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SPHS students Caryn Butrico, Catlyn Brindley, Tiffany Smith, Alexandria Fodor, Jonathan Villamarin, Michael Niemczyk, Sara Holbrook, Desirae Davis, Courtney Breland along with teachers Fran Flannery and Anthony Barca prepare to board a limo, courtesy of by the SPEA, to an event in New York City.

Students Visit Waldorf-Astoria to Witness Honor of Righteous Gentiles

By Libby Barsky

Nine members of Fran Flannery's Genocide class attended The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous event held on Nov. 28 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, along with 700 others. The students and their chaperone/teachers Anthony Barca and Fran Flannery had been invited to witness the reuniting of Lea Ingel and Gedreute Ivanauskai of Lithuania. They last saw each other in 1945.

The Ivanauskai family had protected Lea and her husband, Samuel, from being captured by the Nazis. Lea and Samuel were the only survivors of the roundup in the Kovno Ghetto which began Oct. 27, 1943. They walked for 10 days, evading the Nazis, and met Semonas Tamulinas, a communist in hiding himself for three years, and directed them to the farm where his deaf sister, Elena, lived with her husband, Petras, daughter, Giedrute, 13, and son, Gintauras, 9. The family sheltered them from No-

vember 1943 until August 1944 when the Soviet Army liberated the area.

The evening was a fundraising event for The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis established the foundation in 1986 to assist the non-Jews, Righteous Gentiles, who protected and sheltered Jews, often putting themselves and their families at risk without expecting any reward. Today, they are recognized as rescuers and serve as role models. The foundation provides monthly financial support to more than 1,300 rescuers in 28 countries who are in need.

The foundation also educates middle and high school teachers on the history of the Holocaust and provides teaching materials for their classrooms.

In order to attend, students were asked to write their reasons for wanting to witness the event. The written words of Courtney Breland, Catlyn Brindley, Caryn Buttrick, Desirae Davis, Alexandria Fodor, Sara Holbrook,

Michael Niemczyk, Tiffany Smith and Jonathan Villamarin enabled them to attend. The SPEA hired a limo to get them to the Waldorf-Astoria on time.

Before leaving for the event, Desirae Davis said, "I thought it would be a real honor to be at an event with people whom I see as heroes, because a lot of people wouldn't do what they did." Desirae was one of three singers who sang *God Bless America* to end the program.

After the event, Michael Niemczyk summed it up by saying, "It was a dream come true. I met one of the rescuers. I had things I wanted to say, but when I walked up to her, I sort of went blank and just gave her a kiss on the cheek and said, 'Thank you.'"

Taco Bell Reopens After E.Coli Scare

By Jane Dornick

The Middlesex County Public Health Department (MCPHD) allowed the Taco Bell on Stelton Rd. to reopen its doors on Wednesday afternoon after being accused of infecting 27 people with E.Coli O157 during the last two weeks. While everyone has some E.Coli bacteria in their system, the O157 strain is dangerous, especially to children and the elderly.

Taco Bell voluntarily closed its doors Nov. 30 while investigators from the MCPHD and the Center for Disease Control tried to determine the cause of the E.Coli outbreak. Additionally, two Taco Bell employees from South Plainfield tested positive for E.Coli, but have not shown signs of infection.

At Tuesday nights Borough Council meeting, MCPHD Director David Papi and Epidemiologist Sherry Wolpert addressed the public, distributed fact sheet information on E.Coli and answering questions. Papi also added that the outbreak is probably over

since Taco Bell has been closed for a week and will be thoroughly cleaned and inspected before reopening.

The infection is usually associated with under cooked ground beef or contaminated green leafy vegetables. It can also be spread by employees who do not adhere to sanitary habits. The MCPHD has not determined what caused the outbreak and is continuing its investigation. Epidemiologist Wolpert said she has been investigating where the contamination originated. Since the outbreak has spread to two other states, the theory is that the food distributor could be the common link.

People generally become ill from the strain two to eight days after being exposed to the bacteria. The infection often causes nausea, vomiting, bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Children and seniors tend to develop more severe cases.

The company has cooperated with health officials in New York and New Jersey and agreed to clean and restock the affected restaurant.

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Patrons at Taco Bell on Stelton Road find the doors locked after victims of the E.Coli outbreak were connected to eating at the establishment.

School Budget Audit Reveals a Surplus

The summary of the 2005-2006 annual financial report of the borough's school district showed a balance sheet listing an excess surplus of \$78,384.33. Auditor Andrew Hodulik of the firm Hodulik & Morrison reported to the public at November's Board of Education meeting.

"The school district ended the year with an unreserved fund balance in cash of \$521,874.42 and will give back \$78,384 to the next tax year in 2007-2008," said Business Administrator Donna Tolley.

By state law, a school district's surplus cannot exceed two percent of their total budget. Anything over that amount is returned to the taxpayer as tax relief to be used in next year's budget. "Before state law, districts could bank the money and have it available for an emergency or additional capital project," said board member Carol Byrne.

"The surplus is the result of how the district spent its money," explained Tolley.

"We anticipated spending more than we did. We didn't know what our costs would be for special education. We didn't want to spend down to the last penny in supplies or in textbooks, so funds would be available for the possibility of children moving in and needing services. We also arrived at the surplus through cost cutting supplies, buying less expensive items like toner cartridges, cutting transportation costs through jointures with other districts carrying special education students and receiving payments from tuition programs. The school can't make money on itself—it's a non-profit. In the end, we had \$78,000 we didn't spend, because we anticipated so much more. So, you have to take the two percent off the spent number. Our surplus

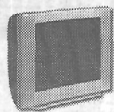
is calculated on how much is spent, not how much the district budgeted," said Tolley.

"However you never get the full two percent surplus amount. It's closer to 1.6 percent," Tolley concluded.

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Petronkos Enjoy Clowning Around—Patty, Alexander and Kimmy Petronko got an insider's look at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade when they had the opportunity to march as clowns.



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

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Tuesday, December 19 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

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planningboard

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

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
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
Dec. 14.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.—

Dec. 13 (Revised Date), Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 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.

Dec. 19

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

Dec. 12

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

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IN YOUR OPINION

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

To the Editor:

On Nov. 11, the Boy Scouts of our community collected food which was donated to the South Plainfield Social Services Department for distribution to our needy families. With the cooperation of our school nurses, we gathered the names of families in our community who are going through rough financial times. As a result, we were able to assist over 50 families for Thanksgiving.

After the Thanksgiving distribution, we now go into full swing for our holiday gift project. Many organizations and individuals participate in this project. You can be a part of this project, by adopting a family or dropping off a new unwrapped gift suitable for infants to adults. If you wish to participate in this project, or need more information, please call me at (908) 226-7625.

Thank you for your generosity this holiday season.

MARGARET ACKERMAN
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

To the Editor,

On behalf of the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to a number of people who were key in making our Thanksgiving Day game on Nov. 25 a success.

