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Middle School Wrestlers 2nd in Paulsboro Duals

The South Plainfield Middle School wrestling team, now 23-3 on the season, wrestled in the Paulsboro Duals and came home with a second place finish to Team Delaware. Team Delaware consists of six different schools making up one team. With very stiff competition from South Jersey and Delaware, the tournament consisted of teams from West Deptford, Collingswood, Kingsway, Paulsboro, Highland, Clearview and Delaware.

South Plainfield opened with West Deptford and prevailed 76-12. Winning for the Tigers were Patrick Hunter 75, by forfeit; Billy Ashnault 80, by major decision 12-3; Jim Conroy 85, by forfeit; Nick Dorey 90, by fall; Sam Martin 105, by fall; Anthony Neimeczyk 110, by fall; Mark Warness 115, by forfeit; Tony Nugyen 125, by fall and Justin Huffsmith 132, by fall. Anthony Fierro 140 and Opie Muse 150, both won by forfeit. Rocco Petriello 160, won by a fall and Kevin Crilley Hwt. by a fall.

In the second round the Tigers faced Collingswood in a battle which the Tigers won 42-36. In a move to seal the first two matches, Collingswood bumped down their 80 pounder, Kyle Bushby, to face Patrick Hunter at 75 pounds. The move backfired when Hunter won a major decision 9-1. Billy Ashnault 80, then pinned Joe Palumbo in the second period to give the Tigers an early 10-0 lead. Jim Conroy 85, pinned Sam Roerinson at 0:32. Nick Dorey 90, won a major decision over Rich Pennisi 11-0. Mike Jakubik 95, won a 9-2 decision over Chris Chambers. Sam



Pictured are the Middle School Wrestling Team holding the runner-up trophy from the Paulsboro Duals.

Martin 105 and Anthony Neimeczyk 110, both won by forfeit.

Justin Huffsmith 132, came up with the biggest win of the day when he won a 10-5 decision over Steve Nagle. The Tigers dropped the next four matches, two by fall and the match was all tied up, setting the stage once again for heavyweight Kevin Crilley, who pinned Thomas

Carmichael, to secure the victory 42-36.

In the finals, the Tigers gave it their best shot, but were out gunned by the all-star team from Delaware. Patrick Hunter 75, gave the Tigers a short lived lead when he won by decision 5-2 over Corey Funk. The Tigers dropped the next five bouts, until Billy Daly 110, won by forfeit. The next

Tiger win came at 150 when Opie Muse pinned Bill Strong in the third period. Kevin Crilley 175, closed the scoring with a fall over John Reeves at 2:03.

The Tigers lost four matches by one and two points. Coach Shane Cagin was happy with the overall performance of his team "In the finals we lost some close matches that could have made it a closer match but the kids wrestled hard all the same, said Cagin.

The final score was Team Delaware 58, South Plainfield 21.

Submitted by Robert Hunter

High School Tigers Wallop Wall 45-14; Move On to Central Jersey Group III Finals—Page 9

SPHS Track Gets New Look

by Jane Dornick

Come spring, the South Plainfield High School Track Team will finally have the opportunity to workout and host meets again at home. The high school track at Jost Field is being completely renovated and resurfaced. The track circles the high school football playing field.

During the past few years bad weather has taken a toll on the running track and it has been unusable for practice or meets the past few years. The Board of Education had attempted to patch it up for awhile, but conditions on the track worsened and simply became unsafe for runners. For the past two years, all home meets were held away because the surface had been declared unsafe.

Parents have been to several Board meetings asking that a new track be built. Now through the efforts of Board of Education President, Frank Mikorski and Board Member Jeff Seidel, they have obtained the services of South Plainfield's Stilo Paving to tear up and remove the old track. Stilo Paving is donating both its manpower and its equipment at no charge. Bids will be going out for installing the new track shortly.

According to Track Coach Bill Milone, the new



"state of the art" field hopefully will once again attract the Annual State Track Conference back to South Plainfield. Coaches, teams and spectators come from all over the state and spend the weekend in this area, bringing in a lot of revenue.

Jeff Seidel said that Stilo will spend several days ripping up the field. When the weather breaks, a new track surface will be laid down. The new track should will be ready in time for the start of the spring track season.



Resident Charged With Road Rage

Last Wednesday morning a 38-year-old female Plainfield resident drove into the South Plainfield Police Department parking lot and reported that a motorist had just pointed a gun at her.

She said that she had apparently not let the motorist merge as they both proceeded through a traffic light. The motorist reportedly followed her to the intersection of Maple Ave. and Plainfield Ave., where both were stopped at a traffic light. The motorist reportedly exited his vehicle yelling at her, then pointed a handgun at her. She described the suspect as being a white male operating a light blue full size pick-up truck.

The next morning, patrol and detective units established a surveillance of a vehicle matching the description given by the victim. As a result, David A. Riccadonna, 40, was stopped and detained. The victim identified him as the suspect. He was transported to headquarters and charged with aggravated assault, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon. A handgun was recovered at his residence.

Bail has been set at \$10,000 for Riccadonna, who is a resident of South Plainfield.

Fire/Rescue Volunteers Get Free Pool Memberships

Members of both the South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad will receive free memberships this year at the community pool as a way of saying thank you for their volunteer services to our community.

The Borough Council had asked Recreations Commission members at their February meeting if they would agree to giving the volunteers free membership.

Recreation Commission members unanimously voted to the idea and voted to allow all members and their families to enjoy the pool facilities at no cost.

The mayor and council have been trying to find ways to say thank you to all of our volunteers, who spend hundreds of hours throughout the year and receive no compensation.

The council is also hoping that this move will help to recruit more volunteers to either the fire department or the rescue squad. The use of volunteers saves the borough money, because if we had a paid squad and fire department, our municipal taxes would raise substantially.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING **PUBLIC MEETING**
Tuesday, Feb. 19 Thursday, Feb. 21
Monday, March 4 Thursday, March 7
Monday, March 18 Thursday, March 21

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 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, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Feb. 26, March 12, March 26, Apr. 8, Apr. 23, May 14, May 28, June 1, June 25

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Feb. 19, March 5, March 19

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:
Feb. 21, March 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 5, Apr. 2, May 7, June 4, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

March 13, Apr. 10, and May 8

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays, March 12 and Apr. 2 at 7 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg., held on Tuesdays, Feb. 19, March 19 and Apr. 9 at 8 p.m.
Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee, Wednesday, March 6 and March 27

business advisory group

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

trafficsafety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall
Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24,
(Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18



Everyone was smiling at Kennedy School Monday night because Commerce Bank had just donated \$1500 to the Kennedy Playground Fund. Pictured are Councilman Dennis Cerami, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Kennedy PTSO President Sue Barry, Assistant Manager of the South Plainfield Commerce Bank Julie Skula and Fanwood Branch Manager of Commerce Bank Darlene Pinto.

IN MY OPINION

To the Editor,
People who make a difference

The residents of Cybowski Court in South Plainfield would like to thank Cybowski Court resident Howard Boyce for clearing the court of snow as well as keeping our driveways and sidewalks clean after each snowfall. Howard never accepts money for his hard work, a simple "thank you" was enough. All last winter the court was plowed immediately after the last flakes fell. And after our first snowfall this winter, Howard took out his trusty plow late at night while we slept.

When morning came, we awoke to a plowed court. When asked why he does the plowing, Howard replied, "I enjoy helping others. This is not work. I'm having fun helping my neighbors out."

