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BOE Bus. Administrator Ready for the Challenge



BOE Bus. Administrator Donna Tolley

By Libby Barsky

On Jan. 1, Donna Tolley began her position as business administrator/secretary for the South Plainfield School District, replacing Interim Board Administrator Robert Davis. Tolley's job title also includes Affirmative Action Officer for Equity in Employment Practices, Public Agency Compliance Officer and Custodian of School Records.

"Wherever I am at a job I look at it as my responsibility. I try to learn as much about the place that I can. If I am here, I want to do the best job I can and I try to do my best."

— DONNA TOLLEY, BOE ADMINISTRATOR

Tolley was initially hired by South Plainfield Board of Education in November, 2003 as an accountant where she has been working in the business office for the past three years. Previously she worked for three different companies in the business world for thirteen years.

"I'm not the type of person who goes from job to job," said Tolley, explaining that in her experience she had seen one company getting bought out by another company. "If you aren't with the parent company, you will be asked to leave or move to another location. After three or four times of that happening, I wanted something more stable," she said.

Her parents, both teachers, urged her to move into the public sector. "That was the push that had me come over to this side—public administration. I applied for my NJ School Business Administrator certification eligibility in 1996," she said.

Tolley finds being in the public

sector a totally different environment than the corporate mentality. "Corporations are very aware of the bottom line and making a profit. If there isn't a profit, spending will be held back," said Tolley. "In the public sector, everyone thinks there's an endless amount of money. And even though it's taxpayer money, the impetus is to just spend it. But because it's coming out of tax dollars—whether you live in that school district or an other district—you are funding it yourself," she said.

Tolley points out that the concept of setting up a budget is the same whether the dollars are state money or money raised by a company selling a product. "You have to undergo the same process and account for everything in an accounting way. You learn to spend your dollars wisely and get the best value for your dollar."

But finding ways to pay for all the things that are necessary to run the school isn't always easy Tolley admits. She points out that the facilities are getting older and need to be maintained and the process of going after state money for partial reimbursement under the new procedures put in place by the School Construction Corporation makes the process take longer.

When Tolley joined the business office the district had a gap in its budget, which was caused mainly by outstanding vouchers. To counteract the problem, Tolley has been working at re-educating people.

"There were many things people weren't aware of. We had to educate them so that they couldn't go to their favorite vendor at a state contract level. They have to be aware of the reason for the purchase and to always look at each (purchase) as if it was their money and look for the best price," she said.

Prior to his departure Davis praised Tolley for the work she did in readying the budget for the district's audit.

"Wherever I am at a job I look at it as my responsibility. I try to learn as much about the place that I can. If I am here, I want to do the best job I can and I try to do my best," said Tolley.



Proposed age restricted housing complex on former Tingley Rubber site.

Planning Board Hears Testimony On Age-Restricted Housing

The Planning Board continued taking testimony Tuesday evening on the proposed plan to construct 484 age-restricted housing units on the 27-acre site formerly occupied by Tingley Rubber, known as JSM/Celebrations.

Plans call for 11 two-story buildings, each with 44 units. One member

of the household would be 55 and no one younger than 19 would be allowed to live there. Plans also call for a 16,000 sq. ft. clubhouse, including studios, spas and a business center. The applicant is proposing to clear the entire site of all existing structures. Seventeen acres would be used for buildings and parking lots

and 10 acres would be devoted to vegetation.

Tingley Rubber, closed for several years, is located on South Ave. and Coolidge St., near Rt. 287. The property was rezoned from industrial to age-restricted residential last year.

According to New Jersey State Senator Bob Smith, attorney for developer Jack Morris, the development would add \$3M in revenue for South Plainfield and have practically no impact on local schools. The applicant had requested two bulk variances. The first was for a set back of 37.33 ft. instead of the 50 ft. required from a Texas Eastern Transmission gas line on the property. Smith withdrew this variance request after he was told the board would not approve it. The second variance is for four signs instead of one allowed at the site.

During some of the testimony at Tuesday's meeting, the number of parking spaces was discussed. The plans included 1,053 spaces, but at least four spaces for each of the 11 buildings will probably be eliminated, because they are too crowded or positioned right at the entrance. The buildings are three stories, with parking on the lower level. There is no designated parking at the clubhouse, which could also cause a problem.

"Squeeze things—move one unit over. Why have 484 units—reduce them," commented Charlie Butrico, councilman and planning board member.

Traffic Engineer Ken Fears testified that there would be twice as much traffic if this were an industrial site instead of a residential area. Fears estimated that peak morning hour traffic would generate 87 vehicles residential, versus 163 commercial and in the afternoon 140, versus 174. The board discussed traffic flow issues on the three streets surrounding Celebrations, including South and Coolidge streets. They discussed changing several

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Middle School Students of the Month

Each month one student from each of the Middle School's six groups is chosen as a "Student of the Month" by their teachers. The following students, pictured above, were selected for the month of November: Avalanche Bjorn Delacruz, Cyclone Ruchi Patel, Monsoon Patrick Landy, Thunder Steve Coppi, Tsunami Heba Younes and Lightning Gregory Herbster.

School Board Candidacy Information Available

South Plainfield's Board of Education Business Administrator Donna M. Tolley has announced that the deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18.

Prospective school board candi-

dates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the school's district office, located at 125 Jackson Ave., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes the nominating petition; and the role of the school board member. Infor-

mation about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"School board membership is a meaningful way to make a contribution to your community and its schools," said Patti J. Pawling,

NJSBA president. "I urge all qualified citizens to consider board of education membership. 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."

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councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
January 17	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
February 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
February 21	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
March 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
March 21	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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planningboard

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

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

zoningboardofadjustment

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

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

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Com. of the Whole, Tuesdays 7 p.m.-Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Meeting Tuesdays 8 p.m.-Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, and April 4.

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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

sifepiansub-committee

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

recreationcommission

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

Feb. 14, March 14, April 11, May 23*, June 13, July and Aug. No scheduled meetings, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

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

In the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

Another year has passed. Another very successful holiday project was achieved by the South Plainfield Social Services Dept. This success is only because of the generosity of the citizens and companies of our community who care so much for the needy of our community.

A special thanks also goes to the participants of the Tiger 24 run who raise money which is donated to our project to purchase gift certificates to go along with the gifts and other gift certificates which are donated by everyone else who participates in this annual project.

South Plainfield always takes care of their own and this year was no exception. Many volunteers also helped to organize and pack food for Thanksgiving and gifts for Christmas. Without their help, we could not achieve success.

Since I would be afraid to mention each contributor and helper, without forgetting someone, all I can say is "Thank You" to everyone who had any part in this year's program.

Thank you for all your generosity.
**MARGARET ACKERMAN,
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

To the Editor,

Grant Elementary School held "Movie Day" on Monday, Dec. 26 at the Dunellen Theater. There were 125 students and parents in attendance to view *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. Everyone enjoyed popcorn, a drink and pizza and once again, the students should be proud of the way they represented Grant School. There will be more information on Family Skate Day at Roosevelt Park in Edison scheduled for this month. The 2007 Stokes 50/50 Raffle is underway. There are only 400 tickets available at \$10 a ticket. You can send in your order to Grant School. Also, Curves tickets will be available as a 2007 Grant Stokes fundraiser, so if you are contemplating going to the gym, watch for the "Curves" sampler. Thank you so much to Maria Butrico and Robin Alba and those who volunteer to help with the school store which benefits the 2007 Stokes student trip.

