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Participants are dragged from an ice-packed Spring Lake in a recent ice rescue training exercise which included the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, Police and Fire departments. The training was a result of the fire department's purchase of new life saving equipment. See page 6 for story and additional photos.

## Where Do We Go From Here?

### Public Urged to Offer Input at Special Helen Street Hearing

Residents are reminded that next Wednesday, Feb. 11, 5 to 10 p.m. a special hearing will be held on the Helen Street Project at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. Display boards will be set up for residents to study. At 7 p.m. a brief presentation will begin, followed by a question and

town, an extremely complicated project which ultimately will cost upwards of \$15 million dollars.

The Environmental Assessment phase for the project was kicked off in 1999 and the first draft of the assessment was submitted for review in late 2000.



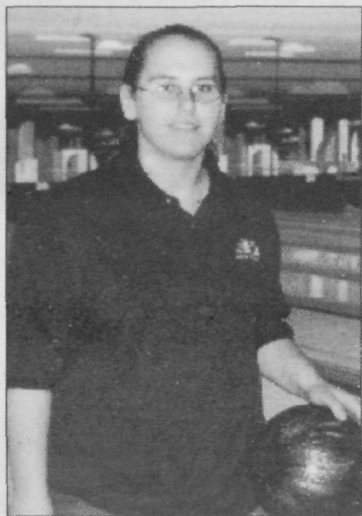
This aerial view of the projected Helen Street Project Extension will be available for viewing at Wednesday evening's meeting.

answer session. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Upon completion of this federally funded project, Metuchen Rd. will connect directly to Durham Ave. and all truck traffic will be diverted from residential areas of the south side of

Comments may be submitted until 15 days after the public hearing in writing to: Helen Street Extension Draft EA, c/o CME Associates, Attn: Robert Russo, PS, P.P., 3141 Borden-town Rd, Parlin, NJ 08859-1162 or email to: rob@cmeusa1.com.

## Lady Tigers Qualify for State Finals



Vicki Boley (694)  
Central Jersey Champion

Congratulations to the South Plainfield Girls' bowling team which is going to "The Big Dance"—the State All Groups Final. They will be one of 15 eligible teams trying to capture the crown.

Congratulations also to Vicki Boley, who is the Central Jersey Individual Champion. She crushed the pocket for games of 217-246-236 and a booming 694 set, which was the highest series in the state, including North and South qualifiers.

Teammates Kim Gaub's game of 206 and 548 set, Beverly Jamieson's pair of 169's, Angelique Rualo's 176, along with Lindsay Hunsicker, Katie Eder and Rebecca Dacchille, all posted a solid team performance.

The top five teams in each section

(North, Central, South) earned a spot in the state finals to be held on Feb. 13 at Carolier Lanes. The Lady Tigers placed fourth in the qualifier behind GMC rivals Woodbridge, South Brunswick and Carteret. This is the first time since 1997 SPHS will be in the finals. In all they have competed in seven times, winning in 1980 and 1991. Go Tigers!

## SPHS Alumni Remember When

Join us for a flashback when ice skating was part of winter recreation at Spring Lake in South Plainfield.

The "Spring Lake" referred to in the following collection of stories no longer exists. In its place is Spring Lake Park, which was renovated in the 1980's. The original lake was larger and very shallow. The present firehouse did not exist; instead the fire department was housed next door to South Plainfield Liquors. The White Star Diner was a small store called Stella and Tom's, a favorite stop for youths. The overpass had not yet been built, and Lakeview Ave. dead ended not far from the railroad tracks.

When we asked people about South Plainfield winters of long ago, many SPHS graduates volunteered a myriad of memories. Just about everyone remembered the mountain of shoes that could be found near the fenced-in water company property. Most nights a bonfire lit the area, warming the chilled skaters. Just a few yards away the land sloped downward to the lake's edge. There was no gazebo, no flag pole, no sidewalks nor grass. This area was once part of the

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## Council Considers Parking Bans during Snowstorms

Councilman Bob Cusick is asking the council to consider two proposed ordinances which will ban parking on designated streets in the Borough during snowstorms.

Cusick said it will help plows to clear streets more quickly, and leave the roads cleaner. He said that many times a plow will go down a street, clear it and then residents come out to shovel out their cars only to call the Department of Public Works and say the street hasn't been plowed.

Mayor Gallagher said that a complete ban on parking would not be a viable since there are many areas in the borough where the only parking available is on the street.

Members were asked to offer their input on the proposed ban on parking and to give their suggestions to Councilman Cusick.

Many towns in the area ban parking on all streets during snowstorms, and institute penalties, including be fines and, in some cases, towing.

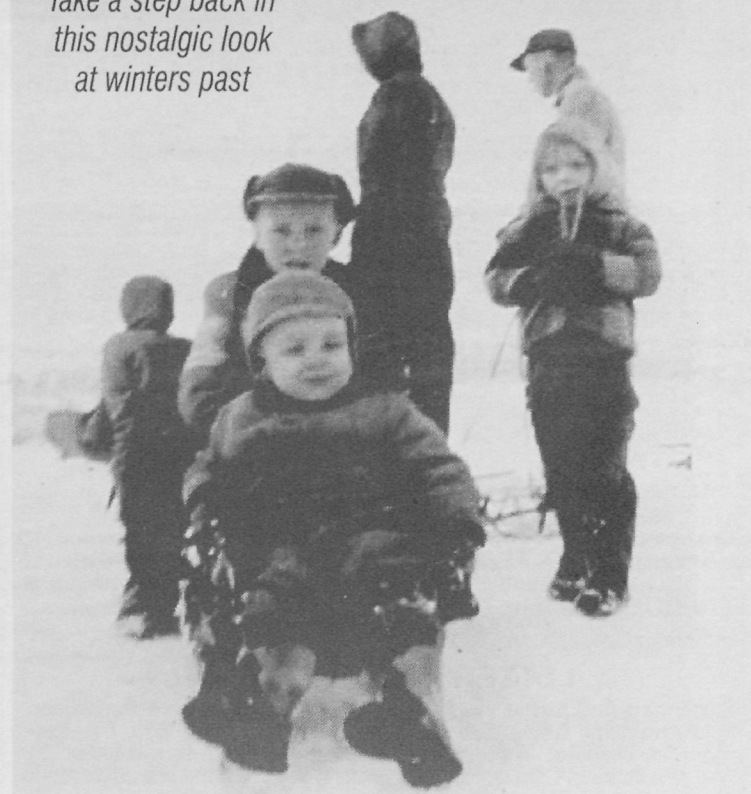
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meeting agenda

#### councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Tuesday, February 17	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, March 1	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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

#### planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Feb. 10 and 24, March 9 and 23, April 6 and 20, May 11 and 25, June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20, Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28.

#### zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

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

Feb. 12 and 26, March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, Aug. 12 and 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16.

#### boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: Feb. 10, March 9 and April 6.

Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: Feb. 17, March 16 and April 13.

#### taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

#### siteplansub-committee

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

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

#### recreationcommission

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

Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

#### environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

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#### businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

#### trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

## IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

In response to last week's letter from LEGITIMATE HC TAG/PLATE OWNER, I would like to respond by saying that I am the mother of a cheerleader.. does that mean my daughter must also be disabled? The TAG/PLATE issued by NJ Motor Vehicle belongs to the handicapped person... that would be ME. If I go to watch my daughter cheer, I have the right to utilize the designated handicapped parking space.

I am not to blame that it was a very cold afternoon and you had to park by the middle school to attend a scout function being held at the high school, the same day as a basketball game, or because all of the handicapped spaces were filled—after all, there were over 900 people at the magic show and another 200 at the basketball game—and only five handicapped spaces!

I know who this young lady is and I am very proud of her and all of her accomplishments. I guess her RUNNING out to MY car to get something she missed was a problem for your FRIEND. I thank God everyday that she has the ability to run, jump and walk straight without severe pain or even collapsing and I will continue to pray everyday that she does not get the same crippling disease that I have.

I will be showing your article to everyone I know to remind them of how some people see a picture and paint it differently. As the saying goes, "Don't judge a book from its cover."

**THANK YOU,  
A CHEERLEADER'S MOM WHO IS A  
LEGITIMATE HC TAG/PLATE OWNER**

Dear Representative Ferguson,

I was annoyed by your recent mailing celebrating the addition of prescription drug benefits to the Medicare program. I am retired with a modest pension and my wife is a part time social worker. I calculate that we pay about \$1 out of every \$40 million that the federal government spends (about typical for those in our circumstances), so since this program's estimated cost is at least \$400 billion over the next 10 years, it will cost us \$1,000 or more every year, even if we don't participate. If we do, we'll each pay an additional \$420 in fees, plus a \$250 deductible for limited coverage. My present Medicare supplemental policy only costs me \$62 per month for everything Medicare doesn't cover, with my prescription drug costs limited to a \$28 or \$56 annual co-pay per item. I have active lung cancer; one of my drugs covered by this plan costs \$1,800 per month, so under the 75% Medicare plan, this one prescription would cost me \$450 per month!

Even worse, after surgery, radiation and three courses of chemotherapy, my disease was continuing to progress and my oncologists had nothing else promising to offer. Therefore, over two years ago I started with an alternative medicine doctor whose non-prescription program has substantially reduced

#### Submit Letters to the Editor:

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further tumor progression. The bad news is that this costs us about \$2,000 per month, which is not covered by either my Medicare supplement or the new Medicare addition, so we have to consume savings and investments to pay for it.

Therefore, from my perspective, the Medicare drug coverage addition does absolutely nothing for us, but yet costs us at least \$1,000 per year. It seems to be most beneficial to the drug and insurance companies instead of to seniors, so I wonder why you were so enthusiastic about it.