Thank you Howard Boyce. Your hard work and kindness are truly appreciated.

YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS OF CYBOWSKI COURT

To the Editor,

At a time when our President says to be nice to our neighbors, apparently "Paul's Stationary" in South Plainfield on the Hamilton Blvd. was not listening, or just ignored it.

I made a copy of my license, took the copies and accidentally left my license in their machine. Something like "leave the guns and take the cannolis."

Missing it a day later, I called to see if I left it there. He answered that I had and to bring five dollars when I came to get it. "For what?" I asked. "For your license," he replied. Three times, thinking he was joking, I asked are you serious, kidding or joking. He replied, "If you went to motor vehicle it would cost you five dollars for a new one," and he hung up.

Upset, I called the South Plainfield

Police and asked if this was true. They said "no." The officer I spoke to told me to go back and get my license and that he'd make a call to him before I got there and he did.

I went and asked for it and he replied "Did you bring the five dollars." I asked, "Did the police call?" All the while he was laughing like a hyena. I asked for my license three times and he just kept laughing. When I started to leave he finally gave it to me. I think his intentions were to embarrass me in front of the five or six customers in

the store. Because I would not pay his ransom, I left there with him still wailing in the background and asked myself, was I the first and will I be the last he tries to flim-flam?

He laughed when I mentioned calling the police or writing a letter to the newspaper. His answer to this was, "Go ahead, I don't care!" Has he no respect for himself or his fellow Americans? Shame on him. I also want to apologize to all the hyenas of the world, it was just an analogy.

DOROTHY KOHUT

The South Plainfield Observer extends their appreciation to Hometown Heros for naming Nancy Grennier "Hometown Hero" of the month and providing lunch for the staff. It was AWESOME!

Notes from the Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission met last week and reported on the following:

- Youth Basketball will end at the end of February. Pictures have been distributed and trophies will be given out this week.
- The Recreation Wrestling Tournament will take place at the high school on Feb. 15 through 17.
- The Adult Basketball League currently has a tie for first place. Playoffs begin in a week.
- The Recreation High School Basketball League is proving to be a success and will be expanded next year.
- Registration has begun for Ponytail Softball and continues until March 16. The Recreation and Public Works Departments have installed the netting for the batting cage at Pitt Street Park. A & B Leagues will be selected on March 12 and C League on March 13. A coaches clinic will be held at the PAL on Saturday, March 16. A Rutgers Safety Clinic will be held at the Middle School on March 19. Fingerprinting for coaches takes place March 21, 26 and 28.

Opening Day Ceremonies will take place on Saturday, April 13.

- Indoor Soccer is off the ground, with over 80 participants involved.
- T-Ball and Teener Ball registration begins on Feb. 25.
- The Construction of the Senior Citizen Center is slightly behind schedule, but moving along. The rough plumbing and electrical work is all complete. Sheetrocking is almost complete. They should be starting the outside later this week.
- Free Tax Preparation for seniors begins on Thursday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the PAL and will be available every Tuesday and Thursday until April.
- Mike English reported that he has received two bids on the cost of a skate park. The proposed site is directly behind the library, where the old tennis courts were located. The surface is right and its already fenced. The commissioners requested a study of just how many youths would be using the facility because of the high cost of building. A questionnaire has already been sent to all the schools and being distributed at the PAL.

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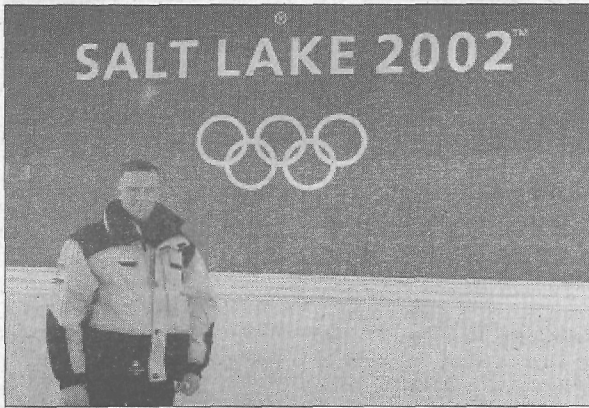
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Jeff Temple Arrives at Winter Olympic Games



Jeff Temple is on duty at the Winter Olympics and will be reporting to us regularly during the games.

By Patricia Abbott

"Greetings from the Olympics!" read the email from South Plainfield resident Jeff Temple. Jeff, a Metuchen Police officer is currently working as a law enforcement volunteer at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah.

Jeff arrived in Salt Lake early for several days of training before the games began. He worked from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day, with just four days off over the three-week period. The hours are long and cold, often with temperatures in the single digits, but Jeff is enjoying the experience of a lifetime.

In his email Jeff said, "There has been so much going on here it is unbelievable. I have been assigned to steady days, but things seem to change on almost an hourly basis around here. The residents of Utah are very friendly and all of the people associated with the games are so appreciative of us."

Jeff's assignment is security detail at the Olympic Family Hotel in Salt Lake City, which houses all of the International Olympic Committee Members, dignitaries, royalty and heads of state. His duties vary from foot patrol to conducting metal detector entry point and done vehicle searches. He works with police officers from all over the country.

Jeff noted the training was thorough and covered all aspects of public safety. Security is tight, with many security personnel on hand, as well as an obvious military presence. Blackhawk helicopters are seen on a daily basis over the city. Jeff said the continuing joke amongst the officers is with all the focus on terrorism, officials keep stressing that officers should not use non-sponsored products while on assignment or while in uniform. Jeff described sights not visible to TV viewers—rows of riflemen, who line the stadium top and helicopters constantly hovering with search lights, panning the sky for would-be trouble-makers.

Jeff continued, "Everyone here is friendly and psyched up for the Olympic games!" On opening day he watched the Olympic Torch pass Westminster College where some of the officers are housed. Hundreds of spectators lined the streets waiting for a glimpse of the torch. Corporate sponsors were on hand passing out small flags and soft drinks while the crowd awaited the arrival of the torch and to see it passed to the president of the college.

Off duty on Sunday, Jeff attended the opening ceremony as a spectator. Jeff admitted, "A terrorist attack was in back of our minds, but the show was spectacular and kept us from

thinking about it. There is a tremendous feeling of pride and patriotism here. "Meanwhile, Jeff continues to enjoy the Olympic experience. He has tickets to a number of events including the Woman's Finals Freestyle Ice Skating. He has done some sight seeing and hopes to see more of the Salt Lake City area before he leaves Utah.

He has met Steve Young, former NFL quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers and he saw former Secretary of State Madeline Albright. He has captured moments of this dream on film, the torch enroute being passed along the way and athletes entering the stadium.

Ironically it is the threat of terrorism that makes his job so much more vital. Whatever the reason, Metuchen Police officer Jeff Temple was grateful for the opportunity to realize his dream and to attend the Olympic Games. While the threat of terrorism has not diminished the excitement, it is a constant at the games, just as it has been every day since Sept. 11 in every American's life.

Thomas Named Chairman of PARSA

Bill Thomas was elected Chairman of the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA) at PARSA's meeting held on Feb. 7.

PARSA is a regional sewerage authority formed in 1995 representing South Plainfield, Dunellen, Fanwood, Green Brook, Plainfield, North Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Watchung. Each of these towns appoints one member to the authority.