The South Plainfield High School Boys Soccer Dinner will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. Tickets are \$26 per person. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Lingren, Nancy O'Shea, Pat Fabino, Toni Moretti, Jennifer Kelly, Holly Weakley and Carol Ullom for all your hard work putting this dinner together. The meeting went well and much was accomplished. Please remember that the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club meet the second Tuesday of the month. Please come to visit and join in on the fun and support all the athletics.

Sincerely,
**DEBBIE BOYLE,
GRANT SCHOOL PTO AND
HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER TRUSTEE**

Dear Editor,

I feel the need every year to thank the following people for their help and donations at Christmas time and throughout the year.

To Grace Bertucci from the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Church, whose phone calls of support and food donations were most appreciated, thank you.

Also, every year Marge Ackerman of the Social Services Department at Borough Hall spends countless hours acquiring donations and distributing them to the less fortunate people in town. I'd like to thank her and the generous people of this town for all of their contributions.

A GRATEFUL NEIGHBOR

To the Editor,

My name is Lynn Wright. I would like to make you aware of the outstanding service of Bill McCriskin of McCriskin Home for Funerals, who recently came to our 'rescue.' My mother died in February of last year and the McCriskin Funeral Home handled the services.

After nearly a year, we finally sold my mother's house in North Plainfield. When we attempted to deposit the check from the sale, we were told we couldn't because the check was made out to the 'estate of Gertrude Wright' and no one, not even our attorney had told us we would need to set up an estate account. We were also told that it could take up to six months to establish an account. I was in a panic, the check was only good for 30 days and we needed the money.

I decided to call Bill McCriskin, since he was so helpful in the past, to see if he could assist us. The man is an angel. He explained that all we needed to do was obtain an EIN number and along with the death certificate and a copy of a letter from the surrogate's office naming me as executrix to the bank, we could and then open an account. He actually assisted me in obtaining an EIN number just a few minutes.

After almost a year after handling my mother's funeral services, Bill McCriskin took the time to help us once again. He was able to do in eight minutes, what the people at the bank and the attorneys could not do in over 24 hours. As I said, that man is an angel.
LYNN M. WRIGHT

To the Editor,

As a realtor and real estate investor myself, I am forced to deal with all types of lawyers, both good and bad. All too often I've run across a few that give their profession a bad name and have left me with a bad taste in my mouth, to say the least. But once in a while one comes along that make all of my efforts worthwhile.

The attorney worthy of this tribute is Adam Glinn, Esq. of Colonia and his staff, Helaine, Jennifer and Gail. Since conducting business with them, they have dispelled some of the past unpleasant experiences and made the

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road to closing a smooth ride. Adam takes a "hands-on" approach to his practice along with keeping the lines of communication open with his buyers, sellers and realtors. It's detrimental to the real estate profession if we are unable to speak person-to-person to all that are involved in a transaction, not to mention how time consuming it can be as well.

When I call Adam's office, I get a human being not a recorded message or voice mail. I also receive a return phone call the same day. In other words, I am not kept waiting or wondering why someone hasn't called me back. We all know how frustrating that can be! I am treated with the utmost respect whenever I need assistance and am kept up-to-date with the inner workings of each transaction, inclusive of being faxed at home at my request.

After a recent closing with Adam's office, I wanted to somehow show him my appreciation for his professionalism, but didn't know what to buy him. Then it dawned on me that the greatest gift I could give him would be the gift of referrals for his business. In doing so, I'm writing this letter, as well as recommending Adam to clients, family members, friends and colleagues.

I know the he can be trusted to get the job done properly and at the same time keep everyone involved posted as to the progress of it all. This is my gift to him and my way of saying, "Thank you Adam and staff for a job well done!"

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Mayor Dan Gallagher helps Gene Casazza cut the ribbon at the Restaurant Depot grand opening ceremonies last month. Also on hand to welcome the new business were Councilmen Charlie Butrico and Dennis Cerami and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas. Restaurant Depot is not open to the public and sells only to wholesalers. Also attending the ceremonies from Restaurant Depot were Alex Jaffe, Jose Sosa, Todd Russell, Walter Gibb, Jim Furlong and Larry Cohen.

Planning Board Passes South Plainfield's 10-Year Fair Housing Element Plan

The South Plainfield Planning Board passed a new Fair Housing Element Plan on Dec. 13, just days before the deadline to submit their plan to the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

Municipalities are required to have an updated plan for affordable housing which addresses their obligations until the year 2014. South Plainfield had asked for an extended deadline to submit their plan and a judge extended the date until Dec. 20.

During the past 10 years, South Plainfield had an obligation of 352 affordable units and earned 345 credits toward that goal. In past 10 years,

credits were given for the apartments and condos built on New Durham and Durham Ave.

The 2000 Census report listed 7,307 housing units in South Plainfield, with the vast majority of these units (97.9%) occupied. Of the 7,151 occupied housing units, 6,360 (88.8%) were owner occupied and 791 (11.1%) were rentals.

According to data from the publication *NJ Construction Reporter*, South Plainfield had a net increase of 902 housing units between 1996 and 2004. Much of that development occurred between 1999 and 2002, a period in which several of the

Borough's inclusionary affordable units were constructed. During the other five years, South Plainfield experienced an increase of 172 units.

In estimating the South Plainfield's future obligations, planners Art Bernard and Lester Nebenzahl, from THP, Inc. estimated South Plainfield's obligation in the next 10 years would be approximately 70 additional affordable housing units.

This estimate was determined by the number of projected new households, as well as new industry, which will develop in South Plainfield over the next 10 years.

During their December meeting, the council passed a resolution in support of the Fair Housing Element Plan which the Planning Board approved.

Developers are now obliged to provide one lower income unit for every eight market units, or to pay a developer's fee of one percent of the average cost of the units built.

Borough Subpoenaed In Lynch Investigation

By Jane Dornick

According to Borough Administrator Vincent Buttiglieri, "I looked around all of our files and the Borough has had no dealings with Mr. Lynch or his companies and we have responded to the subpoena." This was in response to a subpoena received in December by the US Attorney's Office in Newark regarding an investigation into the business dealings of former state Sen. John Lynch (D-Middlesex) and his business partner John Westlake.

The FBI raided the office of Lynch and Westlake, Monmouth County Developers, on Nov. 9 with a search warrant that ordered the seizure of documents dating back to Jan. 1993 relating to 82 individuals, projects and other entities. This is part of a long running federal corruption probe into Lynch's business dealings.



All About Pets....

By Anthony Loomis, DVM

Introducing a new puppy into the family can be both an exciting and frustrating time. Training should begin right away; however, you must keep your expectations realistic.

In order to have a peaceful, manageable relationship with your dog, it is important that you establish your position as the leader from the beginning. You do not have to use physical or vocal intimidation to do so. This can leave a dog feeling threatened and defensive, and may even provoke an attack. It is most important to project a sense of leadership by using a deep, steady voice, reacting calmly to situations that make the dog nervous, and giving rewards only for good behavior. If you notice your puppy chewing on something they shouldn't, distract them with a toy that is acceptable to chew on. Also, praise them when you notice them chewing on one of their toys.

