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Sacred Heart School Celebrates 50 Years



The Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen, celebrates mass to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Sacred Heart School.

Fifty years ago, on December 13, 1953, Sacred Heart officially dedicated their new school which opened its doors to students in September.

Last Saturday evening a special mass was held at Sacred Heart Church celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Sacred Heart School.

The evening was indeed special because the Principal Celebrant and Homilist was The Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen. Concelebrants were Rev. Msgr. Michael Corona, Director, Department of Education; Father John Paul Alvarado, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church; Rev. John J. Werner, Rev. Igor Jendrich, Sacred Heart; Rev. Thomas Ganley, Chaplain, McCarrick Care Center; Rev. John Primich, Immaculate Conception in Spotswood and Deacon Joseph Stanczak.

A reception was held in the school cafeteria after the mass with a buffet and refreshments. Attending were many Sisters of Mercy who taught at Sacred Heart, as well as many former students from Sacred Heart.

A display of pictures and memorabilia was set up showing early classes and events at the school. Many of the guests were amazed to discover the display included pictures of their parents, aunts and uncles.

The school's first principal was Sister Mary Alma Chambers, RSM and the pastor at that time was Father Alfred T. Sico. The faculty consisted of five Sisters of Mercy and one lay teacher.

Dedication ceremonies were officiated by Bishop Hughes.

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Santa (Sal Severini) takes a break from his busy season at the North Pole to visit John E. Riley School for breakfast with the students.

See next week's Observer for more photos.

Almost Famous Players Presents \$1,000 Donation to Lions Club



Patricia Abbott, representing Almost Famous Players, presents a check to South Plainfield Lions Club President Bob Desch and club secretary, Hank Grabarz. The monies were raised through the group's Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour. Also on hand were members of the Almost Famous Players and the Lions club.

The South Plainfield Lions Club was on the receiving end of a donation at last week's Council meeting. The Almost Famous Players presented a check for \$1,000 from their "Haunted Woods Tour" to South Plainfield Lions Club President, Bob Desch.

The Haunted Woods Tour was held in Putnam Park in October, and despite the rainy weather all week, it drew more than 800 people. The success of this first-time production was overwhelming.

The South Plainfield Lions Club was on hand all week selling hot dogs and hot chocolate and lending their support, and handing out hot chocolate to the actors and crew to help keep them warm.

Patricia Abbott and members of the cast and crew officially presented the check to Desch and members of the Lions Club. Abbott said they would be back next year with a repeat performance of the tour.



Annual Tree Lighting Honors 101st Airborne

The lighting of the towering fir tree in front of McCriskin's Home For Funerals took place Saturday morning. The annual tradition, sponsored by McCriskin's and the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles and General Anthony C. McAuliffe Chapter, is held to remember the men of the 101st Airborne who lost their lives in an air crash in Newfoundland, Canada in 1985.

Each December surviving members of the 101st Airborne attend the services and place a wreath below the tree next to the plaque in honor of the deceased servicemen. The tree can be seen for miles around and stays lit during the holiday season.

Driver Killed on Park Ave.

Last Saturday evening, a 1999 Plymouth Neon, operated by Timothy Briant, age 48 of Plainfield, was traveling south on Park Ave., near Walter St., when it left the roadway, struck a telephone pole and overturned. Paramedics from Mercy 6 at Muhlenberg Hospital pronounced Briant dead at the scene. The vehicle was owned by Briant's daughter, Kimberlie, age 19, also from Plainfield.

The telephone pole was snapped at

the ground; however, power was not interrupted. PSE&G crews responded and worked through the night to set the new pole.

Personnel from the South Plainfield Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Office of Emergency Management responded to the crash. The South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Unit is investigating the crash. Witnesses should contact Sgt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679.

Stelton Rd. Pizza Hut Robbed

Last Saturday morning, a burglary was reported at the Pizza Hut on Stelton Rd. in South Plainfield.

The manager reported that the restaurant had been entered through the drive-thru window. The window had apparently been lifted out of its track and entry was gained.

Once inside, the suspect kicked in the managers' office door, unlocked a filing cabinet, entered a locked safe and removed an undetermined amount of cash. Change was removed from vending machines in the front lobby.

There are no suspects at this time.

2 Officers Hired, 3 Promoted

Last week's Borough Council meeting was filled with South Plainfield police officers there to witness the swearing in of two police officers and the promotion of three.

Antonio Grasso and Lloyd N. McNelly were sworn in as the newest members of the South Plainfield Police Department. Both will begin on Jan. 5, 2004.

Promoted to captain was George Albertocki, who has been serving as acting captain since May. Also promoted were Sergeant Matthew Koep to lieutenant and Officer James Parker to sergeant. The promotions were created by the retirement of Captain Robert Pilukaitis, a 29 year veteran of the South Plainfield Police Department.

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Aneca McNelly, wife of Lloyd N. McNelly, watches as her husband is sworn in as an officer in the South Plainfield Police Department. Aneca holds their three-month son, Alexander. For photos of officers promoted and sworn in, see pages 6 and 7.

Fire Department Hosts Annual Wine Tasting Event



Pictured is Dan Ratti from Buy Rite Liquors, Larry Del Negro, Mike Gallagher and John Celentano from the South Plainfield Fire Department.

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Fire Department's 2003 Wine Tasting was destined for success early in the evening. The annual fundraiser was held at the Embassy Suites hotel in Piscataway. Close to 200 people attended the event.

A steady flow of people kept the vendors busy throughout the four hours of the 'tasting.' Guests wan-

dered from table to table sampling from the huge assortment of beers, wines, cordials and liquors. A spacious set up made circulating the room easy. For those in need of something a bit more substantial, there was a pasta buffet offering several kinds of pasta, sauce and cheese toppings. A DJ provided music throughout the evening. Buy Rite Liquors on Oak Tree Road has sponsored the event for the past two years.



Pictured is Linda Zushma, Anita and Pat Diegman, Dan Gallagher and Marion Gallagher

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

Unamed would like to thank everyone for their support and for helping us become one of three finalists in the National Hard Rock Cafe "The Ultimate Altitude Buzz - Battle of the Bands" competition. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to your efforts, we received the most votes out of ALL the bands in the competition. Our fans truly showed the rest of the country which city rocks the hardest!! NYC that is! But let's not forget about Jersey!

On Dec. 19 we will find out who is the grand prize winner. It's out of our hands, out of your hands and in God's hands-actually in a few 'Industry Professionals' hands, who will be selecting a winner out of the three finalists. They'll be announcing the overall winner on Friday, Dec. 19.

