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New Members Join Borough Council



Newly elected Borough Councilman Joe Scrudato with wife, Sharon, and children Alyssa, Rachel and Jack at the Reorganization meeting.



Charles Butrico

By Patricia Abbott

On Jan. 7, Charlie Butrico's family stood beside him as he was sworn in as Mayor of South Plainfield by Council President Dennis Cerami.

"My family is very excited about me becoming mayor. They have all been very supportive of me and I know they are proud of my achievements," said Charlie. His wife, Sherry, added, "I've always been proud of Charlie no matter what he has achieved. He is a hard worker, and will work hard for the residents of South Plainfield. He is a great husband and father and will make a great mayor."

Charlie previously served two terms as councilman. He was first elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2004. His decision to run for council six years ago was based on his desire to give something back to the town
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Kathy Thomas, with husband, Bill, and daughters, Kelly and Kara, is sworn in as a councilwoman after being appointed to replace Charles Butrico's seat.



Ray Petronko, joined by parents, Steve and Julia and daughters, Alexandra and Kimberly, is sworn in to another three year term on the council.

School Board Candidacy Info Available at Local District Office

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a School Board Candidate Kit at the local school district office at 125 Jackson Ave. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association.

sociation, the School Board Candidate Kit includes the nominating petition; information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy; campaign procedures and the role of a school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"School board members serve as

their communities' voices in setting educational goals," said Kevin E. Ciak, NJSBA president. "They make important decisions concerning the curriculum, staffing and financing of public schools."

Serving on your local school board doesn't require a degree in education. The most important attribute a candidate can bring to office is a sincere interest in the community, its children and their education.

Listener Volunteers Needed for Seniors Helping Children

By Libby Barsky

Stephen Machat is a perennial volunteer. He and wife Marge have volunteered for many organizations. Both are volunteers in the "Listening to Children" program where seniors are paired with elementary students one-on-one to share experiences, play games or do crafts together to form a relationship that will help the student become more self confident and independent.

The Machatts have been volunteers from the time the Listening to Children pilot program began in 1997 at Kennedy School, where Diane Mandel was the Student Assistance Counselor (SAC). The program grew and the following year listeners were in all four elementary schools in the district. Now there are listeners in only two schools.

After the death of the programs

coordinator Sherry Moccia in 2002, the Mental Health Association of Essex County, who trained the listeners, stopped expanding the program.

The Mental Health Association of Essex, which had been collaborating with the district, sent Moccia's assistant, Heather Provones, to continue with the training of listeners until she left for another position. Schools Director of Guidance William Beegle took over and continued the program with grants he obtained from the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Abuse (SPASA).

The volunteers have remained loyal to the program. When a child runs to Marge Machat with open arms or makes a drawing especially for Gloria Harupa, the importance to each is understood.

Mandel is impressed with the tenacity of the volunteers who began in the pilot program and are still

listeners today.

"Steve Machat just had heart bi-pass surgery a few weeks ago. I couldn't believe when I saw him come in to be with his student so soon after getting out of the hospital!" said Mandel.

Mandel retired from the district recently. She will continue to be the facilitator for the program and will conduct training for new volunteers. Her hope is to have four listeners in every school.

If you are interested in becoming a listener, contact Beegle at (908) 754-4620, ext 464.

Volunteers are also needed to provide tax help for seniors, according to Steve Machat who has been in the TCE Tax Consulting for the Elderly Program for many years.

Machat learned of the need for volunteer tax preparers at an AARP
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Listening to Children volunteers are Adele Kucharz, Gloria Hrupa, Ethel M. Beale, Mary McNerney, Diane Mandel-facilitator, Marge Machatt, Renee Pasacrita, Steve Machat, Libby Barsky and Director of Guidance William Beegle.



The Borough Council meeting will be aired on Comcast Channel 74 on Mondays at 8 p.m.

(Except for Holidays)

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councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
February 6	7 p.m.	Immediately following
February 20	7 p.m.	Immediately following

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

planningboard

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

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

Jan. 23, Feb. 13 and 27, Mar. 13 and 27, Apr. 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

zoningboardofadjustment

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

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

Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and 22, Mar. 8 and 22, Apr. 12 and 26, May 10 and 24, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.-Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-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.

Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

recreationcommission

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

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

Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11
July and August: No scheduled meeting

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

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

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

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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(From the left) Somerset Medical Center EMS Supervisor Greg Paulson, Director Kathleen Price, EMTs Megan Seyler, Jamie Baker, Rescue Squad Capt. Ed LaFerrara, EMTs Joe Frechette, Ryan Buckley and William Barry.

Borough Hires New Ambulance Service

By Jane Dornick

Somerset Medical Center EMS was recently hired as South Plainfield's full-time ambulance service to serve residents along with the borough's volunteer rescue squad.

The new EMTs began taking ambulance calls on Christmas Eve and operate between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week.

Over the past years, the lack of volunteers made it impossible for the borough to maintain a full time rescue squad. The council felt it necessary to hire an outside service to supplement the current squad.

The ambulance service is owned and operated by Somerset Medical Center; however, patients are not obligated to be transported there for

treatment.

There are 32 certified EMTs who work 12-hour shifts and provide basic life support to patients. The service has been operating since 2001 and currently serves 10 other communities, mostly in Somerset County.

Rescue Squad Capt. Ed LaFerrara urges residents to use the service and not to hesitate to call during the day-time hours as the EMS service is being paid to serve residents. Kathleen Price, director of Somerset Medical Center EMS, explained that the service bills the patient's insurance company, which in most cases pay in full. For patients without insurance, they do have a reduced rate policy, but stress they are a not-for-profit service. If the EMT evaluates a situation and determines that the patient does not need

to be transported to a hospital, there is no charge. Price also commented that their rates are a lot less than other ambulance services.

If patients do have a billing problem, they should call Kathleen Price directly at (908) 203-6253 with any questions or concerns. "It's great to be associated with Eddie and the squad. It will be a nice partnership, and we already feel like a part of the community. We are here to support the volunteer system," said Price.

According to LaFerrara, during the rescue squad's membership drive in 2006, they doubled the number of volunteers from 15 to 30 and have reinstituted the cadet program.

To find out more about becoming a member of the rescue squad call (908) 754-2343.

Notes from The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

Medicare/Medicaid Eliminates Late Enrollment Penalty

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Acting Administrator Leslie V. Norwalk announced the elimination of the 2007 late enrollment penalty for any beneficiary eligible for the low income subsidy for a Part D plan even if the beneficiary failed to sign up by the program's initial deadline.

Generally, Medicare beneficiaries who are qualified to join a prescription drug plan, or Part D, but choose not to enroll during their initial enrollment period, may be subject to a late enrollment penalty (LEP).

These fees were intended to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to sign up for the drug coverage plan when they first become eligible, but may cause some low-income beneficiaries to avoid seeking coverage. "It is very important that we remove whatever barriers may be preventing low-income beneficiaries from taking advantage of this great, cost-saving pro-

gram," said Norwalk. "This is our most difficult population to reach and the one for which we continue to focus our efforts. By continuing to remove the fear of a late enrollment penalty for those who may not be able to pay, we are taking a positive step aimed at broader coverage for everyone."

By taking today's action, CMS is continuing the same protection against the LEP for low-income Medicare beneficiaries as it did during last year's launch of the massive new program. Under the initiative, certain low-income Medicare beneficiaries can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan with no penalty through Dec. 31, 2007. The program is aimed at seniors who qualify for extra help paying for their Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Certain other groups are also exempt from the late enrollment penalty, such as those who qualify for Medicare for the first time in 2007

and enroll in a prescription drug plan during their initial enrollment period.

There are two simple steps that a potential low-income beneficiary can take to secure Part D coverage. First, they can check with the Social Security Administration to determine eligibility for extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage. Second, once the person is declared eligible for the low income subsidy, they can apply for drug coverage, with the late enrollment penalty waived.

Those who qualify for the low-income subsidy can join a prescription drug plan anytime throughout 2007. If they do not enroll on their own, Medicare will enroll them in the prescription drug plan that is most suitable for them.

For more information, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213, or visit their website at www.socialsecurity.gov. TTY users call 1-800-325-0778.

