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Holocaust Exhibit Draws 8 Survivors

By Libby Barsky

An exhibit of pictures taken by photographer Jerry Casciano of scenes of Auschwitz where hundreds of thousands of Jews were killed is currently on view at the South Plainfield High School Information Center, where it will be on exhibit through the month of February. The exhibit, called Places of Death-Faces of Life, besides scenes of Auschwitz, also includes 16 portraits of living Holocaust survivors.

Social Studies teacher Fran Flanery and students in her Holocaust and

Genocide class at SPHS hosted a reception and program on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Information Center, introducing photographer, Jerry Casciano and eight of the survivors whose pictures are also on display. They were invited to attend the reception by the students.

Casciano, a free lance photographer who was the State photographer for McGreevey and Codey, spoke to the students about his need to go to Poland to take the photos. "I'm not Jewish, I'm Italian. But while grow-

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SPHS student athletes with NJ Metro Stars soccer player Tim Regan and school administrators.



Photographer Jerry Casciano with his photo of Auschwitz.

Hamilton Detour Angers Residents

Residents residing along the Hamilton Blvd. detour route attended Tuesday evening's Council meeting to express concerns and complaints about the traffic pattern which is bringing hundreds of cars, as well as numerous wayward trucks, through their neighborhood. Trucks have been banned from Hamilton Blvd. between Durham and New Market. Local traffic only is allowed on Hamilton Blvd.

The section where Hamilton Blvd. was reduced to one lane diverted traffic onto Hopkinson, Jackson and Smith streets. Residents have had to put up with increased traffic, noise, speeders

and trucks that have ignored the detour signs and ended up in their neighborhood. Several lawns were damaged and at least one tree was mowed down. They were also upset about temporary no parking signs put up along the detour route and that they were never notified.

Since the temporary detour began, residents made numerous calls to the police chief as well as to traffic safety but in the past few days have noticed some improvement. Mayor Dan Gallagher said he was sorry the residents were not notified about the parking, but added that the Hamilton Blvd. reconstruction

Heroes, Cool Kids Visit Grant

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield High School athletes were recently transformed into "Heroes and Cool Kids" as part of a new mentoring program for Grant Elementary sixth grade students.

The Heroes and Cool Kids program began in 1998 in three counties and has now been implemented in over 20 districts throughout the state. In 2000 the New York Jets became the official sponsor. The program uses student athletes as mentors and role models, along with current and former professional and Olympic athletes as trainers. The goal of Heroes and Cool

Kids is to promote positive student behavior and create a supportive, caring and disciplined school climate.

Selected sophomores, juniors and seniors spent the day in training sessions at Bergen Community College on Dec. 7. Former New York Jet Bruce Harper was the keynote speaker and facilitator. After the training, the athletes were divided into teams of three, with each team adopting a sixth grade class for three presentations throughout the school year.

The first session was held at Grant School on Jan. 27. NJ Metro Stars soccer player Tim Regan conducted a program with the high school athletes prior to their first presentation. He also accompanied the athletes and watched as they interacted with the students. During this first session, the athletes had classes play "name games" where certain students were selected and had to pick one word to describe themselves using the initial of their first name. Each person in line had to repeat the other students' names and chosen words. The athletes spoke about themselves and their experiences in sports, their lives and involvement with their peers. Question boxes were placed on desks where the youngsters could ask questions of the athletes about high school, growing up or anything they could think of. Questions ranged from what sports do

they play to how is the lunch food at the high school. The boxes were left for students to ask further questions.

On Jan. 31 the Heroes and Cool Kids received another training session at Monmouth University in West Long Branch. They will visit Grant School again in the near future.

SPHS Director of Athletics Mike Buggey said, "We see this program as an opportunity to change and influence student behavior in positive ways. It provides elementary school students with positive role models and high school athletes with an opportunity to positively influence their younger counterparts. The structured interaction will have a positive impact on both groups."

Heroes and Cool Kids are: Courtney Alston, Billy Ashnault, Scott Barton, Chantiyana Beckett, Nicole Benak, Jamar Beverly, Dorian Bishop, Megan Boyle, Ashley Britton, Vanessa Castreblanco, Jenny Cheng, Shanique Cisson, Nick Dorey, Bryant Draper, Lauren Fry, Ashleigh Gaspari, Zach Gray, Dondre Hardin, Katie Hardy, Asia Hollis, Blaire Houston, Danny Hubner, Bryan Hunt, Charlie Leon, Ashley Little, Jennifer Little, Sam Martin, Danny McCreesh, Opie Muse, Katie Noonan, Chris Pennisi, Courtney Sacco, Gina Severini, Chris Stallone, Melissa Szeliga, Geraldine Valladares, Amanda Veinott and Krystal William.



DARE

300 students emphatically say 'no' to drug and alcohol use at SPPD sponsored annual program. At left are Grant School poster winners and Sacred Heart DARE graduates at right. See centerfold for coverage.

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor;

Thank you to Jane Dornick, photographer/reporter for the South Plainfield Observer, for covering the Grant Elementary fifth grade DARE graduation with photographs which will be posted on the Grant website.

As Grant School Yearbook chairperson, I am asking for any photographs of the children during school events. Please send them in to the main office.

In the Jan. 27 edition of the Observer, Mr. Douglas was the editor of an article regarding the South Plainfield

High School wrestling match and the fire alarm incident. The fire alarm sounded in the middle of a match, which stunned everyone in attendance. People began to move down from the bleachers in an orderly manner. Bill Cochrane, the MC for the meet, announced on the microphone that the fire alarm had to be treated as a real fire alarm warning and that everyone needed to exit the building at the nearest exit door. People began filing out the exit doors. Mrs. Hunter, one of the wrestlers moms and myself, helped her mother, who needed a

walker to exit the gym where a chair was setup outside for her to sit on without her coat in the cold. The school officials and the police were in the hallways directing people, exactly what they were trained to do. We went back to the cafeteria to make sure everyone was exiting. We then went outside in the back of the school where the majority of the people, including many of the young spectators, who stood waiting for the fire department to investigate the situation. The police department personnel and the school officials continued to circle the inside of the building and the cafeteria to ensure that everyone had cleared the inside. One woman even went back inside to help herself to a cup of coffee and was asked to step back outside. People did not return to the building until the fire department gave clearance to return inside. Thank you to everyone for following the fire drill rules even though it was very cold outside and most of you stood outside for over 25 five minutes without coats, even young children.

Congratulations to John Barry, Michael Boyle, Alan Kasmer, Matt Moates and Kelly Orlandini, who participated in the GMC swimming championship representing South Plainfield High School. They swam with pride for the Tigers at the DeNunzio Pool at Princeton University on Saturday, Feb. 4. Thank you to SPHS special services staff member Renee Finan for volunteering to accompany the swimmers to this wonderful event and also to their coach, Laurie Post, who came to support them. Seeing their names in the conference book among the names of the schools that have swim teams, supported even more pride.

