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Monday Deadline to File BOE Candidacy

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26. The election is Tuesday, April 17.

Prospective candidates can obtain a School Board Candidate Kit at the school district office at 125 Jackson Ave., between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. The kit includes the nominating petition; information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy; campaign procedures and the role of a school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"School board members serve as their communities' voices in setting educational goals," said Kevin E. Ciak, NJSBA president. "They make important decisions concerning the curriculum, staffing and financing of public schools."

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



South Plainfield Police Officer Jessica DeJesus receives congratulations from Borough Council members after her swearing in.

Police Officer Sworn In

Jessica DeJesus, a former Perth Amboy Police Officer, was sworn in as a South Plainfield Police Officer at Tuesday's Borough Council meeting.

DeJesus is one of the officers Perth Amboy was forced to lay-off due to budget cuts.

DeJesus is a 24-year-old resident of Perth Amboy and a two-year veteran of the Perth Amboy Police Depart-

ment. She earned a bachelors of arts degree from Rutgers University in liberal arts and is currently working on a masters in criminal justice.

She will begin her duties here on Feb. 26. Because she served as a police officer she will not have to attend the police academy.

"As far as I am concerned, it is Perth Amboy's loss and South Plainfield's gain," said Mayor Charles Butrico.

Runaway Train Plows Into Paint Warehouse

A Conrail freight train, carrying more than 70 tanker cars of ethanol, took a wrong turn Wednesday evening and drove into Mineral and Pigment Solutions, Inc., a paint warehouse located on Coolidge Street. The train was headed toward Woodbridge when it apparently veered onto a siding that is used by the company.

The South Plainfield Fire Department, along with members of the Office of Emergency Management and HAZMAT, arrived at the scene shortly after 7:30 p.m. Mineral and Pigment Solutions, Inc., located near Rt. 287, was closed at the time of the accident and no injuries were reported.

Rescue workers found that some of

the steel girders supporting a portion of the building's roof had been pulled down during the collision, causing substantial damage to the building and forcing the facility to temporarily close.

Code officials from the borough are still in the process of assessing the damage.

It is uncertain whether human error or poor weather conditions that evening played a part in the incident. None of the tanker cars were damaged during the incident.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation, although it is believed that an open switch led the train off its course and onto the tracks leading into the building.

BOROUGH NOTES

Council Passes 10 Ordinances

The Borough Council passed 10 new ordinances at Tuesday night's meeting. The ordinances covered a variety of topics, ranging from making it illegal to feed geese to requiring financial disclosure for Borough Council candidates. The following are some of the ordinances introduced.

- An ordinance requiring residents to properly dispose of their pet's

solid waste in the borough. If found guilty, the penalty could be as much as \$2,000. Anyone with a disability will be exempt from this ordinance.

- An ordinance prohibiting the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or other property in town. This includes Canada Geese. The fine will be up to \$2,000.

- Prohibiting the spilling, dumping

or disposing of materials other than storm water into the storm sewers as required by the NJDEP. The fine is \$2,000.

- Prohibiting anyone to illegally hook up to the municipal storm sewer system operated by the borough. The fine is not to exceed \$2,000.

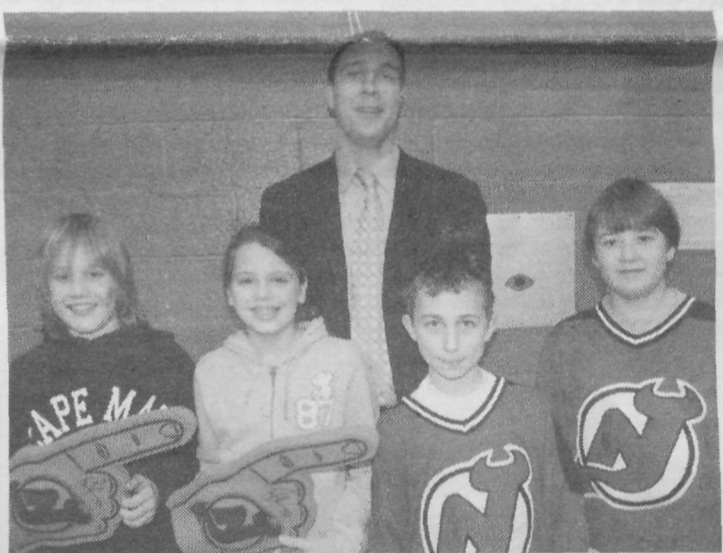
- Creating several "no parking" zones in the borough, as requested by Traffic Safety.

- Creating the position of Community Service Worker-Aging at the Senior Citizens Center. This new position is funded by a grant from the Benjamin Foundation.

- Two capital ordinances appropriating a total of \$95,000 for various purchases. They include a sewer utility truck, groundmaster, vehicle for the building department, boiler for the recreation department and audio equipment.

- An ordinance establishing the regulation for operating of traffic control devices in the borough.

- An ordinance requiring financial disclosures for all candidates who run for Borough Council. The disclosure will require the candidates to submit the same information as elected officials.



Pictured with Ron Skrlac are Devils fans Zachary Noll, Emily Pittenger, Danny Sanko and Rian Lukacs.

Former Devils Star Tells Kids: "Stay in School"

By Jane Dornick

Former New Jersey Devils hockey player Rob Skrlac visited Grant Elementary School recently to speak to students about the importance of staying in school and getting a college education.

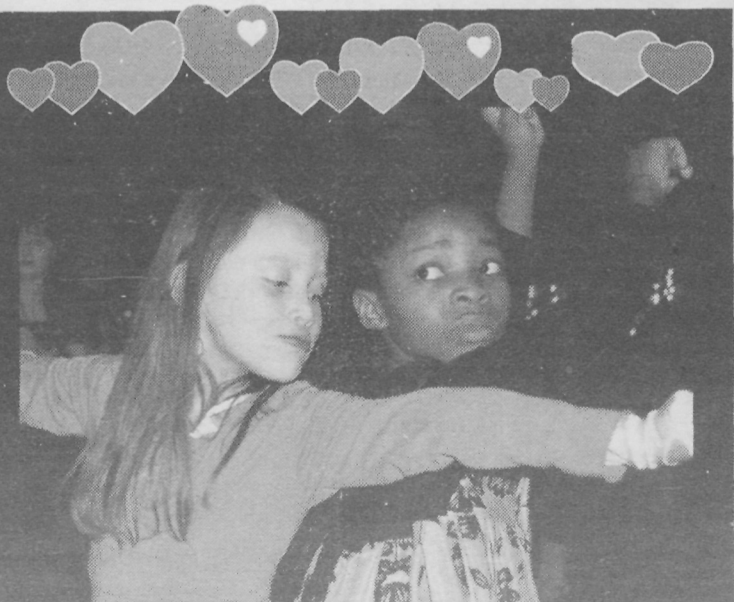
Skrlac left his home in Canada to play hockey in the United States National Hockey League before finishing college.

