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2 Injured In Crash

An early Sunday morning crash on Metuchen Rd. took down a telephone pole and trapped one of the occupants for over an hour.

A 2005 Scion TC driven by Peter Judd, 23, of South Plainfield was traveling south on Metuchen Rd. at 2:48 a.m. when it left the road and struck a utility pole. Judd and his passenger, Ryan Taylor, 18, of South Plainfield were trapped in the vehicle. The driver was extricated from the vehicle by the South Plainfield Dept. and transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital by the NJ State Police medivac helicopter. Judd suffered serious injuries to his legs and feet. Taylor was also transported to Robert Wood for evaluation and released.

As a result of the crash, the high voltage telephone pole was broken off five feet from ground level, however PSE&G service was not interrupted.

Judd was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and no insurance with additional charges pending. Anyone with additional information should contact South Plainfield Police Lt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679.



Anthony Massaro, South Plainfield Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presents a certificate of tenure to SPHS Principal Dr. Ken May.

Dr. May Gets Tenure Massaro Returns to District

By Libby Barsky

Dr. Kenneth May received tenure as a principal at last Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. Former Assistant Superintendent and South Plainfield High School Principal Anthony Massaro presented the tenure certificate.

Later in the evening the board appointed Massaro, who retired as assistant superintendent on Sept. 30

2005, as interim assistant superintendent at a per diem rate of \$500 beginning Feb. 1.

Massaro and Dr. May both began as assistant principals at South Plainfield High School in 1987. During his tenure as principal of SPHS, Massaro called Dr. May his "co-principal" and "closely intertwined" working to make upgrades at the high school. Massaro noted the job of principal is a tough one, with a long 60 hour work week that can stretch to 80 hours.

Dr. May said his goal is to have every student in the building achieve a 3.0 or B average. "Every student can earn a B," said Dr. May. Five years ago 49% of the students had a B average. The results of this year's first marking period showed that 66% of students had a 3.0 or higher average grade and the attendance rate for students was 96% with the tardy rate at one percent. Another statistic Dr. May noted was that 92% of the class of 2005 began college or advanced training classes in September.

"We say to our students—if you are here on time every day and the teachers are doing their contribution (teacher's attendance rate was 97%)

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Catholic Schools Week Kicks Off Sunday at SHS

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 29 and Sacred Heart School is planning a full week of special events, including two open houses, a grandparents' breakfast and the ever popular volleyball game where the eighth graders play the school staff.

For more than 50 years, Sacred Heart School has been teaching South Plainfield and area children from pre-K through eighth grade.

Woman Robbed, Stabbed Leaving Work

South Plainfield Police are investigating a robbery involving a stabbing which occurred at 5:40 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Police responded to 116 Corporate Blvd. and found the victim, a 39 year old female, lying in the parking lot with stab wounds to her back.

A witness reported that as the victim was leaving work, she was approached by the suspect as she entered her vehicle. The suspect put a knife to her throat and demanded her purse, which she gave to the assailant. The suspect then forced the woman from her car and at-

tempted to drag her behind the building. As the woman struggled, the confrontation was observed by a passing motorist. The victim was then stabbed three times and the suspect fled in a grey vehicle.

The victim was treated at the scene by police and paramedics, then transported to Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center and has been released.

Police are continuing their investigation and have several leads. They are asking that anyone with information contact Detective Gary Kline at (908) 226-7669.



Attendees at Senior Center computer classes utilize recently purchased equipment.

\$24k Grant Brings Computers, Treadmills to Senior Center

"I want the Senior Center to be the hub, where everyone comes and does their thing," said Senior Center Director Joann Graf. Through a \$24,000 grant Graf received from the Elizabeth and Baret Charitable Foundation to purchase gym equipment and computers, she is achieving her goal of making the Senior Citizens Center a magnet to draw more seniors to it.

The Elizabeth and Baret Benjamin Foundation aims to continue the spirit and legacy of benefactor Eliza-

beth Benjamin, who passed away in 2001 at the age 101, through supporting innovative initiatives in New Jersey to help older women stay active and youthful and vibrant.

"The county Office of Aging alerted me to this foundation and I wrote them and asked if I could be an applicant. I told them what I was looking to do and they wrote back telling me I was eligible to apply and I sent them my plans," said Graf. Fund officials visited the center in November and December, and Graf soon received notification of receiving the grant. "I went shopping immediately," said Graf.

With the \$24,000 grant Graf has purchased three new treadmills (now there are six in the center), a Schwinn stationary bike, a rower and recumbent bike combination, a hip and thigh machine, an elliptical bike and 12 brand new Dell flat screen computers.

"I hurried up and bought them from a sale ending the day after I got the check. I saved \$300 on each treadmill. We are trying to build up the exercise program since an article which came out on how exercise can

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Update on CAUTION: Borough Construction

Hamilton Blvd. to be Closed to Truck Traffic

Hamilton Blvd., which has been under construction for the past few months, will be moving into a new phase of construction. Up until now traffic has been flowing both ways—slowly sometimes, but that is about to end. The next phase of the construction on Hamilton Blvd. will see traffic reduced to ONE lane in the area between Durham and New Market avenues.

Beginning this week, all truck traffic will be detoured around the construction, following a route that travels along Hamilton Blvd to South Clinton Ave. to New Market Ave., to Hamilton Blvd. left onto Spicer Ave. to Belmont. Hamilton Blvd. will be closed to all but local traffic in the construction areas. This traffic pattern will be in effect both day and night until further notice.

According to the traffic safety department, traffic will be one way going south, towards Rt. 287. Traffic coming from the south side

of town or off of Rt. 287 Exit 4 (Durham Ave.) will be rerouted along the detour route. When asked about trucks that frequent Ryan St., the *Observer* was told they will be able to access the road. They will either be allowed to stay on Hamilton Blvd. or rerouted to South Clinton and then come down St. Nicholas Ave.

Due to the lane closures on Hamilton Blvd., Belmont Ave. will be closed to all but local traffic. All motorists are encouraged to follow the posted detour route. Motorists exiting Rt. 287 northbound at exit 4 (Durham Ave., South Plainfield) are encouraged to utilize exit 5 (Rt. 529, Stelton Rd.).

Motorists should seek alternate routes of travel to avoid the anticipated long traffic delays within the borough.

For a map of the detour, visit the borough's website at www.south-plainfieldnj.com.

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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
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.

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planningboard

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

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

Feb. 14, Feb. 28 March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23, June 13, June 27, July 18*, Aug. 15*, Aug. 29*, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

zoningboardofadjustment

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

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

Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9, March 23, April 13, April 27, May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30* and Dec. 14.

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.-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.

siteplansub-committee

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

Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19th

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

Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 and Jan. 10.

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.

Feb. and March 20.

Dear Editor,

I wonder if our Board of Education members remember one year ago when the residents of South Plainfield were told how badly in debt our budget was or how many of our staff members were told they had to be let go because of financial problems. Well, I was one of them. There were only three part time secretaries in the district, each earning only \$10,000 per year and NO benefits. Dr. Rosado felt these three positions had to be let go in order to help our budget problems. I held this position for four years, which was before he was even hired. Although this was very upsetting, I hoped my \$10,000 would help our CHILDREN. I had one son graduate last year, but still have two children in our school system. Do you know how I found out about the part time secretaries being laid off? I read it in a handout Dr. Rosado passed out during a school budget meeting. I received my "letter" even though the budget was approved. It was stamped "hand delivered" and signed by Dr. Rosado, but was not delivered to me in person. Instead, he handed it to my building principal and told HER to give it to me and said that I already knew what it was about. How appropriate was that of our TOP administrator?

In reading the latest Board of Education minutes dated Jan. 17, it is public information to see that our superintendent will receive \$167,000 effective Jan. 1, 2006. Why are we willing to pay so much money for a superintendent, who just last year wanted to jump ship to go to another town? Unfortunately for us, they denied him.

Also in the Jan. 17 minutes, the position of assistant superintendent was filled by Mr. Massaro as an interim on a \$500 per day basis from Feb. 1 through June 30. If we were able to do without the position for these past few months since Mr. Massaro's retirement, why is it necessary to rehire him for so much money? I remember last year that there was talk about not having an assistant superintendent position at all. What happened to that idea? How many more administrators does this town need to pay per day? We are becoming known as the \$500 per day school district. I know administration will say it is cheaper to pay per day because there are no benefits. My question is-is the position necessary at all? If so, why can't we hire a person willing to fill it permanently?

It is evident where our three part-time secretaries' salaries went-to our wonderful administration!! It seems we are paying administrators top dollar to do what? It is our teachers who are trying to bring up our students test scores, not the administrators. So why did teachers, the back bone of our district, get laid off? Since we are in a huge budget crisis, why are we raising administrator's pay even more? Is this what the residents approved the last budget for? If Dr. Rosado were

any kind of a moral human being, he would not accept a raise while the district is in this budget mess.

**MARIE BENAK, LIFE-LONG
RESIDENT OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

Dear Editor,

Now that the holidays are over and things have settled down (and baby number three has arrived), we would like to thank all of the sponsors and participants that helped out at the second annual Buddy Walk of South Plainfield, which took place on Oct. 8. Even though it was a very rainy day, we still had over 230 people and raised nearly \$17,000. The kids enjoyed the face painting and the adults enjoyed the raffle items. We also had the radio station Magic 98.3 FM play music and games with the kids. Even in the rain they were dancing. Elmo was also out in the rain dancing around. I would like to thank all of my family and friends for helping with setting up and working the registration and raffle tables.

Some local sponsors that helped out were Hometown Heros, the DARE officers, Dr. Licato, Joseph De Andrea, Carmen's Trattoria, Coca Cola, South Plainfield Rescue Squad, Party Pros, Cindy Michaels, Cosmair Inc., Crisdel Group, Rich's Shoppe, Oak Tree Discount Wine and Liquor, Network 21 and all of the other companies that sent in donations.

I would also like to thank all of the participants that raised pledges. The money was donated to NDSS, the Central NJ DS PAG and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. We hope to have better weather next year, so mark your calendar and join us on Oct. 7.

Also, the Central NJ DS PAG has been putting together gift baskets that are delivered to new parents of children with Down Syndrome in local hospitals. If anyone is interested in donating blankets or quilts to be placed in the basket please let me know. I can be reached at (908) 531-5100.

Thank you.

**MICHELE BOTH, BUDDY WALK
ORGANIZER**

Dear Friends,

Several weeks ago I asked for assistance with my Eagle Scout Project and on Saturday, Jan. 7 this project was successfully completed. On that

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Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters. Any letter received without identification will be discarded.

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day I led 15 of my fellow scouts, leaders, family and friends into Newark. We visited two locations to distribute food, clothing, blankets and toiletries to over 300 homeless.

It was because of your help that this project was such a huge success. The South Plainfield community donated over 165 coats, 25 blankets and several articles of clothing. Also, a special thanks to Sherbans Diner, Pepsi Cola, Plainfield Fruits, Harrison Bakery and Magnolia Beef for their generous food donations. With these donations, 27 volunteers prepared, packaged and loaded the 300 meals to be distributed.

