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Tigers' Hopes Squashed

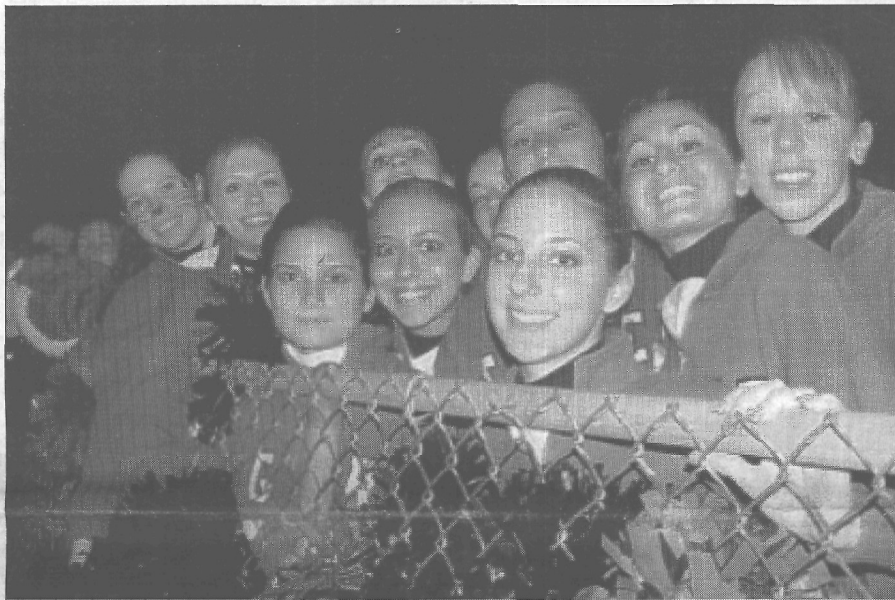
Fans rally, but team falls hard to North Plainfield rivals

Photos by Patricia Abbott

Not since the Capulets and Montagues has there been such a blood-feud as when the South Plainfield High School Tigers and the North Plainfield High School Canucks took to the field on Thanksgiving Day. The old-new Thanksgiving football tradition did indeed continue. The second annual return of this Thanksgiving rivalry is a sorely missed SPHS favorite for alumni and a new experience for others. The decades-old tradition came to an end in the eighties.

The festivities began on Wednesday evening with the prerequisite pep rally. The gym was transformed into a shrine for the Tigers. Green and white streamers and balloons filled the air; colorful banners and posters covered a portion of the upper bleachers. Enthusiastic cheerleaders, football players, color guard and the Tiger Marching Band were joined by a crowd of boisterous spectators, students, teachers, parents and die-hard Tiger fans from years gone by. School spirit seemed to become a living entity.

The SPHS color guard strutted their stuff, expertly tossing and twirling flags and rifles in time to the upbeat rhythm. Cheerleaders' energetic chants, second only to the applause, filled the room. Football players, color guard and cheerleaders were introduced with kudos going to senior members. When the energy and decibel level reached a near frenzy, the crowd was led outside for



SPHS Varsity Cheerleading Squad seniors raise school spirit at the Tigers pre-game pep rally Wednesday night.

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— SPHS Senior Kaitlin Bundy —

a bonfire. Within seconds the South Plainfield Fire Department brought the lumber to life. The power of the flames illuminated hopes of a Tiger victory. Students lined the fence for a close up look at the blaze, and seniors savored the final hours before their last game. All too soon the fire began to die out and the crowd slowly thinned, heading home to await the big day.

It was a memorable moment for

Senior Kaitlin Bundy. "As a senior cheerleader, this year's second annual Thanksgiving Day pep rally was a great way to help end the season. The excitement generated by everyone—the band, the cheerleaders, and the football players—was remarkable. It was touching to see the amount of school spirit that was produced at the event. It will be an occasion I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life. I had a great time this football season and will always miss the games."

Thanksgiving morning dawned bright and sunny. Unlike last year's frigid temperatures, it was a perfect day for a football game. Following the tradition to alternate home fields, the game was played at North Plainfield's Kraus field. The coin toss was performed by the school's respective homecoming Royalty.

The Tigers roared up and down the field, fighting and charging with the tenacity of their ferocious feline namesake. Despite their tremendous efforts, the game went to the Canucks. With a casual bravado, Tiger fans describe the game as a "close one," with a final score of 14-44.

The return of the South versus North tradition was not without a glitch or two. It also brought the return of a negative tradition, pranks against the opposing school. During the game, North Plainfield cheerleaders reportedly tore the tiger mascot's costume, bent several color guard flag poles and removed several cheerleader megaphones and pom poms.

Athletic Director Mike Buggy noted while the pranks were minor, they took away from the spirit of the day. Pranks such as these are the only thing that mar the rivalry.

Gulf Station Robbed

On November 28 at 5:48 a.m., officers responded to a report of a burglary at the Gulf Gas Station, on Stelton Rd.

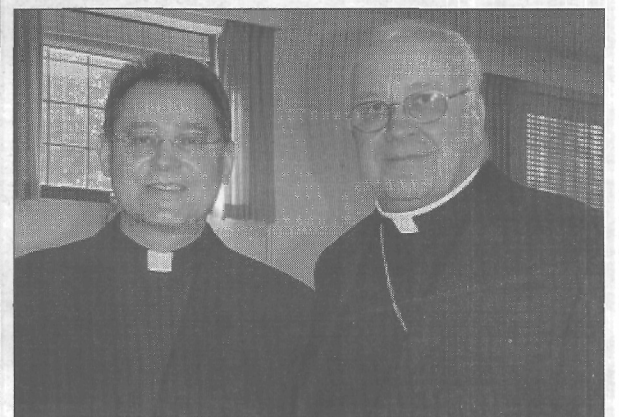
Sometime overnight, the business alarm was disabled, and a security gate and door jamb were pried open. The cash register, lottery register and ATM were also pried open. An undetermined amount of cash, lottery tickets and cigarettes were removed. The burglary is being investigated by Detective James Foran of the South Plainfield Detective Bureau.

Pearl Harbor Services at VFW

Memorial Post 6763 VFW will observe the 62nd Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese with a brief service on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Post Home, 155 Front Street. Coffee and cake will be served after the service. The public is invited.

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

Our Lady of Czestochowa Celebrates 60 Years



Our Lady of Czestochowa (OLC) Roman Catholic Church Pastor Rev. J. Maciej Melaniuk with Metuchen Diocese Bishop Paul Bootkoski at the celebration of OLC's 60th anniversary.

By Patricia Abbott

anniversary dinner.

On the first Sunday of Advent, 1943 the Polish parishioners of Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church held their first mass in their new church, a renovated building purchased from Camp Kilmer. Sixty years later on Sunday, Nov. 23, they quietly observed their anniversary with a mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Bootkoski of the Metuchen Diocese. The presence of the Bishop was considered a great honor by the OLC parishioners. A dinner dance was held at the parish hall immediately following the service. Over 140 people attended the

Two special presentations highlighted the otherwise low key event. On behalf of the Borough Council, Mayor Dan Gallagher presented a proclamation commemorating the OLC anniversary. Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan also presented a similar resolution from the New Jersey State Legislature.

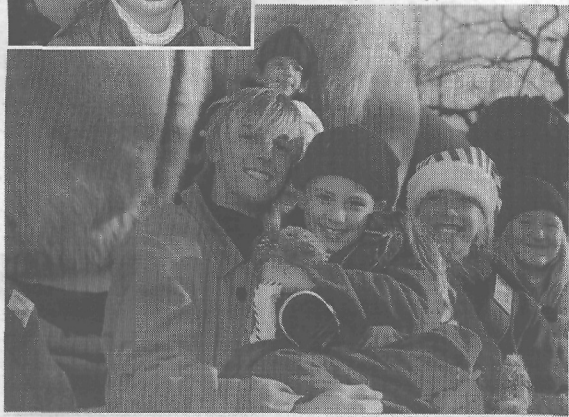
Photos from the celebratory mass can be viewed at www.jb-photos.com/events/anniversary/.

