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During Rev. Timothy Lambert's First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart Church the Sacred Heart School students for the month for January were announced. They are 8B: Ryan Hohner, PK: Sean Lavelle, 8A: Ashley Forbes, K: Emily Kearney, 7A: Kaitlin Muglia, 1*: Justin Inigo, 7B: Andrea Anguilar, 2*: Robert Ruiz, 6*: Caresse Simmonds, 3A: Mia Mathis, 5*: Zuleima Vielma, 3B: Patrick Bogart, 4*: Erick Colannello, Gym: Juan Edney.

Tingley Rubber Rezoned After Heated Debate

The Borough Council chambers were filled for Tuesday night's meeting. The proposal to rezone the 27-acre Tingley Rubber property from industrial to an age restricted residential zone produced a heated debate with most of those attending the meeting against the idea and some just wanting to find out more about it. Age restricted means that at least one resident must be 55 years old. Only Joe Zekas spoke in favor of the ordinance. In the end, the council voted unanimously to rezone the property.

Questions related to property taxes, access to stores, traffic and safety. Those objecting sighted nearby industrial property, train tracks and a gas pipeline, as well as noise from the traffic on Rt. 287. Mayor Gallagher said that 23 percent of South Plainfield's population consists of seniors. The Mayor added, "I am not trying to sell something that gets a lot of money for the borough; I think the need for senior housing is more important."

According to Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, the property is now vacant resulting in no revenue for the borough. Prospects for an industrial company purchasing the property are slight. If rezoned residential, this property will provide over \$1M annually in tax revenues; the first year \$3M will be received, 60 percent of which will go to the schools without any increased enrollment.

A traffic study conducted by Jack Morris, who is proposing to build on the development, says traffic, during peak hours will be less from a residential development than industrial. Bob Jones, who opposes rezoning, questioned any traffic study done by a proposed developer and felt there would be more credibility in an independent study. He asked that the council reject the rezoning proposal and take another look. He said he

did a study and if the project is built, there will be a 6.8 percent increase in the number of units in town and a

"What's popular is not always right and what's right is not always popular."

—Mayor Dan Gallagher

4.5 percent increase in our population. "We don't need this. It seems to be in the wrong place and the wrong use for the location," said Jones.

Mayor Gallagher stressed that this ordinance in front of the council was to rezone the Tingley Rubber property and not approve what it will or will not contain. The applicant will have to appear in front of either the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment to be granted permission to build. At that time all specifics will be presented and discussed before the board's approval.

The fact that Jack Morris is proposing to construct approximately 484 apartment units on this property, was a topic brought up several times. Morris

has built several properties during the past few years in Middlesex County, including Traditions on Durham Ave. On several occasions, speakers

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Court Gives OK to Junk Yard Cleanup Company's Failure to Act Leads to Shutdown

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell applauded the Superior Court for directing the Boro Auto Wrecking Company in South Plainfield to cease operations and for allowing the DEP unfettered access for 18 months to clean up the contaminated scrap yard. In addition, the court ordered Boro Auto to pay DEP a penalty of \$25,250. "I commend the court for recognizing the urgent need to address contamination at this significantly polluted facility," said Commissioner Camp-

bell. "The shutdown of this facility is long overdue after years of stalling by the responsible party. We are determined to clean up this site to help protect the Raritan River watershed."

In November, Attorney General Peter Harvey filed a motion in the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Middlesex County on behalf of the DEP calling for the closure of Boro Auto. Judge Travis L. Francis issued his order on Feb. 4. "Boro Auto Wrecking has contaminated land in South Plainfield with PCBs, gasoline and other hazardous substances, which put at risk the health of children and adults living in this community," said Attorney General Harvey. "Acting at our request, the Court has stopped the polluting activity of this company. We will continue to protect New Jersey's land, water and air through aggressive environmental enforcement."

"It is impossible to commend Commissioner Campbell adequately for his steadfast determination to remove this environmental hazard that has been left unattended for nearly 20 years," Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. said. "As a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, it is reassuring to know that the health and safety of those who live in our borough are a top priority to the Department of Environmental Protection." DEP has authorized \$500,000 to begin publicly funded testing and cleanup work at the Boro Auto Wrecking Site. Among the hazardous substances contaminating the

site and threatening nearby natural resources are PCBs and petroleum hydrocarbons.

DEP's initial scope of work calls for the classification and removal of on-site waste piles. Also, the site will be graded, a cap installed, and a stormwater collection and treatment system installed to prevent pollution of area water resources. A remedial investigation will determine the extent of off-site contamination. DEP's remedy also calls for the excavation of PCB soils and off-site disposal.

Boro Auto is a salvage and metal recycling facility that had been in operation since 1936. It processed automobile engines and transmissions and other types of scrap metal.

Previous investigations performed by the company found soil and ground water contamination from the company's operations. Tests of off-site properties revealed soil contamination from stormwater coming from the site. The state was forced to take this latest action after Boro Auto's failure to perform remedial investigations and actions required by a 1990 DEP administrative consent order (ACO), a 1997 judicial consent order and a 2003 DEP ACO.

According to Mayor Dan Gallagher, after the 18 month closure, if the DEP declares the property has been cleaned up, they can go back into business.

Gallagher added that he will be hard pressed from stopping the junk yard from opening again, but at least he will have 18 months think about it.

Accident Sends Three to the Hospital

Shortly after midnight on Sunday, a 1992 Toyota 4Runner owned by Dang N. Tran, 34, of Bloomfield, was traveling southbound on Hamilton Blvd., near Montrose Ave.

Tran's vehicle crossed over into the northbound lane and struck a 1995 Mitsubishi Gallant, operated by Darshan Suthar, 17, of South Plainfield.

As a result of the crash, Suthar sustained injuries to his arms and was taken to Muhlenberg Hospital by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Tran and his passenger Thong Nguyen, 34, of South Plainfield were transported to Robert Wood

Johnson University Hospital for treatment of neck and head injuries. All of the parties were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Tran was charged with assault by auto, a third degree crime, since he was operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. In addition, he was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to keep right.

Police Officers Michael Molinaro and Vincent Campagna are investigating this accident.

Anyone with additional information regarding this crash should contact Officer Campagna of South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Unit at (908) 226-7893.

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for the latest meeting agenda

council meetings

Borough Hall Council Chambers

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
March 1	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
March 15	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
April 5	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
April 18	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, *except where noted.

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

Feb. 22, March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 14, June 28, July 5*, July 19*, Aug. 16*, Aug. 30*, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 29*, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.

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

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

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

March 8 and April 5

Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

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

March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19,

Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 7 and Dec. 13.

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 (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor

conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

(No meeting February) and March 21



The South Plainfield Middle School Student Council, Student Council eighth grade advisor Joe Blondo, seventh grade advisor John Limyansky, history teacher Joe Bennett, guidance counselor Suzanne Wojcik and chaperones Debbi Lanza and Debbie Boyle went to visit the USS Battleship New Jersey in Camden. The USS New Jersey is the most decorated of all battleships. It is fully equipped with 142 guns and is eleven stories high. The Student Council is pictured in the Central Intelligence Communication room. At the end of the intriguing tour, they spoke with Bob Walters, one of the members from the battleship who served on the ship from 1955 until 1957.

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

Cub Scout Pack 207 from Franklin Elementary school held their Magic and Illusion Show, "Unbelievable," last Saturday. The show was successful both as a fundraiser for our pack and an enjoyable day for families of our town.

This show would not have been possible without the generous support of the following: John Bundy and Morgan, who donated the show and whose talent and generosity are truly Unbelievable; the *Observer* for the publicity, thank you so much Nancy Grennier, you always come through for a good cause; Commerce Bank for their generous donation, D&D Graphics for all your printing help. It's local businesses like these that we should patronize for their continued support of school activities; Greg and Kathy Lind for the concessions, your long hours and expertise are appreciated; South Plainfield High School for the use of their facility and the help we received from the staff; all the businesses that allowed us to hang posters; Nancy Smith for fielding calls and selling tickets for us; the parents of Pack 207 who helped in every way asked of them, you are the BEST and the community of South Plainfield for coming to the show. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

**SINCERELY,
THE MAGIC SHOW COMMITTEE,
PACK 207**

Dear Editor,

As president of the Library Board of Trustees, I am writing to inform all borough residents of an unfortunate situation which has arisen at the library and what actions the Board of Trustees will take to deal with it.

In recent weeks, there has been a group of a dozen (or so) students from the Middle School who come to the library every afternoon. It is obvious

to anyone who is at the library at those times, that this group has no intention of utilizing the library or its resources to do homework. Rather, this group of students (and, apparently, their parents) acts as if the library is operating a "latchkey program," with some students remaining at the library from 3 p.m. to early evening.

Not only is this group generally disruptive, but they also have been verbally abusive to library staff and other patrons. The improper behavior has even escalated to the point of causing injuries and to defacing library property. We also have received numerous complaints from our patrons about this behavior.

The library staff has attempted to control this group, but their efforts have been met with mockery and scorn by the teenagers and even some of their parents. It has even reached the point that a police officer has had to be called on a regular basis to control the group of teenagers.

The Library Board of Trustees has adopted a policy which authorizes the library director to suspend the library privileges and ban from the library, anyone whose behavior is inappropriate, disruptive, or disturbs other patrons. This policy is available for inspection at the library. Library staff will continue to call the police when necessary. In those instances where the behavior is particularly egregious, consideration will be given to taking more appropriate action.