**DEBBIE BOYLE
GRANT PTO BOARD, SPHS
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Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on Mrs. Benak's letter published on Jan. 27. Let me begin by saying that you can hold your head up higher than any of our administrators. Not only were you a great secretary to a great administrator, Mr. Young, you were also a ray of sunshine to everyone who came into your office. You knew everything that was going on in Grant School. You knew every child, what their problems or questions were. You greeted them with a smile and always tried to make them feel comfortable. You also knew which children belonged to which parents. You went out of your way and above your job description.

What a crude, rude and cowardly way for Dr. Rosado to let you know you were being laid off! His actions do not surprise me. It seems these actions are now the norm instead of the exception. The question still remains; where did you and the other two secretaries \$10,000 per year go? Last year there was no money for paper, pencils, copies, Kleenex, etc. There is still no money for those things this year! We are given a list every year of things our children must have for school because nothing will be supplied. Even if you shop wisely it ends up costing at least \$20-\$25 per child!

The money didn't go to hire extra teachers. The money didn't go to hire the aides we need so desperately in our classrooms. The money is going toward administrative costs! When is our board going to wake up and see that cuts need to be taken from the top. We are hurting our children the most when we cut back on secretaries, teachers and aides. These are the people that help our children the most!

During last year's budget problem, I was told during my son's annual review by his case manager, Mr. Rotunda, to just let my 10 year-old child

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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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fail. This was his answer to my questions of why there was no aide in my son's classroom. Even though the district was violating my son's IEP, which stated there be an aide in his classroom, they also were not in compliance with the State of New Jersey. The fifth grade classes had eleven classified students in them, when they were only supposed to have six unless an aide was placed in the classroom.

I told Mr. Rotunda I would not let my son fail and I wanted an aide put in his classroom. He then started yelling that the aide was not going to happen in any of the classrooms. Apparently I did not understand we were in a budget crisis and people were going to get laid off and no one was getting an aide. Also, it didn't matter who I called, the answer would be no.

I called Dr. Rosado and told him what had transpired. He assured me, promised me, that he would look into my problem. He also told me he would find the money somewhere and an aide would be put into the classroom and to just sign my son's IEP and he would take care of it.

Of course I never heard again from Dr. Rosado despite numerous phone calls. What I found out later was that within a week of talking to me, Dr. Rosado called a meeting, made up a corrective action plan which he sent into the State to apply for a waiver to exempt the fifth grade classes from having aides. Within that week, our State signed the waiver and our children and teachers were stuck for the year without the resources they were entitled to!

No matter who I called or talked to the deal was done. Nobody cared that these children were being made

the scapegoats because of mismanagement of money by our administration.

It was also very evident that our Board of Education didn't want to hear what I had to say at the Dec. 20 meeting. I knew from past experience that Board members don't know everything that goes on in the district, so I thought I would go before them.

After about 10 minutes of speaking, appointed President Dan Smith interrupted me, asking where I was going with my speech. I told him I wanted the board to be aware of not only what was going on with my own child, but also to make them aware of what was going on with the special education program in our district. Mr. Smith kept telling me to make an appointment with Dr. Rosado. I informed him that I've already had meetings with Dr. Rosado, which got me no where and that I felt the Board members needed to know what was going on.

I spoke for a couple of more minutes and again was interrupted by Mr. Smith and Dr. Rosado. It was very apparent that nobody on the Board wanted to hear what I had to say, except for Jeff Seider. I was able to speak for a couple of more minutes and then asked to stop, even though I wasn't finished with what I had to say.

I am a taxpayer in this town and my taxes go to pay the administrators. I should have the right to have my say, especially after this last tax increase! Apparently the Board doesn't care that not only are we becoming the \$500 per day school district, we are also being known as the waiver district.

When your child sits through two math periods a day, has at least two pages of math homework a night, has a weekly math sheet that has to be done and counts toward a grade, has to master 20 math objectives per marking period on the computer through accelerated math and still has to go in for extra help (and is not the only child going in for extra help), what does that tell you? It tells you there needs to be more help in the classrooms. The teachers are doing without the resources they need to help all the children.

Put the secretaries, aides and the teachers back where they belong in the schools where our children will benefit the most.

GWENN KURILEW

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
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 (NJS 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

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

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

Feb. 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.

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

Feb. 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.

board of education meetings

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.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

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

Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

recreation commission

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

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

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.

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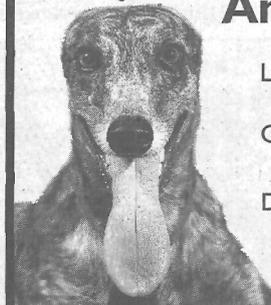
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Grace Tibaldi celebrated her 99th birthday at the South Plainfield Senior Center with her friends. Grace was born on Feb. 3, 1907. She lives with her daughter, Margaret and son-in-law, Richard Panzarella.

FROM THE OFFICE ON AGING

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

2005 Property Tax Relief Program Information

Applications for the Property Tax Reimbursement program (PTR1 and PTR2) are now available at the South Plainfield Office on Aging. If you do not receive an application in the mail, please stop by the Senior Center for an application.

The Property Tax Reimbursement program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the amount of property taxes that were due and paid in the "base year" (the first year that you met all the eligibility requirements) and the amount due and paid in the current year for which you are claiming the reimbursement, provided the amount paid in the current year was greater. You must meet all the eligibility requirements for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the current year to qualify for the reimbursement.

Income eligibility limits for the Property Tax Reimbursement program have been increased for tax year 2005. As a result, you may be eligible for a reimbursement for 2005 even if you were not eligible in prior years because your income was above the previous limits.

1.) You are age 65 or older or receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits; and 2.) You have lived in New Jersey continuously for at least the last 10 years, as either a homeowner or a renter; and 3.) You have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park on which you have placed a manufactured or mobile home that you own) for at least the last three years; and 4.) You have paid the full amount of property taxes (or site fees if you are a mobile home owner) that were due on your home for the base year and for

each succeeding year, up to and including the year for which you are claiming the reimbursement; and 5.) You meet the income limits for the base year and for each succeeding year up to and including the year for which you are claiming the reimbursement.

Residents applying for the 2005 reimbursement must have total income for 2004 that is less than \$40,869 for single applicants and \$50,113 (combined income for married couples) and total income for 2005 that is less than \$41,072 for single applicants and \$51,466 (combined income) for married couples.

Eligible applicants must file the 2005 Property Tax Reimbursement application on or before June 1, 2006. For more information, please contact the South Plainfield Office on Aging at the Senior Center (908) 754-1047.

SDW Presents Evening of Talent and Art

Join the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop on February 11 for a fun-filled evening of the arts. The youth theater organization will sponsor a Ross Gallery Art Auction and a talent show for a truly unique event.

The talent portion features Steve Ambielli, John Roesch, Nora Stasio, Kirsten Number, Davonna Approvato, Anthony Muccigrossi, Justina Carubia, Kathleen Vincent, Joshua Rochette, Laine Harris, Cassie Hoffman, Lauren O'Day, Erica Linick, Katie Noonan and Susan Mott. Acts include dancing, singing, a band, magic act and piano and sax. Performances will take place during breaks in the auction.