Thomas was first appointed by the Mayor and Borough Council as their representative in 1995. PARSA provides for the conveyance of sewerage from member towns to the sewerage treatment facilities of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority. PARSA also assists its members towns in sewer maintenance tasks such as cleaning lines, video taping problem areas with specialized camera equipment and diagnosing infiltration problems.

PARSA's facilities are located on Clay Ave. in Middlesex. Thomas is a senior partner in the Princeton office of the law firm of Hale and Dorr LLP, where he practices corporate and securities law. Thomas, who is also Chairman of the Borough's Zoning Board of Adjustment, lives on Lowden Ave. with his wife, Kathy, and their daughters, Kelly and Kara.

Central Jersey Federal Credit Union Branch Office Opens

The CJFCU opened its new facility at 130 Maple Ave., next to Ciccio's Pizza. The branch office is ideally located to service its members in South Plainfield, Edison and Piscataway! The state of the art branch office offers its members a full range of products, including no fee ATM for members, a full range of loan products, no fee checking, Visa debit cards, direct deposit, and payroll deduction. The Grand Opening will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Correction

Brittany Tucci in Mrs. Donahue's fifth grade class at Franklin School was inadvertently left out of the list of the D.A.R.E. graduates. We apologize for the omission.



Members of Cub Pack 202 from Sacred Heart School were taught basic first aid by Rescue Squad Captain Ron Sward and squad member Carol Grennier.



Terra Nova Garden Club

The Terra Nova Garden Club will hold a Garden Therapy at 1 p.m. on Feb. 20, at the Mühlenberg Adultcare Facility in Plainfield.

The February monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Ave. in Edison. New members are always welcome. Guest speaker for the evening will be member and Vice President Gail Sulinski. Gail is an educated horticulturist who will speak on the varieties of plants and flowers that are suitable for "Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden."

Recycling Center Closed Tuesday

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be on a holiday schedule because of Presidents' Day.

Regular hours at Recycling are: Tuesdays 12 noon to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The holiday schedule is:

Closed on Friday, Feb. 15 and on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Open on Thursday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Satur-

day, Feb. 16, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 12 noon to 7 p.m.

The Yard Waste Site, at the end of Kenneth Ave., is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will not be affected by the holiday.

The Recycling Center will be accepting used paint on Saturday, Feb. 16.

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

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Events Around Town

Lenten Fish Dinners at Sacred Heart Church

Feb. 15, 22 March 1, 8, 15, 22

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of the Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, will again be sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners on Feb. 15 and 22, March 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Dinner will be served in the Sacred Heart school cafeteria, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu will feature fillet of fish (fried, broiled, or parmigiana) or pizza; fresh garden salad, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert. Take out orders are 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.

Guest Speaker for AARP Chapter 4144

February 15

AARP Chapter 4144 of South Plainfield will meet on Feb. 15, (3rd Friday) at 12:30 p.m. at the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

Norman Weiss, Investment Executive will be the speaker. The topic will be "Learn how to maintain the tax deferred status of your IRA over your life and that of your children and grandchildren." His speech will not only be interesting but informative, also. All are welcome.

VFW Planning Roast Pork Dinner

February 15

The VFW Post 6763, located at 155 Front St., will be holding a roast pork dinner on Friday, Feb. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. The donation is \$7 for adults. A children's menu is available.

For more information, call (908) 668-9571 after 3 p.m. daily and after 12 noon on weekends.

Pancake Breakfast at American Legion

February 17

The South Plainfield American Legion on Oak Tree Rd. will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. until noon. \$5 adults, \$3 under 12, free under 6.

'Almost Famous Players' To Perform at Library

February 20

In place of the usual Wednesday evening Storytime, the library is hosting a performance by the *Almost Famous Players*. They'll be performing the play "Dragon Heart", as well as other stories for children. This program is for all ages and starts at 6:30. For more information, call Miss Linda at (908) 754-7885.

SP Republican Organization Mtg.

February 20

If you are concerned about your Community. If you feel that Ronald Reagan was right and that "the contract with America" is the honest way, get involved. Join the South Plainfield Republican Party.

The next regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be Wednesday, February 20, at 8 p.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Road. The public is invited to attend.

Blood Drive at Wesley Methodist

February 23

The South Plainfield Girl Scouts will be holding a blood drive at Wesley United Methodist Church located at 1500 Plainfield Ave. on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 753-7918 or (732) 220-7037.

St. Stephen's Spaghetti Dinner

February 23

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. is holding an "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Beverage and dessert are included at \$5 per person. Children under 12 are free. No reservations are needed.

For more information call (908) 757-4474.

Open House at Plainfield Animal Hospital

February 24

The Plainfield Animal Hospital, located at 2001 Park Ave., will hold an open house on Sunday, Feb. 24 at

1 p.m. in celebration of Pet Dental Health Month. Tours of the hospital will be open to the public and their pets.

National Pet Dental Health Month is held to promote public awareness of the importance of dental care for pets in order to prevent dental problems, gum disease and the general health of your pets.

The festivities will include a tour of the hospital's dental facility, a free dental check, contests, door prizes, refreshments and much more.

Please join us for fun and an informative afternoon. For more information and directions call us at (908) 755-2428 or visit our website at www.plainfieldanimalhosp.com. If you plan to attend, please call to register by February 17, 2002.

Project Graduation Auction/Raffle

March 9

South Plainfield High School will be holding an Auction/Raffle at the High School to support Project Graduation on Saturday, March 9.

This year features a MEGA raffle, a Dell Computer and A get-a-way to St. Thomas for three nights/four days. They also have a 32" TV, digital camera, DVD, scanner, mini-refrig, microwave, gas grill, theme baskets and much much more.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door (while quantities last). Tickets are on sale now!! Call 756-6512 or 756-3731. We hope to sell out, so call now for tickets. Come out and support our graduating seniors.

Columbiettes Annual Easter Bunny Lunch

March 10

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will hold their annual lunch with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 10, at 12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd.

There will be prizes for all ages and children seven years and under will receive an Easter basket filled with goodies from the Easter Bunny. A buffet lunch will be served.

The cost is \$10 per person and reservations must be made in advance by calling Geri at (908) 753-2032. The exact ages of all children must be given at the time of registration. Deadline is March 1.

Franklin School Auction/Raffle Night

March 16

The Franklin School PTA is sponsoring their Sixth Annual Auction/Raffle Night. The event will be held on Saturday, March 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School Gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for advanced sales and \$10 at the door.

For tickets call Dorothea at 755-7117 or Terry at 753-2864. There will be a complimentary ticket for a Grand Prize Drawing with every advanced sale. Food is welcomed and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

PAL Sponsoring Trip To See Oklahoma!

(New Date!) March 28

The PAL of South Plainfield is sponsoring a trip to see *Oklahoma!* on Broadway on Saturday, March 28. Bus leave the PAL at 4 p.m. There will be plenty of time for dinner before the play. Orchestra ticket price is \$90 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL, located Maple Ave., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are only 45 tickets available so get yours soon.

Rainbow Academy Open House

April 6

The new Rainbow Academy Child Care Center located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison will hold an Open House on Saturday, Apr. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are now registering for Summer Camp and Fall 2002.

For directions and information visit their website at www.rainbow-academy.com.

Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service. For a demo of their video services, visit their website at www.parentwatch.com.

Vision 2001 Presents Annual Art Auction

April 19

This year's annual Vision 2001 Education Foundation Art Auction will be held on Friday, Apr. 19 at South Plainfield High School.