**PETER HUEBNER**

#### To My Compassionate Compatriots of South Plainfield,

As I was reading the Jan. 9 edition of our paper, I was disheartened to read a letter signed Animal Lover With a Heart. I realize the article was to address our local veterinary care, but I was so disturbed to find that someone else besides myself deals everyday with the growing population of stray cats right here in South Plainfield. I

have lived here for 12 years and for every one of those years a starving, freezing, dehydrated, tick-infested or very ill cat has appeared at my door, hoping against hope for help from the very creatures that put them in this life threatening situation—PEOPLE! Please, fellow residents of South Plainfield, keep your cats indoors where they belong. Cats do not need to "roam" outside to be content. This is an old wives tale that has been perpetuated too long. They need to play with you, be loved by you, be fed by you and be tended to by you. Every pet is dependant on their owners to sustain them. If you are not ready for this kind of relationship with an animal, please do not get one. A child cannot be solely responsible for a pet; this situation is unfair to the pet and the child. If you child wants a pet but you're not ready, please don't get one! Enjoy the treasure trove of wildlife South Plainfield has to offer. Take the children to the park, woods, or even your backyard and enjoy all the animals you see in your time together. You will be amazed at what you see when you're looking. In ending, the shelters are full, organizations that save cats can't take anymore because they're full. I've run out of people to adopt my strays, my wallet is empty and I'm out of options for these beautiful cats.

So please spay and neuter your cats, keep them indoors and enjoy them as a cherished part of your family.

**RESPECTFULLY,  
A HEART OVERBURDENED**

## Housing and Community Development Block Grant Meeting

A public hearing for the 2004 Housing and Community Development Block Grant has been scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

The purpose of this hearing is to introduce projects being considered for inclusion in the 2004 Housing and Community Development Block Grant application. Public input on this project as well as input on any other projects will be entertained by the Governing

Body at this time.

Further questions may be addressed to Councilman Raymond Petronko, Mayor's Representative to the Housing and Community Development Agency or Vincent Buttiglieri, Administrator/Municipal Clerk at (908) 226-7606 or e-mail at [vbuttiglieri@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:vbuttiglieri@southplainfieldnj.com)

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## Holiday Schedule at Recycling Center

The Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Friday, Feb. 13, for Lincoln's Birthday. It will be open instead from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12. Recycling will also be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 17, because of the Presidents' Day holiday weekend, and open instead from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Recycling will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14. The Recycling Center regular schedule is 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Yard Waste Site, at the end of Kenneth Ave., will also be open as usual from 8 to 3 on Saturday, Feb. 14. The Yard Waste Site will not be affected by the holiday. Yard Waste winter hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

2004 Yard Waste Decals are now available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.

## NOTES FROM The Senior Center

### Identity Theft Not Just Internet Issue

By Joann Graf

We are hearing more and more these days about Identity Theft. There's a TV commercial airing in which an elderly lady is speaking in a biker's voice and talking about all the great things he bought using the lady's stolen credit card number. I thought the commercial was funny until last week, when I got a call from my credit card company checking on a number of suspicious charges made in one day. Turned out that someone got a hold of my credit card number and charged over \$12,000 in goods and services. The Fraud Dept. representative asked if I had my credit card in my possession (which I did). She reviewed all the purchases made the past few weeks and we were able to pinpoint when the fraudulent purchases started. A full investigation is in progress and fortunately, my credit card company is not holding me responsible for the charges.

The point of my story is that no matter how careful you think you are with your confidential information, there are people out there who are so skilled at identity theft that you don't know they even hit you. These thieves use a variety of methods, both low and high tech, to gain access to your personal data. Here are a few of the methods they use: stealing bank and credit card statements and pre-approved

credit offers from your mailbox, rummaging through trash for improperly discarded bills and other personal information and completing a change of address form to have your mail sent to another location.

With this stolen financial knowledge, thieves can open bank accounts in your name and write bad checks; call your bank pretending to be you and ask to change the mailing address on your account and open a new credit card account or take out loans using your name, date of birth, social security number, etc.

So what can you do to protect yourself from these unscrupulous thieves? Here are a few suggestions: Order a copy of your credit report once a year and review it for incorrect or false information; purchase an inexpensive shredder to destroy documents before you put them in the trash; don't leave outgoing mail with paid bills and checks in your mailbox for the mailman to pick up—always use the post office or postal mailbox; do not give out any personal information over the phone or internet unless you have initiated contact or you know who you are dealing with; call the bank or credit card company if you notice a missing bill or bank statement; pay attention to your regular statement and billing cycles and consider Direct Deposit.

## Chinese Acrobats Perform at Roosevelt

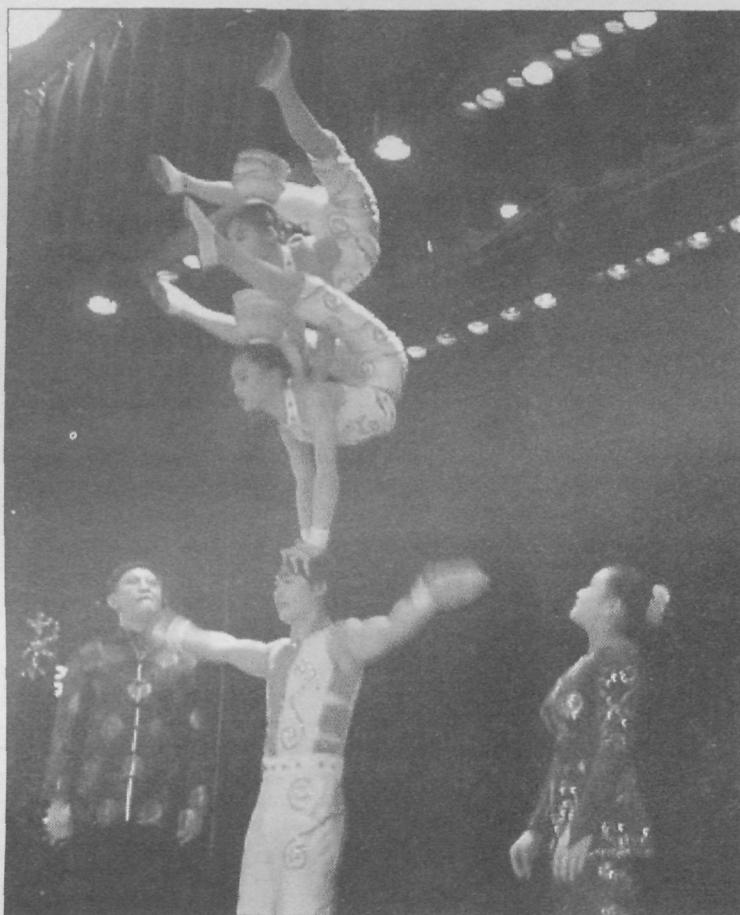
By Jane Dornick

Roosevelt Elementary School students witnessed a unique and exhilarating performance by the Zhang Family Acrobatic Troop.

The Zhangs are one of the most famous acrobatic families in China, where acrobatics has been a tradition for generations. Children born into the family begin their training at age five.

The Zhangs have performed throughout China and have won several prestigious awards and titles in national acrobatic competitions and festivals. Since 1989 they have been performing at the Shenzhen Chinese Cultural Village, one of the most visited tourist attractions in China. During the 1990's, they performed at the Florida Splendid China exhibit in Orlando, toured Washington, D.C., New York City, Atlanta and as guest performers at the United Nations.

The show was introduced by an interpreter who elaborated on Chinese culture, customs and school life. Then a young male performer and two very young girls dazzled the audience with amazing balancing, juggling and contortion acts.



## Curves Brings 30-Minute Fitness to Town

Waco-based Curves International, Inc., the world's largest fitness center franchise, will be opening their newest Curves location on South Plainfield Ave. Curves brings a supportive environment offering a 30-minute fitness solution with a common sense weight loss program that helps break the weight loss cycle. To celebrate the location's opening, the center will host their special grand opening Monday, Feb. 9.

"We are excited to become part of the South Plainfield community," said co-manager Jerri Hochron. "Curves offers a comfortable, welcoming place where real women workout. Our facility is designed so women can encourage and support one another while moving around the circuit. We look forward to helping women in this community reach amazing results, both physical and emotional, through

our Curves Workout program and support network."

With the average person gaining three pounds a year, a reasonable workout regime that can fit into today's busy lifestyle of work and family is critical to help combat diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension and other health risks that women can face. The Curves Workout program, designed by Gary Heavin and his wife and co-founder Diane, is utilized in all Curves locations. The system allows women of all ages and fitness levels to perform all five of the components of a complete fitness program, combining strength and cardiovascular training through hydraulic resistance. The experienced instructors at Curves offer one-on-one training, while members talk and inspire one another during the workout.

Since the first Curves franchise opened in 1994, the organization has seen exponential growth, beginning with 44 locations in 1996 and expanding to more than 1,250 centers in 2000. Today, Curves continues to establish itself among the premiere franchises and currently has more than two million members in more than 6,000 locations within the United States, Canada, Spain, Mexico and the U.K.

"Helping say goodbye to unhealthy lifestyles, unattainable diet resolutions and unreasonable fitness regimens gives women a new outlook on exercise and feeding their body properly. We look forward to providing women in this community a complete workout in only 30-minutes that will ensure they can stick to the program and sustain a healthy weight," said co-manager Elissa Bennett.

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# Around Town

## Suburban Woman's Club Meeting

February 5

The February meeting of the G.E.W.C. South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Rd.

The program will feature Catherine Dixon Leigh, author of "Lost in the Flood." Visitors and new members are always welcomed.

