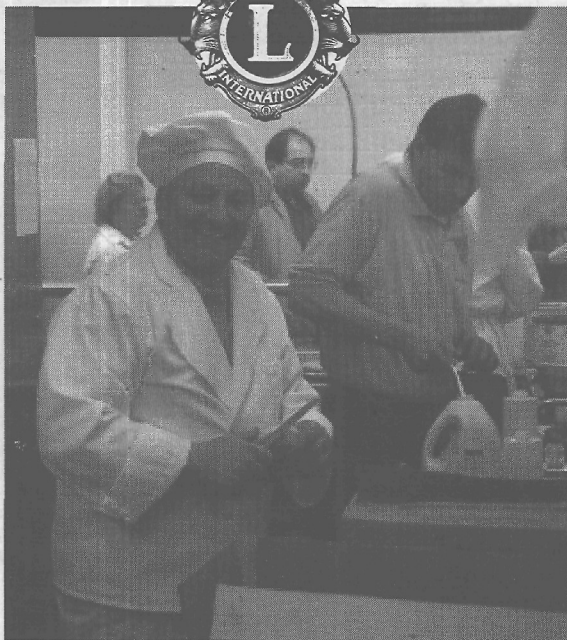
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Lions Serve Up Palm Sunday Breakfast to Over 700



The South Plainfield Lions Club served up gourmet breakfast to over 700 people last Sunday, the largest crowd ever. Waffles, pancakes, sausage, bacon and more were served, along with made to order omelettes, all cooked and served by members of the Lions club, while 18 volunteer children helped with the clean-up. The event also included a bicycle raffle. The annual event benefits the visually and hearing impaired that the Lions Club serve.

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(Left to right) Ann Bozek of South Plainfield marks one of her cards. Joan Cantemessa of South Plainfield enjoyed a few rounds of bingo while working at the ticket table. She has been with the auxiliary for over 35 years. Auxiliary member Joanne Eroglu waits for a win in between selling refreshments.

Rescue Squad Basket Bingo

by Patricia Abbott

On Sunday April 6, the South Plainfield Rescue Squad Auxiliary proudly presented their 1st annual Basket Bingo. The new fundraiser was a big success with over 75 people in attendance.

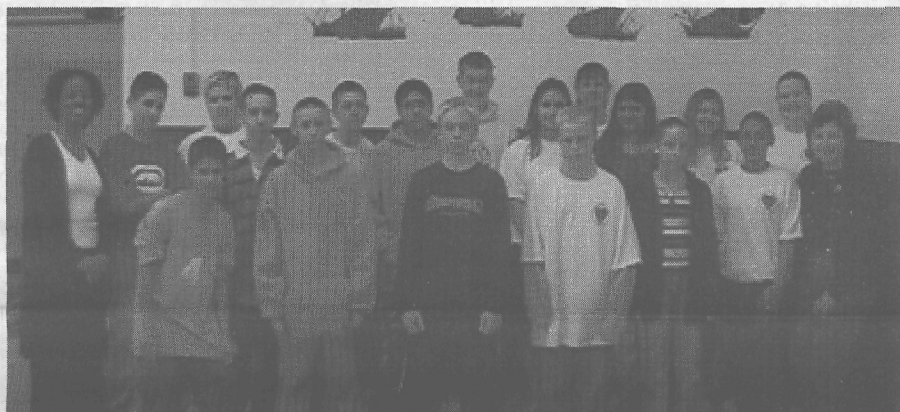
Members Tracey Mellor, Denise Neto, and Auxiliary President Darla

Woodell and Tracy Smizaski organized the event. There were approximately 20 generous gift basket prizes and numerous door prizes donated by area businesses. Tracy Smizaski not only turned each into an eye-catching basket but she also solicited the donations. Calling the numbers was Corresponding Secretary Denise Neto. There were seventeen games and three specials as

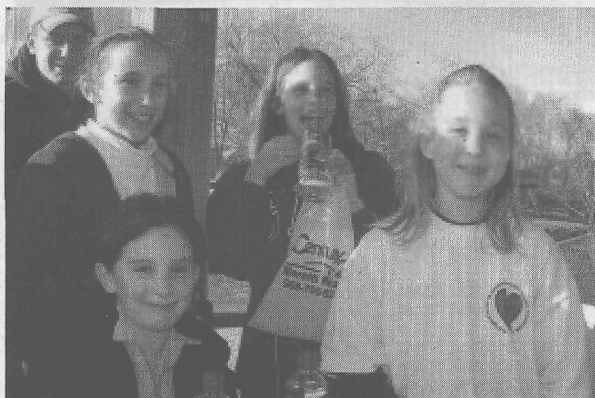
well as a 50/50 raffle prizes.

During breaks between rounds, the many bingo fans enjoyed a mini break. A refreshment table offered a wide variety of food from egg salad sandwiches, soup and pasta to mini bread loaves, soda and baked goods.

The auxiliary is considering another round of Basket Bingo for the fall.