WISH US LUCK,
UNAMED

Dear Editor,

What do you think about the American troops in Iraq? Would you rather pull them back now and save a couple lives, or do you want to put an end to Saddam, and other Middle-Eastern terrorism? I'm not sure about what you want to do, but I want terrorism stopped as soon as possible. The way I see it is if we pull back now and save a few lives, terrorism will begin to grow again, and they will be preparing for a larger attack than on Sept. 11, 2001.

So, if we don't continue our attacking in Iraq now and save a few lives, then it might come back and cost us thousands more. On the other hand, if our troops continue doing their job and stop terrorism, we can go on with our normal lives not living with the fear that there is a good chance our nation will be attacked. It is unfortunate that the lives of our brave soldiers are being lost overseas, but it would be much worse to lose

another few thousand because of terrorists. If American troops can find or confirm that Saddam Hussein is dead, then we will make most all Iraqi residents happy.

Once we can do that and support Iraq until they become a stronger nation, that will give us another ally for future conflicts or wars.

After the attacks on the Pentagon and Twin Towers, Americans throughout the country were shocked and scared. Americans, after the attack, questioned why America? The fact is a high percentage of Americans think that nothing bad would ever happen to America along with themselves. They all felt that America is the perfect place to live and no other nation would have a reason to attack us because we are so good. The reason we were attacked though is because of jealousy. Terrorism is aimed at America because we are the best and they can't live with that fact. So they try to destroy us when all they are really doing is annoying us and asking for a retaliation that could wipe out their whole country.

The main fact I want to stress here is that there will most likely never be peace throughout the world. It can be avoided for margins of time. If we can take out Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden along with his Al Qaeda, our chance of peace for our lifetime will increase dramatically.

SINCERELY,
MIKE HANLEY, 16, SOPHOMORE,
ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Letter to the Editor,

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is celebrating 62 years of volunteer service to America. Since December 1 1941, when the organization was formed, CAP has protected the home skies. In the early days of World War II, CAP performed anti-submarine patrols and was responsible for saving countless lives and merchant ships

from disaster.

Today Civil Air Patrol, as the US Air Force Auxiliary, is involved in Homeland Security with over 64,000 trained volunteers, 1,700 operational units, 530 aircraft and 1,000 vehicles. September, 11 2001 was a tragic day for America. CAP responded with the first aerial survey of the World Trade Center disaster site and provided air transportation for Federal Officials days after September 11. CAP patrolled the waters off Cape Kennedy prior to the last shuttle and provided homeland security support during the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City flying 534 hours of airborne reconnaissance.

CAP conducts 95% of all inland search and rescue in our country as tasked by the US Air Force saving an average of 100 lives per year. Units provide airborne imagery of critical infrastructures such as dams, pipelines, bridges, power plants, seaports and more.

The CAP Cadet programs offer our nation's youth the opportunity of aerospace education, college scholarships, powered and glider flight training scholarships, International Cadet Exchange program and more. The Civil Air Patrol is a vital organization that prepares our youth morally, physically and mentally as leaders of tomorrow.

New Jersey has 27 units based throughout the state. We are looking for cadet and adult members who want to make a difference in their personal lives while contributing to a strong America. Plainfield Squadron contact is Capt. Samuel Williamson (732) 545-6176 or swilliamson@lucent.net. Visit the website at: www.cap.gov/. Homeland Security is our heritage.

LISA VAN CLIEF, MAJOR, CAP,
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
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Trees...

The Observer, along with Recreation Dept., is sponsoring a
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Enter your house or nominate another. Include photos, if possible. Entries must be received by Dec. 26. Winners will be announced in January. Grand prize: One year individual membership to the PAL, a year's subscription to the Observer, and more. Winner's house will be pictured on page one of the Observer. Second prize: a year's subscription to the Observer.

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS OF HOUSE _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

First place winner's house will be pictured
on the front page of the Observer!

Send your entry to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.



On Sunday, Nov. 30, a Purple Heart monument was unveiled at Menlo Park Home for Veterans in Edison. The monument honors all of our men and women wounded in all our wars. The ceremony included many dignitaries, including the Governor's father. The cost of the monument was over \$6,000. The money was raised by the Central District Elks National Services. The South Plainfield Elks donated \$1,000. Pictured is Lou De Filippo, a World War II veteran, who is a Purple Heart recipient.

Children's Christmas Program at Wesley Methodist Church

It will be children's paradise at Wesley Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave., on Christmas Eve starting at 7:30 p.m.. Everything will be geared toward and presented by the children. All children of the South Plainfield community are invited.

The event will feature an Instant Nativity, meaning children can walk in and be a part of the nativity scene and the pageant. The pageant will include all children including infants. A children's bell ringers choir (Joyful Ringers) will delight the audience with

Christmas music. Any child who wants to be part of the Joyful Ringers needs to call the church (908) 756-1044 for rehearsal schedules immediately.

Everyone will get to light a candle as a sign of Christ being the light of the world and sing *Silent Night* and *Holy Night*. After the service, children's favorite cookies will be served at the Fellowship Hall.

At 11 p.m. there will be another service at Wesley featuring carols, Word, Holy Communion and candlelight singing. All are welcome.

Plainfield Animal Hospital Holiday Giving for Needy Pets

The Plainfield Animal Hospital is still accepting pet food donations to be distributed to needy pets for the holiday season. Please bring canned or dry pet foods to the drop-off box at the animal hospital, 2201 Park Ave. from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Food will be distributed to a local non-profit organization. For more information, call (908) 755-2428 or visit

our website at www.plainfieldanimal-hosp.com.

We will also be accepting monetary donations for the NJ Veterinary Foundation. Monies will be used towards spay/neutering of stray and abandoned animals, abandoned animal care and scholarships.

Donations will be accepted until Monday, Dec. 29.

Middlesex Prosecutor Makes Parental Monitoring Software Available Locally

Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan and the Middlesex County Association of Chiefs of Police have announced a joint initiative to assist law enforcement efforts to combat crimes against children committed over the internet or as a result of the internet.

The Prosecutor's Office, South Plainfield Police Department and several other Middlesex County Police Departments have purchased a cus-

tomized version of a parental internet monitoring software system which will enable parents to take a more active role in preventing their children from being victimized by internet predators.

The software, ComputerCop, is a CD-ROM which instantly shows parents what children have been doing online by scanning for images and potentially offensive words or phrases. The program runs off the CD, requir-

ing no installation. It will not filter or block internet access.

South Plainfield residents can obtain a loaner ComputerCop CD by contacting Sgt. Charles Siedenburg at (908) 226-7674.

Other Middlesex County residents can call their local police departments or the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at (732) 745-8840.



In keeping with the Cub Scout theme for December, "Cub Scouts Give Good Will," Pack 224 of John E. Riley School shared holiday cheer by caroling with residents of the Senior Housing on Morris Ave.