To get in the holiday spirit, complimentary admittance was provided to all who brought a toy suitable for a holiday gift. We would like to extend our appreciation to Dr. Robert Rosado and Donna Tolley for making this possible. For assistance with the toy drive, thank you to Greg Genz, Pio Pennisi, Christopher and Michael Stallone, Daniel Hubner, and Matthew Fabino for manning the truck and collecting the toys. Thank you, Richard D'Urso for donating the toy drive sign. The outpour of generosity from the public was truly outstanding!

The Super 50/50 and clothing drive were a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication from Debbie Boyle! A reminder to all, the

next Super 50/50 has started. Tickets will be sold at basketball and wrestling matches and track meets. The drawing will be held in June.

Thank you to Patrick Kelly and Thomas Lanza for selling the 50/50s during the football game. The amount collected from the Booster Club will be donated to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for their continued dedication to our student athletes.

Last, but certainly not least, a BIG thank you to all the volunteers who worked the snack stands Saturday. The stands were extremely busy and without your help, it would not have been the success it was!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rizk on their wedding this past weekend!

SINCERELY,
THE SPHS ATHLETE BOOSTER CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Editor,

The Dictionary defines sportsmanship as being "a good loser and a graceful winner." The display in last week's paper by the South Plainfield Democrats shows how little they adhere to this definition. Councilman Robert Cusick's tirade submitted on the Democrats' behalf was nothing short of disgraceful. Unfortunately, it requires a response.

Cusick seized upon an inaccuracy in a Republican mailer, labeling the inaccuracy a "lie" by the GOP candidates. In one respect, he was correct: While based upon what was thought to be a credible source, the claim that the DOT was not going to allow South Plainfield to ban trucks on Hamilton Blvd. later proved inaccurate.

Cusick was dead wrong, however, in labeling the inaccuracy a lie. The information came directly from an official involved in the DOT process, and whether it was simply wrong or whether the determination changed, it was believed to be correct when printed.

What Cusick failed to mention is that it was his own cronies—Butrico, Petronko and Scudato—who repeat-

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edly deceived the people of South Plainfield. They, without any basis whatsoever, spewed lies about Councilman Robert Bengivenga and the Bengivenga family, claiming the family had plans to develop parcels all over town if Robert was elected mayor.

One flyer outrageously claimed the Bengivenga's were going to build high-density condos on Woodland Ave. There is no such plan. In fact, it would require them to tear down their family home. Another flyer had the Bengivenga's building a bank on Sampton Ave. Robert Bengivenga, Sr. does not own the property on the corner of Sampton and Lowden and he has nothing to do with building a bank. The lies went on and on.

It's sad how the Democrats stooped to attacking the family of an opponent in order to get elected. In fact, their campaign was so repulsive, one has to wonder how Butrico, Petronko and Scudato can in good conscience raise their hands when they take their oath of office. Under the "leadership" of Patrick Diegnan, they sunk lower than any candidates in South Plainfield's history. Yet they have the gall to throw stones at others.

It's unfortunate this letter had to be written. Campaigns are supposed to end on Election Day, something our organization had all intentions of remembering. It's a shame the Democrats forgot.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION

Diegnan to Address Business Community

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, from the 18th Legislative District, will speak before the Middlesex County business community at the Employer Legislative Committee breakfast on Dec. 19 at Sheraton Raritan Center in Edison at 8 a.m. Admission is \$20.

The breakfast is an opportunity for business leaders to meet with delegates, congressmen, representatives and other legislators from state government. It also serves as a networking event where participants can enjoy a buffet breakfast.

Assemblyman Diegnan serves in the assembly on the Higher Education Committee (as chair), the Education Committee, the Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee and the Joint Committee on the Public Schools.

The Employer Legislative Committee is sponsored by the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce and the New Jersey Business & Industry Association. Each state county has an ELC, which is the grassroots affiliate of the NJBIA.

Chris Emigholz of NJBIA will provide a brief update on legislative and regulatory issues pending in Trenton that may have an impact on business.

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce is the premier organization in Central New Jersey for helping companies build strong

foundations through networking, education, access to experts, and political action. We foster growth in businesses and the community by providing vital tools and services to business professionals.

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Cultural Arts is Sponsoring a Winter Holiday Program at Senior Center

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission is proud to sponsor a "Winter Holidays" presentation by Judith Krall-Russo on Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Maple Ave.

Winter—when the days are short and the nights are long. This is the perfect time to bring family and friends together for warm festivities. Learn the history, customs and foods of various winter celebrations, including Victorian Christmas, Hanukkah, Ancient Rome's Saturnalia and the Winter Solstice.



Judith Krall-Russo

Krall-Russo has studied the fascinating and rich history behind homegrown foods and exotic teas. She shares her knowledge by telling wonderful stories, laced with humor and surprising detail, that make us appreciate and have an even greater taste for our New Jersey cuisine. Whether she is telling us about the Jersey tomato, luscious blueberries or her beloved and delightful teas, Judith entertains and inspires her listeners. You will want to rediscover an old family cookbook, a unique recipe or

find yourself a new teapot so you can brew some loose leaf tea for close friends.

Historian, educator, speaker and cook—Krall-Russo enriches her unique food programs with surprising facts and hints that you will be eager to take with you. Her continued interest, research and education in the field guarantees an unforgettable session for each member of the audience.

Please send an e-mail to SPCAC@aol.com confirming you will attend or call Suzanne Lyte at (908) 753-0444. Space is limited so RSVP early. Free admission and refreshments.

Saturday Nature Reserve Walk and Bird Project For Young And Old

Everyone is invited to the Nature Center at Highland Avenue Woods Environmental Education Reserve on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Recreational walkers and nature lovers will embark on the last guided woods walk of the season with South Plainfield's Environmental Specialist, Dr. Alice Tempel. Explore the winter woods with our expert, then stop back at the Nature Center for a cup of hot chocolate. The walk is offered with-

out charge.

Those not up for a chilly woods walk can stay warm and cozy indoors and make special presents to take home for their own backyard birds.

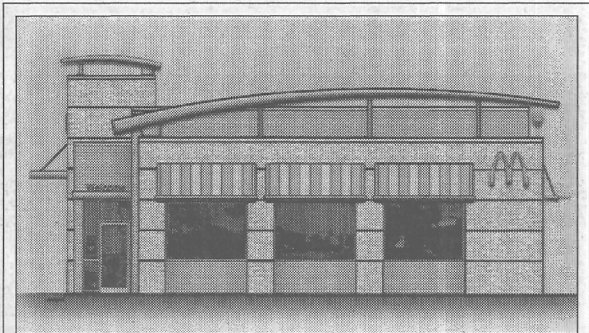
The Friends of the Woods are providing peanut butter, birdseed and dried fruits which participants can apply to bagels with string attachments. The hanging bird feeders provide a high energy food source for chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, downy and hairy woodpeckers, winter wrens and assorted sparrows which do not mi-

grate to warmer climates. The bagels are courtesy of our friends at Dunkin Donuts on Maple Ave. This program is free.