For more information concerning membership or attendance at the program, please call (908) 754-7410.

## Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

February 7

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten, half-day pre-school and summer camp programs. All who register will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service. For a demo, visit [www.parentwatch.com](http://www.parentwatch.com).

For directions and additional information, visit their website at [www.rainbowacademy.com](http://www.rainbowacademy.com).

## Historical Society Night Of Music and Dance

February 8

The Historical Society is sponsoring a night of music and dancing on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the PAL building. There will be a variety of music and dances, as well as line dancing instructions.

Tickets are now available from members. Tickets at the door are \$15. Free refreshments will be served.

## Tea Bag Folding At the Library

February 9

A one-session "Make-and-Take" class on "tea bag folding" will be held at the South Plainfield Free Public Library on Monday, Feb. 9 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The class will be led by Ronda Wisniewski, Practical Crafting instructor and South Plainfield resident. Participants should bring a pair of scissors and a small bottle of white glue. Other materials will be provided. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

In conjunction with the class, the library will sponsor a crafting exhibit during February. There will be a display of "tea bag folding" projects created by *Practical Crafting* students, as well as other projects.

For information or to register, call (908) 754-7885. You may also learn more at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## SPHS Booster Club Meeting

February 10

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club will be meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Topics to be discussed include the remainder of the winter season snack stand coverage, PA system in the gym and the track, setting up the Senior Letter winner dinner in June and any coaches' requests for help.

Hope to see you there!

## What's happening in FEBRUARY

Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
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The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Monthly meetings will now be on the third Thursday of the month</b>				
<b>EVENTS</b> Feb. 11—Organizational meeting for new Pinochle Club, 10 a.m. Feb. 18—Monthly Meeting features speakers from Met Life Financial Services Feb. 22—Black History Month Program sponsored by the Cultural Arts Council				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am-12:30pm Office on Aging Comm. Meeting 4:30pm	9 Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Ladies Social Group 10am	10 Exercise 8:45-9:45 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am & 1pm	11 Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10am to 11am	5 Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch Avail. Bridge Club 12:30pm
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

## Historical Society Meeting

February 10

The South Plainfield Historical Society will hold a monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Center.

Don't forget about the Country Line Dance/Social fundraiser this Sunday (Feb. 8) at the P.A.L., 1-5 p.m.

## Scholastic Book Fair

February 9-13

Purchase Scholastic Books at a discounted rate Monday through Friday, Feb. 9 to 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bright Horizons at Southfield, 1 Cragwood Rd., Floor 1 in South Plainfield. For information, contact Sonali Kamarkar at [southfield@brighthorizons.com](mailto:southfield@brighthorizons.com) or 908-822-2900.

## Valentine's Day Cake Sale at Library

February 14

There will be a Valentine's Day Treat Cake Sale sponsored by the Friends of the South Plainfield Library on Saturday, Feb. 14 starting at 9 a.m. at the library. Anyone who would like to donate cookies, cupcakes, cakes or more are asked to sign up at the library.

Stop by to buy a sweet for your special sweetie.

## Environmental Commission Mtg.

February 18

The next Environmental Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in the conference room at Borough Hall. A meeting schedule for 2004 will be posted in the *Observer* in the near future.

## AARP Chapter #4144 Meeting

February 19

Since the Senior Center is closed for Presidents' Day, AARP Chapter #4144 of South Plainfield will instead meet on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m. Lawrence Walker, president of Bulls-Eye Production, Inc., is making a documentary on the lives of notable blacks in New Jersey and will speak to our group on "The Life of Paul Robeson."

We are taking reservations (you do not have to be a member of our group)

for an overnight trip on April 28 to the Delaware Park Racetrack and to see "Annie" at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater.

Accommodations at the Holiday Inn, full American buffet breakfast on April 29 and day at an Atlantic City Casino with bonus return. Except for the first day lunch on your own, \$160 dbl., \$200 single includes meals, taxes, trips and baggage handling. Transportation will be from South Plainfield.

For more information, call Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764.

## "Open Your Heart Foundation" Gala

February 20

The Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation is currently sponsoring a Gala, honoring Dr. Barton Kamen as man of the year, on Friday, Feb. 20 at the Berkley Plaza in Berkley Heights. Cost of this black tie optional event is \$150 per seat. Other means of support are available with ad books and corporate sponsorships. All proceeds from the event will benefit Dr. Kamen's ongoing research for child oncology.

For more information or for donations, please call (908) 755-5051 ext. 305 or mail to Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, c/o Century 21 Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

## Polish Home Plans Atlantic City Bus Trip

February 22

The Polish Home is planning a bus trip to Resorts in Atlantic City on Sunday, Feb. 22. The cost is \$17, with a \$15 coin return. Bus leaves the Polish Home parking lot at 11 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m.

For tickets or information, call Millie at (908) 757-3428, Ann at (908) 561-6551 or the Polish Home at (908) 668-9442.

## AARP Chapter 4144 Drivers Course

March 10-11, 13 & 20

A defensive drivers course will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Mar. 10 and 11 at the Senior Center. A second course will be held on Saturday, Mar. 13 and 20 at Muhlenberg Hospital. For more details and reservations, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

## Senior Center EVENTS

### — Out of Town —

## Feb.'s First Friday a "Triumph" At Touchstone

February 6 and 7

A free performance of "Triumphs of Life (With a Little Inconvenience on the Side)," an original play about ability, with a touch of disability, will premiere at Touchstone Theatre as part of Bethlehem's SouthSide First Friday events on Feb. 6.

Performances are Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. Touchstone is located at 321 East Fourth St. on Bethlehem's South Side. Tickets are free, but call to ensure seating availability. Wheelchair accessible seats are limited, so call early to reserve. Donations will be accepted at the door and will help to fund local performances of the play which will tour locally this spring. For info and reservations, call (610) 867-1689.

## Moonrakers Tall Club Meetings

February 10

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 Hotel, located between Rt. 80 and the GSP in Saddle Brook, on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m.

For a schedule of our social events, call our 24-hour hotline service at (973) 267-3648.

## Woodbridge WOWs Meeting

February 11

Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will have a business meeting and social on Wednesday, Feb. 11 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.

## Woodbridge WOWs Dance Planned

February 15

Woodbridge Area Widows or Widowers (WOWs) is hosting a dance on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The cost per person is \$8 and there will be entertainment by "Senti-

mental Journey" DJ Ron. Refreshments will be available. The dance will be located at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more information, call (732) 297-1775.

## B'nai B'rith Ketubah Meeting

February 15

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be meeting for brunch on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard and So. 31st Street in Kenilworth.

The cost is \$12.95 per person, plus tax and tip. Prospective members are welcome to come. Please RSVP to Elaine at (908) 232-0062 by Feb. 13.

## Middlesex WOW's Valentine Dance

February 13

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers (WOWs), Carteret Chapter, will hold a Valentine's Day Dance on Friday, Feb. 13 at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Admission is \$8. There will be live music and refreshments will be available. The dance is from 7 to 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call (732) 727-1410 or (908) 757-0515.

## Jamaican Film Festival

February 26

Books for Jamaica is presenting a Jamaican Film Festival. Three documentary films will be featured: "Life of Bob Marley," "Marcus Garvey: Toward Black Nationhood" and "Haile Selassie's 1966 Visit to Jamaica."

Books for Jamaica is a non-profit solidarity organization affiliated with the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. Books for Jamaica ships books and computers to community based organizations, schools and other public institutions in Jamaica.

The Jamaican Film Festival will take place on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church Auditorium, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. For information and directions call (908) 755-2781. All are invited to this free event.

## Edison Symphony Finale Concert

March 6

The Edison Arts Society is pleased to announce the Edison Symphony Orchestra Season Finale concert Movie Magic, being presented at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 6 at the Middlesex County College Performing Arts Center.

Reserved seats for this concert are on sale: adults at \$30 each and students at \$25. Ask about our special Movie Magic dinner/concert package offered at \$45 per person in conjunction with the Sheraton Edison Hotel. Group rates are available and both Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Call the Edison Arts Society office at (908) 753-ARTS now to reserve best seating!

## SEND YOUR EVENTS TO:

South Plainfield Observer,  
1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B,  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or  
fax (908) 668-8819; email [ggnan@aol.com](mailto:ggnan@aol.com).



From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Marcia Lubansky

**Full Plate**—The library offers a full plate of activities and programs to keep you informed, entertained and occupied. Children's story time programs with Miss Linda are for all kids, ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. The same weekly program is repeated each Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The Books-N-Babies program for children up to three is held every Friday morning at 10:30.

**Tea and Antiques**—The library will host a "Tea Bag Folding" program on Monday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. In this one-hour "make-and-take" class, learn to fold a tea bag by instructor Ronda Wisniewski of *Practical Crafting*. Bring a pair of scissors and a small bottle of white glue. Other materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 15; call us at (908) 754-7885 to register or sign up at the front desk. Also mark your calendar now for our antiques appraisal program on Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m.. You may bring in two items for appraisal by certified antiques appraiser, Alan G. Snyder, president of A.G. Snyder & Associates of Watchung. He is a long-time professional in the field of antiques and appraisals. Furniture, silver, paintings, all sorts of collectibles and even automobiles are evaluated with a very keen eye. Surprisingly, it's not uncommon for hidden treasures to be discovered. One such incident occurred when a small vase, holding some old pencils, was

noticed by Mr. Snyder in a client's kitchen. Upon examining it, he found it to be a rare piece of American pottery. The result? Mr. Snyder's client sold the vase for \$20,000! We guarantee an afternoon of amazement.