The Library Board of Trustees has a responsibility and an obligation to provide a facility where all residents can come with the expectation that they can enjoy the library without being disturbed or harassed. We will not allow a small group of teenagers to ruin it for the 99 percent of our patrons who enjoy the Library and use it for its intended purposes.

Submit Letters to the Editor:

Letters may be submitted to the *Observer*, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax 908-668-8819 or by email: spobserver@comcast.net. Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m. Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. We reserve the right to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject.

The Board of Trustees appreciates the cooperation of all residents.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
ERIC M. ARONOWITZ**

To the Editor,

The Riley School Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance was held on Friday, Feb. 11 and it was a huge success! Thanks to all the fathers and daughters for coming out. We hope you had a good time.

The afternoon set-up ran smoothly. Thanks to Liz Nulty, Georgeann Larsen, Debbi Abood, Frances Ruiz, Babes Jenkins and Kathy Pittenger. Special thanks to Mohn's Florist for their generous donations of balloons. The gym looked beautiful. Thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen: Cathy Fisher and Sandy Marcovechio, your help was greatly appreciated. Joe Teller did a great job at the front door greeting our "sweethearts." Mary Piekarski and Donna Teller did a great job taking pictures. Laura Conrad and her creative picture frames were beautiful. The girls went home with a keepsake. To our dear Artie, your continuous generosity is greatly appreciated. Look out American Idol!! Special thanks to Kathy Pittenger for the running around and creating the goodie bags so the girls had something special to go home with.

It was a pleasure working with all of you.

JACKIE VILL

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You asked for it and we answered! Get the attention of every homeowner in South Plainfield in the March 18 issue of the Observer ... that's 8,000 households and more than 21,000 residents. The only better way would be going door to door. To reserve space for this special issue, call 908-668-0010.

Deadline to reserve space is March 9.
Call early for best placement.



Woman Found Dead in Auto

A 38-year-old Bridgewater woman with a history of mental illness was found dead in her parked car by a Marsh Ave. resident early Tuesday morning. The woman commuted to her job in Plainfield through this area of South Plainfield. The cause of death appears to be a suicide, pending an autopsy. The incident is under investigation by the South Plainfield Police Dept. and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.



Middle School seventh grade students Emily Piekarski, Amber Rogers and Bobby Sacks are participating in the FeederWatch Program.

Middle School Pupils Become Ornithologists During Winter

Who says birds fly south for the winter?

The students in Mr. Cefalo's science class at the middle school know better. They are participating in the classroom FeederWatch Program.

This part of the seventh grade science curriculum uses technology via the Internet to track birds indigenous to Central Jersey.

In conjunction with Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, students observe birds feeding at the bird feeders they made in class, which were placed in trees throughout the middle school

courtyard.

The young observers then enter their data via the Internet, which is tied into Cornell's database in Ithaca, New York. At the end of March, they will share their results with about 200 other middle schools participating in the program.

"It was cool to make the birdfeeders, and the project is interesting. I can't wait to go out there and look," said student Bobby Sacks.

Mr. Cefalo agreed. "The kids are really into this project. They might not enjoy going out there in the cold, but it's a great experience for them."

SPHS Students Raise Funds for Trip

Students in grades 10-12 currently enrolled in Spanish 3 and higher have been fundraising year-long to help offset costs of a planned trip to Costa Rica scheduled for spring break in April. Anthony Encinas, SPHS Spanish teacher, is in charge of the trip and has been busy planning different ways to raise funds for the trip.

The trip to Costa Rica will give students the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge they have acquired during their study of the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. In Costa Rica, students will communicate with local students and professionals in Spanish, introducing

them to a new culture and immersing them in their target language.

Students will also go on various day trips, which includes a visit to a Costa Rican high school so students can interact with students their age.

Encinas is intent on not letting the cost of the trip (approximately \$1,800 a student) prevent any child from being unable to participate in this extremely valuable experience. Since there will be no cost to the Board of Education, students have to raise all necessary funds themselves. The students have already participated in candy sales at the high school.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, the public is invited to dine at TGI Fridays in Piscataway and mention the SPHS International Explorers. The restaurant will donate part of the meal's proceeds for the trip.

On page 4 of this week's *Observer* is the coupon to hand in at the restaurant. Please help the students and enjoy a delicious meal at TGI Fridays!

For more information about the trip or the fundraiser, call Anthony Encinas at the high school at (908) 754-4620, ext. 408.

Goodwin to Portray Eleanor Roosevelt at Library Program

Rene Goodwin of the American Historical Theatre will be bringing her first person interpretation of former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt to the South Plainfield Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 27. The program, the first offered by the South Plainfield Historical Society in 2005, begins at 2 p.m. at the library, located on Plainfield Ave. It is offered free of charge.

Goodwin covers the first 55 years of Mrs. Roosevelt's life in this 25-minute presentation, which is followed by a question and answer session. Eleanor Roosevelt grew from an ungainly and unloved young woman

to become the US representative to the United Nations. This is the story of her emotionally difficult upbringing, marriage to a fanatically ambitious man who was also her fifth cousin, bore him six children and gave him her unwavering support during his illness. Eleanor lived in the shadow of a famous man but managed to carve out a career and reputation for herself.

The program is offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Rene Goodwin will portray Eleanor Roosevelt.

SPHS Players Gearing Up for Spring Production

By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield High School's annual spring musical production is underway! The 2005 season's production will be the classic musical *My Fair Lady*, based upon the George Bernard Shaw play *Pygmalion*.

The tale of linguist Henry Higgins, who uses his skills of language to transform ordinary cockney girl Eliza Doolittle into a sophisticated lady, is sure to captivate audiences in town.

My Fair Lady will be directed by SPHS's own Gloria A. Naso, who has directed previous shows at the high school, including *South Pacific* in 2004 and *Hello, Dolly!* in 2002. Choral director Tracy Glenn Murray will serve as vocal director, and Mark Tweed will again take the baton as orchestra director. South Plainfield's Color Guard Coach Darren Delaney will serve for his second consecutive year as choreographer, and Maureen Imbrosiano will produce the show. Additional crew members include Lynn Fasolo,

Dawn Noonan, and Dolly Cammarere.

The recently announced cast includes Peter Assad (Henry Higgins), Katie Mott (Eliza Doolittle), Eric Rhode (Colonel Pickering), John Roesch (Alfred Doolittle), Nicole Aguilar (Mrs. Higgins), Darren Kaczowski (Freddie Eynsford-Hill), Natalia Tamzoke (Mrs. Pearce), Leslie Sideck (Mrs. Eynsford-Hill), Patrick Pryor (George the Bartender), Jeff Seesselberg (Jamie) and Shawn Ferguson (Harry). Rounding out the cast are

Cassandra Krajcik, Katie Noonan, Susan Mott, Anna Ferrer, Sarah Brooks, Jessica Musolino, Adam Meyers, Shannen Rivers, Davonna Approvato, Britany Penevolpe, Jessica Vasquez, Clara Eskander, James Milliron, Max Memon, Erica Linick, Julia Zappi, Courtney Alston, Ashley Britton, Stephanie Troia, Krystal Williams and Nadine Yon.

Watch the *Observer* for continuing coverage of the production of this show, leading up to its debut on the SPHS stage in March 2005.

'Breakfast and a Book' Program

South Plainfield Free Public Library will present the program "Breakfast and a Book" on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m.

The program will feature a dramatic presentation of the book, *What Planet Are You From, Clarice Bean?*, followed by a discussion period. It will be performed by the "Eco-maniacs," an environmentally-oriented group of teens

from the Piscataway-area 4-H Club. The program is for children ages 6-10 and is presented free of charge. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.

The library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex on Plainfield Ave. For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the Library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

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Kindergarten Enrollment Set for March and April

Kindergarten enrollment in the South Plainfield School District for the 2005/2006 school year will be held during the months of March and April, 2005. Kindergarten enrollment packets are available in the Registrar's Office, located at the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.

Events Around Town

VFW Monthly Dinner

February 18

The VFW Post #6763 on Front St. will hold a dinner on Friday, Feb. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. Choice of chicken paprika or fish dinner. Cost is \$8 for adults and children and under are \$4. Take-out is 50 cents extra. For information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m daily and noon weekends.

Spaghetti Dinner

February 19

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Park Ave. is holding a all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 5-7 p.m. No reservations are needed.

A free-will offering will be taken. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. The price includes beverage and dessert.

For information, call (908) 757-4474.

GOP Monthly Mtg.

February 23

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Ave. at 8 p.m.

Robert Schroeder, Republican candidate for New Jersey Governor, will be the special guest speaker.

All residents of the borough are invited to attend and discuss any borough issues and concerns. For more information, visit www.spgop.com.

Pilgrim Covenant Open House

February 23

Parents and their children are invited to attend an Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, Inc., located at 3121 Park Ave.

The Learning Center, a state certified school with over 30 years of experience in childcare, offers a variety of programs for children ages 2½ to five years old. Programs include both full and part time classes, Kindergarten Enrichment and Summer Camp.

For information, call (908) 756-4879.

SPHS Mid-Winter Concert

February 24

South Plainfield High School will hold a mid-winter concert featuring the orchestra, choruses, jazz band and concert band at the high school auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students/seniors. Families with more than one child—the extra children go free!

Come and enjoy great music while supporting these talented children!!!!

AARP Meeting

February 24

The AARP Chapter #4144 will meet Thursday, Feb. 24, at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building. Our speaker will be Dr. John Salisbury, founder of the Visiting Physician Services, which has brought back the tradition of treating the elderly and homebound patients at their home.