The Nature Center also has two new exhibits: a modest collection of rocks from New Jersey and around the world; and skulls and bones of animals mostly found at Highland Woods. View the kid-friendly video on rocks and minerals, or try the "What am I?" skull and bone game.

Don't forget that those adorable Critter Corner Puppets will present story time for kids ages 3-6 years of age at 1 p.m. followed by a craft activity every Saturday.

The Nature Reserve and trail head is located at 115 Sylvania Pl., off South Clinton Ave. E-mail SPNatureTrails@cs.com for more information.



Architect's rendering of newly designed McDonald's.

McDonald's Demolition to Make Way for New Design

By Libby Barsky

McDonald's, located in Oak Tree Commons on Oak Tree Rd., is slated for demolition. On Nov. 28, the Planning Board unanimously gave preliminary and site plan approval for plans to tear down the existing McDonald's building and build a new one.

According to construction engineer Joseph Lombardi, the new McDonald's will be the second newly designed one in the state. The other one is in Jackson. Its modern lines integrate miniaturized Golden Arches on three walls to replace its former signage.

The possibility of accidents with cars using the existing access was the reason given for demolishing the building and putting up a new one.

The new McDonald's will be in the same location, but rotated 180 degrees and the front of the building facing west. Circulation will follow a counter-clockwise pattern. It

will be larger, occupying 3,897 sq. ft., an increase of 1,207 sq. ft.

An existing 10' by 20' area, used for trash collection, will be enlarged to a 15' by 25' area and will be enclosed to allow for the storage of more recyclable materials. The parking area will contain seven less spaces than before.

Initial plans called for landscaping the area closest to the new building, however, the board members wanted a sidewalk installed instead, so walking into the building would be safer.

An existing sign was found to be in the right of way and will be moved and placed on a three foot pedestal with the understanding that McDonald's can return to the Planning Board to request a higher elevation for the sign. Getting the permits to demolish and rebuild will take some time, according to Lombardi.

"If we begin work in April, it will take between 90 and 120 days to complete the job," Lombardi added.

Resident Hopes to Bring Christmas Cheer to Elderly and Disabled

Shirley Thompson and her family are again planning to bring Christmas cheer to the elderly, disabled and those in need on Christmas Day.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Thompsons are planning to cook and deliver a hot Christmas dinner to any elderly or disabled person not able to cook for themselves, and they will do it all free of any charge.

Last year, the Thompsons delivered over 100 hot dinners on Christmas morning, with the help of family and a group of volunteers. Also

last year, Shirley learned of several families with children that were also in need and her family decided to adopt them. Soon not only her family, but neighbors and co-workers, volunteered to help out. Those families not only received a hot meal, but wrapped gifts on Christmas. This list of people included 35 in all.

If you would like Christmas dinner or know of someone who is in need of a dinner, contact Shirley Thompson at (908) 756-7686. Call between 10 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

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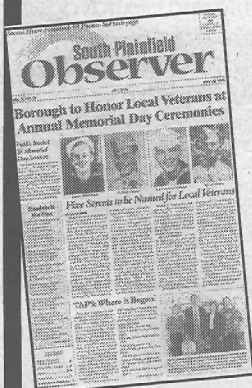
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Elks Dinner Dance December 9

Live entertainment, dinner and dancing, featuring Bill Turner and Blue Smoke Band playing country, oldies, Elvis, top 40 and more on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight. \$20 per person. Dinner includes chicken, ribs, potato, baked beans, vegetable, desserts, coffee, tea and soda. Cash bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance only at the Elks club, 1254 New Market Ave. See the bartender.

Elks Host Breakfast With Santa

December 10

The South Plainfield Elks will be hosting a "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298, 1254 New Market Ave. from 8 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-10. Children under 5 free. Breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, pancakes, sausage, French toast, cinnamon raisin French toast, home fries, coffee, tea and juice.

Get Your Pet Pictures Taken with Santa

December 10

The Plainfield Animal Hospital is sponsoring a pictures with Santa Day on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Help-A-Pet Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping sick and injured pets. The cost of pictures is \$7 each with an extra \$2 for each additional pet in the same picture. For more information, call (908) 755-2428.

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UPCOMING EVENTS December 10 - Trip to Ballys, Bus Departs @11 am from the Center * * * December 11-Senior Advisory Meeting				Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 8
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am Senior Advisory Meeting 11	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am 12	Exercise Class 8:45am Line Dancing 10am Computer Classes 10am 11:30am & 1 pm Tai Chi Class 2pm 13	Pathmark Shopping 9 am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Hunterdon Hills Trip 14	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 15
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

Trip to Hunterdon Hills December 14

The Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Thursday, Dec. 14 to see the annual Christmas Show. The cost is \$58 per person and includes transportation, a luncheon with a lavish dessert buffet and the show. For reservations, 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.

Roast Pork Holiday Dinner

December 15

The South Plainfield VFW is hosting its annual Roast Pork Holiday Dinner on Friday, Dec. 15 from 5-8 p.m. The SPHS choral group will sing at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

Visit Santa and Get Your Picture Taken

December 16

Santa will be on hand for pictures and a visit on Saturday, Dec. 16, from

1-3 p.m. at the Senior Center. Each child talks to Santa, gets a picture taken (newborn to 10 years old), and receives a gift. Registration is at the PAL until Dec. 14. Cost is \$5.

American Legion Pancake Breakfast

December 17

The American Legion Chaumont Post #243 on Oak Tree Ave. will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 8 a.m. until noon. The cost of the event is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All profits will go to the scholarship fund.

Caroling in the Park

December 17

Everyone is invited to join the annual "Caroling in the Park" on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. at Spring Lake Park. The high school chorus will be there to lead us. Refreshments at the Senior Center after caroling.

Winter Bazaar at Cedar Oaks

December 19

Stop and shop for the holidays! Many vendors with a large selection of gifts, baked goods, crafts and much more will be at Cedar Oaks Care Center on Durham Ave. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, please call (732) 287-9555.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs

December 8

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, Dec. 8 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission \$8 members, \$10 guests.

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

Breakfast/Discussion at Willow Grove

December 9

The Men's Group of Willow Grove Church invites males of all ages from the community to join them on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for a free breakfast, holiday fellowship and a discussion about today's world and the roles we play in it through our vocations and faith.

For information or to make reservations call August at (908) 889-5948 or (908) 232-5678.

Blackrose to Perform

December 9

Blackrose, the band, plays classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Season's Restaurant, located on Rt. 27 in Edison on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Holiday Concert at Edison Arts Society

December 10

The Edison Arts Society will present the Edison Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Middlesex County College Performing Arts Center in Edison.

Tickets are on sale at the Edison Arts Society for \$25 with group rates available. Call (908) 753-2787 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to reserve seats.

SVO Presents Holiday Concert

December 10

The Somerset Valley Orchestra will present its holiday concert, "Animals at the Holidays" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School on Merriwood Rd. in Bridgewater. Tickets are \$8 (children under 12 are free). For more information, see the orchestra's website at www.svorchestra.com.

