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Edison Says No to Helen St.; So. Plainfield Says, Let's Move Forward!

Last week's special meeting to discuss the assessment conducted to examine the environmental effect at the Dismal Swamp created by the proposed Helen Street Extension revealed a sharp difference of opinion between South Plainfield and Edison. After the public portion of the meet-

should be addressed, but objected to its redirection through the Dismal Swamp. Also speaking were environmentalists from several groups, who asked that a full environmental study be conducted.

The Environment Assessment, presented to the public by Eileen Loftus, was a summary of the complete environmental study, including the effects such as air quality, noise, water quality and storm waste management in the Dismal Swamp. The study concluded

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Councilman Charles Butrico addresses the public at the recent Helen St. Project meeting.

ing, it was apparent that Edison opposes the plan and South Plainfield supports it.

The meeting, held at the Senior Center, was slated to discuss the findings the Environmental Assessment conducted by DMJ+Harris. The project, if and when completed, will allow truck traffic to turn onto Helen Street and connect to Metuchen Rd. and Hollywood Ave., thus alleviating truck traffic on Hamilton Blvd. and Belmont Ave. The project will be fully funded by the Federal Government, but many phases and regulations must be met before that happens. The study and comments by those who spoke and any written comments submitted by Feb. 28 will be sent to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) the Federal Highway Authority (FHWA) and the New Jersey Transportation Authority (NJTPA) who will determine either a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or a determination that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. If the latter is decided, the project will be stalled until the statement is finished.

While many residents of South Plainfield, attended the meeting, including Mayor Gallagher, most of the borough council, several members from the town boards and commissions, and traffic safety personnel from the police department, there were also many residents present from Edison who objected to the plan. Robert Speigel, president of the Edison Wetlands Association, led the opposition, asking that a full Environmental Assessment be conducted.

Speigel agreed that truck traffic

What's Your Opinion?

It is important for residents of South Plainfield to get involved in the planning process of the Helen Street Project. The hearing last week will be reviewed by NJDOT and FHWA who will then make a determination on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement, thus adding months to the already lengthy time it has taken to get federal approval. There is still time to express your opinion – either for or against – on the Environmental Assessment which has already been done for the Helen Street Project.

Put your thoughts and opinions on paper and mail or email them to:
Helen Street Extension Draft EA
c/o CME Associates
Attn: Robert Russo, P.O., P.P.
3141 Bordentown Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859-1162
Email: rob@cmeusa1.com
Comments must be post-marked by Feb. 28.



"Talent-in-Triplicate" will perform this weekend at the Senior Center.

Cultural Arts Comm. to Present African Experience in Word & Song

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will stage a program titled "The African Experience in Word and Song" on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center at 90 Maple Ave. (junction of Maple and Plainfield avenues).

The program is presented by the group, "Talent-in-Triplicate," which is associated with the Newark School of

the Arts, and will feature as performers Grace Hackett, mezzo soprano; Winston Hughes, baritone; Inez McClenoon, accompanist/narrator; Ernest Brodus, percussion and Tom Price, African drummer.

The program presents a review of African development in America, from slavery to the present day. This is done through an interesting com-

bination of word and song depicting African work songs and spirituals, the black church and on to the development of the more sophisticated music of blues, ragtime, gospel and jazz. (An especially amusing item on the program is a skit, "The Church, Its Mission and the Preacher.")

Admission is free, through funding by the Borough of South Plainfield.

Come Out, Enjoy Teen Night!

Saturday, Feb. 28 is the last opportunity for youth to enjoy Teen Night this year. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m. A PAL card is required for admittance.

Superintendent, Mayor's Remarks Anger Residents

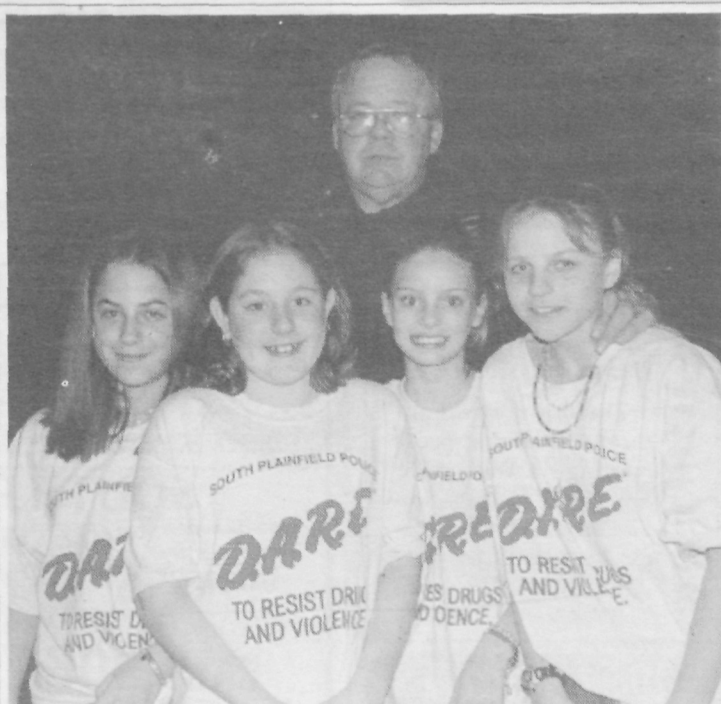
A story published in last Sunday's *New York Times* has caused angry reactions from some residents in South Plainfield. The article presented an overview of South Plainfield's history, population, businesses, schools and many facts and statistics in various categories. It also chronicled the changes that have taken place over the years—the many factories and business that have closed, the fact that the population have increased as well as real estate values. But what upset some residents were quotes in the article attributed to both Mayor Dan Gallagher and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado. Those quotes left many who read the article shaking their heads and complaining.

Mayor Gallagher's quote referred to the fact that both Starbucks and The Olive Garden decided to build elsewhere. He said "Starbucks, Olive Garden, they're too high class. We've always been a simple Dunkin' Donuts kind of town...." When asked about his comments, Mayor Gallagher said, "While we are not a high class town,

we are certainly not a low class town. We are all middle class, hard working people." He added he did not stop Starbucks or the Olive Garden from locating here.

Dr. Rosado, in explaining why South Plainfield's students have consistently low test scores, was quoted in the *Times* as saying, "Because the parents are not well educated, many don't have high expectations for their children."

Tuesday's Board of Education meeting began with a statement from Dr. Rosado explaining what he actually did say. He said that during the interview he was only asked a few questions, one of which was about students' low proficiency and SAT test scores. Dr. Rosado explained that he listed what he felt were some of the reasons for these scores. "The reporter chose to take one comment and publish it, but it was not what I said. I did not say any of those statements. He took them out the context of the general long range plan that I was giving and shortened it down to a good blurb."



Police Officer Allen LaMonda joins four Grant School DARE students at the ceremony to celebrate the program's graduates. For story and additional photos, see pages 8 and 9.

Mark your calendars

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for the latest
meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, March 1	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, April 5	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, April 19	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4	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.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Feb. 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.

zoning board of adjustment

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

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: March 9 and April 6.
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: March 16 and April 13.

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17,
Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

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

IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

Sunday's *New York Times* (2/15) contained a less-than-complimentary feature story about South Plainfield. Amazingly, the piece began with the following quote from our town's highest official:

Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher of South Plainfield grumbles about the Starbucks coffee shop that is about to open in his Middlesex County, N.J. borough. "Starbucks, Olive Garden, they're too high class," Mr. Gallagher complained. "We've always been a simple, Dunkin' Donuts kind of town. Now, property values are rising so high that our young people can't get a foothold, and our old Victorians on large lots are being torn down and replaced by six large new homes. Traffic is increasing. Our simple lifestyle is threatened, and I don't like it."

I beg to differ with the mayor. I don't believe South Plainfield's residents are too low class for a Starbucks. Nor do I think we are too low class for an Olive Garden. Why the mayor would make such a statement baffles me.

On one point, however, I must agree with the mayor. Over development is threatening our lifestyle. For once Mayor Gallagher (and presumably his buddies on the council) are admitting to the increased traffic and overbuilding their policies have fos-

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tered. They say they don't like what's happening, but they've done nothing to stop it (that is, unless you count taking builders' money for political campaigns).

It's a shame those reading the *Times* will only see South Plainfield as a town that, as its own mayor describes it, is too low class for an Olive Garden. As someone who grew up in town and then moved back to buy a home, I know our community is so much more. One would hope our elected officials would feel the same way.

ROBERT JONES, JR.

To South Plainfield Observer:

South Plainfield taxpayers: did you notice that the Board of Education picked your bank account yet again by rescinding the contract with South Plainfield Schools' Superintendent - signed just twelve months ago - to give Dr. Rosado an even more lucrative package? The new package will raise Dr. Rosado's salary by 10 percent.

The only explanation given for this raid on our wallets is that the Board is very pleased with Dr. Rosado's performance.

What does that mean?

My request to the Board is: Please spell out Dr. Rosado's educational accomplishments in the past year which warrant the Board's generosity with our money.

Everybody knows that any positive change in public school system requires years of dog-fights with the public school bureaucracy, which is

interested primarily in preserving the status quo. As New York City School Chancellor Joel I. Klein aptly observes: "At the heart of the problem are three poles of civil service: lockstep pay, seniority and life-time tenure. Together they act as handcuffs and prevent us from making the changes that will encourage and support excellence."

Last Sunday (Feb. 15, 2004) there was a *New York Times* article about South Plainfield. From the article: "School spending per pupil is \$10,313 per year. Yet South Plainfield's students consistently under perform the state average on proficiency tests and on the SAT reasoning tests. Last year's seniors scored a combined verbal and mathematics average of 980, which is 36 points below the state average."

From the same *New York Times* article, Dr. Rosado's explanation for South Plainfield schools' underachievement: "Because the parents are not well educated (only about 20 percent of parents in the district have a college education), many don't have high expectations of their children and many families can't afford tutors or don't see the value of SAT preparation courses for their children."

Excuse me? Why should we need tutors when the median South Plainfield teacher salary is \$63,978 - compared with the state median of \$50,147? Where is the teachers' job performance accountability?

Again from New York City School Chancellor Joel I. Klein about school establishment: "We have become an excuse-based culture. I cannot tell you when I walk around how often I hear it's the kids, it's the parents, it's the school system, it's the supervisor, it's anyone but me."

Maybe our Superintendent deserves his raise for skillfully deflecting the blame from those responsible for what passes as an education in South Plainfield.

RESPECTFULLY,
BOGDAN FRYSCZYNY

School Board Candidacy Information Available

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, March 1, Edward F. Izbicki, South Plainfield's Business Administrator, announced. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office, located at 125 Jackson Avenue, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"School board membership is a meaningful way to make a contribution to your community and its schools," said Glenn B. Ewan, NJSBA president. "I urge all qualified citizens to consider board of education mem-

bership. Serving on your local school board doesn't require a degree in education. The most important attribute a candidate can bring to office is a sincere interest in the community, its children and their education."

ALERT

Board of Adjustment Special Mtg.

The Board of Adjustment will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. in the Senior Center, located on Maple Ave. to hear case #41-03/CU/I.S.S.C. (Indian Temple).

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Pictured above are some of the scouts who participated in the fund raising: Alexandra Vasconez, Devynn Nolan, Kaitlin McHugh, Jackie Dvorak, Amanda Montuori, Jackie Stenersen, Janee Edwards, Katie Robustelli, Lenine Lasher, Samantha Dimuano, Amanda Joe, Andrea Muglia, Christina Pokorny, Carla Palma, Gerianna Pinto, Ashley Venino, Andrea Aguilar, Katie Muglia, Victoria Gaydos, Jessica Napolitano, Nicole McDonough, Sarah Rusk and Alexandra Fee.

Sacred Heart Girl Scout Troop 232 Holds Valentine Fundraiser for Humane Society

Members of Girl Scout Troop 232, from Sacred Heart School have been busy trying to earn their bronze award.

The girls were collecting money for the Plainfield Area Humane Society's Valentine Fund. This fund was setup by shelter volunteers to

help animals with exceptional medical needs that come into their care.

The girls placed donation cans in all the classrooms in Sacred Heart School. The teachers and students actively participated with donations to help both the girl scouts and the shelter.