Admission is \$10 per person. \$5 will be returned as a gift certificate to be redeemed at the Apr. 19 art auction only.

Preview time is 6:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, coffee and cake and door prizes.

For tickets and information call (908) 561-3951.

— Out of Town —

Alliance Bible Presents Program

February 16-17

Alliance Bible Church and (Chosen People Ministries presents *The Messiah in the Passover* on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 17 at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. at 52 Mount Horeb Rd. in Warren.

Misunderstandings about different religious beliefs has been said to have caused much of the world's turmoil

in recent times. Becoming aware of the traditions of other religions can be helpful in maintaining peace. Many people are confused about the connection between Judaism and Christianity. Wasn't Jesus Jewish? What caused the split? Is there any connection at all between the two faiths? On Feb. 16 and 17, Jay Bockisch of Chosen People ministries will explore the answers to those questions and more in *The Messiah in the Passover*. Jay will go through the elements and the ceremony of the Jewish Passover Seder and show the relationship to Christian traditions and beliefs.

Call 732-469-1425 for info and directions, or go to www.alliance-biblechurch.com.

Villagers Theater Announces Opening

February 15, 16, 17, 22, 23; March 1, 2

The Villagers Theater of Somerset has announced the opening of *Fuddy Meers*, by David Lindsay-Abaire. The show will be directed by Stuart Hershkowitz. It will run Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23; March 1 and 2; and Sunday, Feb. 17. Showtimes are evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10.

For tickets, call the box office, (732) 873-2710 or visit www.villagerstheatre.com.

CHATS to Meet

February 25

Adoption Support. CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support), will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. The Reverend Florence Ridley, Supervisor of Chaplin Service at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, will speak on "Meeting the Needs of the Adopted Child" by sharing her story of parenting a son adopted when he was 6 1/2 years old. She'll also comment on observations of the role of adoption in the female prison population. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

Call Alyce at (732)227-0607 or <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats> for information.

'55 ALIVE' Course Available

February 25-26

How would like a discount on your automobile insurance? Or, maybe you have some points on your driving record you'd like to eliminate.... The Chelsea at Warren is hosting "55 ALIVE," a program sponsored by AARP for drivers of all ages who would like to refine their skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques.

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The course takes place on Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a \$10 registration (payable to AARP) and Pre-registration is required.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

As you may have noticed from all the hearts and flowers visible all over, yesterday was Valentine's Day. At the risk of distracting you from lingering thoughts of romance, here's news from the South Plainfield Library:

The Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday in observance of Presidents' Day.

Next week, we'll only be holding two children's Storytime programs, rather than the usual three. Storytimes are for children ages three and older; no pre-registration is required. The programs will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories and a craft activity. In place of the usual Wednesday evening Storytime, we're hosting a performance by the Almost Famous Players. They'll be performing the play "Dragon Heart", as well as other stories for children. This program is for all ages and starts at 6:30. For more information, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

At this writing, you can still sign up for "Resumes and Cover Letters", the next class from our Job Information Center. The class is free of charge and will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Space is limited, so please call to reserve a spot. Also, we are still offering classes in basic computer use. Space is even more limited for these courses, so you may have to wait to get an open slot. For more information, ask for Allan.

Recently, we've been hosting several special programs, the most recent of which was the very well attended Benjamin Franklin program on Feb. 3. We'd like to thank everyone for coming over and supporting these special events. And, if you're interesting in having the Library host your

Free Job Search and Resume Course at Library

The South Plainfield Free Public Library has planned the following programs: Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m. - Resumes and Cover Letters for Beginners and Feb. 27, 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Interviewing 101. All programs are free; space is limited; reservations required. Please call the library Reference Desk at (908) 754-7885 or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

special program, please call us and check with our director, Mrs. Fenn, for details.

Finally, here's an answer to a question some patrons have been asking recently. They'll come over here looking for the latest book they've seen advertised in the papers or on TV and wonder why it isn't available yet. Contrary to what you might think, we don't get advance copies of books, unlike reviewers or publicists. Further, when publishers send out new books, their first priority is to get them to bookstores and vendors, where they earn the bulk of their profits. As a result, libraries may have to wait until the items they've ordered are available. Then, once we get them, we have to see about covering, cataloging, and coding them before they end up on the shelves. While this can add up to a sometimes-considerable delay, rest assured that we're doing our best to get these books out to you ASAP. And, while the wait is longer, borrowing books from us is a lot cheaper than buying them from Amazon or Borders.

That's about all for today. See you next Friday.



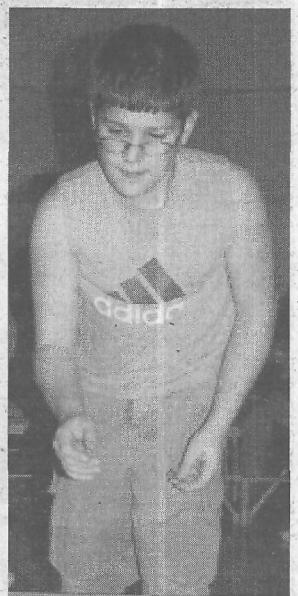
Fun in the Sun At Franklin's Beach Party

Franklin School provided a taste of summer for both students and parents alike at their annual Beach Party held last Friday night.

The party included all the fun of the sun and sand within the warm confines of the school auditorium.

The guests enjoyed pizza and snacks, volleyball and a variety of games. Music was provided by DJ Kevin Murtagh.

The event was sponsored by the Franklin School PTA.



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Students at Sacred Heart School Challenge Teachers

Sacred Heart School recently celebrated Catholic Schools Week starting with a special Mass. The school held an open house, a breakfast and special events each day of the week.

One highly anticipated event was held Wednesday night. The teachers and alumni teamed up to play the students in a friendly game of basketball.

Everyone attending this game had a great time. The crowd filled the gym floor, sometimes spilling out onto the playing area. The stage was also filled with cheering fans, many of whom had to stand the entire game.

The game actually turned out to be a lot closer than expected and luckily no one got hurt. The evening was a huge success. Sacred Heart cheerleaders also performed for the crowd.

Teacher Mary Hohner was instrumental in organizing and recruiting the teachers and alumni, along with the cheerleaders. Father John Primich participated in his own specially designed outfit. He also brought along his own cheering section.



Wellness Corner

By Dr. Patrick M. Aiello D.C.

Motivation, Health, & Getting To It

Ok, we've all heard the excuses. I don't have the time. There aren't enough hours in the day or days in the week. I have nobody to go with me. I'm not sure what to do. I don't have the money to join the health club. There's more excuses than can be listed in this column. The point is we all have obstacles that stand in our way of good health.

Now, more than ever, taking an active interest in one's own health is becoming increasingly more important. We're not just a society of couch potato's but also of Internet and computer potatoes. Ok, I just made that one up but you get my point. From sitting in front of the television to surfing the web, we are just plain too inactive. We need to move more. A lot more. Couple that inactivity with all the fast food or processed food that's consumed today and you have a recipe for weight problems, high cholesterol and blood pressure, along with many other problems related to a sedentary lifestyle.

Ok. So what do we do about it? First off, don't beat yourself up over it. Being human we are prone to making mistakes. Sometimes that may mean a lot of them. Here are some helpful tips to point you in the right direction. To help you recognize areas of daily personal habits that could use improving. Motivation comes in many packages. For some it's running a marathon. For others it's the goal of seeing and playing with grandchildren. Yet, for others it's improving their health. Whatever your underlying goals, a basic game-plan is essential. Here are some tips to help you formulate a *healthy game-plan*. I hope you find them helpful.