Police Accepting Applications For Written Exam

Applications for the N.J. Department of Personnel written examination for the position of police officer for the South Plainfield Police Department are now available. The application is published by and must be returned to the N.J. Department of Personnel. Applications may be obtained any time at the South Plainfield Police Department communications center, on the internet

at www.state.nj.us/personnel, during normal business hours at the South Plainfield Public Library or South Plainfield Police Athletic Building (PAL).

Filing deadline is March 31, 2004. Candidate must be a resident of South Plainfield as of the closing date for filing the application and maintain continuous residency in South Plainfield up to and including the date of appointment.

Other requirements are listed in the application.

The starting salary is \$37,265. Benefits: A listing of job benefits may be viewed at Police Headquarters. A brief summary of duties and responsibilities may be viewed at police headquarters.

If you have any questions, please contact Sgt. Charles Siedenburg at (908) 226-7674.

Send a Card to John E. Riley

If you would like to remember John E. Riley with a Christmas card this season, send the card to Mr. Riley at McCaully Hall, Mount St. Mary, Rt 22W, Watchung, NJ 07061.

Riley worked in the South Plainfield school systems for 40 years. John E. Riley Elementary school is named after him.

He finished his teaching career as principal at the West Crescent School, now known as Kennedy School.

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Events

HOLIDAY events

Knights Breakfast With Santa Event—The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual "Breakfast with Santa" event on **Saturday, Dec. 20** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The price for the breakfast (which includes eggs, bacon, French toast and much more food) will be \$3 a child, \$5 a adult or \$15 for a family. Parents, please bring a gift to give to your children from Santa. Seats are limited, please contact Steve Belanger at (908) 791-0640 or (908) 755-6203 for more info or to make your reservations.

Santa is Coming to South Plainfield—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.

Breakfast With Santa at the Elks Club—The South Plainfield Elks Club, located at 1254 New Market Ave., will be holding a Breakfast with Santa on **Sunday, December 21** from 8 a.m. to noon.

The breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, eggs to order, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost for adults is \$6, children ages 5-12 are \$4 and children under five are free. Bring your camera. Santa will be on hand all morning.

Annual Caroling at the Gazebo—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.

Family New Year's Eve Party—Bring the whole family to Cafe Everest for a Pre-New Year's Eve Celebration Dinner on **Tuesday, Dec. 31**, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy a warm up countdown between 5-8 p.m., sparkling cider champagne, balloon animals, streamers, party hats and much more. Price for adults is \$24.95, children \$14.95, which includes complete dinner.

Out of Town

Circle Players Presents—*Christmas Vacation of Get Me Outta Here*, the 2003 holiday musical event at Circle Players, the community theater of Piscataway, is a shimmering evening of American musical theater by the masters, from Irving Berlin to Lerner and Loew to Jerry Herman, creator of "Hello Dolly" and "La Cage aux Folles." Performances are **Friday, Dec. 19** and **Saturday, Dec. 20**. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Circle Players is located at 416 Victorian Ave., Piscataway. For tickets, call (732) 968-7555.

VFW Dinner, Cake Sale and Craft Fair

December 19

The VFW Memorial Post 6763, located on Front St., will be hosting a roast pork dinner on **Friday, Dec. 19** from 5 to 8 p.m. The donation is \$7 and children 12 years and under are \$4. There will also be a cake sale and craft fair.

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

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 8 for more information.

Life Line Screening at Czesochowa

January 5

Our Lady of Czesochowa Church, 120 Kosciuszko Ave. is holding health screenings on **Monday, Jan. 5**.

Life Line Screening Radiology, LLC provides non-invasive, completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology: Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery (\$45), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening (\$45), Peripheral Arterial Disease (ABI) Screening (\$45) and Osteoporosis Screening (\$35). Buy the Complete Vascular Package (first three screenings) for \$99, or buy all four and pay \$125.

Pre-registration is required. Call (800) 407-4557 if you have any questions or to register.

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.

Pack 224 Selling Tickets For Harlem Globetrotters

February 14

Tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters at Continental Arena on **Feb. 14** at 7:30 p.m. game are \$22 each. The tickets are Section 211 upper tier lower. (Seating will be filled on a first ticket purchase availability.)

Make checks payable to Cub Scout Pack 224 and mail to 201 Lane Ave., South Plainfield. Everyone must have a ticket. Tickets are for admission only, you must provide your own transportation. Admission includes a two hour meet-and-greet prior to the game, Globetrotter University and a badge. You can only attend the meet and greet through a group purchase.

Rec Plans Trip To See Hairspray

February 22

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see "Hairspray" on **Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004**. Bus will leave the PAL at 10:30 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. There will be plenty of time to shop and eat before the show. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available at the PAL between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Only 45 tickets are available, so come and get yours now!

— Out of Town —

Woodbridge WOWs Dance

December 21

The Woodbridge Area Widows or Widowers (WOWs) are holding a

fundraiser dance on **Sunday, Dec. 21** from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. All are welcome. There will be a live band and refreshments will be available. The cost is \$8 per person. The dance will be held at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge.

For more information, call (732) 297-1775.

Moonrakers Club's "Meet and Greet"

January 13

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., a social and community service organization serving people of "taller-than-average" stature in the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area, will hold its monthly "Meet and Greet" social at the Saddle Brook Marriott, located between Rt. 80 and the Garden State Parkway in Saddle Brook on **Tuesday, Jan 13** at 8 p.m.

Prospective members are encouraged to inquire. Prospective members must meet certain criteria. Women: 5'10" and taller and men, 6'2" and taller (in stocking feet) and over 21.

For further information about the club, or for a schedule of our social events, call our 24-hour hotline service at (973) 267-3648 or visit the website at <http://www.njntall.org> or email at newjersey@tall.org.

SingleFaces January Dances Announced

The following is a list of dances planned by SingleFaces for the month of January.

Friday, Jan 2 at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. in Iselin at 9 p.m. Cost is \$12. For directions call (732) 494-6200.

Saturday, Jan. 3 at the Shadowbrook, Rt 35 in Shrewsbury at 9 p.m. Cost is \$12. For directions call (732) 747-0200.

Friday, Jan. 9 at the Victorian Manor, 2863 Woodbridge Ave. at 9 p.m. in Eidson. Cost is \$12. For directions call (732) 549-2859.

Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. in Iselin at 9 p.m. Cost is \$12. For directions call (732) 494-6200.

Friday Jan 16 at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn, 2512 Arthur Kill Rd. in Staten Island at 9 p.m. Cost is \$12.

For additional information call (732) 542-2200.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Teresa Calderone and Carmine DeGrazio Announce Their Engagement

Peter and Cornelia Calderone of South Plainfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Teresa



Carmine DeGrazio and Teresa Calderone.