The following Middle School Students participated in the Twilight Walk for Life. In the first row (left to right) are Jonathan Villamarin, Nick Vetusch, Bryan Hunt, Jake Smithline, Jennifer Capparelli, Ramona Mangal. Second row: Zack Lim, Esteban Rodriguez, Swatie Pathak, Jessica Vasquez, Sonali Patel, Jessica Hill, Marissa Kline. Third Row: Rocco Petriello, Danny Pompilio, Sam Martin and Jennifer Mocerino.



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From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

So, is it really spring yet? Or is this just a trick to confuse us before another snowstorm hits? Anyway, whatever happens, here's news from the South Plainfield Library:

The Library will be closed today in observance of Good Friday, and on Sunday in observance of Easter Sunday. However, we'll be open normal hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) on Saturday.

Next week, we'll follow our normal schedule of children's Storytime programs. Those programs are for children ages three and over, no pre-registration is necessary. 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. For more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

We've got another special program coming soon. On Sunday, April 27, we'll be hosting the program, "A Walk Through Old Sampton: South Plainfield's History Through Its Antique Clothing". The program will feature information about South Plainfield history via a fashion show with clothing from various historical periods. There will also be a Q&A session with the audience. There's no fee involved and everyone is invited to attend. The program has been sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society.

In case you hadn't noticed, the near-universally dreaded date of April 15 (a.k.a. Income Tax Day) has come and gone. But, for those of you who told the state and federal tax authorities that you were running behind schedule, we still have some tax forms and booklets available. Please call to check on the availability of specific items. And, for those of you who late-filers who forgot to ask for more time, you may have

a serious problem.

Here's an update to our recent report about the printers for our public computers. All of our public computers have now been connected to the central printer behind the Circulation Desk. All printouts will be in black-and-white unless you specifically instruct the computer to print in color. (Don't forget that color printouts now cost 50 cents, rather than the 10 cents for b&w copies.) Also, we advise you to only print out the specific pages you need; that way, you won't have to pay for pages 1-30 when all you needed was page 26. Finally, before you print, be sure to notify us at the desk, so we can keep our eyes open for your printouts. You pay for them when you pick them up. If you need help adjusting the color, selecting specific pages, or doing anything else with the computers, please ask the Reference Librarian for help.

Finally, we're adding new items to three of our collections. Our adult DVD collection now features the movies "One Hour Photo," "The Road to Perdition" and "Sweet Home Alabama" and the respective first season episodes of "Futurama" and "Six Feet Under". Our juvenile DVD collection now features two discs featuring SpongeBob Squarepants, and the Disney sequel "Belle's Magical World". DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. Meanwhile, our adult fiction collection now features "The Guardian" by Nicholas Sparks; "Armageddon," the latest book in the "Left Behind" series by LaHaye and Jenkins, the "Star Wars" novel "Tatooine Ghost" by Troy Denning, "The Arrangement" by Steve Martini, and "The Dating Game" by Danielle Steel. New fiction books may be borrowed for two weeks.

That's about all for now. We'll see you next Friday for more.

South Plainfield Historical Society Offering Scholarship

The South Plainfield Historical Society is offering an annual scholarship to college-bound seniors who have exhibited an interest in state or local history.

Applicants must be South Plainfield residents. Students must describe why he/she should be considered for the South Plainfield Society Scholarship and write a brief essay on any topic

relating to state or local history.

The Historical Society scholarship form is available in the guidance office, and is due in guidance on or before April 28, 2003.

Access the Historical Society web page at: <http://communitv.nj.com/cc/sphistoricalsoc> or e-mail the society at SPHistoricalSoc@cs.com for more information.

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Sports

juniorbaseballclubnotes

Despite the snow and rain we had recently, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club season got underway with a limited amount of games played.

• **Small Fry A-League** did play three games. Mike Maiorino hit a home run and three Dodger pitchers, Tramaine Miller, Mike Maiorino and Kyle Hughes, shut out the Phillies.

The Giants defeated the Yankees with some timely hitting, and the Athletics defeated the Cardinals in an extra inning game. A.J. Kunie hit a game tying bases loaded triple with two outs, and then Teddy Skwiat knocked in the winning run in the bottom of the 8th inning.

• In **Small Fry B-League** seven games were played. Some highlights were: Brandon Downes hit a grand slam home run to lead the Indians over the Red Sox. Jeff Praul had four hits for the Indians who also turned in a triple play against the Red Sox.

The Cardinals received excellent pitching from Zack Melanson and Tommy Bowden to lead their team over the Tigers.

The Yankees pitching limited the Giants to two hits. Zack Sikanowicz, Mark McCullen and Kristopher Baker were the pitching aces. Joshua Howard had two hits for the Yankees. Eric Lake and Michael Simone had the hits for the Giants.

'C' League Game Summaries (8 & 9 year olds)

Sunday, April 6

Red Sox vs. Reds—Red Sox: Pat Boyle pitched two strong innings. Mark Tomei had a single. Reds: Shayne Cusick had a single that drove in two runs.

Tigers vs. Giants—Tigers: Joe Zip had two hits with one RBI. Ryan Marcoux pitched two good innings. Giants: Steve Vincent had two clean singles, Sam Bermudez pitched two good innings.