Pilgrim Covenant Plans Art Auction

February 25

Pilgrim Covenant Church is sponsoring an Art Auction on Friday, Feb. 25, to benefit its Church Building Fund.

What's happening in **FEBRUARY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24... Lifeline Screening

March 7... Best of Branson at Hunterdon Hills

April 7... Oklahoma at NJPAC

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.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available
21	22	23	24	25
Center Closed	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am	Exercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 10 am 11:30 am, 1 pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Lifeline Screening	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available

TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

Tickets cost \$5 per person. A preview of the art selections at 7 p.m. and auction starts at 8 p.m. in the church on Park Ave. There will be hors d'oeuvres, coffee, cake and a raffle.

For tickets and information, call (908) 756-4879.

Sons of American Legion Spaghetti Dinner

February 26

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron #243 will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Post located on Oak Tree Ave.

Cost for adults is \$7, children under 12 are \$5 or free if under six. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds benefit the various charities and community organizations that the legion supports.

Recreation Trip to Italy

March 6-14

The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a nine-day classic Italy tour March 6-14. There will be sight-seeing tours to the Vatican, Ancient Rome, the Trevi Fountain and more. Per person cost is \$1,699, including airfare. A valid U.S. passport is required

For more information, call the Recreation Dept. at (908) 226-7713.

AARP Safe Drivers Courses

March 10 & 11, 12 & 19

The South Plainfield Chapter of AARP is holding two separate Safe Drivers courses, completion of which gives a three-year discount on automobile insurance, as well as a reduction of two points, if acquired.

The first course will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Piscataway Kennedy Library. The second course is Saturday, March 12 and 19, at Muhlenberg Hospital from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must complete both sessions to receive certification. There is no age restriction. Fee is \$10. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 to register.

High School Annual Auction/Raffle

March 12

South Plainfield High School is holding their annual Auction/Raffle on Saturday, March 12. This year we have a laptop computer, Club Med trip, 32" TV, gas grill, Broadway tickets, Yankees basket, an iPod, a large assortment

of gift certificates, theme baskets and much more. Tickets are on sale now for \$10. Order quickly; tickets sell out every year. The auction profits provide Project Graduation Class of 2005, along with a number of scholarships to deserving seniors.

Call Pat Anderson (756-6512) or Ellen Melanson (756-3731). No one under 18 will be admitted. Come out and support our graduating seniors.

SPHS Music Boosters Trip to Atlantic City

April 2

The SPHS Music Boosters are sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, April 2. The bus leaves the South Plainfield High School parking lot by the gym at 9 a.m. and returns approximately 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 with a cash back of \$15 per person from the casino.

For information or to reserve your seat, call Julie at (908) 791-0294.

Beach Boys' Revival

April 3

Good vibrations are back! South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to see "Beach Boys' Revival" on Sunday, April 3. Cost is \$90. Great seats! Bus leaves the PAL at 11 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Purchase tickets at the PAL.

MCRCC Business Networking Event

February 17

A 'Business After Business' Networking reception will be held on Thursday Feb. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Edison Hotel.

Come join your friends from the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce and Edison Chamber of Commerce and also have a chance to meet and chat with the new president of Middlesex County College - Joann La Perla-Morales for this HUGE networking event.

Cost for members is \$10, member walk-in \$15 and non-members \$25.

Please fax to (732) 821-5852 or register on-line at www.mcrcc.org.

Spiritual Singles Evening

February 19

An Evening for Spiritual Singles, ages 25 to 49, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at Provisi's Ital-

ian Restaurant in Morristown. \$10 service fee plus cost of dinner. A spiritual advisor will be available to chat with at dinner. Seating is limited.

RSVP by Feb. 18 to (732) 764-9073 or angelicbutterfly@iwon.com.

Basilone Commemorative Ceremony

February 19

On Saturday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m., Raritan will host a commemorative ceremony honoring its National World War II hero, Marine Sergeant John Basilone on the 60th anniversary of his death and the Battle of Iwo Jima. Sergeant Basilone received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his action during the Battle of Guadalcanal in the 1942 and the Navy Cross posthumously for heroism in the Battle of Iwo Jima where he was killed in 1945.

The ceremony takes place at his statue in Raritan and will include naming the newly constructed Lyman Street Bridge the "John Basilone Veterans Memorial Bridge" by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Woodbridge WOWs Dance

February 20

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will hold a member/guest dance-social on Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. The dance is from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The price is \$8 a person. Live music will be provided by the Blue Notes. Home baked

refreshments will be served. For more information, call (732) 297-1775.

Depression and Bipolar Support Mtg.

February 23

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA Morristown Area) will feature at its educational meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, Merritt Hubsher, M.D., Medical director of Pediatric & Adolescent Psychiatry Associates and ADHD Center of Northern New Jersey.

Visit their website at <http://dbsa.newjersey.org/morristownarea> to learn more about the chapter and to view links to other sources of helpful information. For local information, call (973) 994-1143 or the NJ Self-Help Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

"Strictly Business" Breakfast

February 25

The First Annual "Strictly Business" Breakfast will honor businesses that contribute to the health and growth of the region's economy through a commitment to workforce development on Friday, Feb. 25, 7:45-9:15 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel, 2055 Lincoln Highway, Edison. For more information, please contact Lisa Fiore at JFVS, (732) 777-1940.

Pat Cooper at Hunterdon Hills

February 25-28

Pat Cooper will be appearing in concert at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Feb. 25 through 28.

For reservations call (800) 447-7313 or (908) 730-8007.

25th Annual Doll Show

February 26

The 25th Annual Doll and Teddy Bear Show will be held at the Somerset County 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Rd., Bridgewater. The time is Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

An expert doll appraiser will be on hand again this year to appraise your precious dolls and let you know the value and history behind the doll. The charge for this service will be \$5 a doll.

There will also be a judged exhibit of dolls and teddy bears. Anyone may enter; the fee is \$2 per entry.

For further information, call Deb Metting at (609) 466-8005 or email at mettingd@yahoo.com.

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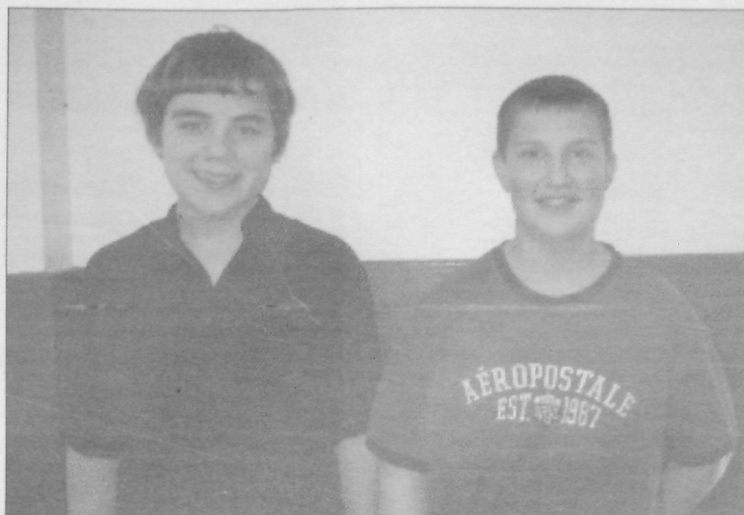
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Students to Perform in Region Ensembles

By Andrew Veiss

The South Plainfield Middle School hosted the Central Jersey Music Educators' Association Region II Intermediate Band and Orchestra Auditions on Jan. 29. There were approximately 800 band and orchestra students from Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties. The students had to learn a solo, memorize eight scales and perform some sight reading. The students were competing for an opportunity to perform with the Region II Concert Band or Orchestra.

This year two South Plainfield students made these ensembles. Ryan Harrington, a seventh grade student from the Middle School will be performing with the Region Concert Band on percussion. Nathanael Udell, a freshman at SPSHS will be playing with the Region Orchestra on the



Ryan Harrington and Nathanael Udell will perform with the Regional Concert Band in March.

French horn. The concert for these ensembles will be at Bridgewater Raritan Middle School on Sunday, March 14 at 3 p.m.

If you would like more information, please visit the CJMEA web site at www.cjmea.org.

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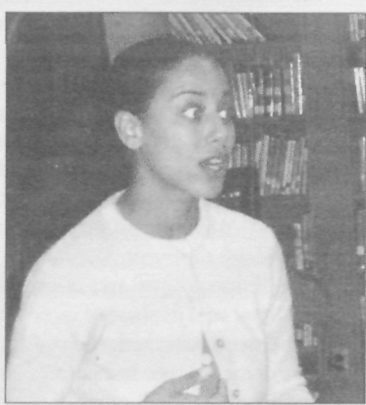
By Jane Dornick

As part of Black History month, Jessica Rodriguez from Theatreworks USA presented a one-woman show about the American Civil Rights movement to seventh grade classes at the South Plainfield Middle School on Feb. 11.

During her riveting performance, Rodriguez sat between two televisions with video taped images where she interjected herself into actual footage shot from the 1950's and 60's. She portrayed a young African American

woman growing up in the south on the brink of the civil rights movement. Early on she feels the daily impact of racism and then is introduced to leaders like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. Students witnessed the struggle and sacrifice for civil rights in America during this time and what it took to end discrimination and gain equal protection under the law for all.

At the end of the show Rodriguez held a question and answer period with students which discussed the issues that were raised during her performance.



Jessica Rodriguez

TSANJ Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Board of Directors of Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey announced that they are accepting applications for the 2005 TSANJ Scholarship Award.