Calderone to Carmine Dominick DeGrazio, son of John and Anna DeGrazio of Metuchen.

Teresa is a graduate of South Plainfield High School. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and English from The College of New Jersey (Ewing) before attending Rutgers University Graduate School of Education and acquiring her Master's in Counseling Psychology. Teresa is employed by the Arbor Elementary School of Piscataway as a fourth grade teacher.

Carmine is a graduate of Parsippany High School. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has been certified as a Public Accountant from the State of NJ. Carmine is employed by Goen Technologies, Inc. in Cedar Knolls as a Financial Reporting Manager.

A July 2004 wedding is planned.

Roosevelt Scout Sing for Woodlands Residents

By Jane Dornick

All of the girl scout troops from Roosevelt School spread some holiday cheer to the residents at The Woodlands Genesis Eldercare facility on the evening of Dec. 3.

The residents gathered in a large room and along with the girls scouts, they held a sing-along of the many classic Christmas tunes.

Scouts participating in the event were: *Daisy Troop*-Alyssa Chirumbolo, Jessica Ortiz, Krista Kaczka, Stephanie Boettger, Lindsay Celentano, Paige Wilson and Kristen DeSclafani, *First Grade Brownies*-Mansi Amin, Gabriella Carisal, Brianna DiMenno, Charlotte Macchia, Dominique Schoen, Sarah Walsh and Michaela Butrico, *Second Grade Brownies*-Lauryn Loalbo, Meghan Skelly, Kristen Wong, Nina Bavosa, Nikole DeSclafani, Joanna Marston and Taylor Jankoski.

Girl Scout Troop #664-Nicole Binwell, Caitlyn Driscoll, Danielle Butrico, Paula Lasota, Deirdre Macchia, Gerianne Scarpitto, Kim Walsh, Jessica Thompson and Meghan Collins.

Girl Scout Troop #428-Melissa Pasternak, Kimmy Petronko, Rachel Scudato, Jessica Gomes, Alyssa Ragno, Tyler Stranzenbach, Cheyenne Bloodgood, Miranda Black, Angelica Grasso and Ida Peery.

Fifth grade Girl Scout Troop #188-Joelle Butrico.



Cub Pack 224 is Honored

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection honored South Plainfield Cub Scouts from Pack 224, John E. Riley Elementary School.

The scouts were honored at their annual symposium luncheon this fall. Honored were: Bear Scouts-Christopher Markey, Anthony Austin, Joshua Siepmann, and Cesar Fernandez, and Tiger Scout-James Markey.

The boys received the Student Award for their recycling project in November of 2002. They held a recycling event at the recycling center. They hosted MC Blue, made games and give-aways, all made out of recyclables.

Special thanks goes to Dr. Temple and Mayor Gallagher for their support in this event.

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Two Police Officers Hired, Three Promoted



Captain George Albertocki is joined by his wife, Elaine, and his father George Albertocki as he is sworn in by Councilman Dennis Cerami.

Albertocki Promoted

A 25-year veteran of law enforcement, Captain George Albertocki began his career with the Kean College Campus Police Department in 1978. In October of 1980, he returned home to South Plainfield to become a member of the South Plainfield Police Department. Albertocki has served his entire South Plainfield career in the Patrol Section of the Operations Division and continues to serve as a firearms instructor for the department. During his 25 years, he was promoted to sergeant in March of 1994, to lieutenant in January of 2000 and interim captain in May of 2003.

Captain Albertocki has been married to his wife Elaine for 11 years. A life-long resident of the borough, Albertocki is the son of George and the late Mary Albertocki. He has followed in the footsteps of his father, who retired as a detective from the Newark Police Department. He has a brother, Mark, who resides in South Plainfield.

Albertocki will assume the role of Commander of the Operations Division, which entails patrol functions and traffic safety. His division is comprised of four lieutenants, five sergeants and approximately 30 patrol officers.

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All new hires as well as promotions are derived from a list compiled through Civil Service. New applicants take both a written and physical test and are placed on the Civil Service list according to how they place on the test. Promotions are also determined by how well an officer scores on the test.

South Plainfield has 56 sworn officers, 10 full-time communications operators, and six support staff personnel who provide law enforcement services to the borough 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.



Sergeant James Parker is congratulated on his promotion by Councilman Dennis Cerami, while Parker's wife June looks on.

Parker Promoted

Sergeant James Parker, 10-year veteran of law enforcement, joined the South Plainfield Police Department in August of 1993. In August of 2000 he was transferred to the Detectives Division, and in April of 2001 he was transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

During his career, Sergeant Parker has served in both the Patrol section of the Operations Division and the Detective section of the Service Division. He has also served as a Field Training officer, as well as a Defensive Baton instructor for the South Plainfield Police Department.

During his assignment as detective, Sergeant Parker completed a temporary assignment with a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force in the State of New Jersey.

Sergeant Parker, a life-long resident of South Plainfield, has been married to his wife June for seven years. They have a daughter, Julia.

Prior to becoming a police officer, he worked in retail sales.

Sergeant Parker is the son of James and Ellen Parker. He has one brother, David.

Sergeant Parker will assume the role of Patrol Shift Supervisor and will provide direct supervision to approximately seven patrol officers during their tour of duty.



Antonio Grasso (left) is welcomed into the South Plainfield Police Department. He is joined here by his brother, Michael, who is a Plainfield police officer.

Grasso Joins Police Force

Antonio Grasso, a life-long resident of South Plainfield, begins his career here on Jan. 5, 2004. Grasso, who is single, is the 25-year-old son of Antonio and Doris Grasso of South Plainfield. He has one brother, Michael, who is a police officer in Plainfield.

Grasso graduated from SPHS in 1997 and attended Middlesex County College and earned a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice from Kean University in 2000. After attending college, he worked for Middlesex County Parks Department as a parks ranger and has been employed with the Highland Park Police Department as a police officer since January 2003. He earned his certification as a police officer from the John H. Stamler Police Academy in December of 2002, attending the academy as an alternate route candidate. He is scheduled to participate in the South Plainfield Police Departments Field Training Program for the next six months.

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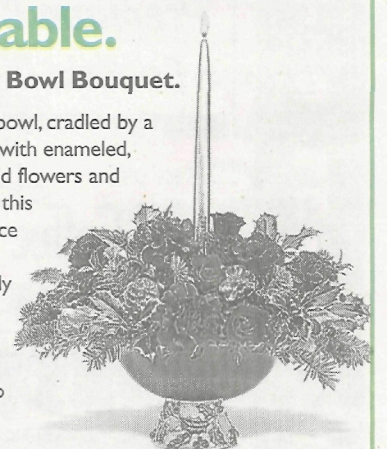


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Lieutenant Matthew Koep is joined by his wife Stacey and daughters Kristen and Kaitlyn as he is sworn in as lieutenant.

