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Mayor Dan Gallagher honors Pastor Charles Mingle with a proclama-tion for his dedication to the emergency services in the borough.

Mingle Honored For Dedication

By Jane Dornick

Pastor Charles R. Mingle graciously received a proclamation honoring him for his many years of dedicated service to the police, fire and rescue squad from the South Plainfield Borough Council at the Dec. 19 council meeting.

The proclamation states how Pastor Mingle "has been instru-mental in enabling the police officers, volunteer firefighters and EMT's to perform the many duties that are required by offering support, encouragement and consolation." He possesses three vital

one of the best in his field; excellence in administering his ministry, encouraging excellence in others and giving recognition to others for their excellence. Pastor Mingle was also the recipient of the prestigious John A. Price Award for Excellence in Chaplaincy at the International Conference of Police Chaplains annual training seminar held in San Antonio, Texas in July 2005.

Mayor Dan Gallagher, along with the rest of the council members, congratulated Pastor Mingle and thanked him for his many years of service to the borough.



Middle School Students of the Month-The South Plainfield Middle School Students of the Month for December are (L to R) Tyler Holoboski, Team Avalanche; Ruchi Patel, Team Tsunami; Justin Lesky, Team Lightning; Mike Parello, Team Thunder; Zack Wilson, Team Monsoon and Rajath Kenath, Team Cyclone.

ing pedestrians occurred over the holiday weekend, leaving one man dead and another critically injured.

Last Friday evening, 53-year-old Vasantpur Swami of Piscataway was walking on the northbound side of Stelton Rd. near White Castle when he was struck by a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by Consandra Bugg, 31, of Plainfield. South Plainfield police believe that he was walking to his place of employment at White when the incident occurred. Swami was treated by the rescue

to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital where he died from injuries a short time later. No charges were filed against the driver.
On Saturday afternoon, 50-year-old

Robert Stark of Dunellen had parked his car in the Cedarcroft Chapel driveway on Kenyon Ave. and was walking to a relative's home nearby when he was struck by a vehicle and seriously injured

The 2004 GMC Envoy, driven by Deborah Winters, 44, of South Plainfield, had turned from Rahway

the accident occurred. Stark was treated by the rescue squad and Mercy 6 and transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital where he is listed in critical condition with serious head and leg injuries. Police believe that Stark was under the influence of alcohol at the time he was struck. No charges have been filed against the driver.

Both accidents are under investigation by the Police Traffic Safety Unit. Anyone with any information regarding either accident should contact Lt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679.

Francis Fusaro and Joseph Glowacki were sworn in as South Plainfield police officers at the Dec. 19 Borough

Council meeting.
A 1995 graduate of North Bruns wick High School, Francis V. Fusaro graduated from the N.J. State Police Academy and was employed at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J. as a police officer, attaining the rank of detective sergeant, from October 1996 until February 2006. He was then transferred to the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office as a detective. Fusaro has been trained in many areas of police work, including fraud investigation, interview and interrogation, crime scene process-ing, criminal investigation, bomb incidents and threats, basic telecommunicator, sexual assault response and identity theft.

Francis is the son of Rosario and Catherine Fusaro, and currently resides in South Plainfield with his wife Tara.

Joseph M. Glowacki is a 1998 graduate of South Plainfield High School. He attended Middlesex County College, majored in criminal justice, and was employed as a dispatcher for the Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept. from 1999 to 2004. After completing County Corrections Officer Training, he began working for the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility as

a corrections officer.

He is the son of Joseph Glowacki and Karen Serrano. His brother, Michael Glowacki, is a Plainfield



Francis Fusaro, with wife Tara, is sworn in by Councilman Dennis Cerami.



Joseph M. Glowacki, with his father, Joseph, and brother, Michael, is sworn in by Councilman Dennis Cerami.

Plainfield Man Arrested for Assault, Resisting Arrest

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, Dameen Scruggs of 427 W. 5th St. in Plainfield was arrested for aggravated assault, resisting arrest, and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. The arrest was the result of an investigation of a burglary to a residence which was being conducted by Detective Sgt. Dan Noonan.

Noonan observed suspicious activity as he was canvassing the area and attempted to confront Scruggs as he was sitting in the driver's seat of a

parked vehicle near the initial crime of the burglarized residence. Noonan approached the vehicle, at which time Scruggs ignored commands to stop. Scruggs then struck Noonan with his vehicle and left the scene. Noonan did not sustain any injuries.

The suspect vehicle was located in the city of Plainfield minutes later. Scruggs was listed as a wanted person for approximately one month before he was arrested on three outstanding warrants. Scruggs was released after posting a \$50,000 bond.

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The Borough Council will hold annual reorganization meeting on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

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11:00 am

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11:00 am

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Saturday, January 6

◆ 4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am 11:00 am

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Knights Step Up to Make Repairs at Sacred Heart

Over the past month fellow members of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 have been at Sacred Heart Church getting the pews and kneelers ready for Christmas masses. Deputy Grand Knight Billy Butrico asked Father John Paul Alvarado if there was anything the church needed repaired and Father John Paul let the Knights know the kneelers were in dire need of refurbishing and were hoping they could be fixed for the Christmas season.