OLC Pastor, Rev. J. Maciej Melaniuk, was officially installed on Oct. 23, 2002. He is the fourth pastor in OLC's history.

Hey Mom, Look at Us Now!



"Sleepy Clown" Alex Petronko, 13, marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, while sister Kimmy, 9, participated by riding on the Build-A-Bear float with pop star Aaron Carter (below). Alex and Kimmy are the daughters of Patty and Ray Petronko.





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Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, December 8 Thursday, December 11

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJS 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
December 9, December 23

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
December 4, December 18

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: December 9
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: December 16

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? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

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

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
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

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

The Cub Scouts of John E. Riley, Franklin, Kennedy and Sacred Heart schools would like to thank everyone who donated food this year during our Scouting for Food program. With your help, as always, the program was a success.

To the Editor,

In the Nov. 14, 2003 "In your Opinion" column of the Observer, the author of the letter wrote: "The Board of Education is made up of people who spend long hours doing the more or less thankless job of trying to make sure that the children of South Plainfield receive the best education possible."

Really?

On Oct. 3, 2003 the School Board Briefs column of the Observer announced that the Board of Education approved appointments. The only requirement for one of the positions, it appears, was to be the wife of a Board of Education member. Was this Board decision made because it was in the best interest of the children?

The majority of the current Board consists of people supported by the South Plainfield Education Association (SPEA).

For this support, the union expects to get more money for less work. And the Board delivers, giving away raises

of 4.9%, 4.5% and 4.45% for the next three years. On top of that, the teachers will continue to receive free medical, dental and prescription care.

The current USA yearly inflation rate is 2.1%. The average USA salary raise for the last 12 months is 3.8%, with even lower raises contained in contracts recently signed. Seventy-eight percent of people employed in the U.S. are lucky enough to participate in their employer's sponsored health insurance plan contribute to their health care cost on average \$2,676 yearly for family coverage.

After approving the above-mentioned unjustified raises, a Board member exclaimed that the raises are average for Middlesex County, "not above it or below it. I believe that this contract is an agreement of mutual respect, between Board of Education and South Plainfield Education Association."

This is an astonishing statement. Let's look at it closely.

If the whole justification of South Plainfield teacher's raises is the Middlesex County average raise, then the question is: what is the Middlesex County teacher's role on the South Plainfield Board?

The second part of the statement talks about mutual respect.

The Board member did not disclose on what this mutual respect is based. Usually respect has to be earned. Cer-

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tainly the results of SPEA work are anything but respectable.

These results, for school year 2001-2002, are below.

In the South Plainfield School District the average SAT result was 973, while the median teacher's salary was \$63,978.

In comparison, New Jersey districts with population of the same socioeconomic status as South Plainfield averaged 1,030 in SAT scores.

Statewide averages were 1,009 in SAT scores and median teacher's salary was \$50,147.

By applying the irresistible logic of averages as expressed by the Board member, it is clear how ridiculously overpaid South Plainfield teachers are. It is even more glaring when the results of their efforts are taken into account.

SINCERELY,
BOGDAN FRYSZCZYN

Senate Committee Advances Bill Making Video Voyeurism a Crime

Legislation sponsored by Senator Barbara Buono and John H. Adler that would make video voyeurism a crime in New Jersey was unanimously approved today by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"This issue is about a person's fundamental right to privacy," said Senator Barbara Buono, D-Middlesex. "I can think of few crimes which violate this right more than the crime of video voyeurism. This growing national crime represents an instance in which current law hasn't kept pace with advances in technology. We need to

change that in New Jersey."

Video voyeurism is the practice of filming or photographing someone without their knowledge for the purpose of sexual gratification, when the person being filmed has a reasonable expectation of privacy. The senators' measure, S-2366, seeks to address the growing national problem of video voyeurism by bringing antiquated state voyeurism laws into line with modern technology.

Currently, it is not illegal in New Jersey to film others without their knowledge. The bill would make video

voyeurism a crime of the third degree in New Jersey, punishable by three to five years imprisonment and up to \$15,000 in fines.

"Video voyeurs rob their victims of privacy, security and human dignity and yet we can only prosecute them for trespassing," said Senator Buono. "These voyeurs don't just strike once—their video recordings can be watched over and over again and disseminated worldwide via the Internet."

The bill now awaits consideration by the full Senate.

Correction

Please note that the "Chicken Holiday" advertisement on page 10 of the November 21 issue incorrectly advertised the "Dinner for Two" to include 20 pieces of shrimp. There is no shrimp in the "Dinner for Two." We apologize for the inconvenience.

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By Marcia Lubansky

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FOR KIDS—Story times are canceled the week of Dec. 8, but resume on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

with the regularly scheduled "Story Time and Craft" for children ages three and up. The same program is repeated on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Book-N-Babies, a program designed for infants up to three, is offered on Friday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Also on the 19, is a Christmas "Kidcraft" program at 4 p.m. for kids six years and older. Please register with Miss Linda. While you're strolling about the library, pick up your favorite holiday stories, including Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa books. Christmas and holiday books are on display everywhere. Don't forget to sign up for an evening of silly songs, fun and surprises with Mr. Kurt on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 here in the library. Mr. Kurt's sing-along is a perennial favorite, recommended for all kids up to age eight. Preview him at www.kurtgallagher.com. Don't miss him!

BOOKS TO KEEP—The library is once again participating in the "Books to Keep" program, which distributes books to disadvantaged children during the holiday season. You may donate new children's books for the drive or make a monetary donation. For more information, please ask or call us. We appreciate all the help you can give toward this cause.

Take time to visit us this month. We have so much to offer!

McCriskin's Plans Grief Seminar

McCriskin Home For Funerals is pleased to announce they will be hosting a seminar entitled "Coping with Grief During the Holidays" which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Michael Anthony's Restaurant, 2243 Hamilton Blvd.

The program will be presented by Carol Burner, MA Certified Grief Recovery Specialist.

Come join us and learn about steps for grieving which could ease your pain and make the season more enjoyable. Refreshments will be served immediately following the seminar. All are welcome.

We ask that if you plan on attending, please R.S.V.P. the McCriskin Home For Funerals at (908) 561-8000.

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Business Advisory Group (business owners only) on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

Cultural Arts Commission on the second Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Environmental Commission on the second Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Planning Board on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Public Celebration Committee to be determined.

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission on the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m.

Taxpayers Advisory Group on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8 p.m.

Please forward your resume, along with which board(s) you would like to serve on, to: Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher or Council President James Vokral at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 no later than Dec. 8. Appointments are announced at the Reorganization Meeting held on Jan. 5, 2004.



Future Stars Thanksgiving Feast

By Jane Dornick

Future Stars students celebrated Thanksgiving by presenting a short play about the meaning of the day, using handmade drawings of Indians and Pilgrims. All of the Future Star classes participated in one large gathering.

The children sang songs and feasted on traditional foods served by the pilgrims such as grapes, pudding and apple juice.

Each child created a placemat with their name on them. Their teacher, Mrs. Ewing, turned the students into Indians using face paints.

Red Cross Raising Money for Youths

This year the American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter will be working with the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Clark to raise money to help Youth Council and Youth Services Department to support the Measles Initiative.

Each year, a disease barely remembered by most Americans kills nearly one million children, a half million of those in Africa alone. This fact makes measles the single vaccine-preventable cause of death among children in Africa—more than AIDS, more than tuberculosis and more than malnutrition. In a place where health conditions are extremely poor, living conditions are more than difficult and access to health care is minimal, measles can be easily prevented with a simple vaccination that costs less than a dollar per child.

Visit the official Measles Initiative site at <http://www.measlesinitiative.org> for more information.

The Red Cross will have donation boxes set up next to gift tables to receive donations for the Measles Initiative. The scheduled time to volunteer is 4 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

If you are interested in interacting with people while doing a fun service activity and helping a good cause, email or call Victor Webb, Jr. Include which shifts you wish to work. Vwebb@tricityredcross.org, or (908) 756-6415 ext. 21.