Socializing is one of the most important things you can do to train your young dog. Exposing a puppy to all the different experiences they will have throughout their life in a positive way at an early age, will minimize future uncomfortable situations. Show your puppy that they can depend on all family members for affection, food and gentle leadership. Pet your dog all over, especially near their toes and ears. This will allow them to feel comfortable when handled and allow you to clip their nails or clean their ears without struggle when necessary. Also, begin brushing your dog's teeth at an early age with veterinary



toothpaste, so in the future it is not a hassle. Once your puppy is comfortable with you and your family and has had all necessary vaccinations, it is time to introduce them to the rest of the world. Allow your puppy to meet other people and dogs, so

future interactions do not lead to aggression. If you notice your puppy feeling nervous do not scold them this can only make the situation worse. Also, over comforting them, can simply reinforce the nervous behavior. It is best to distract them and re-attempt that encounter at a later time.

House breaking a puppy is probably the most frustrating and confusing obstacle for new dog owners. It is important to take them outside first thing when you wake, after any meal, before bed, and whenever you notice them acting overly anxious. Stay near them the whole time they're out, and reward them with praise and a treat as soon as they relieve themselves. This teaches your puppy that going outside is a good thing. It is only beneficial to correct your dog if you catch them going to the bathroom in the house, by bringing them immediately outside. If you find a mess in the house and scold your puppy later, they do not understand what all the fuss is about.

Anthony Loomis, DVM grew up in Scotch Plains and attended St. Joseph's High School. He majored in Animal Health at the University of Georgia and attended Oklahoma State University for veterinary school. His special interest is exotic animal medicine and surgery.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Competition will start on Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Sacred Heart Church gymnasium in South Plainfield.

Boys and girls ages 12, 13 and 14

will start at 9 a.m. Boys and girls ages 10 and 11 will start at 10 a.m.

All participants are required to furnish proof of age (birth certificate) and written parental consent. For additional information, contact John LoBosco at (908) 755-4914 or show up on Sunday, Jan 15 to register at 8:30 a.m.

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Around Town

Pancake Breakfast at American Legion

January 15

The American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on Oak Tree Ave. will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost for adults is \$5, children are \$3 and kids under six are free. All profits go to the South Plainfield Scholarship Fund.

GOP Meeting

January 18

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. at Sherban's. All residents are invited to attend and bring their concerns and comments for an open discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

AARP #4144 Meeting

January 19

AARP Chapter 4144's next meeting will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Thursday, Jan. 19 starting at 12:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by Dave Mollen from the New Jersey AARP Speaker's Bureau, who will speak on Medicare Part D, sponsored by Twin City Pharmacy, located on Park Ave.

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

VFW Plans Italian Night

January 20

VFW Post #6763 will hold an Italian Night on Friday, Jan. 20. Full course dinner is \$8 adults and children 12 years and under \$4. Take outs are .50 cents extra.

For information phone (908) 668-9751.

Conquer Clutter Program at Library

January 23

The library will host the program "Conquer Clutter and Chaos for Good" on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

The program host is professional organizer and HGTV host Jamie

What's happening in JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Dave Mollen will speak on Medicare Part D January 19 at 12:30 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance with the Art Smith Orchestra 6-10pm February 11			BINGO 10-2pm Lunch Available 13
	16 Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Lunch Available Center Closed Martin Luther King Day	17 Exercise 8:45am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Tai Chi Class 2pm Listening to Children 10am	18 Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm AARP Meeting 12:30pm	BINGO 10-2pm Lunch Available 20
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Novak, making a return appearance. She will give tips on how to start off the new year by dealing with excess clutter and better organizing your home. She will also answer questions from the audience and sign copies of her book, *1,001 Quick and Easy Organizing Secrets*. The program is presented free; no pre-registration is required. Snow date is Monday, Jan. 30.

Cappy 2005 Awards

January 28

Philip Aiello and the late Salvatore Severini, Sr. will be honored as the 2005 Cappy Award winners on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Senior Center starting at 7 p.m. Cost of \$15 includes entertainment. Purchase tickets at the PAL.

VFW Breakfast

February 4

VFW Post #6763, located on Front St. will hold a breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Proceeds benefit the VA hospital at Lyons. The public is invited. For information, call (908) 668-9751.

AARP Defensive Driving Course

February 8-9

The AARP Defensive Drivers Course will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Cost is \$10, open to all legally licensed drivers.

This course will also be given at Muhlenberg Hospital on two Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must attend both sessions. These courses involve discussion only. No driving test is given. You can earn a three-year discount on your auto insurance policy. You may remove two points off your license. Payment due at registration. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 to register.

Historical Society Valentine's Breakfast

February 12

The South Plainfield Historical Society is hosting a Valentine's Sweetheart Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 12 to benefit its annual high school scholarship award. The breakfast will be held at the South Plainfield Elk's Club at 1254 New Market Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$5 for children five-14; children four and under are free.

For information on Historical Society events, log on to: <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsoc> or e-mail sphistoricalsoc@cs.com.

VFW Diner

February 17

VFW Post #6763, located on Front St. will hold a dinner on Friday, Feb. 17 from 5 to 7 pm.

The public is invited. For information call, (908) 668-9751.

Music Boosters Dinner/Show

March 24

The South Plainfield High School Music Boosters will be hosting a fundraiser in the form of a Dinner/Show at the High School. The tentative date is Friday, March 24.

The dinner will be served by the staff of Carabba's Restaurant. Entertainment, possibly a comedy act, is still to be determined. All money raised goes to scholarships for graduating music department seniors in June. Watch the *Observer* for more details to follow.

Senior Center EVENTS

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Casino Night

March 25

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. will be holding a Casino Night on Saturday, March 25 at Sacred Heart School. Doors open at 6:30, play begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person and includes wine, beer, soda and playing chips.

For information, call (908) 755-5300, ext. 203.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Dance

January 13

The Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, Jan. 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission is \$8, guests \$9.

The Middlesex WOWs meet the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center in Carteret.

For information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Breakfast and Movie Discussion Planned

January 14

Grove Presbyterian Church invites all men and women ages 12 and up to join them on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. for a free breakfast and discussion on the movie *Narnia-The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*.

Reservations appreciated, but not required, phone (908) 232-5678.

Blackrose to Perform

January 14 and 21

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Season's Restaurant, located on Rt. 27 in Edison on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10 p.m.

They will also perform at Tim Kerwins, located on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

Open House at Willow Grove

January 19

Willow Grove Pre-School will hold a parent pre-registration open house for the 2006-07 school year on Thursday, Jan. 19 (snow date Jan. 20) from

10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Willow Grove Pre-School is a non-profit Christian pre-school that has been nurturing children for over 20 years.

For information about Willow Grove Pre-School, call Mrs. Calello at 232-7117.

Sierra Singles 50+ Meet and Greet

January 22

The Sierra Singles 50+ will hold a meet and greet in the bar area at the Black Forest Inn in Stanhope on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2:30 p.m.

RSVP required by Jan. 22 noon to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (973) 364-7573 push option #6.

CHATS Adoption Support Meeting

January 23

Adoption Support CHAT's (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will be meeting from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church on Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories; light refreshments. Check our website: 111.chatsnj.com or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607.

Starlight Singles Dinner

January 25

The Starlight Socials Single Professionals 30+ will sponsor an evening of dinner and dancing on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Robertos Ristorante in Rochelle Park.

Cost of \$25.95 includes buffet dinner, American/Italian Continental cuisine, gourmet desserts, soda, coffee/tea, tax, tips, dancing and entrance fee to Singles Mingle. Professional attire. Walk-ins are welcomed, but RSVPs recommended. RSVP requested by Jan. 25 noon to insure seating to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or call (732) 764-9073.