We touched the hearts of many unfortunate people and I would like to personally thank everyone involved for their generosity and support in helping me complete this worthwhile project.

**STANLEY STELLAKIS,
TROOP 309, BSA**

To the Editor:

The 2007 Grant Elementary Stokes Committee will be holding a pasta dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Grant School cafeteria. All are welcome to participate in this fundraiser. Adults are \$6, children \$4 and seniors \$4. If you cannot stay to dine, we are offering "to-go's." Please place your order at Grant School. Dinner will include salad with dressing choice, pasta with/without marinara sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, choice of dessert and beverages. Volunteers are needed. If you have any questions please contact me, Debbie Boyle, chairwoman for the

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Mayor Dan Gallagher and Council President Dennis Cerami accept a check on behalf of the South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad from Alex Jaff and Jose Sosa of Restaurant Depot, which recently opened.

Borough Residents Adopt Cedarbrook Avenue

Lisa Roseo, a Borough resident has signed an Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the coming year. Her family has agreed to adopt the stream crossing on Cedarbrook Ave. and the open field around the corner on Morris Ave. up to the Senior Citizen Residence.

This Adopt-A-Spot was previously maintained by Pilgrim Covenant Church. At this location, Cedarbrook Ave. runs between Spring Lake Park and Middlesex Water Company's well field. The water company land is mostly wooded, and seems to invite litter and illegal dumping.

Morris Ave. runs past open fields that border on the woods. The Borough of South Plainfield owns these fields. The Roseo family will be clearing litter from the field as well as along the road side.

The Roseo's have been active in the Borough's Clean Communities Program from its inception, participating in Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week and trail maintenance days at the Borough's nature reserve. When Pilgrim Covenant Church had to give up their adoption last fall, Lisa Roseo was concerned that if nobody picked up litter regularly, this area near Riley School would become unsightly and

dangerous.

They plan to do quarterly clean-ups. Their first effort yielded two large bags full of litter.

The CBA is seeking more adopters. There are many other spots in the Borough that would benefit from regular maintenance. CBA President Joe Diegnan believes that if enough people commit to keeping short stretches of road clean, these efforts will add up to a better quality of life in South Plainfield.

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

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Jaimie Unglaub

With weather forecasters often getting the bad end of the stick with their faulty predictions it is surprising how one furry weatherman in Punxsutawney, Pa. has our faith every winter. Of course I am speaking of Phil, the famous groundhog who on every Feb. 2, will notify us if spring is near. Since 1887, Phil uses his shadow to tell us if winter will last another six weeks and 90% of the time he sees his shadow which means spring is not near. With the beautiful weather we have been having I would not doubt that we are lucky this year and Phil doesn't see his shadow. Interested in knowing more about this 119 year old tradition? The library has over ten juvenile books on Groundhog Day to share with your family. Some of my recommendations are Amy Margaret's Groundhog Day, The Groundhog Day book of facts and fun by Wendie C. Old, and Punxsutawney Phyllis by Susanna Leonard Hill.

Interested in reading the story be-

fore seeing the movie or visa versa? The library has copies of *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown, *Close Range: Wyoming Stories*, which includes the short story *Brokeback Mountain* by Annie Proulx, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden, *Cinderella Man* by Jeremy Schaap, and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

Our usual children's programs are scheduled for this week. Children ages three and up can attend our "Story-time" programs which run Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. For children ages two and three we have Time for 2s & 3s on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. For children younger than three years old, there is Books-N-Babies on Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required for any of these activities.

For information, call our children's librarian, Miss Linda at (908) 754-7885. See you in February!

Let's Join Together For Ethics Reform

Sen. Barbara Buono and chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus, made the following statement following the swearing in of Governor Jon Corzine.

"Governor Corzine spoke passionately about the need to continue to restore the public trust in government and move forward on the most comprehensive ethics laws in the nation.

"Over the past four years, we have made great strides in passing ethics reform measures that have advanced the

cause of eliminating pay-to-play from public contracting. As we begin to tackle the upcoming budget deficit, the people of New Jersey deserve to know that every dollar we spent is used in the most efficient manner and that government contracts will be awarded to those most qualified."

"I will work closely with Gov. Corzine to advance the ideals of ethics reform and return the trust that people have lost in their government."

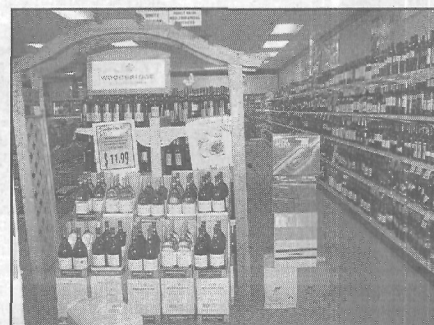
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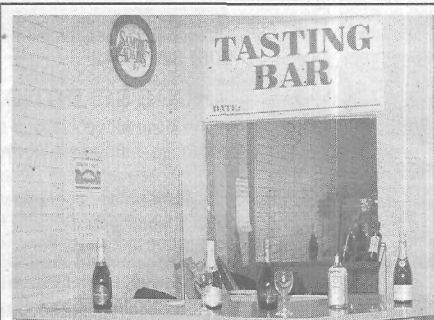
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Around Town

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.

Columbiettes To Hold 'Soup Night'

February 1

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will hold a 'Soup Night' on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Menu will consist of chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup and chili, as well as crackers, bread, dessert and beverage. Take out will also be available.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, \$3 for children ages six to 12 and \$15 for a family of six. Children under six are free.

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 and 11 and 18

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 non Maple Ave. Cost is \$10, open to all legally licensed drivers.

This course will also be given at Muhlenberg Hospital on Saturday, Feb. 11 and 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must attend both sessions.

Earn a three-year discount on auto insurance and points off your license. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

SDW Live Auction & Talent Show

February 11

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Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Lunch Available	Exercise 8:45am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Tai Chi Class 2pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	BINGO 10-2pm Lunch Available
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

Drama Workshop will be holding a live auction and talent show on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Edison Valley Playhouse located on Oak Tree Rd. in Edison.

Preview is 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., followed by the auction at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15/person and \$25/couple. For tickets or information, please call (908) 561-5255.

American Legion Pancake Breakfast

February 19

The American Legion Chaumont Post 243, located on Oak Tree Ave. will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost for adults is \$5, children \$3 and under six are free.

All profits go to our South Plainfield Scholarship Fund.

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 scholar-

ship 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/sphistoricalociety> or e-mail sphistoricalsoc@cs.com.

Athletic Booster Club Meeting Date Change

February 21

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. instead of the second Tuesday of February.

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.

'Open Your Heart' 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.

Soccer Club to Hold Basket Bingo

February 25

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is hosting a Basket Bingo on Feb. 25 at Sacred Heart School. Doors open at 6 p.m. Features handmade baskets made in Dresden, Ohio.

For tickets contact Deb Krawiec (908-757-9432) or Millie Hunt (908-561-0349)

— Out of Town —

NJPA Celebrates Chinese New Year

January 28-29

NJPAC will celebrate the Chinese New Year with a dazzling program of traditional and contemporary music and dance, when choreographer Nai-Ni Chen brings her acclaimed Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Jan. 28 and Sunday, Jan. 29, both at 2 p.m., in the Victoria Theater. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$10 for children (under 14) and may be purchased at 1-888-GO-NJPAC (1-888-466-5722), at the NJPAC box office at 1 Center St. in Newark, or the NJPAC website at www.njpac.org.

Woman's Club Monthly Meeting

February 1

The Metuchen-Edison Woman's Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 1 at St. Luke's Church on Oak Ave. in Metuchen. The program will include a Feng Shui lecture presented by Franca Guilian. New members welcome. Guests are invited. The club is an organization of women volunteers who work together to provide service in the community and raise funds to purchase essential items for local charities. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, Call Diana at (732) 548-0925.

HIV Health Service Meeting

February 1

Join us for monthly meetings of the HIV Health Services Planning Council of the Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon eligible metropolitan area! Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month, usually from 2-4 p.m. at the Middlesex County Board of Social Services building located in New Brunswick. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Planning Council Staff at (732) 445-0512 ext. 107 or check out the website at www.mshema.org.

Singles Wine Tasting

February 2

An evening of wine tasting, sponsored by the Starlight Singles for Chris-

tian Professionals 25-45 will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. at Verve on Main St. in Somerville. Cost is \$15 and includes wine tasting and free finger foods.

RSVP required by noon on Feb. 2 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@vsanj.org.

Application deadline is Jan. 12.

Caring for Elderly Support Group

February 6

A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Rd. in Westfield. These are information and sharing sessions.

For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757. The next meeting is on Monday, Feb. 6. Other upcoming dates include Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

MOMS Club of Edison Meeting

February 9

The MOMS Club of Edison, which serves Edison, Metuchen, South Plainfield, Piscataway and Highland Park, is looking for new members and will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at The Heritage in Clara Barton at 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. Guest speaker is from the Arthritis Foundation talking about juvenile arthritis. We will also be having a pot luck lunch for Valentine's Day. Come meet our members and see what we're all about.

The MOMS Club is a national support group for mothers who stay at home with their children. The group offers a wide range of activities including playgroups, a monthly moms night out, kids in the kitchen, movie time, special programs for mothers and children and get-togethers for the whole family. The MOMS Club also performs service projects benefiting needy children in our community. Children are welcome at all MOMS Club activities.

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Alleged Murderer of Local Woman Free on Bail

By Jane Dornick

Paul Cibelli Jr. was indicted by a grand jury last Friday for the murder of his 35 year old girlfriend, Tania Silva, in their Robert Pl. home on Oct. 6. He was also indicted on the charge of hindering his own apprehension by hiding Silva's body, and possession of a weapon. Cibelli is free on \$625,000 bail. Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Kapsak said the weapon, a roofing staple gun, is consistent with marks found on the victim's body made by the head of the tool being swung like a hammer. Investigators have also determined that the murder took place inside the home they shared with Cibelli's father.

Silva's body was discovered six days after her murder by workers in a recycling facility in Philadelphia. Her body had been found in a garbage bag with another bag over her head and her hands taped together with duct tape. An autopsy showed the cause of death was strangulation.

After allegedly killing Silva, Cibelli fled to New York State where he was arrested by police in a New Paltz motel for lewd behavior and criminal mischief. He was admitted to Benedictine Hospital in Kingston, NY for psychiatric evaluation and was charged in the murder on Oct. 21 while being held in an Ulster County, NY jail on bail. Cibelli faces 30 years to life in prison on the murder charge.



Tiger Cubs from Pack 324 Kennedy School visited the Observer earlier this week. Pictured are Nicholas Luzzola, Phillip Malavarca, Lawren O'Neal, Anthony Montuori, Michael Tran, kneeling, Jose Arrubla, Benjamin Lundy, Benjamin Sheaffer, Scott Riccardi and Jason Belanger.