After inspecting the kneelers, it was determined that more than the kneelers needed work as the pews, brackets and shims have been neglected for years.

Two hundred twenty-three missing bumpers, 40 anchor brackets, 32 kneeler covers, 12 springs and 106 missing wooden seat shims were all

fixed or replaced in this project.

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, led by Kevin Keane, and the following members have been working tirelessly for over 100 hours



Knights of Columbus Cuoncil #6203 members at Sacred Heart Church.

over the past month: Billy Butrico, Gerry Butrico, Mike Butrico, Vinny Butrico, Charlie Butrico Jr, William Butrico Jr, Ed Koznowicz Sr, William Kelly, Lenny Kleczkowski, Tom Elko, Grand Knight Tony Moskal, Greg Gaydos, Fred Brisboise, Larry Makoski and Bob Tortorelli.

After hearing what the Knights were going to do, other members of the community and church also volunteered their help for the project.

The Knights would like to thank

Joey Lammi and William Butrico, Sr. for all of their help on this project.

NMYOPINION

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In Support of Gay Rights

By Tim Morgan Jr.

New Jersey lawmakers deserve to be commended for being among the leading states to make strides in advancing rights for homosexuals. Although we have not reached the level Massachusetts has in allowing gays to marry, the approval of gay civil unions is a step in the right direction.

Despite this measure though, laudation should be limited. It is essentially following the "separate but equal" maxim that has long been antiquated. There is still an undeniable prejudice against gays in the United States and in many other areas of the world. However, South Africa, a region that is far behind most of the world in terms of development and economy, recently granted gay couples the same rights as heterosexual couples because it was finally recognized how exclusionary the laws were.

While New Jersey's laws will be widened to grant gay partners certain rights, they are still far from being on par with married couples. According to the Associated Press, Federal Income Tax returns will still not be able to be filed jointly health insurance benefits conferred from one partner to another will be subject to taxes, and surviving partners will not be able to collect deceased partners' Social Se curity benefits or pensions. In addition, while alimony is not taxed under federal law, support paid from one partner to another after the dissolution of a civil union would be subject

to federal gift taxes.

The U.S. is supposed to stand for equal rights for all, but it is evident that this concept is still waiting to be fully carried out. Including New Jersey's recent decision, which is not recognized outside of the state, only five of the 50 states allow for gay civil unions and only one allows for true equality by granting marriage rights to all who wish to take their relationships to their logical zenith.

The U.S. is also supposed to have a

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separation of church and state. This strategy is designed to ensure freedom of religion and prevent politicians own religious views from interfering with their political decisions. Opposition to gay rights is almost entirely grounded in religion though. New Jersey legislators who opposed the civil union bill provided Biblical "evidence" as proof in their arguments, not even considering that God's primary message is one of love and fair and unbiased treatment.

If the opposition is not grounded in skewed religious beliefs, it is driven by homophobia. As rational, accepting, and tolerant human beings, it is not our place to judge how other people live their lives, so long as they do so in a way that does not hurt any-one. In an age when we are realizing just how important freedom is, it is even more important that we recognize this and not ostracize people who would otherwise be viewed as equals.

There is no reason to believe that gay couples can not or should not function in the same ways as conventional married couples. It is extremely unlikely they would exceed the current divorce rate of nearly 50 percent, especially since many of them have been waiting for years to get married. And gay adoption is fairly common, so gay couples have formed family units for quite some time now.

For centuries, people have fought pointless and destructive wars based on an all-too-easy impulse to fear and even hate that which is perceived to be foreign and strange. Until the Peace of Westphalia in the seventeenth century, conflicts between Protestants and Catholics cost millions of lives. Until the late nineteenth century, slavery was common; and until only 40 years ago, civil rights for blacks were aggressively denied. And the revilement the Jews faced culminated in a genocide that exterminated a total of 11 million people, six million of them Jews; an extension of this struggle in the Middle East can be read about daily.

Despite the mostly latent continuation of these disputes today, it is com-monly accepted that these violent expressions of backward thinking were wrong. Gay rights are an extension of these conflicts. People were once convinced beyond a doubt that their fears and preconceptions were wellfounded, using mostly religious zealotry to justify their claims. Now they just look foolish, just as those who persecute gays soon will. Gay rights will come eventually; it is just a question of how many have to suffer in the process.

Homosexuality is being treated like a disease, and people are trying to find a cure for an ailment that doesn't exist. We should not ask people to repress their nature, especially by way of such ridiculous, narrow-minded, and self-righteous programs such as "sexual reorientation therapy," among others with the same goal. Being gay is not a choice; it is an inextricable and inveterate trait.

Being heterosexual or homosexual is essentially the same thing for all of us-it is who we are. To think otherwise is to lack empathy and a desire to understand and when we resort to such methodology, we take a major backslide into the territory of discrimination that the human race has long fought to disconnect with. That is something we cannot afford to do, or we will fall prey to archaic ways of thinking that have only led to struggle and despair.



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Borough Withdraws Fair Share and Housing Element Plan from COAH

Every municipality in the State of New Jersey has the constitutional obligation imposed by the New Jer-Supreme Court to develop a plan to keep low and moderate income housing units as part of the munici-pal land use law. A part of the borough's master plan includes requirements that there be a fair share plan establishing a predetermined number of affordable units for low and moderate households.