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Santa's Coming!!!

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Date:

December 7, 2003

Time:

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Place:

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Events

Annual John E. Riley Craft Show Planned

December 5

John E. Riley Elementary School, located on Morris Ave., will hold their Annual Craft/Vendor Night on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. Both new and handcrafted merchandise will be available.

For vendor information, call (908) 561-2530.

Holiday Bazaar at Cedar Oaks

December 5

Cedar Oaks Care Center is holding a Holiday Bazaar on Friday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cedar Oaks Care Center, 1311 Durham Ave. There will be vendors, crafts, costume jewelry and more! Crafters are wanted!

Call Patty Tirse at (732) 287-9555 ext. 139 for more information.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

December 6

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy has limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten and half-day pre-school programs. Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service.

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour during weekday operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For directions and additional information, visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com.

Grief Seminar Hosted By McCriskin's

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VFW to Remember Pearl Harbor Attack

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What's happening in DECEMBER

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 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
EVENTS December 13, 12 Noon Christmas Luncheon & Caroling December 15, 9:45 departure Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show			Shopping Day 9am Practical Crafts 10-11am	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch Bridge Club 12:30pm
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am-12:30pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Computer Classes 12pm & 2pm Men's Forum 1:30pm	Exercise 8:45-9:45 Line Dancing 10-11:30 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am-1pm	Shopping at Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10-11am	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch Bridge Club 12:30pm
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.

Sacred Heart Christmas Program

December 7

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will be presenting Cahal Dunne's "Wonderful World of Christmas" show at Sacred Heart Church. Cahal Dunne is a singer, songwriter, comedian, pianist and star of Cahal Dunne's "Thank You America," seen nationally on PBS!

As a composer, pianist, comedian and story-teller, he combines his talents to bring an atmosphere of audience participation and laughter.

The show takes place on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Admission is \$20 and \$15 for seniors and students. For ticket information, call (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.

Athletic Booster Club Meeting

December 8

Note: Day and time change. Our next meeting is Monday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. We will be discussing the upcoming winter season snack stand coverage, results of our Raffle/Auction and requests from coaches.

Come join us for a special surprise THANK YOU from Mickey Wrublevski. All are welcome! Happy Holidays to you and your family!!!!

Historical Society Holiday Meeting

December 9

Everyone is cordially invited to the Holiday Meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the Senior Center at 90 Maple Ave. starting at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday refreshments will be served.

Sacred Heart to Hold Alumni Mass

December 13

Sacred Heart School would like to invite all all former graduates to the Alumni/Alumnae Golden Anniversary

of Sacred Heart School.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 13. There will be a 5 p.m. Mass immediately followed by a reception in the school cafeteria.

Breakfast With santa at American Legion

December 14

American Legion Chaurmont Post 243, located on Oak Tree Ave., is planning a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 14 from 8 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids, children under six are free. All profits are donated to the Legions Scholarship Fund.

Santa is Coming to South Plainfield

December 20

South Plainfield Recreation invites all children ages one to 10 years old to visit with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Senior Recreation Center. (Formerly scheduled at the PAL). Pictures with Santa and gifts for all the children will be handed out.

You must register at the PAL for Pictures with Santa. There is a \$5 registration fee.

Caroling in Spring Lake Park

December 21

Come celebrate the holidays! The South Plainfield High School Chorus and the South Plainfield Recreation Department invite everyone to Caroling in the Park on Sunday, Dec. 21 starting at 3 p.m. in the gazebo at Spring Lake Park. Refreshments to follow at the Rescue Squad.

Jr. Baseball Club Trip To Hall of Fame

December 29

South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is planning a bus trip to the Major League Baseball Hall Of Fame on Monday, Dec. 29. Tickets are \$65 per person and include deluxe bus transportation, admission to the Hall of Fame and a buffet dinner. (See page 9 for details and on how to sign up.)

AARP Chapter Trip to Hunterdon Hills

January 13

The AARP Chapter #4144 is planning a bus trip on Jan. 13 to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for lunch

and to see "The Rainmaker." The cost of \$60 covers all expenses, including transportation from South Plainfield.

For further details and reservations, call Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764.

— Out of Town —

Alliance Bible Presents a Live Nativity

December 5-6-13 & 14

A Live Nativity will be presented at Alliance Bible Church in Warren on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 6, 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 5 and 7 p.m.

Admission is free. The 45 minute musical adaptation of the Christmas story will be presented outdoors on the lawn of the church.

The church is located at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren, just minutes off of Interstate 78. For additional information or directions, call our church offices at (732) 469-1425 or visit www.AllianceBibleChurch.com.

Touchstone's Holiday Show Announced

Through December 20

Touchstone Theatre presents its holiday favorite, "Christmas City Follies." This inspired vaudeville-styled romp celebrates the holidays with laughter, live music, warmth and spunk.

Christmas City Follies runs Thursdays through Saturdays through December 20, with two Sunday matinees on Dec. 7 and 14 at 4 p.m. Thursday and Sunday matinees are \$16 and Friday and Saturday night are \$20.

For ticket information, call (610) 867-1689. Touchstone Theatre is located in Bethlehem, Pa.

Moonrakers Tall Club Holiday Party

December 6

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., a social and community service organization serving people of "taller than average stature" will hold their annual holiday party on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Saddle Brook Marriott Hotel, located between Rt. 80 and the GSP, in Saddle Brook. A cash bar will be available. Semi-formal attire is suggested.

The price per person for the full package is \$55, which includes a gour-

met buffet dinner, unlimited complementary soda, dessert and dancing. The partial package includes dancing only is \$25 per person.

For reservation call (973) 783-6649 or visit the New Jersey Moonrakers website at <http://www.njtall.org>.

Christmas Program at Dunellen Theatre

December 6

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" is a free holiday program for the whole family to be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Dunellen Theater on North Ave. (Rt. 28). The program will be offered at 2 p.m. and again at 4 p.m.

The free community festivities will feature an hour of holiday music, including a handbell choir and audience sing-alongs of traditional Christmas carols and other winter favorites of both adults and children. Everyone will receive a small free gift—and a special memory of Christmas 2003.

For information, contact First Presbyterian Church at (732) 968-3844. Reservations are not required, admission is free and no offering plates will be passed.

"Holiday Magic" at Edison Arts Society

December 7

The Edison Arts Society will present "Holiday Magic," their annual Holiday Dance Extravaganza on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. in the J.P. Stevens High School Auditorium.

Reserved seats for this performance are on sale for \$12 each and can be purchased by calling the Edison Arts Society office at (908) 753-ARTS, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Raritan Valley College Holiday Concert

December 7

Raritan Valley will hold their holiday concert at the Welpe Little Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College, Rt. 28 and Lamington Rd. in North Branch. Tickets are \$7.50 for seniors, students and children are \$5.

Order tickets by phone at (908) 725-3420 or fax (908) 526-7890. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Woodbridge WOWs Meeting

December 10

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will have a business meeting and social on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Main Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Amboy Ave. in Woodbridge. Light refreshments will be served. For information, call (732) 297-1775.

Circle Theater Holding Auditions

December 11

The Circle Players in Piscataway will auditions for "Our Country's Good" on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 11 at 8 a.m.

Seven men and seven women, ages 18-35 are needed to play an array of diverse characters.

Readings will be from the script, but familiarity with the script is not expected. Newcomers are welcome. Full rehearsals will begin after New Years.

Circle Players is located at 416 Victoria Avenue, Piscataway.

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South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B,
South Plainfield, NJ 07080, fax (908) 668-8819;
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Grant School Honor Roll—First Marking Period

High Honor Roll

Taylor Adorna, Alyssa Aiello, Rachel Alexa, Sadiq Amini, Oscar Arriaga, Carly Ashnault, Ashley Aya, Elizabeth Becker, Morgan Bethca, Jimmy Bijlani, Jayme Bishop, Jeffrey Bodly, William Brown, Adam Buck, Jocle Butrico, Heather Calderone, Kenneth Calderoni, Amanda Calvi, James Cocco, Kevin Coffey, Chelsy Colucci, Natalie Colucci, Stephen Coppi, Jillian Cortese, Kayla Cotone, Kristie Criley, G. Bjorn DeLaCruz, Angela DeSantis, Bianca DiDolce, Nicole Disch and Kristy Eighinger.