While playing for the Devils two

years ago, he was injured and forced to retire from hockey.

Skrlac currently works for the Devils in the community development office, teaches hockey and has returned to college to complete his education. Skrlac stressed the importance of an education, to stay out of trouble and make good decisions. He said, "Stay focused and make good choices. Have a good work ethic and most important, don't give up."

IN an effort to better serve the public, the Borough of South Plainfield announces that **Effective March 5, All Borough Offices Will Now Be Open Monday Through Friday Between the Hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**



Riley School students at "Dance With Your Sweetheart" dance. See page 7.

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Tigers Claim 23rd District 12 Title!

The high school wrestling team won their twenty-third District 12 title, the longest district winning streak in the state.... Turn to page 8.

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The Borough Council meeting will be aired on Comcast Channel 74 on Mondays at 8 p.m.

(Except for Holidays)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Log on to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda

council meetings

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

Date Agenda Meeting Public Meeting March 13 7 p.m. Immediately following 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. 27, Mar. 13 and 27, Apr. 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

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 Mar. 8 and 22, Apr. 12 and 26, May 10 and 24 June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25 Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.-March 14 and March 28. Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-Jan. 17, March and April 4.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-committee

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

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716 Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 July and August: No scheduled meeting

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 at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

To the Editor:

There was a South Plainfield family that needed help. Circumstances made them destitute. Their house was in need of paint, repair and furniture. This loving family fell upon hard times and needed support to make their house a home.

As a social worker, I announced at a middle school faculty meeting that there was a family in need of assistance. I asked that if any one had extra furniture, housewares or paint to please let me know. The faculty immediately decided to donate \$100 from the faculty's Sunshine Fund. The very next day, several teachers took the initiative to announce to their classes that a family in our community needed help. Students eagerly brought in money to buy needed items for the family. From the students alone, we were able to provide a food gift card, fixings for a holiday meal and approximately \$350 towards furniture. At the same time, South Plainfield Middle School teacher Jim Makowski volunteered to make house repairs and paint several areas of the house on his own time. Bill Mosca, also a middle school teacher here, volunteered to pick up the new furniture, therefore saving money for delivery and also helped paint, repair and put together furniture-also on his own time.

Middle School teacher Michelle Holler presented a check for \$200 from the sisterhood of her Hillsborough synagogue, Temple Beth El. In addition, my own synagogue, Congregation B'nai Tikvah of North and South Brunswick, donated \$500. Unsolicited, teachers were coming into my office donating money to help the family. Money was also received from family and friends of the faculty as the concern about the family spread.

The family needed carpeting in two rooms of their house. Makowski and I went to Carpets Plus and spoke to Paul Ignoscia, the owner. I explained the situation and asked if he could help. Not only did this man offer to provide wall-to-wall Berber carpeting for the two rooms, but his partner, Gary Columbus, was willing to install it without charge. Although the holiday season is a busy time for their business, they got it all installed by Dec. 18, allowing all the other furniture, repairs and Christmas tree to follow and fall into place. Based on their responsiveness, care and concern, they are without a doubt good people to do business with.

At the same time this activity was going on, the South Plainfield Soccer Club was also helping this family by fixing electrical problems, getting the refrigerator repaired, purchasing storage cabinets or obtaining needed furniture. The list is endless. This was all spearheaded by Ann Marie Ferrante-Seyffart, one incredible lady. All the coaches, their spouses, club members and friends of club members dedicated their time and resources to this family. Roosevelt PTO donated a \$300 gift card to Lowe's. We began coordinating services, and by the time Christmas came, the family had a fully

furnished home loaded with Christmas presents.

Seeing the transformation of the mother and her children from sad faces to ones of hope and appreciation was worth it all. During a season when life is very hectic and we are all trying to find the "perfect" gifts for our own families, it was very heartwarming and inspiring to me that everyone reached out to this family without anyone asking. The faculty, PTO, soccer club... our community came together to help a less fortunate family. I think all of us learned once again how good it feels to help others and to make a difference in people's lives.

There once was a family who was in need of help-but no more. Thank you South Plainfield, their house is now a home.

JANICE BAER SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Dear Editor,

It was with great pride for our amazing Garden State that I read an article recently about the incandescent light bulb potentially being phased out in favor of more efficient fluorescent lighting. We live in the land of innovation, so this shouldn't surprise us.

The incandescent light bulb was one of the most important inventions of our time, perfected for mass use by Thomas Edison in the 19th century here in New Jersey! We may be sad to see it go, but as New Jerseyans we can be proud of the important role Edison and his life-improving inventions made to our state and world.

Christie Street in Edison was the first street to be illuminated by the now 125-year old light bulb, and is

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Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters.

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the location of the 131-foot Edison Tower. Roselle was the first village in the world to use an overhead electric wiring system to light the entire town in 1883. And as we know, eventually, nearly every place on the planet was changed by this one invention.

Hundreds of thousands of school children over the years have learned about electric light and Edison's inventions by visiting the Edison National Historic sites in Edison and West Orange. Many fourth grade students in the Celebrate NJ! school program choose Thomas Edison as the topic of their research project as they write about what makes New Jersey great. The invention of the incandescent light bulb is a "bright spot" in New Jersey's history and is one more reason we should celebrate our great state.

Celebrate NJ! invites everyone who has a reason to Celebrate NJ! to log on to www.CelebrateNJ.org and enter that reason as part of the "365 Reasons to Celebrate NJ!" campaign.

SINCERELY, KAREN HATCHER, PRESIDENT, CELEBRATE NJ! BRADLEY BEACH

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NOTES FROM

The Senior Center

The South Plainfield Senior Center has a selection of trips and a St. Patrick's Day party planned for the coming months. Please note that you do not need to be a South Plainfield senior to join us on any of the trips. All are welcome to sign up. The follow is a list of upcoming trips and events:

March 7: Taj Mahal Atlantic City trip—\$18 per person which is returned upon arrival. Bus departs at 8:45 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m.

March 12: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Catch Me If You Can."—\$58 per person, which includes transportation, a luncheon and the show. Bus departs at 10 a.m. and returns before 5 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Dance, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.—\$10 per person.

March 22: Claridge Atlantic City trip—\$18 per person which is returned by the casino upon arrival. Bus departs at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m.

April 4: Taj Mahal Atlantic City trip—\$18 per person which is returned upon arrival. Bus departs at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m.

April 19: Claridge Atlantic City trip—\$18 per person which is returned by the casino upon arrival. Bus departs at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m.

April 28: Paper Mill Playhouse to see "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."—Cost is \$55 per person and includes transportation and orchestra seats. Bus departs at 12:30 p.m.

For reservations and further information, stop by the Senior Center or call (908) 754-1047. We hope you can join us.