Holiday Choral Event

December 10

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey presents Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Roman Catholic Church, Tennessee and Pacific avenues in Atlantic City.

Tickets are \$8, \$6 for senior citizens and students with ID. For more ticket information call (609) 652-9000 or email pac@stockton.edu.

Middlesex East WOWs

December 11

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will hold a Christmas business meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues.

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

Christmas Spirit Lunch

December 12

Come, celebrate and make new friends at Willow Grove at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 12, for a lunch and Christmas program co-sponsored by the 12 O'Clock Club (senior citizens) and the church Women's Association.

The 4+ class of the Willow Grove pre-school will present their Christmas Pageant, followed by holiday hymns and a carol sing-along.

Reserve by Dec. 9 by calling Barbara Couphos at (908) 322-7892.

Christmas Extravaganza

December 12

Middlesex and Somerset WOWs will hold their Christmas Extravaganza Dinner Dance on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 7-11 p.m. at The Gran Centurions in Clark. Tickets are \$36 per person.

For more information and tickets call Ron at (732) 819-9334 or Lou at (732) 969-2228.

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FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Please continue to sign the Helen Street Project letters addressed to the Department of Environmental Protection. Charlie Welsh, DEP Supervisor of Roadways and Infrastructures. He needs to know that all the residents are in agreement and that there is a definite need to redirect the truck traffic away from our main thoroughfares. Jane Dornick and I already sent 600+ letters. We need your support.

Also, let Sen. Barbara Buono and Assemblymen Diegnan and Barnes know that you support their fight for property tax reform in reference to the Abbott Districts. They also need your support. Many senate and assembly seats will be up for re-election next November. If you re-elect those who don't have your best interest, you give those elected officials the ticket to vote on what best suits their interests. Check out whose vote has been there for you and contact those officials who have been there for us by emailing them through spnet.k12nj.us, and click on Middlesex Co. 18th district.

The SPHS Student Leadership youth will be involved in the Education Foundation telethon the next two weeks. Donated funds go toward many projects, including scholarships. A portion is also donated toward the buses used for the Stokes Trip. Please support the telethon by offering a tax-deductible donation.

The Grant 2007 Stokes Committee will be hosting a foul shot competition on Friday, Jan. 19, for all fourth through sixth graders. Pre-registration is required at \$5 per participant, which includes a t-shirt. Make your check payable to Grant PTO/2007 Stokes. Contact Angel Jazikoff at (908) 668-7717 with any questions or if you can offer your assistance. If any of the current fifth grade parents can help with any of the fundraising for Stokes, which benefits your children, call Angel. She needs everyone's help during

the fundraising programs. Remember, before any money is distributed, \$2,000 must come out of the fundraising money to benefit any child who cannot afford the trip and for the entertainment at Stokes.

Also, 2006-2007 yearbook orders are due. Cost is \$12 per book. If anyone has pictures pertaining to the 2006 Stokes Trip or any school activity, please send them in with your children to PTO Yearbook Chairwoman Jane Dornick.

The Senior Citizen Dance, sponsored by the SPHS Student Leadership, took place on Dec. 2, at the Senior Center. Directors in attendance were Mary Ellen Martko, Mr. Encinas, Mr. Hajduk and Ms. Raimondo. The student dance committee consisted of Billy Ashnault, Megan Boyle and Asia Hollis. Student Leadership team attendees were as follows: Nicole Benak, Sam Martin, Megan Boyle, Mike Jakubik, Mark Wagner, Billy Ashnault, Blaire Houston, Dana Alexa, Nick Dorey, Matt Fabino, Ashley and Jenn Little, Lauren Fry, Brook Denitzio, Kristen Partesi, Tara Goitandia, Scott Barton, Kathy Gorman, Chris Pennisi, AiPhi Nuygen, Chantiana Beckett, Tiffany Smith, Dorian Bishop, Erik White, Nick Giannakis, Susan Mott, Stephanie DiCindio, Lyndsey Murtagh, Ashleigh Gray, Samantha Corvelyn, Cathryn Avery, Amanda Makowski, Tina Dijiari, Danny Hubner, Asia and Brittany Hollis, Kara Thomas, Tina Vigalante, Chris and Mike Stallone and Danny McCreesh. They danced and sang the night away with the seniors. Gina Severini stopped by to help and performed a tap dancing number along with Kara Thomas, Dana Alexa, Brittani Wong and Cathryn Very. Ashleigh Gray and Susan Mott performed a solo. Billy Ashnault started a conga line, along with many of the seniors including Rose Nagy, Viola Burrell, Pat

McLaughlin and Maria Harvepa. The fantastic food was catered by Spisso Catering. Art and his band played a variety of music with his talented musical ensemble. The room was beautifully decorated by Jaime and Nick Giannakis, Michael Boyle, Charlie Decker, Mike and Chris Stallone, Danny McCreesh, Brook Denitzio, Chris Pennisi, Venessa Casteblanco and Matt Fabino. There were 150 seniors in attendance and from the look on their faces, they all had a "ball." Way to light up the season. Thank you to Patricia Abbott for the pictures and to the senior citizen staff for their attendance and support.

The SPHS Boys Soccer dinner was held on Dec. 3, at the Holiday Inn. The room was beautifully decorated and the food was delicious. Thank you to Coaches Perfillio, Han and Angeline for their presentations and to the committee who arranged the dinner, the corporate donations, the people who donated all the gift baskets, Rich D'Urso for the programs, Mr. Lindgren for the slide presentation and Mr. Cole for all the beautiful pictures of the varsity team. Congratulations to all who participated in the 2006 season.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 410 is collecting personal hygiene items to be donated to a local women's shelter. Items such as hairbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, wash cloths, deodorant, tissues and hand lotion can be placed in boxes located in the schools.

Toy collections are being hosted by the South Plainfield Middle School Student Council and a "Giving Tree" at Grant Elementary. Boxes are located at the schools. Thank you to the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club for hosting a new toy collection at the Nov. 25 football game. Way to give!

The Grant School PTO will be hosting a Holiday Boutique on Dec. 13 and 14, in the school library from 7:45 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. Items range from \$1 to \$8. Genevieve Zipp, chairperson, needs help with the boutique. Please call her at (732) 208-2903.



Newly installed officers of the Marine Corps League J.J. Gardner Detachment.

Marine Corps J.J. Gardner Installs New Officers



Marine of the Year Charles Smith

On Nov. 25, the installation ceremony of the newly elected officers of the Marine Corps League J.J. Gardner Detachment 199 of South Plainfield was held at the Chaumont American Legion Post #243.

New officers are (front row): Sgt. At Arms John Eklund, Chaplain Jack Billerman, Commandant Bernard Petroziello and Adjutant Paul Conly. Back row: Pay Master Douglas Laurence, Judge Advocate Robert Hatton, Senior Vice Commandant Albert Taylor and Junior Vice Commandant Charles Smith.