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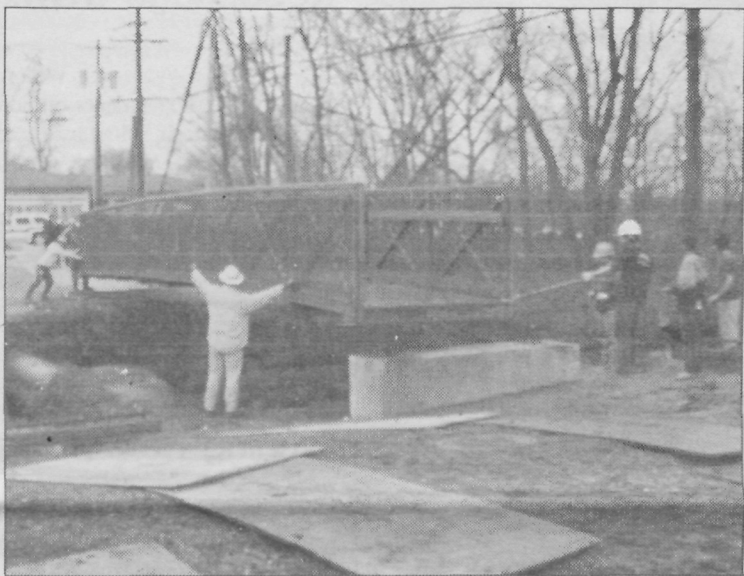
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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Justin Kaneps Earns Eagle Scout Award

Justin Kaneps, center, recently achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouting, the Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony with family, friends and fellow scouts at St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church in Somerset on Dec. 29. Justin is the son of Erik and Susan Kaneps of Somerset. Justin is joined in the photo with parents and his brother, Wyatt.



Workers lower the bridge in place.

New Footbridge to Connects Memorials

By Jane Dornick

The footbridge connecting the Fireman Memorial, located next to the Senior Center, to Monument Park and additional walkways, were installed recently by Andy Matt Inc. of Mine Hill.

The installation of the footbridge will allow visitors to walk continuously from the Fireman Memorial, directly across to Monument Park and stroll the paths to view the memorials to the veterans.

A new walkway with landscaping was also recently completed in front of the rescue squad building. Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan was able to secure a \$183,000 grant from the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund for the project along with \$80,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Suburban Woman's Club Bear Story

The South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club was founded in October 1952 and joined the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs in March 1953.

The objective of the club is to bring together the women of the community for mutual help, fellowship and community betterment. The officers are: President Mary Ann Iannitto, Vice President Marge Reidy, Recording Secretary Rose Cucurello, Federation/Corresponding Secretary Frieda Walker and Treasurer June Flannery.

This year, for the second time, the ladies of the club have embarked on a project of making teddy bears to be donated to the South Plainfield Police Department and rescue squad to be given to small children who happen to be involved in incidents which are scary for them or in which they have been injured. The women cut out, sewed, stuffed and painted faces on the bears. The women contributed their time and talent to make these cute bears to be a comfort to the children. Mary Ann Iannitto



Photo by Christopher Abbott

Suburban Woman's Club members (from the left), Mary Ann Iannitto, Gail Dougherty, Filomena Viola, Natalie Bergen, Freida Walker, Lucy Hudson and Betty Curran, along with South Plainfield Police Chief John Ferarro.

Painted all the faces so that nothing can come off the bears which might be harmful to the recipients.

If you might be interested in doing work like this or joining our other

activities why not come to the monthly meeting which is held on the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 243 Oak Tree Ave. at 2 p.m.

The Hall of Fame Seeks Nominees

The South Plainfield Hall of Fame Committee is again holding their search for candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established at South Plainfield High School to recognize outstanding graduates as leaders in their fields who could serve as role models for current and future students.

To be eligible, candidates must be graduates of South Plainfield High School at least 15 years prior to nomination, and have achieved a prominent position in their careers or made a significant contribution to the world/community.

Selected candidates will be honored at a luncheon and be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the SPHS annual Academic Awards Program on June 5. The nominees will also have their photographs and biographies displayed on a "Hall of Fame" at the high school.

Community members interested in obtaining a Hall of Fame nomination form should call Dr. May at (908)754-4620, ext. 248 or 249. Application deadline is April 20.

Sacred Heart to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Sacred Heart School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, Jan. 28, to Friday, Feb. 2.

Many activities are planned for this special week and we invite all of our school, parish and local community to come and see all that happens here and to celebrate with us.

The week begins with Mass on

Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m., followed by an open house from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open house will also be held on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Information on school registration will be available during open house, or by calling the school office at (908) 756-0632.

We Want Your Old Trophies!

Tired of dusting? Well dust no more! The South Plainfield Glitterbugs is collecting old trophies that will be redesigned, refurbished and redistributed for upcoming events.

We will also be donating collected trophies to the South Plainfield Curling Club and Cub Scout Pack 207 for upcoming events.

If you have a trophy sitting on the shelf that you know longer want, call

Marie Markey at (908) 755-3213. Any size trophies will be accepted. Trophies needed by Jan. 30.

Paint Recycling

Saturday, Jan. 20 is paint recycling day at the recycling center. Bring in your old paint cans from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

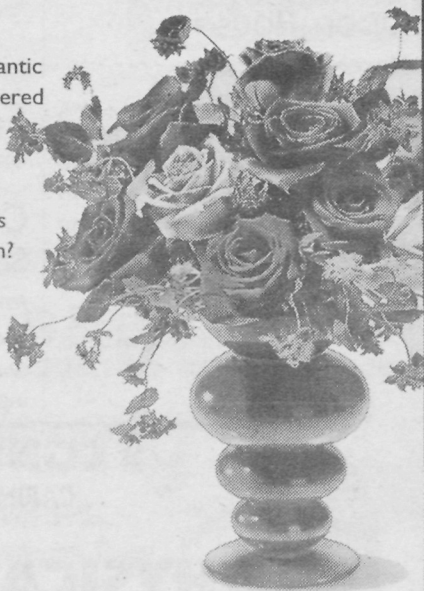
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Around Town

VFW to Host Italian Dinner

January 19

The South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 will be hosting a dinner for all to attend on Fri., Jan. 19, from 5-8 p.m. Menu includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, dessert, coffee and tea. The cost is \$8 per person.

Pancake Breakfast

January 21

American Legion Chaumont, 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.

All profits go to scholarships.

AARP Meeting

January 22

AARP Chapter 4144 will hold a meeting on Monday, Jan. 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on 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.

Ponytail Parent Meeting

January 23

We hope to see some new faces this year. You can make a difference, you just need to show up. The next Parents' Ponytail Association Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the PAL building located on Maple Ave. Reminder: all meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Visit our website at <http://www.sp.ponytail.com>.

South Plainfield SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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What's happening in JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING EVENTS <i>"I Do. I Do." at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse</i> January 25 <i>St. Patricks Dinner Dance 6-10 PM</i> March 17th				Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 19
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am AARP 12:30pm 22	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am 23	Aerobics 8:45am 8:45am Computer Classes 10am Tai Chi Class 2pm 24	Pathmark Shopping 9 am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm 25	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 26
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

SPHS PTA Meeting

January 23

The next SPHS PTA meeting will be held on Jan. 23, in the SPHS Tiger's Den Rm. 110 at 7 p.m. We need volunteers to help prepare for our auction to benefit Project Graduation for the Class of 2007. If you can help out in any way please try to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact any executive board member to find out how you can help.

Anyone with solicitation sheets, please bring the updated sheets to the meeting along with any donations. If you are unable to attend the meeting, give your sheets and donations to any executive board member or drop them off at the high school main office.

Elks Steak Dinner

January 27

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 invites members and the community to a steak dinner on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on New Market Ave. Cost is \$15 and includes salad, potato, vegetable and dessert. Cash bar.

Advance ticket purchase recommended. Call (908) 668-9750 for more information.

VFW to Host Country Breakfast

February 4

The South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 will host a country breakfast for all on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 8-11 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

Edison Valley Presents Glengarry

February 16

Glengarry Glen Ross begins on Friday, Feb. 16, and runs until Sunday, March 11, at Edison Valley Playhouse, 2196 Oak Tree Rd. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Some dates are available for theater party play sales. Reservations can be made by emailing us at reservations@evplayhouse.com.

For more information go to www.evplayhouse.com or call us at (908) 755-4654.

Little Treasures Plans Open House

March 10 and 11

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an open house on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You are also invited to meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For directions and additional information, please call (908) 769-3224.