The New Jersey State Legislature enacted the Fair Housing Act and created the Council On Affordable Housing (COAH), an administrative and regulatory organization. COAH is comprised of 11 members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. COAH is empowered to estimate low and moderate income housing needs, set guidelines for mu-nicipalities to determine their own fair share numbers, and then review and approve the municipalities' plans.

Municipalities can choose to enter the COAH process and have COAH approve their plan. The borough of South Plainfield recently submitted their Fair Share Plan and Housing Element to COAH. However, the Borough Council, at its Dec. 19 meeting, withdrew this plan from COAH juris-

diction. Instead, the council voted to bring the plan before the Superior Court.

"Once we found out that COAH wouldn't accept our plan, we made the decision to go to the Superior Court," said Mayor Daniel Gallagher.

Borough planner Art Bernard noted, "The borough's initial obligation wasn't recognized by the COAH, but it was by the court. There are two ways for the town to get approval of its plan. One is to go before COAH; the other is through the court system. The court ap proved the plan of South Plainfield approval from the court, we asked the court to leave the door open if COAH had problems with our plan. This time [for the third round obligation] we couldn't get as many credits for the aged and rental units [from COAH], so we are going back to the Superior Court to review our plans. The matter will be resolved within a

On Monday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, the Affordable Housing Agency of the Borough of South Plainfield will discuss the Affordable Housing Program.

BOROUGH NOTES

- Morgan Harrington was hired as a full time Public Safety Telecommunicator trainee effective Dec.
- · Participate in the Middlesex County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program which will enable the borough to receive FEMA funds in case of a natural disaster.
- Stilo Excavating, Inc. to begin emergency sewer repair along New Brunswick Ave.
 - · Somerset Regional Medical Cen-

ter will provide ambulance service for a one-year period beginning Jan. 1. On-Time ambulance service was having difficulty with staffing.

· Appointed Amit Patel as a senior firefighter and Taylor Nichuck and Scott Suleski as junior firefighters for the fire department.

• Apply for a grant for "Safe

Routes to Schools" for the Zero Tolerance School Zones initiative to install more speed signage around the elementary and middle schools



Mr. Kurt, a favorite with kids, returned to the South Plainfield Library. Over 50 youngsters jumped, giggled and sang along with his special brand of silly songs. The performance featured many holiday related



southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Kravetsky Graduates from East Stroudsburg University

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by ESU President, Dr. Robert J.

Dillman. Warren Hoeffner, class of '55, delivered the commencement

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90 Attend the Elks "De-Stress for the Holidays Dinner Dance

South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 held a "De-Stress for the Holidays" dinner dance on Dec. 9. The idea was to take a break from the hectic pace of the holidays and come out for an evening of dining and dancing. Esteemed Leading Knight and Army of Hope Chairperson, Debbie Czech, ran the event. "I just wanted a night of fun to "destress" from the holidays." The event featured a snow theme, complete with a ceiling of snowflakes and winter green and pine cone centerpieces

The event was attended by 90.

guests, including Elks Central District Vice President Patrick McDonnell and his wife, Fran. A full course meal included a chicken and rib dinner. Homemade desserts followed.

Bill Turner and Blue Smoke, a five-piece band from Central Jersey, played everything from oldies, popular dance music and some good old fiddle and banjo playing.

Proceeds were donated to the Army of Hope and the Handicapped Children committees supported by the Elks.

Submitted by Debra Czech

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Around Town

New Years Bash with John Roesch Orch.

December 31

There will be a New Year's Eve celebration at the Polish National Home on Dec. 31, at 8 p.m., featuring The John Roesch Orchestra, an 18-piece big band. They will be playing all of your favorite big band era music as well as modern and latin songs for dancing and listening enjoyment!

A scrumptious buffet including chicken marsala, salmon, a sirloin carving station and a shrimp and lobster station will be served along with a fabulous hors d'ouvres hour before dinner. Open bar all evening with a champagne toast at midnight. Door prizes during the night.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a special jazz scholarship fund to be awarded to a graduating senior in the SPHS Jazz Band.

Cost of tickets is \$100 per person and will only be sold in advance.

For more information, please call John Roesch at (908) 753-0688.

Music Boosters Meeting

January 3

The SPHS Music Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chorus Room. All chorus, band and orchestra parents are welcome to attend. This is the last month to become a member for the school year. Upcoming fundraisers will be discussed. Please join us!

Library Board of Trustees Meeting January 9

The annual reorganization meet-

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ing of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the library. Information regarding the library's present and future plans, including the proposed new library building, will be reviewed. Members of the public are invited to attend.

. For more information please call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.

Rescue House of **Prayer Birthday**

January 13

A 70th Birthday Breakfast Fellowship for Irene Mayjette Southgate Campbell, senior overseer and pastor of the Rescue House of Prayer, Inc. in South Plainfield will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, Raritan Center in Edison. Buffet price (does not include gift): adults \$23, children 4 -12, \$12.

RSVP to (973) 372-9100, Co-Pastor Anita Corrin Southgate-Spaulding.