Koep Promoted

Lieutenant Matthew Koep, a 12-year veteran of law enforcement, joined the South Plainfield Police Department in January of 1992. He has served his entire career in the Patrol section of Operations. He was promoted to sergeant in January of 2000.

Lieutenant Koep has been married to his wife Stacey for seven years. They have two daughters, Kristen and Kaitlyn. Prior to becoming a police officer, he worked in the engineering field.

Lieutenant Koep is the son of Kenneth and Alice Koep. He has two brothers, Paul and Mark, and five sisters, Kathy, Karen, Caroline, Cheryl and Cynthia.

Lieutenant Koep will assume the role of Watch Commander of shift platoon, comprised of a sergeant and up to seven patrol officers.

McNelly Hired



McNelly with wife Aneca and son Alexander

Borough resident Lloyd McNelly will officially begin his new position on Jan. 5, 2004. He is the 25-year-old son of Gordon and Darlene McNelly of South Plainfield.

McNelly and wife Aneca are the proud parents of a three month old son, Alexander. McNelly has two sisters, Darlene and Laura, and a brother, Gordon. He graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1996, is serving in the United States Army and remains active in the Army Reserves, where he is a nuclear, biological and chemical operation specialist.

McNelly has been employed by Lombardi Striping of South Plainfield since 1997, where he was a foreman. He is scheduled to attend the Somerset County Police Academy from January to June 2004. After graduation, he will participate in the South Plainfield Police Departments Field Training Program.

Sacred Heart School Celebrates 50 Years

(Continued from page 1)

by Bishop George W. Ahr.

One year later, 1954, the first Parent-Teacher Association was officially installed in a church ceremony.

Until 1989, the Sisters of Mercy taught at the school. In 1989, the Sisters of Mercy withdrew and Father William Leonard was appointed principal for the 1989-1990 school year.

In 1990 Father Michael McGuire invited the Religious of the Virgin Mary to take over the administration of Sacred Heart School and they continue to teach to this day, under the direction of Principal Sister Maria Cornelia Ramirez, RVM.

During the end of the 1994-1995 school year, the administration, faculty, parents and students of Sacred Heart School prepared for the Middle States School Accreditation. In October of 1996, a visiting team of evaluators appointed by the Commissioner of Elementary School of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools came to observe classes and interview the students, parents, teachers, members of the support team, the principal and pastor. A year later Sacred Heart School was granted Middle States Accreditation for 10 years.

Sacred Heart School has expanded in many ways over the years, they now have a Pre-K (four-year-olds) classes and have added Spanish to their curriculum. Also Pre-K for three-year-olds was offered for the first time this year.



The Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen, accepts the sacrificial gifts from a Sacred Heart School student.



Father John Paul Alvarado, Sacred Heart Church pastor; Sister Jane Veldof, Most Rev. Edward Hughes, Sister Diane, president of the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey; and school principal Sister Maria Cornelia Ramirez about to enjoy cake at the fiftieth anniversary celebration.

Tea Program Hosted by Cultural Arts

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will host a Tea Program on Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Senior Citizen Center at 2 p.m. The Tea Program entitled "Winter Holidays" will be presented by noted food and tea historian Judith Krall-Russo.

Judith has had a lifelong love affair with the history of food, especially the rich agriculture of her home state of New Jersey. She is also an avid tea drinker, who at an early age studied the customs and history of this universal beverage. Judith is dedicated to preserving our culinary history through the delivery of enlightening and entertaining tea and food programs that enable people to experience the culinary arts through the eyes of generations.

For information, please call Natalie at (908) 756-8679.

Welcome Back Ed!

We're all glad to see you're "back" to work for the holidays. You were missed!



Cub Scouts 'Ribbon' Up the Town

Cub Scouts of John E. Riley Elementary School, Pack 224, showed their support against drugs by "ribboning" the town red this October.

Red ribbons were hung by the scouts at the PAL, library, Rescue Squad, fire and police departments, as well as Riley School.

Great job to all who participated in this project!

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Dec 25 - 10 p.m. - Christmas Eve Mass

Dec 25 - 9 a.m. - Mass of the Dawn

Dec 25 - 11 a.m. - Mass of Christmas Day

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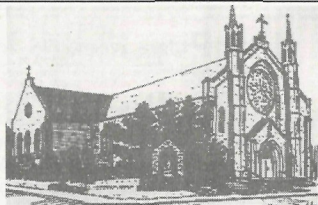
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12a.m. Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Thurs., December 25
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Sports

Wrestling

BY BOB HUNTER

High School Wrestlers Ready For Season Opener

The South Plainfield High School wrestling team will kick off its 2003-2004 season with the Morris Knolls Tournament this Saturday. The Tigers will have a good mix of talent with the return of senior Guy Severini 152, a state tournament qualifier, second in the Regions and first in the District and County tournaments of a year ago, will provide leadership. Ryan Elliott 275, who was also a state qualifier, second

in the regions, a district champion and finished in third place at the county tournament looks to improve on last season. Joe DeBiase 171, is coming back after a gallant effort last year when he wrestled injured to help his team secure another district team title, is healthy and should have an outstanding senior year. These three wrestlers will head the team as this year's captains. Frank Demarest 189, has im-

proved his off season training and is looking to contribute to the team effort.

Rounding out the rest of the probable lineup at 103, is Jimmy Conroy, who is looking to improve on his third place finish at the state tournament last year. He will anchor the lower weights. The 112 pound weight class has the most depth with Viet Vo, last years most improved, will have to fight for a spot against talented freshmen Billy Ashnault and Bryan Hunt. Another freshmen, Mike Jakubik has what it takes and should be solid at 119. At 125 and 130, Nick Dorey and Sam Martin, also freshmen, both have plenty of experience and should help the team effort. Nick Curcio was bumped up to 135 from 130 a year ago and looks to improve on last season.

At 140, Peter DeAndrea has been working hard and looks to improve on last years third place finish at the districts. Paul Ritchey, with a year of varsity under his belt will wrestle at 145 this year. Coaches expect big things from Paul this year.

The 160 pound weight class is wide open, with Billy Daly and Anthony Fierro, both sophomores, along with senior Pete Lipari and freshmen Travis Noll, are all competing for the spot. Kevin Crilley 189, will give Frank Demarest a run for his money competing for that spot. Rob Maistickie 215, who is coming off a football injury, has been cleared to wrestle and should return to the lineup soon.

Also the Tigers have another heavy-weight which is rare in South Plainfield with Jarrel (Snacks) Godette. He is just a sophomore and has been coming around and should help the team in the years to come.

Good Luck at Morris Knolls.