Starlight singles

January 26

The Starlight Singles will hold a professional happy hour on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at TGIF Restaurant in Bridgewater.

RSVP required by Jan. 26 to StarlightSocials@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Nite of DooWop

February 4

The Dunellen Legion Post 119 and the High School Class of 2008, are sponsoring "A Nite of Doo-Wop 2006," featuring Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge and The Duprees on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theatre, in Branchburg.

For tickets, call (732) 968-0885, ext. 104, or (732) 968-5381.

Music, Art Program for Children with Autism

February 4

Classes for the Parent/Child Workshops in Music/Movement and Art for Children with Autism or Autistic Behaviors will resume in February. The 10 week workshops will be held on Saturdays, Feb. 4 to Apr. 8 at Rutgers, in cooperation with the Visual Arts Department and at the Elks Lodge.

For information, call (732) 745-3885, 745-5935, 745-3913 (TTY), or info@vsanji.org.

Application deadline is Jan. 12.

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Karen Cammarata

Karen Cammarata, Realtor Associate with Century 21 Moretti Realty, has earned the Accredited Buyer Representation (ABR®) designation awarded by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council, Inc. of the National Association of Realtors® (NAR).

"The ABR® designation is the benchmark of excellence in real estate buyer representation," said Guy Moretti, Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Moretti Realty. Buyers can be confident that the agent has taken

steps to continue her education in the field of buyer representation, and has the proven experience and training to meet their needs in an ethical and professional manner.

To earn the ABR® designation, Karen Cammarata was required to successfully complete a comprehensive course in buyer representation, an elective course focusing on a buyer representation specialty, and submit documentation verifying professional experience in the field. With over 950,000 members in NAR, less than 5% have earned the ABR® designation.

Century 21 Moretti Realty ranks among the top 10 Century 21 offices in the State of NJ. In business over 25 years, the company has been affiliated with the Century 21 system for the past 10 years. Located at 225 Maple Ave. in South Plainfield, Century 21 Moretti Realty is a full service, multi-lingual brokerage firm with 60+ active agents providing residential and commercial real estate services for buyers, sellers, investors and developers throughout central New Jersey.

Peloquin named to Dean's High Honors List at Marietta College

Marietta College senior Matthew J. Peloquin, the son of Linda and Thomas Peloquin of South Plainfield, has been named to the Dean's High Honors List for the Fall 2005 semester.

Any full-time MC student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher in a given semester is recognized as a Dean's High Honors List student for that semester.

Peloquin, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, is working toward a major in petroleum engineering at Marietta.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the

confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy begun in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835. Today Marietta College serves a body of 1,300 full-time students. The college offers more than 40 majors and has been listed among *Barron's Best Buys in College Education* and *Peterson's Competitive Colleges*, and has been recognized as one of the top regional comprehensive colleges by *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Princeton Review*.



Cub Scout Pack 207 from Franklin School visited Linden Airport to learn about aviation.

Middlesex County Sells Notes and Bonds

Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabiell, chairman of the county's Administration and Finance Committee, announced today that the county sold \$15.71 million in Bond Anticipation Notes to temporarily finance a capital project in the county. The county also sold \$53.3 million in General Obligation Bonds to permanently finance capital improvement projects in the county, including projects at the county's vocational-technical schools.

Bank of America Sec LLC was awarded the bid to buy the Bond Anticipation Notes, offering an effective net interest rate of 3.37 percent. County finance officials and advisors had initially projected a net interest rate for the notes of 3.5 percent to 3.7 percent.

UBS Financial Services Inc., who submitted the lowest bid for the bonds, offered a net interest rate of 4.08 percent. County finance officials and advisors had initially projected a net interest rate for the bonds of 4.2

percent to 4.4 percent.

"The successful rates are highly competitive and are indicative of the recognition and support accorded by the financial market to Middlesex County, recognizing the county's financial strength," Crabiell said. "The interest rates on the bonds and the notes are a direct result of the county's credit rating."

Standard and Poor's reaffirmed its AAA rating on the county's bonds. Moody's Investors Service also reaffirmed its AA1 rating on the county's bonds.

Elise Dennison of Century 21 Moretti Realty Offers Specialized Services to Seniors

As people remain active and live longer, it is becoming increasingly important to them to blend their golden year lifestyle with living environment needs. To meet their special and specific needs, Elise Dennison, Realtor-Associate with Century 21 Moretti Realty, has become a certified expert for the active adult and senior market. She has earned the designation of Century 21 MatureMoves Specialist.

According to Guy Moretti, broker/owner of Century 21 Moretti Realty, Elise has combined her extensive real estate experience with Century 21 specialized training, providing her the expertise to assist adult homebuyers and sellers in the 55 to 84 years-of-age range. Her knowledge of this market enables Moretti Realty to be a valuable resource to the senior population in planning the right move to meet the needs of their changing lifestyle.

The Century 21 MatureMoves certification program details what features mature consumers may desire in a home, including single-level floor plans and heightened safety and secu-

rity measures. It also provides the knowledge and tools for how to best service this large and growing market whether moving in central New Jersey or relocating out of the area.

According to a study by the National Association of Home Builders, mature adults want to live closer to their children and grandchildren; they want to be conveniently located to shopping, houses of worship, and medical facilities; and they are seeking a lifestyle that affords them the freedom to pursue their travel, social and physical activity interests.

Dennison can be reached by calling (908) 755-5300, ext. 406 or by email at DennisonE@MorettiRealty.com.

Planning Board

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area roads to one way, and prohibiting trucks from making left turns from Durham Ave. on to McKinley.

The 24 ft. width of the streets was also discussed. The roads in the development will be 24 ft. with perpendicular parking. The board asked if there was a way to make them wider, even though that is according to regulations.

Each unit will include elevators and a sprinkler system. Garbage and recycling will be collected and compacted internally, according to the testimony.

Frank Mikorski, as well as others who spoke, were concerned about the density of the project. They were told that the state's code is 18 units per acre and the courts include the entire parcel, even when a portion of the acreage is wetlands and not able to be built upon.

Bob Spiegel of Edison Wetlands asked about the status of the environment cleanup and wetlands permits on the former Tingley Rubber company property. "It is under study. No matter what the condition is now, we would get a no further action letter from the DEP," answered board attorney Nelson. He added that the DEP letter would allow construction to start.

Due the changes in the amount of parking places, the withdrawal of the gas line variance and the width or the roadways, revised plans will need to be submitted. Whether the applicant will ask for more variances or eliminate some of the units is unknown. The next scheduled meeting on this hearing will be held on Feb. 28.

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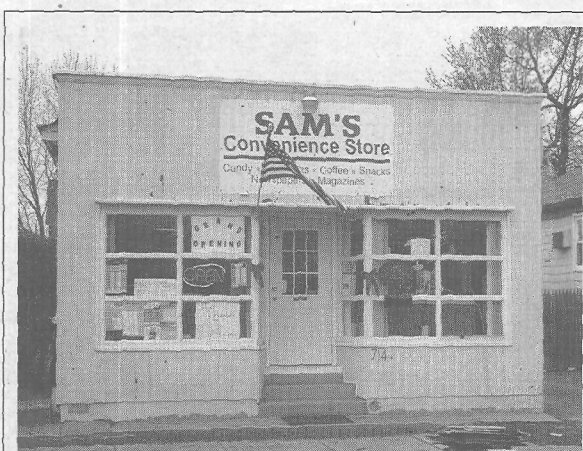
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Sam's Convenience Store recently opened on Hamilton Blvd.