Pancake Breakfast January 21

American Legion Chaumont Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., is hosting a

pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$5, children \$3, children under six free.

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AARP Meeting

January 22

AARP Chapter 4144 will hold a meeting on Monday, Jan. 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Due to the holiday, this is the fourth Monday.

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

— Out of Town -

Nutcracker at Paper Mill Playhouse

Through December 30

"The Nutcracker" at Paper Mill Playhouse runs through Saturday, Dec. 30, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$54 plus a \$1.25 Facility Preservation Fee. Student rush tickets \$16, available day of performance in person with current student ID.

Blackrose to Perform December 29

Blackrose, the band, plays classic rock and roll music and today's hits They will be performing at Rugs & Riffy's, 493 Rahway Ave. in Wood-

bridge on Friday, Dec. 29, at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Watchung Arts Center January 3 & 6

The Winter/Spring 2007 series of the Life Drawing Studio Group will begin an 11-week session on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m at the Watchung Arts Center located at 18 Stirling Rd., Watchung. The fee is \$135, or \$270 for both. Walk-in participation, \$15 per session, space permitting.

For information, contact Brian at (973) 857-3098 or email eyewerks @aol.com or visit www.watchung

NAMI Meeting January 8

NAMI-Middlesex, an affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is holding a general membership meeting and speaker series on Monday, Jan. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at University Behavioral HealthCare, 671 Hoes Lane in Rm. D201/203 in Piscataway. The Topic is "Recent Insights into the Causes and Treatments of Serious Mental Illness" with speaker Steven M. Silverstein, PhD, director of the Division of Schizophrenia Research at UMDNI-UBHC.

Paper Mill "Summer and Smoke" January 10-February 11

at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 10 Single tickets are now on sale and range in price from \$19 to \$68. Student rush tickets are \$16 and are available the day of performance in person with current student ID.

"Summer and Smoke" will play

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NJPAC 10th Annual Celebration

January 11

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's FamilyTime Series presents its 10th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Ir. celebration on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in Prudential Hall. Special guest, Mayor Cory Booker.

Tickets are \$15-\$37 for adults, \$15 for children under 14 and may be purchased by calling 1-888-466-5722.

Rahway Quilt Exhibit

The Arts Guild of Rahway presents The Naked Truth: Quilted and Sewn Figurative Works and Nudes," an art exhibit of sewn/quilted works begins Sunday, Jan. 14. There will be a reception with the artists, open to the general public from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

For more information call the Arts Guild at (732) 381-7511, by e-mail at artsguild1670@verizon.net, or by visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

Paper Mill Playhouse **Auditions**

February 3 & 10

Paper Mill Playhouse will hold auditions for the 2007 Summer Musical Theatre Programs on Saturday, Feb. 3 and 10, at Millburn Middle School, 25 Old Short Hills Rd. in Millburn. Call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2133, to schedule an appointment Visit our website, www.papermill.org, for audition guidelines and other important information.

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Brush Stop owner Denise Quarantiello and her daughter, Samantha, had their hair cut to donate to Locks of Love.

The Brush Stop Gives Locks of Love

Denise Quarantiello, owner of The Brush Stop on South Plainfield Ave., and her nine year-old daughter, Samantha, decided to participate in the season of giving by cutting their hair and donating it to the Locks of Love organization.

Locks of Love is a public nonprofit organization that provides hair-pieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair pros-thetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair

due to a medical condition called alopecia, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses they provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Locks of Love accepts a 10-inch minimum hair length that is cut and bundled in a ponytail or braid.

Locks of Love needs hair from men and women, young and old, all colors and races. Hair may be colored or permed, but not bleached or chemically damaged.

For more information on sending in a donation, visit their website at locksoflove.org or call them at (888) 896-1588.





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From the South Plainfield Library

by Kenneth Morgan

Well, you've probably cleaned up all the torn wrapping paper from Monday, and you're getting set to clean up all the confetti from Sunday night. And you've probably been cleaning up pine needles since the middle of last week. How about taking a break from all that holiday cleanness and reading the latest from South Plainfield Library?

The library will be closed on Sun-

day in observance of New Year's Eve, and on Monday in observance of New Year's Day

While next week begins a whole new year, we'll be sticking with the usual schedule of children's programs. Storytime," for children age three and over, is held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children age two and three, is held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30, and Thursday evening at 6:30. And "Books N Babies," for children up to age three, is held on Friday morning at 10:30. For more information, please

give us a call and ask for Linda or Mija. We're between groups on the DVD Circuit today; the next batch of titles will be available next week. Meanwhile, if you can't wait for some new items, we've just added some more DVD's to our permanent collection. Adult titles include full-season sets of "The Simpsons" (two seasons, in fact), "24," "Desperate Housewives," "Gilmore Gils" and both "C.S.I." and "C.S.I.: Miami," "The DaVinci Code," and "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest." Over in the juve nile section, we have "The Ant Bully," "Cars," the second season of "The Batman," and "Dora's World Adventure." DVD's may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

On other Circuit fronts, the cur-

rent group from the Audiobook Circuit will only be available for a couple more days. So, if there's a title you're interested in, get in gear and pick it up. And, for those of you who prefer the printed page, there's a new group from the Large Print Circuit available. Items from these Circuits may be borrowed for two weeks.