Nicole Firmin, Ryan Flanagan, Michaele Fore, Paola Freire, Amanda Freitas, Matthew Galinsky, Jeffrey Gillen, Logan Green, Steven Grzenda, Sarah Hageman, Jaclyn Handwerker, William Hartmann, Riley Hubner, Dana Hunt, Daniel Hunt, Ryan Hutchison, Joseph Ifrah, Amizan Jaleel, Kristina Jewkes, Kyle Kaczka, Namarta Kalia, Lauren Keane, Brigitte Kelly, Michael Krusinowski, Patrick Landy, Sang Le, Justin Lesky, Frank Licato, Matthew Little, Thomas Loalbo and Thalia Lopez.

Jennifer Martinez, Jessica McKay, Christopher Negron, Erin O'Connor, Tara O'Day, Christopher Oprysk, Michael Parello, Raja Patel, Ruchi Patel, Shruti Patel, Samantha Pauls, Gerald Pinto, Anthony Pisano, Samantha Pukash, Frederick Reichert, Patricio Robles, Sarah Roibal, Cindy Ruiz, Karly Sanko, Jennifer Saravia, Jessica Scarpitto, Courtney Schaefer, Danielle Schaaf, Alexandra Skula, Daniel Smith, Amanda Steger, Daniel Sticco, Jonathan Sukenik, Michael Sullivan and Richard Szeliga.

Stephanie Tercek, Brian Tjong, Shana Tom, Kristin Tieslar, Agupunam Ufondo, Nicole Usuriello and Alyssa Villa.

Honor Roll

Juanita Adolphus, Isabel Afonso, Juliana Agrillo, Zakia Ahmed, Gina Albunio, Jenna Alexander, Stephanie Alexander, Lisa Alfano, Jesse Allen, Freddy Almanzar, Bacilio Alvarado, Brittany Alvarado, Shyam Amin, Jhemarr Anderson, Angela Ang, Lauren Annetta, Stephanie Annunziata, Christopher Anyamene, Brian Babinetz, Anthony Baldasarre, Stephen Balzer, Victoria Belen, Mark Benak, Joshua Biggs, Ryan Billich, Zachary Bishara, Scot Bishop, Aleksandra Blazejowicz, Joanna Bosse, Andrea Brady, Brandon Brady, Matthew Brazza, Dorsey Britton, Colleen Broderick, Candice Brown, Jeremy Brown, Henna Budhan, Vanita Budhan, Ursula Buice, Olivia Butler and

Jacob Butyuski.

Alisa Calderone, Constance Caldrony, Cassie Capparelli, Erika Carrillo, Michael Carrion, Dominique Cassavetis, Amanda Cerini, Megan Cerini, Amanda Chen, Leiloni Chapulis, Joshua Christendat, Christine Christian, Stephanie Christian, Jason Christilles, Anthony Cianfrocca, James Cocco, Christina Cody, Ray Coletta, Lauren Conrad, Jeffrey Conroy, Jesse Coury-Yauch, Lara Cribb, Christopher Cupo, Michele D'Angelo, Vincent Daponte, Snehal Darji, Jaclyn DeCillis, Deanna Dean, John Delaney, Francis Delgado, Jennifer Deligne, Abigail Demegilio, Justin Deoliveira, Gaganjot Dhalwal, Christian DeCarlo, Meghan DeFrancesco, Luigi Diaz, Jennifer Dillon, Michael Dispenziere, Jonathan Ditmars, Thuy Trang Doan, Dina Douras, Brandon Downes, Tyler Driscoll and John Duran.

Bria Edmonds, Glenn Edridge, Man-yah El, Michael Eosso, Alita Eure, Rosamaria Farfan, Michael Farrell, Elizabeth Fasullo, Darrec Fonti, Alana Franco, Alex Frank, Jessica Frank, Kyle Freuler, Joseph Fugazzi, Amanda Gabrielli, Jordan Gamble, Connor Gillis, Lucas Goitandia, Joseph Gonzalez, Alexis Gorman, Elizabeth Gratta, Kaitlyn Graziano, Jessica Gregorio, Charles Gruver, Gabrielle Guancione, Vanessa Gucvara, Aaron Guiang, Darren Guiang, Michelle Gustafson and Teresa Gustafson.

Jaimie Handwerker, Daniel Hansen, Ryan Harrington, Gregory Harvey, Shannon Haus, Kenneth Hayward, Jenna Heckel, Nicholas Heilmann, Gregory Herbster, Nicole Herrador, Paige Herriott, Sheena Higgins, Peter Hlavka, Amanda Hoagland, Lacey Hogan, Alexander Horn, Charles Huber, Tori Huber, Kyle Hughes, Jennifer Ibarra, Courtney Irber, Iris Ivaniuc, Rajesh Jaikaran, Aham Jain, Taylor Jarema, Jessica Jazikoff and Keely Joaquim.

Megan Kaczka, Conner Keane, Jenae Keith, Megan Kerper, Maher Khan, Kelly Kline, Andrew Kovalevich, Steven Kovalevich, Julian Krupit, Hieu La, Marina Lamb, Nicholas Lanza, Dung Le, Taffy Le, Tammy Le, Harrison Lee, Christian Leguizamon, Cory Limone, Ryan Lind, Samantha Listorti, Gabrielle Littrean, Jayce Lombardi, Philip Longo, Evelyn Lopez, Norma Lopez, Kara Lowery, Amelia Lyte, Natalie Madurski, Kurt Maniaci, Chante Martin, Elizabeth Martin, Sarah McCarthy, Holly McDede, Sean McDede, Dylan McDermott, Jaimie McLean, Lindsay McMahon, Megan Mc-

Mahon, Troy McNair, Tiffany McRae, Chelsi Melendez, Denzel Mensah, Amber Miller, Michelle Miller, Zachary Mitchell, Michael Mocharski, Parin Mody, Edwin Molina, Christina Montalvo, William Mott, Jose Moya, Andrew Muhlgier, Felicia Mulhearn and Amanda Murtagh.

Kellen Naranjo, Christine Nau, Chelsea Ng, Andrew Nguyen, Ashley Nguyen, Anthony Nguyen, Joseph Nicastro, Kristianne Niemczyk, Eric Niemeyer, Michelle Nugen, Patrick O'Connor, Shane O'Connor, Iyanosa Ogbeyen, Fadesola Ojekere, Nicholas Okosko, Pearl Paguntalan, Kristina Palazzo, Matias Palma, Jaime Parello, Shawn Parisi, Steven Paszkowitz, Brittany Pasquarella, Victoria Pasquarella, Robert Pasternak, Aesha Patel, Kishan G. Patel, Kishan S. Patel, Jason Pattison, Kelly Pauls, Daniel Peel, Alycia Pereira, Bryan Permaul, Vasant Persaud, Emily Piekarski, Ashley Pierce, Amanda Pileggi, Brittany Plasse, Amanda Plum, Kyle Pompilio, Jeffrey Praul, Cassandra Prendergast, Kayla Prins, Deanna Ranger, Amanda Ray, Jessica Ray, Kimberly Relyea, Katelyn Rems, Daniel Reno, Ricardo Reyes, Ryan Rhoads, Christopher Richard, Nicholas Rincon, Andrew Ritchie, Hector Rivera, Valeria Rivera, Filipe Rodrigues, Mercedes Rodriguez, Amber Rogers, Jonathan Romero, Gamriel Rosario, Emily Rosso, Lucille Roseo, Nicholas Ross, Sharif Ross, Richard Rotella and Jillian Rutowski.