SPHS Bowling

BY RALPH FECH

Tigers Bowl Well in Defeat; M. Boley, G. Kleinknecht 256

SPHS 827 968 929-2724
Edison 1031 1046 975-3052

Despite Matt Boley's 205-225-213 and 634 set, the boys' bowling team was shut out by favorite and top-ranked Edison Squad.

Teammates Vin Genova bowled a 197 and 543 set, George Kleinknecht's 193 and 536 set and Nick Grego's 193 game, all bowled well for the young Tigers, who topped the 2,700 mark in pin total.

SPHS 955 865 880-2700
Piscataway 1004 898 957-2859

The Tigers bowled well again, but were topped by a consistent Chief putout. George Kleinknecht paced the green and white with a booming 256 game and a 216 and a 636 set.

Matt Boley added games of 205 and 200 and a 586 set.

SPHS 855 896 907-2658
N.Brunswick 599 556 608-1763
J.F. Kennedy 1043 1060 1050-3153

The Tigers coasted to an easy win over New Brunswick, but were left at the starting gate by the hot shooting Mustangs of JFK. Capt. Matt Boley shot 214-193-224 and a 631 high set. Shawn Ferguson bowled a 189; George Kleinknecht bowled a 183 and Vin Genova's 181 added to the Tiger cause.

SPHS 901 903 917-2721
J.P. Stevens 994 995 946-2935

The Hawks were a little more consistent than the Tigers, who bowled well but ran into Red Division leader J.P. Stevens. Matt Boley sparked with a 193-224-big 255 game and season's high 672 set. Teammate Shawn Ferguson hit his stride with a 202-180-186 and 568 set. The Tigers stand at 2-5 in the tough Red Division.

Lady Tigers Stun Edison Raise Their Record to 6-1

SPHS 790 766 843-2399
Edison 792 749 801-2286

Vicki Boley rolled games of 238-213 and 209 for a sparkling 660 set, as the girls' bowling team pulled off an upset over an always strong Edison team. Kim Gaub contributed with a 182 game and 493 set, while Beverly Jamieson tossed in a 187 game. Mallory Cooper chipped in with a 151.

SPHS 668 695 726-2089
Piscataway 769 754 757-2274

The Chiefs handed the Tigers their first loss as the girls' bowling team struggled throughout the match. On a day when low scores were the norm, Kim Gaub's 188 was a high game and Vicki Boley's 507 was the high set. Angelique Rualo rolled a 159.

SPHS 818 697 754-2271
New Brunswick 512 461 572-1545
J.F. Kennedy 701 690 699-2030

In preparation for next year, the Lady Tigers participated in the GMC's first-ever tri-match. The girls' bowling team picked up two victories, controlling both the Zebras and the Mustangs. The Tigers were led by Vicki Boley, with a game of 220 and 556 set and Beverly Jamieson's 182 game and 469 set.

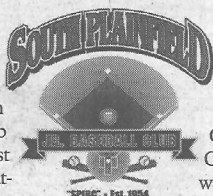
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J.P. Stevens 665 692 610-1967

In a match closer than anticipated, the Lady Tigers pulled away in the third game to seal the victory. Kim Gaub's 199-175-542 set, combined with Vicki Boley's 199-180-547 high set, led the Tiger charge.

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

We are also selling SPJBC club members cards for \$10.00. A manager and/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 Recreation Department.

The Junior Baseball Club is running a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Yes, the Baseball Hall of Fame. On Monday Dec. 29, we will be leaving 6 a.m. in



the morning 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. This includes transportation, entrance to the Hall of Fame and the Buffet dinner. We need commitments from parents for this trip now. It is very important to call Chris Hansen at 755-1475 and secure your seat on this trip. There are only a few seats left.

The SPJBC has always been 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 four 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.

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Greg Cassio, Donna and Thomas O'Connor are all smiles after successfully competing in the Panama City Beach Ironman Race.

Thomas and Donna O'Connor, Greg Cassio of South Plainfield and Daniel Larino of Neshanic Station recently competed in the Ironman Florida, which took place in Panama City Beach, Fla. last month.

The race consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, followed by 112 miles on a bike and a 26.2 mile marathon. Competitors have 17 hours to finish. Of the 2,100 who started, 1,991 athletes finished the race.

Thomas O'Connor, 40, raced in the Ironman World Championships in 1993 and several half Ironman races. His finishing time at Panama City Beach was 11 hours, 52 minutes.

Daniel Larino, 29, has competed in many mountain bike races and is nationally ranked among the Endurance Mountain bike athletes. This was his first Ironman distance race. His finishing time in Panama City Beach was 12 hours, 3 minutes, 15 seconds.

Donna O'Connor, 28, raced in the Delaware Diamondman half Ironman distance this September. It was her first

Ironman distance race. Her finishing time at Panama City Beach was 12 hours, 49 minutes, 5 seconds.

Greg Cassio, 28, raced in the Ironman Lake Placid in 2002. He completed several half Ironman races. His finishing time at Panama City Beach was 13 hours, 3 minutes, 26 seconds.

They signed up to compete in the race in November of 2002. Ironman North America races usually fill up in a couple of days, so if you want to compete you need to sign up early.

Their training began at the start of the new year. Although there are several training regimens available in books and online, each followed different programs.

Training was a full time job, with 2-3 hours training a day and 6-8 on weekends. A typical day for Donna started at 5:30 a.m., arriving at the gym when it opened, swimming or running for an hour, working 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., training until 7 or 8 p.m., showering, eating dinner, going to bed and then starting all over the next day. Each had

their own method of staying sane and fitting training in with work schedules.

All had a fantastic time, felt they competed well and agreed it was an amazing experience, but were glad it was over. Tom and Greg beat their previous Ironman times and Dan and Donna did better than they expected. Dan has already signed up for a race next year. Tom and Donna plan to enter another race within five years.

"Something magical happens when you cross the finish line and hear the announcer say your name and adds 'You are an Ironman,'" said Donna.

If not for Tom, they wouldn't have entered the race. He began recruiting his friends two years ago. Originally eight signed up for the race, but for various reasons, only four competed.

Dan says he's hooked and has signed up for a race next May. The others are taking a year off from training and may compete again in a couple years.

policereport

• On Dec. 9 Veronica Ernestine Daniels, 54, of Sayreville was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Dec. 11 a Carmine Ave. resident reported that during the day his home had been burglarized. The basement window had been forced open and a digital camera, watches, gold bracelets and rings were taken from the bedrooms.

• On Dec. 12 a Spotswood resident reported that something struck and cracked his windshield while driving on Hamilton Blvd.

• On Dec. 13 a Fort Lauderdale, Fla. resident reported the theft of a 2002 Mercedes Benz from the parking lot at the Best Western Motel.