At last report, Elvis has staged a '68style comeback and returned from his unexpected hiatus and is functioning OK. Once again, his phone number is (908) 757-3280; make sure to have your library card handy, as well as any items you wish to renew, since you'll need to put in the bar-code numbers.

As the year winds down, we've been trying to do some straightening up here at the library. Part of that includes going through our lost and found box. If you think you've lost something here, it'd be a big help if you could stop by and let us know. We'll check and see if we have it. (Don't bother asking about socks; there aren't any at the moment.)

We've got room this week to clear up a common misconception. You probably know that library cards normally expire every three years. Unfortunately, some people believe that once the expiration date has been reached, the card is useless and should be tossed. In fact, library cards are easily renewable. All you need is valid proof of address (driver's license, utility bill, postmarked envelope); the process only takes a few seconds (that's a good thing) and is free (that's a very good thing). Stop by the Circulation Desk to find out more.

That's about all for this week. For more information, call us at (908) 754-7885 or check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Have a happy and safe new year and we'll see in 2007 (or next Friday, if you prefer).



On Dec. 13, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado spoke about Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan's help in securing funds amounting to approximately \$400,000 from the state for the district. He presented him with a plaque from the Board of Edu-cation "in grateful recognition of your tireless efforts on behalf of the children of South Plainfield." At the presentation Diegnan said, "I don't need the plaque, it's my job."

Literacy Education Brochures Available In Six Languages

All Middlesex County Literacy Program Directory brochures are now available in six languages: English, Chinese, Gujarati, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. The seven publications provide information on class location for the following programs: English as a Second Language, Adult High School Diploma, Adult Reading and Math, Computer Literacy, GED Preparation and Testing Sites, Citizenship/Civics Programs, as well as the programs offered by the Com-munity Learning Center at Roosevelt in Edison. The color-coded brochures are available for distribution by community and religious organizations by calling The Middlesex County Department of Workforce Development at (732) 745-3970.

Buono, JFK Hospital to Host Blood Drive

Senator Barbara Buono and IFK Hospital have joined with the Blood Center of New Jersey to host a blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the JFK Hospital Conference Room, 79 James St. in

In a collaborative effort to replen-ish low blood supplies common dur-

ing and after the holiday season, Senator Buono and JFK plan to join forces in reaching out to an expansive segment of both the health care community and the citizens who reside in the surrounding community.

Blood banks have reported that blood is especially low this year due to corporate downsizing and the closure

of automotive plants in New Jersey. The onset of the holiday season, and the shut down of schools and colleges where many blood drives take place, has caused supply levels to drop even

The drive is sponsored by the Blood Center of New Jersey, a statewide blood center accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks. The Blood Center supplies more than 100,000 blood products annually to hospitals and medical centers in New Jersey while providing blood needs to hospitals on a 24-hour per day basis. The center works with civic, community and corporate leaders to co-ordinate blood collection.

Less than two percent of people in the region donate blood, a figure that is below the national blood donor participation rate, a study by New Jersey blood banks found.

"It's not everyday that we get the opportunity to do something that touches the lives of so many in need," said Senator Buono. "During the holiday season when blood shortages often occur, it is critically important for people to come out and donate. I wholeheartedly encourage the community to join me in donating blood on Jan. 4?

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and cannot have donated blood within the last 56 days.

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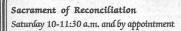
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Achieving "Grand" is Business as Usual for Shirley Thompson

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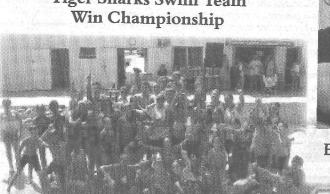
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Community Rallies at "Cruisin' for Alyssa"

Tiger Sharks Swim Team Win Championship



The Junior Baseball Club celebrates end of season with a barbecue







Education Highlights SPFD Open House



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St. Stephen's Celebrates 50 Years

SPHS Players Make Dreams Come True With Cinderella





Kennedy School Principal Fred Oberkehr reads Dr. Seuss to students as part of "Read Across America" last week.



Beegle Recognized for **Dedication to Substance Abuse Awareness**

Rainy Day Doesn't Derail Annual Cleanup





Penny Wars Competition Fierce



Catholic Schools Week

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

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Old Timers Take to the Road for Children Battling Cancer and Raise Over \$18K

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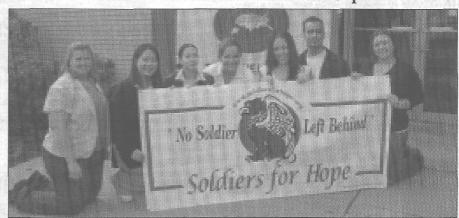
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OLC Prepares For Feast of St. Anthony



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Tigers Retain State Championship

Sports

Middle Schoolers Defeated in SPASA Basketball Tournament



South Plainfield Middle School player Sharif Ross with North Plainfield tournament winner Vincent Green.

The Middle School hosted the annual South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness Basketball Tournament on Dec. 14 co-sponsored by Joe Romer Trophy.