Joana Sa, Ryan Sacco, Idris Sadiq, Jake Salerno, Joaquin Santos, Matthew Santos, Nicholas Savoca, Katelyn Scarinci, Matthew Schaefer, Taylor Schoen, Michele Schuetz, Robert Scott, Alyssa Scrudato, Justin Sealy, James Seyffart, Stephanie Sherwood, Chelsea Shrubbsall, Eric Shumaker, Andrea Sierra, Doily Sierra, Joao-Rafael Simoes, Michael Simone, Manraj Singh, Rupinder Singh, Nicole Slarky, Dennis Smith, Rebecca Smith, Taylor Smith, Dharam Soni, Evelyn Soto, Italia Spallieri, Rosa Spallieri, Brandon Staynings, Julie Stilo, Nicole Stoeckel, Jeremy Straussner, Francis Suarez, Edward Sullivan, Sten Sutt, Matthew Sward, Samantha Swierc, Angelina Tamburri, Gareth Teece, Joseph Thibault, Pravin Thompson, Danielle Tramutola, Julie Tran, Tuan Tran and Nina Trujillo.

Luis Valladares, Tyler Whalen, Melissa White, William Whitefleet, Andre Williams, Briana Williams, Brittany Williams, Sara Wojewodka, Cody Woodruff, Heba Younes, Thomas Zazzara, Ashley Zeccardo, Kaitlyn Zielinski, Ellen Zinsky and Christopher Zwatschka.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Senior Coordinator Joann Graf opens a gift presented to her by Gloria Ruppa on behalf of the seniors at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

Seniors Recognize Joann Graf

Last Tuesday the members of the Senior Center, represented by Gloria Ruppa, surprised Joann Graf with flowers, a gift and a cake to celebrate her first year as senior coordinator at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

In her first year, Graf introduced many new programs for the seniors and applied for and received several grants to be used for equipment and supplies for the center.

Graf was indeed surprised and delighted by the party. She told the group that they didn't need to honor her because she was paid to be there every day and then added, "I am here because my heart is here!"

The gift she received was a podium, which she says will come in handy in the future when addressing the group.

Graf was recently appointed to Director of the Office of Aging.

Kelly Becomes Mary Kay Consultant

On October 16, surrounded by family, friends and Sales Director Greta Eichlin-Bell, South Plainfield resident Jennifer Kelly (pictured right) held her business debut as a Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant.

For a complimentary facial skin care class or on excellent business opportunity, contact Jennifer at (908) 226-1999.



Shannon Bishop on Dean's List

Shannon Bishop was named to the Dean's List at Rowan University for the Spring 2003 semester. Shannon is enrolled in a five-year Master's Pro-

gram, with a double major in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is the daughter of Scot and Debra Bishop.

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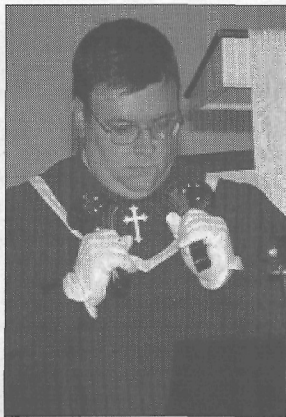
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Community Churches Hold Thanksgiving Services

The South Plainfield Community gathered together to participate in Thanksgiving Services at Wesley Methodist Church last week.

Music was provided by the combined choir of South Plainfield, the Wesley Ringers and the hit of the evening, the Rescue House of Prayer Mass Choir. They were directed by Esther Crawley, Cathy Davidson, Dan Mahoney, Tom Baker, Jim Horvath and Kathleen Finnerty.

Participating clergy were Pastors Elizabeth Congdon and Michele Lewkow, Pastors Jim and Kathy Stanley-Erickson, Rev. Dr. Irene Campbell, Elder Robert Bryant, Minister Wanda Roach, Rev. John Paul Alvarado, Rev. Richard Keisling and host Rev. Dr. Nehemia Thompson.



A member of the Wesley Methodist Bell Ringers.



The South Plainfield Community Combined Choir.



Members of the Rescue House of Prayer Mass Choir.

Time to Write Santa a Letter

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is again sponsoring Letters to Santa. A special mailbox has been placed outside the Post Office. If children in your school want to write to Santa, all they have to do is drop the letter in the special mail box at the Post Office.

To guarantee a response, please make sure that they have put their full name and address somewhere in the letter. Santa hopes to hear from all your students!

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NOTES FROM The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

Be Prepared, Part II...

Advance Directives in Health Care

Two weeks ago we discussed the Durable Power of Attorney, a legal document that deals with control over financial and legal matters. But how can you plan for and help others plan for your life, healthcare matters and destiny? What happens if serious illness or permanent loss of mental capacity leaves you incapable of talking with your doctor and deciding what medical treatment you want? For these vital life decisions, it is important that you create "Advance Directives in Health Care," namely, a Living Will and a Health Care Proxy or Medical Power of Attorney. These documents let you give instructions about the medical care you want to receive in the event that you become incapacitated. A properly prepared Advance Directives permits you to plan ahead so you can both make your wishes known and select someone who will see to it that your wishes are followed.

A Living Will is used to spell out how you feel about your medical destiny. The Living Will is a declaration giving specific instructions regarding the provision, withholding or withdrawal of treatment to keep you alive as well as the provision of pain relief. It also lets you express your intention to donate bodily organs and tissue following your death.

Your Living Will should be signed by you and two witnesses (who may be family members). You should choose as your witnesses two people who are aware of your wishes and the quality of life issues that are important to you. Several people should be given copies of your Living Will, your spouse and/or your children and your physician. Be aware that your wishes may not necessarily be the same as family members—you should try to avoid disagreements among your children by carefully spelling out your wishes in a Living Will. In the case of your physician, have an original copy of your Living Will made a part of your medical record so that it is clear to your

health care providers what your wishes are.

Others types of medical issues may arise which are outside the area of life support and organ donations, but would require the designation of an "agent" to oversee medical decisions for you. Who will step in in those cases if you become incapacitated? A Health Care Proxy or Medical Power of Attorney is a way to delegate your health care decision-making to another person in the event you become unable to make those decisions yourself. A Health Care Proxy covers all types of medical decisions, including changing medications, experimental treatments, surgical procedures, changing physicians and transferring between facilities.

You should choose someone who you trust, someone who knows your wishes with regard to medical treatment and

concerns and understands what is important to you. Your proxy, or "agent" should live close by or be able to travel to be by your side. He or she should be someone who can handle the responsibility involved in acting as your agent and be able to handle possible conflicting opinions between family members, friends and medical personnel. Your proxy must be a strong advocate for your wishes. Keep in mind that as long as you are able to understand and communicate your own wishes, your agent cannot override what you want. Your agent steps in only if you can no longer manage on your own.

Advance preparation and recording your decisions regarding your health care are an important part of Estate Planning. Ultimately, the decisions come down to you. Take good care of yourself.

Summer Drama Workshop Seeking Resumes

The Summer Drama Workshop is seeking resumes for their creative and production staff for the 2004 season.

Resumes are being accepted for the following positions: Director, Choreographer, Vocal Director, Orchestra Director, Assistant Director, Assistant Vocal Director, Rehearsal Pianist, Stage Manager, Scenic Designer/Technical Director, Set Coordinator, Lighting Designer, and Costume Coordinator. There are

also opportunities for interns from recognized schools and colleges. All positions are paid by stipend.

If you need more information, please contact the SPSPDW at www.spsdw.com, or leave a message at (908) 561-5255.

Materials can be e-mailed to the site above, or faxed to (908) 756-8790. Deadline for submissions is Dec. 31. Applicants will be scheduled for an interview early next year.



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To raise money for our upcoming 100th Anniversary (May 2007) and Firemen's Memorial, the members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company will have Santa deliver Christmas presents by fire engine. Can you imagine how excited your children would be to have Santa bring them a present on a fire engine?