The fundraising ended last Friday, Feb. 13 with the scouts collecting a total of \$250 for the Humane Society's Valentine Fund.

Additional donations can still be made to the Plainfield Area Humane Society.

Food Vendors Wanted for Sacred Heart Carnival

Sacred Heart is planning a year-long celebration of the Parish's 100th Anniversary (1905-2005). Kicking off the festivities will be a four-day carnival starting on Thursday, May 20 and ending on Sunday, May 23. The carnival, similar to our parish "Funstival" of years past, has been renamed the "Sacred Heart Family Carnival." The event will be an opportunity to bring our entire South Plainfield community together at the start of the 100th Anniversary Celebration as we give thanks for God's many blessings.

Sacred Heart is looking for South Plainfield vendors to participate in the carnival. We are asking merchants who represent the "best" that South Plainfield has to offer to rent a space and sell their specialties.

For a nominal fee, we will supply vendors with a designated area from which to conduct their business to the carnival visitors who will be more than ready and eager to spend their money. There will also be a variety of rides and entertainment for everyone. Vendors will supply the best of their food, drink

and merchandise. Due to limited space, designated areas are going to be available a first-come, first serve basis.

If you are interested in more information, contact the Parish Center at (908) 756-0633, ext. 10.

SPHS Hall of Fame is Seeking 2004 Nominees

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

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

Those candidates selected will be honored at a luncheon and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Allan M. Kleiman

Job Information Center—The library's Job Information Center has scheduled a new series of programs on Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. On March 20 the program will be *Resumes and Cover Letters for Beginners*; on April 3 *Job Searching on the Internet* and on April 17 *Interviewing 101*. Space is limited; call the library for a reservation at (908) 754-7885. These programs are led by Reference Librarian Allan Kleiman. The center also has books on resumes, interviewing, jobs and careers, which are available to borrow.

QandANJ.Org—Wouldn't it be great to have a librarian to answer questions when the library is closed. It's a reality with funding from the New Jersey State Library. Log on to the Internet at www.qandanj.org and enter a virtual chat room with a reference librarian. This service is staffed by librarians from throughout New Jersey. In the afternoon the library staff is supplemented by teachers who can assist students with their homework assignments. Give it a try!

Online Book Club—Don't have time to read a whole book? Too busy? The thinking of signing up for a chapter-a-day from an online book club. You can sign up from our web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Each day you will receive by e-mail a chapter of a current book. You can choose to sign-up for a fiction, non-fiction, business, good news, a teen book or even an audio book! This is an exciting way to test drive a book and if you are enjoying it, stop by the library to borrow the entire book.

Computers for Novices—Our classes for February and March are already filled. What we can suggest to help you get started in the meanwhile are a few titles from our New Books

section. Try the *Windows XP for Dummies* or the *Internet for Dummies* books. These books explain the topics very clearly. We have over 100 computer titles on other topics as well. The next session of computer classes will begin in late April. Look for the flyer when you visit the library.

It's Tax Time!—This year it has become more and more difficult to obtain paper copies of tax booklets and forms, especially from the IRS. The library does have a copy of the reproducible book for the federal forms that you may wish to make copies of. Also, you can go to the www.irs.gov website to view and download forms for printing from home.

That's all the news this week. See you in the stacks!

Almost Famous Players Looking for Legal Help

Almost Famous Players (AFP), the volunteer theatre troupe that presented South Plainfield with the Putnam Park Haunted Woods tour, is seeking to become a non-profit, tax exempt organization. They have acquired a tax ID number, but are in need of legal expertise in order to continue the steps to non-profit status.

AFP seeks a lawyer willing to donate services so that the group can move ahead with plans. October's thrilling new show will benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and fire department. Approximately 900 people visited Putnam Park last October. The group hopes to double that number this year!

Please contact Patricia Abbott at angelonly@aol.com or almstfamousplyrs@aol.com if you can offer assistance.

ALERT

Affordable Housing Meeting

A public meeting has been called by the Affordable Housing Agency of the Borough of South Plainfield to discuss the Affordable Housing Program. The meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

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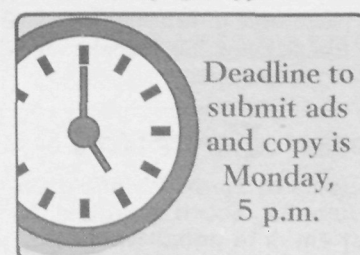
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Events Around Town

Baked Chicken Dinner at VFW

February 20

The VFW Memorial Post 6763, 155 Front St., will hold a baked chicken dinner on Friday, Feb. 20 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Donation for adults is \$7; children up to age four is \$4.

Awards will be presented to the Post's Voice of Democracy contest winner and the Outstanding Law Officer at 7 p.m.

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

"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 the 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 information or for donations, 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.

Terra Nova Garden Club Meeting

February 25

The Terra Nova Garden Club will hold its February monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 6:45 p.m. at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave., Edison. The program for the evening is "The History of Lyme Disease." Jim Occi will be the presenter. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The Garden Therapy committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Muhlenberg Adultcare Facility in Plainfield.

SPHS Music Boosters Meeting

March 3

All parents of students in the South Plainfield High School Band and Chorus are invited to attend the Music Booster meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the SPHS Band Room.

Morris Ave. Seniors Atlantic City Trip

March 9

The seniors at 151 Morris Ave. are planning a bus trip to Atlantic City on Tuesday, March 9 to the Showboat

What's happening in FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Monthly meetings will now be on the third Thursday of the month				
EVENTS				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am-12:30pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am Lunch Available Income Tax Prep 9am-Noon	Exercise 8:45-9:45 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11am & 1pm Line Dancing 10am	Shopping at Pathmark 9am Practical Crafting 10am to 11am Income Tax Preparation 9am-Noon	BINGO 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch Bridge Club 12:30pm Men's Forum Steering Comm. 1:30pm
23	24	25	26	27
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Casino. The cost is \$15 and you receive \$15 from the casino. The bus leaves the senior residence at 151 Morris Ave. at 9 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. The trip is open to the public. Bring a friend. For information or to purchase a ticket, contact Frank (908) 753-1083 or Cricket at (908) 753-7027.

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.

SPHS PTA Annual Auction/Raffled

March 13

The SPHS PTA's Project Graduation Auction/Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 13 in the South Plainfield High School Gymnasium. All proceeds benefit the SPHS Class of 2004's Project Graduation. Doors open at 6 p.m. The Raffle/Auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted to the Auction/Raffle.

For tickets and auction information, call (908) 756-3731 or (908) 756-6512 or email ando1932@aol.com.

Rescue Squad Auxiliary Basket Bingo

March 28

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Auxiliary presents the 2nd annual Basket Bingo, held on Sunday, March 28. Doors open at 12 Noon—calling begins at 1 p.m. sharp! The Basket Bingo will be held at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad Building, Plainfield Avenue. Advance ticket price is \$20. The door price is \$25. Ticket price includes 16 games, four specials and door prizes. Raffle, 50/50 and extra boards are also available. All proceeds benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call Denise at (732) 261-8942 or Tracy at (732) 841-4844.

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

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Senior Center EVENTS

AARP Chapter 4144 Trips Announced

April 28-29

An overnight trip to the Delaware Racetrack, Three Little Bakers and Atlantic City is planned for April 28 and 29. Cost is \$160 for double occupancy, which covers all expenses, including transportation from South Plainfield. Call Lee at (732) 968-6613 for details and reservations.

Trip to Yankee's Game Planned

June 6

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the Yankees vs. Rangers on Sunday, June 6. The game's start time is 1 p.m. and the bus leaves the PAL at 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$45 a person for Main Box Seats. You may purchase tickets at the PAL on Maple Avenue.

Rec Plans Trip to New Orleans

Sept. 11-19

South Plainfield Recreation is planning a trip to Biloxi and New Orleans Saturday, Sept. 11 to Sunday, Sept. 19. The trip includes: A guided tour of New Orleans, eight nights deluxe hotel, including four nights in a luxurious Gulf Coast Casino Hotel, Jazz Cruise on a Mississippi Riverboat, a tour of NASA's Stennis Space center and much more! The price also includes deluxe motor-coach transportation, 14 meals, eight breakfasts and six dinners.

For reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714. Cost is \$560 per person based on double occupancy. Add \$219 for single occupancy. \$75 is due upon signing. Final payment is due July 6.

SPHS Class of 1984 Reunion

November 27

A gala reunion is currently being organized for the South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 for Nov. 27. If you are a member of this class, please write to Reunions Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, NJ 07726 or call (908) 780-8364.

Send Us Your Events:

Mail or drop off stories and photos to **South Plainfield Observer**, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, fax (908) 668-8819; or email to ggnan@aol.com.

— Out of Town —

Wardlaw-Hartridge Open House

February 21

The parents and children of pre-school ages three through grade twelve are invited to The Wardlaw-Hartridge School Open House scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. that will introduce the new PreK3 program, explain the early learning philosophy espoused by the teachers and give tours for all of the divisions including middle school and upper school.

Student- and faculty-led tours are available of the college preparatory facility located at 1295 Inman Ave. in Edison.

Admission screening for the PreK3 program readiness is now underway, so interested parties are encouraged to call the school at (908) 754-1882, ext. 156 to speak with Associate Director Hagan as soon as possible.

Circle Players Present "Our Country's Good"

Feb. 27 through March 7

Our Country's Good, a compelling drama by Timberlake Wertenbaker about the triumph of the human spirit, opens at Circle Players, the community theater of Piscataway, on Friday, February 27.

Performances are Fridays, Feb. 27, March 5 and 12; Saturdays, Feb. 28, March 6 and 13, 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are Feb. 29 and March 7 at 3 p.m.

Tickets for opening night, Feb. 27 are \$13 and include a champagne reception. All other Friday and Saturday performances are \$12. Matinees are \$11 (or two for \$20). Seniors and students receive \$1 off with I.D.

Circle Players is located at 416 Victoria Ave. in Piscataway. For tickets and information, call (732) 968-7555.

CHATS Adoption Support Meeting

February 23

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. The topic will be "Adoptive Parents Speak Out About Reunion." Open sharing of adoption-related stories are welcome and there will be light

refreshments available.

Check our website at <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for more information.

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.

Student Robot Teams Competition

March 5-6

A record number of 51 high school teams, each with remote-controlled robots they designed and built, will fill Trenton's Sovereign Bank Arena for two action-packed days of competition on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6. Complete with pep squads, screaming fans and play-by-play commentary, the New Jersey First Regional Robotics Competitions, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, is the "big league" event to celebrate kids working smart in science and technology. The competition takes place on March 5 and 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton. For more information, visit www.usfirst.org.

Edison Symphony Finale Concert

March 6

The Edison Arts Society has announced that the Edison Symphony Orchestra Season Finale concert will be 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!

Sunday Brunch at American Legion

March 7

We're having a Sunday Brunch! On Sunday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dunellen American Legion Post 119 invites you to attend the brunch. The price is \$6 at the door. The food served will be eggs/omelets (any style, made to order), homemade pancakes, waffles and french toast, crispy bacon and sausage, country style biscuits and gravy, homefries, toast, coffee cake, coffee and tea. The American Legion Post 119 is located at 137 New Market Road, Dunellen.

For additional information, please contact Lynn Giacimini at (732) 752-3808 or post119@optonline.net.

Pack 207 Brings a Little Magic to Kids

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Like the knotted scarves pulled from a magician's hat, the flow of people entering the SPHS auditorium on Jan. 24 seemed endless. The attraction was an afternoon of magic and amazing feats presented by the illusion team of John Bundy and Morgan.

The cub pack sold wizard hats, magic wands and glowing ball necklaces as souvenirs, but the toys did little to distract the children from their growing anticipation. Excited youths chattered and bounced in their seats until the lights dimmed, signaling the start of the show. The room became a silent sea of pointed hats and waving wands.

From Bundy's standard slight of hand tricks to levitation and more, the audience was mesmerized from beginning to end. A number of children were selected to assist Bundy with tricks, including Jamie Bohn and Joey Palazzo.

The 90-minute show had a brief intermission. Refreshments included beverages, hot dogs, pretzels, pizza and candy. Scout dad Greg Lind set up the food area and donated the hot dogs and pretzels. Many other parents volunteered as well. Some of the fathers worked for eight hours helping with everything from set up to reloading the truck after the performance.