• A Park St. resident reported that the rear window of his vehicle had

been smashed out by a large rock.

• On Dec. 14 an employee of Liquid Assets on New Market Ave. reported that her vehicle was damaged while parked in the parking lot.

• A Piscataway resident reported that his front windshield had been damaged while parked in the Liquid Assets parking lot.

• A W. Golf Ave. resident reported the theft of snow blower from the back of his pickup truck.

• On Dec. 15 an employee of Class Tool Co. on South Clinton Ave. reported the theft of her purse from her desk.

• The Public Works Dept. reported the theft of a mount and power unit for a snow plow from the front of a vehicle.

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Obituaries

Janet (Sharyk) Gryta, 54

Janet (Sharyk) Gryta died on Thursday, Dec. 11 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

Born in Plainfield, she grew up in South Plainfield and graduated from the South Plainfield schools, prior to settling in California in 1976.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she had been employed by Voorhees High School, where she worked as a cafeteria staff worker since 1985.

She is predeceased by her mother, Mary (Susko).

Surviving are her husband, Richard; a son and his wife, David and Deborah of Wilson, Pa.; her father, Russell Sharyk; two sisters, Susan DeVico and Lauren Mackenzie; a cousin who was like a sister, Ellen English and four nieces, Allison, Debbie, Katlyn and Collen.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Matthew, Allison and Amanda. Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Erio Notino, 76

Erio Notino died on Sunday, Dec. 14 in JFK Medical Center, Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in Northern Italy, Erio came to the United States in 1970, settling in South Plainfield. While living in Italy, he served in the Italian Army after WWII.

He was employed as a maintenance supervisor for the AA Company of South Plainfield for six years before retiring in 1989. Previously, he worked for the Wadell Equipment Co. of Edison for 15 years.

Throughout his lifetime, Erio had a great sense of humor. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends, especially his family at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, where he had special devotions.

Surviving are his wife, Fortuna Notino; three children, Adele Del Piano and her husband, Rosario of South Plainfield, Assunta Krajniak of Coral Springs, Fla., Gennaro

Notino and his wife, Stephanie of North Brunswick; a sister, Elena Lillo and a brother, Renato Notino and his wife, Toni, all of South Plainfield. Erio has two sisters and one brother living in Italy.

Also surviving are his grandchildren, Bonnie, Jamie, Victoria, Kevin, Sabrina, Justin and Hailey and his great grandson, Tommy.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Eugene Ficorilli, 81

Eugene Ficorilli died on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Sag Harbor, NY, he entered the United States Air Forces as an air traffic controller stationed in the Eastern Pacific during WWII. Upon his return for active duty, he settled to South Plainfield in 1957.

Mr. Ficorilli was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration in Newark as an air traffic controller for 26 years, retiring in 1978. He is a member of the South Plainfield Italian American Club, the AARP National Chapter, the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 of South Plainfield.

He loved playing golf with his friends, son-in-law and his grandchildren.

His beloved wife of 51 years, Mary Agnes (Baumgartner) Ficorilli died on Oct. 2 of this year.

He is survived by his son, Michael and his wife, Jeanmarie; his daughter, Marie and her husband, Frank Benak, all of South Plainfield; two sisters, Lucille McMahon of Long Island and Ann Cotton of Florida and a brother, James of Long Island.

He is also survived by five grandchildren, Michelle, Michael Dean, Mark, Nicole and Michael Eugene.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1639

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

Ordinance #1639 entitled: A ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEARS 2003 THROUGH 2005 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 7:00 p.m. on December 11, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$21.25

December 19, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1640

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

Ordinance #1640 entitled: A ORDINANCE CREATING VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF SAID POSITIONS FOR THE YEARS 2003 THROUGH 2004 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 7:00 p.m. on December 11, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$23.60

December 19, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1641

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

Ordinance #1641 entitled: A ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2004 AMENDMENT TO THE 1995 SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, December 19, 2003 and that a public hearing be held at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 29, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE NO. 1641

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2004 AMENDMENT TO

1995 SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AND BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN BOROUGH OF FANWOOD TOWNSHIP OF GREEN BROOK BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD CITY OF PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

WHEREAS, the PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY ("the AUTHORITY") and the BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, TOWNSHIP OF GREEN BROOK, BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CITY OF PLAINFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, and the BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG ("the Participants") entered into a Service Contract dated August 3, 1995 which covers the operation, management, and financial arrangements between and among the parties; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Service Contract arose from a settlement of litigation captioned Township of Scotch Plains v. Plainfield Joint Meeting, et al., in the Superior Court of New Jersey: Law Division, Docket No. L-100243-88 resulting in the entry of an Order Entering Stipulation of Settlement dated January 9, 1995 and which provided inter alia for the Authority Charge System at Paragraph 7 thereof, and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 7 (a) (i) of the aforesaid Stipulation of Settlement provides:

A member or customer municipality's annual charge may be affected based upon the quality of biochemical oxygen demand, chlorine demand or concentration of suspended solids (hereafter collectively referred to as "Pollutants") contained in the wastewater flows discharged by that municipality in order to offset any charges or fines which may be imposed upon the Regional Sewerage Authority by the MCUA or any State or Federal agency relating to the discharge of such pollutants, and

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into a Service Contract with the Middlesex County Utilities Authority ("the MCUA") providing for the treatment and disposal of wastewater originating in the Authority service area and under the terms of which MCUA charges the Authority for the treatment and disposal of high strength wastewater of the type set forth in Paragraph 7 (a) (i) of the Stipulation of Settlement, and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the Participants desire to provide for the fair and equitable distribution and allocation of those charges among the Participants in relation to the actual quantities of such pollutants delivered to the Authority system from each Participant and in

accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Stipulation of Settlement, and

WHEREAS, the 1995 Service Contract provides at Article 402 thereof for the payment of Annual Charges by the Participants to the Authority and more particularly to recover from the Participants charges imposed upon the Authority by the MCUA relating to the discharge of high strength waste (therein defined as "Pollutants") except to the extent that such charge is determined by the Authority to be caused by an Industrial User, and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to monitor and measure the total flows from each Participant to determine the amount of high strength wastewater originating from each Participant and to formulate charges therefore which will directly reflect and recover the charges made to PARSA by MCUA therefore, and

WHEREAS, the Authority also desires to make discretionary the presently mandatory reporting requirements for sewerage capacity needs in order that the Participants not incur unnecessary costs in the preparation of same, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield has decided and hereby determines that it is advisable and in the best interests of its citizens to execute the 2004 Amendment to the 1995 Service Contract between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Authority, and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the 1995 Service Contract to provide therefore, to take effect January 1, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends that any and all customer service contracts shall be revised and amended to provide for the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The elimination of the Authority's obligation to bill directly those industries it identifies as the source of pollutant's in those wastewaters collected and conveyed by the Authority's to the Middlesex County Utility Authority is hereby deemed to be in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield.
2. Similarly, the elimination of the mandatory obligation of the Borough to provide a sewer capacity needs report to the Authority every third year in favor of a more discretionary approach is also hereby deemed to be in the best interests of the Borough.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the 2004 Amendment to Service Contract between the Authority and its Participation in the form attached hereto and, by reference, incorporated herein.
4. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$147.25

December 19, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to design bid specifications for a standby generator for the North Pumping Station, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from CME Associates in the amount of \$7,200 to perform said design, 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 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and will be made available in the Sewer Utility, account # 4-07-55-515-002-235.