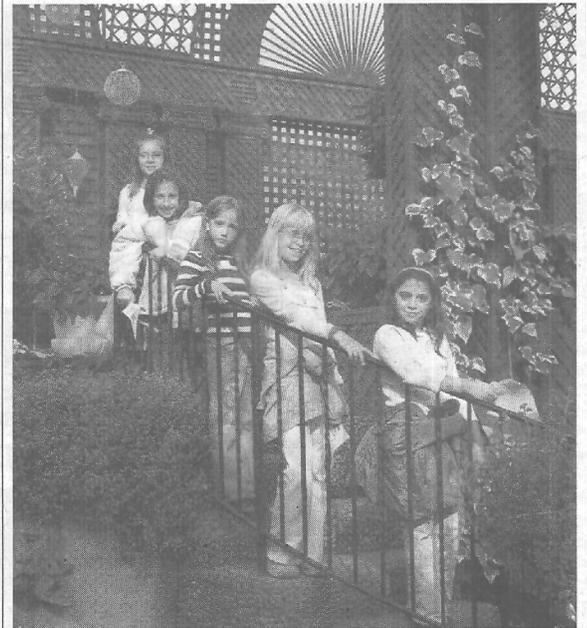
The event takes place in the newly renovated historic Edison Valley Playhouse located on Oak Tree Rd. Previews are from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the auction starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, coffee and cake and a raffle. Featured artwork includes music, sport and entertainment memorabilia, landscapes, contemporary, traditional, children and more. For more information call (908) 561-5255.

Clerk's Office Open Saturday

The Borough Clerk's Office will be open this Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon for the purpose of issuing the 2006 Compactor Coupons and Yard Waste Decals. All residents must bring their valid New Jersey Drivers License and the vehicle registration (either the original or a copy) for the vehicle they will be using to transport their materials.

Any questions, call the Municipal Clerk's Office at (908) 226-7606.



Pictured are Amanda Courtney, Alexis Cavaliere, Ashley Gruver, Allison Tuyp and Madison Faustini from Brownie Troop 120, on a tour of Dukes Estates Greenhouses. The indoor display gardens at Duke Farms are housed in elegant turn-of-the-century glass conservatories. The 11 gardens feature distinct designs inspired by diverse cultures and regions of the world.

Lenten Fish Dinners At Sacred Heart Church

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church, will again be sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners on March 3, 10, 17, 24 31 and April 7.

Dinners will be served in the Sacred Heart school cafeteria, on South Plainfield Ave., from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu will feature fillet of fish (fried, broiled, Parmesan, cheese

ravioli, manicotti and linguini) or pizza; fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert.

Take out orders are also available. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Pay at the door.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church at 7 p.m.

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Around Town

SDW Live Auction and Talent Show

February 11

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) will hold a live auction and talent show on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Edison Valley Playhouse located on Oak Tree Rd.

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.

VFW Breakfast

February 12

A country breakfast is planned for Sunday, Feb. 12 at VFW Memorial Post 6763, located on Front St. from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Varied menu. Donation is adults \$5, children 12 years and under \$3. Take outs .50 cents extra. For more information, phone (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. daily and after noon on weekends.

Historical Society Valentine's Breakfast

February 12

The South Plainfield Historical Society is holding an all you can eat breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Elks Lodge on New Market Ave. Breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, pancakes, sausage, french toast, home fries, coffee, tea and juice. Cost for adults is \$6, children \$5 and under four are free.

The Historical Society will also have a limited number of 2006 Keepsake calendars for a \$10 donation. The *Oral History Books* volumes I and II and *Looking Back at South Plainfield* by Larry Randolph will also be available for \$20. These would make wonderful gifts. Books may also be obtained by calling (908) 754-7268.

Boy Scout Troop 309 Open House

February 13

Boy Scout Troop #309 will have an open house on Tuesday, Feb. 13 for sixth grade boys and older who are interested in joining the scouts. The

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING EVENTS Valentine's Day Dinner Dance with the Art Smith Orchestra - February 11, 6-10 pm * * * Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - "Charlie's Aunt" March 23 • 10am departure				BINGO 10-2pm Lunch Available 10
Center Closed Lincoln's Birthday 13	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am 14	Exercise 8:45am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Tai Chi Class 2pm AARP Driving Class 9am 15	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm 16	BINGO 10-2pm Lunch Available 17
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

open house will be held at Wesley Methodist Church on Plainfield Ave. from 7:30-8:30 p.m. No prior scouting experience is needed.

For questions or if you plan to attend, call Jeff Pauls at (908) 755-6133.

AARP Meeting

February 16

AARP Chapter 4144 will hold their meeting at the Senior Center on Thursday, Feb. 16. Senator Barbara Buono is sponsoring a vision program with Dr. Bruce Kastner as a guest speaker.

For information call (908) 769-6553.

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.

SPHS Athletic Booster

Club Meeting

February 21 (Date Change)

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. instead of the second Tuesday of February.

SPHS PTA Meeting

February 21 (Date Change)

The SPHS PTA meeting has been changed from Feb. 16 to Feb. 21. It will be held in the SPHS teacher's cafeteria instead of the Info center at 7 p.m. Anyone with solicitation sheets, should bring the updated sheets to the meeting along with any donations you have received. If you are unable to attend the meeting, give your sheets and donations to any executive board member or you can drop them off at the high school main office. This is the last meeting we will have before the auction.

Grant Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Grant Elementary School will hold a 2007 Stokes Trip fundraising spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$6 for adults; children and seniors \$4. Menu includes salad, pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage. Stay for dinner, or take it to go.

For more information contact Debbie Boyle at (908) 791-9439.

Knights Sponsoring Italian Dinner

February 24

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an Italian dinner on Friday, Feb. 24 in the Knights of Columbus Hall located on Hamilton Blvd. from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children under 12. Dinner includes, pasta, sausage and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert with coffee/tea. Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus local charities fund. Please come out, have a delicious meal and support this worthy cause.

For more details please contact Bill Butrico at (908) 561-8128.

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).

Wine Tasting

February 27

The South Plainfield and Edison Rotary Club will present their annual Wine Tasting event on Monday, Feb. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Clarion

Hotel & Towers on Rt. 27 and Talmadge Rd. Contribution \$25. Wine tasting, also imported and micro-brewed beers. Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served.

Tickets are available locally at Oak Tree Buy-Rite on Oak Tree Rd.

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Middlesex WOWS

February 10

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, Feb. 10, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall on Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Business meeting held on the second Monday of the month starting at 7:30. All are welcome. Admission \$8 members or \$9 guests. For more information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Girl Scouts To Hold Night At The Theater

February 12

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council invite the public to a Day at the Theater on Sunday, Feb. 12 to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Cranford Dramatic Club.

Doors open at 2 p.m. for a gift basket silent auction and the curtain will rise at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person with all proceeds benefiting the programs and services GSWRC.