**Newsletter Home Delivery**—"Pick up" your copy of the library's quarterly newsletter on the web at: [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). Click on "Newsletter" in the left-hand column. Feature articles cover topics such as "Tax Time," "Black History Month," and "Love is in the Air (and at the Library)" which suggests good reads by many different types of romance writers. There are also the perennial columns "Books You Might Have Missed" and "New Videos and DVDs".

**Law Enforcement Exams**—To be eligible to take the law enforcement exams later this year, you must fill out a form that we have here at the library and submit it by March 31. These tests cover the Civil Service title, which includes police officers (municipal and county), correction officers (all levels), sheriff's departments, and rangers.

**New Year's Resolutions**—Do you need help with those difficult resolutions? Let our web site help you with tough jobs like losing weight and getting fit, getting a new job, being a better parent, doing volunteer work, learning a new language, etc. On our website, we feature "Websites of the Month" which links you to sites that will get you off to a good start. As for me, I'm starting with the "Getting Rid of Clutter" choice. Wish me luck!

Visit us often at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) where information rocks!

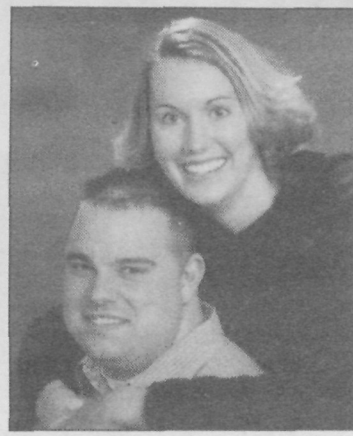
## southplainfieldpeople

# Milestones

### Nicole Peloquin and Ryan Heasley Become Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Peloquin of South Plainfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Lynn of St. Louis, Missouri, to Ryan William Heasley, also of St. Louis, Missouri. Ryan is the son of Mr. William Heasley and Lynn Heasley of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The couple will marry July 10, 2004.



Ryan Heasley and Nicole Peloquin

### Theofilos Graduates from Stockton College

Christina M. Theofilos, daughter of Patricia and Gus Theofilos of South Plainfield, graduated from Stockton College on Friday, Jan. 30 with a Bachelors in Psychology.

#### Share your good news!

We'd like to include your births, promotions, weddings, anniversaries and announcements in Milestones.

### Robert Richkus Earns Master Degree from Kean Univ.

The proud parents of Robert Anthony Richkus, South Plainfield Class of 1989, would like to announce that their son has graduated Kean University with a Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision. Robert graduated with a G.P.A. of 3.901 and earned University recognition. He has been working in the South Plainfield School District since 1992. He has been an eighth grade American History teacher at South Plainfield Middle School since Sep-

tember 2000.

Robert also finds the time to be the head girls' soccer coach and head girls' basketball coach at the middle school. He was also one of the original founders of the Peer-to-Peer program at the middle school. This program is still active and allows middle school students the opportunity to educate other students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, racism, bullying and more.

Robert hopes to continue his edu-

cation in Holocaust and Genocide studies this summer by participating in an educational seminar presented by The New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. The program requires a 12-day trip to Europe. Some locations include Berlin, Prague, Warsaw and Amsterdam, which includes a tour to the Anne Frank House and the Jewish Historical Museum. He is hoping to earn a private scholarship to help offset some of his expenses.

## Arrest Made in Credit Card Theft

South Plainfield P.D. executed a search warrant at 642 Bergen St. on Monday. The warrant was the culmination of a month-long investigation into credit card fraud via the internet. Police received information that a resident living at the Bergen St. address was using the internet to obtain credit card numbers fraudulently.

After obtaining the numbers, he would then order computer equip-

ment and narcotics paraphernalia under fictitious names. A search of the house resulted in the seizure of two laptop computers, two PC's, other computer equipment, assorted narcotics paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana. A forensic examination of the seized equipment is being conducted at the South Plainfield Detective Bureau Computer Lab.

Arrested was Larnardo (Larry) Pitt-

man, 37, who resides at the Bergen St. address, and a 15-year-old boy. Both are being charged with identity theft, credit card fraud, forgery and possession of drug paraphernalia. The juvenile has been released to a guardian. Pittman posted \$50,000 bail and was released.

The investigation was headed by Det. Wendell Born.

## policereport

- On Jan. 27 Nicholas Moser, 23, of South Plainfield turned himself in on an outstanding criminal mischief warrant.
- Jersey Oil on Park Ave. reported that three white males and two white females pulled in for gas and left without paying for \$21.50 worth of gas.
- Tech Landscape Design on South

Clinton Ave. reported that the plow pump had been taken from the front of a pickup truck.

- On Jan. 29 Armando L. Fiorenza, 21, of Edison, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while suspended, careless driving and a tail light out at a motor vehicle stop.
- The manager of The Highlands

on Cook Ln. reported that a snow blower had been taken from a locked shed.

- On Jan. 30 a gas station on W. 7th St. reported that a Hispanic female left without paying for \$4.55 worth of gas. She also pulled the hose off the gas pump as she left.

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lake. Here are just a few of the memories of SPHS grads. We will be publishing more next week. Enjoy!

Jo Anne Kaschak-Catelli, Toms River, NJ, class of 1972 remembers her aunt, Diane Pellegrino-Heaslip, taking her skating at night. She said, "I was the 'end of the whip.' A whole gang of skaters would build up speed and then let go of my hand. I had quite a bunch of black and blue marks!"

Linda (McAllister) Ginnich SPHS class of 1966 has a lot of memories. Reminiscing she said, "Growing up across the street on Lane Ave., we always thought Spring Lake belonged to us personally! It was basically a swamp with a lot of reeds sticking out. These were real 'skate stoppers' especially when you were skating in the evening with no lights." Her brother Joe, SPHS class of 1967 and his friends loved the lake all year long and always found something to do there. Linda remembers, "Their passion was playing ice hockey. They regularly fell through when the ice got too thin. Joe was always coming home with his pants wet up to the knees. My brother died last year, but my mom and I still remember two of the youths he played

hockey with, Wayne Bowden and Jimmy Caufield."

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan shared some of his Spring Lake memories. "I remember there was a man who had a small tractor. His name was Frank Curtis and in constructed a power sled and towed sleds and skaters around the lake. Skaters would hang on and form a huge chain. It was probably very unsafe! I also remember a small store approximately where the White Star Diner is now located. Some called it 'Toms' some 'Stellas' and some called it 'Tom and Stellas.' It was owned by Tom and Stella Famularo. Everyone went there for hot chocolate and goodies."

Roberta (Conroy) Hunter, class of 1972 remembers the excitement of skating, her first pair of single blade skates and innumerable falls. She said "There were bonfires at night and it seemed like the lake was frozen all winter. I also used to ice skate on the pond next to the Conroy's Funeral Home, where Borough Hall is now located. It was a perfect place to ice skate." She recalls that as a kid, her husband Bobby class of 1971, used to skate through the channels to Cedarbrook Park. She says that learned how to skate by putting a chair on the lake and pushing it.

Lyn (Loveland) Carlton, class of 1966 remembers that the Plainfield Country Club was a friendlier place — no fences, no trespassing signs. Since we lived on West Golf, parking wasn't a problem, but by the time we walked the three blocks to the golf course with our wooden sleds, we didn't have a whole lot of energy for too many rides down the hill."

Joanne (D'Alessio) Otlowski class of 1968 said, "I loved to watch people skating. The fire department use to light up the area at night. I remember using the frozen lake as a short cut to the high school during the winter. I also remember people falling in and having to call home for dry clothes! When we first moved to Joan St., Cotton Street Park wasn't there. It was a wooded/swamp area. There was a large pond and the neighborhood kids would go there and slide around since most of us couldn't afford ice skates."

Sandy Spiso 1969 remembers going to the Plainfield Country Club and sleigh riding right onto the street. If you weren't lucky you would veer off to the left into a big ditch. I remember meeting all my friends and sitting around bon fires to keep warm."

(Continued in next week's Observer)



# Prepared For Anything

*Emergency Respondents Brave Elements in Ice Rescue Exercise*

Residents driving by Spring Lake Park on Sunday, Jan. 25 may have noticed the fire department on the ice hauling people out of a huge hole in the lake, but it wasn't an actual emergency, rather a practice.

A total of 38 members of the South Plainfield Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Police Department participated in the ice rescue exercise. This was the first ice rescue class held in South Plainfield, but Fire Chief Larry Del Negro hopes it will become an annual event. Those who participated in the class received certification in one of three categories: operations, awareness or technical. The fire department has acquired new equipment for ice rescue and this training is necessary for the volunteers.

The training began on Saturday with an eight-hour class at the Senior Center, and continued with the five-hour training session on Spring Lake. The temperature was 20° with a wind chill factor of zero.

Due to the extremely cold weather, the lake was frozen solid, which doesn't happen very often. It took while for a chainsaw to cut away the ice because it was so thick. A good size hole had to be cut so the class could perform several types of rescue. Some of the class members wore special suits and actually got into the water to simulate a rescue.

*We thank Kevin Bulla and Ken Seidel for taking photos of the exercise and allowing us to publish just of few them.*



*Emergency personnel undergo ice rescue training at Spring Lake Park.*



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## Pilot Transportation Program to Start

Beginning in February, Middlesex County Area-Wide Transportation System (AWTS) will partner with Open Road and the One Community Integration Project to provide a pilot transportation served for adult persons with disabilities to attend worship services. Individuals with disabilities identify transportation as one of the primary barriers to attending worship. The partnership will identify the extent of the need for residents of Middlesex County to have transportation services on the weekends.