Bill Butrico, committee chairman of the event, noted people were pleased with the ticket prices of \$5 and \$7 at the door. The pack purposely kept the admission fee low. Scout mom Sue



The illusion team of John Bundy and Morgan thrill the audience at their performance.

Butrico said, "We wanted to provide a community service by offering a fun day for a family to enjoy together, quality entertainment in our own town, without having to spend a fortune. Everyone says they got more than they expected. Mr. Bundy was

phenomenal!"

Bundy, a South Plainfield resident generously donated his services to raise money for Franklin School Cub Scout Pack 207. According to Bill Butrico the magic show was more successful than the pack expected. He said, "I can sum up the event with one word... 'Unbelievable!' I was so pleased with the turnout; people enjoyed the show so much. I am very grateful to everyone who made the day possible, from John Bundy and Morgan, to the fantastic parents of Pack 207 and the staff at the high school, especially Dr. May."

Proceeds from the show will go to fund educational programs for the scouts, camping trips and other pack activities.



John Bundy performs one of his magic tricks during the show sponsored by Cub Pack 207.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Lori Gerstl Inducted into Hall of Fame

Lori Sherwood Gerstl was inducted for bowling achievement into the Hall of Fame of the Somerset Hunterdon Women's Bowling Association.

Lori has been sanctioned for 17 years in Somerset Hunterdon and has a 10-year composite average of 185 and a high average of 199. She has a high game of 289, a high series of 786 and currently maintains an average of 198. She has placed in the top five in average for six years.

She has placed first in all categories of the county tournaments and fifth in the NJ State Queens, averaging 214. She was a candidate for the WASA (Women's All-Star Association) Sportswoman of the Year and Point Leader in 2003.

She is a member of the NJ State Coaches Association and currently is a volunteer high school instructional



Lori Gerstl

coach for bowling at South Plainfield High School. She was also a member of the Tiger Varsity Bowling Team that won the state all groups championship in 1980.

Tom Conboy Named Manager of Sales And Service At Old Dominion Freight

Mark Madden, vice president of the Northern Area at Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc., announced Thomas A. Conboy as manager of sales and service at the carrier's 62 door South Plainfield Service Center.

Conboy, a native of Fort Lee, is a 27 year veteran of the transportation field. Prior to joining Old Dominion in November of last year he held several industry positions in service

center management. Conboy attended Rider University in Lawrenceville, where he majored in Finance and earned a B. S. Degree in Commerce.

Old Dominion is a leading less-than-truckload (LTL) super regional carrier providing one to five day service among five regions in the United States and next day and second day service within these regions.

Shannon Kelly Named to Dean's List

Shannon Marie Kelly of Voorhees has been named to the 2003 Fall Semester Dean's List at Greensboro College. Students who carry a minimum of six graded semester hours and attain a grade point average of 3.5 to be placed on the Dean's List.

Greensboro College, founded in 1838 and affiliated with the United Methodist Church, is located in the College Hill Historic District of Greensboro, NC with an enrollment of 1,258 men and women and maintains a student-to-faculty ratio of 14-1.

Lenten Fish Dinners Are Back at Sacred Heart Church

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of the Sacred Heart Church will again be sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners on Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and Apr. 2.

Dinners will be served in the Sacred

Heart School cafeteria, at 149 South Plainfield Ave., from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu will feature filet of fish (fried, broiled, parmigian) or pizza; fresh garden salad, French fries or macaroni and cheese, Cole Slaw, cof-

fee, tea or cold drink, plus dessert. Take out orders are also available. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Pay at the door.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church at 7 p.m.

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SPHS Winterguard Places #1 In Competition



The SPHS 2004 Winterguard compete in Voorhees where they took first place in the scholastic novice category.

The S.P.H.S. 2004 Winterguard under the direction of Mark Tweed, Kathy Petrocelli and Kara Georgio, started out this season strong. At their last competition in Voorhees, the guard took first place in the scholastic novice category.

The Winterguard practices after school and on weekends before competitions.

This year's show is based on the song, "Bye, Bye, Blackbird," from the hit musical "Fosse." This jazzy tune showcases the girls talents in intricate

flagwork as well as the tossing and spinning of rifles and sabres.

Winterguard members are Amy Magner, Samantha Gentile, Alyssa Maiorino, Kristen Gualano, Stephanie Troia, Nadine Yon, Dunia Galarza, Nicole Aiello, Katie Eder, Alyssa Woodel, Brianna Howarth, Gina Butrico, Tara O'Keefe, Brittany Wong and Cassie Hoffman.

This past summer the Winterguard held fundraisers to raise money towards the purchase of new uniforms and equipment for their show. The Winterguard would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their generous support.

Come out and see the Winterguard in action this Sunday, Feb. 22 at Roselle Park High School. The show begins at 1 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.



The Harvest Quilters of Central New Jersey

Sharing the Quilts XXI

The Harvest Quilters of the Central Jersey Area are hard at work preparing a special exhibit of 25 Quilted Challenge Wall Hangings to be the centerpiece of their 21st annual quilt show, "Sharing the Quilts," on March 27 at the Wilson Memorial Union Church, 7 Valley Rd., Watchung (right off the circle). In the challenge, two of the same fabrics appear in each quilted piece and then individual quilt makers add up to three fabrics of their own choosing. Each wall hanging has been designed and executed also in patterns of their own choosing with the only rule being that the finished project be no bigger than three feet by three feet. Much of the originality has been brought to this project.

In addition to the challenge display, there will also be Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and quilts, baby coverlets, some traditional family quilts, children's corner and some quilts using the latest techniques with a sprin-

gling of Whimsical Dolls by Timothy. These dolls include ladies, angels, gargoyles and more.

Proceeds from the show funds charitable and educational endeavors. The only criteria for becoming a member is a love for quilting and the creativity of the quilt-making process.

The ladies of the South Plainfield United Methodist Church will provide a tea room with snack and lunch menu. A select group of vendors will be on hand with notions and fabrics for sale. The entire show is wheelchair and stroller accessible. The one day show starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 27 and will close at 5 p.m. with the awarding of ribbons in the "Viewer's Choice Awards" competition. Admission is \$5 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

For more information, send SASE to A. Eelman, 97 Belmont Ave., North Plainfield, NJ 07060 or call (908) 755-7653.

Suburban Woman's Club News

Cathy Gutterman, a representative from Fabric Land, will speak to the members of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club at their March general meeting. Her program will be focused on "Decorating Trends and Ideas."

The G.E.W.C. Woman's Club will meet on March 4 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Road.

Visitors and new members are always welcomed. For further information concerning membership or for attending the March program, please call (908) 754-7410.

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Joan Abbott ~ February 21
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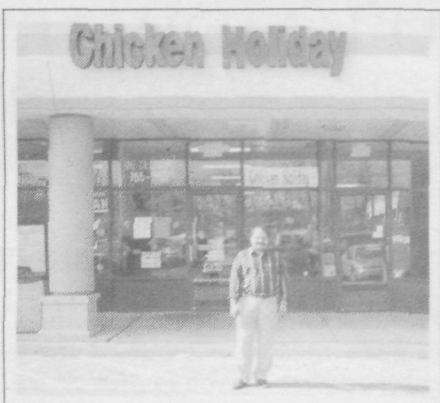
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Hey Mom, What's For Dinner?... Chicken Holiday!!!

Chicken Holiday is located in the Golden Acres Shopping Center, Park and Oak Tree Avenues in South Plainfield. The restaurant's owner, Gowhar Uddin, originally from Madras, India, has been in the U.S. for over 25 years. He lives in Piscataway with his wife and two children. He holds a certificate from Food Handlers Training Program from Raritan Valley College, and has been in the restaurant service for many years, starting with hospital dining. Gowhar has had other Chicken Holiday franchises and opened the South Plainfield location last December.

Gowhar is pleased to offer a large varied menu that includes chicken, shrimp, fish, burgers and fries and serves both large parties as well as daily diners.



Photos by Patricia Abbott



It's Beach Party Time at Franklin!

By Patricia Abbott

Franklin School's annual beach party provided a welcome break from the recent onslaught of gloomy winter weather. Despite the rainy evening it was a sunny day at the beach inside the auditorium.

Seasonal attire, such as flip flops, shorts and towels, were prevalent. The youths enjoyed assorted games and face painting. Three volleyball nets with a common central pole provided an interesting take on the game. Hula



hoops spun around and raced across the floor while colorful beach balls filled the air. DJ Kevin Murtagh added to the beach party atmosphere providing dance music throughout the evening.

No day at the beach is complete without food. The guests munched on pizza and pretzels; there were cold beverages and delicious Italian ices as well. Over 250 people enjoyed the brief vacation from Old Man Winter.



Ronda Wisniewski, instructor for tea bag folding, and students Marge Machat and Anne Troop (left to right) display the results of their work.

"Tea Bag Folding" Draws Curious Crafters to Library

"How do you fold a tea bag and why would you want to?" was the first question asked at the hour-long "Introduction to Tea Bag Folding" class held at South Plainfield Public Library on Feb. 9. A dozen curious crafters learned the background of this papercraft technique, mastered a simple tea bag fold and completed a project to take home. Ronda Wisniewski, *Practical Crafting* instructor at the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Center, led the make-and-take session, assisted by *Practical Crafting* students Marge Machat and Anne Troop.

What is tea bag folding? Sometimes called "kaleidoscope folding," the papercraft technique was invented in Holland by Tiny van der Plas during the 1990s. The original technique "recycled" the beautifully decorated

European tea bag envelopes. The envelopes were cut into squares, folding Origami-style and assembled into medallions. The completed medallions then decorated cards or other craft projects. To learn more, read "Tea Bag Folding" by Tiny van der Plas and Janet Wilson (Search Pr Ltd, July 2001, ISBN: 0855329696).

The South Plainfield Library is sponsoring an exhibit of "tea bag folding" projects and other creations by *Practical Crafting* students. The display will run through the end of February.

South Plainfield Senior Center's *Practical Crafting* class meets every third Thursday, from 10-11 a.m. in the Arts and Crafts room of the Senior Center. (Not yet a member? Why not join today?)

Helen St.

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such as air quality, noise, water quality and storm waste management in the Dismal Swamp. The study concluded there would be "no real impact on green acres" in that area.

Speigel countered that there would indeed be an impact to the Dismal Swamp, but did not any specify examples. He said before anyone proceeds further there should be a complete environmental study. He was followed by several experts, both paid and volunteer. No specific environmental impacts were noted by any of the experts who spoke, all just asked for a more detailed study.

Mayor Gallagher began by saying,

"We will never do anything to hurt that area." He asked why Edison was allowed to build over 1,000 apartments units, part of which were actually a section of the Dismal Swamp, and then were allowed to build a bridge over the swamp. He also added one of the reasons we have so much truck traffic is that Edison directs most truck traffic away from their streets every day, sending them through South Plainfield. He concluded by saying that the borough has worked diligently with Mr. Speigel on several environmental projects, including attempting to purchase the Adam farm, thus avoiding even more building along the Edison/South Plainfield border. He asked Speigel and those objecting to work with South Plainfield on this project.

Frank Mikorski, former board of education member, spoke as an advocate for the children. "Our children need to be safe, let's get it done. This is our community and our children and they should come first."

Traffic Safety Officer Kevin Murtagh said that a 1998 traffic report showed that 1,025 trucks were counted each day on Belmont Ave. which goes by Roosevelt School. That was six years ago, and traffic has increased significantly since then. He added that last summer, sidewalks were installed along Belmont Ave., but as a traffic safety officer, he still couldn't recommend that children walk to school along that road. "It just isn't safe with all the trucks." He concluded, "The safety of our children should be our primary responsibility."