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Members of South Plainfield Junior Troop 493 of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council (GSWRC) take time to pose for a photo during their tour of GSWRC's Council Service Center on Feb. 16. On the tour, the girls met with members of the council staff and toured the building. They also took time to learn some Girl Scout history and GSWRC history.

Rape Crisis Intervention Center Recruiting Volunteers

The Middlesex County Health Department's Rape Crisis Intervention Center is looking for Middlesex County residents age 18 and over who are interested in volunteer work to support victims of sexual violence.

For the purposes of enhancing our current volunteer program, the center is particularly in search of individuals who are bilingual. Volunteers who speak languages other than English can

be an asset to the center and provide improved services.

Volunteers are needed to provide crisis intervention and advocacy to victims of sexual violence in person and via our 24 hour hotline. Flexible hours, evenings and weekends are available.

A 50-hour Volunteer Advocate Training Program takes place twice a year. The next scheduled training will begin in March.

Anyone interested in more information about the volunteer advocate training program is urged to attend one of the upcoming information sessions.

Dates and locations are as follows: Monday, Feb. 26, 7-8 p.m. East Brunswick Public Library; Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7-8 p.m. Westergard Library in Piscataway and Wednesday, March 7, 7-8 p.m. Middlesex Borough Public Library.

For information about dates, times or locations and/or to register, please call Michelle at (732) 321-1189, ext. 327, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rescue Squad Fundraiser
The South Plainfield Volunteer Rescue Squad is holding a fundraiser at The Stress Factory Comedy Club, Bar and Grill located at 90 Church St. in New Brunswick on Sunday, March 25. The show will feature Vinnie Brand. Doors will be open for dinner at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance and reservations are required.
For reservations and tickets, please call (908) 754-2343.

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GOP to Hold Open Screening for Candidates

South Plainfield's Republican Organization will be holding an open screening for candidates interested in running on the party's ticket in the next general election. Up for election this year are two seats on the Borough Council.

"We want to once again open the screening process to all Borough residents," said Republican Chairman Bob Jones. "We're eager to talk to people who want to bring good government back to South Plainfield and an open screening allows us to pick from a wide assortment of talent—something our town has no shortage of."

Those interested in interviewing should submit a letter of interest or resume by e-mail to bobj152@aol.com or by mail to SPGOP, P.O. Box 371, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The submission deadline is March 1 and the screening process will take place throughout the month. The process includes interviews with the party's screening committee and selection of candidates by the Republican district committee from each of the town's 15 voting districts.

For more information call Bob Jones at (908) 222-9435.

Zielinski Family Renews Adopt-A-Spot Contract

The Zielinski Family has renewed their adoption of the Tompkins Avenue Open Space Project parcel for another year. Brian Zielinski first adopted this spot a year ago after he read about the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Adopt-A-Spot program in the local press. He was familiar with the area, which lies between Tompkins Avenue and Franklin School because he used to participate in litter cleanups around the school with the scouts when he was a student there.

The nine wooded acres have been the target of illegal dumpers for decades. The Zielinski's removed about a ton of litter and debris in 2006, and they plan to continue their quarterly cleanups this year.

The CBA is looking for more adopters for roadsides that front on wooded areas. Stretches of Belmont

Avenue, Garfield Avenue, New Market Avenue and Metuchen Road need attention.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

Historical Society Ellis Island Lecture
The South Plainfield Historical Society presents a lecture, "Ellis Island: Myth and Reality Presenter," on Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. The speaker will be Nancy C. Carnevale, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Montclair State University. Free to the public.
For more information call (908) 754-7268 or e-mail sphistorical.soc@cs.com.

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Around Town

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinners

February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church are sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners on Friday, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Dinners will be served in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu features filet of fish (fried, broiled, parmesan), cheese ravioli, manicotti and linguini or pizza; fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert.

For information, call (908) 756-0633, ext. 10 or Tony Moskal at (732) 727-4841.

Pasta Dinner at Sacred Heart

February 24

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association will sponsor an all-you-can-eat pasta dinner on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost for adults is \$10, seniors \$7 and children \$5. Dinner includes pasta and meat, bread, dessert and soda.

For tickets call Laurie at (908) 765-4738 or Mark at (908) 251-4549.

Actor/Writer Saverino To Speak at Library

February 25

Author Angelo Saverino will speak at the South Plainfield Library on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

In addition to his writing career, Saverino is also an actor with experience in film, television and theater. He will speak about his life and career. Copies of his book, the autobiography "The Heart of the Order," will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

AARP 4144 Meeting

February 26

AARP Chapter 4144 will hold their next meeting on Monday, Feb. 26 at the South Plainfield Senior Center on

South Plainfield SENIOR CENTER

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What's happening in FEB/MARCH

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| <p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Knitting/Crochetting 9:30am-11:30am 26 Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am AARP Meeting</p> | <p>Bingo 10am-2pm 27 Ladies Social Group 10am</p> | <p>Aerobics 8:45am 28 Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1 pm Crochetting 1 pm Tai Chi 2 pm</p> | <p>Pathmark Shopping 9 am 1 Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 10am, 11am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm Tax Aid 1 p.m.-4 p.m.</p> | <p>Bingo 10am-2pm 2</p> |
| <p>"Catch Me If You Can" Hunterdon Hills Trip, March 12</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance March 17 6-10 p.m. \$10 per person</p> | | | | <p>23 Bingo 10am-2pm</p> |
| <p>TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.</p> | | | | |

Maple Ave. at 12:30 p.m.

The program will be a red, white and blue review by Helen Frenick and the Hi-Steppers Dancers from the Franklin Twp. Senior Center.

Needlecrafters meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the center. They knit for DYFS and Muhlenberg Hospital. To join call Jean at (732) 752-0358.

Ponytail Meeting

February 27

The next Parents' Ponytail Assoc. meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the PAL building on Maple Ave. Bring your comments, concerns and/or ideas to the table. New faces are always welcomed. You can make a difference, just get involved.

You can also visit our Web site at www.spponytail.com.

SPHS Opera Fest

March 3

The South Plainfield High School Music Boosters will be hosting this year's NJMEA All-State Opera Fest on Saturday, March 3. The Opera Fest will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please come out and support the students! Refreshments will be sold and tickets can be purchased at the door.

VFW Lucky Shamrock Breakfast

March 4

The South Plainfield VFW #6763 will hold a Lucky Shamrock Breakfast on Sunday, March 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$5.

Find the lucky shamrock and win two free breakfasts. Public is welcome.

Spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephen's Church

March 4

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., is hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner includes salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert. Free-will offering will be taken; suggested donation is adults \$5, children \$2. No reservations necessary. For more information call (908) 757-4474.