Sam's Convenience Store Opens

A new convenience store opened last week at 714 Hamilton Blvd., across from Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

The new proprietors are Harcinder Sings and his wife Harjinder Kauris Sings. The Sings' have lived in South Plainfield for four years, after relocating from Piscataway.

They have a 13-year-old son who is an eighth grade student at the Middle School.

The store is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. The Sings' say they want the store to be just what the name says, "a convenience store for the neighborhood." Watch for their weekly specials.

Martin Luther King Day Recycling Center Schedule

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14. It will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 17 and will be open instead from 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The yard waste site, at the end of Kenneth Ave., will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 and closed on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Yard waste will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Yard waste will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays to the end of Jan.,

for Christmas tree collection. Be certain ornaments and bases are removed.

Regular recycling drop-off center hours are 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Regular yard waste hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

2006 yard waste decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using.

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

2005 Cappy Award Winners to be Honored

The South Plainfield Recreation Department and the South Plainfield Police Athletic League will honor 2005 CAPPY Award recipients Philip Aiello, Sr. and the late Salvatore Severini, Sr. Together they volunteered over 50 years of service to the youth of our town.

Aiello was an active member of South Plainfield Junior Baseball for over 20 years and commissioner from 1987 to 1996. The clubhouse was named in his honor in 1991.

Severini served as a coach for Pop Warner Football for 30 years, as well as coaching Little League and Ponytail Softball. Severini was a member of the South Plainfield Booster Club and president of the South Plainfield Sunday Night Bowling League.

Aiello and Severini will be honored on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Senior Center beginning at 7 p.m. Entertainment and dinner will be provided. Tickets for the event cost \$15 and can be purchased at the PAL.

If you have any questions, contact Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-7714.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale To Kick Off

From now until Feb. 5, Girl Scouts of all ages throughout Washington Rock Council will be peddling their popular treats. All proceeds from the cookie sale benefit Girl Scouting and the positive and lifelong lessons it imparts to its girls.

This year's menu features eight different selections, including old favorites Thin Mints, Shortbread and Peanut Butter Patties along with newcomers to the cookie lineup Cartwheels and Thanks-A-Lot cookies. Cookies will be available for delivery in mid-March. Those interested in purchasing cookies can contact any registered Girl Scout in their community or call (908) 232-3236.

Additional information concerning the cookie sale can be found online at www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

Junior Journalist Corner



Holly McDede, Middle School Eighth Grader, Named This Week's "Junior Journalist"

Holly McDede, Middle School eighth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist Program. Her poem "Hobo at the Park" has earned her dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

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

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year end banquet.

For more information, call the Ob-



Holly McDede and Middle School Assistant Principal Kelly Panuzzo. server at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

Hobo at the Park

By Holly McDede

I saw the hobo at the park again
Strumming her guitar
Singing songs to the pigeons
Crying out words I couldn't understand
The wind waved her hair about
As she sang love songs to herself
She smiled as she shivered
Dreaming of things she'd never have
She skipped and pranced around
Closing her eyes and seeing things
No one else would ever see
And I began to understand
She's not a hobo, she's just a girl
All by herself, and on her own
Living each day like it's her last
She has no future, she has no past
She has nothing to prove to anyone
No expectations or regulations
And when she dies, there will be no gloom
No name written on a pretty tombstone
She'll be the witness of her life and death
From the start to the very last breath
She'll grin, she'll cheer, she'll smile
For it was worth it all the while.

Adopt Hope and Friends This Weekend

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor pet adoption events on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14 and 15. Cats and kittens will be available both days from noon until 4 p.m. at the PETSMART store.

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her vaccinations. To adopt a pet or for other information, call (908) 964-6887, extension 306 for dogs and 307 for cats, to leave a message. Other pets for adoption can be seen on the Internet at www.pfa.petfinder.com.

Stop the cycle of homeless pets now! Alter your pets and any outside cats that you may be feeding. For low cost spay/neuter information, call the People for Animals Clinic (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$40 to \$60 and includes rabies and distemper vaccinations.



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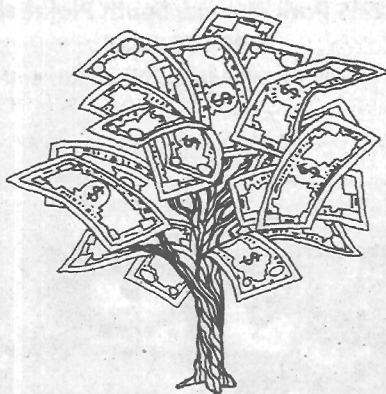
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Senator Buono, Peter Cammarano and William Lovett CEO Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA.

Senator Buono Presents \$250,000 Grant For Wellness Center

Senator Barbara Buono presented the YMCA with a \$250,000 grant that will help usher in a new era in health and wellness for Metuchen families. Governor Codey's Chief of Staff, Peter Cammarano, was on hand for the presentation. The YMCA has partnered with Metuchen High School in a historic initiative to create a one-of-a-kind Wellness Center which will foster healthy habits in children as well as adults.

"The rise in childhood obesity is a critical public health issue and new strategies that address the obesity crisis are desperately needed," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex. "We all know that individuals who become obese at a young age are more likely to stay obese throughout their lives, along with the associated health problems that result."

The YMCA in partnership with Metuchen High School will use the grant to create a wellness center which will serve as the focal point for the high school physical education program. In addition the Wellness Center will be a community resource on evenings and weekends providing additional service to middle and high school students as well as area families. The

YMCA will provide equipment for the site, work closely with high school faculty, and monitor progress and participation.

A recent government report concluded that half of Americans age 55 to 64 have high blood pressure, are obese and are in worse shape than those born a decade earlier. "If we continue along this path, this will be the first generation of Americans whose life expectancy will not exceed their parents," said Senator Buono.

"It is my hope that this Wellness Center will serve as a model for similar partnerships across the state and combined with the Senator's efforts to improve school nutrition and cover more children under Family Care, New Jersey's children will be among the healthiest in the nation," added Senator Buono. "I would like to thank Lorraine Mulligan, Megan Powers, William Lovett of the YMCA, Superintendent Terry Sinatra, Board President Ron Grayzel and the entire Board of Education and the entire YMCA Board for their leadership and for recognizing that we need a cultural change in the way our society approaches wellness."

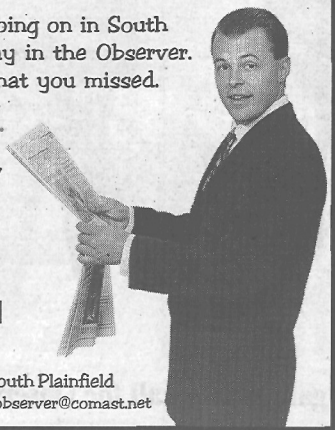
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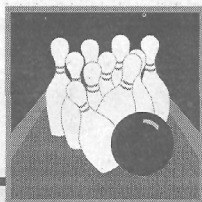
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Sports

SPHS Bowling

By RALPH FECH

Tiger Bowlers Shock No. 2 State Ranked Edison Behind Genova, Dandola

SPHS	1,004	1,166	967	3,157
Edison	970	971	1,086	3,027

Vin Genova led a record setting performance by the boys bowling team in their stunning upset of state ranked Edison, sweeping two of three games and the total pin count.