AWTS will transport disabled county residents who are registered with the program under the provisions of the Special Trips program service. Open Road, a non-profit organization committed to facilitating participation of people with disabilities in religious observance, will subsidize the charge for this service. The service will be available on Friday, Saturday or Sunday to people with disabilities of all faiths.

For more information or to participate in this service, please contact JFVS at (732) 777-1940.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield for the "NORTH PUMP STATION GENERATOR REPLACEMENT" and publicly opened and read aloud at the Borough of South Plainfield, Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing local time.

The project generally consists of the removal of the existing generator and transfer switch, furnishing and installing the new generator and transfer switch, and all other associated work as contained in the Contract Documents or as ordered by the Engineer.

Contract documents and plans for the proposed work prepared by David J. Samuel, P.E., Borough Engineer, CME Associates, may be examined at the office of said engineer at 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, New Jersey, and at the office of the Borough Clerk, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, during business hours and may be obtained at the Borough Engineer's office until 48 hours prior to the time set for the opening of bids upon payment of \$50.00 per set. No refunds will be made. Proposals and the Contract Documents must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder and the name of the work on the outside addressed to Mayor and Borough Council, Borough of South Plainfield and must be accompanied by a Statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey

And acceptable to the owner. All bids submitted prior to the bid opening shall be mailed or delivered to the Borough Clerk at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or cash in the amount of not less than ten (10%) percent of the bid payable without any conditional endorsement as a guarantee that in case the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will within ten (10) days thereafter execute such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond. Upon failure to do so he shall forfeit the

deposit as liquidated damages and the acceptance of the bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement by the bidder. No interest shall be allowed upon any such certified check or cash. A bid bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid may be substituted for certified check or cash.

Each bid must also be accompanied by a certificate from a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey guaranteeing that if the proposal of the bidder be accepted they will furnish the bond set forth in paragraph one of the General Conditions of the contract and the acceptance of the bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement.

The Borough reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications. The Borough reserves the right to award this contract based on funds available.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.

During the performance of this contract the Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), all requirements of the State of New Jersey Worker Health and Safety Act (N.J.A.C. 12:110 et seq.) as amended and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) (29 CFR 1910), as amended with regard to worker and jobsite safety.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a surety company bond in the full amount of contract price indemnifying the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey, for all proceedings, suits or actions of any kind of description and conditional for the faithful performance of the work.

All bid security will be returned to all Bidders except the three (3) apparent lowest bidders within 10 working days after the opening of bids, and to the three (3) apparent lowest Bidders within three (3) working days after the successful Bidder has executed the Contract and his Contract security has been approved by the Borough.

The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its opinion it is in the best interest to do so and to award the contract for any and/or all items.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$116.00 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1645

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

Ord. 1645 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 67 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on February 2, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$21.00 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1644

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

Ord. 1644 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1500 PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on February 2, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$12.00 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1647

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

Ordinance #1647 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE INNER POOL LINING OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 6, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1647

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on February 2, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Borough's Municipal Building, in the Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, in said County, New Jersey on February 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LINING OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL, IN AND BY THE POOL UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$130,200 THEREFOR FROM THE POOL UTILITY FUND OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$124,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Replacement of the lining of the South Plainfield Community Pool in and by the Pool Utility of the Borough and related renovations.

Appropriation: \$130,200

Bonds/Notes

Authorized: \$124,000

Section 20

Costs: \$6,500

Useful life 7.5 years

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$73.50 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1648

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

Ordinance #1648 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH'S RECREATION FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 6, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1, 000,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF RESTROOMS AT VARIOUS RECREATION FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHING A CLASSROOM AT THE HIGHLAND AVENUE WOODS NATURE PRESERVE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, lighting and restroom improvements to the recreation facilities and the establishment of classroom facilities, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. The funds to accomplish said purposes are available from the County of Middlesex, Open Space Fund currently on deposit in the General Capital Fund, \$1,000,000

B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed from appropriations in the Capital Improvement Fund, of which said funds are available for said purposes.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$87.50 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1642

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

Ordinance #1642 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$109,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on February 2, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$22.75 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 1643

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

Ordinance 1643 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DAILY RATES FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL FOR NON-RESIDENTS

was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on February 2, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$22.75 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1646

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

Ordinance #1646 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF PHILLIPS LANE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 6, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF PHILLIPS LANE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY,

1) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, stop or stand a vehicle at any time along the entire length of Phillips Lane.

2) Appropriate signs will be posted indicating "No Stopping or Standing".

3) Any person or persons violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$49.00 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Frank and Marie Benak requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an addition. Proposed addition lacks 20' required rear setback, 16' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 921 Arlington Avenue on Block 380, Lot 4.02 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, February 26, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Lynda Pullen requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a front porch and dormer. Proposed porch lacks 30' required setback, 23' being proposed, and proposed dormer lacks 30' front setback, 29' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 120 W. Crescent Pkwy. on Block 209, Lot 4 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, February 26, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$35.00 February 6, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1630

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

Ordinance 1630 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRADITIONS COMPLEX AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAY, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 6, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1630

AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRADITIONS COMPLEX AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that Karyn McDonald, Director, Land Acquisition and Planning for Edgewood Properties, Inc. has filed a written consent with the Borough of South Plainfield that the provisions of Subtitle One of Title 39 of the revised statutes of New Jersey be made applicable to the semi-public roads, streets, driveways and parking lots at The Traditions complex located in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex and the following regulations shall be enforceable:

REGULATION(S):

1. General Parking:

A. All vehicles must park in the designated areas and between the lines provided.

B. No person shall stop or stand a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described below, except in areas covered by other parking restrictions.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
All Courts and Drives	Both	All	As indicated on the site plan

C. Handicapped Parking

All stalls shall be 12 foot wide as shown on the attached site plan and signed with the R7-8 and R7-8P (Reserved Parking Sign and Penalty Plate), in the designated parking areas for persons who have been issued the Handicapped Parking Permit by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

2. Through Streets, Stop Intersections:

A. Through Streets:

The following streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as Through streets, Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting the Through street except where Yield signs are provided for in the designation.

Name of Street	Limits
Coppola Drive-Flakne Court	Entire Length
Margaret Court	Entire Length
Lucy Court	Entire Length
Pisaniello Court-English Court	Between Joseph Court and Flakne Court

B. Stop Intersections:

The following described intersections are hereby designated as Stop Intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

Intersection	Stop Sign(s) on:
Joseph Court and Pisaniello Court	Pisaniello Court
Staats Court and Del Negro Court	Staats Court
Office Aisle and Gruzczynski Way	Office Aisle

3. One-Way Streets

The following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as One-Way Streets in the direction indicated.

Name of Street	Direction	Limits	Parking Permitted
Margaret Court	North	Between the prolongation of the Northerly curb line of Gruzczynski Way and Pisaniello Court	West side only
Joseph Court	North	Between Margaret Court and the prolongation of the Southerly curb line of Pisaniello Court	West side only
Pisaniello Court	West	Between Joseph Court and English Court	None
Office Aisle	North	Entire Length	None

4. Speed Limits:

A. The speed limit for both directions of traffic in the parking lot(s) shall be 15 M.P.H.

B. The speed limit for both directions of travel on the following roadways are:

Name of Roadway	M.P.H.	Limits
All Roads	15	Entire Length

C. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits authorized by the Department of Transportation.

5. Tow-Away Zones:

Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area pedestrian walkway, or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owners expense.

6. Loading Zone(s):

The locations described are hereby designated as Loading Zones. No person shall park a vehicle in said location during the times indicated other than for loading or unloading of goods and materials.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Coppola Drive	West	All	As indicated on the site plan

7. Lane Use Reservations:

The Lane locations described are designated as Lane Use Reservations and traffic shall move as indicated.

Intersection	Movement
Coppola Drive and New Durham Road (CR #501)	A. Southbound left lane of Coppola Drive reserved for left turn only
	B. Southbound right lane of Coppola Drive reserved for right turn only.

That all signs, posts, or other necessary materials be installed and paid for by the applicant. All signing shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by the New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days or both.

Effect of Ordinance:

If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$269.50 February 6, 2004

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# Sports

## Varsity Winter Track

By Tim Morgan

The South Plainfield High School Varsity Boys' Winter Track team will be looking to capture their third consecutive White Division Championship this year. If the weather will permit them the chance to that is. It has been starkly brutal outside for the past few weeks, preventing any outdoor meets. All the local tracks are covered in snow, including ours; so unfortunately, the winter track season gets reduced to a small number of indoor meets and a large number of indoor practices (the high school hallways to be specific) for the boys and the girls as a result.

The Tigers have three main hopefuls for the State Sectionals next week. Galen Johnson will be vying for advancement to the Meet of Champions in the 3200 as will Alan Dummett and Will Hamilton in the 55 High Hurdles and 55 Dash, respectively. Dummett was the top scorer for the Tigers at the GMC Individuals this season, placing third in the 55 High Hurdles while Johnson placed sixth in the 1600. At the Pearl River Invitational, Hamilton placed third in the 55 Dash. Dummett also facilitated the team to a sixth place Shuttle Hurdle Relay placing at the GMC Relays, which also included Chris Dickerson, Garrett Gianneschi and Ian Levine.

It is true that overall, the Tigers are not as strong as last year, when they won the White Division GMC Relay Championship and were White Division GMC Individual Champions, solidifying their position as Varsity Winter Track number one team in that division. But 35th year Head Coach William Milone said that they have "a lot of talent" and that their season is going "as well as expected." The Tigers have suffered a number of key losses in the past few years, especially last season, but Milone called them "well balanced," with "a good mix of classes." He also said that there is a lot of potential untapped talent on the team.

So despite disappointing team placings at the GMC Individuals and GMC Relays, the boys have a realistic shot at recapturing the White Division title. Their biggest threats are Perth Amboy and Monroe.