The Marine of the Year Award was presented to Charles Smith for his outstanding dedication and loyal support of his fellow Marines and the J.J. Gardner Detachment.

Plainfield Animal Hospital Holiday Giving for Needy Pets


The Plainfield Animal Hospital is collecting pet food donations to be distributed to needy pets for the holiday season.

Please bring canned or dry pet foods to the drop off box at the Plainfield Animal Hospital, 2215 Park Ave. from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted and used to purchase pet food for those in need.

Food will be distributed to Meals on Wheels and Shirley Thompson for Christmas distribution. Thank you for your generosity and may you have a happy and healthy holiday.

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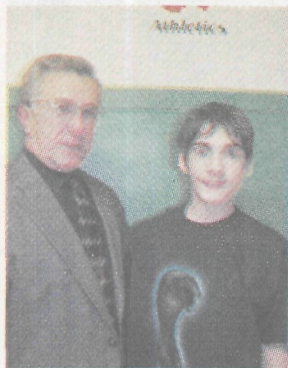
2006 JUNIOR JOURNALIST

CONGRATULATIONS!



Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Krista Kazka, pictured here with mom Coleen, brothers Kyle and Kenny, and friends Sarah Walsh and Lindsay Celentano. Not pictured is Krista's dad, Joe.

Tanner Painton Named Junior Journalist



Tanner Painton, Middle School seventh grader, with Principal Seve Novak.

Tanner Painton, Middle School seventh grader, is this week's winner in the 2006-07 Junior Journalist program. His poems, "Zombie" and "Autumn is Here!" has earned him a dinner for his family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

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

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

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

2006 JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Zombie

By Tanner Painton

Zombie
On the
Moon is
Bored so
Intensely for
Eternity because of a cursed peanut

Autumn

By Tanner Painton

Autumn is here!
Under the cover of leaves kids play.
Tripping on rocks?
Unbelievably the color of leaves
change from green to orange.
Mornings are cold.
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Jaimie Donnelly

With the warm days we have been having this autumn, it may be hard to comprehend that winter is just around the corner. Perhaps you need some inspiration to get into the season or are looking for some holiday entertainment for the family. With over a 100 holiday music CDs and movies and over 200 holiday themed books we have plenty of materials to meet your needs.

Get into the Christmas mood with music CDs such as *Soulful Christmas* by Aaron Neville or *Star Bright* by Vanessa Williams. *Season Greetings* has three compact discs with holiday season songs from over 36 music artists. For you 80's music fans, we even have *The Big 80's Christmas* with twelve songs to rock to.

We have an assortment of holiday craft books from *Holiday Scrap Crafts* by Marti Mitchel to *One-day Christmas* crafts by Betty Valle. For new delicious holiday recipes check out *Baking for the Holidays* edited

by Susan Bonne; *Kwanzaa: an African American Celebration of Culture and Cooking* by Eric Copage and *The Essential Book of Jewish Festive Cooking* by Phyllis Glazer with over 200 recipes.

Speaking of holiday songs, we will be having a holiday sing along for children seven and older with Mr. Kurt on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. There is no pre-registration and this is a free and fun event.

This upcoming week we will be having the regular children story and craft times. One Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. We will have story and craft time for children three years old and up. Time for 2s and 3s will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Books 'N Babies is on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Story and craft times are free and there is no registration.

For information on our collection or programs please visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us

NJEA to Lobby on Proposed Union Cut Backs

A special State Legislative session will be held in Trenton at the State House on Monday, Dec. 11 to officially release recommendations that, according to the N.J. Education Association's (NJEA) President Joyce Powell, would "gravely damage public education in New Jersey and make it more difficult to attract new teachers and school employees." The NJEA is recommending teachers "tell the legislatures that public school employees did not cause New Jersey's property tax crisis and they shouldn't be the only ones sacrificing to solve it."

This comes after recent hearings on property tax reform by the state legislature. Among the topics being discussed were consolidating school districts, shared services among school districts and moving school board elections to Election Day in November to hopefully increase voter turnout. Also discussed were pension funding, a tiered pension system for new employees, the State Health Benefits

Program (SHBP), pension eligibility, pension abuses, part-timers in the pension system, a cap on sick-leave payouts and health benefits reforms.

The association is planning a "Back Off" rally and telling members and other public employee unions to fight to protect their pensions, medical benefits, to preserve the collective bargaining process, and to remind legislators that proposed caps on school spending would hurt the kids. NJEA is launching an unprecedented campaign to tell legislators to "Back off!" throughout December where members intend to lobby in their district offices and the State House with emails, phone calls and letters.

The president of the 196,000-member NJEA raised concerns about local school funding caps being advanced by the Special Joint Legislative Committee on Public School Funding Reform. Powell hailed the committee's proposal to support full-

day kindergarten in all districts, and acknowledged that the committee's desire to ensure that all students receive adequate funding to meet their unique educational needs is a laudable goal. But she also expressed serious reservations about its proposal to cap local school spending.

"First and foremost, let's explode the myth that New Jersey somehow suffers from an epidemic of runaway school spending," said Powell. "It is a documented fact that for the past 30 years, New Jersey's public schools have consumed a constant 55 percent of local property tax revenues. It's also a documented fact that New Jersey ranks 43rd in the nation in the percentage of local school revenues supplied by the state," she noted.

NJEA is also cautioning the Legislature to proceed carefully with the committee's recommendation of funding based on students' individual needs. "We believe every student is entitled to a quality public education," Powell said.

Among the changes proposed for incoming employees are an increase in the retirement age, a reduced pension formula and the elimination of an unreduced early retirement option, even for employees with more than 25 years of service. Powell additionally noted that proposed changes which affect only incoming employees will create an inequitable work environment and harm the state's ability to hire new educators.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

December 1, 2006-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on November 30, 2006.

- Case #06-06-Dennis Korkowski, Block 427; Lot 4.01; 171 New York Avenue. The applicant's request for certification of a pre-existing non-conforming (2) family use was hereby DENIED.
- Case #44-06-GEM Estates, Inc. Block 77; Lot 32.01; 9 Stacey Court. The applicant's request for a variance in order to permit a paved area closer than 5 feet to a property line was hereby DENIED.
- Case #58-06-GEM Estates, Inc. Block 77; Lot 32.01; 9 Stacey Court. The applicant's request to withdraw this application without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #62-06-Laura O'Shaughnessy, Block 157; Lot 29; 2130 Orchard Drive. The applicant's request for a variance to erect a first floor open front porch was GRANTED subject to (1) voluntary condition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary, Board of Adjustment
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NEW CLOTHING such as men's and women's underwear in all sizes, white and black socks, brown and green t-shirts, military t-shirts, hats, bandanas, women's sports bras

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ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Date: December 13, 2006

Time: 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

All Donations will benefit Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

Sports

WRESTLING

Get Ready! It's Wrestling Season

By Bob Hunter

It seems like yesterday when the Tigers won their second consecutive state Group III state championship; how time flies. Well it's that time of the year again folks and practice has begun at the high school, middle school and recreation, with the start of the season not too far off.