Of the four teams that participated, the boys and girls teams from South Plainfield Middle School, Sacred Heart School, East Brunswick and North Plainfield, both the SPMS teams were defeated by North Plainfield. In an exciting finale, the East Brunswick girls defeated North Plainfield and the North Plainfield boys team, led by Vincent Green, defeated East Brunswick for the championship.

Players in the tournament also learn an important message about the dangers of substance abuse and the effect it has on their bodies, performance and mind. They attend a classroom session with a guest speaker to discuss the effects of substance abuse and receive a commemorative t-shirt.

The fundraising event was chaired by Middle School teacher Joe Blondo and Cheryl Hughes. Middle School Principal Steve Novak said, "The tournament was a huge success with an important message. Attendance was good, especially when North Plainfield faced South Plainfield. We look forward to next year's tournament."



The Wizards with sixth graders at Grant Elementary who won autographed memorabilia.

The Harlem Wizards Visit Grant Elementary School



Wizards Rocket Man and Broadwa

By Jane Dornick

Two members of the Harlem Wizards basketball team put on a performance at Grant School on Dec. 21. Eric Jones (aka "Broadway") and Rashaan Barner (aka "Rocket Man") entertained students with their famous "trick hoops and alley oops." The magic included the hottest basketball tricks, and humorous interactive games including the students and teachers with give-a-ways of posters, t-shirts and basketballs that were

autographed after the show. The players wrapped up the event with a motivational message to students about continuing their education and being a team player.

Rashaan "Rocket" Barner graduated from William Paterson University where he was a 1st Team All-American and has been with the Wizards since 2003. He has appeared in a Nike TV commercial with Lebron James and a Rebok commercial with Jay-Z and has a 50 inch vertical leap!

Eric "Broadway" Jones grew up in the Bronx and graduated from Urbana University where he was the team captain, a World Scholar Athlete and an All-American. He played professional basketball in Mexico and also played for the Harlem Globetrotters.

The Harlem Wizards are known as one of the greatest basketball show-team organizations to ever "lace it up and let 'em fly." Each event at which the Harlem Wizards perform offers a rare combination of individual athleticism, teamwork, entertainment and community involvement. Featuring some of the top basketball talent in the world, the Wizards are so engaging that after five decades they are still packing gymnasiums all across the globe with fans eager to laugh and be amazed.

Started in 1962, sports promotor Howie Davis felt that although the Globetrotters were legendary, they were not above competition and that he could bring a fire and creativity to the Wizards to do it even better. They have played over 6,000 games in the U.S. and abroad, thrilling millions of fans along the way. The Wizards own the longest current winning streak in all of professional sports with 2,800 games. Other than the Wizards and the Globetrotters, no other entertainment basketball team has survived the test of time and made worldwide fans like these two storied franchises.

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Obituaries

Ernest J. Muglia, 85

Ernest J. Muglia died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Fitchburg, Mass., where he had been a resident for the last five years.

He was born in South Plainfield on Feb. 18, 1921, a son of Joseph and Fillipa (LaGabina) Muglia. He grew up in the Plainfield area, attending South Plainfield High School and for the past 25 years had resided in Athol. Mass.

He worked as a carpenter all of his life and was a member of the Carpenter's Union, Local #155, in Plainfield for more than 50 years. Following his retirement he worked for the University of MA in Amherst for several years. He was an active ham radio operator since he was in high school using the call letters WA2IFB.

He leaves his wife of 27 years, Roberta Pauline "Polly" (Watts) (Cooke) Muglia; two daughters, Patricia Cebe of Louisville, Ky. and Laurie Quagliariello of Wall; three step-sons, Robert Cooke of Springfield, Va., Donald Cooke of Wakefield, Mass., and Jeffrey Cooke of Orange; a stepdaughter, Roberta (Cooke) Le-Blanc of Gardner; a brother, Alfred Muglia of Payson, Utah and 11 grandchildren. Ernest was from a family of 10 brothers and sisters and was prede-

ceased by eight brothers and sisters.

At Mr. Muglia's request, no funeral services are planned.
Higgins-O'Connor Funeral Home

in Athol is directing arrangements.

To send family condolences go to www.higginsoconnorfuneralhome.com.

Walter "Walt" L. Beyer, 72



Walter "Walt" L. Beyer died suddenly on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hos-pital in New Brunswick.

Born in Un-Walter L. Beyer ion, Mr. Beyer was raised in West Keansburg and lived in Keyport and Hazlet before moving to South Plainfield in 1961.

A 1952 graduate of Keyport High School, Walt served in the Army during the early 1950's. He was the president and owner of Stardust Pools and Walor Construction in East Brunswick for more than 40 years. For many years Walt served as the president of the Tuesday Night Businessmen's Bowling League at Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Green Brook.

He was a member of the Northeast Spa and Pool Association for 25 years and is past exhaulted ruler of the South Plainfield Elks B.P.O.E. Lodge 2298.