Here's how it works: We are requesting a \$25 donation from each family who would like Santa to deliver their presents. The \$25 check should be made payable to the SPVFC 100th Anniversary. 100% of the \$25 goes directly to 100th Anniversary fund. We also ask that you wrap a small gift for Santa to give to your child. Small presents are all that is necessary. Gifts should cost no more than \$30. Please no expensive gifts! After you wrap the gift, please put your child's name and address securely on the gift. Firefighters will visit every block in the borough to deliver the gifts, sounding sirens and activating their lights. The children can then come to the engine and receive their gift from Santa and his elves. Bring your camera.

Stop by the South Plainfield Fire Department to fill out a form and drop off your check. Gifts can be dropped off at Fire Headquarters weekdays now through Wednesday, Dec. 10 between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will be delivering presents on Dec. 15, 16, 17 and 18. This is a huge undertaking by the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department so it is very important that your address and child's name are on each gift so each child is not disappointed. Please; there will be no exceptions; the last day to drop off your gift is Wednesday, December 10. Families must reside in South Plainfield.

Santa's hotline number is (908) 412-8868. Call if you have any questions; leave a message.

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Mayor Dan Gallagher joins "Sponge Bob Square Pants" and Councilman Ray Petronko and other Scholastic Book characters at Kennedy School's celebration of National Reading Day.

Kennedy Students Celebrate National Reading Day

By Jane Dornick

In celebration of National Reading Day on Nov. 11, many special guests visited the Kennedy School students and to spend time reading to them.

Vice president of Scholastic Books, Ed Monagle, was on hand to read as well as to provide books for the children. Guest readers for the day included Mayor Dan Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert

Rosado, Councilman Ray Petronko and Principal Al Czech.

Monagle also brought some of the very popular Scholastic Book characters such as Clifford the Big Red Dog, Miss Frizzle and Liz from The Magic School Bus, Franklin the Turtle, a Berenstain Bear and everyone's favorite the South Plainfield Tiger Mascot.

After the reading assembly, all of the characters took time to sign autographs for all the children.

policereport

• On Nov. 14 a Howell resident reported that the front grill assembly of his 2002 Nissan had been damaged and the horn ripped out, while parked at 5000 Hadley Rd.

• On Nov. 17 Middlesex Water Co. on Maple Ave. reported that four metal railing posts had been cut.

• On Nov. 21 a W. 8th St. resident reported their home that was undergoing renovations had been entered and a stereo was missing.

• On Nov. 22 Bravo Supermarket on W. 7th St. reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill from a customer, who claims he got it from someone in Newark.

• On Nov. 27 a Park Ave. resident reported that the rear door of their residence had been kicked open and the bedrooms were in disarray. Nothing was missing.

• 550 Hollywood Ave. reported that the latch on a trailer was cut off. Nothing was taken.

• On Nov. 28 a Piscataway resident reported the theft of their 1998 Ford Windstar from the K-Mart parking lot.

• Conti Enterprises, Inc. on St. Nicholas Ave. reported that two of their vehicles had been entered. The Ford Taurus had its back left passenger window smashed in and the cover to the steering column was broken. The ignition wires had been tampered with and the glove box opened and the content tossed about. The Ford Explorer had its back right passenger window smashed in and the steering column had also been broken. The ignition wires were tampered with and the radio had been ripped out and left on the floor. Nothing had been taken.

• On Nov. 29 Jason Paul Kish, 23, of Staten Island, N.Y. was arrested for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Staten Island, N.Y. resident reported that his gold bracelet was missing from his locked vehicle which was

left at On Time Towing on New Market Ave.

• A Randolph Ave. resident reported that her purse had been taken from her unlocked vehicle. A Pine St. resident found it and returned it, however \$30 was missing.

• A Piscataway resident reported that her wallet was taken from out of her purse while shopping at Macy's.

• On Nov. 30 Gleb Solonov, 18, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving

Sacred Heart School Honor Roll

Principal's List

Grade 5-Caresse Simmonds

Grade 6-Alexandra Fee, Nicole McDonough, Nicholas Montuori, Crystal Williams, Alfonse Muglia, Kaitlin Muglia, Aaron Pinkard, Zachary Sikanowicz and Jaclyn Thomas.

Grade 7-Ryan Hohner; Grade 8-Kadeem Gilbert and Camille Romano.

Honor Roll

Grade 5-Edward Bandrowski, Shelece Counts, Sabrina Douge, Joseph Landry and Allyson Ricarte.

Grade 6-Taurien Buffaloe, Katelyn Chirstie, Jilleanne Gulotta, Jessica Napolitano, Richard Ortegon, Patrick Ruiz, Jordan Simmons, Lily Altamirano, Edward Amirault, Victoria Gaydos, Isaac Irving, Michael McHugh, Adrienne Novak, Gerianna Pinto, Alexandria Santos, Ashley Venino.

Grade 7-Douglas Avery, Khaliyah Douglas, Ashley Forbes, Alexsandra Grant, Aedan Bayona, Walter Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Salvatore and Michael Muglia.

Grade 8-Danielle Johnson, Davonna Approvato, Rita Landry, Jennifer Napolitano, Devin Clark, Jonathon Abel, Elix Colon, Megan McHugh and Allison Whitefleet.

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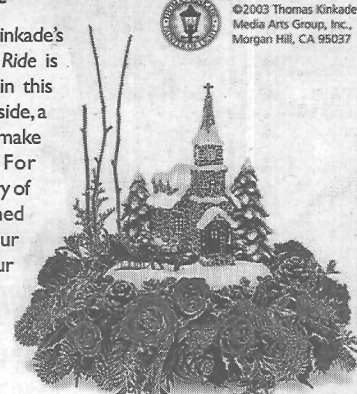


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Sports

SPHS Soccer Club Annual Dinner



The SPHS Soccer Club Varsity members (top row) Ian Levine, Gerber Vasquez, Chris Abbott, Mike Johnson. (Bottom) Miguel Garcia, Jorge Henao and Chris Nguyen

Story and Photos by Patricia Abbott

The SPHS boy's soccer teams held their annual dinner at the North Plain-

field Italian American Club last month. In attendance were varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams, along with their guests.

The evening began with a welcome from Assistant High School Principal Dr. Ken May (soon to be high school principal). Also welcoming the crowd were Varsity Captains Miguel Garcia and Ian Levine. After a buffet dinner Tim Serbe, freshman coach; Cameron Green, junior varsity coach and Bob Diehl, varsity coach, spoke about their respective teams. Diehl also introduced each of the senior players.

The evening concluded with the presentation of gifts to the seniors and the coaches.

Senior varsity soccer players are Chris Abbott, Robert Barone, Miguel Garcia, Jorge Henao, Michael Johnson, Ian Levine, Chris Nguyen, Leo Sarmiento and Gerber Vasquez.



SPHS Soccer Club JV Coach Cameron Green

By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

The SPJBC Executive Board update: Executive Board members have been diligently meeting to prepare for the 2004 season. This will be our 50th Anniversary season. During our 10 meetings to this point, we have established goals for the SPJBC. We have new fundraising ideas and a parent who is helping us in writing for grant monies. We have established a five-year plan for the club. This is just part of the "New Beginning."

Register for Junior Baseball Club now through Jan. 1. Early registration is \$75. However, there is only one day left to catch this discount, Dec. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The registration will increase to \$95 on Jan. 1. There will be no exceptions. This will have offered parents seven opportunities to sign up their sons or daughters before the first of the year. We are also selling SPJBC club members cards for \$10. A manager or coach will not be allowed on the field without a club member card and must have completed the Rutgers Certification Program. If you have an interest to manage or coach a team in the spring season of 2004, this serves as a reminder that you MUST complete the Rutgers Certification Program. For more information about this course, please contact the Rec Department.



If you did not return your equipment bag, then you will not be eligible to coach with us for the 2004 season.

The Junior Baseball Club is running a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. On Monday Dec. 29, we will leave at 6 a.m. by bus, arrive in Cooperstown at 11:30 a.m. and take the complete tour of the Baseball Hall of Fame. We will leave Cooperstown and stop at the Old Country Buffet on the way home. This will be a great trip. Cost for the entire trip is \$65 per person and includes transportation, entrance to the Hall of Fame and the buffet dinner. We need commitments from parents for this trip ASAP. It is very important to call the SPJBC and secure your spot on this trip now.