Troop 309 Open House

March 5

Boy Scout Troop 309 will hold their annual open house on Monday, March 5. The open house runs from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. All scouts (or boys entering sixth grade and up) are welcome to come.

For more information, contact Jeff Pauls at (908) 755-6133.

SPHS Project Grad Auction/Raffle

March 10

The South Plainfield High School PTA will be hosting their annual auction/raffle on Saturday, March 10 in the SPHS gym. Doors open at 6 p.m. All profits will go towards Project Graduation for the Class of 2007. Tickets are \$12.

For tickets, contact Sharon Miller at (908) 754-6461 or Pat Anderson at (908) 756-6512. This event has sold out in past, so call as soon as possible.

Little Treasures Open House

March 10 and 11

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an open house on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You are also invited to meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For directions and additional information, please call (908) 769-3224.

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Arts Guild Jazz Series

February 23

The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., presents jazz trumpet player James Gibbs III on Friday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$16 at door.

Call (732) 381-7511 or e-mail artsguild1670@verizon.net.

Charity Ball/Center For Hope Hospice

February 24

Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care will host its 21st annual Charity Ball on Saturday, Feb. 24 at EAffaire on Rt. 22 East in Mountain-side from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Cost of \$75 includes full course dinner, wine, beer, soda and dancing to the sounds of the David Aaron Orchestra.

For tickets or information, please call (908) 889-7780.

Winter Art Workshop

February 24-March 10

Registration is now open for three winter art workshops at the Arts Guild of Rahway: Printmaking 101 Workshop: Making Multiples (Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.); Encaustic Workshop II: More Advanced Techniques (Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.); and Image Transfer Workshop (Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Fees vary; please call us at (732) 381-7511 for more information.

Auditions, Bucks County Playhouse

February 24

Adult auditions (18+) at the Bucks County Playhouse, 70 So. Main St. in New Hope, Pa. will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24. Open audition. You must sign-up for an audition time slot in person. Men 10 a.m.; women at 1 p.m. Auditions held on a first come basis; no appointments. All roles are paid positions. Bring a headshot and resume. Be prepared to dance, and sing.

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 a 16-bar vocal selection from *Godspell*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *West Side Story*, *Crazy for You*, *42nd Street*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* or *Pippin*. An accompanist will be provided; bring sheet music. Do not bring tapes or CDs.

Willow Grove Prayer Shawl Knitting

February 26
 Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains invites the community to the Monday Night Prayer and Prayer Shawl Gathering beginning Monday, Feb. 26 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you would like to learn to knit, come at 7 p.m. Open to all women and men. Transportation available.

For information, contact Elaine Schleifer at (732) 388-1258 or e-mail emschleifer@hotmail.com.

Adoption Support

February 26
 CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet on Monday, Feb. 26 from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

For information, call (732) 227-0607 or visit our Web site at www.wapc.net.

Wine Tasting

February 27
 The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a wine tasting networking event, sponsored by Bottlesmart of Iselin, on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick. Members \$45; non-members \$65. Registration required.

For more information call Melanie at (732) 821-1700, ext. 209.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

February 28
 The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, using the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown, will feature Ivan Goldberg, M.D. at their meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7:45 p.m. The public is invited; free literature to attendees.

Visit our Web site at www.dbsanewjersey.org/morristownarea, or call (973) 944-1143.

"BABY-The Musical"

March 1-4
 Livingston Theatre Company will present "BABY-The Musical" March 1 through 4 in the Livingston Student Center in Piscataway. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for Rutgers staff, children/students (must show school ID) and senior citizens. Reserve online at www.rultc.org or purchase at the door.

Youth Concussion Syndrome Seminar

March 1
 Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital presents "Keep Your Head in the Game!" a seminar for coaches, athletic trainers, recreation directors, school nurses and health care providers on Thursday, March 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Level One Trauma Center at RWJ University Hospital in New Brunswick. Registration required by Feb. 23; conference fee \$40.

For information and to register, call (732) 418-8026.



Curves members enjoy festivities at third anniversary celebration.

Curves of South Plainfield Celebrates Third Anniversary

Amidst much excitement and celebration, Curves in South Plainfield marked its third anniversary on Feb. 9. Members were treated to free facials, makeovers, belly dance instruction, refreshments and a raffle for a free month. The festive and energetic atmosphere encouraged all to work hard and have fun while doing so.

Curves is the leader in 30-minute aerobic and strength training for women. The program is backed by an annual million dollar research study at Baylor Institute which evaluates the effectiveness of the circuit workout and weight loss program. Curves is always evolving based upon solid research in the field of fitness, thus assuring that members are getting the best workout possible.

South Plainfield Curves will be participating in the Curves Food Drive beginning March 1. All food donations will be given to a local food pantry. Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected 11 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world.

To celebrate the generosity of the community, Curves is waiving its nor-

mal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins between March 1 and March 10. Last year more than 247,940 new members joined Curves during the food drive.

Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Saturday during business hours through the month of March.

"The Curves Food Drive promotion is always exciting," said Elissa and Jerri, owners of the South Plainfield club. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest, while we assist more women in reaching their fitness and weight loss goals. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate."

This is an opportunity for you to do something for yourself and your community at the same time. Please stop in or call for an appointment. Open seven days per week, Curves is located at 27 South Plainfield Ave. at the corner of Front Street and South Plainfield Ave. Our phone number is (908) 757-4422.

Donations Sought for Auction/Raffle

The South Plainfield High School PTA will be hosting the 19th annual Project Graduation for the 2007 graduating class. The cost for this event is quite substantial. The PTA holds one fundraiser for the event to be held on Saturday, March 10 from 7 to 11 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.) All profits will go towards Project Graduation. Tickets are currently being sold. The price of \$12 per ticket includes 10 raffle tickets.

This important event will not be a success without the help and support of SPHS families, community organizations and local businesses. Although we have received many generous donations, we are still in need of much more if we are to make Project Graduation happen for the Class of 2007. Please support this worthwhile cause by making either a monetary or gift item donation.

Donations should be sent to South Plainfield HS, 200 Lake St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080, Attn: SPHS PTA. Please make checks payable to SPHS PTA-Project Graduation.

Gift items must be received by March 2 in order to be used for our auction. We are also in need of additional volunteers to help the day of the auction with either set-up, ticket sales or clean up.

If you are a SPHS senior family and have already pledged your support of a donation through our recent telethon, please ensure we receive your donations no later than March 2.

To arrange for items to be picked up directly from your home or business, to purchase auction tickets or to be an auction volunteer, please contact the high school's main office, or SPHS PTA President Sharon Miller.

The Class of 2007 and the SPHS PTA appreciate your support!

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South Plainfield School District Testing Schedule

The following is the district testing schedule for students in grades three through 11.