Genova, a senior, started out the second game with a string of nine consecutive strikes, firing a big 276 game as the Tigers posted a team total of 1,166. Genova added 226-179 for an eye popping 681 set.

Rounding out the lineup for the Tigers were freshman Mike Dandola 254-247-176-677, sophomore Chris Esposito 191-192-240-624, sophomore Ryan Pauls 161-250-192-603 and sophomore Jeff Pryor 171-201-200-572. Freshman Riand Poblete led Edison with 226-203-229-658 set.

North Brunswick	1042	940	893	2,975
Middlesex	974	737	813	2,528

Since it was a trimatch, the Tigers also crushed Middlesex and rallied to over power a good North Brunswick squad.

Tigers Stun No. 3 State Ranked and Undefeated Woodbridge

Boys Sweep Two of Three Games, Settling for a Tie

SPHS	1,068	1,052	854	2,974
Woodbridge	1,052	1,049	1,009	3,110

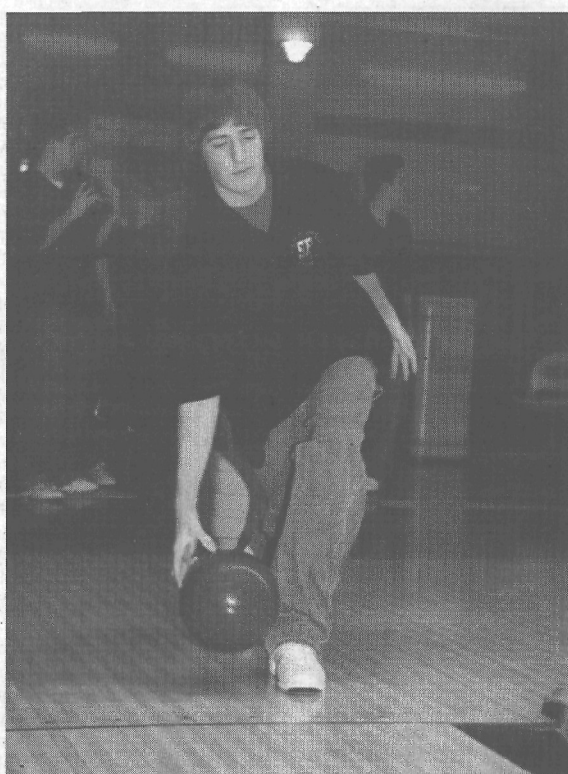
With powerhouse Woodbridge seeking to clinch the division title, the Tigers answered the bell and jumped out of the starting gate against the undefeated Barons, winning the first high scoring game by 16 pins.

The second game, which wasn't decided until the last ball was thrown, went the Tigers' way by the sum margin of three pins.

The Barons rallied to win the third game and inevitably took wood to salvage a 2-2 tie.

Mike Dandola led the young Tigers with a 235-234-183 effort and 652 set. Teammates Chris Esposito added 206-245-159-610 set and Vin Genova 234-215-153-602.

Also chipping in for the solid team performance were Robert Parillo 221-173-171-565, Ryan Pauls 172-171-483 and Brett Morris 185-170-497. Charles Hicks paced Woodbridge with a 646 set on games of 193-235-218.



Senior Vin Genova sports a 193.9 average after 36 games for the SPHS Boy's Bowling Team. His high game of 276 and high set of 682 are tops for the Tigers as they reach the midpoint of the season.

Ladies Clobber Middlesex, Steam Roll No. Brunswick

SPHS	765	866	764	2,395
No. Bruns.	776	752	732	2,262
Middlesex	642	675	701	2,018

A big second game (866) set the stage as the girls bowling team shut-out Middlesex and came from behind to avenge and early season loss to North Brunswick.

A trio of Tigers, Beverly Jamieson (191-528), sophomore Katie Yon (198-524) and freshman Jackie Kukuch (200-520) accounted for most of the high scoring games.

Ladies' Upset Bid Falls Short Against Edison

SPHS	765	866	764	2,395
Edison	767	763	874	2,404

The Tigers had Edison on the ropes, but the Eagles squeezed out a slim two pin win in the first game and a nine pin edge in the total pin count to prevent the upset bid.

Lady Tigers Fall to No. 2 Woodbridge

SPHS	750	690	763	2,203
Woodbridge	983	915	928	2,828

The girls bowling team was no match for Woodbridge, the winner of three major tournaments at three different houses, as the Barons easily swept all three games.

Freshman Jackie Kukuch took scoring honors for the young Tigers with games of 172-173 and 459. Teammates Beverly Jamieson 157-162-456 and Angelique Rualo 168-159-449 closely followed. Freshman Gina Curcio chipped in with a 160 game.

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Sports

Wrestling-SPHS

By Bob Hunter

Number 1 Tigers Beat Kittatiny 36-21

With the number one ranking in the state and Kittatiny coming to town, the Tigers showed just how good they really are by posting a 36-21 win over defending Group II state champion Cougars in front of a packed house on Saturday afternoon. Last year the Tigers traveled to Kittatiny who were number one in the state at the time and knocked them out of the top spot with a 36-26 victory. Now the Cougar's came here looking for revenge this year.

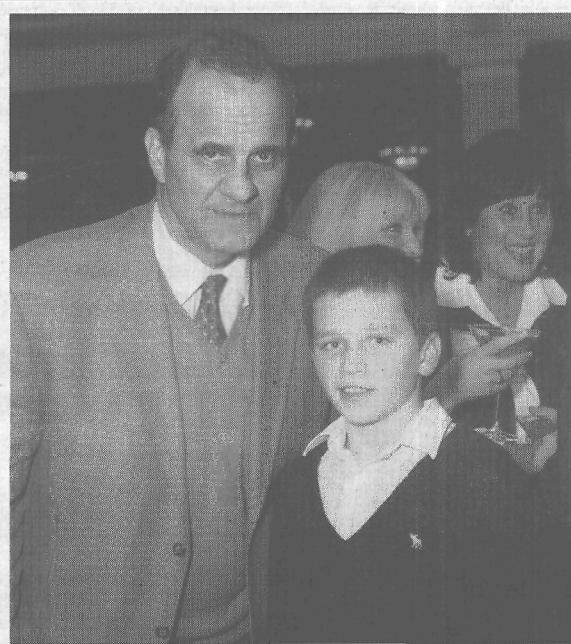
The match started at 160 with Mark Wagner who was tied with Jim Celi at the end of the second period 2-2. With less than a minute left Celi got a reversal and two near fall points for a 6-2 win. The Tigers forfeited 171 to number one ranked Tom Spellman and trailed 9-0. Freshmen Jonathan Conroy bumped up to 189 and showed no fear, and was the aggressor the whole match despite losing a 7-2 deci-

sion to Jake Weinrich. Kevin Criley who moved up to 215 got the Tigers on the board with a huge pin over Joe Carlson at 1:27 to make the score 12-6.

Preston Johnson who was out weighed by 60 pounds waited until there was four seconds left in regulation to score the winning takedown over Eric Hayes for a 3-1 win. Patrick Hunter (103) got the Tigers even with an 8-4 decision over Derek Valenti making it 12-12 going into the 112 match. The lead did not last long when Nick Pauls (112) was pinned by Nick Bach, giving the Cougars the lead. Jimmy Conroy (119) got the Tigers even again with a 45 second pin over Troy Hernandez.