An avid boater and traveler, Walt loved spending time with his family and friends. He will always be remem-

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to the Borough of South Plainfield for the person to person transfer to RUBY TUESDAY, INC., of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0222-33-012-009, heretofore issued to NAN-LEM, INC. for premises located at 2239 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080. The applicant, Ruby Tuesday, Inc., is a publicly traded corporation. The name and address of the General Manager is:

Henry C. Grau, Jr. Less than 1% Ownership Interest 1055 Bennetts Mill Road Jackson, New Jersey 08527

Objections, if any, should be made immediatin writing to Vincent Buttiglieri, Clerk/Admistrator of the Borough of South Plainfiel Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, So Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

RUBY TUESDAY, INC. Henry C. Grau, Jr., General Manager

\$46.35 December 29, 2006 bered as a loving person with a kind heart who cared for the less fortunate, often times welcoming them into his

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Lorraine (Ruggieri); two daughters, Debbie Verga and husband John of Wall, Linda Daly and husband Kevin of East Windsor; a son, Walter and wife Joanne of Hillsborough; a sister, Vivian Johnson and husband Tom of Toms River and a brother, Wayne and wife Donna of Waretown. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Christian and Michael Verga, Olivia and Courtney Beyer, and Marissa, Patrick and Brendan Daly.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Walt's name to the Elks Camp More, 400 Dutch Neck Rd., Apt. N-5, Heightstown, N.J. 08520.

Robert "Bob" Waugh, 85

Robert "Bob" Waugh died on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Genesis Elder Care Center in Westfield.

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

During WWII he served with the Army Air Corps and had been stationed at Hickam Air Field in Pearl Harbor and was wounded during the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

For more than 20 years he had worked as the service manager for the Storr Tractor Co. formerly of Garwood, now located in Readington, retiring 20 years ago.

He was predeceased by a brother, Harold Waugh.

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

Private services were held under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Sadie (Zagoria) Del Negro, 93

Sadie (Zagoria) Del Negro, a longtime resident of South Plainfield, and wife of the late Joseph P. Del Negro, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 24 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Sadie along with her husband were the owners and op-erators of Mike Giant Subs in Dunellen and J&J Subs in Somerville from 1964 to 1980. Mrs. Del Negro, also known as "Mrs. Sadie," was a volunteer at AARP and the Bound Brook chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation. She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and was a past president of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her parents, Morris and Tillie Zagoria; two sisters and one brother.

Surviving are a daughter, MaryAnn Del Negro of Edison; a son, Joseph and Edith Del Negro of South Plainfield; three sisters, Rebecca Shapiro of Florida, Miriam Young of Georgia, and Faye Rosenblum of Mass.; a brother, Jack Zagoria of Florida and a grand-daughter, Pamela Gattone. Also surviving are numerous nieces and neph-

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Sadie's name to the Bound Brook Chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundations or to the Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

The new year is fast approaching, so please continue to support the Helen Street Project and hopefully the project will continue to proceed to fruition.

Thank you to Scott and Dave DelVecchio and staff of New Image Landscaping of South Plainfield for volunteering your time, expertise and equipment to relocate the underground sprinklers on the HS girls varsity softball field and thank you to Paul and Joseph Panzarella of Panzarella and Son, South Plainfield, for volunteering your time, expertise and equipment to extend, resurface and re-grade the girls softball field.



On Dec. 22 Grant Elementary students had the pleasure of being entertained by the Harlem Wizard basketball team. Thank you to Cultural Arts Chairwoman Jane Dornick for obtaining this educational program. Harlem Wizard #24, "Rocket Man" and #5 "Broadway" engaged the students and staff in a game of pass and turn. The Wizards stressed the importance of taking education to a high level for each and every student and emphasized the importance of sports-manship and team work. The South Plainfield Education Foundation in conjunction with the Grant PTO is hoping the entire Wizard team comes back to South Plainfield as a fundraiser. This would be an exciting program for our residents. The Wizards would verse the high school boys and girls along with administration in a challenging game. Please look for this fundraiser during February/ March

The student Leadership Program, under the direction of Mary Ellen Martko, Ms. Vandermark, Mr. Baker, Ms. Zurka, Mr. Hajduk, Ms. Rai-mondo and Mr. Encinas and the SPHS Student Council under the direction of Mr. Encinas hosted a senior citizens' luncheon at the high school on Dec. 19. One hundred fifty seniors attended the luncheon. They were entertained by the high school choral group, directed by Mr. Murray, the band directed by Mr. Vroom and the orchestra directed by Mr. Mikolon. Tap dancing and solo singing performed by the students brought smiles to the seniors. Thanks to the Sodexho staff for your help and support. Thank you to Stephanie Mazurak

and Samantha Granski, SPHS students and chairpersons, for participating and collecting Yoplait Pink Lids Cancer in the Save Lids to Save Lives program. There were 875 lids collected since Oct. 15, and these students are commended for all their volunteering efforts and time for this extremely worthwhile program.

Congratulations to the Riley

School PTSO on the pasta dinner that was held Dec. 15, that attracted 300 people. Thank you to Principal Al Czech for all your help and involve-

Our condolences and prayers reach out to the Kaneps Family and our thoughts and prayers continue to reach out to Nancy Grennier as she

Congratulations to all the instrumental band and chorus holiday concerts that were performed by the elementary, middle and high school students and to all the people who came out and supported our students.

Thank you to Kevin Murtagh for all your time and effort.