The SPJBC is always based on volunteer efforts by parents, grandparents, and friends. A big THANK YOU to those individuals that have volunteered their time and effort helping the new executive board during the past three months. Those of you who would like to manage and coach with us, this is a big part of the criteria for being selected to do so.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a sign at the baseball club, please call Bill Cochran at (908) 561-6524 or the SPJBC at (908) 254-2090.

SPHS Bowling

BY RALPH FECH

Boys Drop Opener to Franklin Twp.

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After splitting the first two games, the boys Bowling Team lost its season opener 3-1 to non-conference foe Franklin Twp. as the Warriors won the deciding third game.

Matt Boley led all scorers with games of 207-214 for a 619 set. George Kleinknecht chipped in with a 216 game and 562 set.

Girl Bowlers Shutout Franklin Twp.

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The girls Bowling Team swept all three games and shutout Franklin Twp. 4-0. Vicki Boley's 191 high game

and solid 568 set, set the pace for the Tigers, Kim Gaub, who chipped in with a 164 game.

Boley Leads Tiger in Upset of Old Bridge

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The Tigers started slowly, dropping the first game, but caught fire as the match progressed. Matt Boley rolled games of 202-226-212 for a 640 set.

George Kleinknecht with a 192-212-531 set, Vin Genova with a 191-191-551 set and Jon Jeglinski with a 220 game also aided in the Tiger victory.

Girls Defeat Old Bridge

Post 400th Career Win for Coach Fech

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After winning a two pin squeaker, the Tigers went on to complete the sweep and post a 4-0 shutout victory over a scrappy Old Bridge squad. Vicki Boley rolled a 224-194-597 high set to lead the green and white. Solid team efforts were turned in by Kim Gaub, 174-447 set, Beverly Jamieson 170-

438 set and Angelique Rualo 444 set. The victory marked the 400th career win for Coach Fech and the girls bowling program since it became a varsity sport in 1974. The overall record since the first season, when the Tigers posted a 17-0 undefeated, is 400 wins, 175 losses and 25 ties.

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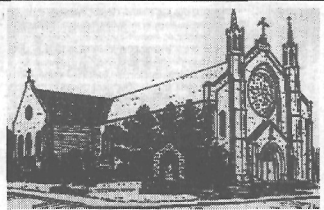
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Sports

Middle School Wrestlers Repeat As Randolph Tournament Champions

By Bob Hunter

With the wrestling season now underway, the Middle School Wrestling Team defended their Randolph Duals Tournament championship of a year ago this past weekend at Randolph High School with another outstanding performance and another championship.

The Tigers opened the tournament

with Del Val and went right to work with Anthony Ashnault, 56; Kyle Brady, 60 and Tyler Hunt, 66, who were on loan from the recreation team. They won the first three matches and gave the Tigers a 17-0 lead and then never looked back.

Winning matches were Ryan Sacco, 76, by fall; Nick Heilmann, 80; Corey Hay, 85; Patrick Hunter, 90, by fall; Nick Vetuchsi, 95, by fall; Mike

Wagner, 100; Brad Martin, 124 and Mark Wagner, 131. Final score: Tigers, 53 to Del Val, 42.

In the semi-final round, the Tigers faced host Randolph in what was the most exciting match of the day. The Tigers, who dominated the lower weights, had to hold on as Randolph came charging back, but came up short, dropping a 58 to 54 decision. Winning matches for the Tigers were Anthony Ashnault, 56, by fall; Tyler Hunt, 66, by major decision; Ryan Sacco, 76, by fall; Nick Heilmann, 80, by fall; Corey Hay, 85, by fall; Patrick Hunter, 90, by fall; Nick Vetuchsi, 95, by fall; Danny Pompilio, 110, by fall; Brad Martin, 124 and March Wagner, 131, by fall. Final score: Tigers, 58 to Randolph, 54.

In the finals, the Tigers faced Walkill Valley, who gave them all they could handle in the early going, but could not hold off the Tiger attack. Again,



The Middle School Wrestling Team is coached by Kevin Hajduk.

Anthony Ashnault, 56, got the Tigers going with a fall. Tyler Hunt, 66, won by major decision and Rich Szcliga, 71, won by fall; Ryan Sacco, 76, by decision; Corey Hay, 86, by decision; Patrick Hunter, 90, by fall; Mike Wagner, 103, by fall; Danny Pompilio, 110; Nick Vallone, 117, by fall; Brad Martin, 124, by fall; Mark

Wagner, 131, by fall and Jonathan Conroy, 138. Also wrestling for the Tigers were Jesse Hay, 148; Sal Soto, 148; Rocco Petriello, Heavyweight; Joe Jakubik, 56 and Troy Heilmann, 66. Final score: Tigers, 70 to Walkill Valley, 24.

Congratulations to coach Kevin Hajduk and the middle school wrestlers.

Wrestling News

In other preseason action, South Plainfield wrestlers made a statement at the recent Easton Turkey Day Tournament. Winning titles for South Plainfield in the Midget division where Anthony Ashnault, 55, who won his first three matches, then pinned Kyle Semarnick of Palmer, Pa. at 0.52. In the Intermediate division, Patrick Hunter claimed his third title of the year by winning his first two matches by fall and by major decision 11-0 over Jason Lask of Bangor in the 95 pound class in the finals. Mark Wagner, 132, won his first three matches by fall and kept it going in the finals when he pinned Scott Gibson of Easton at 0.58. Jake Smithline, 115, finished in third place with a dominating 11-2 major decision over John Backus of Palmer, Pa. in the consolation final.

Brad Martin, 124, finished in fourth place, dropping a close decision. In the Junior Division, Jonathan Conroy, 132, won his first two matches by fall, then went on to defeat Tommy Perez of Notre Dame, 8-3, in the finals. Also winning matches, but not placing, were Nick Pauls and Nick Vallone.

At the Scott Van Doren Tournament, South Plainfield had another good day with Anthony Ashnault and Corey Hay claiming titles and Jesse Hay finishing in second place. At the Bethlehem Tournament, Patrick Hunter, 95, placed first and Jake Smithline finished second, qualifying them both for the Tournament of Champions to be held in April in Ohio. At the Holmdel Tournament placing were Anthony Ashnault, Scott Whalen, Steven Petriello and Kyle Brady.

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Obituaries

Stephen J. Gajarsky, 86

Stephen J. Gajarsky of Toms River died on Monday, Nov. 17 at the Community Hospital in Toms River.

Steve was born in Plainfield and was a former 20 year resident of South Plainfield before moving to Toms River 20 years ago.

Steve was an assistant warehouse manger for ATC Systems in Middlesex for the last 25 years. Prior to that he was a warehouse manager for Mack Trucks in Plainfield for 12 years.

Steve was a member of the BPO Elks Lodge 2298 in South Plainfield. He was a former member of the Dunellen Special Police and played on the Plainfield High State Championship basketball team in 1936.

Steve enjoyed going to Bingo with his wife, Julia and their friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Julia Robustelli Gajarsky; two sons, Stephen J., Jr. and his wife Elaine Gajarsky of Bridgewater and Al and his wife Carol Gajarsky of Mineral, Va.; a daughter, Beverley and her husband Daniel Burlew of South Plainfield; seven grandchildren, Jill, Nicholas, Lori, Darren, Scott, Jennifer and Richard and two great grandchildren.

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

Charles J. Percevault, 50

Charles J. Percevault died on Sunday, Nov. 16 in Somerset Medical Center, Somerville.

Born in Plainfield, he resided in South Plainfield before moving to Piscataway in 1984.

Chuck was, along with his cousin Rod Eodice, the co-owner of Atlas Welders of South Plainfield for the past 25 years.

He was an avid outdoorsman and sports fan.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara (Miller) Percevault; a daughter, Carla, at home; a son, Anthony of New York City; his mother, Anna Percevault; a sister, Patricia and her husband Russell Bowers; his father and mother-in-law,

Carl and Terri Esposito and his sister-in-law, Dina Esposito, all of South Plainfield.