— Out of Town —

CPR Courses

January 20

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a CPR course at the American Red Cross offices on Jan. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (first aid w/CPR/AED-Adult, Child, Infant CPR) at 16 Jefferson Ave. in Elizabeth. Some or all portions of the course may be taken.

Call (908) 756-6414, ext. 10, to register or for more information.

Statewide Peace Conference

January 20

"The People's Peace Conference on the U.S. War in Iraq and Our Communities" sponsored by the Peace Coalition will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Rutgers School of Law, 123 Washington St. in Newark. Registration at 8 a.m.; conference program at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

For registration and additional information call (973) 801-0001.

Metuchen Diocese Pro-Vita Awards

January 21

The Diocese of Metuchen will honor four pro-life advocates with the 2007 Pro-Vita awards at its annual Respect Life Mass to be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, at noon at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen.

All are invited to the Mass and reception which will follow in the Cathedral Community Room.

For more information, call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1629.

CHATS Adoption Support Meeting

January 22

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will hold a meeting on Monday, Jan. 22, from 7:15-

9:15 p.m. at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

For more information, call (732) 227-0607 or visit www.chatsnj.com.

Paper Mill "Summer and Smoke"

Through February 11

"Summer and Smoke" will play Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays 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. through Feb. 11. Single tickets are now on sale and range in price from \$19 to \$68. Student rush tickets are \$16 and available the day of performance with current student ID.

Purchase tickets by calling (973) 376-4343.

Woodbridge WOWs

January 21

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the Elks Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., in Woodbridge. Refreshments. All are welcome. Admission: \$8 members, \$10 guests.

For more information, contact Ron at (732) 819-9334 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

MCRCC Business Evening Networking

January 23

An evening of networking will be held with Central Jersey Business-2-Business on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at New Millennium Bank, 57 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. \$15 members, \$25 non-members.

Contact Debbie, (732) 821-1700, ext. 202.

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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Professional artist Donna Conklin-King (left) and Middle School Art teacher Diane Kardos-Salkeld (far right) join eighth grade students as they display their artwork at a workshop by the Printmaking Council of New Jersey.

Roving Press Teaches the Art of Printing

By Patricia Abbott

Middle School students in Diane Kardos-Salkeld eighth grade Art class recently had the opportunity to learn the art of relief printing during a workshop program from the Printmaking Council of New Jersey (PCNJ) called the Roving Press. The visit was made possible through a grant from Johnson & Johnson. The program was

called "safety-cut," a soft block of rubber. The students cut into the blocks using special cutting tools in a variety of shapes and sizes. Donna said, "When you print an image, it prints a mirror image, therefore it is necessary to carve out the mirror image of the actual image you want to print. I stayed focused on getting the students to think in terms of solid planes of space instead of lines, be-

said Jenae Goodson.

Mike Krusinowski said, "The printmaking workshop was a new experience that was something fun and different from the usual things we do in class."

It was a new experience for student Michelle Hernandez, too. She was quite pleased with the varying results after making several different colorful textured prints from her stamp. She said, "This project was very interesting. We glued tissue paper down then printed our stamps on top of it."

The website for PCNJ described Roving Press as "a traveling outreach program that provides enriching, creative, printmaking workshops." It's a non-profit art organization dedicated to the medium of fine art printmaking for the benefit of artists and the general public. The mission of PCNJ and the Roving Press is to enhance the art education of children in underserved communities. The Printmaking Council is located in Branchburg Township.

The Roving Press offers hands-on workshops for pre-school children through senior citizens. The program is supported by the State of New Jersey, foundations, corporations and private donations. Johnson & Johnson, Somerset County, sponsored this workshop at the middle school as part of a \$9,000 grant to serve the greater Plainfield area.



profile: Diane (Kardos) Salkeld

has been teaching Art at the middle school for 31 years. Her students are currently working on prints and paintings for a display at the Hotel DeCrab, Tuckerton Seaport in Tuckerton. This is the second year the eighth grade students will present their work at this exhibit. Works will include prints from the workshop as well as prints and paintings created in class. The exhibit opens April 16 and runs throughout the summer.

presented by Roving Press and professional artist Donna Conklin-King.

Salkeld had explained the basics in advance, allowing Conklin-King more time to work with the students. Their theme was seasons, cycles and circles. Diane explained, "We discussed this concept, discovering that they are all connected—they are all alike! We brainstormed ideas and did computer research to develop sketches. I think it is important to bring into the classroom the outside community, whether it be a student teacher, junior field student, local artists and the print council. Workshops and guest artists also provide special programs for students which add to the excitement of learning."

Conklin-King arrived at the school on Jan. 8, armed with her tools of the trade. The students went from penciled sketches to full-scale relief prints in three days. They had created their designs in class prior to the workshop. They were drawn on paper the same size as their printing blocks—6" x 6".

The workshop began with the transferring of the images onto a spe-

cause they need to translate their designs from line drawing to a relief print. Most of the kids grasped the concept. They were learning a new technique, which, if they were to repeat, would probably have even greater success!"

On day three the students proofed their blocks. For added texture and color they glued brightly colored tissue paper onto sheets of white paper, then printed their blocks to create amazing relief prints. They made multiples using different color inks and tissue. Each print was unique. For the second year the student's work will be presented at an art exhibit at Tuckerton Seaport.

The students were very enthusiastic. "The printing workshop was amazing. I had a great time learning to carve properly. I hope we can do it again,"

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Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

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We have not yet received the New Jersey tax forms, but they are available online at www.state.nj.us. Go to "departments" and click on "treasury." You can also use these links to file online with either the State or Federal government.

In fact, the IRS began accepting 2006 online filings on Jan. 12. Again, to reiterate the most important point: there are a significant number of online websites that will try to mimic government websites and will charge for materials that you can obtain free from the government. Don't be fooled. Look at the extension (the three letter grouping after the period in the address of the website) and if it

is not "gov" you need to look for the one which has that extension.

If you are interested in displaying any activities, hobbies, or projects in which you participate at the library, please contact Millie. The library has two display cases and a wall on which we have had a wide variety of art, crafts and hobbies displayed. This is a great opportunity to share your interests and skills with your friends and neighbors.

Miss Linda and Miss Mija are continuing the drop-in programs. These programs are drop-in and do not require registration. For babies there is Books and Babies on Friday mornings at 10:30; for 2-3 year olds there are story time/craft programs on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30. For three year olds and up, there are story time/craft programs Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 1:30-5 p.m.

You can reach the library at (908) 754-7885 and we will be happy to answer your reference questions, renew your materials, check on material availability, or respond to any other inquiry you may have.

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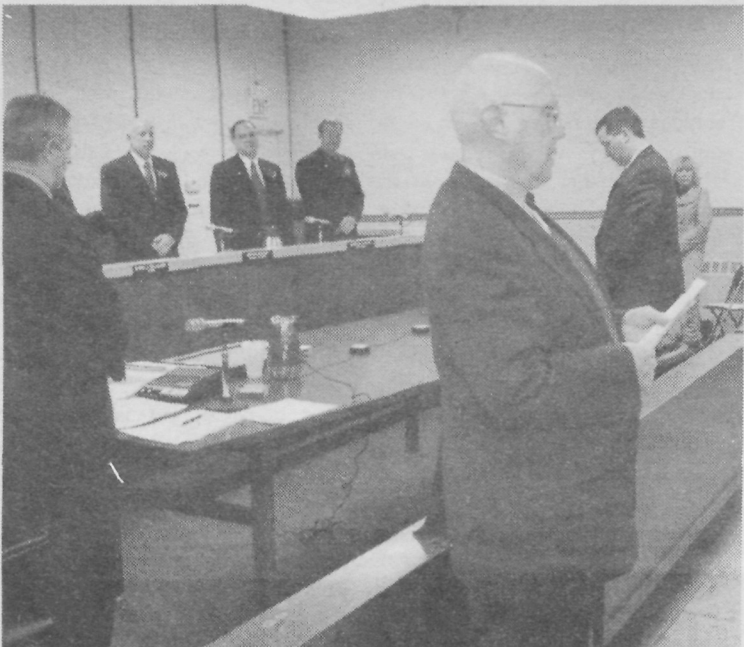
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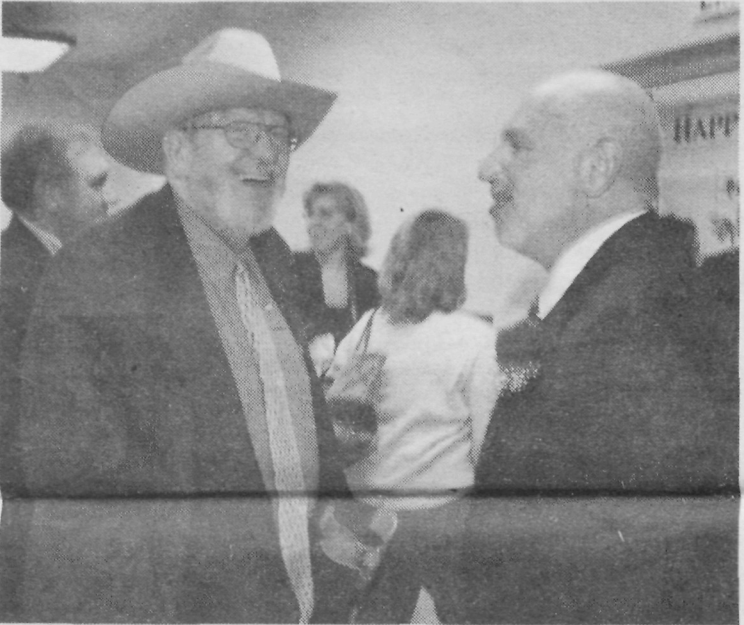
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Appointments by Council and Mayor Announced at Annual Reorganization