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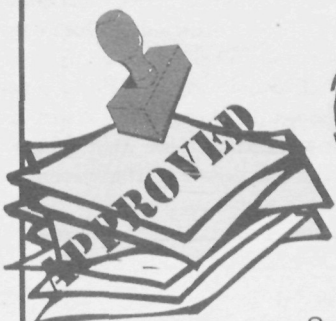
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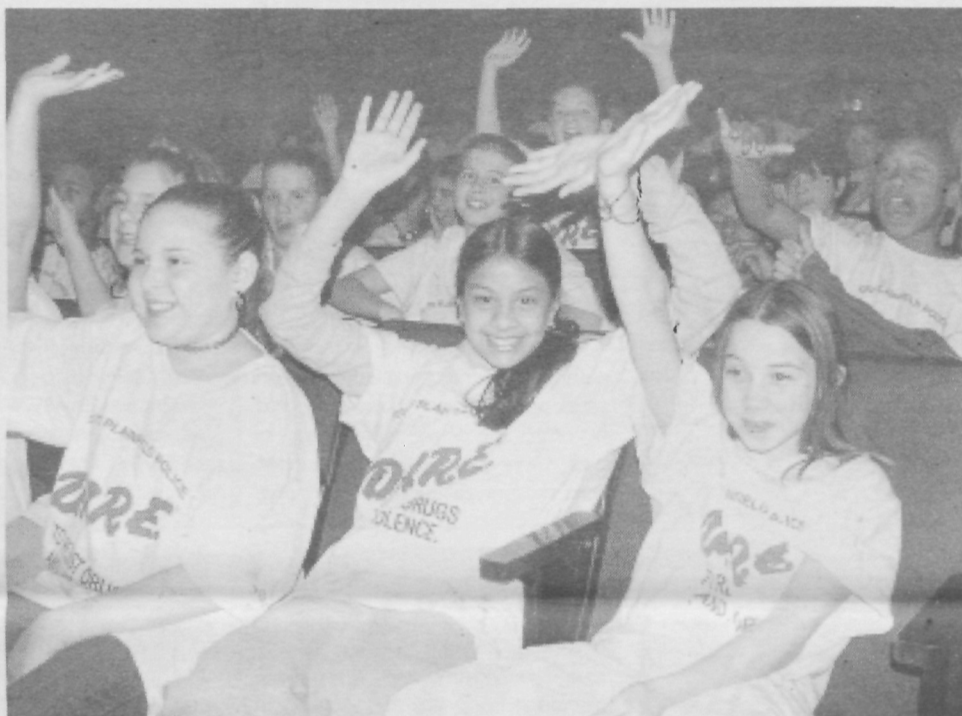
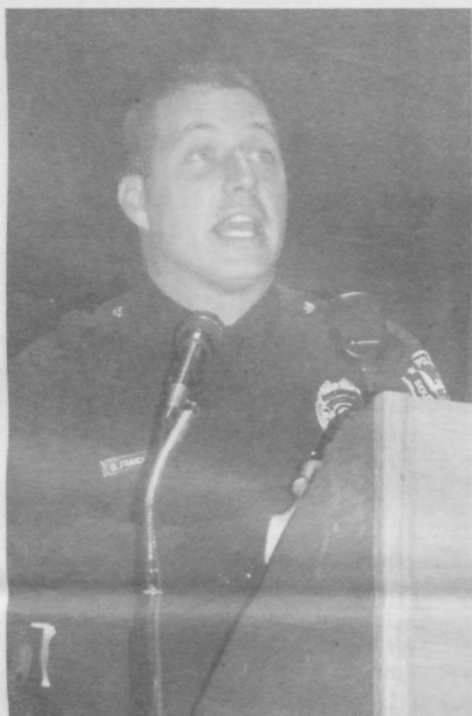
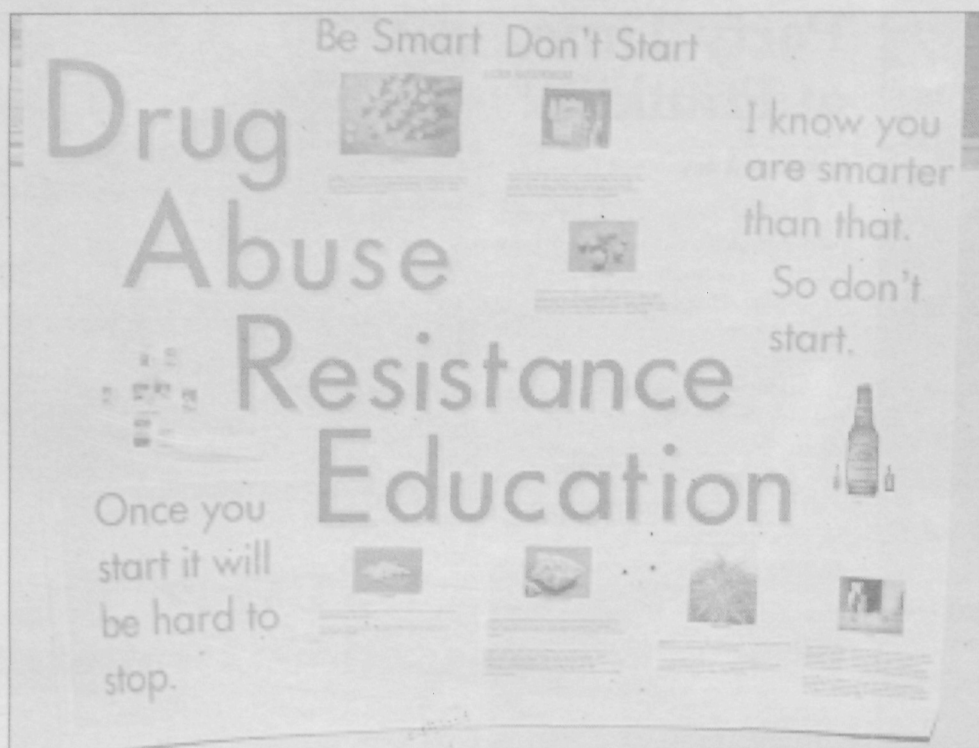
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Why DARE?

by Patricia Abbott

Life in contemporary America offers its citizens a multitude of choices. Young children are often faced with making decisions with little knowledge



of which path to take. The national D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) website notes that between 70% and 90% of crime in our country is drug related making it important to reach out, educate and protect our children. This is where the DARE program makes a difference. DARE's primary mission is to provide children with the information and skills they need to avoid negative influences, focus on their strengths

and potential and to live drug-and-violence-free lives. The program also establishes positive relationships between students and law enforcement, teachers, parents, and other community leaders. It is successful because of the joint efforts of these people to surround children with support and encouragement and keep children on a positive life path.

DARE is introduced locally to children in the fifth grade. Specially trained police officers such as South Plainfield's Allen LaMonda and Dave Franchak bring the DARE program to the classrooms. LaMonda and Franchak are in good company, there are more than 50,000 local law enforcement officers certified to teach the D.A.R.E. program. They undergo 80 hours of special training in areas such as child development, classroom management, teaching techniques and communication skills. This training enables them to deal with the often sophisticated questions posed by young students about drugs and crime.

DARE was founded in Los Angeles in 1983. The immediate outstanding success rate of the program resulted in it being implemented on a national scale. Today DARE can be found in nearly 80 percent of our nation's school districts as well as 10 million children in 54 other countries. Additionally, all Department of Defense Schools worldwide and all U.S. Territories have D.A.R.E. programs in place.

Presidential administrations, governors, members of congress and state legislators have praised D.A.R.E. Since 1988, a Presidential Proclamation declares one day each year National D.A.R.E. Day. Many state legislators also proclaim a DARE day within their respective states.

Congratulation

by Patricia Abbott

The September move of the fifth grade to Grant School brought all the public school DARE classes under one roof. This was a plus for DARE officers Allen LaMonda and Dave Franchak, who no longer had to travel from school to school but met with each of the twelve classes, a total of 311 students, once a week for a period of 17 weeks.

The number of graduates made it impossible to hold the graduation in Grant school. Instead the February 5 event was held at the high school filling the auditorium with soon-to-be DARE graduates, family and friends.

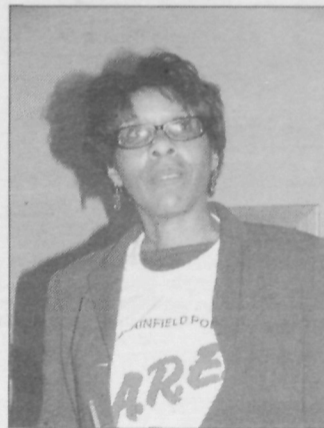
As they entered the school the

youths were greeted by Darren the DARE Lion. The character was played by Jeff Kurtis. The front rows of the room became a living sea of DARE tee shirts and excited chatter. The evening began with a welcome by Grant School principal, Janis Burchell. She

introduced parent Debi Esposito who, with the help of her children presented plaques of appreciation to a surprised LaMonda and Franchak.

Guests Chief Robert Merkler, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Council President Dennis Cerami and police officer Sgt. Chuck Siedenburgh spoke briefly to the graduates. Also on hand were council members Charlie Butrico, Raymond Petronko and Kathleen Thomas.

The ten winning essays were read by their young authors. The eleven winning posters were proudly displayed on the edge of the stage. Each winner received a DARE Lion and two complimentary tickets to Regal Cinema. The generous gift was courtesy of Regal Manager William Cinton and District Manager Robert Hawks. Student Willie Hartman stated that he learned a lot from the



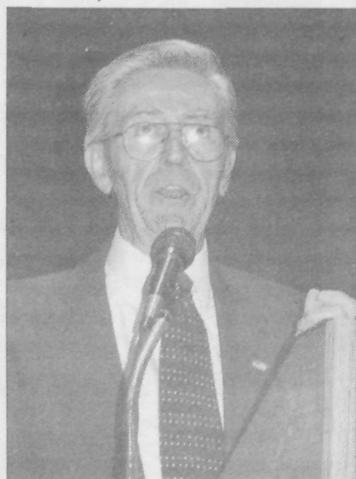
program. His family inspired him to write the essay and to select his topic. He was proud and pleased to represent his class with his essay.

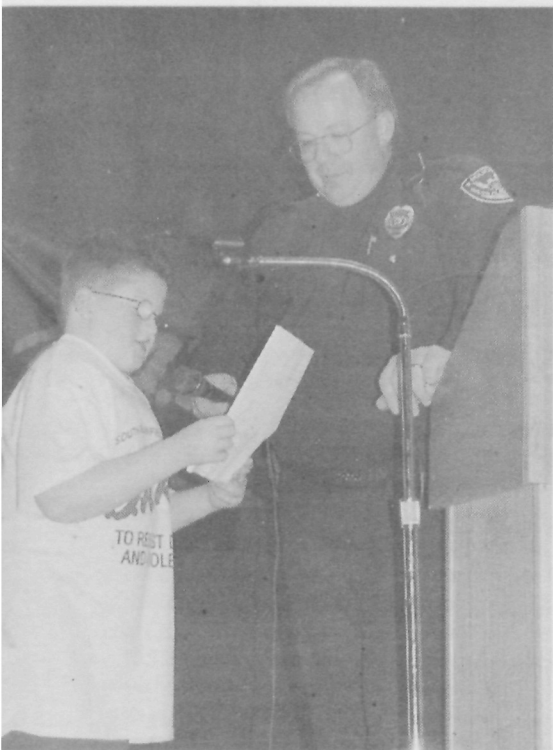
Essay winners were Allison Garry, Brandon Downes, Tammy Le, Jennifer Martinez, Willie Hartman, Joanna

Bosse, Jessica Ray, Sean McBede, Jamie Bishop, and Michelle Nguyen.

Poster winners were Louise Esposito, Lauren Keane, Tammy Le, Stephanie Annanziata, Karly Sanko, Taylor Jarema, Danielle Schaur, Julie Tran, Jackie Handwerger, Dina Douras, Nicole Heilman and Michael Krasinowski.

To avoid a more lengthy ceremony the certificates of graduation were presented earlier in the week. Principal Janis Burchell said, "This was my first opportunity to have a DARE program in my school. I was impressed with Officers Franchak and LaMonda and how dedicated they were to the program and to the students. They did a great job motivating the students and teaching the curriculum in an interesting manner. I am looking forward to continuing the program every year."