Also surviving are his niece, Beth Ann and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main St., Fords, NJ 08818.

Helen E. Norris, 91

Helen E. Norris died on Monday, Dec. 1 at the Woodlands Genesis Elder Care in Plainfield.

Mrs. Norris was born in Brooklyn and grew up in Ardsley, NY. As a young girl, she worked as the school secretary in Ardsley. In Ardsley, she was an honorary member of the Company "I" 82nd Airborne Assoc.

She moved to Arlington, VT in 1947 and there, with her husband, owned and operated a 40 acre farm for 33 years. During the 1960's through the 1970's, she had worked for RK Miles Lumber Co. in Arlington as a secretary/bookkeeper. In 1980, she moved to Bennington, Vt where she gave a lot of her time, as a volunteer, to the Red Cross and to the Friends of the Bennington Library. While in Bennington, she also was a member of the RSVP and the Christian Science Church.

Mrs. Norris moved to South Plainfield in 2000 and had resided in Plainfield since 2001.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald in 1980; two sisters, Muriel Berthelson and May Berglund and by her brother, Robert Berthelson.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Walter DiNizo of South Plainfield; her granddaughters, Ellen Peifer of Greentown, Pa. and Jane (John) Mawicke of Chicago, Ill. and by her great grandchildren, Corine and Jay.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made

to Rescue Squad or the Public Library in South Plainfield.

Maximo Hernandez, 50

Maximo Hernandez died on Tuesday, Nov. 25 in So. Plainfield.

Born in Cuba, Mr. Hernandez immigrated to the United States in 1980 where he lived in Elizabeth until 1985, when he and his wife settled to So. Plainfield.

He was a Broadcast Engineer for A-Source of Central New Jersey and had previously been employed by Panasonic of Secaucus.

He is survived by his wife, Adria (Soler); two daughters, Rosa Maria and Michelle; a son, Daniel Joseph, all of whom live at home; an aunt, Zolia Alfonso and a cousin, Yolanda Estevez.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Anthony "Tony" S. Pompilio, 73

Anthony "Tony" S. Pompilio died on Saturday, Nov. 22 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Nutley, Tony grew up in Fairview and resided in Passaic for three years before settling in South Plainfield in 1961. He graduated from Cliffside Park High School in 1948 and in 1961 he graduated from Montclair State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Arts. Two years later, he earned his Master's Degree in School Counseling.

Following college, Tony went on to teach math and industrial arts at South Plainfield High School from 1961-1966. From 1966-1969, Tony was a Guidance Director at Hackettstown High School and later that year, he became a Guidance Counselor at Edison High School, retiring in 1993. Tony also worked part-time as a travel agent for 24 years with Travel With A Smile and was a member of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council 6203.

He is predeceased by his mother, the late Rosalie (nee Ganzarella) and by his father, the late Leonard.

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Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Patricia (nee Flynn); a daughter, Elaine Meyer of Stewartville; three sons, Anthony T. and his wife, Cathy of So. Plainfield, Robert of Tennessee and Richard and his wife, Leslie of Virginia; a brother, Leonard of Florida and ten grandchildren, Tara, Lindsay, Daniel, Kyle, Connor, Matthew, William, Nicole, Jenna and Brian.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Salvatore Morella, 58

Salvatore Morella died on Friday, Nov. 21 at Overlook Medical Center in Summit.

Born on Feb. 26, 1945 in Plainfield, he resided in South Plainfield for most of his adult life. He was the son of the late Cono P. Morella of South Plainfield and Mary Santorastaso of Plainfield.

Surviving are his brother, Cono, Jr. and his wife, Diana of Middlesex and his sister, Margene and her husband of Mississippi.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Joseph A. Constanza, Jr., 72

Joseph A. Constanza, Jr., of Edison died on Thursday, Nov. 27 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Joe was born in Elizabeth and has resided in Edison for the last 47 years.

Joe was a self-employed carpenter and contractor and the owner of Joseph Constanza Contracting in

Edison for many years before retiring in 1984.

Joe was an avid gardener and loved working in his yard and garden.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Linda Wiers Constanza; two sons, Joseph M. and his wife, Luisa Constanza of Edison, Jeffrey and his wife, Joan Constanza of Neshanic Station; a daughter, Jacqueline and her husband, Joe Frazee of Edison; a sister, Angelina Tanquelli of Linden and his devoted grandchildren, Nicole and her husband, Derrick Trim, Michael and Gabrielle Constanza and Natalie Frazee.

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

Mary R. (McHugh) Ultsh, 90

Mary R. (McHugh) Ultsh died on Thursday, Nov. 27 at Delaire Nursing & Convalescent Center in Linden.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mrs. Ultsh resided in Newark and Rahway before returning to Pennsylvania. She later moved to Toms River's Holiday City where she resided prior to settling in Kendall Park 11 years ago.

She is predeceased by her husband, Arthur who died in 1995 and her daughter, Mary A. Cicalese, who died in 1983.

Surviving are her two daughters, Theresa Briody of Kendall Park and Eileen Pica of Rahway; her son, Frank of Florida; 13 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

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ALERT

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please be advised that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** Committee of the Whole Meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 9 has been changed to Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

November 21, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on November 20, 2003.

Case #47-03-Albert Jasani; Block 523; Lots 1 & 2; McKinley & Durham Ave. The applicant's request for a use variance to construct a (4) story, (64) room hotel was hereby DENIED.

Case #56-03-NY SMSA Partnership, a.k.a. Verizon Wireless; Block 450; Lot 2; 1500 Seymour St. The applicant's request for a use variance and separate height variance, amended preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

Case #64-03-Frank and Ruth Ferraro; Block 108; Lot 7; 224 Warren St. The applicant's request for front yard setback variance and lot coverage variance to erect a 4 ft. by 7 ft. porch with roof and no walls and a 21.92 ft. front yard setback and lot coverage of 32 s.f. was hereby GRANTED with (1) voluntary condition.

Case #68-03-Patricia Sileo; Block 184; Lot 1; 200 Ritten Ave. The applicant's request to allow an existing 4 ft. high, 18 ft. in diameter above ground pool to remain on the property with an approximate 12 ft. front yard setback from Manning Ave. was hereby GRANTED.

Case #69-03-James and Cindi Canfield; Block 211; Lot 11; 139 Jerome Ave. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance to allow the construction of a second story dormer with a 24.45 ft. front yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Case #70-03-Michael McMahon; Block 230; Lot 16; 167 Oak Manor Pkwy. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance to construct a new roof over an existing porch and measuring 4 ft. in depth by 7 ft. 8 in. in width and a 25.97 ft. front yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Case #84-02-Real Estate Builder & Investors, LLC; Block 254; Lot 11; 117 Teaple Pl. The applicant's request for a waiver for the installation of a sidewalk was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Knidre
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$56.00 December 5, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

November 26, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on November 25, 2003.

A. Case #662N-Harris Realty Co., LLC. Block 286; Lot 1; 1641 New Market Ave. The applicant's request for final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #03-04-Eduardo Aya & Jorge Javier. Block 315.02; Lot 2; 541-543 Elsie Ave. The applicant's request to withdraw this application without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Knidre,
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$22.75 December 5, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Pamela Hargreaves and Wayne Heisler requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the construction of a single family dwelling. 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 803 Trinity Street on Block 3, Lot 22 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, December 18, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

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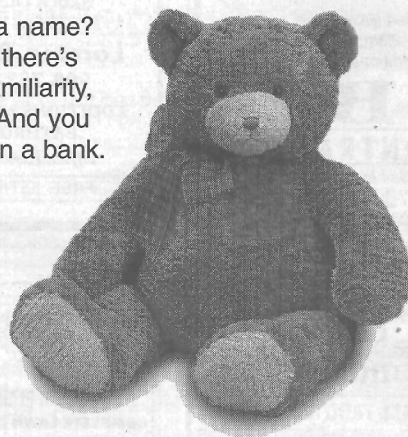
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