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 CME Associates in the amount not to exceed \$7,200.00 to prepare design specifications for the North Pumping Station.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$35.00

December 19, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, as part of the Hamilton Boulevard Reconstruction Project, property acquisitions are required along Route 287 within the Borough, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Craig J. Coughlin, Esq., to negotiate said property acquisitions on behalf of the Borough at a fee of \$110.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000, 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 the Legal O & E Budget, account # 4-01-20-155-000-221.

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 Craig J. Coughlin, Esq., to negotiate property acquisitions along Route 287 at a fee of \$110.00 per hour not to exceed \$5,000.00.

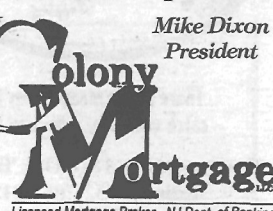
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I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring for it's beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far

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away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me loved ones, you know I hold you dear. And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above. I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all, "love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough and Plainfield Regional Sewerage Authority are requiring an arbitrator to be retained, and

WHEREAS, a proposal from Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC has been obtained by the parties to handle said action at a fee of \$100.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00, 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 the Sewer Utility Budget, account # 4-07-55-515-002-235.

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 Grotto Engineering Associates to perform arbitration services at a fee of \$100.00 per hour not to exceed \$5,000.00.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$28.35 December 19, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield intends to improve Durham Avenue, including the intersection of said road and Helen Street, and

WHEREAS, a proposal from CME Associates has been obtained to perform the design and contract administration services for said project at a fee not to exceed \$8,325.00, 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 the Capital Improvement Fund, account # C-04-55-857-002-909.

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 CME Associates to perform the design and contract administration services for the Durham Avenue project at a fee not to exceed \$8,325.00.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$33.00 December 19, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, as part of the Veterans Memorial Park remediation project, the trees that were removed during said remediation need to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited a proposal from their environmental consultants, the PMK Group to perform said wetland restoration, and

WHEREAS, to perform said tasks PMK Group's proposal was at a cost not to exceed \$29,000.00, 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 the Capital Improvement Fund, account # C-04-55-859-000-901.

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 wetland restoration of Veterans Memorial Park at a cost not to exceed \$29,000.00.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$33.00 December 19, 2003

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From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Okay, Hanukkah starts tomorrow. Christmas is next Thursday. Kwanzaa begins next Friday. And I'm pretty sure a couple of other holidays are being observed around this time. So, as we enter what could be called the Holiday Overlap, let's take a moment to look at news from South Plainfield Library:

On Wednesday, Dec. 24, the library will open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will be closed all day on Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas Day.

Turning to our children's programs, our Books-N-Babies program will be held this morning at 10:30. It's for children up to age three; no pre-registration is required. We'll also hold this month's Kidcraft program this afternoon at 4:00. This program is for children ages six and over. The Library will provide the craft materials. Pre-registration is requested for this program. Beyond these programs, be advised that all Storytime programs have been cancelled for the rest of the year. If you have any questions, please call us at (908) 754-7885.

The current group of Circuit videos and DVDs will be available until Wednesday. This month's titles include "Bend It Like Beckham," "National Security," "Traffic" the remake of "That Darn Cat," "Hart's War" and on DVD, two episodes from "Mystery Science Theater 3000." Turning to our permanent collection, we've added a number of new DVDs including the summer hit "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," a boxed set of P.D. James mysteries, "X2: X-Men United," the first two seasons of the series "24," the second season episodes of "CSI" and coming soon, the Indiana Jones movies. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

The recent snowstorm (and the resulting Library closing) makes this a pretty good time to remind everyone about our emergency closing procedure. If the Library closes early, we'll make an effort to notify everyone via an announcement over WCTC (1450AM). Still, if the weather gets bad, feel free to give us a call to check on our present status, or to renew any outstanding items that are due. Regarding returned items, we'll take any closing into account (including resulting fine amounts) when checking the books back in.

Another recent event has been the large, and frequently desperate, demand for titles on the schools' "Battle of the Books" reading list. Once again, we must advise everyone that we do not have an unlimited supply of any title. (We're not Blockbuster, after all.) Further, there have been times when we have not received advance notice of large school projects and their accompanying source requirements. We'll do our best to make sure you receive the titles you're looking for, via our own collection or Inter-Library Loan. But, in order to avoid any last-minute hassles, you're strongly encouraged to pick up the items you need at your earliest opportunity, then return them at your earliest opportunity, so that they'll be available for someone else. If you place a reserve on an item that's out, or try to obtain it via Inter-Library Loan, be sure to take any time lag in availability into account. Finally, for all you teachers out there, some advance word about these projects would be greatly appreciated.

That's just about all for this week. We at the Library wish all of you a happy and safe Holiday season, no matter which holidays you're celebrating.

Deal With Holiday Headaches!

'Tis the season for a migraine? You're in and out of brightly lit and noisy department stores, shopping for gifts, stressed by holiday planning and presented with party spreads sure to tip the migraine-triggering scale. How does a migraine sufferer get through the holiday season unscathed?

Here are some suggestions:

Go easy on red wine, beer and dark liquor. Limit yourself to two drinks selected from white wines and clear liquors. Sip slowly and alternate alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic drinks. Drink lots of fluids, especially those containing minerals and salts, to replace the fluids lost by the dehydration caused by alcohol. A little honey can reduce hangover headache symptoms, as can a cup of coffee or ibuprofen.

Avoid or minimize headache-triggering foods such as ripened cheeses, chocolate, nuts, MSG, caffeine and smoked, fermented or pickled foods.

Keep your regular sleeping and eating schedules. Changes in these can bring on migraines and other types of headaches.

Do not feel you have to attend every party. Go home at a reasonable time when you do go out.

Plan ahead. Do not do all your shopping at the last minute and resist feeling that you have to do it all-ask for help when you need it. And take some time for yourself.

Submitted by Fred J. Winter, D.M.D., New Jersey TMJ & Orofacial Pain Center



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