For further information or to purchase tickets, contact Vicki O'Donnell at (908) 232-3236 ext. 1221 or vodonnell@gswrc.com.

Mid-Winter Scottish and Irish Music Festival

February 17, 18 and 19

The 14th Annual Greater Philadelphia Mid-Winter Scottish & Irish Music Festival and Fair will be held Feb. 17-19 at the Valley Forge Convention Center in King of Prussia, Pa. Cost is \$20, children are free. Advance discount tickets available.

For information, call (610) 825-7268.

Edison Symphony Season Finale

February 19

The Edison Symphony Orchestra Season Finale "The Romeros; The Royal Family of the Guitar" will take place on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. at the State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick. Also performing at this concert is Broadway singer sensation Andrea, performing selections from *Evita*, *Les Miserables*, *The Theme from Light in the Piazza*, among many others.

Tickets are \$50, \$40, \$35, and \$30 per person. Call (732) 246-7469 or visit: 222.statetheatre.nj.org.

Raise Our Voices Concert for Israel

Sunday, Feb. 26

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County will present its fourth annual Raise Our Voices Concert for Israel at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, in New Brunswick on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$25 and tickets can be purchased online at www.jewish-middlesex.org. For more information call (732) 432-7711 ext. 15 or email info@jf-gmc.org.

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Mike Eosso, seventh grader at the Middle School, is this week's winner



Mike Eosso, Middle School seventh grade student, with teacher, Susan Schochlin.

in the Junior Journalist Program. His poem, "Louder Than My Puppy's Bark," has earned him dinner for his 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.

Louder Than My Puppy's Bark

By Mike Eosso

Louder than my neighbor's 2 dogs that have peas for brains
 Or louder than the trucking companies I live in front of
 Or then again it's get pretty loud
 When my dog catches a rabbit
 Or then again, it was the time when the duck hit the sliding glass door
 Or that time the kid got into my room at the Holiday Inn Motel
 Or my cousin Danny's band when they first got started...
 The whole house would shake
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 Louder than a train whistling fast past my house
 Or louder than my baby cousin Riley can scream
 Or louder than my puppy barking when I have to leave.

Recycling Center Holiday, Weekend Schedules

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Avenue will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18. It will be closed Tuesday, Feb. 14 for Lincoln's Birthday holiday weekend, and will be open instead from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Recycling will be closed Tuesday, Feb. 21 and open instead from 12 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Regular Recycling Drop-off Center hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Regular winter yard waste hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

2006 yard waste decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall Monday through Friday. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using. The clerk's office also will be open for decals from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, February 11.

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

Notable Quotes

Upon speaking with a friend of mine this week about the ongoing road work on Hamilton Blvd, he commented to me...

"I don't consider it road CONstruction, I view it more as road DESTstruction."

- A Southside resident

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

We've got a lot of news from South Plainfield Library this week, so let's get right to it:

First of all, the library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 13, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and on Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of President's Day. However, we will be open on Sunday, Feb. 12 and Sunday, Feb. 19.

The new group of Circuit videos and DVDs for February is now available. This month's titles include *Hotel Rwanda*, *Beyond Borders*, *Half Baked*, *The Lion King 1/2* and *Rush Hour 2*. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

Throughout the month of February, we'll be hosting a display of artworks created by students of South Plainfield High School.

We'll follow our normal schedule of children's programs next week. For those of you who missed it earlier, here it is again: our Storytime programs, for children ages three and over, will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Our "Time for 2's & 3's" program, for children age two and three, will be held on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday evening at 6:30. And our "Books-N-Babies" program, for children up to age three, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour; no pre-registration is required.

We have a couple of meetings coming up next week. At 11:30 on Tuesday morning, the Friends of the Library will meet. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend. Later, the Library Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend and learn the latest information on the

library's current and future plans, including the proposed new library building.

Here's something new: an informal knitting club will be held at the library on Thursday evenings at 7:30. Participants of all ages and skill levels are welcome; no pre-registration is required. To learn more, you can ask Miss Linda.

And here's some advance word on an upcoming program: we'll host the historical program, "Abigail Adams: Remember the Ladies," on Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. Kim Hanley of the American Historical Theater will appear as Abigail Adams, basing her performance on Mrs. Adams' own correspondences. The program will be presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required. It's being sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society, and is being offered through the Horizons Speaker Bureau of the NJ Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

And we have room for another advance word: our next "Practical Crafting" program will be held on Monday, March 6. There will be two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead participants in making Origami gift boxes, using paper folding techniques. Participants are asked to bring a ruler, a pencil and a glue stick. Space is limited for this program, so pre-registration is required. There's a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration.

That's about all for now. If you'd like more information about these or any other programs at the library, please call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next Friday.

Oh, I almost forgot; Happy Valentine's Day. Hope you're not allergic to the flowers.

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Grant Fifth Graders Say No to Drugs

The South Plainfield Police Dept. takes great pride every year in teaching fifth grade students at Grant Elementary School the highly acclaimed DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Each year specially trained DARE police officers, Allen LaMonda and David Franchak, spend 17 weeks of one-hour classes with youngsters preparing them with the skills needed to avoid negative influences, focus on their strengths and potential and to live drug and violence free lives.

This year the DARE graduation was held on Jan. 30 in the school gymnasium with special guests, Borough Council members Dennis Cerami and Robert Cusick, Rob Bengivenga and Matthew Anesh, as well as Dr. Rosado and Police Chief John Ferraro and Lt. Charles Siedenburgh in attendance. Officer Franchak once again thanked

the police department, especially Chief Ferraro, for allowing Officer LaMonda and himself the time to continue teaching this important program each year. Chief Ferraro congratulated the graduates and urged the parents in attendance to be vigilant in knowing who their children's friends are and what they are doing at all times in order to prevent them from coming in contact with the wrong people.

As a final project, each student was asked to write an essay on what they learned and to create a poster. A winner from each class was chosen by their peers for each assignment. The essay winners were Marah Magpile, John DiDolce, Mike Unbe, Jesse Masters, Taylor Haggy, Anthony Torchia, Stephen Monroe, Razeno Khan, Michelle Stoeckel, Andrea Guerrero, Eric Willis, Victoria Maino, Maggie McLean, Ryan Guar-

raci, Bianca LoBosco, Kayla Carig-ma, Jeffrey Pellegrino, Shannah Conway and Drew Catalina. Poster contest winners were Austin Miceli, Emily Pittenger, Mike Uribe, Rina Bhalodi Ba Laden, Nicole Benwell, Witney Randolph, Arthur Brown, Peter Villacres, Steven Timmerman, Gracie Piekanski, Angelica Smith, Tommy Riccardi, Sal Espiseto, Samantha Hunteerton, Danyel Butrico, David Landy, Troy Davison, Stephanie Avila and Sarah Hunter. The essay winners read portions of their essays and the posters were displayed on the gymnasium wall for viewing. All the students were congratulated by the members of the police department, the council and DARE mascot, Daren the Lion, played by Edward Nikoden. Each graduate received a stuffed DARE lion and complimentary movie tickets from Regal Cinema.