Tips To Get You On Your Way Prioritize Your Time

This is maybe the biggest obstacle. Finding the time. Sometimes there aren't enough hours in the day. But if you sit down and organize your daily schedule, there are probably blips of down time. Budgeting and consolidating your time will help make open



Dr. Patrick Aiello,

up slots of time for you to do things for yourself. We also might need to get a little selfish as well. Sometimes, we're so busy doing things for others that we forget to do for us as well. Is that you?

Set Goals & Start Slow. Don't Do It All At Once

Remember, good health just doesn't happen. It's a process. Setting the tone for healthy habits also doesn't happen overnight. Be patient with yourself. Set reasonable goals or babysteps. Just taking the first step is an accomplishment in itself. Build off of that.

Get a Partner.

Sometimes we are more accountable to others than we are to ourselves. Whether it's an exercise or dietary program, having a partner will not only enable you to help someone else but will allow you to have someone to push you and support you when times get tough.

Seek Professional Help.

From a personal trainer, to nutritionists and weight counselors, to your local physician and chiropractor. There are resources available to you that will help aid you in your process. When was the last time you had a complete physical? Blood work? If you can't remember, then it's definitely time to get that taken care of.

Keep a Journal.

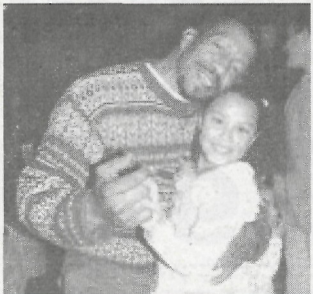
Having a written record or log of your activities, schedule along with how you were feeling at a given moment is vital to this process. This will reflect on your good periods as well as bad periods. This information is important in helping you identify your good times and bad. That will aid to help make better decisions.

These were but a few tips to help get you started. Others can include minimizing or avoiding caffeine, proper rest and sleep, to drinking enough water and improving dietary habits. Take things slow but get started. It's amazing the results that can be seen in a short time period as say a month or two. Remember that good health isn't a destination, it's a process!

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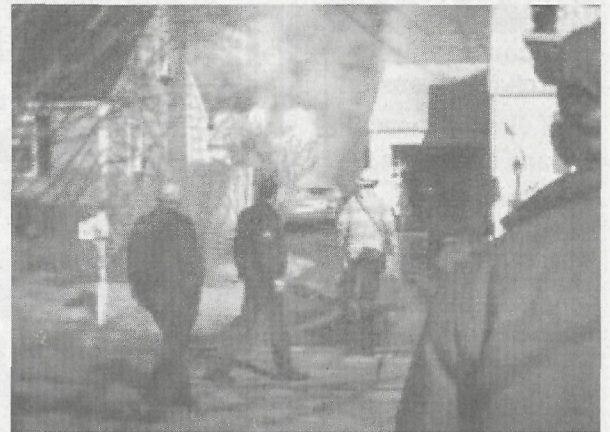


Photo by William Tuthill

Last Friday Andre Ebersole, a resident on Harrison Ave., started his car and went back into the house. When he came back outside, he saw smoke and flames coming from the engine of the car and called the fire department. The car was engulfed in flames when the fire department arrived and the fire had spread to the garage. The garage suffered fire damage and the house received smoke damage. Thanks to the fast work of the fire department the fire did not spread to the house. Aiding in the fire were engines from South Plainfield, New Market and Plainfield, as well as the rescue squad and members of Hazmat.

Seventh Annual Multicultural Celebration at Roosevelt School

On the evening of January 29, Roosevelt Elementary School held a multicultural celebration. Each grade level studied a particular continent. They did research, some of which was displayed on the walls and learned songs related to the continents they studied.

The evening began with the Merengue, a Spanish dance, performed by the third, fourth and fifth grade classes which was directed by Mrs. Ascensio.

After the music and dancing, the parents and children went to various classrooms for an hour of "crafting around the world." They made Worry Dolls from Central America, Japanese Fish Kites, Origami, God's Eyes from Mexico and jewelry. The parents, teachers and older siblings were a big help.

The night also included ethnic dishes and many goodies prepared by teachers and parents. It was an opportunity for everyone to cel-



celebrate our rich cultural diversity and the importance of everyone coming together as a nation.



Pictured left to right is Past PTA Presidents Diane Gualano and Janet Donnelly, Current PTA President Lori Jankoski with Principal Dr. Rick Hangge.

Annual Founder's Day Celebration at Roosevelt

On Feb. 5 Roosevelt Elementary School held its annual Founder's Day celebration. This event honors past and present PTA presidents. There was a brief candle-lighting ceremony and the honorees recited the meaning of each letter of "Founder."

The third grade classes concluded the evening by singing a medley of song excerpts from their recent multicultural program.

Sacred Heart School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

5A Principal's List—Ryan P. Hohner and Kathryn P. Paterek

Hugh, Jennifer Lyn Napolitano and Camille L. Romano.

7B Honor Roll—Adam Barletta

5A Honor Roll—Daphne J. Aguinaldo, Douglas B. Avery, Ian V. Collins, Ashley M. Forbes, Alexandra Grant and Kaitlyn E. Salvatore.

6B Principal's List—Elix Colon.

8A Honor Roll—Michael Clore, Julia Dougherty and Mya Lewis.

5B Principal's List—Brianna Bicho, Franchesca Beltran and Jacqueline Dougherty.

6B Honor Roll—Jonathon Abel, Danielle Johnson, Rita Laundry, Elise Thomas and Allison M. Whiteflect.

8B Principal's List—Juliet Fryszczyn, Roseller Lapitan and Diane Romano.

5B Honor Roll—Acadan Bayonna, Sara Cranc, Gloria Lobato and Michael Muglia.

7A Principal's List—Kristen Ciandella, Erica Palma, Anthony Pelle and Daniel Schiavo.

8B Honor Roll—Robyn Douglass and Lauren Sprott.

6A Principal's List—Kadeem Gilbert

7A Honor Roll—Gregory Bayard, Stephen Dvorak, Alicia Presley and Tiffany Smith.

6A Honor Roll—Megan E. Mc-

7B Principal's List—Samantha Crane, Amanda Iavarone and Rana Moses.



Brownie Troop 924 recently presented a check to Kennedy School Principal Al Czech as a donation toward the school playground. The girls voted to donate a portion of their troop savings earned by cookie sales. Girls in the troop are: Maggie Valentino, Miranda Garcia, Alexis Alba, Kelly McLaughlin, Jamie Quail, Janine Colicchio, Allison White, Melissa Plasse, Rachel Sotherland, Michelle O'Sullivan, Kelly Walsh, and Jamie Glavasich.