A happy, healthy New Year 2007

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Grant Elementary Announces Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honor Roll Jared Agee, Cameron Bashner, Claudia Bashner, Jessica Bishop, James Boettcher, Abhilasha Borad, Alexandra Bosse, Nora Bruno, Adam Butrico, Charles Butrico, Renee Callanan, Daisy Castro, Ryan Chadwick, Kimerly Corsino and Crystal Custodio. Adam Daubert, John Gilbert DeLa-

Cruz, Xavier Deida, Joseph Demico, Taylor Donato, Robert Eggert, Kair-lyn Faustini, Talia Ferrigno, Alyssa Gomez and Jonathan Grennier.

Joseph Hart, Sabrina Hemming, Lauren Hill, Haley Hlavka, Erika Holt-ermann, Peter Horvath, Matthew Hurst, Éric Ivaniuc, Natasha Jani, Ania Januszko, Raymond Jazikoff, Jenalee Jenkin, Roweena Kanj, Mi-chelle Keane, Alyssa Kelly, Marie Lanza, Thoa (Theresa) Le, Emily Lubach and Collin Lynch.

Collin Lynch.

Meredith Malara, Joanna Marston,
Aidan McDermott, Kate McLaughlin, Meghna Mendu, Malina Mohtadi,
Melissa Molano, Kyle Moroney, Chloe
Ng, Holly Nhan, Steven Oehler,
Michael Olano, Anjali Patel, Raj Patel,
Tanvi Patel, Samuel Persad, Jessica Pietschker, Danielle Pisano, Michael Polizzano and Maggie Quintanilla. Amy Ramjatan, Austin Rivera, Nisa Rizvi, Zara Rizvi, Brian Roesch, Liz-

beth Romo, Ashley Shumaker, Inan Sikel, Monica Spooner, Emma Spri-gle, Marc Stasio, Oliva Tarnawska, Da-kota Uhl, Jessica Uhl, Daniel Vargas,

Connor Wallace, Kristen Wong and Amy Zinsky.

5th Grade Honor Roll

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Austin Daly, Leanna Dass, Mitchell Dean, Cody Decker, Conal Delaney, Amanda Driscoll, James DuHamel, Bhrianna Farmer, Nicholas Fasullo, Sean Flanagan, Natalie Fontana, Christopher Fowles, Andrew Franco, Marques Franco, Yubini Fuentes and Maria Funes.

Funes.
Antonio Garcia, Thomas Ginda,
Carlee Gonzalez, Matthew Gruver,
Subham Guha, Ryan Harris, Glenn
Hollaway, Jenna Howarth, Kaitlyn
Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Christy
Itwaru, Tara Jackson, Taylor Jankoski,
Veronika Jastrzebski, Gabriella Jiminez, Jara Jirari, Shanequa Johnson, Malcolm Keith, Carly Kensey and Natalie Kozak

Jordan Lackey, Mai Lam, Lindsey Jordan Lackey, Mar Lain, Lintsey Lara, Loi Le, Alyssa Liszewski, Tho-mas Magnani, Julia Maritz, Justin Marks, Brian McCarthy, Tyler Mc-Veigh, Mamta Mehta, Ernest Mejias, Steven (Tucker) Merkler, Yasmeen Mighty, Christopher Miller, Nicole Miller, Samara Mintah, Christina Montgomery, Vanessa Mosquera and Sarah Mott

Sarah Mott.

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Cody O'Connor, Kayla O'Neal, Chukwuma Obadike, Shawn Palathinkal,
Brittney Papa, Harsh Patel, Ishti Patel,
Vinay Patel, Andrew Pawelczak, Gabrielle Payne, Donte Peeples, Jason Pelaez, Diamond Pender, Brooke Penik, Kristy Percario, Annemarie Pezzolla, Heidi Pilla, Jonathan Prins, Stavan Purohit and Scott Quiroga.

Juliana Reo, Matthew Resende, Courtney Ross, Amanda Rowlands, Courtney Ross, Amanda Rowlands, Samson Ruhnke, Tony Russell, Dominick Scalera, Heather Scofi, Sh-annon Sheedy, Gregory Sutton, Bri-ana Swenson, Sabershah Syed, Ryan Temple, Ashley Valencia, Joseph Val-entino, Joseph Waldrop, William Walsh and Julia Zipp.

6th Grade High Honor Roll

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Matthew Frank, Nathanael Ganthier, Nicholas Graces, Ryan Guarraci, Andrea Guerrero, Christopher Harrell, Troy Heilmann, Jasmin Hernandez Nicholas Huber, Rohan Iyengar, Sa

rah Johnson and Nicole Kopehak.
Nicholas Lacasale, David Landy,
Viet (Victor) Le, Michelle Lesniak,
Gina Louise, Marah Angelica Magpile,

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6th Grade Honor Roll

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Cinthya Diaz, Michael Dolan, Alex Dornick, Alexa Douras, Caitlyn Drisoll, Tara Dunn, Tatiana Duran, Jacqueline Dvorak, Catherine Emery, Sal Esposito, Taylor Estevez, Rebecca Eustice, Kristin Forbes, Zachary George, Cassidy Gillis, Allison Gor-

George, Cassidy Gillis, Ailison Gor-man and Briana Gratta.

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