Rev. Charles Mingle gives his invocation.



Former Councilman Ed Kubala with Council President Dennis Cerami.



Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri swears in volunteers who were appointed to boards and committees.



The 2007 Council prepares to begin their first meeting of the year.

Mayor Appointments With Advice And Consent Of Council

Be It Resolved By The Governing Body Of The Borough Of South Plainfield, New Jersey, That:

NAME	BOARD	EXPIRATION
Nancy Field	Cultural Arts Committee	December 31, 2009
Melanie Friedman	Cultural Arts Committee	December 31, 2009
Kenneth Reisch	Cultural Arts Committee	December 31, 2009
Eleanor A. Reisch	Cultural Arts Committee	December 31, 2009
Walter Kalman	Health Advisory Board	December 31, 2009
Happy Hylkema	Health Advisory Board	December 31, 2009
Dr. Anthony Loomis	Health Advisory Board	December 31, 2008
Donna Egan	Library Board of Trustees	December 31, 2010
Patricia Massey	Library Board of Trustees – Bd. of Ed Rep.	December 31, 2007
Daniel Nigro	Public Celebrations	December 31, 2009
John Sorrentino	Public Celebrations	December 31, 2009
William Meixner	Public Celebrations	December 31, 2009
Christine Buteas	Public Celebrations	December 31, 2009
Robert A. Peterson	Public Celebrations	December 31, 2009
Timothy Morgan	Traffic Safety Advisory Comm. – Bd. of Ed Rep.	December 31, 2007
Lt. Kevin Murtagh	Traffic Safety Advisory Comm – Police Rep	December 31, 2007
Joseph Glowacki	Traffic Safety Advisory Comm. – DPW Rep.	December 31, 2007
Peter Richkus	Traffic Safety Advisory Commission	December 31, 2009
Cathy Feeney	Traffic Safety Advisory Commission	December 31, 2009
Dennis Cerami	Youth Guidance Council – Council Liaison	December 31, 2007
Officer Christopher Colucci	Youth Guidance Council – Police Rep.	December 31, 2007
James Gustafson	Zoning Board of Adjustment	December 31, 2010
Maria Campagna	Zoning Board of Adjustment	December 31, 2010

Mayoral Appointments

By Virtue Of The Power Vested In Me As Mayor Of The Borough Of South Plainfield, And Pursuant To Ordinance #728 And N.J.S.A.40:55d, I, Charles E. Butrico, Do Hereby Appoint:

NAME	BOARD	EXPIRATION
Marc Sternersen	Environmental Commission	December 31, 2008
John Koelble	Environmental Commission	December 31, 2009
Thomas M. Crino	Environmental Commission	December 31, 2009
Donald Baker	Environmental Commission	December 31, 2008
Larry Randolph	Environmental Commission – Chair	December 31, 2007
Joseph Scrudato	Environmental Commission – Planning Bd	December 31, 2007
Ed P. Kubala	Mayor's HCD Representative	December 31, 2007
Cheryl Nagel-Smiley	Mayor's Rep. Library Board of Trustees	December 31, 2007
John Pabst	Planning Board – Class II	December 31, 2007
Robert Ackerman	Planning Board – Class IV	December 31, 2010
John D. Pappas	Planning Board – Class IV	December 31, 2010
Daniel J. Gallagher	Planning Board – Class IV	December 31, 2009
William Ashnault, Jr.	Recreation Commission	December 31, 2011
Georgeanne DiGrazia	Recreation Commission	December 31, 2011
Dennis Cerami	Traffic Safety – Council Liaison	December 31, 2007
Vincent Buttiglieri	Mayor's Rep. – Middlesex County	
	Transportation Coord. Committee	December 31, 2007

Council Appointments

Be It Resolved By The Governing Body Of The Borough Of South Plainfield, New Jersey, And Pursuant To Ordinance #728 And N.J.S.A. 40:55d That:

NAME	BOARD	EXPIRATION
Ed P. Kubala	Affordable Housing Committee	December 31, 2008
Joseph Scrudato	Affordable Housing Committee–Council Liaison	December 31, 2007
Susan Krystopik	Business Advisory Group	December 31, 2009
Jack Pedersen	Business Advisory Group	December 31, 2009
Lawrence Massaro	Business Advisory Group	December 31, 2009
John Pabst	Business Advisory Group – Zoning Rep.	December 31, 2007
David J. Samuels (CME)	Business Advisory Group – Engin. Rep.	December 31, 2007
Alice Tempel	Greenbrook Flood Control Commission	December 31, 2007
Joseph Scrudato	Greenbrook Flood Control Comm. – Alternate I	December 31, 2007
David J. Samuels (CME)	Greenbrook Flood Control Comm. – Alternate II	December 31, 2007
Raymond Petronko	Council's HCD Representative	December 31, 2007
Joseph Scrudato	Planning Board – Class III	December 31, 2007
Raymond Petronko	Office on Aging Advisory Comm. – Liaison	December 31, 2007
Peter Vanderhelm	Office on Aging Advisory Comm.	December 31, 2009

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Service to Community Theme of Incumbents and Freshman Councilman



Mayor Charles Butrico presents former Mayor Dan Gallagher with a plaque and proclamation for his years of service to South Plainfield.

(Continued from page 1)

he grew up in. Charlie said, "I like that South Plainfield is a family town with that small town feel." Charlie is a 1977 graduate of SPHS. Sherry, who also grew up in South Plainfield, graduated in 1979. He and Sherry met and started dating while they were still in high school. Charlie attended Rutgers University and graduated with a BS in Business Management with high honors.

Charlie has a number of accomplishments from his years serving on council that he is proud of including: keeping municipal taxes under control, creating and working through his traffic plan, preserving open space and creating a new truck route.

He explained why he decided to run for mayor. After learning that Dan Gallagher would not be running, Charlie explained, "I saw it as an opportunity for me to expand my contributions and responsibilities to the town. I want to use my business background and leverage ideas and approaches that are being used in business to help manage the town better."

Dan Gallagher offered this advice to Charlie, "Always keep the interest of our Borough and residents above all else."

Mayor Butrico said, "I am looking forward to working with the new council. We are all here for one purpose and that is to improve the town to the best of our abilities. I know that every member of the council feels that way and we will all work towards the betterment of South Plainfield."

He welcomed new councilman Joe Scudato saying, "I am very happy to have Joe on the council. Joe is an extremely hard working and dedicated person and will make an excellent councilman. He enjoys public service and having been the grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, he has demonstrated those abilities. I look forward to working with Joe."

Kathy Thomas, a former councilwoman, was appointed to fill Charlie's vacant seat. Charlie said, "I also welcome back Kathy Thomas to the council. She has a proven record of working hard for our residents and will make a real difference on the council."

Charlie is excited about his goals for the coming year. He hopes to begin the New Market Extension Project, introduce a budget with no increase in the municipal portion, begin work on Phase II of the Hamilton Blvd. Project, continue to work with the state to get the Helen Street Project completed and preserve an additional 20 acres of open space.