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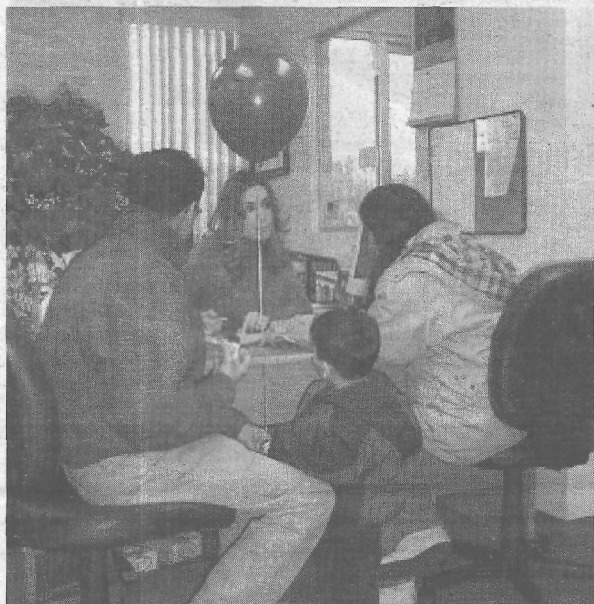
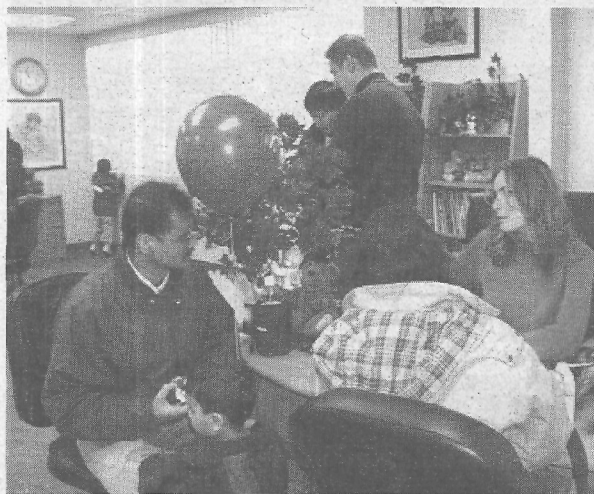
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Sports

BASKETBALL

By Greg Machos

South Plainfield Tigers Win Three in a Row

The South Plainfield Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team are now looking at a possible ninth or tenth seed in the first round of the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament after winning their last three in a row, and eight of their last ten games.

After beating Sayreville a couple weeks ago, the Tigers lost on the road at New Brunswick 67-44 as the Zebbras used their home cooking to their advantage. New Brunswick, which is currently ranked first in the GMC Hoops (<http://www.gmchoops.com>) Top Ten, The Home-News Tribune and the Star-Ledger, had won eleven in a row prior to losing to Sayreville on Feb. 6 by a score of 51-43.

However, after that, the Tigers just dusted themselves off and got back to their winning ways with a victory over North Brunswick, a team that had knocked off Colonia a couple nights earlier, by a score of 67-61, and another big win in an interdivisional game against an improved J.P. Stevens team of the Red Division that swept its season series from St. Joseph's and recently beat Old Bridge, a team that has flirted with top ten rankings this season, and forced Southern Regional of Ocean County, a top five team in

the Asbury Park Press, to overtime before losing by two at the buzzer. Then the Tigers finished the regular season by sweeping its season series with J.F. Kennedy of Iselin with a 59-54 victory, which featured a 16 point Tiger lead before the Mustangs made it close at the end.

During this stretch, the Tigers seemed to find a new hero in every game. First, against the Raiders of North Brunswick, South Plainfield got the help of Ulysses Russell (12 points) and David Francis (12 points), but also got some big offense from reserve Phil Veinott, who scored 11 points on the night including nine points down the stretch to help with the win. Then a couple days later against J.P. Stevens, Aaron Parks scored 14 points while Corey Gilmore added 7 points, and Travis Hollis chipped in with his best game off the bench this year with six points. Finally, the Tigers pulled out the victory against J.F. Kennedy with a fine game from Gary Houston, who scored 8 points while Russell had 11 points, and Francis had a season high 18 points (including four three pointers), and 10 points in the second half.

With the recent string of victories, the Tigers are now 11-6 overall on the season and more importantly 8-6 in the very competitive White Division, which gave them fourth place in the final standings. This position is significant, not only because of the fact that this particular division includes Colonia, New Brunswick and Sayreville, but also because they had

played those three teams and J.F. Kennedy very well and came away with a 3-5 record against those four teams. Last year, they went 0-8 against those same teams. In addition, placing fourth in the White Division, gives the Tigers a chance to be seeded ninth or tenth in the upcoming GMCT. That is because of the fact that the White Division has had five teams in the Top Ten at the same time a couple times this year, and at least three of those teams have been ranked in the top six or seven.

If the Tigers get the ninth seed, they are probably looking at a first round matchup against the 24th seed, which could be either Woodbridge, Piscataway Vo-Tech, Dunellen, or South River depending on the outcome of the tourney seeding meeting on Sunday. If they get the tenth seed, they are probably looking at most of those previously mentioned teams as well as South Amboy and Perth Amboy Vo-Tech.

Moving beyond the first round the Tigers are probably looking at a matchup against either Cardinal McCarrick, Highland Park, Sayreville, or Piscataway. If they get beyond that round, they're looking a probably a matchup against either South Brunswick or New Brunswick in the quarterfinal round of the GMCT at South Brunswick on Saturday, February 16th. One thing is for sure, with how crazy the GMC has been this year in boys basketball, anything is possible for this year's edition of the South Plainfield Tigers.

Jr. Baseball Scholarship Applications Available

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is now accepting applications for our college scholarship. The applications can be picked up at the guidance department of the South Plainfield High School or by contacting the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club at (908) 754-2090.

The applicant must be a graduating high school student this June, must be a South Plainfield resident and must have participated in the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club for a minimum of five (5) years.

Please note that the filing deadline is April 1, 2002.

Jr. Baseball Dates to Remember

Monday, Feb 25th, 6:45 p.m. Rutgers Certification course, (Certification Required for all Managers and Assistant Coaches).

Week of Feb 26 - March 1, League Manager meetings.

Saturday, March 2, tryouts at PAL, (Small Fry only).

Week of March 4, Draft nights/player notification.

Monday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. General Meeting.

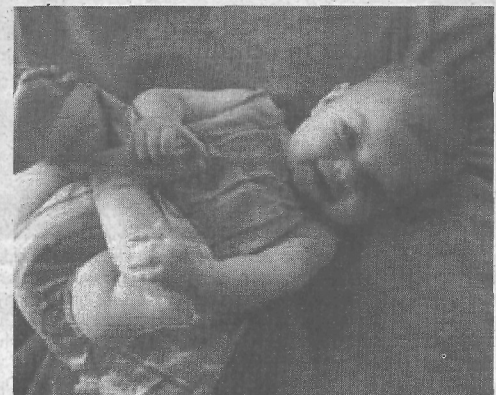
Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. Coaches Clinic, at SPSHS practice, site to be determined.

Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m., "C" League Orientation, Field 1.

Monday, April 1 at 7:30 General Meeting.

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Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

High School Tigers Wallop Wall 45-14; Move on to Central Jersey Group III Finals

The South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team is going to the Central Jersey Group III finals. Hopefully by the time this paper is printed, the Tigers will once again be champions.

The Tigers took that first step by beating a very good Wall Team 45-14, to advance for a long awaited showdown with North Hunterdon.

The Tigers finally got the balance they were lacking all year. The entire lineup produced points, including a big win at 103, when Viet Vo won a 6-1 decision over Bryon Crotty. The fans were on there feet, giving Vo the

standing ovation he deserved after a very tough year. Bonus points were a big plus coming from Matt Anderson 135, Steve Johnston 189, Ryan Elliot 215 and Dan DeAndrea 119.