The scholarship will be presented to a resident of New Jersey who is a

public or private high school senior, who has been diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome and who will be attending college or trade school in the fall.

The scholarship recognizes a student with TS who has a proven record of accomplishment and achievement despite the disorder. The recipient will be selected based on academic record, recommendations and a written essay or audio or video tape demonstrating the individual's talents. The winner will be announced at the TSANJ dinner in May.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship should call the TSANJ office at (908) 575-7350 or visit the website at www.tsanj.org. Applications are due by Apr. 30.

The 2005 Scholarship has been funded through the generosity of TSANJ supporters. The award is presented annually. Individuals interested in supporting the scholarship should forward contributions to Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey, Inc., 50 Division St., Ste. 205, Somerville, NJ 08876. Checks should note that the contribution is to be made to the scholarship fund.

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is an inherited neurological disorder that is manifested in involuntary physical and vocal tics. TS affects people of all ethnic groups.

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SPHS Parents Notice:

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Weekly Worship

A guide to local houses of worship

Pilgrim Covenant Church

3121 Park Avenue

Reverend Arnold R. Bolin, interim pastor

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Bible Study at parsonage

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Prayer: 7:30 p.m., Bible Study

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Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center

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St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

3145 Park Ave. (908) 757-4474.

Reverend Richard J. Kiesling, Pastor

Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion celebrated weekly

Religious Education and Adult Bible Class is at 9:15 a.m.

During Lent, Wednesday night services at 7:30 p.m.,

preceded by an optional 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper

St. Stephens also offers a Christian Martial Arts Program open to the community free of charge. This is held normally on Wednesday evenings, but during Lent it is on Thursday evenings. Ages 4-9 at 6:30 p.m. and 10-teens 7:30 p.m. Call the church office for more details on that program.

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Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Avenue

(908) 756-0633—www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net/

Rev. John P. Alvarado, Pastor

Weekend Masses—Saturday Vigil 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Daily Masses—Monday 7 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.,

Thursday 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday 3 p.m. (Divine Mercy Chapel)—7 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday 6:45 p.m. with Benediction and

Saturday following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Fish dinners every Friday during Lent are held in the cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m., sponsored by Saint Vincent de Paul and members of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus.

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Wesley Methodist Church

1500 Plainfield Ave.

Contact Pastor Thompson at (908) 757-2838 or (908) 756-1044 for any spiritual needs

During the Lenten season celebrate five weeks of Lenten Love during the 9 and 10 a.m. worship services. This concludes with a Prayer Vigil on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and is open to all friends, guests and members of Wesley Church.

Welcome in Christ on Palm Sunday March 20 and know the glory of Christ on Easter Sunday, March 27. Worship begins at 9 and 10:30 a.m. times. It is our prayer to see you there.

Wesley Five Weeks Of Lenten Love—As Christians we are thankful for God's amazing grace and love. God wants us to enrich our lives by passing on this love to others. Wesley Church encourages you to reach out to those in need of His love during the five weeks of Lent. Each week a different area of love will be emphasized.

February 20—Love and Presence—Your presence in someone's life is an important part of who you are. Lend an ear, send a card or note; you can be there for someone who could use a friend even if they don't ask first.

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South Plainfield Scouting



Troop 309 Creates Quilts

Grant School's Jr. Girl Scout Troop 309 paid a visit to the Children's Oncology Ward in Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in December. The visit was to hand out beautiful blankets to the children that the girls made at one of their meetings. With the help of Lisa Conrad and Linda Smalley, the girls made these blankets out of fabrics depicting "Sponge Bob," puppies, patchwork, footballs and clouds. There was a blanket made for every child in the Oncology Ward. The gifts really put smiles on their faces. The scouts also got an appreciation of how precious life is. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 309 is (top left) Chante Martin, Jessica Frank, Stephanie Sherwood, Danielle Tramutola, Rebecca Carney and Amanda Calvi; (bottom left) Taylor Bullard, Heather Calderone, Lauren Conrad, Megan McMahon and Jaime Parello.

Scouts Collect for Tsunami Relief

Riley School Cub Pack 224 scouts participated in a collection for Tsunami relief efforts. Scouts who participated were John Michael O'Sullivan, Christopher Markey, James Markey, Joshua Siepmann, Matthew Siepmann, and Frank Ferraro.

At right Chris Markey and Matthew Siepmann collect donations from passersby.



Photo by Christopher Abbott

Debbie Koppelman of North Plainfield (left) and her dog Maggie listen to dental technician Heather Corey.

Plainfield Animal Hospital Hosts Pet Dental Fair

By Patricia Abbott

The Plainfield Animal Hospital kicked off National Pet Dental Health month with a dental fair. Approximately 30 families attended the annual event. Dr. Scott Linick, hospital director and Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry, offered a presentation of common dental problems and their treatments. Pets received free dental examinations by staff veterinarians Dr. Allison Spielzinger and Dr. Tania Otero. There were tooth brushing demonstrations and tours of the hospital throughout the day. Representatives from Pfizer, Merial and Hill's Pet Food were on hand to explain their products as well.

Each guest was entered into a drawing for one of several prizes. Door prizes were baskets filled with dental products. Winners were Francis Fortney of Plainfield and Toni Banul of South Plainfield. The grand prize, a free dental cleaning, was won by Willie May Gieger of Plainfield.

"Guess the number of bones in a jar contest" winner was Wendy Bottone of Piscataway. She also won a free dental cleaning.

Staff members on hand were Amy Frankshun, Carol Flypczuk, Janice "Granny" Panell and Shannon Ward. Receptionists Nichole Bottone, Debbie Kromka and technicians Jennifer Zawistawski, Heather Corey and Neringa Tamulene were also on hand. Dr. Linick's wife Karen and daughters Erica and Ashley helped coordinate and publicize the event.

In addition to cats and dogs, the hospital has seen its share of more unusual pets, including hedgehogs, sugar gliders, a caracal, pot bellied pigs, assorted reptiles and all types of birds. Patients also included a baboon, a wallaby, a brown bear and a river otter from the Staten Island Zoo.

The 50+ year old hospital is slated to move into a new building sometime in the late spring. Construction is underway next door to the existing hospital.

Schroeder Guest Speaker at GOP Meeting

Robert Schroeder, Republican candidate for New Jersey Governor, will be the special guest speaker at the Feb. 23 meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization.

Schroeder will talk about his ideas to address the issues in New Jersey, and is looking forward to meeting the residents of South Plainfield to learn

their concerns about state government.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Rd. Borough residents are invited to come and meet Bob Schroeder, and discuss borough issues and concerns with the local organization.

For more info, visit www.spgop.com.

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John Bundy and Morgan with Cub Pack 207 after the Feb. 5 performance.

Magic Show "Unbelievable" Dazzles Dozens

By Jane Dornick

Franklin School Cub Scout Pack 207's fundraising magic show featuring the illusion team of John Bundy and Morgan thrilled and delighted the large crowd of young and old audience members on Feb. 5 in the SPHS auditorium.

The "unbelievable" hour and a half long show was probably more than what the audience had expected to see. Bundy and Morgan performed every trick in the book from simple rope

and hat illusions to sawing a woman in half and levitation. Audience members were also called up on stage to participate and left in disbelief as to what they had just witnessed.

During the half hour intermission, food, beverages and souvenirs were sold. Proceeds from the show go to fund programs for the scouts such as camping trips and other activities. World class magician John Bundy is a South Plainfield resident who generously donated his services to help raise money for the scout troop.

Team Cyclone Wins Battle of the Teams Middle School Team Lightning Takes Spirit Week Honors

By Jane Dornick

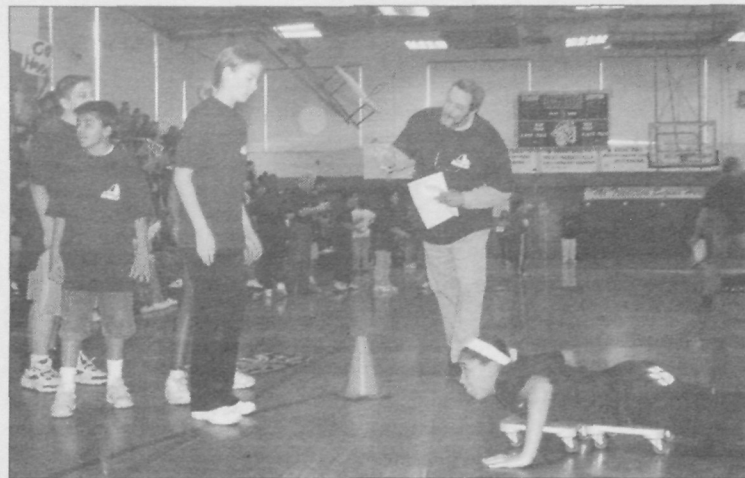
The South Plainfield Middle School wrapped up Spirit Week with their annual Battle of the Teams on Feb. 4 with seventh grade Team Cyclone taking top honors for the day.

During Spirit Week students receive points for different events held each day. There was Hat Day, Jersey Day, Tie Day, Green and White Day and Team Shirt Day. The overall winner for Spirit Week was eighth grade Team Lightning with 376 points. Team Cyclone placed second with 309 and Thunder came in third with 283 points for the week. Team Avalanche came in fourth with 278, Monsoon fifth with 241 and Tsunami was sixth with 118 points.