Seniors Jason Cosma, Tom Holowka, Galen Johnson and Kyle Kazmir, juniors Danny Piwowar and Mike Williams and freshman Tim Williams are the most contributory distance and mid-distance runners; senior Brian Edwards is one of the team's top sprinters, along with Will Hamilton; the versatile Chris Dickerson is a high jumper, sprinter and hurdler; seniors Alan Dummett and Ian Levine and freshman Garrett Gianneschi round out the hurdling squad; and senior Jermaine Thomas, juniors Billy Moates, John George and Brian Murtagh, sophomore Kyle Thomas and freshman Billy Butrico are the shot putters.

Dickerson, Hamilton, Johnson and Kazmir are the team captains. Christopher Fish, who has been assistant coach for the SPHS Boys' Spring Track team for three years, is the first year coach for the boys. Milone primarily coaches the girls but oversees the entire winter track program.

The SPHS Girls' Winter Track team has had their two biggest turnouts in the past two years and is performing pretty much as expected. For the past two years they have been .500, and as usual, their strength is in shot putting. "It is definitely improving, and it's going to improve even more if the numbers keep going up," Milone said.

Senior Sarah Green and junior

Latoya Johnson combined for a second place showing in the Shot Put Relay at the GMC Relays and Johnson placed fifth in the GMC Individuals and tenth at the Pearl River Invitational.

Junior Kathleen Morgan is easily the team's best distance and mid-distance runner; junior Dawn Besser and freshman Britney Hollis have both cleared 4'8" in the high jump, and both are sprinters, and freshman Selene Rayho is another bright spot as a sprinter and high jumper. Other competitors are senior Heather Loenser, sophomores Malorie Cooper, Kelly Hrutkay and Victoria Kedmenic and freshmen Samantha Granski and Jessica Pryor as shot putters; seniors Almasa Amini and Jackie Arango as distance runners; freshman Michelline Amin and junior Kelly Whitney as sprinters and senior Danielle Nobile as a hurdler. Besser, Loenser and Morgan are team captains.

Just like the boys, Monroe will be their best competitor in the White Division.

Milone calls the girls "competitive." "They're young. If they stay together, they'll be really good," he said.



Tim Morgan, Jr

## SPHS Bowling

BY RALPH FECH

### Lady Tigers Wallop North Brunswick; Fail to East Brunswick

SPHS	807	680	927—2414
No. Bruns.	644	620	773—2037

The Raiders were no match for the Tigers, who cruised to a 4-0 whitewash victory. Vicki Boley led the Tigers with 217-257 games and 609 set. Teammate Kim Gaub stroked a 215 game and 469 set, while Beverly Jamieson added games of 171-169 and 489 set as the girls' bowling team improved to 16-7.

SPHS	803	858	758—2419
East Bruns.	870	891	777—2538

In a regular season make-up match, the Bears squeezed out three close games to hand the Tigers a tough 4-0 loss in a match much closer than the final outcome. Vicki Boley had the pins rocking with games of 184-216-243 for a 643 set to earn top honors. Kim Gaub added a 187 game and a 491 set; Beverly Jamieson a 168 game and 453 set and Lindsay Hunsicker a 169 game and 431 set.

### Tiger Bowlers Edged by St. Joseph's and East Brunswick

SPHS	910	1007	896—2813
East Bruns.	966	1008	995—2969

After a close first game and a one-pin win in the second game, the Bears never looked back in pinning a three-game sweep over the Tigers. Matt Boley really had the pins scattering, amassing a series total of 638 on games of 209-219-210. Shawn Ferguson zoned in with 201-192 games and 570 set, while teammates Vin Genova's 227 game and 558 set. George Kleinknecht (227) and Jon Jeglinski (214) also scored for the Tigers.

SPHS	860	944	924—2728
St. Joe's	1017	903	1008—2928

The Tigers managed to win one of three games as the high scoring Falcons hit two 1000-plus games in posting the victory. Matt Boley crossed the boards for games of 212-224-203 and 639 set. Vin Genova was close behind with 192-224-203—591. George Kleinknecht 512 and Nick Grego 511 also contributed to the cause.

By Lee Flanagan

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

As reported last week, registration for 2004 is over. The Pony B League will be strictly a 13-year-old league, consisting of four teams. Pony B League currently has a waiting list for players. Pony A League will have ages 14 through 17, consisting of six teams.

In the Small Fry C League consisting of 8- and 9-year-olds, there will be 10 teams. In Small Fry B, we are in need of a manager to fill out nine teams consisting of 10- and 11-year-olds. There are a couple of openings in this league. Finally, in Small Fry A consisting of 12- and some 11-year-old players, there are a couple of openings for players. There will be six teams in this league. Please call Lee Flanagan at (908) 561-6348 for any questions.

A manager and/or coach will not



be allowed on the field without a club member's card and completion of the Rutgers Certification course. Call Mike English to register for this course if you need it at (908) 226-7713.

The months of February and March are big planning months for us. With the "New Beginning" comes many new ideas. March 6 is our big tryout day for all Small Fry players. The night of March 6 is our "Base Brawl 2004" Jersey All-Pro Wrestling Show at the Middle School Gymnasium. Bell time is 8 p.m. Advance tickets will be available at Sportworld. WWE Superstars Al Snow and Jerry "The King" Lawler, plus Slyk Wagner Brown, April Hunter and Dan Maff, among others, will be there. This will be an exciting event to kick off our 2004 season.

## Swimming

### Saint Joseph High School Swim Team Is Undefeated!

Saint Joseph High School Swim Team defeated the Greenwich, Conn. Swim Team with scores of: varsity, 86-84 and junior varsity, 91-79. South Plainfield residents Calvin John Smiley and Philip Luzny are members of the team.

Calvin John placed third in the 50 yard freestyle and fifth in the 100 yard freestyle. He also swam the 200 free relay and 400 free relay. In both relays he placed second.

Philip placed third in the 100 yard butterfly. Philip also placed fourth in the varsity 200 free relay, and third in the junior varsity 400

free relay.

Saint Joseph Swim Team is undefeated with a record of 10-0. They will compete on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Greater Middlesex Conference at North Brunswick High School. The team is ranked first in the state. This was a great victory for St. Joseph's, because Greenwich High School swim team is ranked in the top ten for the nation.

The team is coached by Steve Whittington. Assistant coach is Matt Severino.

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# Sports

## Wrestling News By Bob Hunter

### Middle School Wrestlers Have Big Day

The Middle School Wrestling Team had three big wins last week to extend their record to 30-3 on the season. In New Jersey Grade School League action the Tigers had a quad match with North Hunterdon, Delaware Valley and Kenilworth. The Tigers stepped it up with a big win over rivals Kenilworth 40-26 and Del Val 53-24. The North Hunterdon match was no contest with the Tigers prevailing 57-27.

Against North the Tigers went right to work getting a fall from Ryan Sacco 75 and Nick Heilmann 80 for a quick 12-0 lead. Patrick Hunter 90 added to the score with a fall over Chris Cole at 1:21. Mike Wagner 100 kept things going with a Drew Sullivan fall at 1:39. The next fall came at 1:12 when Danny Pompilio packed Jeff Monilo at 1:42. Brad Martin 125 then pinned Jeff Plaisted at 1:04. Mark Wagner 132 won by forfeit. Jonathan Conroy 140 won by decision 13-9 over Ted Delia. Sal Soto 175 and Rocco Petriello heavyweight won by forfeit to end the match. South 57 North 27.

Next up Del Val and the Tigers continued where they left off with Ryan Sacco 75 winning by tech fall 17-2 over Kyle Stiefken. Nick Heilmann 80 then pinned Korey Inglin at 1:15. Corey Hay then won by decision 5-1 over Todd Johnson. Patrick Hunter 90 needed only 41 seconds to pin Scott Fiebig, giving the Tigers a 20-0 lead. Nick Vetusch 95 was in early trouble giving up a reversal and put to his back

and trailed 5-2 at the end of the first period. But he battled back getting back points to tie the score. In the final period Vetusch gave up another reversal, but quickly escaped and scored the takedown for an 8-7 win over Todd Steinbiesser. Mike Wagner 100 followed with a fall at 1:00 to increase the lead to 29-3. Danny Pompilio bumped up to 119 and it paid off when he pinned Vin Collura at 3:07. Mark Wagner 132 score 11 first period points before pinning Bill Foor at 2:17. Jonathan Conroy bumped up to 175 and pinned Chris Myhre at 1:54.

Rocco Petriello heavyweight pinned Chris Stiefken at 2:45. South 53 Del Val 24.

Kenilworth, which in recent years, gave South Plainfield a run for its money, did not oppose any threat this time around with the Tigers dominating the match. Ryan Sacco 75 got the Tigers going with a 6-4 decision victory. Nick Heilmann 80 then scored a major decision 9-0. Corey Hay 85 then won by fall and Patrick Hunter won by forfeit. Mike Wagner 100 then manhandled Sean Kane 8-3. Tim Gaughan 107 then won by decision 3-0. Brad Martin 124 won by fall at 2:58. Mark Wagner 132 then pinned Travis Dilts at 1:13. Sal Soto 150 won a 7-2 decision. South 40 Kenilworth 26.

The Tigers also defeated Bridgewater 73-6.

### Tigers Defeat High Point 40-17

The High School Wrestling team traveled to Sussex County to face 7-3 High Point on Saturday. The match started at 1:12 with Billy Ashnault who got the Tigers off to a fast start when he scored a major decision over Rickey Cullen, 12-0. The lead was shortlived when the Tigers dropped the next bouts at 1:19 and 1:25 and trailed 9-4. Nick Dorey 130 then got the Tigers back on the scoreboard with a 7-5 OT decision over Scott Bosma. Sam Martin 135 then won a 10-4 decision over Connor Perdisatt to regain the lead 10-9.