Charlie added, "I would like to thank Dan for his leadership and friendship over the last five years. I consider him

my mentor and have learned so much from him. I wish him and his family all the best."

Councilman Ray Petronko was first elected to the council in 1997. He was initially approached to run by a member of the council. Ray explained, "At the time I was serving on the Traffic Safety Advisory Commit-

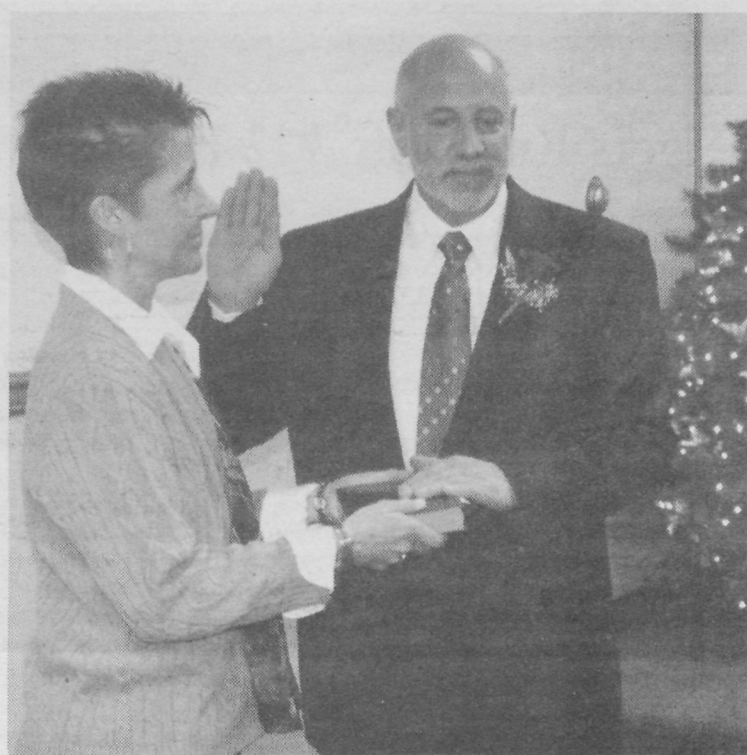
Helen Street Project Top Priority of New Mayor

tee. My approach to any committee has been to have an open mind, listen well, ask questions and make prompt decisions. I wanted the opportunity to hold the office of councilperson with these beliefs. I enjoy fixing problems and feedback from the community."

Ray has served two consecutive terms for a total of six years. They have been rewarding years him. He said, "What I am most proud of is the building of the Senior Center. I remember the small building in the center of town where the room was jammed with only a handful of people. I thought at the time "this won't do." Our Mayor, Dan Gallagher, announced the plan of building a new senior center without any cost to the borough to be designed by the people that would ultimately use it. The opportunity of working with the Senior Advisory Committee was fun and rewarding. I will never forget the moment the ribbon was cut. I am so fortunate to serve as the liaison to the Recreation Committee and the Senior Advisory Committee. These committees are served by dedicated volunteers that make our community great. I am happy for residents when I see a new playground in place or the expansion



Mayor Charles Butrico presents a plaque and proclamation to former Councilman Bob Cusick in appreciation for his years spent on the council.



Councilman Dennis Cerami is sworn as Council President as wife, Michelle holds the Bible.

of the PAL."

He has extensive goals for the coming year that range from roads to senior citizens and the town's youth. Ray said, "Without any hesitation, my number one goal is completing the Helen Street Project. The completion of the new library is also a priority. I will pay close attention to the changing needs of senior and recreation programs. I will explore and support new ideas in turf fields which will enable all of our children time for recreation."

Ray was happy to be re-elected to the council. "I take this title seriously and enjoy helping others. I am very grateful that people feel comfortable enough to approach me anytime to discuss their thoughts and I will try to help you to the best of my ability."

Councilman Joe Scudato is the newest member of the Borough Council. He explained his decision to run for office saying, "I wanted to run for council because I have always been very satisfied when I could give something back to people, like coaching my children's various sports and most recently when I served as grand knight of the Knights of Columbus. My father had a saying he told me and my brother and sisters when we were very young. He said that if you could help one person in your life, then you

as a person will have accomplished so much as a person. I truly believe this and try to live my life like this every day. I want to make a difference in our town and being a councilman I really think I will be able to help many people."

Joe plans to use his 20 year experience at AT&T, his management, leadership and people skills to help improve our town. His goals for the coming year include the promise he made with Charlie and Ray during their campaign: keeping taxes under control, acquiring more land as open space, and provide our senior citizens a better way of life in our town. Joe said, "I want to make sure the future of our town will make our children want to stay here and raise their families and that people want to move here. With all of the improvements our town has made in the past couple of years, it makes me feel good that people will want to move here. I would also like to expand on what we have for our seniors. I truly believe anything can be done in ones life. If you really believe in something and want it bad enough then you should go for it. It may take hard work and determination, but in the long run you will be able to reach your goals and dreams."

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Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

Tigers Knockoff #12 Del Val, #8 Hackettstown

The South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team, ranked number four in the state's top 20, proved to all skeptics that they are the real deal, by crushing twelfth-ranked Delaware Valley 47-16, then beating (27-21) a very good Hackettstown team who was ranked eighth.

They also beat Edison on Saturday, 50-13. This was done on the road.

The Tigers were looking for revenge against Del Val for the home loss of 36-22 last year. Revenge was sweet when the Tigers won 10 out of 14 bouts, scoring bonus points in seven of those bouts.

Nick Heilmann 103 got the Tigers going with a 11-3 major decision over Bobby Stevely. With the Tigers winning the toss, Del Val had to send out

first and they elected to send out Danny Kelly, the number one ranked 112 pounder in the state, to face Patrick Hunter, the number two 112 in the state.

However, in a great coaching move, the Tigers sent out freshman Ryan Sacco who gave Kelly all he could handle. Sacco battled Kelly for three periods, not giving up the pin and lost only by major decision 15-5. The move paid off as Patrick Hunter 119 came out and scored a technical fall over former South Plainfield resident Jake Rosocha 18-3 to give the Tigers the lead for good.

Nick Pauls 125 was trailing PJ Steinbeiser 10-4 in the third period when Steinbeiser was high and Pauls reversed him and got the double grape-

vine in and pinned him at 4:36. This changed the tempo of the match as the Del Val fans became almost silent. Bryan Hunt 130 lost a close decision to top ranked Chris Sigafoos 4-1. Billy Ashnault 135 got the Tigers going again when he defeated Rich Gebert 7-1. Nick Dorey 140 then scored a technical fall over Rich Foor 16-0. Mike Jakubik 145 avenged his loss of a year ago with a 4-2 decision over Nick LaFevre. Then Sam Martin 152 added to the Tiger lead with a fall over Vin Collura at 5:07. Mark Wagner 160 won by forfeit. Danny Pompilio 171 was beating Brad Gelegonya 10-6 when he got caught with a headlock and was pinned. Jon Conroy 189 dropped a close 6-5 decision to Mike Limoli. Brad Martin 215 won by fall over Ryan Huff and Rocco Petriello won by decision 3-1 over Conor Stiefken at heavyweight. Final score South Plainfield 47, Del Val 16.

The Tigers hit the road again for the third straight match, this time to Hackettstown, to face the eighth ranked Tigers in head to head competition. Hackettstown defeated the Tigers at the Morris Knolls Tournament by six points, but our Tigers were missing four starters at that tournament.

Now with a full line up, the Tigers started the match at 171 with Danny Pompilio, who was pinned by Zach Ulm of Morris Knolls. He gave all he had before losing a 5-3 decision in OT. Jon Conroy 189 got the Tigers on the board when he pinned Rick Peter at 2:21. Brad Martin 215 was slammed three times in the bout, but battled on in a losing effort 10-5. Rocco Petriello, heavyweight, lost a close decision to Nick Sounders 4-2. Nick Heilmann 103 gave up an early takedown, then scored thirteen straight points to win by major decision 13-2 over Cory Kazimar.

Ryan Sacco got the call at 112 and was in a battle with Travis Trong, but could not escape in the final seconds dropping a 2-1 decision. Patrick Hunter 119 got the Tigers back on top when he scored a technical fall over Luxon Etienne 17-1. Nick Pauls 125 then lost by decision. Bryan Hunt 130 came up big with a 6-2 decision over Keith Swanson. Billy Ashnault 135 was tied with Taylor Ulm with 30 seconds left when Ashnault slipped off giving Ulm the reversal and a 5-3 win.