The final action culminated on Friday with all the teams being pitted against each other in physical challenges held in the gym. Students competed in relay races, basketball shooting, hula hoops races and more. The crowd noise was deafening with everyone cheering on and applauding their own teams. The crowd was spurred on by music from teacher and DJ John Limyansky. Team Cyclone claimed a victory with 51 points; Monsoon and Lightning tied for second place with 47 points; Thunder was third with 40; fourth was Tsunami with 33 and Avalanche finished with 22 points.



The Middle School's "Battle of the Teams" challenged the students' physical abilities in relays, basketball shooting, hula hoops and more.



Junior Journalist Corner



Roosevelt School 4th Grader Jessica DiCindio Named "Junior Journalist"



Junior Journalist Jessica DiCindio with Roosevelt School fourth grade teacher Susan Fleming (left) and school principal Jacqueline Keogh.

Jessica DiCindio, Roosevelt School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the *Observer*/Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Program. Her poem

"Sun," has won dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students are encouraged to submit their original poetry, articles,

opinion pieces or essays to their teacher, school principal, Hometown Heros located on Hamilton Blvd. or the *Observer* office.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be invited to a year end banquet in June.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

Sun....

By Jessica DiCindio

The sun shines all through the day before the flowers fade away. I love the sun so warm on my skin. I wish it stayed bright all through the day and night. I love the Sun even when it's cold The winter air is just so bold.

The cold will never keep me from the Sun Because before you know it-Spring has Sprung Sun....

Tingley Rubber

(Continued from page 1) insinuated that Jack Morris, who has made donations to the Democrats in the county, may have influenced the vote. (This sparked heated replies from council members. Kathy Thomas replied, "I am an honest person, the same as everyone on this board and I take exception to any statement saying we've been influenced. We take an oath to do what's best for the people of this town." Charlie Butrico commented, "I take objection to those comments. I have lived in this town my whole life and take a lot of pride in what I do up here. Based on its merits, I truly believe it is right for this community." Ed Kubala added, "I resent any statement made on a personal level to any council member. They don't belong in this discussion."

Look What's Going On at the Rec

Recreation Programs Offer More than Sports

Plans are underway for a recreation-sponsored trip to Italy for March 2005. The price is \$1,699/person and includes two days in Venice, two days in Florence and three days in Rome. If interested, contact Joann Graf at the Senior Center for details.

Recreation may have to go out to bid again for the improvements to Putnam Park and the soccer and football fields. The company that won the bid did not register with the state in a timely fashion and they may be denied the right to do the work by the state. They are appealing the decision.

Registration for Ponytail Softball ends March 7.

Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Las Vegas in May. For more information, contact Joann Graf at the Senior Center.

Registration for T-ball and Teener Ball ends April 8.

The Recreation High School Basketball League started on Dec. 23, 2004, with six teams in the league, who play on Thursday nights.

Teen Night started Saturday, Dec. 4. The attendance has been very low.

The Recreation Department sponsored Christmas Caroling, Christmas with Santa and the annual Christmas party were all well attended. I want to personally thank Peggy Devlin, all her relatives and Councilman Kubala for all their hard work this year.

Recreation answered over 400 letters to Santa this year. Special thanks to Ginny, Peggy, Maryann and Peter for answering all the letters.

New computers were installed in the Recreation offices in January. All the old computers have been set up in the game room so children can play video games on them.

New lights and new ceilings were installed in the offices and conference room over the holidays.

Recreation is in the process of purchasing tickets to a Yankees game and a Mets game. Dates have not yet been set.

A trip to Broadway in April to see the new musical "Good Vibrations" that showcases the songs of the Beach Boys takes place on April 3. Tickets are \$90 and can be purchased at the PAL.

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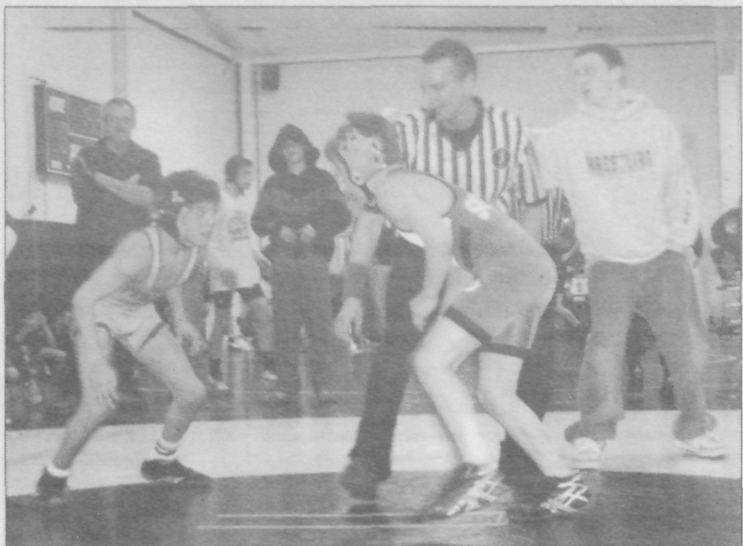
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Sports

Wrestling News

By Bob Hunter

South Plainfield Middle School Duals



The Third Annual SPMS Wrestling Dual Team Tournament was held last Saturday at the PAL.

It was an outstanding gesture by this year's South Plainfield Middle School Duals tournament director, Bill Ashnault when he presented the first place trophy to Haddonfield. South Plainfield and Haddonfield both finished the tournament at 3-0. It was determined that the teams from out of state should have the opportunity to wrestle all the different teams for the competition. The duals are

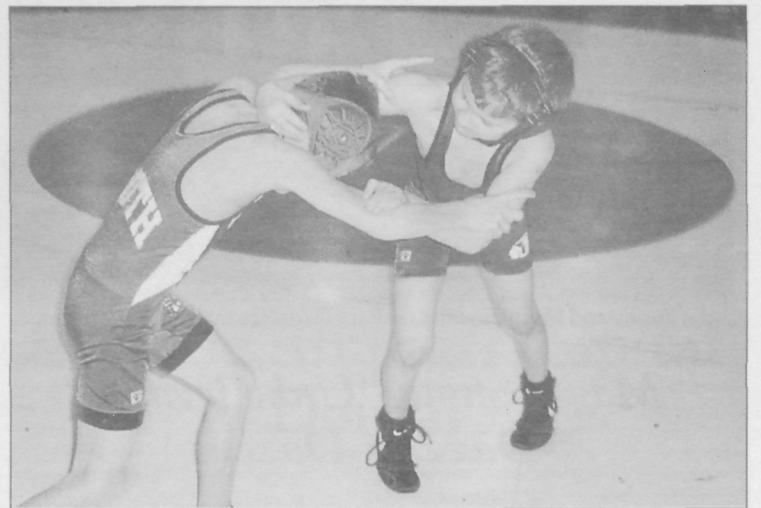
made up of middle school teams from around the tri-state area to test their skills against New Jersey competition.

Teams from Palisades Pa.; Danbury Conn.; Tyrant, Del. and Blue Wave, NY, along with Haddonfield and host South Plainfield made up two pools. The winner in each pool wrestled for first place honors. Haddonfield won pool A, while South Plainfield won pool B.

In the opening match the Tigers defeated Blue Wave 78-16 then went on to beat Palisades 63-22 and in the next round they defeated Danbury 65-27. In the semi-final round the Tigers faced the toughest test of the day when they came face to face with team Tyrant, who had defeated the Tigers earlier during the year at the Tyrant Duals in Delaware. The Tigers were in a real battle trailing 45-34 with two matches to go.

Jonathan Conroy (160) has been the go to guy all year and was needed once again. Conroy gave up the first takedown and then scored an escape and a takedown, but was reversed and trailed 4-3. The second period was scoreless, but in the third period Conroy went on the attack and scored the fall at 4:04 to secure the upset. Tyrant forfeited to Billy Whitefleet at heavyweight, giving the Tigers a 46-45 victory.

Tyler Hunt (70) went 4-0, Rich Szeliga (75) went 2-2, Vinnie Deponte (80), Nick Heilmann (85) went 4-0, Ryan Sacco (90) went 4-0, John Wylam (95) went 3-1, Corey Hay (102) went 2-2, Joe Vetuschi (109) went 2-2, Mike Wagner 114 went 3-1, Joel Santos (121) went 2-2, Nick Vallone (126) went 4-0, Justin Smith (134) went 2-2, JJ DeLillo (140) went 3-1, Bocilia Alvarez (152) went 4-0 Jonathan Conroy (177) went 4-0 and Billy Whitefleet Hwt. went 3-1. Congratulations!



Rec wrestlers battled against rival Scotch Plains last Friday at the PAL.

Recreation Wrestlers Prevail

The South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling Team had two impressive wins in Central Jersey league action. The Junior Tigers defeated Middlesex 62-13 and Cranford 52-15.

In the Middlesex match, Ryan Walsh (53) won by forfeit. Anthony Ashnault (60) put the Tigers into the lead with a fall at 1:33. Kyle Brady (63) followed with a pin in 11 seconds. Scott Whalen (70) won by fall in 24 seconds. Tyler Hunt (73) pinned his man at 1:12. Troy Heilmann (77) then won by major decision 11-2. Taylor Born (80), Jeff Conroy (85) and Randy Jakubik (90) all won by forfeit. Mike Molinaro (95) won by major decision 12-0.

In the Cranford match Troy Davidson (50) got the Tigers going with a 12-5 decision. Anthony Ashnault won by forfeit. Kyle Brady won by a 2-0 decision. Dillon Plainton (67) won by tech fall 16-0. Scott Whalen (70) followed with a decision win 11-5.