Athletics vs. Yankees—Athletics: In two innings of pitching Jared Aronowitz struck out five batters. Michael Tangorra had three base hits. Yankees: Joseph Skwiat pitched two strong innings. Quinn Cochrane had two base hits.

Sunday April 13

Tigers vs. Red Sox—Tigers: John Siringo played a very good defense with one putout, Jacob Seider pitched one good inning plus he had a beautiful catch in centerfield. Red Sox: Liam McDermott played a very good defense with three putouts.

Reds vs. Phillies—Reds: Zach George pitched two scoreless innings. Phillies: Eric Shumaker had three hits plus he pitched two good innings, Kyle Brady had two hits and he pitched two scoreless innings.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting, April 22—The South Plainfield Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on April 22. New members are always welcomed. **All-Star Try-outs, May 3**—Try-outs for the summer All-Star teams will be held on May 3 at 4 p.m. at the Pitt Street Park Complex. Players will be chosen for the 10 & under, 12 & under and 14 & under teams. One team per age group will be formed. A second try-out day may be needed. Second date TBA.

Age Requirements

C League Team - Girls must be 10 & under as of 12/31/02. Tryouts will take place on field C (woods). Coach is John DiDolce.

B League Team - Girls must be 12 & under as of 12/31/02. Tryouts will take place on field B (street). Coach is Mark Sutherland.

A League Team - Girls must be 14 & under as of 12/31/02. Tryouts will take place on field A (scoreboard). Coach is Rich Szeliga.

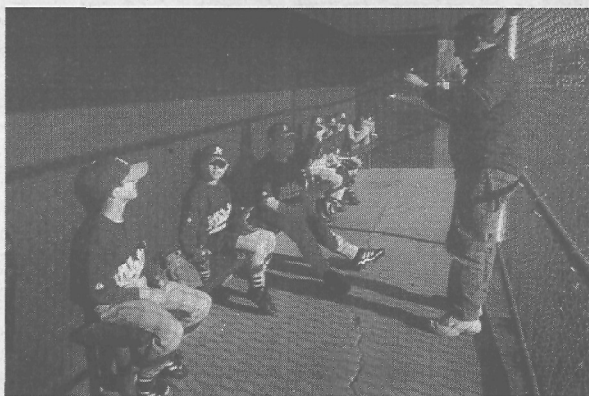
Recreation Tag Day, May 8, 9 and 10—Our annual tag day will take place on May 8th, 9th and 10 th. We need the participation of all players in order to make this fundraiser a success. Coaches will advise teams of their scheduled date and time. Players will meet at the snack bar at the Pitt Street Park Complex to receive their canning location.

Pool Party, June 6—The Ponytail Parents' Association will sponsor an end of season pool party. This vent is open to all Recreation Ponytail softball players so please join us on Friday, June 6 at the South Plainfield Community pool. Additional info will be provided in upcoming publications of the Batters Box.

All-Star Tag Day, June 7—All-Star tag day will take place on Saturday June 7th. It is a mandatory requirement that every All-Star player participate in two tag days. This tagging requirement can be fulfilled by participating in any two of the four tag days. If an All-Star player is unable to tag on June 7, they will be permitted to tag during any two of the three recreation tag days (please see your coach to arrange this). Players will meet at the snack stand at the Pitt Street Park Complex to receive their canning location.

Sponsorship Program—Last year we revised our sponsorship program. Our sponsors can have an advertising sign placed on the outfield fences of our fields at the Pitt Street Park Complex. The sign will be 4 feet by 8 feet in size. Sponsors can design their sign with any information or logo they choose. The signs will be up for our spring, summer, and fall programs (now thru end of October). Sponsors will have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$300 (includes cost of sign with two colors) or a two-year agreement at a cost of \$400 (includes cost of sign with two colors). Additional colors may be added at a cost of \$20 per color. After the initial agreement period is up, the annual renewal fee will be \$175.

This new program offers our sponsors a cost-effective advertising opportunity which will reach hundreds of families. All of the funds, which are collected from our sponsors and fundraisers, go directly towards improving and upgrading the Pitt Street Park softball facilities as well as benefiting the girls who play recreation and all-star softball. If you are interested in funding a sign, please contact any member of the S.P. Parents' Ponytail Association or contact me via our website SPPONYTAIL.com.



The C-League Athletics get advice from their coach in their April 6 game against the Yankees.

SOCCER

Sonics Shutout Hurricanes

On Sunday, April 13, the U10 Sonics of the South Plainfield Soccer Club hosted a determined Somerset Hills Hurricanes team at SPHS.

The first half saw the Sonics in command on the field narrowly missing several chances on goal. The Sonics kept the Hurricanes goal keeper very busy. He made several outstanding saves to keep the half time score 0-0.

The second half kickoff saw our Sonics pummel the Hurricane goal. Shots were taken by Mike Dispenziere, Dana Hunt, Danny Hunt, Steve Lanza and Nick Okosko, but at the end of the third quarter, it was still a scoreless tie. There was action all over the field end to end during

the fourth quarter. Danny Hunt took a nice through pass from Dana Hunt and slipped one by the outstretched arms of the Hurricanes keeper to go up 1-0.