Bear Rock Cafe Plans Spring Opening in Hadley Center

A new Bear Rock Cafe, the popular neighborhood restaurant and gathering place, is coming to South Plainfield's Hadley Shopping Center. The 3,000 square foot Bear Rock Cafe, owned and operated by Andria Lykogiannis of Lykos, LLC., is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2006. Hadley Shopping Center is located on the Piscataway border at Stelton Rd. and Metlars Ln. in South Plainfield.

Bear Rock Cafe is a quick casual restaurant with an upscale mountain cafe atmosphere featuring a wide variety of fresh, hand crafted sandwiches, garden fresh salads, oven fresh breads, hot and savory soups, baked potatoes and a full assortment of gourmet desserts. The Bear Rock Cafe menu also includes Healthy Trends low carb and low fat menu items, vegetarian options, a create-your-own sandwich option and a award winning kid's menu which includes a 1/2 create-your-own sandwich. Bear Rock Cafe is also well known for catering trays and boxed lunches for office or home. Bear Rock Cafe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"We are thrilled to bring Bear Rock Cafe to Middlesex County's newly expanded Hadley Shopping Center,"

said Lykogiannis, managing partner of Lykos, LLC. "The buzz surrounding the news has the community truly excited about Bear Rock Cafe coming to the South Plainfield/Piscataway area. We've heard from many that they are looking forward to having a Bear Rock Cafe convenient to where they live, shop and work. The time has come in NJ to escape to a higher taste with Bear Rock Cafe."

The new Bear Rock Cafe has a mountain care-style decor with a stone hearth and fireplace to create a casual, comfortable and friendly atmosphere. This gathering place for the community will also provide free WIFI access in a computer friendly environment.

Bear Rock Holdings, Inc., is a North Carolina based parent holding company with corporate support center headquartered in Cary, NC. Founded in 1997, Bear Rock Cafe, the quick, casual restaurant brand, has built a loyal following of customers who enjoy its fresh foods, friendly service and gathering place environment. There are seven company owned and 29 franchised Bear Rock Cafes, located in 11 states across the nation. For more information about the company, franchising and nutritional information visit www.bearrockcafe.com.

Residents are Reminded: Don't Park on Certain Roads When Snow Covered

While this winter has been mild, with little or no snow accumulations, Borough residents and businesses are reminded of a recent ordinance which prohibits parking on certain roads when snow has fallen.

On April 5, 2004, the Mayor and Council approved ordinance #1652, which prohibits parking on certain roads ways when they are snow covered. The ordinance prohibits parking on these roads whenever snow has fallen and accumulated to cover the street/roadway. The parking restrictions shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased and the streets/roadways have been cleared/plowed to the extent that parking would not impede the snow removal process and the normal flow of traffic.

The streets covered by this ordinance are Amboy Ave., Cedarbrook Ave., Central Ave., Chamber St., Clinton Ave., Cromwell Pl., Durham Ave., East Crescent Pkwy., East Fairview Ave., East Golf Ave., East Hendricks Blvd., Evona Pl., Fairmount Ave., Field Ave., Foster Ave., Franklin Ave., Front

St., Garibaldi Ave., Hamilton Blvd., Joan St., Kenyon Ave., Lake St., Lane Ave., Maple Ave., Merchants Ave., Murray Ave., New Brunswick Ave., New Market Ave., Norwood Ave., Oak Tree Ave., Oakland Ave., Park Ave., Plainfield Ave., Rahway Ave., Randolph Ave., Sampton Ave., South 9th St., South Clinton Ave., South Plainfield Ave., Sprague Ave., Stelton Rd., Tompkins Ave., West 7th St., Wexler Pl., Woodland Ave.

All residents on all Borough streets should refrain from parking on those streets when snow is forecast, so that the Department of Public Works can safely clear the streets.

In addition, all residents and businesses are reminded that in the event of snow, the sidewalks, driveways and entrances must be cleared of snow and ice within 12 hours after the snow has ceased. It is also against the law to push or place snow on the roadway when clearing the snow.

With these restrictions in place and the cooperation of all residents and businesses, the roads and sidewalks of

the Borough will be a safer place for all. For more information, call the Traffic Safety Unit at (908) 226-7678 or visit the Borough's website at www.southplainfieldnj.com.

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Local Man Reported Missing in Fla.

South Plainfield resident Kenneth R. Conceicao, age 35, has been missing since Jan. 20 and has been reported missing with the Boca Raton Police Department. Conceicao was working in the Boca Raton, Fla. area with the hurricane clean up effort.

Kenny is 5'10" with brown hair and brown eyes. He weighs around 190 lbs. and speaks with a New York accent. He has several tattoos on both his arms and back. He was last seen wearing jean shorts and a white Yankees t-shirt. He was last seen in Boca Raton on Military Parkway and Butt Trail picking up a load of mulch on Jan. 20. He was driving a 2001 Red MAC Sleeper Cab with 55-foot trailer with Pa. license plate AF13336. Kenny was scheduled to drive 75 miles to drop the load off at Ocalante Powerplant, but never arrived. The last phone contact he had was with his girlfriend, Melissa Glick, at 5:15 p.m. He has not been seen or heard from since then. All the area hospitals have been contacted with no success.

If anyone has any information, please contact either the South Plainfield Police Department at (908) 755-0700 or the Boca Raton Police (Detective James Guimienta at (561) 338-1303.

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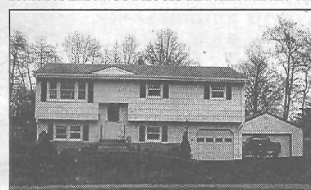
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Senior Men's Forum is Leaving Senior Center

Recently, the Senior Men's forum was accused of being "too political" by the director of the Senior Center. Further, the forum was denied having their meetings posted on the activities calendar, once previously enjoyed. The decision to move our meetings elsewhere became necessary when the center's director also singled out the forum's chairman as being too abusive and an embarrassment to her. We believe the stand taken by the director was brought about because of the forum's negative position on the proposed plan to build 11 four-story buildings and a club house on the former Tingley Rubber plant site as aired at the Planning Board meeting on Jan. 10, one that she openly favored when she endorsed the change-over of the Tingley site from industrial to residential.

What precipitated this condemnation was a threat several months ago by the director that continued opposition to the Tingley proposal, as well as the admittance of a well known Republican party official to our meetings, would not be tolerated. The director stated that she was passing on this edict from the incumbent recreational director who warned her that further toleration of the Senior Men's Forum would jeopardize her job and that he wanted no further aid provided besides the calendar entries mentioned.

The forum has followed its creed from the start which reads, in part: the proceedings of the forum shall adhere to democratic principles and procedures recognizing no affiliations to political parties. Only that which is good and beneficial to the Borough of South Plainfield shall be vigorously pursued. We have held to these principles for 34 months of our existence. The Republican official referred to above, has attended less than five of

FROM THE Senior Men's FORUM

By **Walter J. Pasacrita**,
Chairman

the 34 meetings. We could hardly be "too political" being a mixed group, Democrat and Republican party registered. In fact, we have had prominent Democrats as guest such as Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes, Jr., Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., Kathleen Thomas and Ed Kubala. We even sought and received help from Senator Barbara Buono. We firmly believe that all of the persons named would agree that our right to freedom of expression should not be impugned in any manner shape or form, nor should we be subject to approval for whom we invite to meet with us. The issue is one greater than the refusal to add the forums' meetings on the center's calendar as the center's director would have it.

Our agendas have always had the best interests of the seniors in this town in mind. Our members are among the finest men I have ever met and worked with and I take great pleasure meeting with them each month. They are selfless as they are determined, well-versed in matters of civics and eager to serve. I believe they are entitled to an apology from the director who has accused them, as well as me, of being "too political."

In addition to my decision to move the Senior Men's Forum elsewhere, I have also severed relations with those groups that I normally meet and work with including the AARP senior tax return preparers and the children's listener group monthly meetings since I no longer feel welcome in the Senior Center.

Editors Note: Walter Pasacrita is chairman of the Senior Men's Forum of South Plainfield. The forum will periodically submit columns on their views and opinions. If you would like to know more about the group, you are invited to attend one of their meetings.

Helping Sick Children, Coaches Care Reaches Their Donation Goal

Through the efforts of many local businesses and individuals, Coaches Offering Assistance for Children's Health (C.O.A.C.H.es CARE), reached their goal of raising \$25,000 for sick children. The monies were raised during their second annual sold out golf tournament held in June at the Heron Glen Golf Course. To date, COACHes CARE has raised over \$70,000 in their five years of existence.

As had been previously announced \$12,500 was donated to the Children's Fund at JFK Medical Center and \$12,800 was donated the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation.

The monies donated to JFK Medical Center were used for two race car transport vehicles and a teddy bear transport vehicle, each equipped with IV stands. In addition, the charity donated a new flat screen television with DVD and VHS capabilities and television stand for each room in the pediatric unit.

Chairman Tom McCreesh explained, "The hard work of our committee and volunteers, and the commitment we have received from the community of South Plainfield and surrounding towns, has truly allowed this charity to blossom."

Committee members are: Tom Lanza, Tony Cassano, Ted Tucker, Guy Moretti, Charlie Decker and Bill DeNitzio.

Preparations are already underway for the 2006 outing to be held June 3 at Heron Glen. Anyone interested in assisting or aiding the charity can reach them at (908) 755-8468.



Bill DeNitzio, Tom McCreesh and Tom Lanza present a donation of \$12,500 for JFK Medical Center to Steve Toal, director of the JFK foundation.



Tom Lanza, Bill DeNitzio and Tom McCreesh, representing COACHes CARE, present gifts to Lynn Crissafulli, RN manager of the ER; and Shajia George, RN manager of the Pediatric Unit.

Bill To Give Police Tools To Track Internet Criminals

A bill sponsored by Senators Paul A. Sarlo and Barbara Buono which would require Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to disclose certain identifying information to law enforcement agencies investigating a crime was approved by the Senate Law, Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee by a vote of 4-0.

"Unfortunately, e-crime has become a sign of the times, but all too often, prosecutors are put at a disadvantage because of the inherent anonymity of the Internet," said Senator Sarlo, D-Bergen, Essex and Passaic. "Under this bill, law enforcement officers would have at their disposal detailed identifying and usage information to press the case against those using the Internet to perpetrate fraud or worse."

"Server usage statistics and credit card information are routinely kept by Internet Service companies, so all we really need to get the info to the appropriate channels is enabling legislation," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex. "Senator Sarlo and I have reached out to some of the ISPs that would be affected under this bill, and they're more than willing to cooperate. This bill just gives them a shield from potential litigation that might arise from sharing the appropriate information."

The bill, S-2630, would expand current law to increase the type of information ISPs are required to provide to law enforcement. The new regulations would require that ISPs disclose records of Internet activity

in real time. "Session times and durations, the means through which a client is purchasing the service and any relevant credit card or bank account number, network address numbers and the start date of the service. According to the bill, this information, as well as any other info already required under law, would only be available after a grand jury or trial subpoena are obtained."