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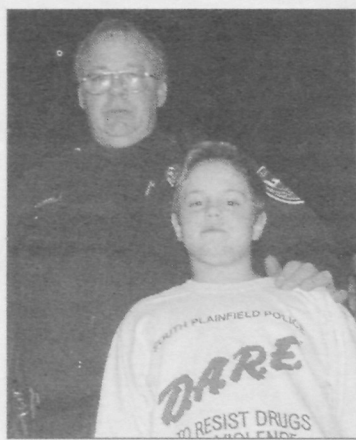
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Sports

SPHS Lady Tigers (Boley 663) Place Ninth in State All-Groups Final



Junior Kim Baug (left) posted games of 152-147-211 for a 510 set this past weekend in the state finals. Senior Captain Vicki Boley (right) averaged 210.4 in the nine games she bowled in the state finals and placed eighth in the tournament.

The Girls Bowling team, one of 15 teams out of a field of 102 squads, placed ninth in the state all-groups final Friday at Carolier Lanes.

Senior Vicki Boley crushed the pocket for games of 213-248-202 and a sparkling 663 set.

Junior Kim Gaub added a 211 game and was joined by sophomores Beverly Jamieson, Angelique Rualo, Lindsay Hunsicker and Freshman Rebecca Dacchille, all who turned in a solid team effort.

Vicki also placed eighth in the indi-

vidual portion of the tournament, beating out an original field of over 500 entrants.

Brick Township is the 2004 champion with GMC rivals Woodbridge second, South Brunswick fourth, Mother Seton 10th and Carteret 12th.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By James Bishop

Upcoming Events for Ponytail Softball

- Last day for SP Ponytail softball sign-ups is March 5.
- Games will begin being played on April 12.
- Opening Day ceremonies will be held on April 17.
- Rutgers Safety Clinic will be held on March 11 and 18. If you have never attended this clinic and you want to coach you must attend one of these sessions. Contact the Recreation Department at (908) 226-7713.
- The next SP Parents Ponytail Association meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. Parents help on some upcoming projects, such as the construction of the dugouts, would be appreciated.

Exciting KIDS Soccer Programs for the Spring!

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is proud and excited to announce the formation of two new "fun based" soccer programs for the Spring and Fall, designed to introduce the sport of soccer to our community's youngest members. The SPSC has joined forces with the United Soccer Academy, a professional Soccer training organization direct from the UK, based out of Branchburg to provide what we believe to be a GREAT introduction to the game of soccer.

The first of the two programs is aptly named Soccer Squirts. This program introduces soccer to 3, 4 and 5 year old boys and girls. They will learn the fundamentals of soccer through a program of structured activities and fun games, which will prepare them for the next program, the 4v4 Player Development Clinics.

The second program, called 4v4 Player Development Clinics is for six-, seven- and eight-year-olds. This four



on four format, designed by the Dutch National Soccer Federation, allows players to be more actively involved in every aspect of play: attacking, goal scoring, defending, and midfield play resulting in more touches of the ball. Clinics will run for 60 minutes, with 25-minutes of fun skills and drills, and end with a 35 minute game.

For this professional six-week program held on Saturdays the is a fee of \$80. All participants will receive a free T-shirt. Flyers with mail-in registration forms are being distributed throughout the local schools and will be available at the PAL Building for your convenience. Or, register in person at the PAL on Saturday, March 13 between 10 a.m and 1 p.m. Any and all questions can be answered there, or by e-mailing Pete Kelly at pkell1@comcast.net or Al Vill at albert.vill@verizon.net.

Rec Forming Men's Softball League

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

If you are no longer the manager of your team, please pass this information along to the new manager.

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

Men's league is open to the first six teams to register. Teams play on Tuesday and Thursday 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 is \$240 per team before March 15; \$260 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 Department 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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Sports

Wrestling News

By Bob Hunter

Middle School Wrestlers Win League Tournament Title

The Middle School wrestling team that finished in second place to High Point in the New Jersey Grade School League, got revenge when they defended their title of a year ago, winning another league tournament championship. The Tigers won by 4½ points over second place Kenilworth. Del Val finished in third, while High Point not even in the running, finished in fourth place. The Tigers, who sent seven to the semi-finals, advanced four into the finals and had a 6½ point lead going into the final round.

In the final round, Nick Heilmann (80), who was the number one seed, got the early takedown and went on to win a 5-2 decision over Joe Bach of Kittatinny for the first Tiger championship. Heilmann won three matches on the day. Patrick Hunter (90), was next and went right to work scoring a takedown over Ken Knapp of Kenilworth. Hunter went on to pin Knapp at 2:43 of the second period. Hunter, the 80 pound champion last year, was the number four seed and won his opening round match by fall over



The Middle School Wrestling team edged out Kenilworth to take the New Jersey Grade School championship.

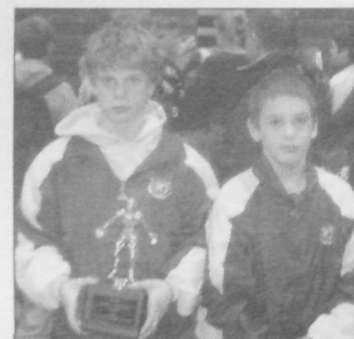
Chris Cole of Watchung Hills at 1:30. In the quarterfinal round, he won by tech fall 17-1 over Ryan Johnson of Del Val. In the semifinals, Hunter faced first seed Nick Bach of Kittatinny and won by fall at 1:37. Hunter was also selected as the New Jersey Grade School League Tournaments Outstanding Wrestler. Congratulations

to Patrick.

The Wagner brothers Mike (100) and Mark (132), both had outstanding tournaments each making it to the finals. Mike Wagner won his first match by fall, his next match by major decision and his semifinal match by fall. Wagner faced Sean Kane of Kenilworth and was in a battle, but

got caught and pinned for second place honors. Mark Wagner had a bye in the first round and recorded a seven second pin in the quarterfinals, winning by a major 10-2 decision to reach the final. Wagner, in a scoreless match, got caught in a roll and was pinned by Wayne Hampton of Bridgewater for second place honors. Congratulations Mark and Mike.

Also contributing to the team victory was Richie Szeliga (70), who lost his quarterfinal match, but wrestled back winning four matches to reach the consolation finals where he won an 8-7 decision for third place. Ryan Sacco (75), won his first two matches by tech-fall and by major decision. He then lost 7-2 in the semifinals, but came back strong to win his consolation final 3-0. Nick Vetusch (95), also won his first two matches by fall and by decision before losing in the semifinals. Vetusch regrouped and won his consolation final 4-3 for third place. Sal Soto (150), also did a great job in a very tough weight class after losing in the quarterfinal round. He battled



Patrick Hunter 90 lb. Champion and Nick Heilmann 80 lb. Champion

back by winning two matches by fall and one decision, plus a 5-4 decision for third place. Congratulations!

Also placing were Corey Hay (85) sixth, Tim Gaughan (107) sixth and Danny Pompilio (112) fifth. Brad Martin and Rocco Petriello each finished in seventh place.

In Intermediate Rocco Petriello (Hwt) placed fourth and Jacob Rosocha (95) took third place.

Winning matches but not placing were Jesse Hay (175), Jonathan Conroy (140) and Nick Vallone (119).

Congratulations to coaches Kevin Hajduk and Nick Scalzo and all the wrestlers on an outstanding year. The Tigers finished the season with a record of 30-3 and won their second consecutive New Jersey Grade School Tournament Championship.

Thirtieth Annual South Plainfield Tournament

The 30th Annual South Plainfield Wrestling Tournament was special this year as the South Plainfield Wrestling Club celebrated the anniversary of this youth wrestling classic. The tournament was started 30 years ago by Jim Curcio and has grown into one of the most competitive tournaments in the tri-state area. Wrestlers from Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania travel to South Plainfield to wrestle the areas best.

South Plainfield wrestlers had a good tournament winning 50 overall medals in five individual age and weight categories. In the PeeWee division, the Junior Tigers had two champions, Ryan Walsh (42) and Matthew Vargas (51). Second place went to Joel Gonzalez (51), Dakota Pauls (Hwt) and Brian Schallaci (Hwt II). Third place went to Nick Ruzicka (42), Joey Penyak (45) and Mike Slotterback (51). Also winning matches but not placing were Vinnie Vetusch, Max Rohrea, Daniel Hedden, Jake Smith, Chris Maszack and Dion Pender. The Bantam division crowned two champions Anthony Ashnault (56) and Corey Stasenko (65). Second place went to Inan Sikel (73). Other medals winners where Troy Davisson (49) fourth, Bobby Kolvites (53) fifth, Daniel Vargas (53) sixth, Kyle Brady (59), fourth, Ray Jazikoff (59) sixth and Taylor Born (69) fifth. Also winning matches but not placing were Robert Benwell (53) and Joe Jakubik (59). In the Midget division, winning titles were Tyler Hunt (64), who won his first tournament ever and Troy

Heilmann (67). Second place medals went to Scott Whalen (61), Chris Sloan (64), Jeff Conroy (73) and Ryan Billich (90). Other medal winners where Daniel DiMaria (73) fourth, Mike Molonaro (77) fourth, Shawn Gorman (105) third and Alex Lundy (Hwt) fifth. Winning matches but not placing were Andrew Sanchez (58), Ryan Bors (61) and Steven Petriello (85). In the Junior division, winning first place honors were Nick Heilmann (77) and Jonathan Conroy (135). Second place went to Richie Szeliga (62), Mike Wagner (105) and Nick Vallone (113). Other medal winners were Ryan Sacco (77) and Corey Hay (85) both third, Seth Youcum (113) and Joey Vetusch (90) both sixth. Winning matches but not placing were Frank DeBiase (74) and Kevin Smith (77).

First time in South Plainfield tournament history was Patrick Hunter (90), who won his seventh South Plainfield tournament out of eight tournament appearances. Winning titles in the Intermediate division were Mark Wagner (132) and Patrick Hunter (90). Second place went to Nick Pauls (84), Nick Vetusch (90) and Brad Martin (120). Other medal winners where Jesse Hay (145) and Danny Pompilio (114) both third, Tim Gaughan (105) and William Whitefleet (160) both fourth, Sal Soto (145) fifth and Justin Smith (120) sixth. Congratulations to all the wrestlers.

SPHS Tigers Top Del Val

The High School Wrestling team ended their dual meet season with an impressive 32-21 victory over the Terriers of Delaware Valley. The Tigers coming off their dominating performance at the GMC tournament continued to wrestle strong by winning eight of 14 bouts and by winning the close matches and not giving up bonus points. The match started at 171 with senior Joe DeBiase wrestling with an injured foot, but did a great job holding off Del Val star Ricky Kurtz, losing by major decision 15-7. The Tigers came roaring back, winning the next four bouts. Kevin Crilley 189 won in double OT a rideout decision 3-2 over Clay Butler. Rob Maistickle 215 got the crowd going when he pinned Eli Gardner at 2:26 to give the Tigers the lead. Ryan Elliot 275 won by forfeit. Jimmy Conroy 103 then faced state ranked Dan Kelley and won by major decision 10-1. Conroy is the number one ranked 103 pound wrestler in the state. Viet Vo, at 112,

also did a great job in a losing effort against Chris Sigafoos. With only seconds left in regulation, Vo was in position for a takedown as time ran out dropping a 7-5 decision. Billy Ashnault bumped up to 119 and after a slow start came on strong, winning a 12-7 decision over Rich Schenck. Mike Jakubik, 125, lost a close decision 6-4 to Brian Costello. Nick Dorey, 130, then won a 3-2 decision over Mike Guenther. Chris Kelley handled Sam Martin 12-3 at 135. Martin, who was sick all week, still did the job by not giving up six bonus points. Peter DeAndrea, 140, dropped a 9-3 decision to C.J. Inglin.

Nick Curcio 145 also did his part in a losing effort dropping a major decision to Mike Rosinski 14-3. Paul Ritchey 152 got the Tigers back on the winning track with a 11-5 decision victory over Jon Opdyke. Guy Severini 160 ended the match with major decision win 10-2 over Matt Carr. The Tigers are now 12-1 on the season.

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By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



The 2004 Spring baseball season is one month away. Below is a list of league directors, managers and coaches, along with team names.

C-League—League Director-Bill Ashnault, Angels-Bill Butrico/Tony Schiavo, Athletics-Bill Cochrane/Bill Ashnault, Devil Rays- Gary George/Charlie Huber, Diamondbacks-Charlie Decker Jr./Anthony Celentano, Marlins-Glenn Graves/Pat Muglia, Mets-Brian Shaw/Jack Deffler, Pirates-Tom Walsh/Steve Merkler, Reds-Bob Boyle/Dominic Demico, Royals-Jack Brady/Wendell Born and Yankees-Mike Salici/Mike Pellegrino.