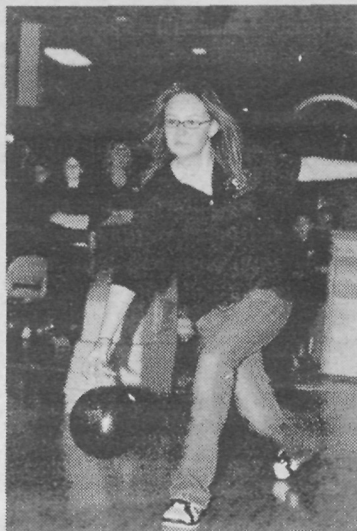
Nick Dorey 140 kept his unbeaten streak alive when he defeated Billy Strathrem 6-5. Mike Jakubik 145 took on top ranked Corey Vernon. Jakubik gave him all he could handle with the score tied at the end of regulation 1-1. In OT Vernon got in on a single at the edge of the mat and got the call for a 3-1 OT win. Sam Martin 152 locked up a cradle on Owen Vernon as the crowd roared thinking Martin had the pin, but the call never came. Still, it was enough to win 5-4.

With the Tigers leading 24-21, the pressure was on Mark Wagner 160, who needed a win to secure the victory. Wagner came out strong and scored the first takedown and added two more to win the bout 6-2 over JJ Mitchell and secured the team victory. Final score South Plainfield 27, Hackettstown 21.

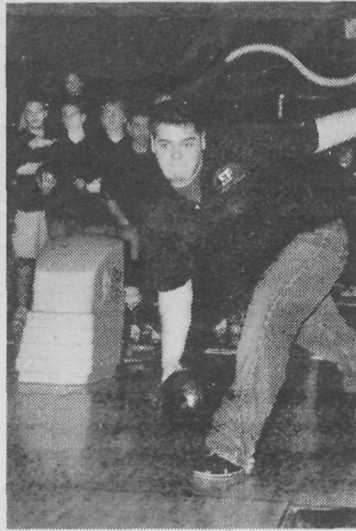
The Edison match was a mere warm up as the Tigers clipped the Eagles' wings that sent them to a crashing defeat. Final score South Plainfield 50, Edison 13.

SPHS BOWLING

By Ralph Fech



Junior Katie Yon rolled sets of 444, 566 and 529 for a solid 171 average as the Lady Tigers upped their record to 8-4.



Mike Dandola placed fourth in the qualifying round of the GMC Individual Championships held recently.

Dandola Qualifies for GMC Finals

Congratulations to sophomore Mike Dandola who placed fourth in the qualifying round of the GMC individual championships. Of the combined 401 competitors at Carolier Lanes, the top 20 boy finishers and the top girl finishers qualified. Mike fired games of 215, 267 and 217 for a whopping 697 set.

Junior Katie Yon rolled sets of 444, 566 and 529 for a solid 171 average as the Lady Tigers upped their record to 8-4.

Lady Tigers Improve to (8-4)

Stun North Brunswick... Edged by Carteret... Slip By Monroe

SPHS	786	727	707-2,220
No. Brunswick	728	677	652-2,057

The girls bowling team improved to 7 and 3 with a whitewash of North Brunswick, who previously edged the Lady Tigers early in the season.

Jackie Kukuch anchored the team with a 186 game followed by Katie Salvatore 172, Katie Yon 166, Jessica Vasquez 164, Lyndsey Murtagh and Gina Curcio chipped in with solid 150+ games.

SPHS	801	751	787-2,339
Carteret	853	911	867-2,631

The girls bowling team gave state ranked Carteret a wake-up call as the spirited Tigers jumped out of the starting gate but could not hold back the talented Ramblers.

Leading the Tigers were Katie Yon with a 210-191 and high 566 set and Jackie Kukuch with a solid 503 set. Also chipping in were Gina Curcio 183 and Lyndsey Murtagh with a 169 game.

SPHS	863	810	695-2,368
Monroe	789	759	769-2,317

The girls bowling team improved its record to 8 and 4 with a 3-1 triumph over a strong Monroe Team. Katie Yon's 208 high game and 529 set led the Lady Tigers. Jackie Kukuch rolled a solid 180-501 set, Jessica Vasquez a 185 game and Gina Curcio a 177 as the team rolled its high series of the season.

Bowlers Record 3rd Straight Shutout

Upset North Brunswick, Trounce Carteret, Jolt Monroe

SPHS	1,042	1,030	1,001-3,073
No. Brunswick	1,039	971	977-2,987

The boys bowling team came out firing on all cylinders as they upset a strong North Brunswick contingent, winning all three games and racking up a shutout and avenging an early season loss to the Raiders.

Mike Dandola crushed the pocket with games of 200-255-227 for a 682 set. Teammate Chris Esposito posted the high game of 256-200-213 for a 669 set. Ryan Pauls chipped in with 245 and 606, and completing the team effort, Tim Moskal three solid 170+ games and freshman Dylan Papa's 179 effort.

SPHS	934	960	918-2,812
Carteret	877	943	868-2,718

The boys bowling team improved their record to 6-4-2 as they shutout a pesky Carteret squad. Solid scoring down the stretch by the Tigers foiled the upset bid by the Ramblers. Capt. Rob Parillo fired games of 214 and 224 for 608 set followed by teammate Ryan Pauls 217 and 606. Mike Dandola chipped in with a 235 game.

SPHS	981	928	935-2,844
Monroe	956	899	876-2,731

The boys bowling team continued its hot streak, laying down a barrage of 200 games as they recorded their third straight shutout, a whitewash of a good Monroe squad. Chris Esposito led the Tigers with a solid 205-215-206-626 set. Rob Parillo added 210-202-205 for a 617, Mike Dandola chipped in with games of 211 and 202 and Ryan Pauls a 216.

JAN/FEB 2007 WRESTLING SCHEDULES

SPHS VARSITY WRESTLING - JANUARY 2007

Sat	01/20	Away	Kittatinny	11:00 p.m.
Sat	01/20	Away	North Warren	12:30 p.m.
Sat	01/20	Away	Southern Reg	2:00 p.m.
Wed	01/24	Away	J.P. Stevens High School	7:00 p.m.
Fri	01/26	Away	GMC	6:00 p.m.
Sat	01/27	Away	GMC	10:00 p.m.
Mon	01/29	Home	Hunt Central	7:30 p.m.
Wed	01/31	Home	So Brunswick	7:30 p.m.

SPHS JR VARSITY WRESTLING - JANUARY 2007


Wed	01/24	Away	J.P. Stevens High School	5:30 p.m.
Mon	01/29	Home	Hunt Central	6:00 p.m.
Wed	01/31	Home	So Brunswick	6:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING - JANUARY 2007

Thu	01/18	Home	Scotch Plains	4:00 p.m.
Mon	01/22	Away	Roselle Park	4:30 p.m.
Thu	01/25	Away	Lenape Valley	6:00 p.m.
Sat	02/03	Home	SP TOURNAMENT	10:00 a.m.
Sat	02/10	Away	League Tourn@PBurg	9:00 a.m.
Sun	02/18	Away	JV League Tourn@PBurg	9:00 a.m.

RECREATION WRESTLING - JANUARY 2007

Fri	01/19	Home	Westfield, Roselle Park	6:30 p.m.
Sat	02/03	Home	SP Tournament	All Day
Wed	02/07	Away	Cranford	6:00 p.m.
Fri	02/09	Away	Franklin	6:30 p.m.
Sun	02/18	Away	Middlesex CJMWL B Flight JV	All Day
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Obituaries

Marion Louise Sachs, 97

Marion Louise (Nicholas) Sachs died on Jan. 4, at Paul Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.



Marion Louise Sachs

She was the last survivor of 13 children born to Laura and Robert Nicholas. Marion was born in Mauch Chunk, Pa., on Aug. 1, 1909 and raised on East 34th St. in Bayonne. She attended Bayonne High School and Drake Business School.

Marion married Albert Sachs on April 30, 1927 at Grace Lutheran Church in Bayonne. She was raised in Bayonne and lived in Jersey City, Pt. Pleasant Beach, South Plainfield and Toms River.