Tyler Hunt then won by major decision 11-0. Troy Heilmann won by decision 5-3. Chris Sloan followed with a major decision 11-2. Jeffrey Conroy shutout Brian Whitney 7-0. Mike Molinaro won by fall 2:41. Ryan Billich (102) won by fall at 1:23. Shawn Gorman (110) won by fall 1:30. Billy Whitefleet (Hwt.) won by fall in :45.

By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



Parents can still sign up their children for the 2005 season. The deadline is Feb. 28. After that date, kids will be subject to a waiting list. In order to sign-up your child, you must call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 or Lee Flanagan at (732) 684-8347. The fee is \$115.

All managers and assistant coaches are set in all leagues except in Pony B. We are seeking a manager and an assistant on this level.

Reminder to everyone, you must have your Rutgers Certification and must be a member of the club in good standing to manage and coach at the SPJBC.

The Recreation Department will be conducting a Rutgers Certification course on Thursday, Feb. 17, beginning at 6:45 p.m. Please call Mike English for further details.

Anthony Guida, freshmen boys

baseball coach at South Plainfield High School will be conducting a coach's clinic at the SPJBC on March 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Feb. 17 clinic had to be postponed due to Coach Guida's availability. All managers and coaches are welcome to attend along with any players. Door prizes will be awarded at this clinic.

Tryouts will be Saturday, March 5 at the PAL Building for ages 8-12, all kids must tryout. You will be receiving a postcard in the mail with your child's assigned time to tryout.

We have tickets on sale for a new Mercedes. Michelle Kunie and First Class Travel are sponsoring the second prize. Tickets are available from Nancy Salici or any Executive Board member. Call the SPJBC for tickets at (908) 754-2090.

SPHS Wrestling Tigers Top Del Val 34-21

The anticipated showdown against rival Del Val Terriers was as exciting as expected. New heroes seem to step up in every match and it was no different against Del Val. The number two Tigers were not phased by the packed gym and enthusiastic crowd, but came out ready to go.

With the match starting at 130 pounds, Del Val was up to their old tricks sending out Chris Kelly who normally wrestles 135 to lead off against Nick Dorey. The move paid off when Kelly won by tech fall 21-6. Dorey gave a valiant effort not to give up six team points. The match everyone wanted to see was Ed McCray, the undefeated 135 pound junior, against Kelly. McCray went to work taking down Dave Breines before scoring the fall at 3:12 to put the Tigers ahead 6-5.

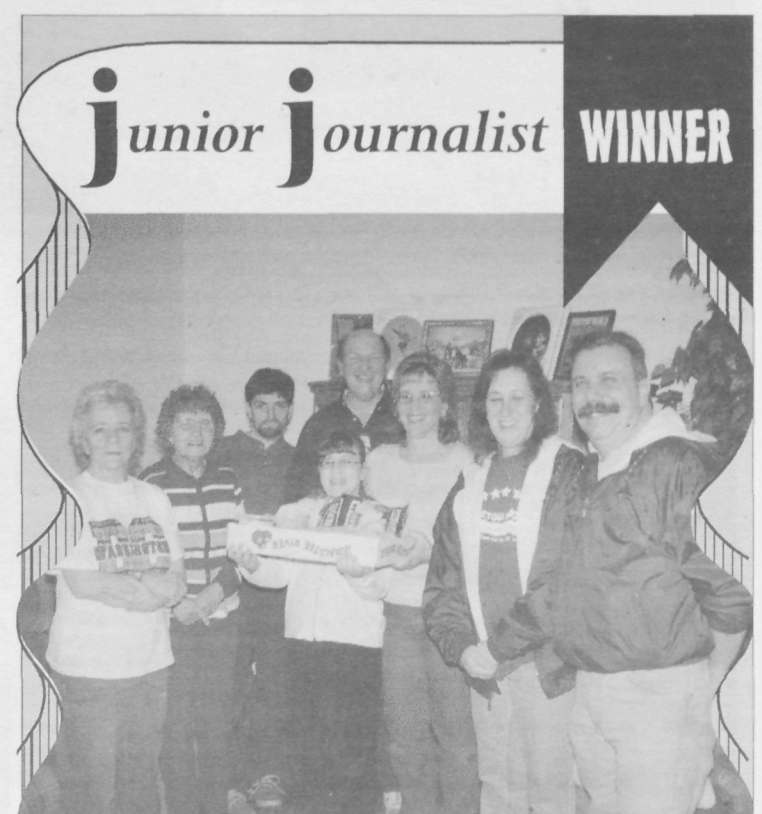
Pete DeAndrea (140) got caught early with a front headlock, but fought off his back and was saved from a pin. DeAndrea battled back, but time ran out, dropping a 9-6 decision. With the Tigers down 8-6 Mike Jakubik (145) who has been hampered by a bad ankle gave it his best shot but lost by major decision 19-7 to C.J. Inglin. Now trailing by six, the Tigers had Paul Ritchey (152) who put the Tigers back on the winning track when he defeated Mike Guenther 11-4. Sam Martin (160) was the first one to step up when he won a huge 3-1 decision over Matt Slaughter to tie the score at 12-12. Mark Wagner (171) almost pulled off another upset when he went ahead 3-2 late in the third period, but Matt Carr scored a late takedown to pull off a 4-3 decision. Kevin Crilly (189) tied it back up when he won by a 3-2 decision over Mike Limoli.

Rob Maistickle (215) gave the Tigers a six point lead when he pinned Adam Patrey in 11 seconds. The next to step up big was Preston Johnson, heavyweight, but only weighs about 194. He has done everything asked of him this year and that night he came

up big with a 15-5 major decision win over Mike Muscatell to give the Tigers a 10-point lead. Patrick Hunter (103) gave Dan Kelly, the number one 103 pound wrestler in the state, a run for his money, but came up short 9-4. Next to step up was Billy Ashnault (112), who faced former South Plainfield team mate Jacob Rosocha and scored a fall 45 seconds into the match to put it out of reach for Del Val.

Rosocha just moved to the Del Val school district this past summer. Another anticipated match between two top ranked wrestlers was Jimmy Conroy (119) against Chris Sigafoos. Conroy took the early lead and then got complete control winning a 5-1 decision. Viet Vo (125) dropped a 3-0 decision to Nick Lafevre to end the match.

The Tigers finished the dual meet season at 14-0.



Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heros present dinner to this last week's Junior Journalist contest winner Kaitlyn Graziano, pictured here with grandmothers Mary Russo and Betty Graziano, mom Lee Ann, dad Alan and uncle Tony.

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Sports

SPHS Bowling

BY RALPH FECH

Genova (647), Boley (645) as Tigers Thump Sayreville

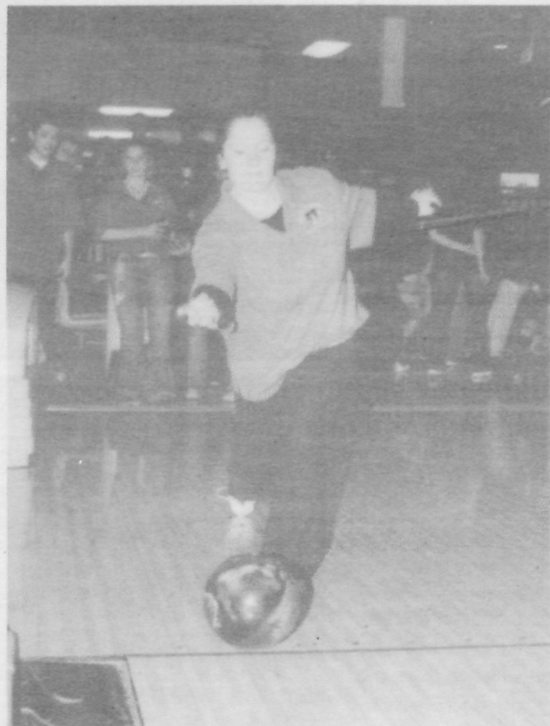
South Plainfield	888	910	967	2765
Sayreville	924	848	943	2715

Mid-State Lanes was the scene as the boys' bowling team concluded its regular season with a 3-1 comeback victory over Sayreville. The one-two punch of Tigers Vin Genova and Matt Boley was too much for Sayreville to handle, although the Bombers won the first game and built up a 36-pin cushion. Genova fired games of 257-245 for a 647 set, while Boley crushed the pocket with 193-226-226 and 645 set. Also chipping in were Nick Grego 191, Bobby Parello 185 and Daryl Valiero a 180 game.

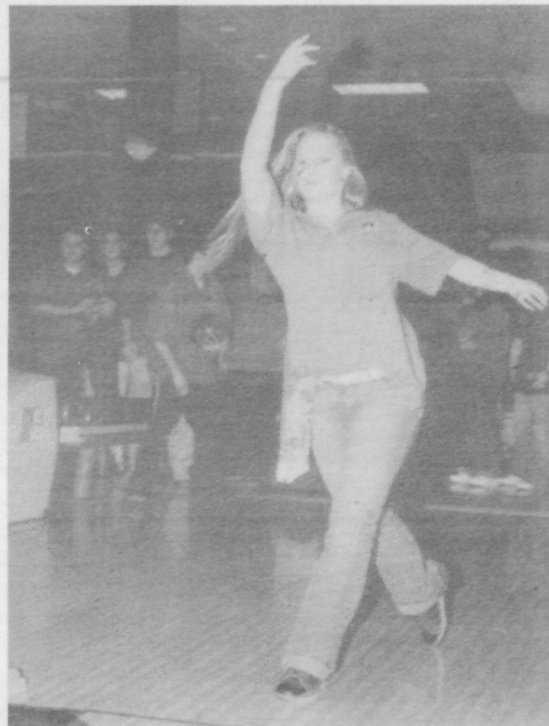
Lady Tigers Crush Sayreville, Jamieson (586), Gaub (521)

South Plainfield	852	756	755	2363
Sayreville	732	634	740	2106

The girls' bowling team was too much for newcomer Sayreville as the Tigers swept all three games and registered a 4-0 shutout victory over the Bombers. Beverly Jamieson fired her season's best 202-180-204 for a sparkling 586 total and teammate Kim Gaub turned in a solid 521 set on games of 211-160-150. Other Tiger scores included Angelique Rualo 156-188—461 set, Anna Ferrer 169 and Lindsay Hunsicker a 157 game.