"Through this legislation, we will be able to pinpoint a criminal's exact hours of usage, the online equivalent of placing them at the scene of the crime," said Senator Buono. "We would also be able to track when service is being purchased with stolen identifying materials, and crack down on identity thieves looking to hide their tracks with bogus service accounts."

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Junior Journalist Corner



Tiffany Harvey, Riley School Third Grader, Named This Week's "Junior Journalist"



Riley Elementary third grade student Tiffany Harvey with teacher Valerie Hunterdon.

Tiffany Harvey, third grader at Riley School, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist Program. Her poem, "Penguins," 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 Observer at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

Penguins

By Tiffany Harvey

Penguins
White and black and funny
Waddling in the North Pole
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Funny Friends

Holocaust Photographic Exhibit at High School

An open house for "Surviving the Plan: A Photographic Exhibit" by Gerry Casciano will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield High School Information Center.

The event is sponsored by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, the South Plainfield Public School District and South Plainfield High School.

Photographer Gerry Casciano's portraits of 16 Holocaust survivors and photographs of Holocaust sites

in Europe will be exhibited. A program including Dr. Paul Winkler, director of the NJ Commission on Holocaust Education, Casciano, and several of the survivors will be held with other guests and the students in the high school's two Genocide Studies classes.

This is a free program, but since space is limited anyone who is interested should call the high school main office at (908) 754-4620 ext. 360 to make a reservation or for further information.

Knights Host Keystone Holiday Party

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held their annual Keystone residents Christmas party on Dec 28.

Over 90 Keystone residents came for a hot dinner and a visit from Santa, who delivered many gifts to the residents.

The Knights would like to thank all of the Knights of Columbus members and families who attended and either cooked or served the residents their food and fellow Knight Ed Kubala for being Santa.

Co-organizers for this event were Bill Thomas and Grand Knight Joe Scrudato.



High School Peer Leadership Students Recognized for Helping Others

By Libby Barsky

Members of South Plainfield High School Peer Leadership undertake many fundraising activities. This year 70 members of the group worked on the telethon and despite two separate interruptions (a snow storm and lack of power), Peer Leader members completed their fourth night of calls on Wednesday, Jan. 17, collecting a total of \$15,835 in pledges during the four night 2006 South Plainfield Education Foundation Telethon.

The proceeds are awarded to graduating seniors for college scholarships and the telethon funds also enable the continuation of educational programs and incentives such as Grant School Stoke State Trip, Middle School Tiger Gold, SPSHS Gold Card and Project Graduation.

Besides manning the phones for the Telethon which eventually is returned to students in the South Plainfield district, members of Peer Leadership also have broadened their scope and held fundraisers to help others in other communities.

Members of Peer Leadership oversaw the South Plainfield district collection of student bags filled with \$16,000 worth of school supplies

sent to Louisiana where so much was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Peer Leadership, helped by administration also adopted five South Plainfield families bringing them a brighter Christmas with presents requested in a wish list and by decorating a real Christmas tree donated by Wayne Bizup.

New books and candy were also collected and on Dec. 22 and given to the students at Berkely Terrace School in Irvington. Twenty members of Peer Leadership accompanied by Mary Ellen Martko and Tom Baker made the trip to the school and visited each class in the 500 student elementary school. A letter from Berkeley Terrace School Guidance Counselor Patricia Dowd to Superintendent of Schools Robert Rosado praised the students for the wonderful holiday gift.

"Our students were so enthused to see such an articulate, enthusiastic group of young people. They were the ideal role models for our children, telling them the importance of studying, class work and listening to their teachers.... Not only are our students happily enjoying the books, but they are remembering the message they (the students) brought," wrote Dowd.

Looking toward Valentine's Day, Martko said Peer Leadership will be holding "Penny Wars" in the school to provide funds for a future Special Olympics day.

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Rachel Alexa, Lauren Annetta, Carly Ashnault, Alena Brady, Joelle Butrico, Alexis Cargill, Chelsey Colucci, Jamie Glavasich, Nicolette Hanley, Laine Harris, Crysta Hay, Tori Huber, Brigitte Kelly, Brianna Kizman, Gabriella Lewis, Meghan Makowski, Michelle O'Sullivan, Kimberly Petronko, Cassie Prendergast, Deanna Ranger, Jessica Scarpitto, Alyssa Scrudato, Rachel Scrudato, Stephanie Sherwood, Amanda Steger, Amanda Tjong, Kathleen Vincent, Nina Visaggio, Caitlyn Whalen and Sara Wojewodka; Student Demonstrators Dana Alexa and Danielle Heilman; Coaches Denise Kelly, Shannon Colucci, Robin Prendergast and Sharon Scrudato; and Cheer Commissioner Abra Hodge.

The 2005 South Plainfield Eagles Board would like to congratulate the girls and boys on their awesome achievements this year!

In addition, we would like to thank the cheer coaches Denise Kelly, Shannon Colucci, Robin Prendergast and Sharon Scrudato for their dedication to the squad along with a special thanks to Cathy Scarpitto for all of her *behind-the-scene* work. We would also like to thank the football coaches Paul Wylam, Mike Downes, Larry Hughes, Mike Molinaro, Kyle Prendergast, John Spallieri and Mark Wagner as well as Team Commissioner Frank Malecki! And last, but not least, we would like to thank the parents for their encouragement and support along the way!





South Plainfield Business Association President Jack Pedersen presents checks donated by business members for the "Stay Alive-Drive 25" signs to Police Chief John Ferraro. He also presented a check from the Business Association, which matched members' donations.

Keep Middlesex Moving Introduces Commuter Classifieds

Now, it's easier than ever for Middlesex County commuters to find a rideshare partner. Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc. (KMM), the transportation management association for Middlesex County, has launched an innovative service called Commuter Classifieds. This service is FREE to anyone with a work destination in Middlesex County.

KMM manages a database of people who have either formed or are looking to form a carpool or vanpool. Typically, a commuter registers with KMM online, over the phone, or through the mail. Then, KMM matches that commuter to others already in the database. The applicant is notified of potential matches.

The new Commuter Classifieds allow commuters to scan a list for trips and times compatible with their own. Commuters then complete an application form, referencing the registration number of the car or vanpool in which they are interested. In addition to placing their information commuted information online, commuters may request to have their published in KMM's commuter newsletter, *The Way to Work*.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Frank Butrico requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a new 12' x 26' deck and a new 10' x 12' deck on a pre-existing expansion non-conforming (3) family house; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1104 Hamilton Blvd. on Block 425, Lot 5 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, February 9, 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 Planning/Zoning Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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NOTES FROM The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

Learning About Medicare Fraud

The Office on Aging is sponsoring a very informative program about Medicare fraud on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. Dan Tousman, a New Jersey Healthcare Advocate will be the guest speaker.

Medicare is a vitally important part of a senior citizen's life. To ensure the quality and the quantity of healthcare services, we must protect the system from waste, fraud and abuse. Billions of dollars are drained from the program each year because of abuse, fraud, and waste. It is up to each of us to care for the program that takes care of us. The way we can do this is to first learn how to read and understand our Medicare summary reports and then to identify and report billing errors and potential fraud.

It is very important for each of us to become "informed health care consumers" and to work together to preserve and protect Medicare and Medicaid. Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. to learn more on this topic. The program is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Office on Aging at (908) 754-1047. We look forward to seeing you at the Senior Center.

Valentine's Dinner Dance

Come and enjoy a fun evening with a dinner buffet and great music and dancing with Art Smith & Associates. Join us on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost is

only \$10 per person. Reservations are required so please stop by the Senior Center before Feb. 4.

Medicare Drug Plan Scams

The enrollment for Medicare Part D began on Jan. 1 and con artists are at work finding ways to take advantage of the confusing number of programs available. To protect yourself from these scam artists, you need to know the following:

- Companies offering approved Medicare programs are forbidden to call, visit or send emails to you unless they are asked to do so by you.

- You cannot enroll for a drug plan or pay over the phone unless you are adding prescription drug coverage to a Medicare Health plan you already have.

- The Medicare plan is voluntary and if you are told you must join or lose other Medicare benefits, it's a scam.

- Never give your Medicare or Medicaid number to anyone offering a "free" service.

- Personal information such as your Social Security number, credit card information or bank account number should never be given unless you are sure that the company is Medicare-approved.

To check on a company, call Medicare's toll-free number: 1-800-633-4227. This number is often busy so it may be best to try calling Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

- You can report Medicare-related fraud by calling the Office of the Inspector General at Health and Human Services toll-free, 1-800-337-4950, or sending an email to HHSTips@oig.hhs.gov.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

The Senior Center has a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse planned for Thursday, March 23 to see the hilarious comedy, "Charlie's Aunt." The cost is \$53 per person and includes transportation, a luncheon with a lavish dessert buffet and the show. For reservations, please stop in at the Senior Center. Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This trip is open to the public. You do not need to be a member of the Center to participate.

Trip to Baltimore

The Senior Center is sponsoring an overnight trip to Baltimore on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. The trip includes transportation, overnight accommodations at the Best Western Baltimore, a three hour city sightseeing tour of Baltimore highlights, tickets to Toddy's Dinner Theatre, Sunday breakfast and free time at the Inner Harbor for shopping and sightseeing. The cost is \$190 per person based on double occupancy. This trip is open to the public. You don't have to be a member to participate. For reservations, please stop in at the Senior Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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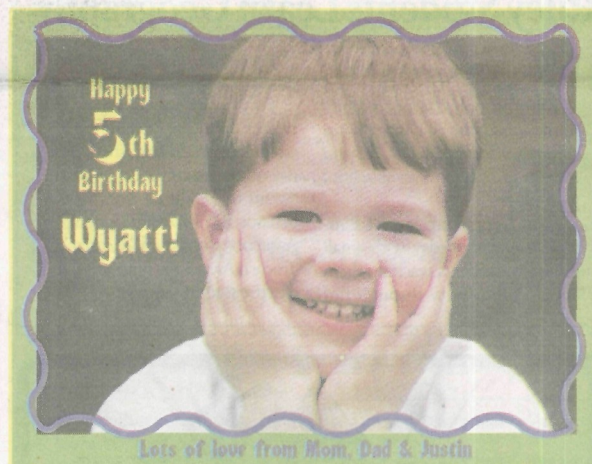
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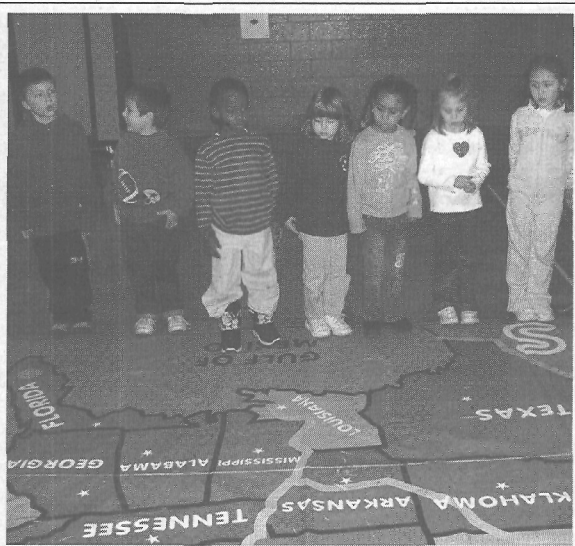
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WINNER

Junior Journalist winner Andrea Muglia accepts dinner from Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros. She is joined by parents Al and Denise and brother Alfonse.