The 140 pound match was close, but the Tigers again found themselves on the short end of the score. Peter DeAndrea 145 put the Tigers back on top with a fall over Steve D'Amato at 5:55. Paul Ritchey 152 then dropped a 3-1 decision to Alex Dalrymple. Guy Severini 160 then appeared to have James Seck pinned but Seck fought it

off and Severini cruised to a 13-8 decision victory. Joe DeBiase 171 then won by decision 8-4 over Derek Orr. Kevin Crilley 189 then pinned Kasey Campbell at 5:15 to put the match out of reach for High Point with three matches to go. Rob Maistickle 215 was in a battle with David Zabriski but came up short dropping a 4-1 decision. Ryan Elliot 275 wasted little time pinning Shawn Van Wingerden at 1:40. Jimmy Conroy 103 closed the show with a fall at 1:50 over Jason Grover to secure the victory.

The Tigers made up the South Brunswick match on Friday night and cruised to a 71-6 victory. The Tigers will head into the GMC Tournament as the number one team in the county. The tournament will start on Friday night at Piscataway High School and will resume on Saturday with the finals to start around 6 p.m. Good luck Tigers.



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## South Plainfield Football Eagles

The South Plainfield 2004 Board of Directors were installed at the January 15 general meeting.

Officers installed were Mike Jakubik, president; Dawn Jefferys, vice president; Joe Aguiar, treasurer; Jill Gorman, secretary; Cathy Scarpitto, cheerleading commissioner; Darren Gorman, football commissioner and Kim Gruver, trustee.

Applications are being accepted for trustee positions. The next general meeting will be held on Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. Go to [SPEAGLES.com](http://SPEAGLES.com) and use our email links if interested in a board member/Trustee application and email [PRESIDENT@SPEAGLES.com](mailto:PRESIDENT@SPEAGLES.com).

Coaches applications are also being accepted for Football. Email [FOOTBALL@SPEAGLES.com](mailto:FOOTBALL@SPEAGLES.com) for Cheerleading [CHEER@SPEAGLES.com](mailto:CHEER@SPEAGLES.com).

A bylaws revision committee is being formed. The first meeting date will be held March 11; the location will be announced. Please sign up for this committee at registration or by email [PRESIDENT@SPEAGLES.com](mailto:PRESIDENT@SPEAGLES.com).

Please include your name and day and evening telephone number.

Committees are being formed for buildings and grounds, Tag Day, fundraising, bonfire, Labor Day Parade, End of the Season Award and Parent Dinner. Sign up for committees will be held at registration or by email.

Registration-The South Plainfield Football Eagles will be holding registration on Friday, Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m.

and Saturday, Feb. 21 10 a.m.-12 noon. Registration is \$75 for one child; add \$65 for each additional sibling. A performance bond of \$50 is required, which is returned upon completion of season and member responsibilities. We will be accepting registration for grades kindergarten through eighth grade football and cheerleading programs for the 2004 fall season which begins Aug. 1.

Punt Pass and Kick-Othello Muse competed through the semi finals losing by one yard. Congratulations!

Pop Warner Eastern Region Scholar Athletes-Nicholas Heilmann, Rachel Alexa and Amanda Plum were named to the 2004 Eastern Region First Team of Scholars. The team will be honored during a luncheon on Sunday, March 21 at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton.

## Rec Forming Women's Softball League

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

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

Registration for the league will begin immediately until we have reached the maximum number of six teams. Registration ends Friday, March 26.

The following is a brief description of the league.

Women's league- The league is open to the first six teams to register. Teams play on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. with rainouts made up on the first available Friday. League play commences on April 27 and concludes in June. No residency rule applies. Each team is responsible for paying half of the umpire's fees before the game begins. This amounts to \$18 per game.

Fee: \$170 per team before March 15; \$200 after March 15.

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

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

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## Obituaries

### Salvatore "Sal" J. Boffa, 77

Salvatore "Sal" J. Boffa died on Sunday, Feb. 1 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, Sal was raised in Roselle Park before settling to South Plainfield 45 years ago.

An Army Veteran of World War II, Sal graduated from Syracuse University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.

An accountant for 56 years, Sal worked in an accounting firm in Roselle Park for some time prior to owning Sal J. Boffa, CPA in Clark.

Sal enjoyed traveling with his friends, was a member of UNICO, the Plainfields Chapter and was a former coach in the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Little League, where he had coached all three of his sons.

He is predeceased by his wife, Alice (nee Glaser), who died in 1995.

Surviving are two daughters; Carol and her husband, Mike Grenier of South Plainfield and Patricia and her husband, James Sacco of Lumberton; three sons, James of South Plainfield, Peter and his wife, Michele of Hillsborough and Thomas and his wife, Tanya of Colorado; a sister, Lillian Cierniecki of Arizona and a brother, William and his wife, Anna of Roselle Park. Also surviving are nine grandchildren.

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

### Gladys M. Stebbins (Myers), 96

Gladys M. Stebbins (Myers) died on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Norwood Terrace Care Center in Plainfield.

Born in New Brunswick, Mrs. Stebbins had resided in Plainfield for most of her life before entering the Norwood Terrace Care Center there.

In 1928, Mrs. Stebbins graduated from the Muhlenberg School of Nursing. Upon her graduation, she was employed as a Registered Nurse with Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She retired as Assistant Director of Nursing for the hospital in 1972.

She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Plainfield and a former member of the church's la-

dies auxiliary.

Gladys is predeceased by two sisters, Ella Nitka and Elizabeth Dey.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Stebbins of Piscataway and a sister, Dorothy Eitel of St. Petersburg, Fla. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews in Florida and New Jersey.

Memorial services were held at the United Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, with funeral arrangements under the direction of the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Muhlenberg Foundation Stebbins Scholarship Fund, c/o Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Park and Randolph Avenues, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

### Vincent T. Lewis, 82

Vincent T. Lewis died on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Perth Amboy, Vincent was raised in Woodbridge and had lived in Fords before settling in Plainfield.

He served with the Navy during World War II, prior to owning Lewis Amoco Service Station in North Plainfield for 23 years.

Vincent was a volunteer at Runnels Specialized Hospital of Union County, a member of St. Mary's RC Church in Plainfield and a member of the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #2252.

He is predeceased by his wife, Stella (nee Gima) who died in 2002 and a brother, Norman.

Surviving are two sisters, Donna Rossi and her husband, John of Basking Ridge and Lynn Lewis of Bogota, Colombia; four sisters, Dorothy Botosolas and her husband, Phillip of Az., Bernice Balzar of Pa., Ethel Mantz of Toms River and Jane Nungesser and her husband, Henry of Lakewood; a brother, Bernard of Somerset; four grandchildren, David and Renee Rossi and Matthew and Jennifer Snyder and three great grandchildren, Justina, Malcolm and Jocelyn Zuckerman.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Paige Whitney Baby Center, 1 East Oak St., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

### Mary E. Nacchio, 59

Mary E. Nacchio died on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mary had lived in Linden and in Carteret before moving to Piscataway, where she had resided for the past 25 years.

She had worked for five years for the former Western Electric in Kearny as a wiring inspector and later working for 14 years on the assembly line as a utility operator at General Motors in Linden. She retired seven years ago. She was a member of the United

Auto Workers Union Local #595 of Linden.

Mary was a member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary BPO Elks Lodge 2298 in South Plainfield. She was also a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Piscataway.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, Ralph Nacchio; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Elliott Beirach; a son, Frank Nacchio, all of Piscataway; a sister, Carol DiOrio of Trenton; a brother, John Mongon of Robbinsville and two grandsons, Kyle and Connor Koller.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funeral.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her memory may be made to the American Lung Association of NJ, 333B Route 46 W., Suite 205, Fairfield, NJ 07004.

### Howard L. Walker, 80

Howard L. Walker of South Plainfield died on Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home in Green Brook.

Howard was born in the Finnerne section of Bridgewater Twp. and was a former resident of Bound Brook before moving to South Plainfield 55 years ago.

Howard was the manager of the former Evona Tavern in Piscataway for 10 years. He owned and operated Walkers Tavern in Middlesex for 10 years. He then worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance in Westfield as an insurance agent for 15 years before retiring in 1986.

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

Howard served his country in WWII as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the VFW Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield.