C-League meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

B-League—Director-Kevin Lykes, Athletics-Chris Hurst, Braves-Gary Bodyl/Al Marrone, Cardinals-Sal Simone/Matt Ross, Dodgers-Charlie Huber/Eric Aronowitz, Mets-John Petriello/Ken LaVerne, Orioles-Buddy Hutchison/Al Liszewski, Twins-Bill Lake/John Kukuch, White Sox-Jeff Marcoux/Anthony Dorey and Yankees-Bob Bors/Ken Torchia.

B-League meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 8:30 p.m.

A-League—Director-Dennis Moskal, Astros-Lee Flanagan/Bob Harrington, Diamondbacks-Frank Benak/Bob Cesare, Mets-Anthony Romano/Tony DeOliveria, Orioles-Chris Hansen/Mike Downes, Red Sox-Larry Hughes /Bob Pasternak and Yankees-Chris Hubner/John Papa.

A-League meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Pony League—Director-Tony Cassano. Pony B Blue Jays-Pat Muglia/Pat Kelly, Indians-Danny White/Alan Szumski, Rangers-Rick Walton/Ken Lesniak, Rockies-Dominic Papa/Tom Pryor, Pony A Mariners-Lenny Padula/Frank Alfano, Marlins-Tom Kiczula/Jeff Marcoux, Mets-Tony Cassano/Tom Pryor, Phillies-Don Pollin/Chris Hubner, Red Sox-John Polizzano/Pio Penisi and Yankees-Tom McCreesh/John Stallone.

Pony League meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Please call Lee Flanagan at (908) 561-6348 with any questions.

A manager or coach will not be allowed on the field without a club member's card and must have completed the Rutgers Certification course. This includes the third and fourth coach that is in the dugout. This situation will be monitored during the season. Call Mike English to register for this course at (908) 226-7713.

The months of February and March are big planning months for us. With the "New Beginning", there are many new ideas. March 6 is our big tryout day for all Small Fry players. Tryouts are at the PAL Building: 8 year olds-8:30 to 10 a.m.; 9-year-olds-10 to 11:30 a.m., 10 year olds-12 to 1 p.m., 11 year olds-1 to 2:30 p.m. and 12 year olds-2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

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. March 27 at Franklin School will be our Pancake Breakfast. Apr. 17 at Roosevelt School will be our Spaghetti Dinner. May 1 at the VFW will be Casino Night once again, with the Women's Auxiliary.

The Commissioner's Award is presented to individuals who have given support to the club over long periods of time in a manner greater than normally expected. This year we will recognize two women with this award for their longstanding contributions to the club. I am proud to announce that Nancy Grenier of the *Observer* and our own Stacy Lake will receive their awards on opening day. This year, the Lifetime Member award will be presented to Andy Pinto for his continued support in doing "whatever it takes" to make the SPJBC a better place for the youth of South Plainfield.

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☐ Marque aqui si usted quiere materiales electorales en Español.

CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

You must apply for an Absentee Ballot for each Election. I hereby apply for an absentee ballot for the (Check One)

☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Municipal ☐ Special

☐ Local School ☐ Regional School ☐ Voc. Tech. School

☐ Other _____ To be held on _____ DATE _____

SPECIFY

CHECK AND COMPLETE

I live in the ☐ City ☐ Town ☐ Township ☐ Borough
☐ Village of _____

My legal residence address including Street Number and/or R.D. Number and Box Number is as follows:

STREET ADDRESS

MUNICIPALITY

ZIP CODE

PHONE

Mail my ballot to the following address:

STREET ADDRESS

MUNICIPALITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

CHECK REASON FOR BALLOT

I am unable to vote at my regular polling place on election day because:

☐ I expect to be absent from the State of New Jersey on election day.

(DATE OF DEPARTURE)

☐ Of illness or temporary physical disability.
☐ I am permanently and totally disabled.

state reason

*☐ I am permanently and totally disabled and wish to receive an absentee ballot for all elections to be held during the remainder of the calendar year.

☐ Observance of a religious holiday on election day.

☐ Resident attendance at a school, college or university on election day.

☐ Of nature and hours of my employment on election day.

Under penalty of Law, I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct.



SIGN YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS IN REGISTRY BOOK

PRINT OR TYPE YOUR NAME

If sick or confined a voter may apply for an absentee ballot by authorized messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County.

I designate _____ to be my authorized messenger (NAME OF MESSENGER)

(SIGNATURE OF VOTER)

Authorized messenger must sign application only in presence of County Clerk or County Clerk designee.

SIGNATURE OF MESSENGER

STREET ADDRESS

MUNICIPALITY

ZIP CODE

VOTER NUMBER

PARTY

WARD

DISTRICT

Rev. 10/01

\$335.50

1T-2/20/04

AVISO PARA LAS PERSONAS QUE DESEEN PAPELETAS DE CIVIL AUSENTE

Si usted es un elector del Estado calificado y registrado, pero espera estar ausente del mismo en Abril 20, 2004 o va a estar en el Estado en Abril 20, 2004, pero no va a poder ir a votar a su lugar de votación debido a las siguientes razones: incapacidad permanente o temporaria; por enfermedad o incapacidad física temporaria; por causas religiosas; por asistir a la escuela, colegio o universidad; o por horario o tipo de trabajo. Si usted desea votar en la Elección Escolar en Abril 20, 2004, por favor llene la solicitud de abajo y envíela a la dirección indicada; o escriba, o solicite personalmente en la dirección de abajo, para que le envíen una papeleta por correo. Su solicitud debe incluir; su dirección residencial y la dirección a la cual se le enviara la papeleta; su firma y la razón por la cual no podra votar en su lugar de votación. No se le enviara, o proveera papeletas de civil ausente a nadie a menos que la solicitud sea recibida por lo menos 7 días antes de la elección y contenga la información requerida.

ELECTORES QUE SON PERMANENTEMENTE Y TOTALMENTE INCAPACITADOS DEBEN, AUTOMATICAMENTE DESPUES DE SU SOLICITUD INICIAL Y SIN MAS ACCIÓN FUTURA DE SU PARTE, RECIBIR UNA SOLICITUD PARA LA PAPELETA DE ELECTOR AUSENTE, DE LA SECRETARIA DEL CONDADO, PARA TODAS LAS ELECCIONES FUTURAS EN LAS CUALES SEAN ELEGIBLES. ELECTORES PERMANENTEMENTE Y TOTALMENTE INCAPACITADOS, TAMBIEN TIENEN LA OPCION DE INDICAR EN SU SOLICITUD PARA UNA PAPELETA DE AUSENTE, QUE LES GUSTARIA RECIBIR PAPELETAS DE AUSENTE PARA CADA ELECCION QUE SE LLEVE ACABO DURANTE EL RESTO DE ESTE AÑO. ELECTORES PERMANENTEMENTE Y TOTALMENTE INCAPACITADOS QUE EJERCITEN ESTA OPCION SERAN PROVEIDOS CON PAPELETAS DE AUSENTE PARA CADA ELECCION QUE SE LLEVE ACABO DURANTE LO QUE RESTA DEL AÑO, SIN ACCIÓN FUTURA DE SU PARTE. SOLICITUDES PUEDEN SER OBTENIDAS ESCRIBIENDO, LLAMANDO, O ENVIANDO LA SOLICITUD INCLUIDA ABAJO A LA SIGUIENTE PERSONA.

FECHA: Febrero 20, 2004

ELAINE M. FLYNN
MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
P.O. Box 1110
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. 08903
(732) 745-4463

UNA PERSONA INCAPACITADA TIENE EL DERECHO A VOTAR CON PAPELETA DE AUSENTE O A SER ASISTIDA EN LAS URNAS POR DOS OFICIALES DE ELECCIONES, UNO DE CADA PARTIDO, O POR UNA PERSONA ELEGIDA POR EL VOTANTE QUE NO SEA SU JEFE, O EL AGENTE DE ESE JEFE, U OFICIAL O AGENTE DE SU UNION. LUGARES DE VOTACION DEBEN SER ACCESIBLES Y ESTACIONAMIENTO ACCESIBLE CON SEÑALES APROPIADAS DEBE SER PROVEIDO. VOTANTES CON SORDERA O POCA AUDICION PUEDEN CONTACTAR EL SIGUIENTE NUMERO TDD: (732) 937-8364. INSTRUCCIONES IMPRESAS EN LETRA GRANDE DEBERAN SER CLARAMENTE EXHIBIDAS EN CADA LUGAR PERMANENTE DE REGISTRACION O VOTACION. VIOLACIONES A LO DE ARRIBA DEBERAN SER REFERIDAS A LA JUNTA DE ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE MIDDLESEX: (732) 745-3471.

SOLICITUD DE PAPELETA DE CIVIL AUSENTE

Usted debe solicitar una papeleta de ausente para cada elección. Por la presente solicito una papeleta de ausente para la elección (indique una)

☐ Primaria ☐ General ☐ Municipal ☐ Especial
☐ Local Escolar ☐ Regional Escolar ☐ Técnica Escolar

☐ Otra _____, que se realizará el _____ FECHA _____

ESPECIFIQUE

FECHA

REVISE Y COMPLETE

Vivo en ☐ la ciudad ☐ el pueblo ☐ el municipio ☐ el barrio

☐ la aldea de _____

Mi residencia legal, incluyendo el número de la calle, el de la ruta o ambos y el apartado, es la siguiente:

DIRECCIÓN

MUNICIPIO

CÓDIGO POSTAL

TELÉFONO

Envien mi papeleta a la siguiente dirección:

DIRECCIÓN DE LA CALLE

MUNICIPIO

ESTADO

CÓDIGO POSTAL

INDIQUE LA RAZÓN PARA LA PAPELETA

El día de la elección no podré votar en mi urna regular debido a que:

☐ Espero encontrarme ausente del estado de Nueva Jersey el día de la elección _____ (FECHA DE LA PARTIDA)

☐ Una enfermedad o incapacidad física.

☐ Sufo de invalidez permanente y total.

Expresé la razón _____

*☐ Sufo de invalidez permanente y total y deseo recibir una papeleta de ausente para todas las elecciones que que se llevarán acabo durante _____ lo que resta del año.

☐ El día de la elección deberé observar un feriado religioso.

☐ El día de la elección estaré asistiendo como residente a una escuela, escuela superior o unversidad.

☐ La naturaleza de mi trabajo y su horario, el día de la elección. Bajo pena de ley, yo certifico que mis anteriores afirmaciones son veraces y correctas.



FIRME SU NOMBRE COMO APARECE EN EL LIBRO DE REGISTRO

ESCRIBA O IMPRIMA SU NOMBRE

Si el votante se encuentra enfermo o recluso, puede solicitar un voto de ausente por intermedio de un mensajero autorizado.

Nombro a _____ mi mensajero autorizado. (NOMBRE DEL MENSAJERO)

(FIRMA DEL VOTANTE)

El mensajero autorizado debe firmar las solicitudes únicamente ante el Secretario del Condado o su delegado.

(FIRMA DEL MENSAJERO)

(DIRECCIÓN)

MUNICIPIO

CÓDIGO POSTAL

VOTER NUMBER

PARTY

WARD

DISTRICT

\$335.50

1T-2/20/04

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1650

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

Ord. No. 1650 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR AND CHIEF ASSISTANT ASSESSOR IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 20, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1650

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR AND DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY that a need exists for a Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Police Department and Chief Assistant Assessor in the Assessing Department which do not currently exist.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the positions of Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator and Chief Assistant Assessor be and are hereby created within the respective departments. The job specifications shall be consistent with Job Specification 03865@ and Job Specification 01016 of the Department of Personnel of the State of New Jersey. The initial salaries shall be \$43,180.00 for the Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator and \$5,000.00 for the Assistant Chief Assessor. The jobs and salaries will be incorporated in the salary ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield.