Marion was a homemaker for many years and then worked at Link Paper Co. in Englewood and Pt. Pleasant Hospital before retiring at the age of 72. Marion was an active member of the Central United Methodist Church in Pt. Pleasant Beach for many years and later a member at St. Stephen's Lutheran church in South Plainfield. At 97 years old, she was the eldest member of the Jersey Blue Chapter of the DAR—Daughters of American Revolution, as well as a member of the St. Peter's Glorious Years Senior Group in Pt. Pleasant, the Central New Jersey Veterans Association and AARP.

Marion was a loving mother and grandmother with a wonderful sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert Sachs, who died in 1977; an infant daughter (1929); a daughter, Norma Jean Sachs (1936); three sons, Alfred W., Robert C. (1981) and Richard A. (1996) and two grandsons, John Rhode III (1956) and Joseph E. Sachs (1988).

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Pallister and husband William of South Plainfield and Marilyn Recely and husband Gregg of Toms River; a son, Norman and wife Joyce, also of Toms River and a daughter-in-law, Carole Sachs of Rutherford. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 785 Springfield Ave., Summit, N.J. 07901 or The Scott House, 1573 Rte. 522, Selinsgrove, Pa. 17870.

Francis "Frank" Hanley, 77

Francis J. "Frank" Hanley of Barnegat passed away on Thursday, Jan. 11, surrounded by his loving family at Deborah Hospital, Browns Mills.

Born in Newark, he served in Korea as a corporal in the army and later as commander of the American Legion, Gibraltar Post 326, Newark. He worked as a service technician for Prudential Insurance Co., Newark for 20 years, where he was president of the Athletic Association and chairperson of Travel Committee. He resided in South Plainfield before moving to Barnegat 18 years ago.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 52 years, Stacia Razilawech Hanley; two sons, Frank and wife Donna of South Plainfield and Robert of Hillsborough; a daughter, Mary Olswang, of Chico, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jesse, Heather, Michael, Brian and Nicolette and two sisters, Veronica Wagner and Agnes Brown.

Funeral services were held at

Barnegat Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Deborah Hospital Foundation, N.J. Region, PO Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015 will be appreciated.

Anthony Joseph Miniere, 91

Anthony Joseph Miniere passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Genesis Health Care, Westfield.

Born in Plainfield, he resided there before moving to South Plainfield 26 years ago.

Mr. Miniere served proudly in the US Navy during WWII on the USS Salem. While serving, he was in the invasion of Sicily and Battle of Marshall Islands and Guam. He was a salesman for the former Robert Hall, Linden for 20 years before retiring in 1967. He was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast who enjoyed watching football. He was a devoted brother, uncle and great uncle who will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Surviving is a brother, Matthew Miniere and wife Josephine of Toms River; four sisters, Filomena Miniere of South Plainfield, Mary Skula and husband Joseph of Plainfield, Rose Miniere of South Plainfield and Angela Testa of Marlton and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to St. Bernard's Church, 368 Sumner Ave., Plainfield, 07062 or Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, PO Box 27106, New York, N.Y. 10087-7106.

Frank A. Butrico, 79

Frank A. Butrico died on Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Cen-

ter in Plainfield with his wife at his side.

Born in South Plainfield, Frank was a lifelong resident. He served in the United States Army during WWII as a private first class medical aid and was honorably discharged in 1947 with a WWII Victory Medal.

Frank was employed as a construction superintendent for many years with Allstate Construction, now know as Levin Management Company of North Plainfield. He was instrumental in building shopping centers and movie theaters throughout the area. Frank had also done private consulting and was an excellent cabinet maker. His was also a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local #155 of Plainfield.

He was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Francine Meulman; two sisters, Josephine and Mary and three brothers, James, John and Carmen.

Surviving is his wife, Gloria (Durso) Butrico; a daughter, Paula and husband Wayne Reynolds of Stevenson Md.; a son-in-law, Marty Meulman; two sisters, Tessi DiSesso and Grace Scala and two brothers, Joseph and William Butrico. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Adam, Briana, Eric and Andrew.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202. Or to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 120 Kosciusko Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Nicholas R. Huley, 85

Nicholas R. Huley passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in South Plainfield and resided there all of his life.

Mr. Huley served honorably in the

U.S. Army during WWII. Nicholas was employed at Shop Rite in South Plainfield and enjoyed salt water fishing, gardening, football and was a crafty upholsterer.

He was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather who will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

He was predeceased by his wife, Lillian in 1989 and a daughter, Nancy Ann Senia, in 2002.

Surviving are three grandchildren, Anthony Senia, Jr., Lori Ann Jankoski and Jo Ann Senia; five great grandchildren, Michael Senia, Nicholas Jankoski, Brittany and Kayla Smith and Taylor Jankoski; a brother, Duke Huley of Colorado; a sister, Bea Huley of New Jersey and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to a charity of your choice.

Tommasina Capparelli, 97

Tommasina Capparelli passed away Monday, Jan. 8, at The Woodlands Care Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Capparelli was born in Italy and came to the United States in 1933. She resided in Elizabeth before moving to South Plainfield in 1963.

She was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Church and the Sacred Heart Senior Citizens Club for many years.

Mrs. Capparelli was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, friend and she will be sadly missed by everyone who was fortunate to have known her.

Mrs. Capparelli was predeceased by her loving husband of 68 wonderful years, Sebastiano Capparelli.

She is survived by her loving fam-

ily, consisting of a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Florence Capparelli of South Plainfield; two daughters, Maria Christadore of South Plainfield and Connie Braughton of Alabama; 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and 23 great-great grandchildren, all of whom loved her more than words can say.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made in Mrs. Capparelli's name to the Arthritis Foundation New Jersey Chapter, 200 Middlesex Turnpike, Iselin, NJ 08830.

Josephine "Josie" Muglia, 79

Josephine "Josie" Muglia passed away on Sunday, Jan. 7, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Mrs. Muglia was born in South Plainfield. She was a resident of North Plainfield for 35 years before moving to Edison more than 20 years ago.

She was the youngest and sole survivor of 10 siblings.

Josephine was a loving and kind wife, mother, grandmother and friend who will be sadly missed by everyone fortunate to have known her.

Josephine was predeceased by her beloved husband of 37 wonderful years, Albert C. Muglia.

She is survived by a son, Alfred and daughter-in-law Theresa A. of Edison; two daughters, Annette Stevens of Edison and Josephine; a son-in-law, Michael Testa of Millington and eight grandchildren, Gina Marie, Cherie, Michael, Allison, Anthony, Christine, David and Joseph.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

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Freeholders Unveil Reduced Tax Rate for Fourteenth Year

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders unveiled a \$370.65M budget proposal that reduces the equalized property tax rate for the 14th straight year.

"Given the ongoing plight of property taxpayers throughout New Jersey and the need for meaningful property tax reform at the State level, this proposed county budget includes only essential expenditures and reflects

only those cost increases over which the county government has little or no control," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabel.

The proposed budget was formally introduced at 7 p.m. on Thursday and a public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15. Both meetings will be held in the Freeholders' Meeting Room in the County Administration Building in New Brunswick.

The draft budget includes a net tax levy of \$259,215,000. The tax levy is the amount to be raised through taxes.

Crabel, who chairs the County's Administration and Finance Committee, said the 2007 proposed spending plan reflects the elimination of 35 county positions through attrition in 2006 and large increases in expenses for 2007.

He said the county must account for large increases in debt service, food and medical costs for inmates, pension costs, health benefit costs, electricity, and election board costs resulting from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The increases total \$15,695,207.

Despite the increases, however, the county anticipates a slight reduction, about eight-tenths of one cent on every \$100 of equalized assessed value, in the equalized property tax rate. That number assumes the same rate of growth in 2007 as was experienced in 2006.

The budget proposal also reflects a small increase in the county's retained surplus to help maintain its existing AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's and the AAI rating from Moody's Investors Services.

"While the proposed budget eliminates any frills and nice-to-have items, it does not eliminate any county service or reduce the level of county services in general," Crabel said. "In fact, in a number of areas, including but not limited to land management, recreation and transportation, county services have been expanded."

Edison Arts Society Accepting Submissions

The Edison Arts Society would like to announce that Jan. 31 is an important deadline for two popular annual events, "The Gardens of the Garden State" art and photography exhibit and the middle and high school poetry competition. This date is also the deadline for literate and artwork/photography submissions for the

newly formed high school literate magazine, the *Incandescent Donut*.