The defenders for the games were Shaun Alers, Will Mott, Luke Goitrandia, Nick Ross and Danny Sticco. The midfielders and attackers were Mike Dispenziere, Charlie Huber, Danny Hunt, Dana Hunt, Steve Lanza and Nick Okosko. Goalkeepers for the Sonics were Nick Tiyp and Nick Ross. At the final whistle, the Sonics had their first shut out of the season beating the Hurricanes 1-0. A great team effort makes the Sonics record 2-0-1!

Bullets Mark On Year Is 1-0-1

On Sunday, April 6, the South Plainfield Soccer Club Bullets U-9 boy's team defeated the Edison Patriots 4-0 in their inaugural game of the spring season. Ryan Marcoux notched the hat trick, and Albert Vill added 1 as the Bullets resumed their winning ways from the fall campaign. Preserving the shutout for the Bullets were goalies Daniel Lyew, Tony Franczak, Steve Bichler, and Shane McCoid.

On Sunday, April 13, the Bullets entertained a very strong team in the Middlesex Rockets. Going ahead 1-0 on a first quarter goal from Ryan Marcoux, the Bullets saw their lead quickly erased as they fell behind 2-1 at the half. The Bullets came out firing in the second half, missing on numerous chances before mid-fielder Niek Rivera evened the score 2-2, his first goal of the season. Rivera, Kevin Flanagan, and John E. Cotone played a tremendous game, controlling the midfield for the Bullets. Forwards Steve Bichler, Daniel Zwatschka, and Tony Franczak kept the ball in front of the Rockets net for most of the second half. Newcomer Shane McCoid, along with Albert Vill, Nick Pleeter, Zachary Noll, and Daniel Lyew, provided the staunch defense that has become the Bullets' calling card. Sharing goaltending duties for the Bullets were Daniel Lyew, Tony Franczak, Steve Bichler and Shane McCoid.

Come join the excitement and cheer

on the Bullets as they face the Hillsborough Force at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at South Plainfield High School.

GOLF

SPHS Gets Off to a Good Start

A home win for South Plainfield High School Golf Team against Sayerville on a cold, windy day saw Mike Jankoski shoot a 37 and Peter DeAndrea with a 38. Next came Piscataway and Woodbridge at Colonia Country Club where Frank Gaspari shot a 44 and Billy Weaver had a 46. This was another cold, windy day when only diehard golfers venture on to the links. The team found another wintry day to play their four match and Billy Padulla shot a 37 to lead the Tigers to victory.

Monday the Tigers had a tri-match with Colonia and New Brunswick. They won both matches bringing their record to 6-0. Guy Severini shot a 39 while Mike Alvarez and Doug Dietzold had 39s against New Brunswick. Frank Gaspari had a 38 against Colonia and Peter DeAndrea shot a 40.

The team is well balanced and coach Kavka expects and hopes they play their best against the stronger teams. The team played matches with Watchung Hills and Clark. On Monday the Tigers play Bishop Ahr and Westfield. Tuesday they go to Ocean City, Maryland to play for four days.

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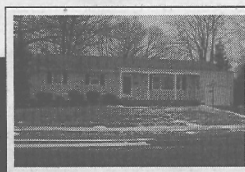
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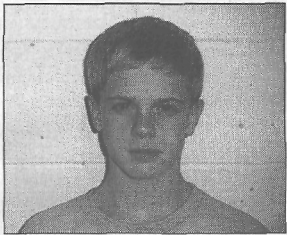
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Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

Hunter Fourth at National Tournament



Patrick Hunter

Middle School seventh grader Patrick Hunter placed fourth at the World of Wrestling National Wrestling Championships in Reno, Nevada. Hunter was one of 38 wrestlers in the 12 and under 80 pound division. 2,800 wrestlers from 40 different states battled to claim individual national titles in six different age categories. In the opening round Patrick defeated David Frasier of Oregon by fall at 2:10. In the next round Patrick then pinned Tucker Ray of Utah at 2:27.

In the quarterfinal round Patrick then defeated Washington State Champion Kevin Tao by technical fall 19-3 at 4:27. In the semi-final round Hunter lost to four time National Champion Collin Palmer of Columbia Station, Ohio 19-5. Palmer went on to claim the title and the Trinity Award for winning his fourth national title this year. In the wrestle back round Hunter defeated David Walsh of California by fall. In the next round of wrestle backs Hunter defeated Justin Gonzales also of California 6-4. In the consolation final Hunter dropped a 3-1 decision to Oregon state champion Trent Stevenson for fourth place.

Robert Gentile, eighth grade Middle School wrestler, finished seventh in the 15 and under 75 pound division. He defeated Brandon Turino of California 6-2. Hunter and Gentile earn all American honors for placing at this tournament.

GMC Wrestling Coaches Name All-Stars

The following South Plainfield wrestlers have been named to the 2003 Greater Middlesex Conference All-Conference Wrestling team: Jimmy Conroy (103), Guy Severini (152), Glenn Gross (160),

and Steve Johnston (171). 2003 All-Red Division Wrestlers are Jim Conroy (103), Guy Severini (152), Glenn Gross (160), Steve Johnston (171) and Ryan Elliot (Hwt).