Grade 11 HSPA

(High School Proficiency Assessment)

Monday, March 5—Science, full day schedule-8:10 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.; Tuesday, March 6—Mathematics, half day schedule-8:10 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.; Wednesday, March 7—Language Arts, half day schedule, Literacy Part 1-8:10 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. and Thursday, March 8—Language Arts, half day schedule, Literacy Part 2-8:10 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

Grade 9 and 10 Pre-HSPA

Half Day Schedule for grades 9 and 10 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Tuesday, March 6—Grade 9 and 10, Language Arts Literacy, Part 1; Wednesday, March 7—Grade 9, Mathematics; Grade 10, Language Arts Literacy, Part 2; Thursday, March 8—Grade 9, Language Arts Literacy, Part 2 and Grade 10, Mathematics

*Make-up tests the following week.

Note: Seniors are to report to the gym at 8:10 a.m. on March 6, 7 and 8 for scheduled activities.

Grade 8 GEPA

(Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment)—Full day sessions for all GEPA Testing.

Monday, March 12—Science; Tuesday, March 13—Mathematics; Wednesday, March 14—Language Arts Literacy

Part 1 and Thursday, March 15—Language Arts Literacy Part 2.

Grade 7 NJASK

(New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge)

Monday, March 12—Language Arts Literacy, Part 1; Tuesday, March 13—Language Arts Literacy, Part 2 and Wednesday, March 14—Mathematics.

Grades 5 and 6 NJASK

(New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge)

Tuesday, March 13—Language Arts Literacy, Part 1; Wednesday, March 14—Language Arts Literacy, Part 2 and Thursday, March 15—Mathematics.

* For grades 5 through 7—Full day schedules for all students.

* Make-up test the following week.

Grades 3 and 4 NJASK

Grade 3—Monday, March 19, Language Arts Literacy, Part 1; Tuesday, March 20—Language Arts Literacy, Part 2 and Wednesday, March 21, Mathematics.

Grade 4—Monday, March 19—Language Arts Literacy, Part 1; Tuesday, March 20—Language Arts Literacy, Part 2; Wednesday, March 21, Mathematics, Part 1; Thursday, March 22—Mathematics, Part 2 and Friday, March 23—Science.

* Grades 3 and 4 full day schedules for all students.

* Make-up tests scheduled individually by each school's testing coordinator.



Elsa Hahm of Edison, Lori Suchomel of Westfield and Marie Kasner of Colonia help plan the Harvest Quilter's annual quilt show.

Sharing the Quilts XXIV

Quilting is alive and growing in interest here in the 21st century in New Jersey. This colonial craft, which has been called the "homespun art of women's history," has taken on new life in this century with great short cut tools and methods being employed to create gifts and decorator items that bring warmth as well as function into our modern homes. The best news of all is that all contemporary fabrics are even more durable and colorfast than they were in the past and therefore have more longevity as they grace our dwellings.

On March 31 the Harvest Quilters of Central Jersey, with co-sponsorship from Watchung Art Center, will present their annual quilt show. The Harvest Quilters have been holding annual quilt shows for most of the last 25 years and now, in 2007, their show, "Sharing the Quilts XXIV" will again be held at the Wilson Memorial Union Church in Watchung from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Groupings of log cabin quilts, stepping up quilts and mystery quilt tops from a recent Harvest Quilters' workshop will be part of the display. The log cabin group was made by experience quilters and quilt students so the result is that all levels of experience can be observed in the work. Attendees to the show can be challenged at

whatever level their own ability falls. In addition, some Friendship Quilt projects can be seen. Twenty-eight participants from the Harvest Quilters, with group members as far away as Texas and New Mexico, took part in a friendship block exchange and while all 28 will not be ready for this year's show, some will be shown this year as tops. They will be in the 2008 show. It's amazing to see a person's personal pattern redone with everyone else's fabric over and over and finally being incorporated into a whole quilt top. This display is a "not to be missed" example of how color and fabric choices can influence patterns and overall block placement in a given quilt.

Other features of the quilt show will be live demonstrations of piecing techniques and quilt making, team room for lunch and snacks, select fabric and notions vendors, raffle quilt, viewer's choice voting and some door prizes. One vendor will feature African fabrics and another is a professional machine quilter. There is a large lot for off street parking.

For further information e-mail ael man@gmail.com, call (908) 755-7653, or send a self addressed stamped envelope to Quilt Show, 97 Belmont Ave., North Plainfield, N.J. 07060 to receive a flyer. Web site can be viewed at www.harvestquilters.com.

Book Recycling Program Success Spreads

A Middlesex County pilot program to recycle unusable hardcover books has proved to be a success and is now spreading to other locations.

More than 4.2 tons of paper was generated by the South Plainfield School District, which serves as the kick-off district for the program. Students were enlisted to rip off the covers of the books to make them recyclable.

County and local officials are using the program to increase recycling awareness and collection at schools throughout the county.

"The book recycling program in our schools is a great educational tool for students. School officials have helped bring a new excitement to our recycling efforts," said Freeholder Camille Fericola, chair of the County's Engineering and Planning Committee. "It's in everyone's best interest to recycle unusable books and important for all of us to encourage students to develop good recycling habits."

Fericola said the program has a number of benefits: recycled books do not take space in the trash stream, students benefit from hands-on recycling efforts and municipalities save the expense of landfill dumping fees.

The project is the product of a partnership between the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), which operates the curbside recycling collection program in 16 municipalities, and school districts throughout the county.

Leo Whalen, principal at Grant Elementary School, first approached the county about a book recycling program. Before Grant students participated in the program, a 3- to 4-foot-high pile of unusable books lined the wall of the school's cafeteria. Whalen said the school tried to sell or give the books away, but no one wanted them. He said the students received a great hands-on civics lesson.

"These students are a model for everyone else and they should be very proud of themselves," Whalen said. "We are very happy with the outcome of the program in our school. We're seeing an increase in recycling awareness in the classroom. Our teachers and students are more conscious of recycling and the importance of it and are making sure paper is going in the right place."

The county and the MCIA contracted with Waste Management of New Jersey Inc. to provide special covered recycling containers to collect the materials. It was first stationed at Grant School. Eventually all South Plainfield schools participated.

The books were then brought to Port Newark for recycling. Originally, the South Plainfield district was to receive \$20 per recycled ton from the recycling facility, however, the quality of the recyclable material was higher than expected, and the district received \$50 per ton.

The program is now being conducted in North Brunswick.

Municipalities whose schools participate in the book recycling program will receive recycling credits from the State, which adjusts recycling subsidies to towns based on each town's volume of recycled materials. The more recycled materials, the higher the subsidy.

The county will receive additional tonnage credits toward its overall recycling rate, whose minimum goal is 60 percent each year.

School districts interested in participating in the book recycling program should contact Ed Windas, MCIA's recycling manager, at (732) 628-0221.