South Plainfield 45, Wall 14

At 103, Viet Vo South Plainfield (SP) defeated Bryon Crotty 6-1; at 112, Ricky Ringel (SP) won by forfeit; at 119, Dan DeAndrea (SP) pinned Mike Lindon at 1:18; at 125, Peter DeAndrea (SP) defeated Jim Waldick 12-11. At 130, Steve Kusy (W) defeated Evie Demarest 9-4; at

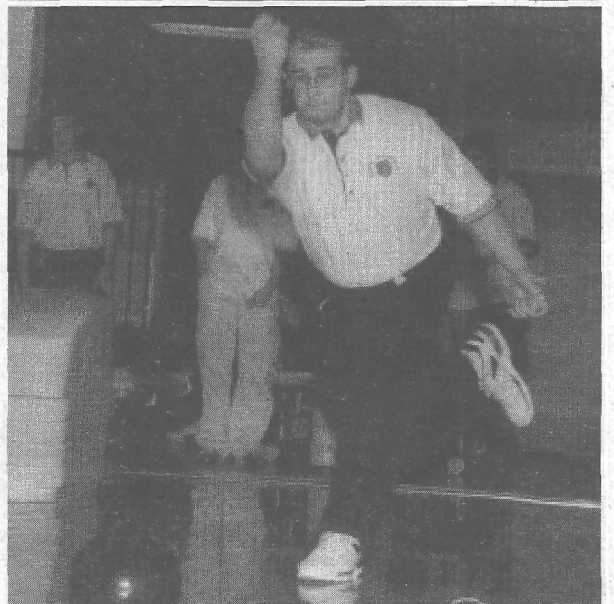
135, Matt Anderson (SP) pinned Kyle Ward at 3:28; at 140 and Guy Severini (SP) defeated Mike O'Henry 11-9.

At 145, Scott Doerr (SP) defeated Matt Doyle 8-4; at 152, Glenn Gross (SP) defeated Jeff Bower 5-2; at 160, Ed McKay (W) defeated Mike Bureas 5-4; at 171, Nick Roy (W) won by forfeit; at 189, Steve Johnston (SP) pinned Chris Cappiello at 4:54; at 215 Ryan Elliot (SP) pinned Steve Siboni at 0:41 and at 275, Steve Scholl (W) defeated Amir Davis 9-4.

Congratulations to all!

BOWLING

By Ralph Fech



Freshman Matt Boley's 200.03 average leads the Tigers after 62 games. Matt stroked a 269 high game in a Tiger victory over South River. He also fired games of 256-183-252, for a high set of 691, as the Tigers lost a squeaker to Carteret.

Recreation Wrestlers Win Three Matches

The Recreation Wrestling Team wrestling four matches in three days, with half the kids sick with that stomach virus that hit, had the difficult task of beating a very tough Scotch Plains team. The Tigers did not have a good

night but did enough to secure a 37-28 win over league rival Scotch Plains.

Winning matches for the Tigers were: Anthony Ashnault 50, won by decision 11-8. Tyler Hunt 53, won by fall. Ryan Sacco 63; won by decision

4-0; Nick Heilmann 67 and Corey Hay 70, won by forfeit; Brad Martin 95, won a major decision 13-0 and Mark Wagner 102, won by decision 7-0.

Next came a quad match with Cranford, undefeated Kenilworth and Watchung. The Tigers opened with Cranford and won convincingly 59-15. Winning for the Tigers were Tyler Hunt 53, a decision 8-1; Jeff Conroy 57, 2-0; Nick Heilmann 67, a tech fall 15-0; Corey Hay 70, forfeit; Patrick Hunter 77, fall 1:17; Jake Smithline 80, fall 1:59; Mike Wagner 85, forfeit; Mark Wagner 102, fall 1:59 and Danny Pompilio 110, fall 1:20.

In the Watchung match, the Tigers came out strong and never looked back winning 59-13. Winning for the Tigers were Anthony Ashnault 50, by tech fall 17-0; Tyler Hunt 53, won by forfeit; Jeffrey Conroy 57, won by decision 4-1; Randy Jakubik 60, major decision 11-0; Ryan Sacco 63, tech fall 15-0; Nick Heilmann 67, by decision 7-5 in OT; Corey Hay 70, by decision 4-0; Nick Vetuschi 73, won by forfeit; Patrick Hunter 77, by fall 1:27; Mike Wagner 85, by fall 2:26; Brad Martin 95, by fall at :54 and Danny Pompilio by fall :at 57.

Tiger's Tie Kenilworth in the Battle of the Unbeaten

In the showdown of the season the Tigers faced unbeaten league rival Kenilworth in what was one of the best and most exciting Recreation Wrestling matches I've seen in many years.

The two undefeated teams went right at it with Anthony Ashnault 50, winning a big 3-2 decision over Anthony Medonia. Tyler Hunt 53, kept things going with a major decision over Joe Cereste 12-2.

The next Tiger win came at 77 pounds, when Patrick Hunter won by decision over Tommy Mannix 4-2. Mike Wagner 85, gave the Tigers another spark when he defeated Steve Margolin by major decision 11-2. Brad Martin 95, got the Tigers back

in the match when he pinned Sean Laudatti at 1:46. That made the score 29-20 with three matches to go.

Mark Wagner 102, helped the Tiger surge with another fall at 1:16 over Travis Dilts. Danny Pompilio 110, then lost a tough decision making the score 32-26 setting the stage for Rocco Petriello the Tiger heavyweight. Kenilworth only needing a decision victory for the team win elected to forfeit giving the Tigers a tie 32-32. Petriello, last years state champion at midget heavyweight was disappointed but happy for the team.

Kenilworth had a team point deducted for unsportsman like conduct against the coach which was another important factor for the tie.

Tigers Tie Brick Memorial Again

Just when it looked like the Tigers would suffer their fifth loss of the season, they once again looked for that senior leadership in 112 pounder Ricky Ringel, who came through with a big pin in the final match of the evening. With 0:27 left on the clock, he stunned Mike Shendari and the home team fans and gave South Plainfield yet another tie with the 14th ranked Brick Memorial Mustangs 33-33. The Tigers also tied Brick last year.

It was a real nail biter, with the Tigers taking the early lead with Danny DeAndrea 119, winning by major decision 9-0 over Pat Bradey. Paul Ritchey 125, had the task of handling state place winner Marc Rosenfeld. Ritchey gave it his best, before getting pinned in the second period.

Peter DeAndrea, who bumped up to 130, then pinned Chris Newlung at 3:26 to regain the lead. Matt Anderson 135, was next and scored a tech fall 15-0 at 5:15 over Dave Kiley. Guy Severini 140, lost by decision 11-4 to Dave Rogers another standout wrestler. Senior Scott Doerr 145, kept the Tigers going with a big pin over Drew Duddy at 1:10. Glenn Gross 152, won a decision 6-3 over Tim Brennan and

that was all the scoring the Tigers would do until the heavyweight match.

Mike Buteas 160, dropped a 3-1 decision. Steve Johnston 171, wrestling sick dropped a 9-3 decision to Matt Morin. Freshmen Rob Maiseckle 189, had a tough outing against Brian Carates and was pinned. The Tigers then forfeited 215, and Ryan Elliot bumped up to heavyweight,

won a 15-8 decision over Rich De Palme.

Viet Vo our hard fighting 103 pounder, again gave his best, but was out matched and pinned.

This put the Mustangs ahead 33-27 with one match to go. That's when Ricky Ringel came through with a big pin in the 112 pound match to give the Tigers the tie.