With the South Plainfield Fall Classic completed, it provided South Plainfield wrestlers a little preseason action. The wrestlers did a nice job against some stiff competition from around the state and the tri-state area.

First place winners for South Plainfield in the Bantam division were Joe Heilmann (45). In the Midget division, Joe Jakubik (65); Anthony Ashnault (70) and Corey Stesenko (95) each won titles. Other place winners were Troy Heilmann (83) second and Scott Whalen (90) second. In the junior division, Tyler Hunt (85) finished second. In the high school division, Ryan Sacco (103) placed second..

SOCCER

South Plainfield U-9 Mustangs Win Flight



South Plainfield U-9 Mustangs Traveling Soccer Team defeated Clark Chaos to win flight.

The South Plainfield U-9 traveling soccer team defeated the Clark Chaos 4-3 last week to win their flight in the MNJYSA. It was a cold and windy night, but that didn't deter the Mustangs from avenging their only loss of the season which was against Clark the week before.

In one of the most exciting games of the year, the Mustangs scored two quick goals only to see the game tied going into half time. The Mustangs came out in the second half and dominated the rest of the game by displaying their aggressive play and teamwork that has helped them to a successful season. The Mustang team consists of Kyle DelPaoli, Ryan Duhamel, Nick Difrancesco, Christian Gonzalez, Matt Lind, Richard Marcovecchio, Joe McGeehan, Nick Polizzano and Patrick Waldrop.

The Mustangs ended their season with an 8-1 record and a first place finish in their flight. Coaches Rick Marcovecchio and John Polizzano could not have been more proud of how these kids developed into a team and their dedication has rewarded them with a successful season. The team is looking forward to the spring 2007 season.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION TO AMEND SFY6 2007 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the State Fiscal Year 2007 Budget was approved on the 8th day of August, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, that the following amendments to the approved State Fiscal Year 2007 Budget be made:

CURRENT FUND BUDGET

	From	To
Anticipated Revenues:		
General Revenues:		
1. Surplus Anticipated	\$ 2,553,000.00	\$ 2,539,531.58
2. Surplus Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services	0.00	13,468.42
Total - Surplus Anticipated	2,553,000.00	2,553,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section A: Local Revenues:		
Interest on Investments and Deposits	470,000.00	475,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section A	1,599,000.00	1,604,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations:		
Extraordinary Aid	0.00	150,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section B	3,707,431.00	3,857,431.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Public and Private Revenues Offset With Appropriations:		
Senior Citizen Coordinator Grant	0.00	37,100.00
Senior Citizen Bus Grant	0.00	19,000.00
Senior Center Improvement Grant	0.00	24,000.00
Alcohol & Educ. Rehab. Grant	0.00	3,242.36
Safe & Secure Grant	0.00	22,250.00
Recycling Grant	0.00	24,268.45
Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F	11,700.00	141,560.81
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G: Other Special Items:		
Cable TV Franchise Fees	70,000.00	64,900.00
General Capital Fund Balance	25,000.00	36,100.00
Reserve for Housing Agency Revenue	15,000.00	5,000.00
South Plainfield Urban Renewal Pilot	33,050.00	32,050.00
Reserve for Zoning Resolutions	3,000.00	0.00
Reserve for Library Contribution	140,000.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G	2,098,550.00	1,950,550.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	7,911,881.00	8,048,541.81
5. Subtotal General Revenues	10,478,231.43	10,615,092.24
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes:		
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	14,047,524.43	14,216,809.15
Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		
7. Total General Revenues	24,525,855.86	24,831,901.39
Appropriations:	from	to
8. General Appropriations:		
(A) Operations within "CAPS"		
General Government		
Computer Services		
Other Expenses	80,120.00	75,120.00
Public Safety		
Fire		
Salaries and Wages	24,000.00	32,000.00
Police		
Salaries and Wages	5,326,841.00	5,364,925.72
Streets & Roads		
Public Buildings and Grounds		
Salaries and Wages	448,248.00	443,248.00
Recycling		
Other Expenses	348,300.00	343,300.00
Senior Citizen Transportation (Office on Aging)		
Salaries and Wages	155,154.00	165,154.00
Insurance		
Health Benefits	2,715,708.00	2,725,708.00

Unclassified Water	16,700.00	32,700.00
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	17,468,991.86	17,536,076.58
Total Operations Include: Contingent Within "CAPS"	17,473,991.86	17,541,076.58
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	9,232,795.00	9,283,879.72
Other Expenses	8,241,196.86	8,257,196.86
(E) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures- Municipal within "CAPS"		
(1) Deferred Charges		
Anticipated Deficit in Pool Utility	85,000.00	94,100.00
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-Municipal within "CAPS"	-392,915.00	402,015.00
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	17,892,606.86	17,968,791.58
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues		
Senior Citizen Coordinator Grant	0.00	37,100.00
Senior Citizen Bus Grant	0.00	19,000.00
Senior Center Improvement Grant	0.00	24,000.00
Alcohol & Educ. Rehab. Grant	0.00	3,242.36
Safe & Secure Grant	0.00	22,250.00
Recycling Grant	0.00	24,268.45
Total Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues	33,700.00	163,560.81
Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	2,895,080.00	3,024,940.81
Detail:		
Other Expenses	2,407,066.00	2,536,826.81
(C) Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Capital Improvement Fund	150,000.00	250,000.00
Total Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"	200,000.00	300,000.00
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	5,683,249.00	5,913,109.81
(O) Total General Appropriations- Excluded from "CAPS"	5,683,249.00	5,913,109.81
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations	23,575,855.86	23,881,901.39
9. Total General Appropriations	\$ 24,525,855.86	\$ 24,831,901.39

SWIM POOL UTILITY FUND BUDGET

10. Dedicated Revenues From Swim Pool Utility	9,100.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Receipts - Concession Stand Additional (Deficit) General Fund Budget	85,000.00	94,100.00
Total Swim Pool Utility Revenues	\$ 248,500.00	\$ 248,500.00
11. Appropriations For Swim Pool Utility		
Total Swim Pool Utility Appropriations	248,500.00	248,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the State Fiscal Year 2007 budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-9, be published in the Observer in the issue of December 8, 2006, and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Council Chambers, Borough Hall on December 19, 2006, at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 5th day of December, 2006.

Certified by me
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1762

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

Ord. 1762 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 85 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "BINGO AND RAFFLES"** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, December 8, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1762

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 85 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "BINGO AND RAFFLES"

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

Chapter 85 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield be and is hereby amended as follows:

§ 85-5 Approval Process

The Municipal Clerk is hereby delegated the authority to act as the "issuing authority" to approve the granting of raffle and bingo licenses.