Get Ready for Summer Parks Program

Summer Parks- The summer parks program will run from June 24 to August 8, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The staff leaves the sites from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children remaining through the lunch hour or after 3:30 p.m. will not be supervised. Games, trips, arts and crafts, and more are planned at each of the following sites for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through sixth: Kennedy School, Franklin School, Roosevelt School, Riley School.

The Summer Parks Program is intended to be a "drop in" activity. Day care services are not provided. Supervisors are employed to provide fun, safe, enjoyable activities.

Children must register at the PAL with their parents. Proof of residency must be provided. A parent driver's license and a child's third quarter 2003 report card must be submitted at time of registration. Parents must designate if a child will be picked up or may leave and come on their own. All children must sign in and sign out every day. Children 10 years and older will be

allowed to use the Community Pool on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A one-time permission slip will be required.

All sites are open rain or shine. All sites closed during lunch hour. Every child is asked to bring reading material with them. All children must wear a shirt and closed toe shoes (preferably sneakers) in order to participate in playground activities.

Special Events Schedule

Week 1- Softball throw, freckle, safety poster contests.

Week 2- Pool, go fish, bike decoration, crazy clothes contests.

Week 3- Pool, kite flying, checkers, foul shooting, and old maid contests.

Week 4- Pool, coloring, chess, hockey and pigtail contests.

Week 5- Pool, scavenger hunt, relay races, jacks, paper airplane contests.

Week 6- Pool, horse shoe, baseball throw, frisbee, and wild hat contests.

Week 7- Pool, home run, soccer shooting, make-up contests and awards picnic.

Sign Up Now for Summer Sports Camps

Summer Sports Camps registration began April 16. Most camps run from 9 a.m. to noon. Football, Wrestling and Golf are different. All camps except Golf are \$35/participant.

Field Hockey Camp: Open to all girls seven through 15 years old. June 23 through June 27 at the Varsity Hockey Field.

Baseball Camp: Open to all boys seven through 15 years old. June 30 through July 3 at the SPHS ball fields.

Basketball Camp: Open to all boys and girls seven through 15 years old. July 7 through July 11 at the SPHS Gym.

Softball Camp: Open to all girls seven through 15 years old. July 14 through July 18 at the Varsity Softball Field.

Wrestling Camp: Open to all boys seven through 15 years old. July 14 through July 18 at the PAL. Camp begins at 10 a.m.

Soccer Camp: Open to all girls and boys seven through 15 years old. July 21 through July 25 at the Varsity Soccer Field.

Football Camp: Open to all middle and high school boys. Date and time to be announced.

Golf Camp: Open to all girls and boys 10 through 16 years old. Date and time to be announced. Fee is \$100/participant.

BOWLING

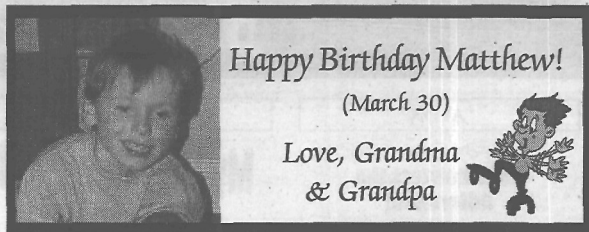
By Ralph Fech



SPHS Boys Varsity Bowling Team are L to R: Coach Ralph Fech, Nick Grego, Mike Espin, Anthony Ingerto, Matt Boley, Shawn Ferguson, Jon Jeglinski and Asst. Vol. Coach Lori Gerstl.

2003 Individual Bowling Team Summary

- Senior Matt Boley- High Game 266, High set 730, Avg. 86 games 194.0 39 200's, 10 600's, 1 700 set, 2003 MVP
 - Sophomore Shawn Ferguson- High Game 258, High set 648, Avg. 79 games 187.7, 21 200's, 9 600's, Improved Average +26 pins
 - Sophomore Ged Kleinknecht- High Game 235, High set 638, Avg. 73 games 179.0, 21 200's, 2 600's, Improved Average +27 pins
 - Sophomore Jon Jeglinski- High Game 249, High set 604, Avg. 86 games 170.8, 14 200's, 1 600 set, Improved Average +19 pins
 - Senior Anthony Ingerto- High Game 237, High set 611, Avg. 72 games 170.7, 10 200's, 1 600 set, Improved Average +22 pins
 - Sophomore Nick Grego- High Game 234, High set 567, Avg. 74 games 156.4, 4 200's, Improved Average +13 pins
 - Senior Mike Espin- High Game 179, High set 472, Avg. 24 games 144.7
- The team was voted the Red Division-Sportsmanship Award