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Student Success Program To be Presented at SPHS

South Plainfield High School will present the highly rated "Making College and Career Count" in-school presentation program for the senior class. The one-hour presentation will be delivered free to students and parents at 8:30 a.m. on March 7.

The presentation is designed to help students begin to think about their next steps upon graduation and what they need to accomplish throughout the upcoming years in order to maximize their opportunities for future success. The program also addresses important issues such as time management, choosing career paths, gaining experience through internships and meaningful work experience and study skills.

"Graduation from high school is a key transition period in a student's life," said Making It Count Vice President J.R. Cifani. "Our goal is to provide and reinforce the positive mes-

sages counselors and teachers are giving to their students during this crucial time and help students understand that anyone can be successful if they choose to be."

The Making College and Career Count presentation program will be presented to more than 650,000 high school seniors nationwide during the 2007 spring semester. Monster's Making It Count also provides free presentations for freshmen and juniors and has reached over 13 million students since 1999. Guidance counselors on average rated the value of the ideas presented a 9.4 on a 10-point scale.

Key content and supporting materials for the Making College and Career Count presentation can be found online at www.makingitcount.com. The Web site offers a variety of resources for high school students.

Churches Offering Lenten Worship/Workshops

The Association of South Plainfield Churches, which is comprised of Sacred Heart Parish, First Baptist, Nativity BVM Orthodox, Pilgrim Covenant, Rescue House of Prayer, St. Stephen Lutheran and Wesley United Methodist, is sponsoring a series of Lenten Worship/Workshops about developing your spiritual life. Each church will bring a topic from their tradition to share with the Christian community. Each gathering will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:30, followed by a time of fellowship, conversation and light refreshments.

Worship/Workshops will be held at

the following locations:

February 28: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church-Lutheran Hymnody (Hymns and Music).

March 7: First Baptist Church-Scripture Study.

March 14: Pilgrim Covenant Church-Small Group Discipleship.

March 21: Wesley United Methodist Church-Social Action as Spirituality.

March 28: Rescue House of Prayer-Prayer: Your Connection to God.

April 4: Sacred Heart Catholic Church-Praying the Scriptural Rosary.

Lenten Activities At Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart RC Church, located at 149 South Plainfield Ave., will hold the following special services during the Lenten season.

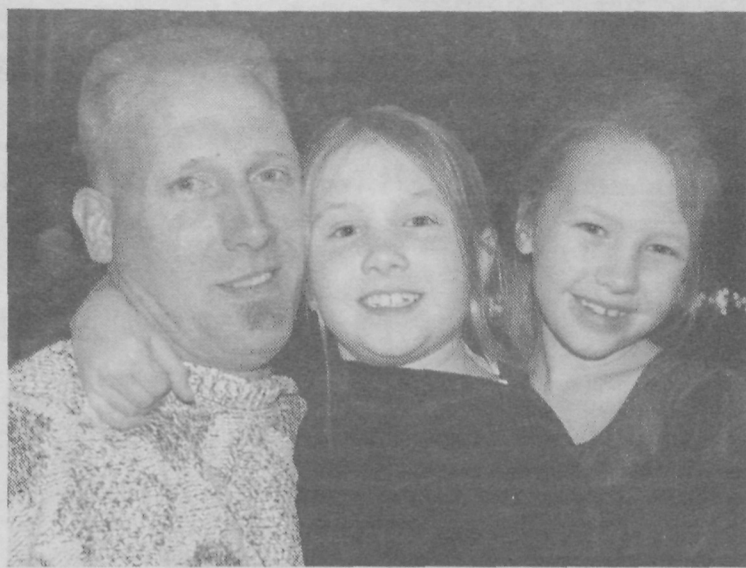
Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent, beginning on Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Bible Study will be held on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. through March 29 and on Monday evenings at 7:45, March 5 through 26 at the church.

Lenten fish dinners will be held every Friday through March 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

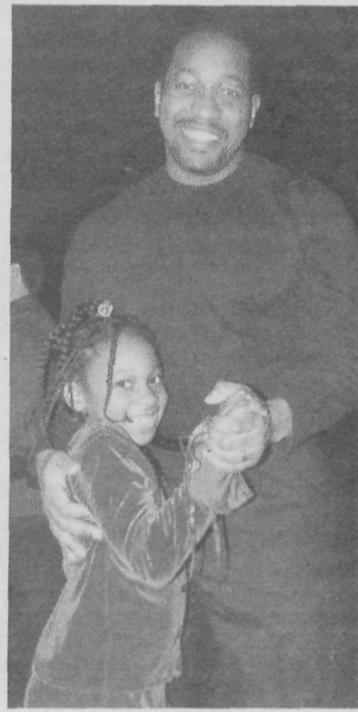
Fr. Abraham Orapankal, from RE-NEW International, will present a talk entitled "The Braid of Revelation" on Monday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Lenten Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

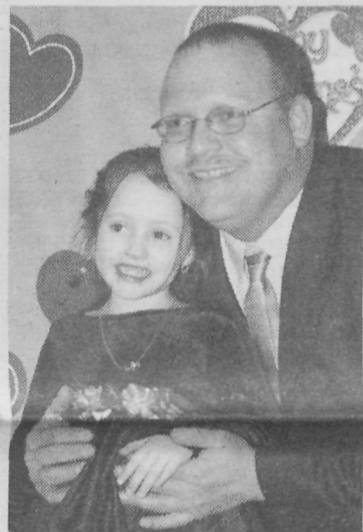


Riley School Girls Dance With Their Sweethearts

Young ladies had the opportunity to share an evening with their sweethearts, aka dads, at Riley School's "Dance With Your Sweetheart" Father/Daughter dance last Friday.



Guests entered the gym decked out with red and white balloons and enjoyed a wide assortment of snacks, ranging from sweets and chips to veggies and beverages. Music was provided by DJ Don Slanina. The dance was sponsored by the PTSO along with school family volunteers. The dance this year had the largest attendance in four years.



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ORDINANCE 1777

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

Ord. 1777 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH EMPLOYEE AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR SAID COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2010 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 23, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE 1777

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2010.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.