Riley Students Learn Geography

By Jane Dornick

Riley School students recently learned about the 50 United States through a fun filled hands on, and feet on, program in their school gymnasium.

Gym Geography Inc. of Bangor, Pa. spent all day with small groups of students teaching them about our country through fun

physical education games played on a 12 foot by 25 foot long map.

They played games such as USA twister, bean bag geography and around the world basketball. Gymnasium Geography has won the Award of Excellence from former Senator Bill Bradley's Geography Awareness program and a Governor's Teacher Award for innovative and effective teaching strategy.

Margaret A. Zwigard, 98

Margaret A. Zwigard died on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at her home.

Born and raised in Newark, she lived in Newark before settling in Scotch Plains in 1968.

She joined the Du Pont Company of Newark in 1925 as a clerk/typist. In 1929, she became a chief time-keeper and later advancing to payroll clerk, before finally becoming the company's senior clerk and cashier. Her career spanned 47 years with one company, retiring in 1972.

Margaret is a long-time communicant of St. Bartholomew's Church in Scotch Plains.

Her sisters, Loretta Hughes, Marian Caldwell and Dorothy Caldwell and brothers, Norman and Francis Zwigard, have all predeceased her.

Surviving are three sisters, Rose Lowe, Helen McCann and Eileen Stahl and three brothers, Albert, Robert and Edwin Zwigard. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the St. Nicholas Chapel and Garden, c/o Bartholomew Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Eugene Thomas DeFillipo, 78

Eugene Thomas DeFillipo died Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the Alterra Clearbridge Nursing Center in Hamilton.

Born in South Plainfield, Eugene resided in Plainfield for the past 45 years.

Mr. DeFillipo served an enlistment with the United States Navy at the end of WWII. He was employed with the Local 155 Carpenter's Union in Plainfield for 50 years.

Eugene was a member of the South Plainfield American Legion Post 243, an avid toy collector and was well

Obituaries

known and loved as Abraham Lincoln in the Plainfield and South Plainfield Labor Day Parades.

Mr. DeFillipo was preceded in death by his loving wife of 38 years, Marion, who passed in 1998. He was also preceded by three brothers, Tony DeFillipo, Angelo DeFillipo and Paul DeFillipo.

Surviving are his dear daughter, Karen DeFillipo Knicos and her husband Michael of Hamilton; a cherished grandson, Christopher Knicos; two brothers, Louis DeFillipo and Edward DeFillipo and three sisters, Virginia Bianculi, Barbara Bartlett and Jeanette Modola.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Robert Thomas Neumann, 78

Robert Thomas Neumann died on Monday, Jan. 23 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield he has resided there until marriage when he settled in South Plainfield in 1950.

He served in the United States Navy during WWII as Seaman First Class aboard the USS PC 560.

As the former owner of A.F. Neumann Sheet Metal in Plainfield, he worked for 40 years and later worked part time for the former Von Graff Flower Shop in South Plainfield.

Bob is well known as a good guy to many, volunteering many hours. He served as a life member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and held various positions through the years. He also volunteered at Elizabeth General Hospital and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. Assisted with maintenance projects at the First Baptist Church in South Plainfield and in addition, volunteered for Union County providing meals and various assistance to seniors.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Lucille E. (Perry); a son, Robert William Neumann of South Plainfield; a sister, Gertrude Elizabeth McLean of South Plainfield and a brother, William Anthony Neumann of Green Brook.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 26 at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 120 Wall Street, NY, NY 10005.

Ernest R. Quiram, 92

Ernest R. Quiram died on Thursday, Jan. 19 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Quiram lived in Georgia, Peru, Roselle Park and again in Elizabeth before settling in South Plainfield 1965.

Ernest was employed as a chemist for Exxon for many years prior to retiring in 1973. Upon retirement, he had various hobbies including collecting stamps and coins, gardening and cutting lapidary stones.

He is predeceased by his brother, Fred.

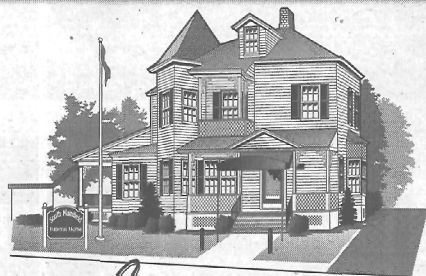
Surviving are his wife, Louis (Gerhardt) of 64 years; two daughters, Ann Becker and her husband Robert of Stockton and Linda Bartok and Michael Lasko of Monmouth Beach; three grandchildren, Jill Carlin, Jennifer Paccione and Todd Becker and two great grandchildren, Courtney and Brooke Paccione.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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A Tribute to Our Friend Jackie Angioletti

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Sunday, January 29, 2006
at
South Plainfield High School
Information Center
2:00 PM

Miss Angioletti, (Jackie) touched the lives of many people. Her untimely death has stunned and saddened all who knew her. We would like to gather together to share our memories and pay tribute to her contributions as a teacher, coach, and friend.

If you are planning to attend this memorial event, we encourage you to share your thoughts. Please respond to goldey@patmedia.net if you wish to be included on the list of people who will speak. If you cannot attend and would like to send a message to be read, and we hope you will, send that also to goldey@patmedia.net.

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Sports

Bowling

By Ralph Fech

Jamieson Places 11th in GMC Individual Championship

Congratulations to senior Beverly Jamieson who placed 11th in the GMC individual bowling championship at Carolier Lanes.

Beverly's games of 191-212-175 boosted her pinfall to 1,096, which amounts to a 182 average for six games out of a starting field of over 200 bowlers.

This was the fourth consecutive year that Beverly qualified for the GMC finals, an outstanding achievement.

In the GMC boys qualifier Fresh-

man Mike Dandola rolled 197-199-236-632, sophomore Ryan Pauls bowled games of 214-226-192 for a 632 set. Senior Vin Genova bowled games of 211-194-222 for a 627 set. However, all three missed the cut which was 638.

An excellent showing by the SPHS Tigers out of a field of 225 boys who were vying for the 20 slots which would have put them in the finals. The trio finished in 21st place and 24th place respectively.



Beverly Jamieson

Boys Fall to Monroe, St. Joe's

SPHS	939	838	881	2,658
Monroe	1,031	893	871	2,795

The Tigers ran into a hot shooting Monroe squad that posted a big first game and held on for the win.

Scoring for the Tigers were Mike Dandola, 231-194-579, vin Genova, 172-181-204-557, Ryan Pauls, 210-164-171-545, Brett Morris, 167-180-497 and Chris Esposito, 165-443.

SPHS	928	918	961	2,807
St. Joe's	933	1,056	1,018	3,007

A slim five pin loss in the first game seemed to take the starch out of the Tigers, who continued to bowl well, but could not stop 14th ranked St. Joe's, Falcons who continued to scorch the lanes.

Freshman Mike Dandola crossed the boards with games of 210-189-203 and a 602 set to take scoring honors. A trio of sophomores also bowled well with Ryan Pauls 192-185-222-599 leading the way. Chris Esposito added 175-167-210-552 and Jeff Pryor 170-204-164-538. Vin Genova chipped in the 181-173-162-516.

Boys Rout Perth Amboy, Lose to McCarrick

SPHS	948	911	980	2,839
Perth Amboy	751	807	870	2,428
Card McCarrick	991	971	878	2,840

In tri-match action the boys bowling team coasted to an easy victory over Perth Amboy sweeping all three games to post a shutout.

The high flying Cardinals surprised the Tigers by taking the first two games and building up a 103 pin advantage. A fierce rally saw the come back fall short as the Tigers won the third game but only by 102 pins, one pin short.

Mike Dandola fired games of 183-200-246-629 to lead the Tigers in a solid team effort. Also pounding the pins were Chris Esposito 242-589 Vin Genova 200-571, Ryan Pauls 204-530 and Brett Morris 203-508. Jeff Pryor chipped in with a 169 game.

Lady Tigers Edged by #9 Mother Seton

SPHS	758	825	892	2,475
Mother Seton	849	909	743	2,492

The lady Tigers gave #9 state ranked Mother Seton all it could handle, but a blistering third game rally fell short and the Terriers averted the tie and went home with a hard fought 3-1 victory.

Beverly Jamieson hit a solid 560 set on games of 186-176-198. Angelique Rualo 179-164-150-493, Jackie Kukuch's 150-151-165-466 and Katie Yon's 216-482 set also joined the scoring parade. Freshman Lyndsey Murtagh added a 158 game.

Girls Shutout McCarrick and Perth Amboy, Fall to Monroe

SPHS	745	734	743	2,222
Perth Amboy	643	557	685	1,854
Card. McCarrick	664	535	591	1,790

In tri-match action the lady Tigers chalked up two easy victories as they caged the Lions of McCarrick and Panthers of Perth Amboy.

Angelique Rualo took scoring honors with games of 201-170-167-538 set. Chipping in were Katie Yon 164, Lyndsey Murtagh 163 and Gina Curcio with a 153 game.

SPHS 776 795 874 2,445
Monroe 898 193 883 2,574

A nine pin difference in the third game was the difference between a loss and a tie as the lady Tigers bowled well enough to win, but ran up against a fired up Monroe squad.

Katie Yon led the Tiger charge with a solid 508 set on games of 159-158-191. Beverly Jamieson added 208 and 190 games, with fellow teammates blasting the pins with untiring accuracy. Gina Curcio posted 166-160-475, Jackie Kukuch 172-173-483 and Angelique Rualo 160-431. Lyndsey Murtagh fired a 150 game.

Lady Tigers and Jamieson (616) Red Hot in Central Jersey Winter Classic

SPHS	786	830	929	2,545
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The girls bowling team bowled its high series of the season as they posted a sixth place finish in the 25th annual Central Jersey Winter Classic.

The classic is the largest tournament in the state and attracted 14 of the top 20 state ranked teams.

The Tigers started with a game above average, increased with a solid second game and closed with an eye popping 929 for a season high series of 2,545.

Beverly Jamieson led the solid team effort of 616 as she crushed the pocket for games of 197-229-190. While teammate Angelique Rualo posted a 177-170-185-538 set. Under classmen Katie Yon 197-493, Jackie Kukuch 223-477 and Gina Curcio 151-421 complete the Tiger scoring.

Number one state ranked Carteret won the championship followed by number two state ranked Woodbridge.

SPHS 978 980 895 2,781

After a good showing in the first game the boys bowling team kept slipping down and placed 31st in the 48 team field.