Kim Gaub (left), SPHS senior, hit a booming 276 game in practice and Junior Beverly Jamieson rolls her season's best 202-180-204-586 set against Sayreville.



Tigers Post 18th Place Finish In 43 Team Field

The boys' bowling team bowled a solid 974 right from the start but could not get hot and keep up the pace needed to grab one of the four qualifying spots available in the Central Jersey Sectionals, which included 43 teams from five different counties. The Tigers followed the first game with 883 and 831 for a total series of 2688 and an 18th place showing. Nick Grego took scoring honors as he

fired games of 222 and 193 and a 558 set. Close behind were teammates Vin Genova 209-159-188 and 556 set, Matt Boley 191-195-168 and 554 and Shawn Ferguson 194-163-192 for 549 set. George Kleinknecht added a 173 game. The top four qualifying spots went to East Brunswick, Old Bridge, JF Kennedy and Carteret, all members of the powerhouse GMC.

Lady Tigers Place 12th in 32 Team Field

The girls' bowling team fired games of 782-773-742 for a 2297 series and a respectable 12th place finish in the Central Jersey Sectionals, which includes teams from Middlesex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset and Monmouth Counties. The Tigers turned in a solid team performance led by Beverly Jamieson 193-159-176—528 set, Kim Gaub's 179-162-161—502 total and Angelique Rualo's

151-178-154—483 performance. Katie Yon 147, Anna Ferrer 143 and Lindsay Hunsicker a 142 game chipped in for the green and white. The tournament, which sends only the top five teams to the NJSIAA State Finals, was dominated by the highly competitive GMC with Woodbridge, Carteret, East Brunswick, Colonia and Bishop Ahr getting to go to "the big dance."

Business Association Plans Golf Outing in May

The South Plainfield Business Association is sponsoring their 7th Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, May 3 at the Cranbury Gold Club in West Windsor.

Entry fee includes the 18-hole event; use of locker room, green fees and cart; continental breakfast; complimentary beverage cart; hot dog and chips "at the turn;" open bar (beer, wine and soda) and a BBQ luncheon. Casual attire. No metal spikes may be worn on the greens.

Prizes will be awarded for hole-in-one prize, the longest drive, closest to the pin (two holes), low gross, low net and the most honest golfer.

The day starts with registration

and a continental breakfast from 8 until 8:45 a.m. The shotgun start will begin at 9 p.m. and the open bar begins at 2 p.m. The BBQ luncheon starts at 2:30 p.m. and the day comes to a close with the 3:30 award ceremony.

The entry fees are as follows: Corporate-Eagle (includes four-some/flag/tee) \$1,000, Birdie (includes twosome/tee) \$500; Corporate Underwriter: Breakfast Sponsor \$250, Beverage Cart Sponsor \$250, Flag 1st and 18th Green \$175, Flag 2nd-17th Green \$125 and Tee Sign \$100.

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Riley Beach Party Just Misses Winter Storm



By Patricia Abbott

Riley Elementary School's Jan. 21 Beach Party narrowly missed the snow-storm of the year. The second annual event offered students and parents alike a timely simulated "day at the beach."

Beach party Chairman Rachel Henderson and the committee did an outstanding job of decorating the gym, giving it the feel of a sunny day on the boardwalk.

More than 175 children and parents were able to forget the impending storm and enjoy an evening of fun with games, food, prizes and music. DJ for the evening was Rachel's son Damian Henderson, a sophomore at high school.

The Riley School's "boardwalk" offered a wide variety of entertainment ranging from games of chance and challenge to artistic and just plain yummy. They include: *Almost Famous Players* Pirate Challenge, duck pond, fishing pond, 'hurl-a-turtle', donut eating challenge, fishy necklaces, craft project, putting green, face painting, dancing, pixie stick ice cream necklaces, sand dollar cookie making, colored hair spray, pizza and hot dogs. Winners chose prizes such as pirate bandanas and beach balls to hackey-sacks and bubble necklaces.

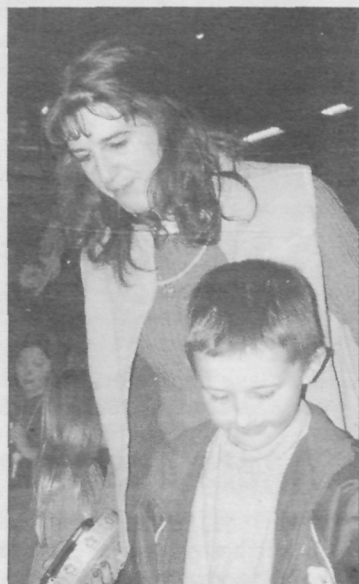
Donna Siepman, of Custom Cre-



ations at 24 South Plainfield Ave., provided helium for the balloons and Ciccio's Pizza assisted with the pizzas. The evening would not have been successful without the help of Linda Kelly's Cadette Girl Scouts, Marie Markey, Glen and Joy Ewing, Alice Masters and her son Jessie, AFP, Paula Kowalski, Jen Curtis, Paula Van Blarcom, Kathy Pittenger, 'mystery' clown Ann Buckelew, Debbie and Jeff Seider and son, Matt, Sharon Ferraro, Jim Buckelew, Sue Rickert, Liz Austin, Nicole and John Husch from the Plainfield Curling Club, Rachel's mom Carol Hart and uncle Tommy Hart, Donna Teller and her son and others. Rachel noted that custodians Artie and Bill were a great help as well.

Rachel offered kudos to the girl scout troop for getting kids and parents up and dancing. She said, "The girl scouts, yet again, were fantastic and flexible. I am once again beholden to them for their selfless dedication to their community. None of those girls have siblings at the school, yet understood my hope for success." She also praised the *Almost Famous Players* who ran a Pirate Challenge booth. "It was the big hit! I lack the words to describe the excitement those kids had awaiting the opportunity to challenge a pirate in a duel."

Rachel was thrilled with the turn-



out, she said, "It was a delight to see this event be successful yet again. There was no better way for a Riley child to spend a bitterly cold and windy Friday evening than at school, where the warmth of the room made snacking, fishing, and searching for Pirates as fun as a day at the beach! And finally, none of this activity could have occurred without the steadfast support of the parents of Riley School."



Friday Lenten Fish Dinners are Back at Sacred Heart Church

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus of the Sacred Heart Church are sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners every Friday until the March 18.

Dinners will be served in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria, at 149 South Plainfield Ave., from 5 to 7 p.m. Take out dinners are available.

The menu will feature filet of fish

(fried, broiled, parmigian) or pizza; fresh garden salad, French fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea or cold drink, plus dessert. 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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BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

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 15, 2005 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 will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such lease ordinance follows:

Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2005 ROADWAY AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,140,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$620,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Various roadway and sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to, the expansion and construction of roads, the acquisition of permanent and temporary easements, the acquisition and installation of street lighting and traffic signals, the construction of sidewalks and curbs and storm drainage improvements, in and by the Borough.

Appropriation: \$1,140,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$620,000
Grants: \$118,100 Grant expected to be received from the Middlesex County Downtown
Appropriated: and Business Improvement Fund, \$170,000 Grant expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and \$200,000 Grant expected to be received from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund.

Down Payments: \$31,900
Section 20 Costs: \$200,000
Useful Life: 13.47 years

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$70.00 February 18, 2005

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 perform a physical inventory of all Borough-owned property in accordance with the requirements of technical accounting directive #85.2; and

WHEREAS the Borough has received a proposal from Moore Industries, Inc. to perform said inventory at a fee not to exceed \$4,000.00; 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 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and will be made available in the FY 2005 Financial Department Budget, account # 5-01-20-130-000-235.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a professional services contract with Moore Industries, Inc in the amount not to exceed \$4,000 to perform a physical inventory for all Borough-owned property.

#05-053
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$36.75 February 18, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

February 13, 2005—Public notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on February 10, 2005.

Case #71-04—Beverly Hills Estates. Block 282; Lot 40.01; Martin Drive. The applicant's request for a waiver from the requirement to provide public improvements along the entire frontage of its lot was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

Case #03-05—Jon E. Ross. Block 139; Lot 13; 142 Hudson Street. The applicant's request for a southerly side yard setback variance to erect a second floor addition was hereby GRANTED.

Case #04-05—Michael and Victoria Wojcik. Block 249; Lot 84; 17 Celentano Court. The applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance to erect a prefabricated sun room and the expansion of a non-conforming two family use was hereby GRANTED.