This Ordinance shall immediately become effective upon adoption and advertisement as required by Law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$50.75 February 20, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1630

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

Ord. 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 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 Tuesday February 17, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$24.50 February 20, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1646

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

Ord. 1646 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING STOPPING OR STANDING ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF PHILLIPS LANE IN 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 Tuesday February 17, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$24.50 February 20, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1648

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

Ord. 1648 entitled: AN 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 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 Tuesday February 17, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$24.50 February 20, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of legal representation in matters dealing with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Joseph Buttafuoco, Esq., to represent the Borough in these proceedings at a fee of \$100.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00, and

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

WHEREAS, funds for said contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the Legal O & E Budget, account # 4-01-20-155-000-221.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a "Professional Services" contract with Joseph Buttafuoco, Esq. to represent the Borough in the above mentioned proceedings at a fee of \$100.00 per hour not to exceed \$5,000.00.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$36.75 February 20, 2004

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

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

Ord. No. 1649 entitled: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AUDUBON AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 20, 2004 and that a public hearing be held on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1649

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AUDUBON AVENUE 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 that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:67-1, specifically Chapter 421 of the Public Laws 1985 and amendments thereto as follows:

1. That a portion of Audubon Avenue as more fully described in Schedules A through E attached hereto be and is hereby vacated.

2. This vacation is specifically conditioned upon receipt by the Borough of South of the amounts listed below from the owners of the parcels contiguous to said street vacation:

Property Owner	Amount Due Borough
William B. & June Franke	\$50.00
Guy Moretti	\$1,555.00
Sean P. & Anhinguyet N. Lavelle	\$1,500.00
Charles, Jr. & Judith A. Taber	\$1,500.00
Sheryl Silverman & Jayne Fiore	\$3,547.00

3. This vacation is subject to the following conditions:

A. The property as described in Attachments A through E is prohibited from being developed.

B. Any tree in excess of 6 inch caliper is prohibited from being removed.

4. The vacation specifically reserves any and all utility easements which may be contained within the vacated public right of way.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication as provided by law.

DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF AUDUBON AVENUE (50-FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO BE VACATED SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTACHMENT A

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of easterly right-of-way of Audubon Avenue (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way) with the common line between Lots 5 and 32, Block 77, and from said beginning point running, thence:

1. Through Audubon Avenue, along a projection of the common line between Lots 5 and 32, Block 77, South 76 degrees 47' 00" West, a distance of 4.26 feet to a point in the easterly right-of-way line of Stacey Court, thence

2. Along said easterly right-of-way line of Stacey Court, in a general northerly direction, on the arc of the curve to the left having a radius of 150.00 feet and an arc length of 35.83 feet, chord bearing and distance of North 06 degrees 22' 24" West 35.75 feet, to a point of tangency on the existing easterly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue, thence

3. Along said easterly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue, South 13 degrees 13' 00" East, a distance of 35.49 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Said description of a portion of Audubon Avenue (50-Foot Wide Right-of-Way) to be vacated containing 50 Square Feet, more or less.

Said described lands being subject to easements, restrictions and agreements of record and such facts as may be disclosed in a full and accurate Title Search into the property-in-question and the immediate

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to pursue the license revocation of a local business, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Patrick J. Bradshaw, Esq., to represent the Borough in these proceedings at a fee of \$135.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00, and

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

WHEREAS, funds for said contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the Legal O & E Budget, account # 4-01-20-155-000-221.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a "Professional Services" contract with Patrick J. Bradshaw, Esq. to represent the Borough in the above mentioned proceedings at a fee of \$135.00 per hour not to exceed \$5,000.00.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$31.50 February 20, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY

February 11, 2004

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on February 10, 2004.

A. Case #681-South Plainfield Transfer & Recycling Center, Block 299; Lot 1.01; 2101 Roosevelt Ave. The applicant's request for revised site plan approval with a bulk variance was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

B. Case #03-03-Lyndsey Development, Block 365; Lots 18, 19 & 12.01; Arlington and Kosciuszko Avenues. The applicant's request for preliminary major subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

C. Case #03-05-John and Helen Millen, Block 36; Lots 5.01 & 5.02; 108 Fifth St. The applicant's request for four bulk variances was hereby GRANTED.

D. Case #03-06/M/V-Joanne Rosato, Block 254; Lot 17; 156 Teeple Pl. The applicant's request for minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Zoning Board
\$35.00 February 20, 2004

adjoiners.

DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF AUDUBON AVENUE (50-FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO BE VACATED SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTACHMENT B

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of easterly right-of-way of Audubon Avenue (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way) with the common line between Lots 5 and 32, Block 77, and from said beginning point running, thence:

1. Along said easterly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue, South 13 degrees 13' 00" East, a distance of 85.00 feet to a point in the common line with Lot 7, Block 77, thence

2. Through Audubon Avenue, along said common line with Lot 7, Block 77, extended westerly, South 76 degrees 47' 00" West, a distance of 25.00 feet to a point in the centerline of Audubon Avenue, thence

3. Continuing through Audubon Avenue, along said centerline, North 13 degrees 13' 00" West, a distance of 37.58 feet to a point in the southeasterly right-of-way line of Stacey Court (50-Foot Wide Right-of-Way), thence

4. Along said southeasterly right-of-way line of Stacey Court, in a general northerly direction, on the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 150.00 feet and an arc length of 52.02 feet, chord bearing and distance of North 10 degrees 24' 19" East 51.75 feet, to a point in the aforementioned common line between Lots 5 and 31, Block 77, thence

5. Through Audubon Avenue, along said common line between Lots 5 and 32, Block 77, North 76 degrees 47' 00" East, a distance of 4.26 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Said description of a portion of Audubon Avenue (50-Foot Wide Right-of-Way) to be vacated containing 1,555 Square Feet, more or less.

Said described lands being subject to easements, restrictions and agreements of record and such facts as may be disclosed in a full and accurate Title Search into the property-in-question and the immediate adjoiners.

DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF AUDUBON AVENUE (50-FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO BE VACATED SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTACHMENT C

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of easterly right-of-way of Audubon Avenue (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way) with the common line between Lots 5 and 32, Block 77, and from said beginning point running, thence:

1. Along said easterly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue, South 13 degrees 13' 00" East, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point in the common line with Lot 8, Block 77, thence

2. Through Audubon Avenue, along said common line with Lot 8, Block 77, extended westerly, South 76 degrees 47' 00" West, a distance of 25.00 feet to a point in the centerline of Audubon Avenue, thence

3. Continuing through Audubon Avenue, along said centerline, North 13 degree 13' 00" West, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point in the aforementioned common line between Lots 7 and 32, Block 77, extended westerly, thence

4. Through Audubon Avenue, along said westerly extension of the common line between Lots 7 and 32, Block 77, North 76 degrees 47' 00" East, a distance of 25.00 feet to the point and place of beginning

Said description of a portion of Audubon Avenue (50-Foot Wide Right-of-Way) to be vacated containing 1,500 Square Feet, more or less.

Said described lands being subject to easements, restrictions and agreements of record and such facts as may be disclosed in a full and accurate Title Search into the property-in-question and the immediate

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1647

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

Ord. No. 1647 entitled: AN BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE INNER POOL LINING OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL 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 Tuesday, February 17, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

ORDINANCE NO. 1647

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on February 17, 2004 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who 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
\$66.50 February 20, 2004

immediate adjoiners.

DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF AUDUBON AVENUE (50-FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO BE VACATED SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTACHMENT D

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of easterly right-of-way of Audubon Avenue (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way) with the common line between Lots 7 and 8, Block 77, and from said beginning point running, thence:

1. Along said easterly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue, South 13 degrees 13' 00" East, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point in the common line with Lot 31, Block 77, thence

2. Through Audubon Avenue, along said common line with Lot 31, Block 77, extended westerly, South 76 degrees 47' 00" West, a distance of 25.00 feet to a point in the centerline of Audubon Avenue, thence

3. Continuing through Audubon Avenue, along said centerline, North 13 degrees 13' 00" West, a distance of 60.00 feet in the aforementioned common line between Lots 7 and 8, Block 77, extended westerly, thence

4. Through Audubon Avenue, along said westerly extension of the common line between Lots 7 and 8, Block 77, North 76 degrees 47' 00" East, a distance of 25.00 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Said description of a portion of Audubon Avenue (50-Foot Wide Right-of-Way) to be vacated containing 1,500 Square Feet, more or less.

Said described lands being subject to easements, restrictions and agreements of record and such facts as may be disclosed in a full and accurate Title Search into the property-in-question and the immediate adjoiners.

DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF AUDUBON AVENUE (50-FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO BE VACATED SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTACHMENT E

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of westerly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way) with the southeasterly right-of-way line of Stacey Court (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way), and from said beginning point running, thence:

1. Along said southeasterly right-of-way line of Stacey Court, in a general northeasterly direction, on the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 150.00 feet and an arc length of 38.31 feet, chord bearing and distance of North 27 degrees 39' 25" East 38.20 feet, to a point of intersection with the centerline of Audubon Avenue (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way), thence

2. Through Audubon Avenue, along said centerline of Audubon Avenue (50-foot Wide Right-of-Way), South 13 degrees 13' 00" East, a distance of 157.58 feet to a point, thence

3. Continuing through Audubon Avenue, at right angles to the existing centerline, South 76 degrees 47' 00" West, a distance of 25.00 feet to a point in the aforementioned westerly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue, thence

4. Along said westerly right-of-way line of Audubon Avenue, North 13 degrees 13' 00" West, a distance of 128.69 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Said description of a portion of Audubon Avenue (50-Foot Wide Right-of-Way) to be vacated containing 3,547 Square Feet, more or less.

Said described lands being subject to easements, restrictions and agreements of record and such facts as may be disclosed in a full and accurate Title Search into the property-in-question and the immediate adjoiners.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$278.25 February 20, 2004

AVISO PARA ELECTORES EN EL SERVICIO MILITAR, SUS PARIENTES Y AMIGOS

Si usted se encuentra en el servicio militar; es esposo(a) ó dependiente de alguien en el servicio; es paciente en un hospital para veteranos; es un civil adjunto a, ó sirve con, las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos, fuera del Estado de Nueva Jersey; es esposo(a) ó dependiente de un civil adjunto a, ó que sirve con, las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos. Si usted tiene estas características y desea votar, ó es un familiar ó amigo de alguien que las tenga y que usted crea que quiera votar, en la Elección Escolar en South Plainfield de Abril 20, 2004. Escriba a la dirección de abajo para solicitar la papeleta del servicio militar, para votar en dicha elección. Si usted esta en el servicio incluya su nombre, edad, número de serie, dirección residencial y la dirección de su base ó donde se le pueda localizar. Si desea la papeleta para un pariente ó amigo, haga la petición bajo juramento, declarando que la persona es mayor de dieciocho años, su nombre, su número de serie si esta en el servicio militar, dirección residencial y dirección de su base ó de donde pueda ser localizado.

Electores del servicio militar pueden solicitar la papeleta de voto militar enviando una solicitud federal en forma de tarjeta postal al Secretario del Condado.

En la solicitud para la papeleta del servicio militar, electores del servicio militar pueden requerir que una papeleta del servicio militar les sea enviada para las demás elecciones que se lleven acabo éste año.

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Las solicitudes, excepto la solicitud postal federal, pueden ser obtenidas en la siguiente dirección:

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NOTICE TO MILITARY SERVICE VOTERS AND TO THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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Military service voters may also apply for a military service ballot by sending a federal postcard application form to the undersigned.

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Obituaries

John Cecchetti, 72 Loved Children and Animals

John Cecchetti died on Monday, Feb. 16, at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Born and raised in Mountainside, he lived in South Plainfield, then Warren, before moving to Bedminster in 1999.

Mr. Cecchetti graduated from Bowling Green University in 1956 with a BA in Business Administration. He was the owner of John Cecchetti Insurance Agency in South Plainfield for the past 42 years.

He was a member, current treasurer, Paul Harris Fellow and past president of the South Plainfield Rotary Club, a longtime board member of the Plainfield Area Humane Society, a member of the Knights of Columbus in South Plainfield, Fiddler's Elbow Country Club and Fox Hollow Golf Club.