Sophomore Jeff Pryor took scoring honors for the Tigers with a high set of 614 on games of 214-189-201. Freshman Mike Dandola posted the high game of 226.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1719

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

Ordinance #1719 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD BY REPEALING THE EXISTING SECTION 1206 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT FEES AND ADOPTING A NEW DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR COLLECTION, MAINTENANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 27, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1719

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1992, BY REPEALING THE EXISTING SECTION 1206 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT FEES, AND ADOPTING A NEW DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR THE COLLECTION, MAINTENANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court and New Jersey Legislature have recognized and mandated in So. Burl. Co. NAACP v. Mount Laurel, 92 N.J. 158 (1983) ("Mount Laurel I") and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et. seq. ("FHAA") that every municipality in New Jersey has an affirmative obligation to facilitate the prompt provision of affordable housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and established by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, 1992, be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. - Legislative Intent.

The legislative intent set forth in the above preamble and recital is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein as if set forth herein at length.

SECTION 2. - Section 1206 of the Borough Zoning Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

§1206 Collection, Maintenance and Expenditure of Development Fees.

A. Definitions.

"Development fees" means money paid by an individual, person, partnership, association, company or corporation for the improvement of property as permitted in N.J.A.C. 5:93-8.

"Equalized assessed value" means the value of a property determined by the municipal tax assessor through a process designed to ensure that all property in the municipality is assessed at the same assessment ratio or ratios required by law. Estimates at the time of building permit may be obtained by the tax assessor utilizing estimates for construction cost. Final equalized assessed value will be determined at project completion by the municipal tax assessor.

"Housing trust fund" means the interest-bearing account in which all development fees will be deposited pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-8.15.

"Inclusionary development" means a development containing low and moderate income units. This term includes, but is not necessarily limited to, new construction, the conversion of a non-residential structure to a residential structure and the creation of new low and moderate income units through gut rehabilitation of a vacant residential structure.

B. Development Fee Assessment.

1. Unless otherwise excluded by Subsection 1206(E) residential and non-residential development shall be assessed a development fee as a condition for securing preliminary subdivision or site plan approval, and as a condition for securing a building permit.

2. Unless otherwise excluded by Subsection 1206(E), construction activity that does not require subdivision or site plan approval shall be assessed a development fee as a condition for securing a building permit.

C. Residential Development Fees.

1. Development fees for residential development shall be: one percent (1%) of the equalized assessed value of the

development; the coverage amount of the Home Owner Warranty document of a for-sale unit; or the appraised value on the document utilized for construction financing for a rental unit.

2. Where an increase in density is granted pursuant to a "d" variance, residential developers shall pay a development fee of one percent (1%) of the equalized assessed value, plus an additional development fee of six percent (6%) of the equalized assessed value, coverage amount on the Home Owner Warranty document or the appraised value on the document utilized for construction financing (as outlined in subsection (C)(1)) permitted as a result of the "d" variance.
3. Residential developers in which a required percentage of the dwelling units are to be set aside for low and moderate income households may make a monetary contribution in lieu of constructing low and moderate income units, subject to the approval of the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment and COAH. The in-lieu contribution shall equal \$70,000.00 per affordable unit. Developers that make a monetary contribution in lieu of constructing low and moderate income units shall not replace low and moderate income units with additional market units.

D. Non-Residential Development Fees.

1. Development fees for non-residential construction shall be two percent (2%) of the equalized assessed value or two percent (2%) of the appraised value on the document used for construction financing.

2. Non-residential developers that receive an increase in floor area, pursuant to a "d" variance, shall pay a two percent (2%) development fee for the floor area permitted pursuant to the Ordinance and a fee of six percent (6%) for the value of the additional floor area permitted by the "d" variance. The two (2%) and six (6%) percent shall be applied to the equalized assessed value or the appraised value as outlined at Subsection (D)(1).

E. Eligible Exactions, Ineligible Exactions and Exemptions.

1. Inclusionary developments shall be exempt from paying development fees except when the developer is permitted to pay a fee in lieu of building low and moderate income housing units, as provided for in Subsection (C)(3).

2. Developers that construct low and moderate income housing or make a monetary contribution toward affordable housing pursuant to the Borough's growth share ordinance, Section 1207, shall be exempt from paying development fees.

3. Developers that expand an existing non-residential structure shall pay a development fee as required in Subsection (D). The development fee shall be calculated based on the increase in the equalized assessed value of the improved structure.

4. Improvements and expansions to existing residential structures shall be exempt from paying a development fee.

5. Developers of churches, synagogues, public non-profit uses or hospitals shall be exempt from paying a development fee.

F. Collection of fees.

1. Developers shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the calculated development fee at the issuance of building permits. The development fee shall be estimated by the tax assessor prior to the issuance of building permits.

2. Developers shall pay the remaining fee upon the issuance of certificates of occupancy. Upon issuance of certificates of occupancy, the tax assessor shall calculate the equalized assessed value and the appropriate development fee. The developer shall be responsible for paying the difference between the fee calculated at certificate of occupancy and the amount paid at building permit.

3. Development fees that are challenged by a developer shall be placed in an interest-bearing account. If all or a portion of the contested fees are returned to the developer, the accrued interest on the returned amount shall also be returned.

G. Housing Trust Fund.

a. There is hereby created an interest-bearing trust fund in Commerce Bank or such other federally insured institution as the Borough may designate by Resolution, from time to time, for the purpose of receiving development fees from residential and non-

residential developers. All development fees paid pursuant to this ordinance shall be deposited in this fund. No money shall be expended from the housing trust fund unless the expenditure conforms to the municipality's spending plan approved by COAH.

- a. If COAH determines that the Borough is not in conformance with COAH's rules on development fees, COAH is authorized to direct the manner in which all development fees collected pursuant to this ordinance shall be expended. Such authorization is pursuant to: this ordinance; COAH's rules on development fees; and the written authorization from the governing body to the Commerce Bank or such other federally insured institution as the Borough may designate by Resolution, from time to time.

H. Use of Funds.

1. Money deposited in a housing trust fund may be used for any activity approved by COAH for addressing the Borough's low and moderate income housing obligation. Such activities may include, but are not necessarily limited to: housing rehabilitation; new construction; regional contribution agreements; the purchase of land for low and moderate income housing; extensions and/or improvements of roads and infrastructure to low and moderate income housing sites; assistance designed to render units to be more affordable to low and moderate income people; and administrative costs necessary to implement the Borough's housing element. The expenditure of all money shall confirm to the spending plan approved by COAH.
2. At least thirty percent (30%) of the revenues collected, not targeted for a regional contribution agreement, rehabilitation program or a municipal construction project, shall be devoted to render units more affordable. Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to, down payment assistance; low interest loans; and rental assistance.
3. No more than twenty percent (20%) of the revenues shall be expended on administrative costs necessary to develop, revise or implement the housing element. Examples of eligible administrative activities include: personnel; consultant services; space costs; consumable supplies; and rental or purchase of equipment.
4. Development Fees shall not be used to reimburse the Borough for municipal expenditures that preceded its judgment of repose.

I. Expiration of Ordinance.

This ordinance permitting the collection of development fees shall expire as a result of any of the following:

1. A violation of a judgment of repose that results in the loss of repose; or
2. The expiration of the time defined by a judgment of repose unless the Borough has filed an adopted housing element with COAH; petitioned for substantive certification; and received COAH's approval of its development fee ordinance.

SECTION 3. - Severability.

If any paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs or sections hereof.

SECTION 4. - Inconsistency.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. - Effective Date.

The Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law and filing with the Middlesex County Planning Board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to establish a standard for the collection, maintenance and expenditure of development fees for the purpose of providing low and moderate income housing.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$352.00 January 27, 2006

Sports

Wrestling-SPHS

By Bob Hunter

Number One SPHS Tigers Record is Now 12-0

The South Plainfield Tiger Wrestling Team is still the number one team in the state after winning three more last week. With big wins over Colonia 66-7, Hackettstown 50-12 and Middlesex County rival Old Bridge 55-9, the Tigers held on to the number one spot in the *Star Ledger* poll and jumped to 17th in the country according to Win Magazine. The Tigers were previously ranked 22nd.

The Tigers, who shutout Colonia last year, dominated again this year winning 12 of 14 bouts. Winning for the Tiger's were Bill Daly (Hwt.) by fall over Paul Garrett at 1:17, Patrick Hunter (103) pinned Nick Esposito at :36. Nick Pauls won by decision over Shawn Woemer 3-2 and Billy Ashnault (119) pinned Joe Boyne at 2:11. Jimmy Conroy (125) pinned Adam Matthijis 2:49,

Brian Hunt (130) won by tech-fall 16-0 over Shamik Patel, Mike Jakubik (135) pinned Ralph Eastman 2:38 and Nick Dorey (140) pinned Mike Monoco at 2:51.

Ed McCray (145) Pinned Doug Lorenzer in just 17 seconds, Sam Martin pinned Ed Kulig at 3:38, Mark Wagner (160) pinned Matt Friedman in 36 seconds and Kevin Crilley (189) won by major decision 11-2 over Anthony Zappulla.

Hackettstown, coming to South Plainfield for the first time, was a little surprised at just how good this Tiger team was winning only four bouts on the night. With the match starting at 135, the Tigers got off to a good start when Mike (The Hammer) Jakubik pinned Owen Vernon at 1:28. Nick Dorey (140) then dropped a close 2-0 decision in OT to Cory Vernon. Ed McCray (145)

had a monumental win when he pinned Billy Strathern at 1:35 for his 100th career win. Congratulations Eddie. Sam Martin (152) kept things going with a fall at 3:57 over Lewis Snover. Mark Wagner (160) then won by decision over JJ Mitchell 8-6. Jonathan Conroy (171) held his own against Zach Ulm, losing a close decision 4-1. Kevin Crilley (189) then pinned Patrick Bownland at 1:21. Preston Johnston (215) won by decision over Nick Saunders 8-5. Billy Daly (heavyweight) lost a close 3-0 decision to Nick Volpe. Patrick Hunter (103) won by tech-fall over Travis Tjong 16-0 at 4:00. Nick Pauls (112) lost by decision 6-2. Billy Ashnault (119) then pinned Keith Morris at 5:09. Jimmy Conroy (125) pinned Keith Swanson at 3:03. Bryan Hunt (130) closed the match in exciting fashion by winning.

a 1-0 OT decision over Taylor Ulm, who had defeated Hunt earlier in the year at the Morris Knolls tournament.