Case #05-05—Robert and Louise Doyle. Block 342; Lot 9.01; 230 Arlington Ave. The applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance to erect a prefabricated sun room and the expansion of a non-conforming two family use was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$34.15 February 18, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1685

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

Ord. 1685 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE, AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CH. 714 OF THE LAND USE CODE ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZEN/ACTIVE ADULT ZONE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 15, 2005 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$22.75 February 18, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1686

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

Ord. 1686 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITION FOR THE YEAR 2005 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 15, 2005 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$22.75 February 18, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1687

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

Ord. 1687 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPEED LIMIT ON NEW DURHAM ROAD BETWEEN STELTON ROAD AND NEW BROOKLYN ROAD 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 15, 2005 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$22.75 February 18, 2005

NOTES FROM The Senior Center

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE: AARP representatives will once again be offering Income Tax preparation at the South Plainfield Senior Center have begun. The service will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please bring all necessary tax forms such as W-2, SSI, 1099s, Bank interest and mortgage summaries, etc. to expedite the processing of your tax returns.

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP: The Senior Citizen Center is sponsoring monthly trips to Atlantic City on the first Wednesday of each month. You do not have to be a member of the Center to participate. Trips are scheduled for March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1. Stop in at the Senior Center and sign up. The cost is \$150, which is returned to you by the casino on arrival. The bus departs the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m.

THEATRE TRIP: Last chance to get your tickets for *The Best of Branson* at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. This popular musical/variety show features a performance by Country star Tim Gillis. The date is March 7. Cost is \$50 including transportation, a wonderful luncheon and the show. The bus de-

parts the Senior Center at 10 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE: Reservations are now being accepted for a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday evening, March 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. The evening will include a corn beef and cabbage style dinner and dancing. Reservations are filling up fast so stop in at the Senior Center to sign up.

"OKLAHOMA" at N.J. PERFORMING ARTS: The Senior Center will be sponsoring a trip to NJ PAC on Thursday, April 7 for a matinee performance of Rogers & Hammerstein's *Okalahoma*. Tickets are \$40 per person and includes transportation.

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Obituaries



Joseph M. Capriglione

Joseph M. Capriglione, 86

Joseph M. Capriglione, known to many as "Joe Cap," died on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at his home.

Born and raised in Newark, he lived in Irvington before moving to South Plainfield 47 years ago.

He had worked for 40 years as a supervisor in his family's business, F&V Coil Winding Corp. of Newark, before retiring 16 years ago.

Joe Cap was an Army veteran of WWII. He had seen combat action in the Philippines.

He was a member of the Italian American Progressive League, where he had tended bar and he also belonged to the VFW Memorial Post 6763 and the American Legion Chaumont Post 243.

Joe was a fantastic and loving grandfather. The loves of his life were his two very special grandsons, Gerald and Michael Williamson. He enjoyed shooting pool and had been gifted as an extremely talented artist. He was a die hard Yankees fan.

In addition to his grandsons, he is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Margaret Foica Capriglione; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Gerald Williamson of Piscataway; three sisters, Susan Olesky and Ann Sellari, both of Kearny and Jean Russo of Lyndhurst and by a brother, Anthony Capriglione of Nutley.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

Kevin C. Stanislao, 22

Kevin C. Stanislao died suddenly on Monday, Feb. 7 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, Kevin lived in North Plainfield his entire life.

A 2001 graduate from North Plainfield High School, Kevin attended Raritan Valley Community College for two years and currently was attending Middlesex County College. He worked part-time for Watchung Ridge Assisted Living in Watchung.

An avid drum player, Kevin played the drums in a band called "Maximum Over Drive."

He is predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Paul and Angelina Stanislao.

Surviving are his parents, Monico and Dolores (Jankoski) of North Plainfield; a brother, Paul; his fiancé, Roseanne, also of North Plainfield; his maternal grandparents, Charles and Angelina Jankoski of South Plainfield and an uncle, Michael Jankoski and his wife, Neva, also of South Plainfield. Also surviving are numerous great aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Florence M. Galbraith, 81

Florence M. (Mazauskas) Galbraith, 81, died Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, she resided there until moving to Mt. Carmel, Pa. and then to South Plainfield in 1960.

Mrs. Galbraith was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Galbraith was preceded in death by her loving husband of 53 years, Alexander J. Galbraith, who passed in 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas John Galbraith of South Plainfield and Kevin Galbraith and his wife Patt of South Plainfield; three daughters, Patricia Owens and her husband Jim of Centerville, Va., Christine Lazarchick and her husband Andy of Sewell and Eileen Galbraith of South Plainfield; four brothers Leonard Mazauskas, George Mazauskas, Albert Mazauskas, and Richard Mazauskas; three sisters Lillian Cohen, Barbara Fay and Eleanor Sarzano and seven grandchildren.

Funeral were held at the South Plainfield/Conroy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Galbraith's name to the South Plainfield Police PBA Local 100, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield NJ 07080 or to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Harriet M. (Lavigne) Square, 83

Harriet M. (Lavigne) Square, 83, died on Monday, Feb. 14 in her home.

Born in Trenton, Harriet had resided in Plainfield and South Plainfield before moving to Piscataway 25 years ago.

She was employed as a waitress for 25 years at the former Sleepy Hollow Inn in Scotch Plains before retiring in 1991.

Harriet was a member of the South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763 Ladies Auxiliary and a mem-

ber of the Post's Cooties #41.

Her husband, Eugene Square, died in 1993.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Andrew Ksenzakovic of Piscataway, Carol and George Wilson of South Plainfield, Nancy and Nick DiDonato of Piscataway and Mary and Jeff Dietzold of South Plainfield; two sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Ann Square of South Plainfield and John and Deborah Square of Asbury and a brother, William Lavigne of Osceola, Fla. Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

The family requests donations in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

Maureen J. (Quinn) Crilley, 78

Maureen J. (Quinn) Crilley, 78, died on Sunday, Feb. 13 at Cranford Health and Extended Care Center in Cranford.

Maureen was born on Aug. 23, 1926 in North Arlington, NJ. She settled in South Plainfield 48 years ago from Harrison. She was the oldest daughter of the late Jeanne and Joseph Quinn and graduated from St. Vincent's Academy for Girls in Newark.

Maureen married Patrick Crilley, a Navy veteran of WWII, at Holy Cross Church in Harrison in February of 1946.

She was employed as a secretary at the Plainfield Country Club from 1960-1963. She then went to work for the South Plainfield Board of Education as a secretary to Mr. Jarre, the Curriculum Director in the South Plainfield High School for twenty years, until retiring in 1987.

She enjoyed bingo, knitting and crocheting, vacationing down the shore and her grandchildren. In addition, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

Until Patrick's death in 2001, they were quite the dancers, keeping the 1940's jitterbug steps alive throughout their marriage.

She is survived by three daughters, Maureen Zackey of Stuart, Fla., Kathleen Moschitta of Kentilworth and Kelly Clementi of Kentilworth; three sons, Patrick of Madison, Wisc., Michael of Canaan, Conn. and Timothy of South Plainfield; a sister, Rita Blaney of Dunedin, Fla.; fourteen grandchildren, Tony, Clifton, Shanny, Danielle, Shaun, Gabe, Katie, Kevin, Amanda, Kyle, Kristie, Erin, Kenny, and Jenna; her sisters-in-law Annamae, Robbie, and Grace Crilley and her brother-in-law, Bill Blaney.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hos-

pital, 501 St. Jude. Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Marjorie A. (Kobza) Buczek, 80

Marjorie A. (Kobza) Buczek died on Thursday, Feb. 10 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Mrs. Buczek had resided in South Plainfield since 1972.

An accomplished seamstress and talented crafter, Marjorie was an avid reader who loved to travel. She worked as a supervisor for Maidenform in Edison for 14 years before retiring some time ago.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Mrs. Buczek was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church.

In 1971, her husband, Plainfield Police Patrolman Frank Buczek, died in the line of duty.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela Luther of South Plainfield and Deborah Binz and her husband, Jeff of Burlington; a son, Frank "Skip" and his wife, Meryl of Summit and five grandchildren, Alyson, Matthew, Samuel, Benjamin and Victoria. Also surviving is a great grandchild, Christopher.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

Concetta Magyar, 94

Concetta Magyar, 94, died Monday, Feb. 14 at home. Born in Italy, she has resided in South Plainfield for 75 years. Mrs. Magyar was the owner of the former Bruno Dress Shop in South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield/Conroy Funeral Home.

police report

• On Feb. 11 David Bruce Devesa, 46, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, hindering apprehension and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Adalgaisa Rosario, 32, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while suspended, failure to signal to a turn, failure to use child restraints and an outstanding warrant during a motor vehicle stop.

• Robert E. Vaughn, 39, and Jimmy R. Stanley, 33, both of Plainfield were arrested for shoplifting two packages of bed sheets worth \$97 from Kohl's. They were also charged with hindering apprehension after a motor vehicle stop.

• Quick Chek on Sampton Ave. reported that the South Plainfield Junior Baseball donation box was found broken in the bathroom and the money missing.

• On Feb. 12 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of his 1987 Nissan Maxima which was left running in the parking lot of Bravo Supermarket on W. 7th St. The vehicle was recovered several hours later on E. 7th St.

• On Feb. 13 Ishmel S. Sesay, 21, of Somerset was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and an outstanding warrant while parked in the lot near the DMV.

• On Feb. 14 a resident of Best Western on New World Way reported the theft of two watches and a cell phone from his locked room.

• New Life Christian School on New Brunswick Ave. reported that someone had dumped approximately 20 large bags filled with construction debris on their property.

• A Beatrice Ave. resident reported that the passenger side front fender of her vehicle had been kicked in while parked at the Polish National Home on New Market Ave.

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