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| DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR | 31,561 - 50,855 |
| DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS | 1,234 - 2,234 |
| DOCKET CLERK | 24,000 - 37,505 |
| FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST - PROBATIONARY | 31,113 - 38,071 |
| FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST - CLASS D | 36,710 - 44,920 |
| FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST - CLASS C | 42,687 - 52,233 |
| FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST - CLASS B | 48,663 - 59,546 |
| FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST - CLASS A | 55,587 - 68,018 |
| FIRE PREVENTION SUBCODE OFFICIAL | 5,195 - 7,000 |
| OMNIBUS OPERATOR / RECREATION ATTENDANT | 24,000 - 39,134 |
| PERMIT CLERK | 31,183 - 50,393 |
| POLICE RECORDS CLERK | 24,000 - 33,055 |
| PRINCIPAL CLERK TYPIST | 24,505 - 44,195 |
| PRINCIPAL PAYROLL CLERK | 41,491 - 63,006 |
| PRINCIPAL TAX CLERK | 28,394 - 46,980 |
| PRINCIPLE CLERK REGISTRAR / VITAL STATISTICS | 35,228 - 55,342 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR - LEVEL 1 | 34,056 - 41,664 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR - LEVEL 2 | 35,615 - 43,579 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR - LEVEL 3 | 37,142 - 45,448 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR - LEVEL 4 | 42,030 - 51,429 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR - LEVEL 5 | 47,649 - 58,304 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR - SUPERVISOR | 50,031 - 61,219 |
| RECREATION ATTENDANT | 24,000 - 38,742 |
| SECRETARY BOARDS / COMMISSIONS | 27,404 - 45,768 |
| SECRETARY TO PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER | 28,000 - 40,754 |
| SENIOR ACCOUNTS CLERK TYPING | 46,809 - 69,514 |
| SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM AIDE | 24,000 - 38,115 |
| SENIOR CLERK TRANSCRIBER | 26,885 - 45,133 |
| SENIOR CLERK TYPIST | 24,000 - 39,321 |
| SENIOR DOCKET CLERK | 24,000 - 40,683 |
| SENIOR POLICE RECORDS CLERK | 28,000 - 49,958 |
| SOCIAL WORKER | 51,329 - 75,045 |
| SUPERVISING LABORER | 37,977 - 58,707 |

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS The Borough of South Plainfield in need of retaining an insurance brokerage and consulting firm that will handle the implementation of the employee benefits as well as negotiation with the various benefit providers for the year 2007; and

WHEREAS The Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contracts as "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

- The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Insurance Buyers Council, Inc.
- This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.
- Health Benefits will not be provided as part of the compensation package for this position.
- A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Observer as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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If you are in the military service, or the spouse or dependent of a person in military service or a patient in a veterans' hospital or a civilian attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States, or the spouse and dependent of and accompanying or residing with a civilian attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States, and desire to vote, or if you are a relative or friend of any such person who, you believe, will desire to vote in the **School Election** to be held on **April 17, 2007**, kindly write to the undersigned at once making application for a military service ballot to be voted in said election to be forwarded to you, stating your name, age, serial number if you are in military service, home address and the address at which you are stationed or can be found, or if you desire the military service ballot for a relative or friend then make application under oath for a military service ballot to be forwarded to him, stating in your application that he is over the age of 18 years and stating his name, serial number if he is in military service, home address and the address at which he is stationed or can be found.

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

On the application for a military service ballot, military service voters may request that a military service ballot be sent for all subsequent elections through and including the next two regularly scheduled general elections for federal office which take place after the request is made.

(NOTE: MILITARY SERVICE VOTER CLAIMING MILITARY STATION AS HOME ADDRESS FOR VOTING PURPOSES MAY NOT USE MILITARY ABSENTEE BALLOT UNLESS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE SUCH STATION IS LOCATED.)

Forms of application other than federal postcard application forms can be obtained from the undersigned.

DATE: February 23, 2007
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Obituaries

Antonio B. Goncalves, 77

Antonio B. Goncalves died on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at home.

Born in Minho, Portugal, he came to the United States in 1960. He resided in Newark before moving to South Plainfield in 1965.

Working in construction for many years, Antonio had worked for various local construction companies. He later began working in the housekeeping department at JFK Medical Center in Edison for 10 years before retiring in 1995.

Antonio loved the outdoors. He also enjoyed growing his own grape vines and gardening.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Maria; twin sons, Antonio and Carlos; two sisters, Rosa and Adelaide and three grandchildren, Nicholas, David and Jessie.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his

memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or the South Plainfield PBA Local #100, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Diane Hedden, 50

Diane Hedden died peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton surrounded by her family.

Born in Morristown, Diane was raised in South Plainfield and lived in Highland Park for 20 years before moving to Hamilton five years ago.

She was employed by the Borough of Highland Park as the assistant to the director of the towns recreation department for nearly 10 years. An avid gardener, Diane loved crafts and enjoyed crocheting.

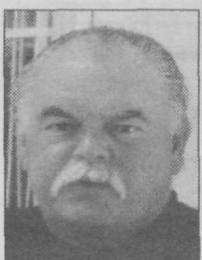
Surviving are a daughter, Annmarie and a son, William Sabovick

Jr.; a grandson, Tyler Nicholas Sabovick Stevens all of Edison; her mother, Patricia Coddington and husband Albert of Camden, Maine; her father, John J. Hedden and wife Marian of Toms River; three sisters, Terri Christ and husband John of South Plainfield, Kelly Reddington of Hamilton, and Debra Parenty and husband Jeffrey of Wanamassa; four brothers, John of Highland Park, Frederick and wife Arlene of East Port, Maine; James and wife Erika of Scotch Plains and Daniel and wife Alisha of South Plainfield. Also surviving is a half-brother, Edward Hedden of Freehold and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 75265-0309.

Dominick J. Scarpati, 64



Dominick Scarpati

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Scarpati was raised in North Plainfield and had been a resident of South Plainfield since 1975.

He was the owner and operator of RJJ Contractors Inc. in South Plainfield for the past 20 years.

A sports enthusiast, Dominick was a Yankees and NJ Devils fan and was a die-hard Philadelphia Eagles fan.

An avid traveler, Mr. Scarpati loved traveling to the Caribbean, mainly Aruba, as well as taking trips to Atlan-

tic City and Las Vegas. He also enjoyed playing golf. In addition, Dom loved spending time with his granddaughter, family, and friends.

Surviving are his wife Frieda (Perone) of South Plainfield; a daughter, Angela Flanagan and husband Patrick of Sayreville; two sisters, Marie McKee of Barnaget and Bernadine Cucciniello and husband Kenneth of Middlesex and a loving granddaughter, Isabella Flanagan of Sayreville.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Roman Tarnawski, 40

Roman Tarnawski passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Born in Poland, he resided in South Plainfield.

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

Garcia Named Junior Journalist



Fourth grader Mariah Garcia and Language Arts teacher Cynthia Severino.

Mariah Garcia, Kennedy School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist contest. Her efforts have earned her dinner, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal, Hometown Heros on Hamilton Blvd. or the *Observer* office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year-end banquet in May of 2007.

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

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Fun Snow
By *Mariah Garcia*

I love the snow.
At night it has a glow.
Snowballs you can throw.
Snow covers the hills.
Everyone gets the chills.
Hot cocoa will sound good.
Don't forget to wear your hood.

Memorial Service Planned for Robert Waugh Friday

Memorial services for Robert "Bob" Waugh will be held on Friday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., with Rev. Dee Dee Turlington officiating.