Old Bridge, who came into the match with an 8-1 record and looking to give the Tigers a match, were just over powered and overwhelmed. With the match starting at 112, Nick Pauls got the Tigers going with a fall over Matt Valentino at 5:31. The anticipated showdown between Billy Ashnault and Steve Fallon, both state runner-ups a year ago, never happened because Fallon did not make weight and Old Bridge had to forfeit. But we did see Jimmy Conroy, also a runner-up last year, go on to defeat Fallon 6-2. Conroy controlled Fallon throughout the match. Bryan Hunt (130) won another close one over Brian Suozzo 1-0. Mike Jakubik (135) then won by major decision over John Giusti 18-7. Nick Dorey (140) then won by decision 3-0 over Andrew Goldman. Eddie McCray (145) kept his winning streak going when he pinned Chris Suozzo at

2:45. Danny Pompilio (152) wrestled in place of Sam Martin, who had the night off, came thru big time when he pinned Justin Kitchen at 4:22. Mark Wagner (160) also got some sweet revenge when he defeated Eddie Ebewo 7-5. Ebewo defeated Wagner at the Hunterdon Central tournament earlier in the season. Jon Conroy (171) again fought like a Tiger but came up short, losing a close 8-5 decision to Chris Orzechowski.

In the middle of the (189) pound match with Kevin Crilley winning, the fire alarm went off and the gym had to be cleared. After 20 minutes and no apparent danger, the match continued and Crilley went on to win by decision 7-0 over Hamayum Desanto. Bill Daly (hwt.) was again outweighed by 60 pounds. He gave a valiant effort, losing by a fall.

Patrick Hunter (103) ended the match with a fall over Andrew Schaeffer at 1:10.

Junior Tigers Place at Tournaments

South Plainfield Recreation Wrestlers had a good showing at the recent Roselle Park Dads Club Wrestling Tournament. South Plainfield crowned three champions and one runner up, two thirds and two fourth place winners.

Ryan Walsh Bantam (60) was the first Tiger champion when he won by major decision 10-0 over Joe DeVito of Roselle Park. Anthony Ashnault Midget (65/70) was the

second Tiger champion when he won by major decision 14-5 over Ryan Burkett of Cranford. Corey Stasenko Midget (85), who has really turned it up this season, was the third Tiger champion winning by a 7-3 decision 7-3 Bobby Kennedy of Cranford.

Alex Lundy Junior (hwt.) lost in a tough fought final for second place. Third place went to Anthony Adams Midget (85) and Stephen Petriello

Junior (110). Fourth Place went to Bobby Kolvires Midget (60) and Chris Sloan Junior (95/102). Other Tiger wrestlers winning matches but not placing were, Nick Graves, Stephen Vincent, Robert Benwell and Kevin Farrell.

South Plainfield also had two champions at the Mat Cat Classic in Lacey Twp. Kyle Brady Midget (70) had an outstanding performance winning by a fall in the quarter and semi-final rounds and won by fall in the finals over Drew Blasco of CJA at 1:35.

Scott Whalen Junior (80) also looked good winning by a fall in the quarter and semi-final rounds. He won by a 5-0 decision in the finals over Tim Garriboli of Roxbury.

Wrestling Stars To Appear For Boy & Cub Scout 193 Benefit

Pro wrestling superstars, The Patriot of WWE fame plus a hardcore steel cage main event putting former ECW and WWE madman John "Balls" Mahoney and Kevin Sullivan will highlight a huge pro wrestling fund-raiser for the Manville Boy & Cub Scout Troops 193 as National Wrestling Superstars stages its first mega event of the new year at the home base in Central NJ, the Manville VFW Hall located at 600 Washington Ave. in Manville. Bell time is 7:35 p.m.

There'll also be such great local pro grapplers like Gavin Quest, Ice Pick

Lowinski, Robert Pigeon and much more. Tickets for this event are available at the following outlets Midtown Deli, 111 South Main St. in Manville and Krausz's South Main St. and Rt. 623 in Manville and the Body Shop Total Fitness, 290 Rt. 206 South in Hillsborough and are priced at \$18 adults; \$15 kids and seniors.

For tickets call (908) 725-1025. To change tickets call the NWS offices at (732) 888-1704. You may also order tickets on line at www.doubleplaytixx.com or the NWS website: www.nswrestling.com.

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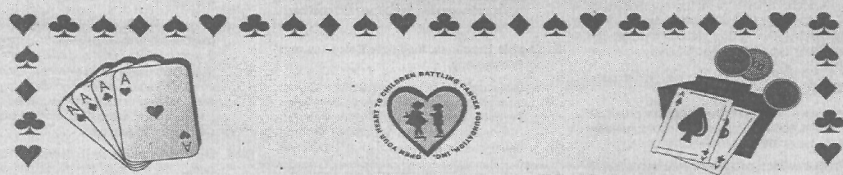
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Sports

Excellent Season for South Plainfield Football Eagles!



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This was an excellent season for our Jr. Midget Football team. The team, which is made up of boys from 11 to 13, played better than anyone could have predicted. The season got off to a rough start with the team losing a few of its players to injuries, before the first game was even played. This hurt the Eagles during their first game and they weren't able to recover losing 20-0. It would be the only Eagles loss for the season.

After getting a week off for the Labor Day holiday, the team was able to get closer to full strength and went on an unstoppable roll. They outscored their next six opponents 158-72, bringing their record to 6-1 until the last scheduled game of the season against a 6-1 Flemington. Both teams played a hard fought game, but no winner was able to be determined with the game ending in a 6-6 tie. With the playoffs on the line, these two teams headed for a rematch, this time with the Eagles winning convincingly 22-8. This win gained the Eagles an invitation to Pop Warner's Garden State Championship Bowl Games.

The first game, the Eagles headed down to Monroe where they faced the River Plaza-Lincroft Chargers. The Eagles wasted no time getting a large

lead and were able to take it easy for the remainder of the game. They ended up winning the game with a final score of 32-8 and advanced to the next round, which was held at Toms River North High School. There they faced a very tough and determined Elizabeth team. The winner of this game would gain a spot in the Championship Game to be held at Rutgers Stadium the following Sunday.

This was one of the tightest contests the Eagles would play. Although they were able to move the ball early on, Elizabeth just wouldn't let the Eagles get into the end zone. After one of the Eagle's drives fell short at about the 1-yard line, Elizabeth took over on downs. The Eagles promptly forced a safety, taking a 2-0 lead. The game went back and forth, but ended with that same 2-0 score. That win gave the boys an opportunity of a lifetime, to play a Championship Game in a college stadium. Their pre-game warm-ups took place in the Rutgers practice "bubble." They entered the field through the Rutgers tunnel and were able to enjoy all the events of a college game with the announcer, scoreboard effects and even instant replay. It was a beautiful day for football and the Eagles were ready to battle.

Their opponent was the Marlboro Mustangs. Both teams fought hard and it resulted in a memorable game. The first quarter ended scoreless. The

second quarter belonged to the Eagles. On the Eagles first possession of the quarter, Mike Wagner had a 70-yd run, which set up a nine yard score by John Wylam. Mike Wagner kicked the two-point conversion for an 8-0 Eagles lead. Mike Wagner then kicked off, the ball was picked up by Marlboro, at their own two-tyd line and immediately tackled by a swarm of Eagles. On their first play, they fumbled, with Brandon Downes recovering the ball for the Eagles. Two plays later, Brandon Downes scored on a quarterback keeper. Mike Wagner again kicked the two-point conversion, increasing the lead to 16-0.

The Eagles weren't done yet. Before the second quarter came to a close,

Brandon Downes would pitch the ball back to Mike Wagner, who then completed a pass to Brandon Downes for a 40-yd score. Mike Wagner again kicked the two-point conversion. The Eagles went into halftime leading 24-0.

Marlboro came out in the third quarter with a quick score of their own, but missed the two-point conversion. The Eagles wasted no time getting the points back, running the same pitch to Wagner, pass to Downes, for another touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good and the score was 30-6. Before the game was over, Marlboro would score one more time, and convert their two-point conversion. The Eagles would

also score one more time as well with John Wylam breaking open a 35-yd run for a touchdown. The Eagles then completed an extra point pass to Kyle Hughes, which capped the scoring for the day with the final score of 37-14 and an Eagle Garden State Championship.

Although there are a few names mentioned in the plays that took place, this game, as well as the entire season, was truly a team effort led by a dedicated coaching staff. A big congratulations to that staff and all the boys for a season well done.

T-Ball/Teener Registration

The 2006 T-Ball/ Teener Ball Registration is open to all South Plainfield residents, boys and girls. T-ball is available to children who were five as of Oct. 1. Teener Ball is available to boys as baseball, and girls as softball. Registration begins Feb. 14 and ends April 7. Register at the PAL, located on Maple Avenue.

A birth certificate is required for new registrants. Everyone must show a proof of residency. The fee is \$35/person and the late fee is \$50/person. There will be no refunds. All coaches will be fingerprinted and must attend a safety and a coaches clinic.

2005 Junior Midget Eagles Cheerleaders Soar High

The Junior Midget Cheerleaders had a remarkable season this year! It all began with the Mountain Valley Conference Competition in Bridgewater where the girls competed against other Junior Midget squads from their conference.

By taking first place in their division in the Mountain Valley Conference, the girls advanced to the State Qualifiers where they competed against the top scoring teams from all over New Jersey.

Receiving first place scoring in their division at the State Qualifiers, the girls advanced to the Eastern Region Competition. Here the girls competed against the top scoring teams from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington D.C. and Delaware for a chance to advance to the National Finals in Orlando, Fla. The girls placed fourth in the Eastern Region, 2.5 points short of advancing to the finals! What a way to end the season!

LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1720
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1720 entitled: AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO FACILITATE THE PROVISIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE THIRD ROUND HOUSING CYCLE IN CONNECTION WITH RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, January 27, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
ORDINANCE NO. 1720
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD SUPPLEMENTING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1992, TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE THIRD HOUSING CYCLE IN CONNECTION WITH RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court and New Jersey Legislature have recognized and mandated in *So. Burl. Co. NAACP v. Mount Laurel*, 92 N.J. 158 (1983) ("Mount Laurel I") and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et. seq. ("FHA") that every municipality in New Jersey has an affirmative obligation to facilitate the prompt provision of affordable housing; and
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") is the state administrative agency created pursuant to the FHA vested with primary jurisdiction for the administration of affordable housing obligations in accordance with sound regional planning considerations in New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, COAH's third cycle Substantive Rules [N.J.A.C. 5:94-1, et. seq.] seek to implement a "growth share" approach to affordable housing production which the Borough of South Plainfield feels is fair, equitable and reasonable because it requires affordable housing to be produced in conjunction with all residential and nonresidential growth and development on a uniform and Borough-wide basis in conjunction with normal growth and market forces thereby (a) evenly distributing housing production, and (b) avoiding the concentration and segregation of affordable units and low and moderate income households to isolated locations within the community; and
WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield desires to implement the "growth share" policies promulgated and announced by COAH in its third cycle Substantive Rules in an effort to foster the production of affordable housing opportunities for the Mount Laurel beneficiaries through the third housing cycle which extends from 1999 to 2014.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Section 1207 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield be and is hereby adopted as follows:

SECTION 1. - Legislative Intent.
The legislative intent set forth in the above preambles and recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein as if set forth herein at length.
SECTION 2. - The following new Section 1207 is hereby added to the South Plainfield Borough Land Use and Development Ordinance, 1992:
1207-Uniform Affordable Housing Provisions Based Upon "Growth Share".
A. Residential Development. Except as otherwise provided below, any residential development in any zoning district shall provide one lower income unit for every eight market units. If the residential development results in a fractional obligation of .5 or greater, the applicant will be required to construct another affordable unit. If the fraction is less than .5, the applicant may pay a fee in lieu of constructing the additional affordable housing unit.
B. Nonresidential Development. All nonresidential development applications submitted to the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment shall be required to produce one nonage-restricted affordable home meeting COAH's eligibility criteria for every twenty-five (25) new jobs or employment opportunities created in the Borough as a result of the proposed nonresidential development project. The calculation of the number of jobs and employment opportunities shall be in accordance with Appendix E to N.J.A.C. 5:94-1, et. seq. entitled "Appendix E to N.J.A.C. 5:94-1, et. seq. entitled 'Using Groups for Projecting and Implementing Nonresidential Components of Growth Share'".
C. Satisfaction of Obligation. Residential developers shall satisfy their affordable housing production obligation on-site, unless written permission to produce such units off-site is provided by the Borough of South Plainfield, in its sole discretion. Nonresidential developers shall consult with the South Plainfield Borough and come to an agreement as to the manner in which their affordable housing production obligation will be satisfied. The Borough may choose to have nonresidential obligation produced through the mechanisms permitted in COAH's rules, including, but not limited to (a) on-site housing production in connection with residential projects, (b) the purchase of an existing market-rate home at another location in the community and its conversion to an affordable price-restricted home in accordance with COAH's criteria, regulations and policies, (c) participation in gut rehabilitation and/or buy-down/write-down, buy-down/rent-down programs, and/or (d) the payment of a development fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-6. The developer's plan to address its affordable housing production obligation shall be produced to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment at the time of application filing. Thereafter, evidence of satisfaction of affordable housing compliance shall be an automatic condition of all approvals that must be satisfied prior to the issuance of the project's first building permit.
D. Low and Moderate Income Split and

Compliance with COAH's Rules. The affordable unit(s) to be produced pursuant to Paragraphs A, B and C (above) shall be available to a low income individual or household should only one affordable unit be required. Thereafter, each of the units shall be split evenly between low and moderate income individuals and households except in the event of an odd number in which event the unit shall be a low income unit. All affordable units shall strictly comply with COAH's rules and policies including, but not limited to, phasing, bedroom distribution, controls on affordability, range of affordability, affirmative marketing, income qualification, etc. It shall be the developer's responsibility, at its cost and expense, to arrange for a COAH and Borough approved qualification service to ensure full COAH compliance and file such certifications, reports and/or monitoring forms as may be required by COAH or the Court to verify COAH compliance of each affordable unit.
E. Fees in Lieu of Constructing Lower Income Units. Developers may enter into an agreement with the Borough to pay a fee in lieu of constructing affordable housing. The fee shall equal \$70,000 times the growth share housing obligation. In the case of an in lieu fee, the growth share housing obligation shall not be rounded. As an example, the in lieu fee for one (1) market unit shall be one-eighth of \$70,000, or \$8,750. Any applicant that pays this fee shall be exempt from a development fee.
F. Exemption. Residential inclusionary projects constructed in the affordable housing districts identified in the Borough's COAH approved second round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan shall be exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance.
SECTION 3. - Severability.
If any paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs or sections hereof.
SECTION 4. - Inconsistency.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
SECTION 5. - Effective Date.
The Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law and filing with the Middlesex County Planning Board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.
Statement of Purpose
The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to facilitate the provision of affordable housing in the third housing cycle in connection with residential and nonresidential growth and development.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$241.50 January 27, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1717
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1717 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 67 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "LIQUOR LICENSES" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$241.50 January 27, 2006
**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**
LEGAL NOTICE
An appeal has been filed by Blaise T. McCarthy requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a proposed second floor addition over existing house. Proposed addition lacks 24' required front setback, 23.7' being proposed and lacks 8' required side setback, 6.7' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 205 Oakmoor Ave. on Block 279, Lot 1 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, February 9, 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 Planning/Zoning Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.
\$35.00 January 27, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1718
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1718 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL FOR 2006 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$241.50 January 27, 2006
**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1716
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1716 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE STORM SEWER AND MANHOLES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
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Two Win Five Medals at State Championships

Gina Longo and Alexis Alba competed at the New Jersey State Gymnastics Championships held on Jan. 21 in Wayne.

Gina and Alexis are classmates at Grant Elementary School and teammates on Henderson's LaGymnastique team in Edison. Both gymnasts competed in the level seven, age 11 category.

Gina earned a sixth place medal on vault with score of 9.2 and a second sixth place medal on the floor exercise with a score of 9.1.

Alexis earned a fourth place medal on vault with a score of 9.325, a fifth place medal on the floor exercise with a score of 9.15 and a seventh place medal for her all around score of 35.625.

Both gymnasts are scheduled to compete in the Buckeye Classic in Columbus, Ohio next month, along with other members of the LaGymnastique team.



Gina Longo and Alexis Alba

Computers, Treadmills at Senior Center

(Continued from page 1)

prevent Alzheimers. Then I needed five more chairs and desks for the computers. I found a company that offered a buy one, get one free offer on the chairs. I spent 18 hours on a weekend putting everything together and hooking up the computers for the five computer classes. Because of this grant, it's not costing the taxpayers anything," said Graf. Money from the grant will also cover the cost of putting out a page resource directory for seniors.

"I'm trying to find as many grants as I can," said Graf. A grant from the Department of Transportation will provide a 14 passenger wheelchair lift bus that will replace the current bus which has 144,000 miles on it. "The bus is in production now and will be ready by March," said Graf. She recently put in an application to replace the other bus that has 97,000 miles on it.

Other changes at the Senior Center include putting in a new vent in the kitchen and a commercial stove. Graf's goal is to be able to serve breakfast and lunch at the Senior Center. "The Senior Center becomes a real social place where

people can say 'I'll meet you at the Senior Center for lunch,'" said Graf. On the days that Bingo is played, Graf makes lunch.

"Once we get a new kitchen we will be able to have breakfast every morning—just basics—and it'll be reasonable. I'm looking to provide a service that's nutritionally based and to have people come here at lunchtime and take dinner home. Offering a nutritional meal meets my goal of making sure seniors are healthy. It all goes hand in hand" she explained.

A mailer will be going out with sewer bills with a response card in the letter asking seniors to send back their name and phone number and make a list of what services they need, such as cutting the grass, shoveling snow, balancing check book, etc. Graf is setting up a volunteer group to aid those seniors needing help.

"We want a good response from the mailing so we can provide friendly shoppers, volunteers to make phone calls to a senior who is alone and other needs," said Graf.

Catholic Schools Week

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take on the eighth graders in a fun and competitive volleyball game. This highly anticipated game always brings out the best in both the staff and students, with wacky plays, fuzzy scoring and of the staff and student cheerleaders encouraging their team.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 the grandparents of the pre-k to third graders are invited to a breakfast, followed by a classroom visitation.

Thursday, Feb. 2 is Vocation Day. There will be an open house from 9:30

to 10:45 a.m. The DARE fifth graders will hold their graduation ceremonies at 12:45 p.m. in the gym. All are invited to attend.

Friday, Feb. 3 is Teacher Appreciation Day and begins with the 9 a.m. Mass. After an early dismissal there will be a staff luncheon.

Sacred Heart is located at 148 South Plainfield Ave. For more information on any of these events or the school, call the school at (908) 756-0633 ext. 33 or the Parish center at (908) 756-0633 ext. 10.

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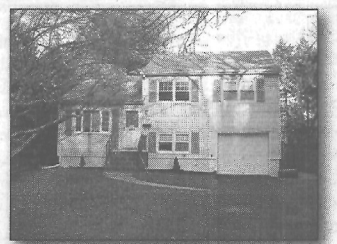
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IN YOUR OPINION

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2007 Stokes Committee.

The Curves fundraiser for the 2007 Stokes trip will be sent home with the Grant School students the week of Jan. 23. The Curves fundraiser will consist of ten visits to participating Curves for \$10. If you are contemplating joining an exercise group, give Curves a try, for women only. A workout customized for you!

The South Plainfield High School winter sport teams, along with the Middle School and Grant School teams need your support. Please come and check out the various sports. The young adults who participate in these sports and other activities, such as plays, musicals, etc. look forward to your attendance. Please support the High School Athletic Booster Club, which financially contributes to the student athletes by visiting the snack stand during sporting games.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much to the Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Rosado for enforcing that the director of the music program at South Plainfield High School set a competition schedule for the Jazz Band. Jazz competitions have always been the norm for the AM Jazz class at SPHS. These competitions were in jeopardy this year but a plea to the Board of Education by the parents of these talented children at the December board meeting brought forth results.

Thank you once again Board of Education and Dr. Rosado for listening to our pleas and not disappointing these children.

DONNA RANN,

To the Editor,

On the night of Jan. 21, South Plainfield wrestled Old Bridge for a 7 p.m. match. Three quarters through the matches, the fire alarm went off and at this point people began leaving the building. But after leaving the school, I turned around to see many people not leaving and the police at the match were not telling anyone to leave. The administration that ran the program also stayed inside and only escorted a small amount of people out of the building. Looking through the hallway from outside I noticed many people still inside didn't leave and some of them were kids as small as eight or nine years old.

Isn't it by rule, everyone should leave the building until the fire department clears the building for everyone to go back inside. Even the fire department didn't tell people to get out of the school.

During school hours there are fire drills. All students and faculty leave the builds for safety reasons. That should apply all the time. Whether there is a real fire or the fire alarm was pulled for fun, everyone should leave the building and have it secured by the proper authorities. I just left. I couldn't believe what had happened. I was the only one by myself standing at least fifty feet away from the school. People were standing in the way of the door ways. I don't understand that no-one else [parent wise] said anything.

I said something to a police officer and he said nothing. I moved to this town some time ago. I enjoy living here. I wrestled against South Plainfield years and years ago. I am still very impressed how South

Plainfield keeps their strength and high standards in their sports programs. I guess a little person like me to enjoy an event like THIS and an emergency comes up like THIS safety isn't an issue.

So I ask anyone if their life isn't that important. So I guess the next time there is something going on inside a school, municipal building or any South Plainfield building, it will be OK to stay there if any kind of alarm goes off. And see what will happen. Authority is usually respected. I guess not in this case. I don't know what kind of action should be taken, but there should be something.

PAUL DOUGLAS

School Board Candidacy Information Available At District Office

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27. Donna M. Tolley, South Plainfield's Business Administrator, announced today. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

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Tenure

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-you (students) will succeed", said Dr. May.

Coincidentally, the board introduced the first reading of an updated policy on student attendance and absences and excuses. If there are more than fifteen absences, a student will lose credit for the class unless there is an attendance appeal to substantiate why the absences were incurred. If there are two consecutive tardy days—students coming in late without an excuse—they can be counted as one absence and may affect course credit.



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