Billy Ashnault (125) was in a battle with Brian Bollette, when he got an escape and a 1-0 lead, which was all he needed as he rode Bollette out for the remaining of the match. In one of the most important matches of the day,

Bryan Hunt (130) did an outstanding job against top ranked Will Livingston by not giving up bonus points in dropping a 10-3 decision. Mike Jakubik (135) gave the Tigers the lead with a 3-1 decision over Troy Branham with three matches to go. Nick Dorey (140) kept things going when he scored a takedown with 40 seconds left to beat Colin Schaub 5-3 to give the Tigers a 27-21 lead. Eddie McCray (145) iced the match when he pinned Zach Virga at 2:51. Sam Martin (152) closed the show with an impressive 6-5 decision over state ranked Justin Junior. The Tigers have now won 23 in a row, by winning 9 of 14 bouts with five of those bouts by two points or less. "Winning the close ones was the key success against a quality team like Kittatiny" noted head coach Kevin McCann. "The kids did a great job". Congratulations to the coaches and wrestlers. Last week the Tigers defeated East Brunswick 65-8 and Sayerville 66-9, two GMC rivals in blowouts.



On Thursday, Dec. 8, Patrick Boyle was invited to the Somerset Patriot's Holiday Celebration. Patrick is picture with Yankee Baseball Manager Joe Torre discussing pitching techniques.

Wrestling-MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Bob Hunter

Middle School Tops Kittatiny

The Middle School wrestling team defeated league rival Kittatiny 56-24 on the same day as the high school, which made it twice as sweet.

Leading the way for the Tigers with pins Kyle Hughes, Nick Heilmann and Joey Vetusch. Corey Hay came up with a big win in a close match, 2-1. Tyler Hunt lost a heart breaker, 6-5.

On Sunday they traveled to Delaware to the Tyrant Duals, a tournament that no New Jersey team has ever won, and came home as tournament champions. They defeated Oxford, Pa. 92-31, Viper, Md. 68-46, Tyrant, Del. 87-25 and Smyra, Del.

65-40.

The following wrestlers had outstanding performances. Tyler Hunt 4 pins, Scott Whalen 2 pins, Rich Szeliga 4 pins, Nick Heilmann 3 pins and a tech-fall, Mike Wagner had 4 wins, Brian Babinetz had his first varsity career pin, Billy Whitefleet and Robert Sacks had 4 wins each. Andrew Sanchez got a pin in his final match and Bobby Kolvites had 3 wins, 2 by fall. Ryan Walsh had a fall and a 12-0 major decision, Troy Davisson had 3 pins and Kyle Pompilio had 2 pins.

The Middle School is now 20-5.

Wrestling - SPHS

By Bob Hunter

Tigers Crush Hunterdon Central 50-16

For the first time wrestling a dual meet at Hunterdon Central, which has a legendary history of being a good program, proved just how bad things were for them this year. The team, as well as their fans, have to learn to improve on their sportsmanship.

The match started at 103, and Hunterdon Central forfeited to Patrick Hunter and bumped up Evan Brewer to 112 to face Nick Pauls (112). That backfired as Pauls gave Brewer a lesson on the basics and went on to win by tech-fall 16-0. Jimmy Conroy (119), who was winning 3-0 in the third period, got hit with a controversial stalling call and takedown on the edge of the mat, which tied the scored

with seconds left. Conroy gave up a takedown seconds into OT.

At that point the Central fans showed just how classless they were by harassing our fans and wrestlers.

But Billy Ashnault (125) slowed down the crowd when he pinned Brian Spencer at 1:31. Bryan Hunt (130) then dropped a close 4-3 decision to Normand Lavoie.

Mike Jakubik (135) inspired by the hostility wasted little time with Steve Parcel pinning him at :49. Nick Dorey (140) then won by decision 2-1 over Matt Sanguini. Eddie McCray (145) added fuel to the fire when he pinned Kevin Alparone 1:16. Sam Martin (152) got Dan Lyness's attention early and often as Martin cruised to

10-3 decision.

In the biggest win of the night Mark Wagner (160) faced state ranked J.R. Nettuno and was losing 5-0 when Wagner scored an escape and took Nettuno straight to his back for the pin at 2:40. At that point the Central fans finally quieted! Jon Conroy (171) hung in with senior Dave Quinn, but lost by major decision. Kevin Criley then pinned Josh Davis at 5:24. Preston Johnson had to take Frankie Aversa down to secure the win in OT, 3-1.

In a valiant effort Bill Daly, who was out weighed by 70 pounds, lost in the final match of the night. Final score-SP 50-HC16. So who's laughing now?!

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policereport

• On Jan. 4 Andy Lai, 27, of Jamesburg was arrested for having no insurance, no registration and an outstanding warrant.

• A high school student reported that four wheel covers worth \$400 had been stolen from his vehicle.

• On Jan. 5 Anthony R. Carter, 45, of Somerville was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Donna J. Vilchinsky, 26, of Linden was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• On Jan. 6 a Harrison Ave. resi-

dent reported that his rear windshield had been broken.

• On Jan. 7 the Recreation Dept. reported that four hockey nets at the Willow Park skateboard park had been cut. Other debris had also been strewn around the park.

• Jeremias Diaz, 31, of Somerset was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• Auralis M. Flores, 23, of Edison was arrested for speeding, driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• Mooldevi Bisnauth, 36, of Piscataway was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting merchandise.

• A Day St. resident reported that the driver's side of his of their vehicles had been scratched.

• A Garfield Ave. resident reported that a rock had been thrown through his living room window.

• On Jan. 8 Jose H. Amaya, 28, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• Darryl G. Jefferson, 44, of Newark was arrested for hindering apprehension, driving on a suspended license and various outstanding warrants.

• Raceway Gas on W. 7th St. reported that a customer had driven off without paying for \$34.25 worth of gas.

• On Jan. 9 a Front St. resident reported the theft of an unlocked Switz bike from in front of Dunkin Donuts on Maple Ave.

Ponytail Softball Batters Box



First of all, we hope you all had "Happy Holidays" and a Healthy, happy start to the New Year 2006.

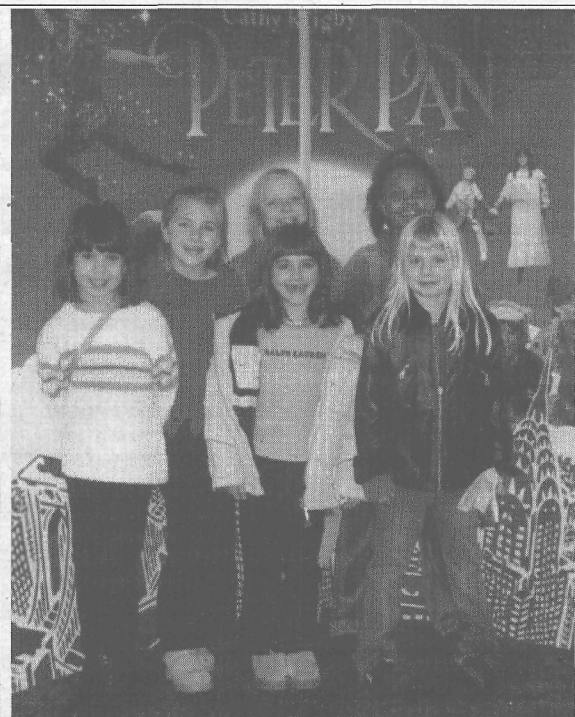
Now some dates to remember: Ponytail Softball registration, which began on Jan. 4 will end on March 6.