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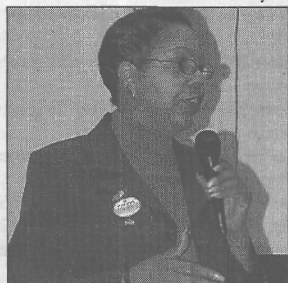
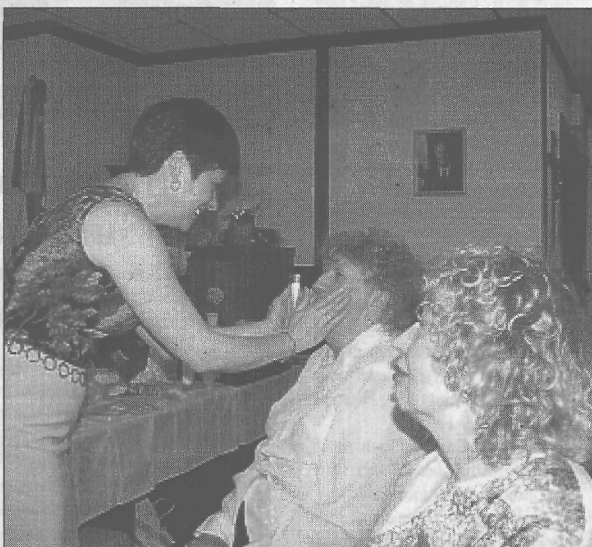
By Patricia Abbott

The Knights of Columbus chapter of the Columbiettes recently celebrated the arrival of spring with a luncheon and fashion show. Clothes for the event were on loan from Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman both of South Plainfield. Models for the event were members: Arlene Anthony, Dolores Wehner, Linda-Susan Gitto, Bernadette Bavoso and Mary Mahon. Representatives from Mary Kay cosmetics were on hand as well. They performed their make up magic on several of the models and offered a display for the guests to browse. Fifty four people attended the successful afternoon.

The Columbiettes have approximately 65 members from South Plainfield, Piscataway, Edison, Dunellen, Bound Brook and Middlesex. They are a charitable organization who donate to local groups such as the Children's Specialized Hospital and Caring and Sharing, an organization that takes shut-ins out once a month for mass. Before returning them to their homes they bring the guests to the Knights of Columbus for a luncheon. Upcoming events include an Easter Bunny Brunch at Sacred Heart School and a walk for MS on May 4.



Columbiettes served as models for their Spring Fashion Show.



policereport

• On April 5 a Wooden Ave. resident reported scratches on her vehicles hood, roof and trunk.

• On April 7 a Pershing Pl. resident reported the theft of radio/CD player, an amplifier and two sub-woofers from his vehicle.

• Unitemp on Kennedy Rd. reported receiving two bad checks from clients. One for \$601.30, the other for \$1,871.

• On April 8 a Somerset woman reported leaving her ATM card at the drive-up window at First Union on Oak Tree Rd. \$500 was withdrawn and the card was used at a Target store.

• On April 10 Jin Y. Her, 28, of New Brunswick was arrested for careless driving and failure to exhibit a registration card at a motor vehicle stop.

• Ryder Truck Rental on New Brunswick Ave. reported that a customer had not returned a vehicle.

• A Garibaldi Ave. resident reported that someone had drawn on his fence in black magic marker.

• On April 11 David Brian Stovall, 34, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, speeding and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Luis Fernando Valencia, 43, of Plainfield was arrested at the DMV for the sale of documents, fraudulent application for certification, fraudulent NJ drivers license used to prove his identity while attempting to register a vehicle.

• A. Stanley Mundy Inc. on Roosevelt Ave. reported that a wacker gas powered tamping machine had been removed from a company vehicle.

• On April 12 Freddy Ronald Hernandez-Zevallos, 29, of North Plainfield was arrested at Kohls for shoplifting two pair of jeans in a bag and attempting to get a refund.

• On April 13 Barry J. Malone, 37, of Piscataway was arrested for violating a final restraining order.

• Ana Mirina Valladares, 44, of Plainfield was arrested at Macys for concealing a bracelet.

• Rosa Leiva, 30, of Plainfield was arrested at Macys for shoplifting two pair of sunglasses and a necklace.

• On April 14 Robert A. Kugelman, 32, of East Lebanon was arrested for possession of controlled substances, possession of paraphernalia and controlled substances in a motor vehicle at a traffic stop.

• Keith M. Miller, II, 20, of Plainfield was arrested for the distribution of controlled substances and on outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

Resident Charged With Molestation

A South Plainfield resident who was a tenured teacher at Sayreville War Memorial High School was arrested last week and charged with molesting a 16-year-old boy.

Gregory Palmer, 37, a tenured teacher at the school for seven years, has since resigned from his job.

In a reaction to the charges, the Diocese of Metuchen removed Palmer from him his CCD teaching duties at Sacred Heart Parish, even though no complaints or allegations have ever been received at Sacred Heart.

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Obituaries

Selma (Caldwell) Fasano, 60

Selma (Caldwell) Fasano trusting in her Lord and savior Jesus Christ, died on Thursday, April 10 after five years with ovarian cancer.

Born and raised in Newark, Selma had resided in Piscataway before settling in South Plainfield in 1973. Selma was an artist and writer. She had a tremendous love for her grandchildren and spent time with her friends on Friday nights playing cards for the past 20 years. In addition to playing cards, they took trips to Las Vegas together.

She is predeceased by her grandson, Zachary Milo.