The 2006 Grant School **DARE** Graduates are...

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SHS Graduates 18 DARE Students

Eighteen Sacred Heart School fifth graders participated in the South Plainfield Police Department sponsored DARE program. The program is taught by South Plainfield Police DARE Officers David Franchak and Allen LaMonda.

Their graduation was held on Feb. 2 with Borough Council members Ray Petronko, Robert Bengivenga Jr. and Matthew Anesh showing their support, as well as South Plainfield Police Chief John Ferraro and Lt. Charles Siedenbug.

Councilman Petronko related a story to students about a friend of his son's. Both are serving in the U.S. Navy. He explained that the friend was sent home from duty because he



had tested positive for drug use and how poor decisions can ruin your life.

The winner of the poster contest was Jenna Bengivenga and the winning essay was written by Morgan Hoover. Each received a stuffed DARE lion and movie tickets from Regal Cinema. Each student was congratulated by the council and police department members, along with DARE mascot Daren the Lion, played by Edward Nikoden.

The DARE officers wish to thank Hall's Fast Motor Freight, the South Plainfield Elks and Regal Cinema for the support they receive each year for their program and the DARE pool picnic held in June.



Sacred Heart **DARE** Graduates

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Sports

Tigers Rule GMC Tournament Crown Seven Champions

By Bob Hunter

The SPHS Varsity Wrestling Team, the winners of the last two Greater Middlesex Conference Wrestling Tournaments, did it again in dominating fashion by crowning seven individual champions and two runner-ups and swept the 22-team field with a score of 283.5 points. Old Bridge was a distant second with 152, followed by JFK Iselin with 116.5, Edison with 114 and Perth Amboy with 111 securing the fifth place spot. The Tigers have now won 11 titles in the past 14 years.

The Tigers had 13 of 14 wrestlers place in the top eight and sent a school record of nine wrestlers into the final round, matching the 2000 team with seven champions. The Tigers advanced all but one wrestler to the quarter final round held on Saturday

morning. In the finals it looked like a dual meet with South Plainfield against the rest of Middlesex County.

The final round, a much anticipated match between two unbeaten wrestlers, South Plainfield's Patrick Hunter-103 (27-0) and Edison's Mikey FranoBandiero (27-1), was not as close as most expected when Hunter took early control and cruised to a 7-0 decision for the first Tiger championship. Hunter had three pins to get to the finals. Next up for the Tigers was Billy Ashnault-119 (26-1) and a 2005 state runner-up, who faced Steve Fallon (22-2) of Old Bridge, a state runner-up at 103 last year. It was one of the highlight matches of the evening. Ashnault took an early 4-1 lead at the end of the first period and took bottom at the start of the second period. After making several attempts to gain a neutral, Ashnault started to scramble

out and Fallon caught a near side cradle. It appeared Ashnault would roll out of it, but the referee hit the mat for the fall.

Jimmy Conroy-125 (26-1) won his fourth GMC tournament title by a tech fall over Gary Griffin of Woodbridge. Conroy had two pins and two tech-falls in the tournament. Conroy is now the school career leader in wins with a record of 129-6 with plenty of wrestling to go. Mike Jakubik-135 (24-3) was the next Tiger finalist and took it right to Hector Gonzalez of Bishop Ahr, taking an early 6-1 lead into the final period. When Gonzalez scored a reversal making it 6-3, Jakubik quickly escaped and got another takedown to win his first tournament title 9-3. Nick Dorey-140 (25-3) and the number one seed, claimed his title the hard way in triple overtime. With the score even at 2-2 at the end of regulation, Brandon Swift of Edison and Dorey were scoreless at the end of the first sudden death overtime period. Swift allowed Dorey to escape in the first period of the second overtime, then score his own escape in the second period of OT to tie the score 3-3. For the final OT period, Dorey won the toss and took down and scored the escape with one second left on the clock to claim his first GMC title.

Eddie McCray-145 (22-0) won his second GMC title with a tech-fall over Mike Dessino of Middlesex 19-2. Overall, McCray had two falls, a major decision and a tech-fall, which won him the Outstanding Wrestler for the upper weights. Sam Martin-152 (22-6) had three pins in the tournament to reach the finals, but came up short in his bid for a title when he dropped a 3-1 decision to Greg Batista of

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Rec Wrestlers Continue To Dominate

The South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling Team has quietly continued to dominate their Central Jersey Wrestling League opponents. The Junior Tigers are 9-0 on the season and have defeated rival Kenilworth A 53-20 and Kenilworth B team 93-0. They defeated Middlesex 64-12, Plainfield 68-18, Watchung Hills 42-35 and Hillsborough 59-21 to remain in first place in this competitive league.

With Watchung Hills giving the Tigers the most competition so far, the winners for the Tigers were Troy Davisson (53) by fall, Ryan Walsh (57) by fall, Anthony Ashnault (67) by tech-fall 19-4, Dylan Painton (70) major decision 14-0, Troy Heilmann (73) by major decision 13-0, Scott Whalen (80) by tech-fall 15-0, Corey Stasenko (85) by fall, Mike Molinaro

by decision 3-1, Chris Sloan by decision 6-0. Also wrestling tough were Jake Painton (50), Bobby Kolvites (60), Desmond Santos (63), Kevin Farrell (77), Nick Graves (90), Stephen Petriello (110) and John Bori (hwt.).

Against Hillsborough the Tigers had winners with Troy Davisson (53) by fall, Ryan Walsh (57) by tech fall 18-2, Bobby Kolvites by decision 3-0, Desmond Santos (63) by forfeit, Anthony Ashnault (67) by major decision 14-3, Dylan Painton (70) by forfeit, Troy Heilmann (73) by major decision 9-0, Scott Whalen (80) by major decision 11-0, Mike Molinaro (95) by decision 10-4. The Tigers won the last four weights by forfeits. Also wrestling were Jake Painton (50), Andrew Sanchez (77), Corey Stasenko (85) and Nick Graves (90).

By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club is preparing for the 2006 baseball season. The SPJBC will be providing a Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. certification course on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. All individuals interested in assisting or coaching must have taken and received a Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. certification. Call (908) 754-2090 to register. There will be another class on March 23.

Baseball try-outs for Small Fry are scheduled for March 4 at the PAL. Try-out notification cards listing try-out times will be mailed shortly.

Volunteers at the club are always needed. In particular, the SPJBC needs snack stand captains. Anyone interested in being a snack stand captain is asked to call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 or e-mail to: www.southplainfieldjbc@yahoo.com. Also, feel free to visit the SPJBC website at www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc.

Managers and coaches for the 2006 baseball season have been selected. Managers and coaches meetings prior to the March 4 try-outs have been set. Small Fry A managers and coaches will meet on Feb. 21, Small Fry B is sched-

uled for Feb. 22, Small Fry C on Feb. 23 and Pony B on Feb. 27. All meeting times are 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Listed below are the Small Fry managers and coaches. Pony selections will be listed in next week's paper.