Our sixth annual "Gardens of the Garden State" is a three-day weekend juried exhibit presented in Menlo Park Mall's Nordstrom Wing, Lower Level in late April. Photographs of artist's work are due along with a \$15 fee (\$10 for EAS members) and a completed prospectus. Checks should be made out to EAS. Up to two photographs can be submitted for consideration.

Our fifth annual middle and high school poetry competition welcomes poetry from all area schools. Submissions must be clearly typed and marked with student's name, grade, school and

contact number. Winners will be invited to read at Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Menlo Park Mall in April and will receive booklets with their published poem.

The *Incandescent Donut* welcomes poetry, short stories and one-act plays. Also, black and white artwork and photography is needed. All area high school seniors are encouraged to submit their best works.

For details on these events or submission guidelines, visit our website at www.edisonarts.org, call (908) 753-ARTS (2787), or email us at edisonarts@aol.com. Send all materials to our new address at 340 Raritan Center Pkwy., Edison, N.J. 08837.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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January 12, 2007

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on January 11, 2007.

- Case # 08-04/S/V—Creative Entertainment Associates. Block 446; Lot 1.01; 901 Montrose Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary & final site plan approval & waivers was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- Case #31-05—Oak Tree Sports Center, LLC. Block 253; Lots 1.01 & 1.02; 900, 904-910 Oak Tree Road. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit additional uses inside the existing structure, a use variance for a "bubble" to permit additional sports & athletic activities & amended preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- Case #46-06/Site/V—Glendoor Millwork & Realty Co., Inc. Block 255; Lot 1; 219 Metuchen Road. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit a fenced/slatted outdoor storage area together w/ the continuation of the existing non-conforming conditions, a variance in regard to the number of parking stalls, waivers together w/ preliminary & final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- Case #66-06—Alice A. Schaffemoth. Block 45; Lot 1; 205 Thomas Street. The applicant's request for a (1) story additional w/ a front yard setback from Field Avenue together w/ a 2" story dormer maintaining a front yard setback from Field Avenue was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
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• On Jan. 9 Omar S. Borreo, 22, of Piscataway and Anthony Conrad Jones, 48, of Linden were arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• On Jan. 11 a Kissam Ct. resident reported that an attempt had been made to steal their 2006 Porche. The drivers side door lock had been damaged, but no entry was gained.

• On Jan. 12 Darren D. Rivers, 25, of Jersey City was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• Cesiah Burgos, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for being an unlicensed driver and an outstanding warrant.

• On Jan. 13 Latoya N. Wilson, 23, of North Brunswick was arrested for driving on an expired license, unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

• On Jan. 14 Timothy T. Tidwell, 30, of Piscataway was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant.

• On Jan. 15 Robert Jackson, 31, of Irvington was arrested for hindering apprehension and being an unlicensed driver.

• On Jan. 16 Aliyah A. Shabazz, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, failure to exhibit a valid registration and outstanding warrant.

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MaryEllen Martko, Danny McCreesh, SPHS Principal Dr. Kenneth May, Amanda Morales and Tom Baker.

SPHS Announces Edison Rotary Students of the Month

Dr. Kenneth May, principal of South Plainfield High School, has announced the December Rotary Students of the Month.

The awards were presented to

Danny McCreesh and Amanda Morales at a breakfast honoring them at the Clarion Hotel in Edison on Dec. 6. Congratulations to our students on achieving this award.

Listening Volunteers Needed

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meeting and became a tax preparer. He will be working with Bill Hannah, Bill McAllister, Joe Formica, Joann Graf and Joe Zekas, who also have been long time tax preparers. The TCE program is sponsored by the AARP and the IRS. Training in changes in this year's taxes is currently being given

by the state coordinator of the AARP, Carol Ober. Soon the preparers will be given a day and space at the Senior Center to aid taxpayers with their 2006 tax forms by preparing them or going over returns already worked on by the taxpayer.

For information, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

Stepping Stones Joins the Internet Community

Work Smarter Now is pleased to announce a new member to the Internet community, Stepping Stones Preschool and Daycare. The preschool and daycare is located on Hadley Rd., and parents may now preview the school and learn about its programs at www.steppingstones-learning.com.

Open year-round from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Stepping Stones Preschool and Daycare provides full- and half-day developmentally age-appropriate programs for children 2½ to 6 years, and offers a full range of activities throughout the year including computer learn-

ing, soccer, and gymnastic classes, with large indoor and outdoor play areas. Details and photos are available on the website. Parents may also contact Kathleen Salamon, owner, or Janice Dube, director, at (908) 755-9669 for more information.

As a result of the growing community in and around South Plainfield, Stepping Stones has expanded onto the Internet to reach and inform more parents about the preschool and daycare option for their children. The philosophy at Stepping Stones is that "learning is deepest when children are

interested and engaged—young children learn best through an active exploration of the world using all of their senses."

Stepping Stones is owned by Kathleen Salamon, who teaches the Pre-K class at the school. She holds a N.J. State Certificate as an elementary school teacher and her experience spans 25 years. Stepping Stones Preschool and Daycare is a proud member of the New Jersey Childcare Centers Network at www.newjerseychildcarecenters.com and the SPBA at www.spba.biz.

Muccigrossi Named Junior Journalist



Anthony Muccigrossi, seventh grade middle school student, with Language Arts teacher Kristin Tomasula.

Anthony Muccigrossi, middle school seventh grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist contest. His efforts have earned him dinner, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should 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.

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Snow

By Anthony Muccigrossi

I see the
white snow falling
and wish that
it would never stop
Snowball fights
Sledding
No school
Peace and happiness
with friends
What a great day
it would be

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Congratulations!

Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Paras Gheewala, pictured with mom, Doli, father Nitin, brother Preeyant, grandmother Urmilaber and grandfather Arvindbhai.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

South Plainfield sponsored recreation basketball is just that, recreation basketball. A copy of the basketball rules are available at the PAL. I see parents pounding their fists against the bleachers because a child makes an error during play. I see them yelling at other children. Recreational sports are a learning experiences for the children. The middle school and high school programs benefit from these programs because they prepare children for school sports. Everyone needs to take an interest in their own child and stop yelling and belittling other children. Children and adults sign a code of conduct form when your child enters into a sports program. Cheer and encourage the children and the teams. Everyone turns and looks at you when you are screaming, yelling and creating a scene during recreation sport programs.

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club supported second super 50/50 has begun. Super 50/50 tickets will be sold at various home sporting events. The cost is \$5 each and the drawing will take place at the "Meet of Champions" on June 6 at Jost Field. You do not have to be present to win. This fundraiser will support the indoor high school bleachers that are in desperate

need of repair and replacement. The first super 50/50, supported by the Booster Club, was a fundraiser for the Jost Field ticket booth destroyed in a fire. The winner, a SPHS teacher, received \$2,200. The drawing took place at the Thanksgiving Day home football game, drawn by Alex Dornick, at Jost Field in front of a large crowd. Some residents have wondered about the insurance monies that were received from the fire. Yes, there was insurance, but not enough to cover the cost to rebuild the ticket booth/storage shed. There is always an increase in the cost of building materials. There are many businesses in town that have donated their time and equipment to work on this building. The borough waved all fees but electrical. The new facility will house the track equipment used during track practice/meets. This facility is also used during band festivals, senior night field hockey, boys and girls soccer, graduation and football games. Please support this endeavor. Tickets are also available at the high school snack stand during sporting events.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dale Salisbury Family. Dale was an extremely involved teacher at the middle school. Dale was one of the

head drama club instructors. The children who looked up to Mr. Salisbury as a teacher, mentor and a friend will always remember him as someone who has touched their lives in such a positive manner.

Congratulations to all South Plainfield children who placed in the All-Star Swim Meet on Jan. 7 in Whippany. These kids swim for South Plainfield half of the year and for private teams during the other half of the year. They practice three to four nights a week and most of them have been involved with a swim team since they were four years old. Our SPHS students will once again attend the Swimming GMC's on an individual basis. Best wishes to our students.

The Grant Elementary fifth grade Stokes Pasta Dinner fundraiser will take place on Feb. 2 at Grant School. Please watch for the flyer for this event that will be sent home via your child's backpack. These forms will also be available at the Senior Center and senior housing. Linda and Rosanne are the chairpersons for this event and need the help of fifth grade parents and children. Baked dessert items are also requested. Tickets will be sold at the door and can also be obtained at Grant School.

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