Registration is open to all South Plainfield resident girls between the ages of eight through 13 as of Oct. 1, 2005. The fee of \$35 per person is required with a completed registration form.

After March 6, there will be a late fee of \$50 per person. No refunds. For new participants, a birth certificate and proof of residency is required at registration. Please sign up on time; we are looking forward to a fun-filled season.

The next Ponytail Softball Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the PAL building, located on Maple Ave.

Bring some fresh ideas with you. All are welcome to attend.



Girls from Franklin School Brownie Troop 521 went to see *Peter Pan* at Madison Square Garden, starring Cathy Rigby in one of her farewell performances. Pictured are Casey Whalen, Gina Cummings, Briana Spinella, Hannah Arntz, Taylor Euston and Noelle Rutowski.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

An appeal has been filed by Federal Metals & Alloy requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the property to be used for its non-ferrous/precious metal recycling business; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 4216 South Clinton Avenue on Block 467.01, Lot 31 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 26, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

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From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By **Sundra Randolph**

Next Monday is the 20th anniversary of the federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. President Ronald Reagan declared the third Monday in January to be a day for us to reflect on the life and work of Dr. King (he was born January 15, 1929). Not only was he a major force in fighting discrimination within the United States but he was also an important proponent of peace winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 (the same year that President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law). His role in the fight against the prevailing oppression of African-Americans in the United States is quite important and reflecting that the library owns a variety of materials to help one explore his life.

We have biographies on him that stretch from easy reader level, for young children up through adult reading level. We have visual materials including the PBS program *Citizen King* on DVD which focuses on the last few years of his life when his state-

ment "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" was expanded beyond just the Civil Rights Movement to include fighting for the poor of any race and opposition to the Vietnam War. Another videocassette chronicles his Aug. 28, 1963 speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial which became known as "I Have A Dream." And finally, we do have materials on his assassination. In all there are a diversity of materials in the Library to learn about the life and work of this man.

Of course the Library will be closed on Monday Jan. 16, but we will be open our regular hours the rest of the week. And Miss Linda will have her regular storytime/crafttime for three year olds and up on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. The program Time for 2s and 3s will meet Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7:30 (Thursday is with Miss Jamie) and Friday at 10:30 a.m. is Books'n' Babies.

So we hope to see you at the South Plainfield Public Library this week!

Plainfield Animal Hospital to Celebrate National Pet Dental Health Month

The Plainfield Animal Hospital, located on Park Ave., will hold a Dental Fair on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. in celebration of National Pet Dental Health Month.

The festivities will include free dental check-ups, discounts on future services, tooth brushing demonstrations, giveaways, contests, door prizes, tours of our new facility, refreshments and much more.

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.

Plan to attend the Dental Fair Plainfield Animal Hospital for a fun and informative afternoon.

For more information and directions, call or visit their website at www.plainfieldanimalhospital.com. If you plan to attend, please register by calling (908) 755-2428, by Feb. 15.

Middle School Collects Gifts for Kids

By **Jane Dornick**

Each year the seventh and eighth grade Student Council at the Middle School sponsor a Gifts for Kids toy drive after Thanksgiving. Students and faculty are asked to donate a new, unwrapped toy that is placed under a Christmas tree in the school hallway. This year math teacher Linda Schwebel had her classes collect money to purchase walkmans and gift certificates for Sam Goody.

The week before Christmas Student Council members boxed up the enormous amount of toys, which were picked up by the 1st Marine Corps Reserve NJ Chapter, who then distributed the toys to needy children throughout Central Jersey. During the school year, the Marine Corps visit the school to show their appreciation and give the students a pizza party and plaque.



Displaying some of the toys donated by students for the Gifts for Kids program are (left) Student Council President Elizabeth Martin, along with council members Mark Benak and Courtney Irber.

Obituaries

Robert Ohl, Sr., 90

Robert Ohl, Sr., died on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at home in South Plainfield.

Born in Bloomsburg, Pa., Mr. Ohl grew up in Middlesex and lived in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield in 1946.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Bob served during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1945. During the 1960's, he was employed by the South Plainfield Public School system where he worked as the custodial supervisor. After that, Mr. Ohl worked as a supervisor of buildings and grounds for Rutgers University in New Brunswick for 25 years.

He is predeceased by two sisters, Winifred King and Debbie Dorothy.

Surviving are his wife, Else (Koestner); a daughter, Susanne Ohl of Asbury and a son, Robert Jr. and his wife Judy of Westfield. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Chrissy and Michael Ohl.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Robert's memory to the Haven Hospice c/o JFK Medical Center, 5 James St., Edison, NJ 08818 or to the St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Dominick Steven Sagramola Sr., 79

Dominick Steven Sagramola Sr. of South Plainfield passed away peace-

fully at his home with his loving family by his side on Friday, Jan. 6.

Mr. Sagramola was born in Yatesville, Pa. and resided in South Plainfield for the past 48 years.

Dominick was the owner/operator of the South Plainfield Auto Salvage Co. for 32 years before retiring.

He was a machinist in the US Navy during WWII. Dominick was a member of the United Auto Salvage Assoc. and a past member of various organizations, namely Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church where he was involved with the Holy Name Society and the South Plainfield VFW.

Mr. Sagramola was an avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman.

Dominick will be sadly missed by his loving family and numerous friends who adored him more than words can say.

Mr. Sagramola is predeceased by his loving parents, Cesare and Lena Sagramola.

Dominick leaves behind his beloved family; his loving wife of 54 wonderful years, Helen Rita Albright Sagramola; a son, Dominick S. Sagramola Jr. of Piscataway; a daughter, Shirley Pedersen of South Plainfield; a granddaughter, Heather Pedersen of South Plainfield and several nieces, nephews and many friends. The family asks that everyone please "treasure the fond memories" you have of Dominick because that is what he would have wanted.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to either Haven Hospice, 60 James St., Edison, NJ 08818; the

American Cancer Society, 507 Westminister Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07201 or Deborah Heart and Lung Center, 200 Trenton Rd., Browns Mills, NJ 07015. Online condolences are extremely appreciated and can be completed at www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com.

Celeste M. (Santoro) Danyus, 87

Celeste M. (Santoro) Danyus died on Friday, Jan. 6 at her home.

Born and raised in South Plainfield, Mrs. Danyus resided in North Plainfield since 1951.

An exceptional seamstress, Celeste had worked for the former Bruno's Dress Factory of South Plainfield and the former Star Dress Factory in Plainfield. Later, Mrs. Danyus worked in New York City in the same capacity and became a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

She had been active with the North Plainfield senior citizens and will always be remembered as a kind, funny and generous woman by all of her family and friends.

Married on Nov. 29, 1941, she is survived by her husband of 64 years, Charles M. Danyus; a sister, Christina Gearino of Hampton, Va.; a brother, Michael Santoro and his wife Rose of South Plainfield; a sister-in-law, Mary Veltre of Linden and a brother-in-law, Nick Danyus of Fla.

Also surviving are two nieces, Celeste Lloyd and Theresca Wright and three nephews, Michael, John and Daniel Santoro.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Diabetes Asso., 19 Schoolhouse Rd., Somerset, NJ 08873.

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