Surviving are her husband of 42 years, Louis Fasano, Sr.; three daughters, Rachel (Jim) Spies of Somerset, Jennifer (Dan) Milo of Stewartsville and Lydia (Artie) Sabino of South Plainfield; two sons, Louis, Jr. (Jessica) of South Plainfield and Anthony Fasano of Plainfield; three sisters, Dolores Roark of Delaware, Jeanette Browarski of Wall, Barbara Bailes of Ohio and Jean Hurd of Edison; a brother, Jack Caldwell and her 11 grandchildren, Stevie, Alexis, Carly, Angelo, Louis III, Emma, Danielle, Jordan, Jaime, Brianna, Leah and an additional grandchild is expected in May.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin's Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105 or Safe Room Ministries Inc. 1101 Asbury Ave., Ocean City, NJ 08226.

Lorri, Jonathan and Kristen.

Funeral services were held at the D'Elia Funeral Home in Lakewood, NJ.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Original Leisure Village Foundation, Buckingham Dr., Lakewood, NJ 08701 or the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 313 Third St., Lakewood, NJ 08701.

Joseph N. Girus, 63

Joseph N. Girus of South Plainfield died on Saturday, April 12 at the Westfield Center in Westfield.

Mr. Girus was born and raised in Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield 35 years ago.

Joe was the former owner and operator of 3's G's Catering in South Plainfield for 18 years. He then worked for National Realty Corp. in South Plainfield in the maintenance department for 10 years before retiring in 1995.

Joe was an avid gardener and loved landscaping in his yard. He could be found planting and caring for a large variety of trees and shrubs throughout the yard.

He was predeceased by his son, Joseph Girus, who died in 1995.

He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Mangold Girus; a stepson, Joseph Leonardi of Edison; a sister, Martha Newcomb of Middlesex and a brother, Steve Girus of Green Brook and his grandchildren Maria, Krystal and Anthony.

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

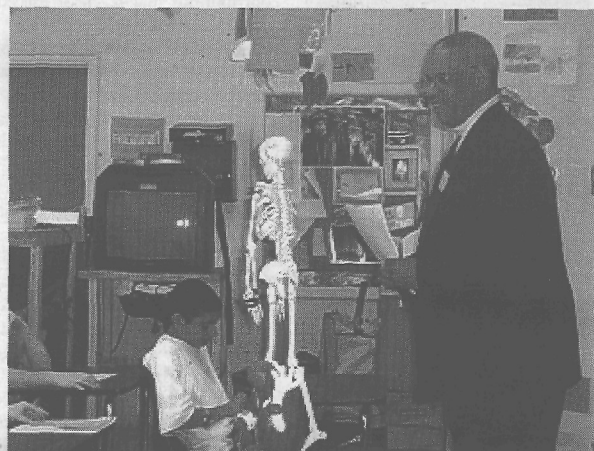
Middle School Science Class Gets a Lesson in DNA Fingerprinting

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield resident Alan Peterson, a retired police officer and criminal investigator, recently volunteered his time and expertise to speak to Middle School teacher Mr. Cevalo's seventh grade science classes about DNA fingerprinting. Because of his extensive research, study and training, Peterson lectures on topics which include a host of forensic and investigative criminal justice areas.

Students were able to combine their knowledge of the scientific make-up of DNA with its present use as an important crime solving tool. Peterson explained how a person's unique DNA is like a fingerprint and how it is used in the judicial system to convict criminals. DNA has also been used in numerous unsolved cases and in some cases to vindicate innocent people who are wrongfully imprisoned.

A prime example of DNA use was in the O.J. Simpson murder case. Even though samples of the murder victim's blood were taken and found at



Retired police officer Alan Peterson speaks to science students at the Middle School about DNA.

Simpson's residence, the mishandling of that evidence lead to jurors doubting the credibility of the samples, even though it was a match.

Quite a few students expressed an interest in pursuing careers in law en-

forcement, medicine and science. Peterson stressed that now and in the future, the study of DNA and its uses will become even more popular and enhance and create many career choices.

"At Risk" Seniors are Urged to Register

As part of a statewide program to establish an emergency preparedness plan for our senior community and other "at risk" residents, Senior Citizen Coordinator, Joann Graf, is requesting that all residents who would be considered "at risk" to contact the South Plainfield Senior Center and register with her office. "At risk" would refer to vulnerable individuals who live

alone, are homebound, isolated, handicapped, on oxygen, dialysis or have other medical conditions.

"It is very important that we establish a database of South Plainfield residents who would need assistance in the event of an emergency situation such as disaster, major storms, power outage or terrorist event," said Graf. "We urge those residents who would need

assistance in emergency situations to register at the Senior Citizen Center so that our response team is fully aware of who would need assistance and where they are."

The Senior Center is located at 90 Maple Ave. and the telephone number is (908) 754-1047. Or you can send an email to joanngraf@hotmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

Michael J. Resetar, Sr., 74

Michael J. Resetar, Sr. died on Monday, April 14 at the Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

Born in Newark, he was a former resident of South Plainfield for 45 years, residing in Lakewood for the past 10 years.