Boys Team Zipped by Franklin Township and South Amboy

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The boys team dropped two matches to Franklin and South Amboy, as the Tigers ran into two hot shooting squads. High scores for the

Tigers were, Matt Boley,, 216-181, Anthony Ingerto 187, Shawn Ferguson 182, Geo Kleinknecht 176, Jon Jeglinski 172 and Nich Grego 177.

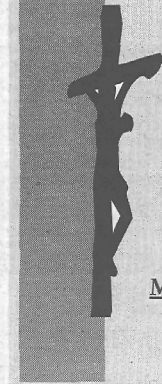
The boys stand at 6-13-2 as these young Tigers complete their first regular season with a fifth place White Division standing.

Girls Clobber Franklin Twp. and South Amboy in Shut Out Victory

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So. Amboy 659-600-650-1909

The girls Bowling Team has been ranked 18th in the *Star-Ledger* State rankings. They picked up wins number 14 and 15 at the expense of Franklin Township and South Amboy.

The Tigers rang up two shutout victories. Freshman Kim Gaub led the Tigers with a high game of 195 and 542 set. Vicki Boley's 190 and 540 set and a solid 474 by Meredith Cooper provided the punch for the white-wash wins. They complete the regular season with a 15-8 record and a fourth place finish in the White Division.




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policereport

On Feb. 6 a Bori Dr. resident reported that someone was making unauthorized debit transactions from her on-line checking account. She has also been receiving letters from various companies regarding recent opened accounts and someone has gained access to her e-mail.
A Plainfield man attempted to pass a bad check at the South Plainfield Post office. He fled in his van and was later arrested at the Watchung Post Office trying to pass another bad check.
Deborah Alexander of Verizon on Hadley Rd. reported the theft of a laptop computer from one of their classrooms.
On Feb. 7, Leon Mietnikiewicz of the Boro Sewer Dept. reported that sometime in January an aluminum cover and ladder was stolen from the station off New Market Ave.
An employee of T & R Tape Co. on Ingersol Rd. reported being pushed by another co-worker.
On Friday Nezar Fattah, man-

ager of Shopfair on Clinton Ave. reported that he had confronted a man who had left the store with cans of baby formula stuffed in his jacket. The man dropped the cans and fled.
A Kenneth Ave. resident reported that someone had entered the house through a basement window and stole an unknown amount of cash from a leather case, jewelry and old comic books.
A Plainfield resident reported that someone had cut two small holes in the exterior screen of a bedroom window and stole jewelry and a small amount of cash.
On Saturday an Iselin resident reported that someone had removed her pocketbook from her shopping cart at Party City on Hadley Rd. She found the pocketbook on a shelf and her wallet was missing.
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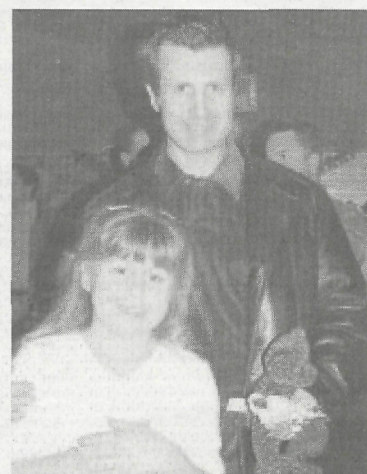
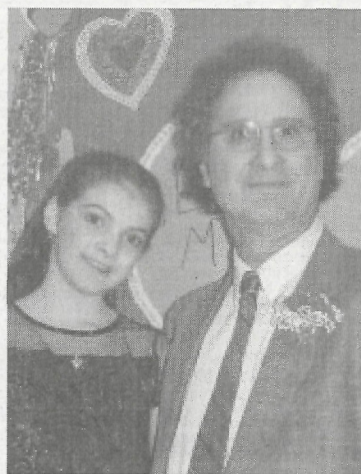
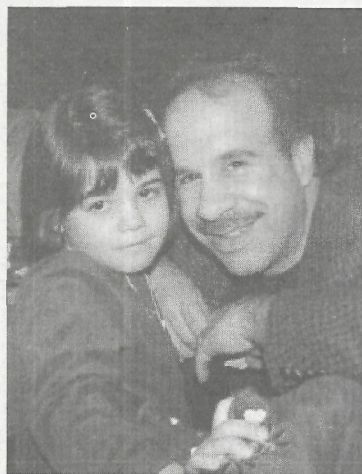
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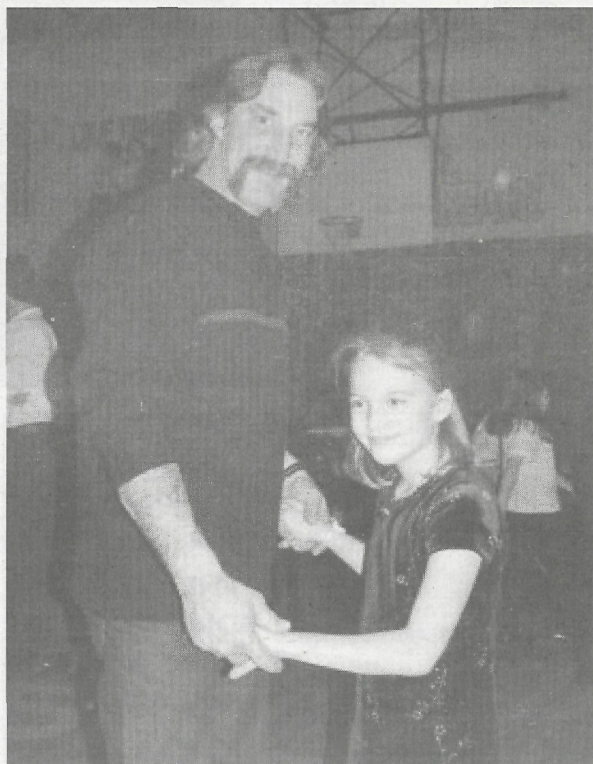
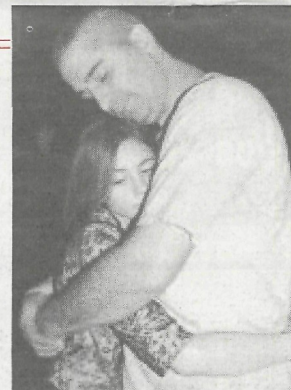
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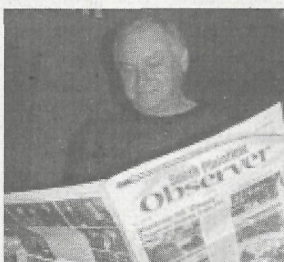
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Young ladies at Riley School and Kennedy Schools recently stepped out with their best beau, daddy, at their school's annual Sweetheart Dance. Little girls dressed in their best enjoyed an evening of dancing and fun with fathers. Photos with Daddy were available as well as flowers. Tables of delectable goodies were set out by the dance committees. Both enjoyed DJ's and games. Kennedy School's dance was a fundraiser for the Stokes trip. Approximately 250 attended. Heading the committee was parent Debby DiDolce Music for the big event was provided by Physical Education teacher Mr. Hook. The committee sold polaroid photos of dads and their dates, flowers and stuffed bears. An end of the evening highlight was the raffle of 16 baskets donated by area merchants. Refreshments were provided by the JFK PTSO. The dance raised over \$1,100. Decorations were provided by Junior Girl Scout Troop 222



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