SMALL FRY C—Managers: Jim Colapietro, Glenn Cullen, Jim Duhamel, Ed Eggert, Gary Lamparino, Dave Maszczak, Mike Pellegrino, Joe Scarpito and Scott Waters. **Coaches:** Mike Maroney, Gary Marks, Rick Marovecchio, Jack Erhardt, Buddy Hutchinson, Bob Gillis, Bill Cochran Jr., Glenn Graves and Phil Batista.

SMALL FRY B—Managers: Bill Butrico, Norm Chadwick, Charlie Decker, Jerry Harris, Chris Hurst, Jim Olano, Tom Scalara, Brian Shaw and Tom Walsh. **Coaches:** Dominic Demico, Bob Eggert, Tony Celentano, Roy Calderone, Charlie Gruver, Glenn Cullen, Mark Resende, Jack Deffler and Andy Bythell.

SMALL FRY A—Managers: Jack Brady, Anthony Dorey, Glenn Graves, Buddy Hutchinson and Mike Salici. **Coaches:** Wendell Born, Larry Hughes, Pat Muglia, Bob Bors and Mike Pellegrino.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1719

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

Ord. 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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$30.00 February 10, 2006

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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$28.00 February 10, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1721

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

Ordinance #1721 entitled: AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE #1215 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO LEFT TURN REGULATIONS ON MAPLE AVENUE" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 10, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1721

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE #1215 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO LEFT TURN REGULATIONS ON MAPLE AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY".

WHEREAS the Traffic Safety Officer has recommended that Ordinance #1215 prohibiting a left hand turn lane between certain hours onto the former First Fidelity Bank parking lot be rescinded in furtherance of the safety of the residents of South Plainfield. A copy of his re-

port is attached hereto as Appendix A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that Ordinance #1215 is hereby rescinded and left hand turns will be allowed from Maple Avenue onto the former First Fidelity Bank parking lot commonly known as 225 Maple Avenue.

FURTHER BE IT ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$53.50 February 10, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1722

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

Ordinance #1722 entitled: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN STOP INTERSECTIONS AS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN AT THESE INTERSECTIONS was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 10, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1722

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN AT THESE INTERSECTIONS.

WHEREAS Hamilton Boulevard is under total reconstruction and a detour plan has been implemented to help move the traffic through the Borough with the least amount of inconvenience as possible; and

WHEREAS the municipal engineer of the Borough of South Plainfield after investigation of the circumstances and under his seal as a licensed professional engineer has certified to the municipal governing body that the designation of these intersections as a stop intersection and the erection of a stop sign at said intersections is in the interest of safety and the expeditious of traffic and will conform with the current standards prescribed by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council support said designation in the interest of public safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140 that the intersections described below are hereby designated as a "STOP" intersection. "STOP" signs shall be installed as provided.

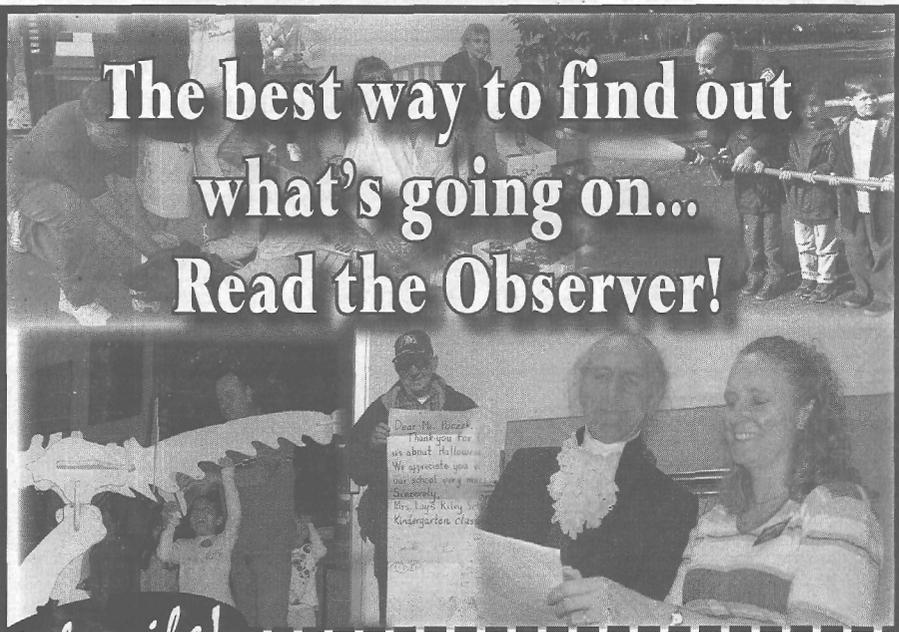
Intersection "Stop" Sign On
Hopkinson Street at Jackson Avenue Hopkinson Street
Smith Street at Harvard Avenue Smith Street

FURTHER BE IT ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey as required by law.

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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SPHS Bowling

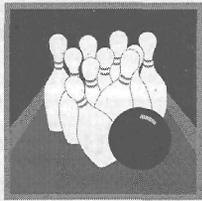
By RALPH FECH

Girl Bowlers Place 8th In CJ State Sectionals

SPHS 755 670 839 2,264

The Girl's Bowling Team posted an eighth place finish in the 32 team field of the Central Jersey State Sectionals this past weekend at Carolier Lanes. South Brunswick placed first followed by four other GMC teams. Scoring in the event was down as the lanes were tough to figure out. Freshman Jackie Kukuch took scoring honors for the Tigers firing games of 178-156-175 and her set of 509 fell one pin shy of qualifying for the individual state finals. Gina Curcio chipped in with a 184 game and Beverly Jamieson fired a 189 as the Tigers bowled extremely well in the third game. Red division champion South Brunswick placed first followed by a contingent of GMC teams Woodbridge, Carteret, Bishop Ahr, and Piscataway.

The Central Jersey Sectional included teams from Hanterton, Somerset, Mercer and Middlesex Counties.



SPHS Tigers Crown Seven

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Woodbridge. Kevin Crilley-189 (24-4) won his third GMC title with a tech-fall 17-2 over Travis Gerdon of Old Bridge. Gerdon, who was unseeded, had a Cinderella run to the finals, but was no match for Crilley, who had reversed him twice and scored back points on him five times. Crilley had two pins, a tech fall and a decision win for the tournament. Preston Johnston-215 (20-3), who had two pins and a major decision to reach the finals, kept the pressure on to claim his first GMC title with a 15-10 decision over number one seed Derek Shelcuskys of South Brunswick.

Third place winners were Bryan Hunt-130 (21-8), who won by major decision over AJ Hrabar of Piscataway 8-0. Mark Wagener-160 (24-4), who lost a heart breaker in the semi-finals 14-13 to eventual champion Pete Simon of JFK, bounced back to defeat Harry Petersen of Metuchen 3-0. Robert Gentile-112 (3-1) won his varsity match on Friday night, but lost in the quarter final round on a controversial takedown after time was out. In his final match he pinned Matt Valentino of Old Bridge at :35 for fifth place.