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

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Administrator / Municipal Clerk

\$49.40 December 8, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1763

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

Ord. 1763 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "POLICE DEPARTMENT"** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, December 8, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1763

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "POLICE DEPARTMENT" FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, that:

the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, specifically Chapter 48, entitled: "Police Department" be amended as follows:

Article 48-22. Rate of Payment for Service

The party requesting the service of a member of the Police Department as stated in Section 48-20 hereof shall be charged and pay for each service at one and one-half (1½) times the compensation rate presently payable to Class B patrolman plus five dollars (\$5.00) administrative fee for all entities except non-profit groups (including but not limited to churches) in which the administrative fee will remain at two dollars (\$2.00). An additional fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be added to the hourly rate charged when a patrol vehicle is required. All sums shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Borough of South Plainfield and shall become part of its general funds.

All other provisions of this chapter shall remain in effect.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Administrator / Municipal Clerk

\$66.50 December 8, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1761

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

Ord. 1761 entitled: **A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Administrator / Municipal Clerk

\$26.60 December 8, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

November 29, 2006-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on November 28, 2006.

- A. Case #05-01/V-A1 Pecker, Block 282; Lot 14; 154 Martin Drive. The applicant's request to WITHDRAW this application was hereby granted.
- B. Case #700/Site-Clifford & Rosemarie Platt, Block 265; Lot 22; 115-117 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request to WITHDRAW this application was hereby granted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Planning Board Secretary

\$24.70 December 8, 2006

Obituaries

Arthur J. Bullwinkel, 81

Arthur J. Bullwinkel died on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange.

Born in Bloomfield, Arthur grew up in Bloomfield, resided in Lyndhurst and later returned to Bloomfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1951.

A WWII Navy submarine veteran, Arthur was a torpedo man aboard the USS Finback. He was an active member of the South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763 and a member of the Submarine Veterans of WWII Gudeon Chapter of N.J. He had served as their vice chairman and membership chairman.

Employed with Englehardt Industries of Newark in their spinneret department, Arthur worked with precious metals. He later worked for Metz Metallurgical, now Degussa, in South Plainfield, before retiring at the age of 62.

Arthur also volunteered with the American Red Cross in the late 1960's and was a democratic committee member.

His daughter, Cathy Bullwinkel, died in 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Pauline (Adamiak) Bullwinkel; a son, James of South Plainfield and a sister, Dorothy Calvert of West Palm Beach.

Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, located on Front St.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Sister Ann Teresa Nagy, 81

Sister Ann Teresa Nagy, a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement known formerly as Lucille Nagy, and a member of Sacred Heart Parish, died on Wednesday, Nov. 22.



Sister Ann Teresa Nagy

Ann Teresa was born on Dec. 7, 1924 in Bethlehem, Pa., to Joseph and Anna Kaufmann Nagy. Sister received a BA in history from California State in Bakersfield, Calif. and an MA in religious education from the University of San Francisco.

Sister Ann Teresa joined the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y. in Sept. 1943. She professed her first vows in June, 1945 and her final vows in August, 1950. As an atonement missionary she serviced in various ministries of the community in Woodland, Calif., Cranbrook, B.C., Canada, Arroyo Grande, Calif., Graymoor Ecumenical Institute at Graymoor in Garrison, N.Y. and Our Lady of Loretto Parish in Cold Spring, N.Y.

Sister was predeceased by three brothers, Joseph, Edward and Robert.

She is survived by a brother, Donald Nagy of Tequesta, Fla. and a sister, Eileen Davis of Edison.

Funeral services were arranged by Dorsey-Carlone Funeral Home in Peckskill, N.Y.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Kling, 78

Elizabeth "Betsy" Kling, formerly of South Plainfield, died on Wednesday, Nov. 29, peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her family at home.

Betsy was born in Providence, R.I. on Sept. 18, 1928 to Carl and Lee Huenberg. She moved to Union as a young girl and graduated from Union High School in 1946. On July 11, 1948, she married Russel Kling in Union.

In 1956, she moved to South Plainfield where she resided with her husband and family until 1986. After the death of her beloved husband in 1996, she moved to Bayville.

Betsy worked at her parents business, The Sportsman's Tavern and Beer Garden, in Elizabeth for 25 years, retiring in 1986. She was an active member of the PTA while her children were in school, attaining a lifetime membership in that organization for her dedicated service. She was also a member of the South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee for 13 years and was honored by the mayor and town council for her service to the committee.

She was predeceased by her parents and by her husband, Russel.

Surviving are three children, Wayne and wife, Sue, Bonnie and husband, Jimmy Crescenzi, all of South Plainfield and Debbie and husband, Charlie of Longmont, Colo.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a



Elizabeth "Betsy" Kling

brother, Artie, of Union; a brother-in-law, Richard Kling and wife, Marion, of Ohio, and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations to the family would be appreciated.

Lisa Helene Dzieglewicz, 35

Lisa Helene Dzieglewicz, 35, died tragically on Friday, Dec. 1, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Plainfield, Lisa grew up in Bridgewater and was a graduate of the Bridgewater Class of 1989. She is listed in "Who's Who of American High School Students." While attending high school she was a cheerleader and active on the student council.

She recently graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelors of Science Degree in marketing. Lisa had been working successfully as the marketing manager for in Ventiv Health of Somerset for five years.

Some of her other interests included cooking, exercising and the beach.

She is survived by her parents, Ronald and Beverly (Alberino) Dzieglewicz and a sister, Deanna Bruh and husband, Ronald of Tinton Falls.

Also surviving are a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends and colleagues.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory made be made to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street N.W., Washington, DC 20037.

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Sports

WRESTLING

Middle School Wrestlers Go 3-0 at Rahway Quad

The Middle School Wrestling Team improved their record to 5-2 over the weekend, with victories over Delaware Valley, 66-18; Randolph, 56-27 and Rahway 63-30. The wrestlers first took to the mat against Randolph, where Anthony Ashnault pinned his opponent in 1:52 in the first period. This started a chain reaction, with five Tigers pinning their opponents (Kyle Brady, Tyler Hunt, Scott Whalen, Corey Stasenko and Kyle Pompilio). Michael Molinaro was also victorious with a technical fall over his challenger.

A victory in match two against Delaware Valley improved the Tigers' record to 4-2 and helped avenge a loss from last year. Kyle Brady, Tyler Hunt, Scott Walen, Corey Stasenko, Randy Jukubik, Ryan Billich and Eric

Niemeyer all recorded pins in their matches. Other victories came from Tyler Hunt, with a technical fall and Michael Molinaro, with a 4-2 decision.

In the final bout of the morning, they faced a strong Rahway squad. With five forfeits, Rahway tried to keep the match tight, but the Tigers wouldn't let that happen, recording pins from Troy Heilmann, Corey Stasenko, Kyle Pompilio, Jeff Conroy and Ryan Billich. Other wrestlers who shined during Sunday's exhibition action were Ryan Andrew Sanchez and Dylan Painton.

The team will be traveling to Neshaminy, Pa. and face cross-town rival Kenilworth on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10.