Mr. Waugh died on Thursday, Dec. 21. He was 85.

Born in Bayonne, he grew up in Westfield where he graduated from Westfield High School in 1939. He resided in Scotch Plains since 1950.

During WWII, he served with the Army Air Corps as an engine mechanic and had been stationed at Hickam Air Field in Pearl Harbor and was wounded during the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. For his actions in combat, he had been awarded the Purple Heart, American

Defense Medal with a Bronze Star in addition to the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal.

For more than 20 years he worked as the service manager for the Storr Tractor Co., formerly of Garwood and now located in Readington. He retired in 1984.

He was predeceased by a brother, Harold Waugh.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Dorothy (Van Deventer) Waugh and two sons, Robert C. Waugh and wife Deon Vaughan of Sylvania, Ohio and Timothy S. Waugh of South Plainfield.

Cremation was private under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE 1766

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

Ord. 1766 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE, AS REQUIRED BY THE NJDEP was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1776

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #170A ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

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

Section 1. Whenever any words or phrases are used in this ordinance, the meaning respectively described to them in Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey shall be deemed to apply to such words or phrases.

Section 2. Parking, stopping or standing of any motor vehicle shall not be permitted at the following locations in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey:

- a) Hamilton Boulevard - Westside to a point 126 feet north of Church Street (prohibiting on the street parking in front of residences located at 152 Hamilton Blvd and 156 Hamilton Blvd).
- b) Hamilton Boulevard - Westside from Church Street south to South Plainfield Avenue.
- c) Hamilton Boulevard - Eastside from South Plainfield Avenue to Maple Avenue.

Section 3. Parking, stopping or standing of any motor vehicle shall be permitted on any other portion of Hamilton Boulevard is permitted except as prohibited by other Borough ordinances.

Section 4. Any person or persons who violate any provision of this ordinance, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are repealed to extend to such inconsistency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

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Recreation Wrestling Review

(Continued from page 8)

Davisson 57 decision 10-8, Ryan Walsh 63, and Joe Jakubik 70, won by forfeit. Anthony Ashnault 73 won by fall and Joe Pellegrino 77 won by decision 10-5. Dylan Painton 80 by decision 6-0 and Troy Heilmann 85 by fall. Ray Jazikoff 90 by forfeit, Nick Graves by fall and Corey Stasenko by decision 3-1. Final score SP 60, Kenilworth 15.

Next up was Middlesex and the Tigers won every bout, shutting out Middlesex 85-0.

Plainfield was next and the Tigers again were very strong from top to bottom posting a 69-21 win. Jacob Painton 50 won by fall, followed by a major decision win 15-6 by Jake Hoffman 53. Troy Davisson 57 and Joe Penyak 60 won by fall. Ryan Walsh 63, Dan Hedden 67 and Joe Jakubik 70 won by forfeit. Anthony Ashnault 73 won by technical fall 18-0. Joe Pellegrino 77 and Dylan Painton 80 won by forfeit. Troy Heilmann 85 and Ray Jazikoff 90 and Corey Stasenko 102 all won by fall.

In a tri-match with Westfield and Roselle Park, the Junior Tigers took the mat and dominated the action with Jacob Painton 50 winning 8-1,

Jake Hoffman 53 won by fall. Troy Davisson 57 won by major decision 16-5. Ryan Walsh 63 and Dan Hedden 67 won by forfeit. Joe Jakubik 70 won by fall at 1:31, Anthony Ashnault 73 by fall at :17 and Joe Pellegrino 77 by fall at 1:34. Dylan Painton 80 and Troy Heilmann 85 won by forfeit. Corey Stasenko 102 won by decision 8-7 and Dominic Gruver won by forfeit. Final score SP 71, Westfield 10.

Roselle Park, who always has a good program, gave the Tigers some trouble late in the match, but early on the Junior Tigers once again were dominant. Jacob Painton 50 won by decision 6-0, Jake Hoffman 53 won 8-6 and Troy Davisson 57 won by fall. Ryan Walsh 63 won by major decision 14-0 and Joe Jakubik 70 and Anthony Ashnault 73 both won by fall. Joe Pellegrino 77 won by major decision 8-0 while Dylan Painton 80 and Troy Heilmann 85 won by fall. Corey Stasenko 102 who has a great year to date ended the Tiger scoring with a fall. Final score SP 53, Roselle Park 24.

Good luck to all the wrestlers and coaches in the upcoming league tournament.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Congratulations to the South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team and their coaches on winning their third consecutive Group II title in the New Jersey Wrestling State Championship. Also, congratulations to the Recreation Wrestling Club on their entrance into the Wildwood Tournament.

Residents will be able to watch Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado present the 2007 Budget on Comcast Channel 74 at the end of March. These presentations will help residents understand what will affect their child's future education. Due to State mandates, the Board needs to cut \$1M from the school budget. It's important for all residents to attend the budget hearings.

Math and science grade averages are on the low end of the scale all across the United States. There are Federal funds available to help our schools to raise the bar in these areas. Property tax reform is needed now and your support is needed. Contact your senators by logging on www.spnet.k12.nj.us.

Congratulations to young residents Jason Garcia, Tiffany Price and John Mocharski, Jr., who received appointments by the mayor and council as

probationary firefighters for the volunteer fire department.

NEA's Read Across America will be held on March 2.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ferrante and Anderson Families.

"Buckets for Bob" takes place on Thursday, March 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the high school gym. This fundraiser is a two-person-team hot shot tournament and is open to all ages. The cost to participate is \$10 per person. I commend all neighbors and friends who are joining together to help a family who has always been there in the past, volunteering their time to help South Plainfield. For further information or to register, contact Tom McCreesh at (908) 755-8468.

The t-shirts the SPHS students wore last Thursday were focused on the positive and never meant to cause resentment. Children do make mistakes, but when they become repeat offenders it becomes a definite problem that should be addressed by adults.

The SPHS Student Leadership program, under the direction of Mary Ellen Martko, Mr. Baker, Ms. Vandermark, Mr. Encinas, Ms. Zurka, Mr. Hajduk and Ms. Raimondo are once again not only providing leadership,

but are constantly expanding their many community services to include visiting the Cedarbrook nursing facility every Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. Our young students are reaching out to those residents with singing, picture painting, playing board games, dancing, nail art and chatting. Thank you to all the student leaders for sharing their time to spread joy to others. Thank you to Karen, recreation director at Cedarbrook, for welcoming our student leaders.

Students at SPHS have been instructed to park in the student parking area and not in the teachers parking area. Many of the student cars that are registered with the school have been issued school stickers, but not all student cars are parking in the student lot. This situation has caused detention for some students and what is good for one should be good for all.

BOE NOTICES

Curriculum Comm. Meeting Cancelled

The Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee Meeting scheduled for April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Administration Building has been cancelled.

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