Jonathan Conroy-171, placed eighth and pinned Billy Unger of Highland Park at 5:22.

Congratulations to all the wrestlers and coaches for another outstanding performance.

GMC PLAYOFFS

#11 Tigers Upend #6 East Brunswick

SPHS	813	853
East Brunswick	798	839

The 11th seeded Lady Tigers Bowling Team pulled off the biggest upset of the GMC playoffs as they knocked off state ranked and sixth seeded East Brunswick in two straight games.

The Tigers put together a solid team effort. Headlining the scoring were Beverly Jamieson 201, Angelique Rualo 165, Jackie Kukuch 179, Lindsay Hunsicker 157, Gina Curcio 147 and Jessica Vasquez 187.

The Tigers advance to the next round with state ranked and number three seeded South Brunswick the opponent.

#15 Tigers Edged by #2 Old Bridge in See-Saw Battle

SPHS	1,004	991	918
Old Bridge	1,099	981	983

The 15th seeded Boy's Bowling Team, also gunning for the upset, faced state ranked and number two seeded Old Bridge. The gritty Tigers tied the match at one all but fell to the red division champions in the third game. Senior Captain Vin Genova took scoring honors firing games of 243-211-223 for a booming 677 set.

Freshman teammate Mike Dandola was close behind with a 659 set on games of 224-243 and 192. Closing out the fine effort were Chris Esposito 189-185, Rob Parillo 179-175, Ryan Pauls 170 and Jeff Pryor a 197 game. An excellent and exciting showing by the Tigers.

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Junior Journalist

WINNER



Junior Journalist winner Jared Agee accepts dinner from Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros. He is joined by parents Vera and James, brothers Jeffrey and James and his friend, Dante. Congratulations!

Obituaries

Claudia Russell, 53

Claudia Russell of South Plainfield passed away last Monday, Jan. 30 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She was born in New Brunswick and had lived in Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield nearly 15 years ago.

Claudio graduated in 1992 from Raritan Valley Community College with an associates in applied science. She spent her last working years at Noise Unlimited in Watchung as an administrative assistant.

She is survived by two sons, Christopher Shellhamer and his fiancée Jessica, of Clifton Park, N.Y. and Ronald Shellhamer and his wife Rebecca of East Brunswick; a daughter, Angelica Keller of South Plainfield. Also surviving are Claudia's good friend, John Ciarlariello and four sisters, Dorothy Gernert of East Brunswick, Sharon Garcia of Highland park, Patricia Benson of Waynesboro, Va. and Elizabeth Russell of Howell Township.

Funeral services were held at Boylan Funeral Home in Edison.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Angelica Keller Scholarship fund, c/o 6 Russel Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

Barbara A. (Wielichowski) Grausso, 60

Barbara A. (Wielichowski) Grausso died on Friday, Feb. 3 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield after battling a long illness.

Born in Plainfield, Barbara spent most of her life in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by both of her parents and by her only brother, Theodore.

Surviving is her ex-husband, Ron of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Adelheid "Heidi" Anderson, 87

Adelheid "Heidi" Anderson died on Thursday, Feb. 2 at Green Brook Manor nursing Home in Green Brook.

Born in Germany, Adelheid has lived in the Plainfield area since 1954.

She is survived by her daughter Olga Zampella and her husband, Lawrence of South Plainfield; a sister; a brother; two grandchildren and one great grandson.

Funeral services were private under the direction of the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Jeanette M. Soklaski, 62

Jeanette M. Soklaski died on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at her home.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Jeanette settled to Piscataway 32 years ago.

She had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a window clerk. Initially working in the Edison main office, she later transferred to Menlo Park before retiring in 2003.

Jeanette enjoyed crocheting, spending time with her friends from the post office and most importantly, loved her family.

Surviving are her daughter, Lizzy Soklaski of Piscataway; two sons, Mike and his wife Risa Soklaski of Ringoes and Chris Soklaski of Edison; four sisters, Ethel Alamo of Fla., Joan Triplet of Va., Helen LaChase of Va. and Peggy Malfi of Fla.; a brother, Bobby Havener of New York and two grandchildren, Caitlyn and Michael B. Soklaski.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society New Jersey Division 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08818.

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Knights Announce Free-Throw Challenge Winners

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held their annual Knights Basketball Free-throw Challenge on Jan. 15 at the Sacred Heart Church gymnasium.

The event was held for youths from the ages of 10 through 14. The object of the contest was the child who made the most free-throws from 15 attempts won their age category. The winners listed below will now move on to the District level competition

this month in Sayreville.

The Knights would like to thank every child who participated in this event. Your participation made this youth event a great success for our council. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus Youth Director John LoBosco and his team for running this event with great success.

The Knights would like to thank the New Jersey Nets for donating two sets of free tickets to a future game.

The winners of these tickets were Nicholas Tuyp and Alyssa Wilson.

The 2006 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free-throw Challenge winners for the boys were: Thomas Riccardi-10-year-olds, Nicholas Tuyp-12 year olds; Jayson Bolton-13 year olds and Joseph Wilson-14 year olds. The winners for the girls were: Katlin McHugh-10 year olds; Andrea Muglia-11 year olds and Alexis Cargill-12 year olds.

KMM Introduces Fuel Your Pool!

Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc. (KMM), the non-profit Transportation Management Association of Middlesex County, introduces Fuel Your Pool!—a new incentive that awards \$100 gas cards to commuters who form and maintain carpools. The pilot program will focus on carpool traveling through the Rt. 18 construction zone between the NJ Turnpike interchange in East Brunswick and the Albany Street Bridge in New Brunswick. Carpools must have a work destination in Middlesex County.

KMM's Executive Director Billy Neary said, "The Route 18 construction in New Brunswick will continue

to have major impact on mobility for some time. By linking Fuel Your Pool! to the construction, we hope to demonstrate that carpooling is flexible, uncomplicated, and a rewarding way to reduce traffic congestion.

Incentive programs that encourage carpooling have been implemented successfully in many states including New Jersey. Follow-up studies have shown that a percentage of those carpools continue when the incentive has ended. HART Commuter Information Services, the transportation management association for Hunterdon County, offered carpool incentive programs in 2004 and again in 2005.

HART's Executive Director Tara Braddish recorded an average retention rate in excess of 90%.

Commuters interested in participating in Fuel Your Pool! must register with KMM and record their commute mode weekly. In order to receive the \$100 gas card, carpools are required to carpool at least 30 times over three months. Registration and weekly recording can be done online at www.kmm.org. Gas cards will be awarded to qualified carpools at the end of the three month period.

For more information, contact Cristina C. Fowler at (732) 745-4318.

Spirit Soars to First

After weeks of waiting for the final results, the U13 Spirit finished the Fall 2005 season at the top of their flight, in a three-way tie out of an eleven team bracket. Spirit ended strong with a 7-1-2 record, after defeating the Edison Jaguars in a valiant effort to steal first place.