BOWLING

BY RALPH FECH

Lady Tigers Clobber Sayreville

SPHS 688-723-695 2,106
Sayreville 568-664-647 1,884

The Girls Bowling Team coasted to a three game sweep and 4-0 victory over Sayreville on the strength of co-captain Katie Yon's 169-160 games and rookie Kaitlyn Salvatore's 167 game.

The match was never in doubt, as the Tigers opened up a 120-pin lead after the first game.

Gina Corcio bowled a 152, Lindsey Murtagh had games of 149 and 144, co-captain Jessica Vasquez recorded a 141 and Stephanie Dicindio bowled a 149 game.

Tiger Bowlers Drop Opener to Sayreville, Parillo Records (680)

SPHS 901-929-981 2,811
Sayreville 998-926-1,021 2,945

In this season opener, the Boys Bowling Team dropped a 3-1 decision to newcomer Sayreville, despite Senior Captain Robert Parillo's 21-233-237 and a brilliant 680 set.

A blistering 10th frame in the third game enabled the Bombers to pick up a win as the Tigers wasted a good effort.

Also chipping in for the Tigers were Mike Dandola 228 and 585 set and Chris Esposito's 221 game and 565 set.

Holiday Open House and Sale

A holiday open House and Sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Johanna's Creations in Middlesex. Canned goods will also be collected for the local food pantry.

The open house will include a variety of items for sale, including personalized photo mats as well as framed art and three-dimensional objects. There will be a demonstration on selecting the right frame and mat for a piece of art or an object. Also available are photo retouching, photos transformed into canvas or watercolor art and Pop Art. "A gift of framing for the special person on your list, especially when it is personalized, becomes a cherished memento," said Johanna Salvemini, owner.

The event will also be helping out the local food bank. "We'd like to share the holiday season and help the community. Stop in to see us and bring canned goods to our open house. Our gift to you is a \$10 gift certificate towards a framing purchase." All canned goods will be donated to FISH, Inc.

Johanna's Creations is located at 250 Lackland Dr. in Middlesex. For directions or more information on the event, call (732) 469-3210 or email jo@johannas.com.

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Taco Bell Reopens After E.Colo Scare

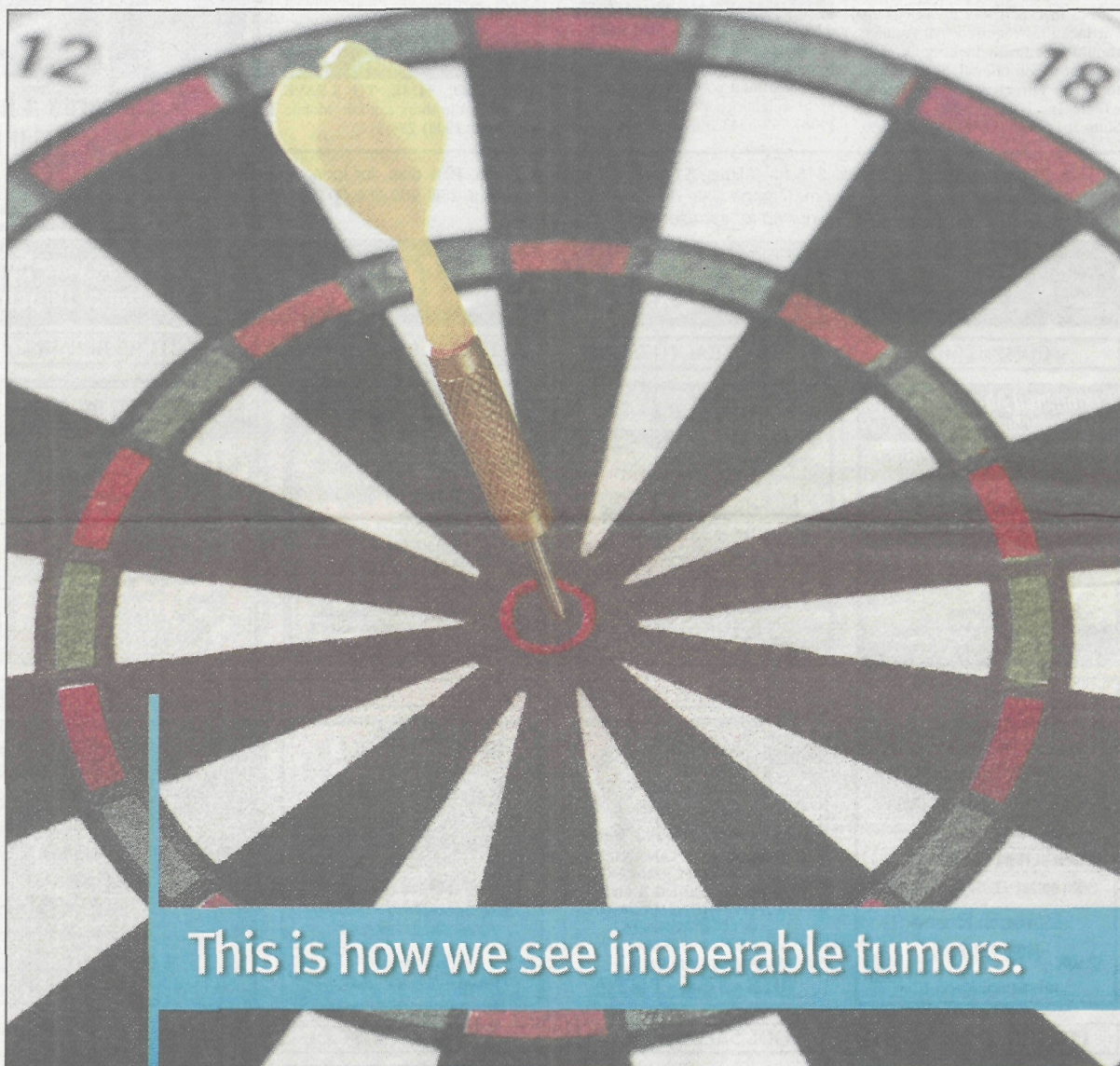
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According to MCPHD Director David Papi, the people infected range in age from one year to 23 years old and have been treated at area hospitals. No one from South Plainfield was reportedly being treated. The two most serious cases have developed hemolytic uremic syndrome, a condition that can cause permanent kidney damage.

On Tuesday, the parents of the 12-year-old who is in critical condition, informed Papi that they still have the food purchased from the Taco Bell in South Plainfield. Papi has confiscated the food and further testing will be done. This could help to solve the problem of where the contamination

originated. According to a Taco Bell spokesman, there are more than 400 food products used at their restaurants. Test results from those infected, including those from New York and Pennsylvania, will be compared to narrow down the source of the contamination.

Councilman and Mayor-elect Charlie Butrico is working closely with the county health department. They have received over a 100 phone calls on their hotline and staff are continuing to interview residents. The MCPHD is urging residents with concerns to call them at (732) 745-3100. For more information logon to their website://co.middlesex.nj.us/public-health



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