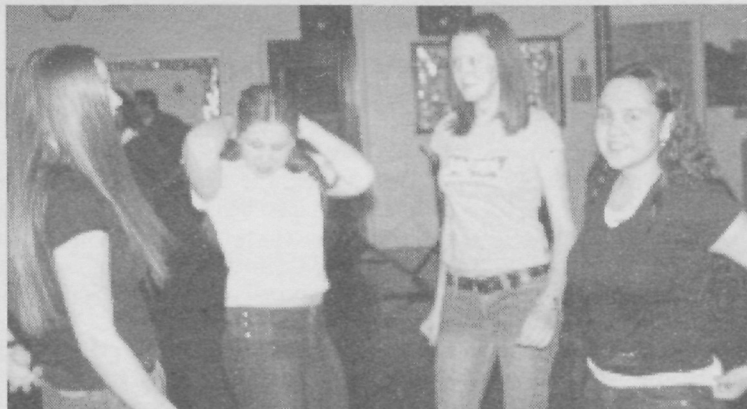
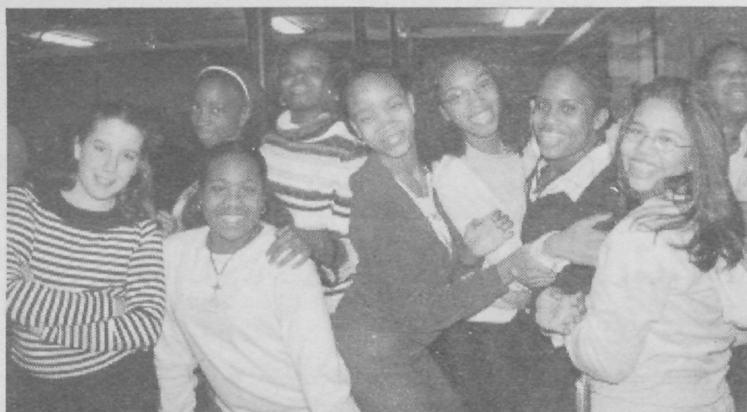
He was a member of the South Plainfield Lions Club and served as president in 1964-1965. He was a former member of the South Plainfield Police Reserves and the South Plainfield B.P.O. Elks 2298.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Freida Gassler Walker; a daughter, Karen and her husband John Torsky of Louisville Ken.; a son, Barry and his wife Debbie Walker of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Marge Rose of Bound Brook; a brother, Richard Walker of Middlesex; three grandsons, John Torsky III, Christopher Torsky and Todd Walker; a granddaughter, Michelle Walker Lewis and a great granddaughter, Danielle.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 1250 Hyland Blvd., Suite 4B, Staten Island, NY 10305-1946.

## Teen Dance at Sacred Heart



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## ALERT SPECIAL MEETING DATE

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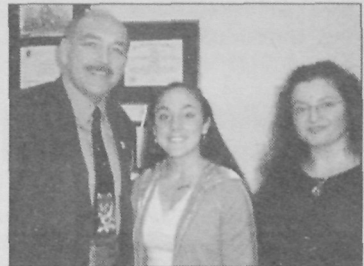


# Junior Journalist Corner



## DeNitzio Named "Junior Journalist"

SPHS Senior Brittany DeNitzio's essay, "My Commitment to America," is this week's winning entry in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program.



Brittany DeNitzio, School Principal Dr. May and Alyssa Pecora, English teacher.

Brittany will receive dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros and will be invited to an end of year banquet, along with her parents.

Students are encouraged to submit their original poetry, articles, opinion pieces or essays. Entries should be given to teachers. Winners receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be invited to an end-of-year banquet with their families.

For information on the program, or for the name of your school contact, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

## My Commitment to America

By Brittany DeNitzio

As young adults of today's society, we are continually questioned whether or not we are prepared to be "the great leaders of tomorrow."

Within my four years at the South Plainfield High School, I have already exhibited exemplary leadership qualities, knowing I am fully committed to better America's future. Grateful for the opportunities I have received from this country, it is my duty, as a United States citizen, to give back to the Land of the Free, the Home of the Brave.

As president of my class for three years, I have learned valuable lessons, which I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Through the trials and tribulations of planning a junior prom and organizing the summer senior project, I have quickly realized in order to successfully impact others' lives, you must have the courage to lead and the wisdom to listen to others' suggestions.

Likewise, I am an officer in our high school's musical department as well as the various leadership clubs offered. Through these respectable organizations, I have met diverse groups of people and learned the necessity of working as a team in order to accomplish a common goal.

Outside of school, I have actively participated in community service projects, between cleaning up our town park, donating food to families in need and teaching a fourth grade catechism class at Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church in my hometown of South Plainfield. Each project I have undertaken has truly been a rewarding experience, socially and spiritually, and I plan on continuing my service to our country

in the years to come.

Our lives are filled with many milestones, one being the transition from high school to college. As I am preparing for graduation this upcoming spring, my heart aches for the friends I must leave behind, yet jumps for joy for the adventures I am about to embark upon. Departing from my South Plainfield High School family does not mean my departing from my service to the community, as leadership is a tradition I plan on maintaining. Whether a Daisy girl scout as a kindergarten or class president as a high school senior, I have always held my country in the highest regard and like to think I am walking in the footsteps of my grandfather when it comes to serving our country.

The late William McLean fought in both World War II and the Korean War. It would be a blessing if I received the many accolades that he did, such as the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat. My cousin Mathew, a 1998 West Point graduate, also has displayed dedication to our country. A patriot missals specialist for our United States Army, he is currently serving in El Paso, Texas. For only being 25 years old, he has already maintained Captainship and is soon to receive the next level of honor. A very wise friend of my once said, "Leadership is action, not position." In other words, it's about taking that first step and giving a helping hand to those who need it the most.

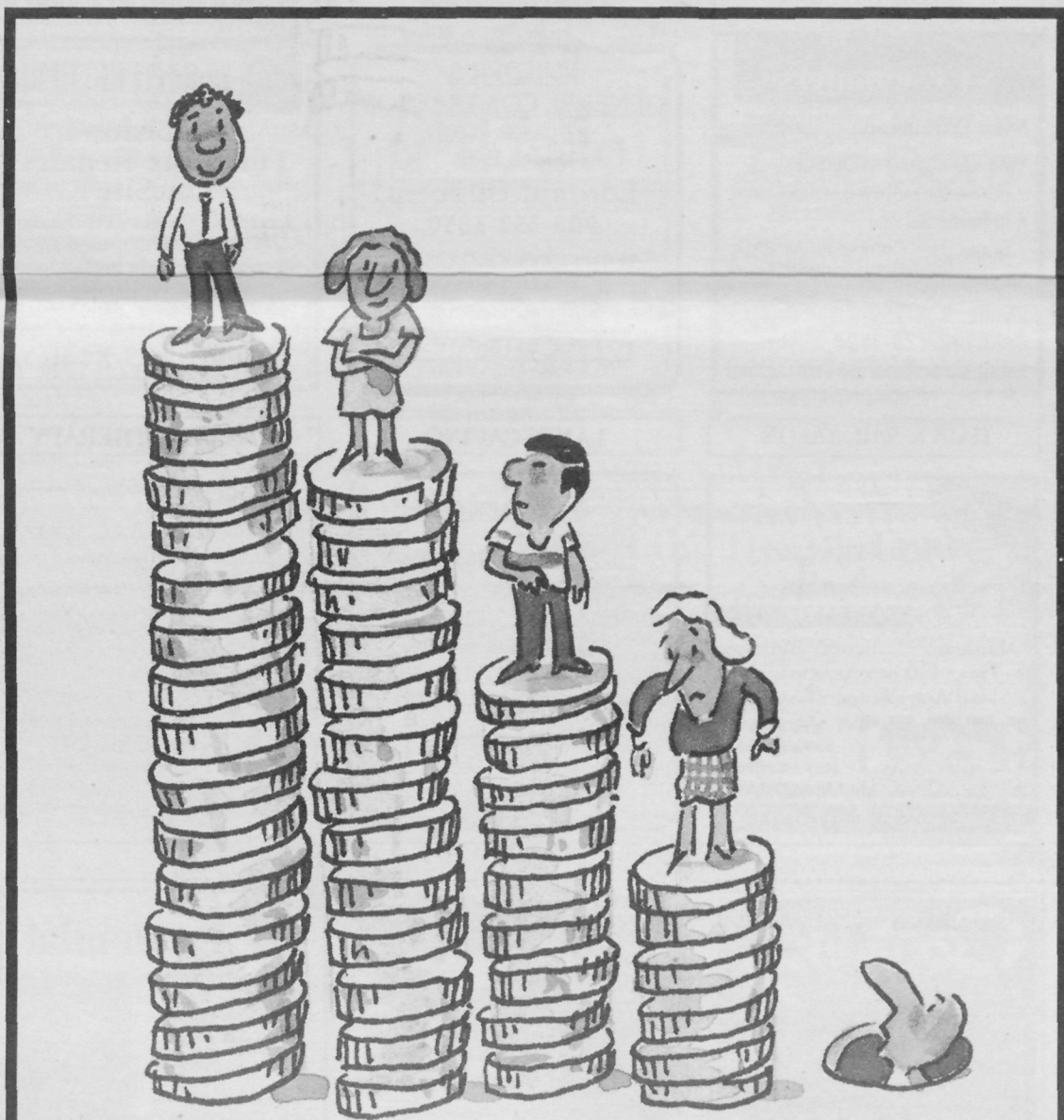
I look forward to being of the utmost service to America in the years to come, as it is the very least thing I can do.

## Nine Cub Scouts Receive Arrow of Light



Nine members of Cub Pack 224 received the highest Cub Scout Award, the Arrow of Light, at a ceremony last Thursday evening. The boys then all crossed the bridge and became Boy Scouts. Each was welcomed into their chosen troop, all in South Plainfield. They were: Troop 207 (Knights of Columbus), Troop 124 (Riley School) and Troop 324 (St. Stephen's Church).

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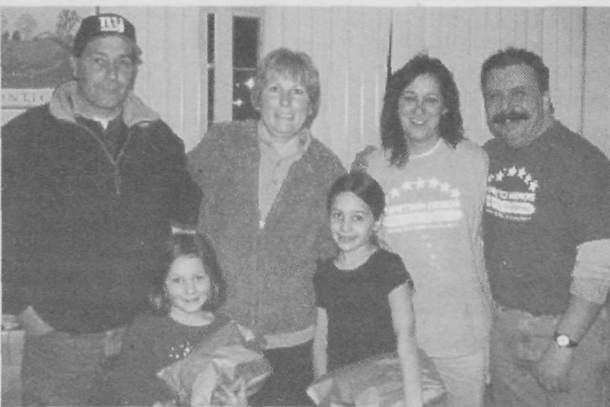
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