He was also a member of the Professional Insurance Association and the Independent Insurance Agents of America.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Jacqueline Harper Cecchetti; a son, Steven of Warren; a daughter, Gina Cecchetti of South Plainfield; a brother, Mario Cecchetti; three sisters, Dolores Guemero, Nancy Riccio and Jean Marotto, and one cherished granddaughter Valerie Hope Cecchetti.

A funeral Mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church, 1890 Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville, on Friday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains. Calling hours will be Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association of NJ, 1600 Route 22 East, Union, NJ 07083 or the Plainfield Area Humane Society 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07063.

Armando Frascino, 73

Armando Frascino died on Saturday, Feb. 14 at his home in South Plainfield.

Born and raised in Firmo, Italy, Armando had lived in Argentina before coming to America in 1958, residing in Newark for a short time before settling in South Plainfield 32 years ago.

He worked for Service Employees International Union for 25 years as a business agent and was also the co-owner along, with his wife, Lina of Lusita Pizzeria in South Plainfield for over 15 years.

He was a member of Union Local #32 B&J, which was the former Union Local #389 based out of New York City. Armando is also a member of UNICO the Plainfield's Chapter, Enterprize Masonic Lodge #31 located in Jersey City and a member of the Italian American Progressive League in Elizabeth.

An avid soccer fan, Armando later became a U.S. Soccer Federation referee.

Surviving are his wife, Nicolina (nee Pontoriero) of 46 years; a daughter, Natalie Whiteman and her husband Paul of Howell; three sons, Anthony and his wife Sonji, Lou and his wife Joan, both of Jackson and Jo-

seph and his wife Louri of Frisco, Texas and five grandchildren, Alexandra, Nicholas, Carly, Joseph and Anthony.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Armando's memory to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, 846 Main St., Fords, NJ 08818.

Barbara C. (Reeves) Scheiderman, 64

Barbara C. (Reeves) Scheiderman died suddenly on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, Barbara grew up in Plainfield and graduated from Plainfield High School. She married in September of 1960 and she and her husband resided in Germany while he served in the United States Military. They returned in 1964 and settled to South Plainfield where she has resided ever since.

She was a homemaker for her husband and her two sons.

Her husband, Joseph E. Scheiderman died ironically one year and a day before she did on Feb. 9, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and their wives, Joseph and his wife, Regina of North Carolina and Ward and his wife, Beth of Green Brook and her dear grandchildren, Robert, Stephanie and Joseph E III.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Joan E. Fishman (Decker), 75

Joan E. Fishman (Decker) died on Friday, February 13 in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Manhattan, Joan was raised in Elmhurst section of Queens, N.Y., where she had lived for over 70 years before moving to Linden a short time ago.

She was employed with Morgan Guarantee Trust Company of Manhattan for 25 years working in custody collections.

She is pre-deceased by her husband, Gilbert E., who died in 2000.

Surviving are her daughter, Joanne E. Biahuta and her husband Francis of Edison; a son William C. and his wife Rosemarie of Bridgewater and five grandchildren. Also surviving are relatives in Queens, N.Y. and a dear friend Pauline Biahuta.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Chester J. Stroz, 82

Chester J. Stroz died on Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He was the son of the late Adam and Karolina Stroz.

Born in Newark, he had resided in South Plainfield since 1951.

Chet was employed as a manager of a variety of departments for the former

Western Electric of Kearny for 43 years before retiring in 1984.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and had served in the United States Navy during WWII.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Stan and Joseph Stroz and three sisters, Bertha Rzeszutek, Stella Maslowski and Eleanor Ward.

Surviving are his wife, Helen E. Stroz; two children, Susan Stroz of Robbinsville and Richard J. Stroz of Greenville, Tenn. and two sisters, Laura Laczk of Chatsworth, Ca. and Terry Connelley of Single Spring, Ca.

Arrangements were directed under the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Michael J. Bengivenga, 87

Michael J. Bengivenga died on Monday, Feb. 16 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield after a long five-year battle with failing health. The family is especially thankful to Dr. Bob Bola Oji of North Plainfield for her extraordinary care during his illness.

Born in Plainfield, Mr. Bengivenga was a life-long resident of Plainfield.

He was employed by the Central Railroad for 25 years and then worked as a crossing guard for Plainfield for 30 years. During the 1930's, Mr. Bengivenga had worked with the C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps).

An athlete in his younger years, Michael loved all sports. He especially loved to play softball, basketball and bowling.

He is predeceased by his son, Ronald; a sister, Christine Cameron and two brothers, Ralph and Joseph.

Surviving are his wife, Helen (Olson); two sons, Anthony and his wife Philomena of Beachwood and Michael of South Carolina; a daughter, Linda and her husband Samuel Falloon of Louisiana; four sisters, Mary DeFilippis of New Providence, Antoinette Morella of Somerville, Florence Beck of Toms River and Rose Reinmann of Dunellen. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Dorothy Saranczak Donatelli, 76

Dorothy Saranczak Donatelli of South Plainfield died on Saturday, Feb. 14 at her home.

Dorothy was born and raised in Elizabeth and moved to South Plainfield 58 years ago.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Silvio Donatelli; three sons, James S. Donatelli of Kansas City, Kansas, Arthur K. Donatelli of Sonoita, Ariz. and David J. Donatelli of Hillsborough; a daughter, Diane M. Reipl of Monmouth Beach; two sisters, Helen Walker of Raritan and Stella Schnitzer of Westfield; seven

grandchildren, James Christian, Amy Jo, Kari Lee, David James, Jennifer Catherine, Winston Silvio and Sydney Dorothy and two great grandchildren Tyler and Oscar Silvio.

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

Beulah "Kitten" Kate Sweeten DeCarlo, 73

Beulah "Kitten" Kate Sweeten DeCarlo of Plainfield died on Friday, February 13 in Charlotte, NC.

She was born in Newport, Tenn. to the late Alfred and Susie Sweeten. She was a substitute school teacher, but considered her primary job as a homemaker.

Kitten was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Michael A. DeCarlo, who died Oct. 4, 2003.

She is survived by two sisters, Ethel McCoig of Newport, Tenn. and Louise Kilgore of Brandywine, Md., a brother, Alfred E. (Tubby) Sweeten of Morristown, Tenn.; a daughter, Suzanne Dundas of Wasenaar, Netherlands and two sons, M. Steven DeCarlo of Charlotte, NC and Chris-

topher M. DeCarlo of New Johnsonville, Tenn. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Arielle, Jenna, Reid, Nicholas, Erin and Ellen.

Services were private.

Angela Santoro, 97

Angela Santoro died on Sunday, February 15 in her son's home.

Born in Lione, Italy, she came to the United States in 1947, residing in Washington, DC for 20 years. Mrs. Santoro moved to South Plainfield in 1968.

She was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Her husband, Sabino Santoro died in 1967.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Carmine and Philomena Calabrese of South Plainfield; three stepdaughters, Mary Celia of Silver Spring, Md., Kathleen Pollack of Va. and Millie Baffrone of Fla. Also surviving are her loving grandchildren and loving great grandchildren.

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• On Feb. 10 Rubina Iqbal, 26, of Teaneck was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$313.98 worth of display items; five scarves, two pair of pants and two pair of gloves.

• EMC on Kennedy Rd. reported that the lock had been cut off a storage trailer. Nothing was taken.

• Graduate Lawn Care on Kennedy Rd. reported that the lock on a trailer door had been sawed off and three Red Max backpack blowers were missing.

• On Feb. 11 Todd Greene, 36, of Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting a pair of Nike sneakers worth \$59.99.

• The driver of a Pepsi truck reported that his window had been smashed and cash was missing after making a delivery at Bravo on W. 7th St.

• On Feb. 12 Raceway Gas Station on W. 7th St. reported that receiving a fake \$20 bill from a customer.

• On Feb. 13 Johnson A. Cleveland, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested on No. Madison Dr. for

driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to a breathalyzer test, failure to report an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and failure to stop.

• A Camden Ave. resident reported that a Hispanic male, approximately 25 years old, had followed him home after scraping his bumper in Plainfield. The man said he had been hit and left after police were called.

• On Feb. 13 a Wickford Rd. resident reported that their rear window had been punched in and unlocked to gain entry. Various jewelry from the master bedroom and a purse from the kitchen was taken.

• On Feb. 14 Gary Thomas Curran, 36, of Elberon was arrested on New Market Ave. for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• On Feb. 16 Charles C. Meehan, 25, of Plainfield was arrested on Park Ave. for speeding, reckless driving, driving while intoxicated and refusal to take a breathalyzer test.

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It would be scary to be blind and deaf because I would never hear anything and never see anything. The world would be blank to me. A fox runs through the forest. My brother yells at me. But to me, it's just blank.

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Knife Wielding Woman is Arrested

On Feb. 11 at 2:30 p.m., officers were called to the 100 block of Oak Tree Ave. on the report of a woman with a knife chasing a man down the sidewalk. An off-duty officer was reportedly attempting to arrest the suspect. When the police arrived, the off-

duty officer, Shane Lugo of the Metuchen Police Department, had the woman restrained and Officer Philip Aquilina took her into custody.

Recovered at the scene were two 12-inch butcher knives and a nine-inch steak knife. After further investigation, it was learned that the victim, identified as James Drayton, 38 and his wife, Pamela Drayton, 36, both of South Plainfield, had been involved in a domestic argument. Both parties said they had been under stress due to family issues. An argument escalated into the wife taking the three knives, two in one hand and one in the other and chasing her husband out of the house onto the sidewalk, which was seen by the off-duty officer, as well as several other motorists on Oak Tree Ave.

Drayton was seen attempting to slash her husband as he ran away from her. The off-duty officer intervened, identified himself and ordered the woman to drop the knives. She complied and was restrained by him without resistance. There were no injuries reported. Pamela Drayton was subsequently charged with aggravated assault and weapons charges. She was held on a \$1,000 bail.

Smoke Condition Reported at Senior Housing Complex

On Saturday, Feb. 7 at approximately 6 p.m. the South Plainfield Police and Fire Department responded to the senior housing complex on Morris Ave. on the report of a smoke detector being activated. Smoke from a frying pan in a third floor apartment triggered the alarm.

Two female occupants of the apartment, ages 94 and 75, were given oxygen by police after having difficulty breathing walking down the three flights of stairs to the lobby. Another unidentified resident also received oxygen from the fire department. All three were checked by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and refused any hospitalization.

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Franklin School fourth grader Joseph Arajua, last week's Junior Journalist Contest winner, with mom Gilda and sister Elizabeth, happily welcome Debbie and Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heros.

Junior Journalist

Win a catered dinner for your family from Hometown Heros through the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Contest! To enter, see story above or ask your language teacher at school.

It's All About Science at Sacred Heart

What was going on at Sacred Heart School this week? If you stopped by last Thursday night you would have encountered erupting volcanoes, whirling tornadoes, glowing lava lamps and huge animal cells. There were lots of birds, bugs and live fish swimming in their "natural habitats." It wasn't the filming of a science fiction movie. It was the Sacred Heart School Science Fair, coordinated by Robert Gillespie, eighth grade science teacher. Students, their families and faculty lined the halls to view exciting live experiments, models and life-like dioramas of nature. Students from PreK4 through eighth grade participated. The Science Fair was so successful that it will become an annual event.

The excitement did not end there. On Friday morning, students were taking rides around the gym on a



Sacred Heart School celebrates science at annual fair.

hovercraft, standing on paper cups without smashing them and getting showered by a "dinosaur nose." No,

not another movie. This time it was a presentation by Mad Science of New Jersey, sponsored by the Home School Association. The students discovered that learning about air can be exciting and great fun.


All of this, plus a pancake breakfast, teacher switch and teacher breakfast were held in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. Students, faculty and staff closed the successful week with a liturgy celebrated by Father John Werner.

Pack 234 Selling Tickets to Circus

Pack 224 is selling tickets to the Ringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey Circus on March 3 at Continental Arena. The Circus starts at 7:30 p.m. Ticket holders will be allowed entrance at 6:30 in order to go down on the three rings and interact with the clowns and animals.

Tickets are \$15 each. Seats are in section 212, rows 1-8.

For tickets, call Marie at (908) 755-3213. Checks should be made payable to Pack 224 and can be mailed or dropped off at 201 Lane Ave., South Plainfield NJ 07080. Deadline for ordering is Feb. 10.



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