Spirit consists of players from both sixth and seventh grade, having only

played together as a team since the fall of 2004. The combination of devoted coaches and the commitment of the players and their families have truly made this team what it is.

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Exhibit, Holocaust Survivors to SPHS

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ing up I learned about the death camps from my father. He was a soldier in WW II and had been there as a liberator. He talked to my uncles about Auschwitz. I always wanted to see what was in Poland. I wanted to be there in winter conditions. I went in January 2004 and the day I took pictures the temperature was seven degrees and there was two feet of snow on the ground and the sun trying to break through. "Photographically it was perfect for what I wanted," said Casciano. "When I saw it, I wondered how any one could have survived. They fired a stove once a day with a handful of coal and no more. All the prisoners were getting was a bread made of sawdust and chestnut flour, river water, potatoes and some sort of spoiled meat. Using the latrine three times a day for three minutes on benches (in the pictures) with holes."

Casciano selected 25 pictures from the 500 he took, printed, mounted and framed them. When he brought his work to Dr. Paul Winkler, executive director, NJ Commission on Holocaust Education, they decided to add the portraits of 15 survivors living in New Jersey.

In each portrait the survivor is holding something they had longed for at the time. The portrait of Gina Hofburg, who in May of 1943 at the urging of her parents, jumped off the cattle car transporting them to the camp, is holding three potatoes and a page of her diary. "One of my dreams was to be able to have lots of potatoes, a pot full all for me and be warm in the winter and to survive and to tell what had happened to my family."

Another picture Clara Kramer of Springfield with a shoe. Hidden by non-Jews during the war, her words tell of her shoes falling apart. "After liberation I found half of a pair of my aunt's shoe and had a shoe maker make the mate.

No matter how much I polished the two halves, they never matched."

Holding a newspaper picture of himself in the uniform of a US soldier is David Wisna. "Feb. 12 will mark 61 years to the day that I escaped from a train going to Dachow to Mildorf after being incarcerated in Auschwitz for three years where I survived by singing for the German guards. I glimpsed the star on the tank of the 506th infantry of the 101st Airborne division. I was adopted by the outfit, became their mascot and took part in active combat with them. I never left until I came to the US."

All personal statements are next to each portrait. They were mounted by teacher Richard D'Urso with the help of his students. "For us at the commission, our goal is to bring survivors, teachers and students together...and the students to carry on the legacy," said Dr. Winkler. "I think that the most important lesson to learn from our experiences is that not only do you remember the past, but don't dwell on the past and look for revenge. The main thing is to go on with your life. You build a better future," said Luna

Kaufman.

Clara Kramer said, "I was saved by neighbors, righteous Christians. Remember that everyone who saved a Jewish life risked their own. My message to all is that one person can make a difference. Always know that you can make a difference," said Ceilia Sciden.

"Everyone has a choice—to be a perpetrator or someone who cares and stands up and does something to make a difference, but not to be a bystander. The exhibit is what brought us together," explained Dr. Winkler. "Many of you saw two or three students sitting with survivors talking and learning about each other. Please continue to tell the story. That is why they are willing to go through anything to be with you—this is not a one shot deal. Our survivors and students in this area communicate through e-mail and even had lunch together. They will continue meeting together and talking. The story of the holocaust is a story about bias, prejudice and bigotry and what can happen if we're not careful. Our task is to get the world to understand it. What this school has done - that is what we need for all people," he concluded.

policereport

- On Feb. 1 Mika Steve Wilson, 20, of Rahway was arrested for failure to exhibit a valid registration and an outstanding warrant.

- Roderick S. Darby, 44, of Plainfield was arrested at Eckerd Drugs for shoplifting a box of condoms, two boxes of Vicks 44 cough medicine and three outstanding warrants.

- Kimberly Smith, 25, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

- JP Express on New Era Dr. reported the theft of jewelry and precious metals and assorted copper plumbing connectors worth \$20,206 from a container.

- An employee of Petland Discount on Stelton Rd. reported the theft of their car keys from a jacket in a storage room. The keys were used to unlock their car and a pocketbook was taken from the trunk.

- On Feb. 2 Rahaman J. Thorpe, 29, of Rahway was arrested for no registration and two outstanding warrants.

- A Hogan Dr. resident reported that their house window had been pried open and two laptop comput-

ers and a necklace and earrings had been taken.

- A Triangle Pl. resident reported that a door and carpeting to their children's club house had been removed.

- Verizon on Hadley Rd. reported that a door panel was missing from a company vehicle along with a copy gas card from the glove compartment.

- On Feb. 3 Richard G. Malloy, 53, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to stop or yield and reckless driving.

- Edgardo Galvez, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and an expired license.

- On Feb. 4 Juana Milorkys Pimentel-Batista, 28, of Perth Amboy was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right and reckless driving.

- On Feb. 5 Edward Tamburr, 40, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and possession of a controlled substance.

- Lysander Demetrius Uzzell, 40, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right, failure to use head lamps, no license and reckless driving.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Joseph Panzarella for public improvements at 428 Bergen St. in South Plainfield, Block 318, Lot 6.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Joseph Panzarella for public improvements at 428 Bergen St. in South Plainfield known as Lot 6, Block 348 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Joseph Panzarella
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To Fourth M.P.P.L. Realty Company for public improvements at 318 Tremont Avenue in South Plainfield, Block 348, Lot 9.

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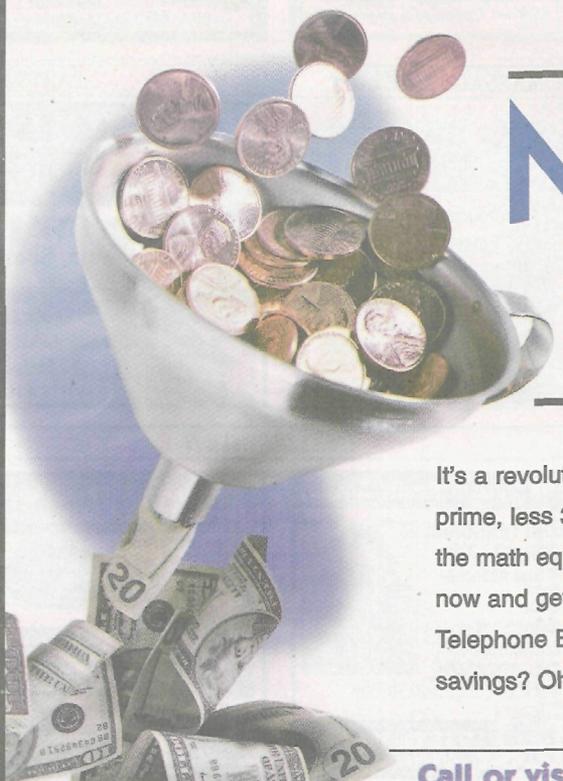
An appeal has been filed by Christian Mele requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a rear dormer. Proposed dormer lacks 8' required side setback, 4'8" being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 128 Lee Place on Block 195, Lot 68 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 23, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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