He was the warehouse manager for Mueller Brass Co., located in Little Falls for 42 years. He retired in 1987. He was also a veteran of the Korean War.

Michael was the past president of the Board of Trustees of Original Leisure Village, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Original Leisure Village, a member of the Farmers Club, Golf Club and the Wood Carvers Club, all of Original Leisure Village, VFW of South Plainfield and Boy Scout Leader of Troop #24 of South Plainfield. He also attended Lakewood Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine Resetar of Lakewood, NJ; two brothers, John Resetar and Edward Ostroski; three sons, Michael J. Resetar, Jr. of Hillsborough, NC, Robert Resetar of Clermont, Fla. and Thomas Resetar of South Plainfield; a sister Kathy Fredricks of South Plainfield; a brother Joseph Ostroski of Belleville and six grandchildren, Corey, Matthew, Janice,

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

April 11, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 10, 2003:

Case # 10-03-Neil & Laura Cavaliere; Block 239; Lot 3; 3220 Beverly Road. The applicant's request for a northerly side yard setback variance of 5 feet in order to construct a two story addition measuring 14 feet in width by 25 feet in depth was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

Case #11-03-Ed Buehner; Block 404.02; Lot 29; 709 Jackson Avenue. The applicant's request for a 6 foot northerly side yard setback variance in order to erect a second story addition measuring 16 feet by 12 feet, 9 inches was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$26.25

April 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Kevin and Andrea Yull requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the construction of a 2 story rear and second floor addition. Proposed addition lacks the required 8' side yard setback, 5.5' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1617 Plainfield Avenue on Block 43, Lot 1 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, May 15, 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

April 18, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

WHEREAS, Veterans Memorial Park is in need of remediation, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited a proposal from their environmental consultants, the PMK Group, and

WHEREAS, PMK Group submitted said proposal which will include the formulation of the safety plan, preparation of the technical specifications, bid administration and contract administration and monitoring, and

WHEREAS, to perform said tasks PMK Group's proposal was at a cost not to exceed \$86,300.00, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), and

WHEREAS, funds for said contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in Ordinance #1612A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a "Professional Services" contract with the PMK Group to perform stated duties regarding the remediation of Veterans Memorial Park at a cost not to exceed \$86,300.00.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$42.00

April 18, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Steve and Kelly Stashko requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the construction of an addition. Proposed addition lacks the required 8' side yard setback, 5'9" being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 234 Fairmont Avenue on Block 61, Lot 6 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, May 29, 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

April 18, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

ORDINANCE No. 1579A

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

Ordinance # 1579A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1579 APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEW AND STUDY OF THE BOROUGH'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, USERS BILLING AND COLLECTIONS was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 14, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

\$22.00

April 18, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

ORDINANCE No. 1612A

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

Ordinance #1612A entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$35,000 AS WELL AS A REAPPROPRIATION OF \$51,300 FROM ORDINANCE #1612 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SAFETY PLAN, PROJECT DESIGN, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING FOR REMEDIATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 14, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

\$24.50

April 18, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

April 11, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on April 8, 2003.

Case #662/V-Harris Realty, LLC, Block 286; Lot 1; 1641 New Market Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval has hereby been GRANTED subject to conditions.

Case #684-200-Helen Street, LLC, Block 480; Lot 1. The applicant's request for preliminary & final site plan approval has hereby been GRANTED subject to conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$24.50

April 18, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

ORDINANCE No. 1622

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

Ordinance #1622 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1386 ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAYMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS RENDERING SERVICE FOR PRIVATE OR QUASI-PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AND COMPENSATION TO POLICE OFFICERS FOR SERVICE FOR PRIVATE OR QUASI-PUBLIC FUNCTIONS be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 18, 2003 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM. on Thursday, May 8, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1622

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1386 ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAYMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS RENDERING SERVICE FOR PRIVATE OR QUASI-PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AND COMPENSATION TO POLICE OFFICERS FOR SERVICE FOR PRIVATE OR QUASI-PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, Ordinance #778 adopted on July 10, 1978 by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, also known as Section 48, Article III of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, provides the procedure and rate of pay for Police service for Private or Quasi-Public functions, and

WHEREAS, said ordinance was subsequently amended by Ordinance #827, adopted on September 24, 1979, Ordinance #878, adopted on April 13, 1981, Ordinance #1348, adopted on March 7, 1994 and Ordinance #1386, adopted on February 23, 1995, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield believe that the rate of payment for services of members of the Police Department for Private or Quasi-Private functions should be revised, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended as follows:

The party requesting the service of a member of the Police Department as state in Section 48-20 hereof shall be charged and pay for each service at one and one half (1 1/2) times the compensation rate presently payable to Class B Patrolman plus five dollars (\$5.00) administrative fee for all entities except non-profit groups (including but not limited to Churches) in which the administrative fee will remain at two (\$2.00) dollars. All sums shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Borough of South Plainfield and shall become part of its general funds.

All other provisions of Section 48 will remain in effect.

This ordinance shall take effect after publication in accordance with the law.

Approved April 14, 2003

Daniel J. Gallagher/Mayor

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$82.00

April 18, 2003

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